

Interim Management Report of Fund Performance

# AGF Systematic Canadian Equity ETF

March 31, 2023

## Management Discussion of Fund Performance

This management discussion of fund performance represents the portfolio management team's view of the significant factors and developments affecting the fund's performance and outlook.

### Results of Operations

For the six months ended March 31, 2023, AGF Systematic Canadian Equity ETF (formerly, AGFiQ Canadian Equity ETF) (the "Fund") returned 11.2% (net of expenses) while the S&P/TSX Composite Index ("S&P/TSX Index") returned 10.8%.

The Fund out-performed the S&P/TSX Index due to sectoral allocation decisions. Information Technology was the biggest contributor to performance owing to positive stock selection. Consumer Staples also contributed, due to favorable stock selection and a favorable overweight allocation. Real Estate and Industrials were the biggest detractors due to stock selection within the sectors.

The Fund had net subscriptions of approximately \$1 million for the current period, as compared to net redemptions of approximately \$4 million in the prior period. Rebalancing by an institutional program resulted in net subscriptions of approximately \$1 million in the Fund. The portfolio manager does not believe that subscription/redemption activity had a meaningful impact on the Fund's performance or the ability to implement its investment strategy.

### Recent Developments

Equities rallied strongly during the reporting period as major announcements around the globe spurred on markets. However, despite these late gains, 2022 was the worst calendar year for equities since the Global Financial Crisis. China's long-awaited economic rebound helped the global economic outlook somewhat after the country abandoned its much-debated zero-COVID-19 policy. As Russia's invasion of Ukraine passed the one-year mark, NATO member nations pledged their unwavering support to Ukraine to continue the fight against the Kremlin. The monetary tightening cycle by the U.S. Federal Reserve and the European Central Bank continued through the period, albeit at a slower pace, in an effort to balance growth with persistent inflation.

During the last calendar quarter of 2022, Canada's economic growth stalled for the first time since the second calendar quarter of 2021, surprising many market participants. It was also a significant slowdown from the 2.3% annualized pace of growth seen in the third calendar quarter. This slowdown was mainly attributable to declines in business and housing investments. The Bank of Canada ("BoC") continued its monetary tightening approach to tame inflation, with two

more rate hikes of 0.5% each during the last calendar quarter of 2022. However, after the turn of the New Year, the BoC paused rate hikes after a further hike of 0.25% in January 2023. Inflation began easing off through the reporting period, as it fell to 5.9% in January 2023, the lowest since February 2022. Unemployment remained steady at 5.0% since 2023 began, with significant growth in private sector employment in February 2023. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau launched the much-anticipated \$4.5 billion inflation relief package, with a plan to hand out at least \$600 to families with children, seniors and low-income citizens, aimed at providing relief from inflation and high cost of living. The banking crisis in the U.S. has had a minimal impact on Canadian banks as they are in a much healthier position than their American counterparts.

The S&P/TSX Index rallied during the reporting period. During the last calendar quarter of 2022, performance was boosted by the solid performance of the Information Technology and Materials sectors, while the Energy sector witnessed a decline. However, as interest rates remained high, it has been particularly difficult for certain sectors, including Real Estate and Banking, to perform well. Furthermore, Canadian banks are in a much healthier position than some banks in the U.S. due to tighter regulatory standards. The yields on 10-year government bonds in Canada declined during the reporting period.

The portfolio manager continues to believe the Canadian equity markets will remain well-positioned in the current volatile environment. This is in spite of the recent developments in the banking sector and the increasing chatter around a recession. The BoC has paused rate hikes, unlike the U.S., as inflation continues a downward march.

### Related Party Transactions

AGF Investments Inc. ("AGFI") is the manager ("Manager"), trustee and promoter of the Fund and is responsible for the day-to-day business of the Fund. AGFI also acts as the investment (portfolio) manager, managing the investment portfolio of the Fund. Effective January 27, 2023, AGFI entered into an investment sub-advisory agreement with AGF Investments LLC, which acts as a sub-advisor and provides investment sub-advisory services to the Fund. Under the Declaration of Trust, the Fund pays management fees (including fees for sub-advisory services), calculated based on the Net Asset Value of the Fund. Management fees of approximately \$121,000 were incurred by the Fund during the six months ended March 31, 2023.

AGFI and AGF Investments LLC are indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries of AGF Management Limited.

This interim management report of fund performance contains financial highlights, but does not contain either the interim or annual financial statements of the investment fund. You can get a copy of the interim or annual financial statements at your request, and at no cost, by calling 1 800 387-2563, by writing to us at AGF Investments Inc., CIBC SQUARE, Tower One, 81 Bay Street, Suite 3900, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5J 0G1, or by visiting our website at [www.AGF.com](http://www.AGF.com) or SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

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.

## Caution Regarding Forward-looking Statements

This report may contain forward-looking statements about the Fund, including its strategy, expected performance and condition. Forward looking statements include statements that are predictive in nature, that depend upon or refer to future events or conditions, or that include words such as "expects", "anticipates", "intends", "plans", "believes", "estimates" or negative versions thereof and similar expressions.

In addition, any statement that may be made concerning future performance, strategies or prospects, and possible future Fund action, is also a forward-looking statement. Forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and projections about future events and are inherently subject to, among other things, risks, uncertainties and assumptions about the Fund and economic factors.

The forward-looking statements are by their nature based on numerous assumptions, which include, amongst other things, that (i) the Fund can attract and maintain investors and has sufficient capital under management to effect its investment strategies, (ii) the investment strategies will produce the results intended by the portfolio manager, and (iii) the markets will react and perform in a manner consistent with the investment strategies. Although the forward-looking statements contained herein are based upon what the portfolio manager believes to be reasonable assumptions, the portfolio manager cannot assure that actual results will be consistent with these forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance, and actual events and results could differ materially from those expressed or implied in any forward-looking statements made by the Fund. Any number of important factors could contribute to these digressions, including, but not limited to, general economic, political and market factors in North America and internationally, interest and foreign exchange rates, global equity and capital markets, business competition, taxation, changes in government regulations, unexpected judicial or regulatory proceedings, technological changes, cybersecurity, the possible effects of war or terrorist activities, outbreaks of disease or illness that affect local, national or international economies (such as COVID-19), natural disasters and disruptions to public infrastructure, such as transportation, communications, power or water supply or other catastrophic events.

It should be stressed that the above-mentioned list of factors is not exhaustive. You are encouraged to consider these and other factors carefully before making any investment decisions and you are urged to avoid placing undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Further, you should be aware of the fact that the Fund has no specific intention of updating any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, prior to the release of the next Management Report of Fund Performance.

## Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the six months ended March 31, 2023 and the past five years as applicable.

### Net Assets per Unit<sup>(1)</sup>

For the periods ended	Mar 31, 2023 (\$)	Sept 30, 2022 (\$)	Sept 30, 2021 (\$)	Sept 30, 2020 (\$)	Sept 30, 2019 (\$)	Sept 30, 2018 (\$)
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>29.79</b>	<b>32.07</b>	<b>26.47</b>	<b>27.77</b>	<b>26.19</b>	<b>26.05</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	0.54	0.99	0.93	0.89	0.87	0.71
Total expenses	(0.08)	(0.17)	(0.16)	(0.14)	(0.15)	(0.15)
Realized gains (losses)	0.32	3.19	2.45	(0.27)	(0.24)	1.04
Unrealized gains (losses)	2.62	(5.03)	3.57	(1.05)	1.80	(0.93)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>3.40</b>	<b>(1.02)</b>	<b>6.79</b>	<b>(0.57)</b>	<b>2.28</b>	<b>0.67</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends	(0.87)	(0.86)	(0.89)	(0.90)	(0.46)	(0.30)
From capital gains	-	-	-	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>(0.87)</b>	<b>(0.86)</b>	<b>(0.89)</b>	<b>(0.90)</b>	<b>(0.46)</b>	<b>(0.30)</b>
<b>Net Assets, end of period<sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>32.22</b>	<b>29.79</b>	<b>32.07</b>	<b>26.47</b>	<b>27.77</b>	<b>26.19</b>

### Ratios/Supplemental Data<sup>(1)</sup>

For the periods ended	Mar 31, 2023	Sept 30, 2022	Sept 30, 2021	Sept 30, 2020	Sept 30, 2019	Sept 30, 2018
Total Net Asset Value (\$000's)	62,031	59,581	72,151	79,408	100,651	66,127
Number of units outstanding (000's)	1,925	2,000	2,250	3,000	3,625	2,525
Management expense ratio <sup>(5)</sup>	0.45%	0.45%	0.45%	0.45%	0.45%	0.45%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>(6)</sup>	0.45%	0.45%	0.45%	0.45%	0.45%	0.45%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(7)</sup>	0.04%	0.08%	0.08%	0.09%	0.13%	0.12%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(8)</sup>	17.18%	57.40%	47.94%	58.51%	66.54%	109.62%
Net Asset Value per unit	32.22	29.79	32.07	26.47	27.77	26.19
Closing market price <sup>(9)</sup>	32.18	29.78	32.07	26.46	27.77	26.21

### Explanatory Notes

- (1) a) This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements and unaudited interim financial statements. Under International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), investments that are traded in an active market are generally valued at closing price, which is determined to be within the bid-ask spread and most representative of fair value. As a result, there is no difference between the net assets per unit presented in the financial statements ("Net Assets") and the net asset value per unit calculated for fund pricing purposes ("Net Asset Value").
- b) The Fund commenced operations in January 2017, which represents the date upon which securities were first made available for purchase by investors.
- (2) Net Assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the financial period.

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- (3) Distributions were paid in cash/reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both. The characterization of the distributions is based on management's estimate of the actual income for the year.
- (4) This is not a reconciliation of the beginning and ending Net Assets per unit.
- (5) The management expense ratio ("MER") is calculated in accordance with National Instrument 81-106, based on all the expenses of the Fund (including Harmonized Sales Tax, Goods and Services Tax and interest, but excluding foreign withholding taxes, commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) and the Fund's proportionate share of the MER, if applicable, of the underlying funds and exchange traded funds ("ETFs") in which the Fund has invested, expressed as an annualized percentage of average daily Net Asset Value during the period.
- (6) AGFI waived certain fees or absorbed certain expenses otherwise payable by the Fund. The amount of expenses waived or absorbed is determined annually at the discretion of AGFI and AGFI can terminate the waiver or absorption at any time.
- (7) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs, including the Fund's proportionate share of the commissions, if applicable, of the underlying funds and ETFs in which the Fund has invested, expressed as an annualized percentage of average daily Net Asset Value during the period.
- (8) The Fund's portfolio turnover rate ("PTR") indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio advisor manages its portfolio investments. A PTR of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the year. The higher a fund's PTR in a year, the greater the trading costs payable by the fund in the year, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a fund.  
  
PTR is calculated based on the lesser of the cumulative cost of purchases or cumulative proceeds of sales divided by the average market value of the portfolio, excluding short-term investments.
- (9) Closing market price on the last trading day of the period, as applicable, as reported on the TSX. Mid price is disclosed if no transaction took place on the last business day of the period.

## Management Fees

The Fund is managed by AGFI. AGFI is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Fund, which include providing investment and management services as well as other administrative services required by the Fund. As compensation for such services, AGFI receives a monthly management fee (including fees for sub-advisory services) at the annual rate of 0.45%, which includes applicable taxes, based on the Net Asset Value of the Fund, calculated daily and payable monthly. AGFI bears all operating expenses of the Fund except for management fees, brokerage expenses and commissions, costs associated with the use of

derivatives (if applicable), income and withholding taxes as well as all other applicable taxes, costs of complying with any new governmental or regulatory requirement introduced after the Fund was established, costs associated with the establishment and on-going operation of the Independent Review Committee, and extraordinary expenses.

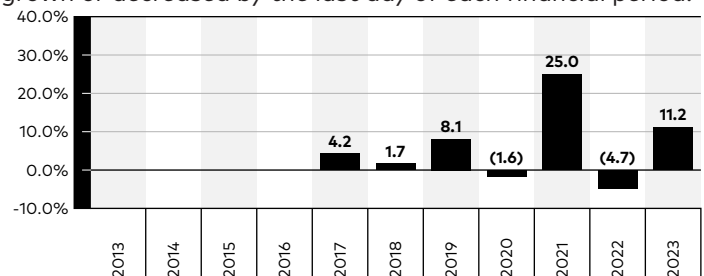
## Past Performance\*

The performance information shown assumes that all distributions made by the Fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional securities of the Fund. Note that the performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges that would have reduced returns or performance. How the Fund has performed in the past does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.

All rates of return are calculated based on the Net Asset Value.

### Year-By-Year Returns

The following bar chart shows the Fund's annual performance for each of the past 10 years to September 30, 2022 (interim performance for the six months ended March 31, 2023) as applicable, and illustrates how the Fund's performance has changed from year to year. The chart shows, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of each financial period would have grown or decreased by the last day of each financial period.



Performance for 2017 represents returns for the period from January 30, 2017 to September 30, 2017.

## Summary of Investment Portfolio

As at March 31, 2023

The major portfolio categories and top holdings (up to 25) of the Fund at the end of the period are indicated in the following tables. The Summary of Investment Portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund and the next quarterly update will be in the Quarterly Portfolio Disclosure as at June 30, 2023.

\* The indicated rates of return shown here are the historical returns including changes in security value and reinvestment of all distributions and do not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges by any securityholder that would have reduced returns or performance. ETFs are not guaranteed, their values change frequently and past performance may not be repeated.

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Portfolio by Country	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
Canada	98.1
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1.4
United States	0.3
Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	0.2

Portfolio by Sector	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
Financials	30.1
Energy	15.7
Industrials	14.7
Materials	12.3
Information Technology	6.8
Consumer Staples	5.0
Consumer Discretionary	4.7
Communication Services	3.4
Utilities	3.0
Real Estate	2.6
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1.4
Health Care	0.1
Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	0.2

Portfolio by Asset Mix	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
Canadian Equity	98.1
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1.4
United States Equity	0.3
Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	0.2

Top Holdings	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
Royal Bank of Canada	5.2
The Toronto-Dominion Bank	4.4
Canadian National Railway Company	4.1
Enbridge Inc.	3.9
Canadian Pacific Railway Limited	3.9
Bank of Montreal	3.6
The Bank of Nova Scotia	3.0
Shopify Inc.	2.9
Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc.	2.6
Brookfield Corporation	2.6
BCE Inc.	2.5
Suncor Energy Inc.	2.4
Franco-Nevada Corporation	2.1
Sun Life Financial Inc.	2.0
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	2.0
Nutrien Limited	1.9
Thomson Reuters Corporation	1.9
Restaurant Brands International Inc.	1.8
Agnico Eagle Mines Limited	1.8
WSP Global Inc.	1.7
Intact Financial Corporation	1.6
Open Text Corporation	1.6
Canadian Natural Resources Limited	1.6
Cenovus Energy Inc.	1.6
Dollarama Inc.	1.5
<b>Total Net Asset Value (thousands of dollars)</b>	<b>\$ 62,031</b>



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