

# CI WisdomTree Emerging Markets Dividend Index ETF

Management Report of Fund Performance for the period/year ended December 31, 2022

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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.

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGIES

The investment objective of the CI WisdomTree Emerging Markets Dividend Index ETF (the Fund) is to track, to the extent possible, the price and yield performance of the WisdomTree Emerging Markets Dividend Index CAD (the Benchmark or the Index), before fees and expenses. The Index is a fundamentally weighted index that measures the performance of dividend-paying stocks within emerging markets.

The investment strategy of the Fund is to invest in and hold a proportionate share of the constituent securities of the Index or otherwise invest in a manner intended to track the price and yield performance of the Index.

For a complete discussion of the Fund's investment objective and strategies, please refer to the Fund's most recently filed simplified prospectus.

## RISK

No changes affecting the overall level of risk associated with investing in the Fund were made during the year. The risks of the Fund remain as discussed in the Fund's most recently filed simplified prospectus or its amendments. The Manager reviews the risk rating for the Fund on an annual basis, at a minimum, based on the methodology mandated by the Canadian Securities Administrators to determine the risk level of the Fund. Any change to the risk rating made during the year was as a result of such review and was not a result of any change to the investment objective, strategies or management of the Fund.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The Fund's net assets decreased by \$30.5 million to \$64.2 million from December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2022. The Fund had net redemptions of \$14.8 million for the year. The portfolio's performance decreased assets by \$12.0 million. The Fund paid distributions totalling \$3.7 million. Non-Hedged units returned -12.1% after fees and expenses for one-year period ended December 31, 2022. Over the same time period, the Fund's benchmark returned -10.9%. The benchmark is the WisdomTree Emerging Markets Dividend Total Return Index (the Benchmark or the Index).

It was a challenging year for both equities and fixed income in 2022. Canadian equities, as measured by the S&P/TSX 60 Composite Index, were down 6.2%, with the information technology and financials sectors contributing most to the decline. U.S. equities, as measured by the S&P 500 Index, declined 18.1%, with the information technology and consumer discretionary sectors leading the decline. Former growth areas suffered the most, while long-time underperformers in the energy sector outperformed, benefiting from Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Global markets were otherwise negatively impacted by rising energy prices as well as China's zero-COVID policy.

Canada's bond market, as measured by the FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index, was down 11.7% as the yield curve inverted while bond yields rose across all terms. While the 30-year bond yield rose 160 basis points (bps) compared to the two-year bond yield rise of 310 bps, 30-year bonds experienced a -28% total return compared to -2% for the two-year bond. Credit spreads (the difference in yield between corporate and government bonds of similar maturities) on corporate bonds widened by approximately 50 bps.

The yield curve inversion (where short-term yields are higher than longer-term yields) and higher bond yields overall were driven by aggressive central bank interest rate increases. The Bank of Canada raised its policy rate by 400 bps in 2022, from 0.25% to 4.25%. Inflation in Canada peaked at 8.1% in June 2022 but trended down to 6.8% by November. On top of supply chain issues and higher commodity prices, the labour market remained tight, which likely contributed to higher inflation. After hitting a low of 4.9% in June 2022, the unemployment rate ended the year at 5.1%.

The Fund underperformed its benchmark for the year. The Fund's allocations to the information technology, materials and communication services sectors detracted from performance. The largest individual detractors from the Fund's performance were positions in Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd., Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Ltd. and Sberbank of Russia PJSC.

Exposures to the utilities, health care and consumer staples services sectors contributed to the Fund's performance. Top individual contributors to the Fund's performance included holdings in Vale SA, Petroleo Brasileiro SA and China Shenhua Energy Co. Ltd.

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

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## RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Despite a strong start to equity markets in 2023, consensus expectations are for a mild to moderate recession this year, driven by persistently high inflation, an ongoing energy crisis and tightening monetary activity from central banks. The extreme levels of tightening undertaken by the U.S. Federal Reserve Board (Fed) and other central banks are already causing some areas of the economy to slow, specifically housing and commodities. Consumer spending is expected to slow, given the combined effects of elevated food and energy prices and higher interest rates, all working to reduce disposable income.

Inflation has likely peaked, which should slow the pace of interest rate increases. These factors are likely to have a negative impact on corporate earnings in the early part of 2023. Combined with sustainably higher interest rates, it may be difficult for stock valuations to rise in the first half of the year.

However, while slowing economic performance is likely to occur in the short term, lower inflation and a less aggressive Fed could lay the groundwork for a much more favourable outlook for equities later in 2023. Global equities should also benefit from an eventual full reopening of China from COVID-19 pandemic lockdowns.

## Independent Review Committee

Effective October 6, 2022, John Sheedy became a member of the Independent Review Committee (IRC) of CI Funds.

## RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

### Manager, Investment Advisor and Trustee

CI Investments Inc. is the Manager, Investment Advisor and Trustee 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.

Management fee rate/rates as at December 31, 2022, for Class or each of the Classes, as applicable, is/are shown below:

	Annual management fee rate (%)
Non-Hedged Units	0.380

The Manager received \$0.3 million in management fees for the year.

### 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 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 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; and (c) do not exceed the limitations of the applicable legislation. Annually, the IRC reviews reports describing each instance that the Manager acted in reliance on the standing instructions noted above.

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 December 31, 2022. 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 past five period(s)/year(s), as applicable.

Net Assets per Unit (\$)	Increase (decrease) from operations:					Distributions:				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 distributions									
													\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Non-Hedged Units</b> <sup>(1)(2)(3)(4)</sup>																					
Commencement of operations September 19, 2017																					
Listed TSX: EMV.B																					
Dec. 31, 2022	28.69	1.69	(0.45)	(1.77)	(3.69)	(4.22)	(1.35)	-	-	(0.05)	(1.40)	23.79									
Dec. 31, 2021	27.51	1.55	(0.52)	0.63	(0.20)	1.46	(0.88)	-	-	-	(0.88)	28.69									
Dec. 31, 2020	27.29	1.11	(0.31)	(2.12)	2.54	1.22	(0.82)	-	-	-	(0.82)	27.51									
Dec. 31, 2019	25.16	1.39	(0.36)	0.17	1.47	2.67	(1.16)	-	-	-	(1.16)	27.29									
Dec. 31, 2018	26.55	1.25	(0.29)	0.03	(1.84)	(0.85)	-	-	-	(0.55)	(0.55)	25.16									

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

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

(3) Distributions are automatically reinvested in additional units of the Fund.

(4) This information is provided for the period(s)/year(s) ended December 31.

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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (cont'd)

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

	Total net assets	Number of units 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>Non-Hedged Units</b> <small>113223143000</small>										
Commencement of operations September 19, 2017										
Listed TSX: EMV.B										
Dec. 31, 2022	64,231	2,700	0.46	0.43	0.03	0.46	6.85	0.58	44.67	23.84
Dec. 31, 2021	94,684	3,300	0.44	0.42	0.02	0.44	5.75	0.74	52.78	28.97
Dec. 31, 2020	41,269	1,500	0.40	0.37	0.03	0.40	5.90	0.27	43.40	27.54
Dec. 31, 2019	35,476	1,300	0.43	n/a <sup>^</sup>	n/a <sup>^</sup>	0.42	n/a <sup>^</sup>	0.26	33.00	27.63
Dec. 31, 2018	5,031	200	0.44	n/a <sup>^</sup>	n/a <sup>^</sup>	0.43	n/a <sup>^</sup>	0.13	20.00	24.78

(1) This information is derived from the Fund's audited 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 unitholder 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 December 31.

(6) Closing market price.

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

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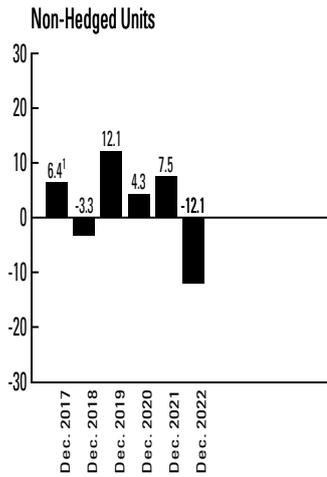
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## PAST PERFORMANCE

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 distributions made by the Fund in the period(s)/year(s) shown were reinvested in additional units of the Fund or relevant Series/Class 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 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 2017 return is for the period from September 19, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

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## Annual Compound Returns

The following table shows the Fund's annual compound returns for each year indicated, compared to the WisdomTree Emerging Markets Dividend Index and the MSCI Emerging Markets Total Return (Net) Index.

The WisdomTree Emerging Markets Dividend Index is a fundamentally weighted index that measures the performance of dividend-paying stocks selected from the following 17 emerging market nations: Brazil, Chile, China, Czech Republic, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Philippines, Poland, Russia, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey. Companies are weighted in the Index based on annual cash dividends paid. The Index was established with a base value of 300 on May 31, 2007. The Index is calculated in US dollars and is updated to reflect market prices and exchange rates. Closing or last-sale prices are used when non-U.S. markets are closed.

The MSCI Emerging Markets Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of emerging markets. The Index consists of the following 24 emerging market country indices included are: Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Korea, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey and United Arab Emirates.

A discussion of the performance of the Fund as compared to the benchmark is found in the Results of Operations section of this report.

	One Year (%)	Three Years (%)	Five Years (%)	Ten Years (%)	Since Inception (%)
<b>Non-Hedged Units</b>	(12.1)	(0.5)	1.4	n/a	2.5
WisdomTree Emerging Markets Dividend Index	(10.9)	0.8	2.5	n/a	3.7
MSCI Emerging Markets Total Return (Net) Index	(14.3)	(1.3)	0.2	n/a	1.4

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## SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO as at December 31, 2022

Category	% of Net Assets	Category	% of Net Assets	Top 25 Holdings	% of Net Assets
<b>Country allocation</b>		<b>Sector allocation</b>			
Taiwan	24.2	Financials	24.5	Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	4.4
China	22.5	Information Technology	21.1	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	3.5
South Korea	11.1	Materials	13.5	China Construction Bank Corp., Class H	3.1
India	9.4	Energy	8.6	Vale SA	3.0
Brazil	8.0	Consumer Staples	6.4	iShares MSCI Saudi Arabia ETF	2.8
South Africa	5.6	Industrials	5.3	Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, Class H	1.9
Mexico	3.5	Consumer Discretionary	4.9	MediaTek Inc.	1.9
Malaysia	3.0	Communication Services	4.6	Petroleo Brasileiro SA	1.5
Exchange-Traded Fund(s)	2.8	Utilities	3.0	Bank of China Ltd., Class H	1.5
Indonesia	2.8	Exchange-Traded Fund(s)	2.8	Ping An Insurance (Group) Co. of China Ltd., Class H	1.3
Thailand	2.6	Real Estate	2.4	Infosys Technologies Ltd.	1.1
Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	1.5	Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	1.5	Nan Ya Plastics Corp.	1.1
Poland	0.7	Health Care	1.5	China Steel Corp.	1.0
Chile	0.7	Cash & Cash Equivalents	(0.1)	China Shenhua Energy Co., Ltd.	1.0
Turkey	0.6			ITC Ltd.	1.0
Philippines	0.6			Hon Hai Precision Industry Co., Ltd.	0.9
Czech Republic	0.4			Formosa Plastics Corp.	0.9
Hungary	0.1			Tencent Holdings Ltd.	0.9
Hong Kong	0.0			China Petroleum & Chemical Corp., Class H	0.8
Russia	0.0			Bank of Communications Co., Ltd., Class H	0.7
U.K.	0.0			PetroChina Co., Ltd.	0.7
Cash & Cash Equivalents	(0.1)			ASE Industrial Holding Co., Ltd.	0.7
				POSCO Holdings Inc.	0.7
				United Microelectronics Corp.	0.6
				Fubon Financial Holding Co., Ltd.	0.6
				<b>Total Net Assets (in \$000's)</b>	<b>\$64,231</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.

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