

# CI MSCI Canada Quality Index Class ETF

Management Report of Fund Performance for the period/year ended June 30, 2023

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Securityholders may also contact us using one of these methods to request a copy of the investment fund's proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record, or quarterly portfolio disclosure.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The Fund's net assets increased by \$1.0 million to \$32.7 million from December 31, 2022 to June 30, 2023. The Fund had net redemptions of \$1.5 million for the period. The portfolio's performance increased assets by \$2.8 million. The Fund paid distributions totalling \$0.3 million. The Fund returned 9.2% after fees and expenses for the six-month period ended June 30, 2023. Over the same time period, the Fund's benchmark returned 9.4%. The benchmark is the MSCI Canada Quality Total Return Index (the Benchmark or the Index).

Globally, short-term interest rates continued to rise, with most central banks hiking overnight interest rates at least twice during the first half of the year. Expectations for interest rate cuts peaked in early March 2023 when a liquidity crisis forced various regional banks to shut down, causing the regulators to provide additional liquidity.

Despite higher interest rates, global equities made significant gains, particularly in U.S. mega-capitalization stocks. Developments in artificial intelligence (AI) significantly boosted information technology stocks, driving the NASDAQ 100 Index to its best first-half year performance ever. U.S. equity markets were also buoyed by signs of moderating inflation and economic resilience, despite offsetting data in manufacturing and personal savings.

Annual inflation slowed to 3.0% in the United States and 3.4% in Canada at the end of the period, compared to gross domestic product growth of 2.0% and 1.7%, respectively.

The information technology sector led the market, with computer chipmakers in the AI supply chain benefiting from a surge in demand for compute capability. The consumer discretionary and consumer staples sectors also performed well as continued stimulus and existing savings buoyed personal spending. Utilities and real estate sectors underperformed as higher interest rates hurt these businesses. Energy sector stocks struggled as the underlying commodity price of oil also declined.

Elsewhere, Japanese stocks reached their highest level in over 30 years, partly because of foreign inflows, but also aided by the more conservative stance by the Bank of Japan compared to central banks in the rest of the world. Chinese economic growth, however, saw a weaker-than-expected recovery, worsened by growing tensions between the United States and China.

The Fund slightly underperformed its benchmark for the period. The Fund's allocations to the materials, energy and consumer staples sectors detracted from performance. The largest individual detractors from the Fund's performance were positions in West Fraser Timber Co. Ltd., BRP Inc. and Nutrien Ltd.

Exposures to the financials, information technology and industrials sectors contributed most to the Fund's performance. Top individual contributors to the Fund's performance included holdings in Constellation Software Inc., CGI Inc. and Canadian Tire Corp. Ltd.

Any notable changes made to the Fund's holdings during the period were related to rebalancing activity. Portfolios are obtained from MSCI and rebalanced as per their direction with respect to constituents and weightings.

## RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Many market participants continue to believe in a potential soft-landing scenario in developed markets, but the likelihood of at least a mild recession is growing. In the United States, rising interest rates and housing costs, a shrinking money supply and removal of stimulus may have a disproportionate impact on the average consumer, compared to the wealthy. Globally, manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Indexes have slowed considerably, which may be the precursor to a broader economic slowdown. The Canadian consumer may be particularly vulnerable as personal and household debt are considered high. Weakening inflation will no doubt be helpful, but after considerable improvement over the past year, the next leg down may prove more difficult. Consensus estimates for second-quarter 2023 corporate earnings have already been lowered, but actual earnings reports in the coming weeks may provide insight as to the next step for markets.

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## RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

### **Manager and Portfolio Manager**

CI Investments Inc. is the Manager and Portfolio Manager of the Fund. CI Investments Inc. is a subsidiary of CI Financial Corp. The Manager, in consideration of management fees, provided management services required in the day-to-day operations of the Fund. The Manager bears all of the operating expenses of the Fund (other than taxes, borrowing costs and new governmental fees) in return for an administration fee.

Management fee and administration fee rates as at June 30, 2023, for the Series/Class or for each of the Series/Classes, as applicable, is/are shown below:

	Annual management fee rate (%)	Annual administration fee rate (%)
ETF Shares	0.600	0.14

The Manager received \$0.1 million in management fees and \$0.02 million in administration fees for the period.

### **Management Fees**

100% of total management fees were used to pay for investment management and other general administration.

### **Independent Review Committee**

The Manager, in respect of the Fund, received the following standing instructions from the Independent Review Committee (IRC) with respect to related party transactions:

The applicable standing instructions require, amongst others, that related party transactions be conducted in accordance with the Manager's policies and procedures and applicable law and that the Manager reports related party transactions periodically to the IRC and advise the IRC of any material breach of such policies. The Manager's policies and procedures require that investment decisions in respect of related party transactions (a) are free from any influence by an entity related to the Manager and without taking into account any consideration relevant to an entity related to the Manager; (b) represent the business judgment of the Manager, uninfluenced by considerations other than the best interests of the Fund; (c) do not exceed the limitations of the applicable legislation; and (d) achieve a fair and reasonable result for the Fund.

Except as otherwise noted above under Related Party Transactions section, the Fund was not a party to any related party transactions during the period/year ended June 30, 2023. If the Fund invested in related party transactions, it relied on the IRC's standing instructions regarding related party transactions during this reporting period/year.

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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following table/tables shows/show selected key financial information about the Fund and is/are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the six period(s)/year(s), as applicable.

Net Assets per Share (\$)	Increase (decrease) from operations:						Dividends:					Net assets at the end of the period/year shown
	Net assets at the beginning of period/year	Total revenue	Total expenses (excluding distributions)	Realized gains (losses) for the period/year	Unrealized gains (losses) for the period/year	Total increase (decrease) from operations	From net investment income (excluding dividends)	From dividends	From capital gains	Return of capital	Total dividends	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>ETF Shares</b> <sup>(1)(2)(3)(4)</sup>												
Commencement of operations May 03, 2016												
Listed TSX: FQC												
Jun. 30, 2023	28.27	0.49	(0.13)	0.13	2.13	2.62	-	(0.31)	-	-	(0.31)	30.55
Dec. 31, 2022	30.17	0.60	(0.24)	0.82	(3.17)	(1.99)	-	(0.35)	-	-	(0.35)	28.27
Dec. 31, 2021	26.51	0.75	(0.23)	4.99	0.64	6.15	-	(0.41)	-	-	(0.41)	30.17
Dec. 31, 2020	27.14	0.61	(0.22)	(12.31)	(2.89)	(14.81)	-	(0.46)	-	-	(0.46)	26.51
Dec. 31, 2019	22.35	0.69	(0.22)	0.81	1.69	2.97	-	(0.47)	-	-	(0.47)	27.14
Dec. 31, 2018	23.74	0.57	(0.25)	1.68	(3.03)	(1.03)	-	(0.42)	-	-	(0.42)	22.35

(1) This information is derived from the Fund's semi-annual and annual financial statements.

(2) Net assets per share and dividends per share are based on the actual number of shares outstanding for the relevant Series/Class at the relevant time. The increase (decrease) in net assets from operations per share is based on the weighted average number of shares outstanding for the relevant Series/Class over the fiscal period/year.

(3) Dividends are automatically reinvested in additional shares of the Fund.

(4) This information is provided for the period(s)/year(s) ended June 30, 2023 and December 31.

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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (cont'd)

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

	Total net assets	Number of shares outstanding	Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions after taxes	Management expense ratio before taxes	Harmonized sales tax	Management expense ratio after taxes	Effective HST rate for the period/year	Trading expense ratio	Portfolio turnover rate	Closing market price
	\$000's	000's	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	\$
<b>ETF Shares</b> <sup>(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)(6)</sup>										
Commencement of operations May 03, 2016										
Listed TSX: FQC										
Jun. 30, 2023	32,704	1,071	0.83	0.75	0.08	0.83	11.32	0.02	16.24	30.58
Dec. 31, 2022	31,675	1,121	0.84	0.76	0.08	0.84	10.85	0.03	93.33	28.25
Dec. 31, 2021	42,864	1,421	0.81	0.72	0.07	0.79	9.82	0.05	56.86	30.16
Dec. 31, 2020	269,613	10,171	0.80	0.74	0.06	0.80	9.02	0.06	131.18	26.69
Dec. 31, 2019	582,723	21,471	0.77	n/a <sup>^</sup>	n/a <sup>^</sup>	0.77	n/a <sup>^</sup>	0.04	41.28	27.14
Dec. 31, 2018	8,282	371	1.47	n/a <sup>^</sup>	n/a <sup>^</sup>	1.01	n/a <sup>^</sup>	0.03	32.90	22.32

(1) This information is derived from the Fund's semi-annual and annual financial statements.

(2) Management expense ratio is calculated based on expenses charged to the Fund (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net assets for the period/year, including the Fund's proportionate share of any underlying fund(s) expenses, if applicable. The Effective HST tax rate is calculated using the attribution percentage for each province based on shareholder residency and can be different from 13%.

(3) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net assets during the period/year, including the Fund's proportionate share of such expenses of any underlying fund(s), if applicable.

(4) The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio advisor manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the fiscal period/year. The higher a Fund's portfolio turnover rate in a period/year, the greater the trading costs payable by the Fund in the period/year, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the period/year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a higher turnover rate and the performance of a Fund. Portfolio turnover rate is calculated by dividing the lesser of the cost of purchases and the proceeds of sales of portfolio securities for the period/year, and excluding cash and short-term investments maturing in less than one year, and before assets acquired from a merger, if applicable, by the average of the monthly fair value of investments during the period/year.

(5) This information is provided for the period(s)/year(s) ended June 30, 2023 and December 31.

(6) Closing market price.

<sup>^</sup>Historical information pertaining to HST is not available.

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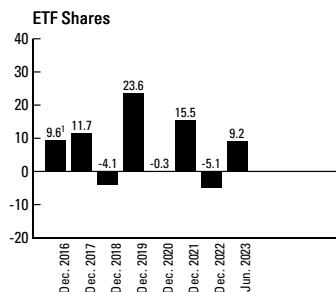
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## PAST PERFORMANCE

This section describes how the Fund has performed in the past. Remember, past returns do not indicate how the Fund will perform in the future. The information shown assumes that dividends made by the Fund in the period(s)/year(s) shown were reinvested in additional shares of the Fund or relevant Series/Classes of the Fund, as applicable. In addition, the information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges that would have reduced returns or performance.

### Year-by-Year Returns

The following chart/charts shows/show the Fund's semi-annual and annual performance for each of the period(s)/year(s) shown and illustrates/illustrate how the Fund's performance has changed from period/year to period/year. In percentage terms, the chart/charts shows/show how much an investment made on the first day of each financial period/year would have grown or decreased by the last day of each financial period/year, except where noted.



1 2016 return is for the period from May 04, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

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## SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO as at June 30, 2023

Category	% of Net Assets	Category	% of Net Assets	Top 25 Holdings	% of Net Assets
<b>Country allocation</b>		<b>Sector allocation</b>			
Canada .....	99.5	Financials .....	24.2	Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc. ....	5.1
Cash & Cash Equivalents .....	0.3	Energy .....	19.7	Sun Life Financial Inc. ....	5.1
Other Net Assets (Liabilities) .....	0.2	Industrials .....	16.5	Tourmaline Oil Corp. ....	5.1
		Information Technology .....	12.4	Genovus Energy Inc. ....	5.0
		Materials .....	12.0	Constellation Software Inc. ....	5.0
		Consumer Staples .....	9.9	Intact Financial Corp. ....	5.0
		Consumer Discretionary .....	4.8	ARC Resources Ltd. ....	4.9
		Cash & Cash Equivalents .....	0.3	CGI Inc. ....	4.9
		Other Net Assets (Liabilities) .....	0.2	Canadian National Railway Co. ....	4.9
				Manulife Financial Corp. ....	4.8
				Metro Inc. ....	4.8
				Imperial Oil Ltd. ....	4.6
				Nutrien Ltd. ....	4.6
				Franco-Nevada Corp. ....	4.5
				RB Global Inc. ....	4.4
				TFI International Inc. ....	4.2
				Great-West Lifeco Inc. ....	3.0
				Toromont Industries Ltd. ....	3.0
				iA Financial Corp., Inc. ....	3.0
				CCL Industries Inc., Class B .....	2.9
				Canadian Tire Corp., Ltd., Class A .....	2.7
				Descartes Systems Group Inc. (The) .....	2.5
				TMX Group Ltd. ....	2.5
				Gildan Activewear Inc. ....	2.1
				IGM Financial Inc. ....	0.9
				<b>Total Net Assets (in \$000's)</b>	<b>\$32,704</b>

The summary of investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund and updates will be available on a quarterly basis.

## A NOTE ON FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This report may contain forward-looking statements about the Fund, its future performance, strategies or prospects, and possible future Fund action. The words "may," "could," "should," "would," "suspect," "outlook," "believe," "plan," "anticipate," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "forecast," "objective," and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance. Forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties, both about the Fund and general economic factors, so it is possible that predictions, forecasts, projections and other forward-looking statements will not be achieved. We caution you not to place undue reliance on these statements as a number of important factors could cause actual events or results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in any forward-looking statement made by the Fund. These factors include, but are not limited to, general economic, political and market factors in Canada, the United States and internationally, interest and foreign exchanges rates, global equity and capital markets, business competition, technological changes, changes in laws and regulations, judicial or regulatory judgments, legal proceedings and catastrophic events.

The above list of important factors that may affect future results is not exhaustive. Before making any investment decisions, we encourage you to consider these and other factors carefully. All opinions contained in forward-looking statements are subject to change without notice and are provided in good faith but without legal responsibility.