STRATEGIC BETA INDEX ETF

# Interim Management Report of Fund Performance

For the Six-Month Period Ended September 30, 2018

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# **Management Discussion of Fund Performance**

November 13, 2018

This Management Discussion of Fund Performance presents the portfolio management team's view on the significant factors and developments during the period ended September 30, 2018, that have affected the ETF's performance and outlook. If the ETF was established during the period, "period" represents the period from inception to the end of the fiscal period. For information on the ETF's longer-term performance, as applicable, please refer to the *Past Performance* section of the report. In this report, "Mackenzie" refers to Mackenzie Financial Corporation, the manager of the ETF. In addition, net asset value ("NAV") refers to the value of the ETF as calculated for subscription and redemption purposes, on which the discussion of ETF performance is based.

## Results of Operations

#### **Investment Performance**

During the period, the ETF returned 5.7% (after deducting fees and expenses). This compares with a return of 7.2% for the ETF's broad-based index, the MSCI World (Net) Index, and a return of 6.6% for the ETF's narrow index, the TOBAM Maximum Diversification All World Developed Index. All index returns are calculated on a total return basis in Canadian dollar terms. Investors cannot invest in the index without incurring fees, expenses and commissions, which are not reflected in the index returns.

The global economy expanded over the period despite continued trade and geopolitical uncertainty. The U.S. Federal Reserve raised the federal funds rate twice in response to the strengthening U.S. economy and rising inflation. The European Central Bank kept its policy rate steady, but confirmed that it will conclude its asset purchase program at the end of 2018.

The ETF's core investment philosophy is to seek enhanced diversification through a balanced exposure to all relevant risk factors in the global developed country equity markets. As a result of this approach, the ETF may have less concentrated risk exposures than those of a market capitalization weighted index, such as the broad-based index.

The ETF underperformed the broad-based index primarily because of an underweight position and stock selection in the information technology sector. Stock selection in the materials sector and in Japan also detracted from performance. Conversely, underweight exposure to the financials sector and stock selection in the consumer discretionary sector contributed to performance. On a country basis, stock selection in the United States contributed. Given the ETF's mandate, the return of the narrow index is a more meaningful comparison.

The difference in performance between the ETF and the narrow index resulted primarily from management fees and other operating expenses. Withholding taxes paid on income also affected performance, as did the ETF's sampling methodology, which replicates the performance of the narrow index by holding a representative subset of the securities included in the narrow index.

Over the period, changes were made to the ETF's holdings to reflect changes in the composition of the narrow index.

#### **Net Assets**

The ETF's NAV increased by 35.3% to \$237.1 million at September 30, 2018, from \$175.3 million at March 31, 2018. This change was composed primarily of \$10.5 million in net income (including dividend and interest income) from investment performance, after deducting fees and expenses, \$53.3 million in net sales, and \$2.1 million in cash distributions.

See *Other Related Party Transactions* for the percentage of the ETF's NAV owned by related parties. As a result of these investments, the ETF is subject to large transaction risk as discussed in the Prospectus. Mackenzie manages this risk to reduce the possibility of any adverse effect on the ETF or on its investors, through such processes as settling transactions in kind, charging creation and/or redemption fees for transactions settling in cash, and establishing appropriate order cut-off times for transactions.

## **Recent Developments**

Because the ETF is an index fund, neither market expectations nor recent developments affect the composition of the portfolio.

## Related Party Transactions

The following arrangements result in fees paid by the ETF to Mackenzie or to companies affiliated with the ETF.

#### **Management Fees**

The annualized management expense ratio ("MER") for the ETF of 0.66% during the period ended September 30, 2018, was unchanged from the MER for the year ended March 31, 2018. The ETF paid management fees to Mackenzie at the annual rate of 0.60% in the period. On October 10, 2018, the management fee paid by the ETF to Mackenzie decreased to an annual rate of 0.50%.

The management fee for the ETF is calculated and accrued daily as a percentage of its NAV. The ETF's management fees were used by Mackenzie to pay for the costs of managing the investment portfolio of the ETF, including providing investment analysis and recommendations, making investment decisions, making brokerage arrangements for the purchase and sale of the investment portfolio and providing other services, licensing the index, and to pay for all costs and expenses (other than certain specified fund costs as more fully described in the Prospectus) required to operate the ETF.



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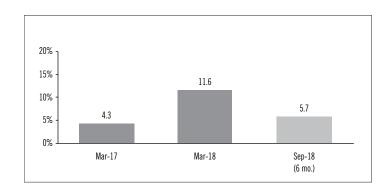
#### **Other Related Party Transactions**

Mackenzie is wholly owned by IGM Financial Inc. ("IGM"). IGM is a subsidiary of Power Financial Corp., which in turn is a subsidiary of Power Corp. of Canada. Companies related to Power Financial Corp. are therefore considered affiliates of Mackenzie. At September 30, 2018, the ETF held the following investment(s) in companies affiliated with Mackenzie: \$0.2 million invested in securities issued by Great-West Lifeco Inc., \$0.2 million invested in securities issued by SGS SA and \$0.2 million invested in securities issued by Pernod Ricard SA. The investment(s) represented 0.3% of the ETF's NAV. In making the investment(s), Mackenzie relied on the approval of the Mackenzie Funds' Independent Review Committee. The Independent Review Committee issued the approval on the basis that the investment(s) would be made in compliance with Mackenzie's policies. Mackenzie's policies are designed to ensure that any related party transaction (i) is made free from any influence by an entity related to Mackenzie and without taking into account any considerations relevant to an entity related to Mackenzie; (ii) represents the business judgment of Mackenzie, uninfluenced by considerations other than the best interests of the ETF; and (iii) achieves a fair and reasonable result for the ETF.

Investment funds managed by Mackenzie invest in the ETF in accordance with the investment objectives of those funds. Investment funds managed by I.G. Investment Management Ltd., an affiliate of Mackenzie, also invest in the ETF. At September 30, 2018, funds managed by Mackenzie owned 10.0% of the ETF's NAV, and funds managed by I.G. Investment Management Ltd. owned 73.6% of the ETF's NAV. All related party transactions are based on the current market price.

#### **Past Performance**

The following bar chart presents the performance of the ETF for each of the fiscal periods shown. The chart shows, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of each fiscal period, or on the ETF's inception date (September 7, 2016), as applicable, would have increased or decreased by the last day of the fiscal period presented.





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Summary of Investme	ent Portfolio	at September 3	0. 2018
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Portfolio Allocation	% of NAV
Equities	99.5
Cash and short-term investments	0.6
Other assets (liabilities)	(0.1)

Regional Allocation	% of NAI
United States	57.5
Japan	13.5
United Kingdom	5.2
Canada	5.0
Other	3.3
Hong Kong	3.1
France	2.3
Australia	2.0
Germany	1.8
Switzerland	1.2
Denmark	1.1
Italy	1.0
Spain	1.0
Sweden	0.8
Ireland	0.7
Cash and short-term investments	0.6
Other assets (liabilities)	(0.1

Sector Allocation	% of NAV
Consumer discretionary	20.9
Health care	14.9
Information technology	12.5
Consumer staples	10.6
Financials	10.3
Industrials	9.2
Real estate	5.8
Materials	4.7
Energy	4.3
Utilities	3.9
Telecommunication services	2.4
Cash and short-term investments	0.6
Other assets (liabilities)	(0.1)

The ETF did not hedge its foreign currency exposure at the end of the period.

# Top 25 Holdings

Issuer	% of NAV
Humana Inc.	1.6
Netflix Inc.	1.5
Amazon.com Inc.	1.3
Dollar General Corp.	1.1
The Kroger Co.	1.1
Apple Inc.	1.0
NVIDIA Corp.	0.9
Advanced Micro Devices Inc.	0.9
Twitter Inc.	0.7
Best Buy Co. Inc.	0.7
Tyson Foods Inc.	0.7
Newmont Mining Corp.	0.6
Cash and short-term investments	0.6
Facebook Inc.	0.5
Lululemon Athletica Inc.	0.5
Illumina Inc.	0.5
Chipotle Mexican Grill Inc.	0.5
Edwards Lifesciences Corp.	0.5
Kohl's Corp.	0.5
Newcrest Mining Ltd.	0.4
Intuitive Surgical Inc.	0.4
Ono Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd.	0.4
Electronic Arts Inc.	0.3
Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.	0.3
AbbVie Inc.	0.3
Top long positions as a percentage	

The ETF held no short positions at the end of the period.

of total net asset value

The investments and percentages may have changed since September 30, 2018, due to the ongoing portfolio transactions of the ETF.



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# **Financial Highlights**

The following tables show selected key financial information about the ETF and are intended to help you understand the ETF's financial performance for each of the fiscal periods presented below. In the period when the ETF was established, "period" represents the period from inception to the end of that fiscal period. The inception date can be found under *Past Performance*.

#### THE ETF'S NET ASSETS PER SECURITY (\$)1

Series E (Ticker: MWD)	Sep. 30 2018	Mar. 31 2018	Mar. 31 2017
Net assets, beginning of period	23.06	20.83	20.00
Increase (decrease) from operations:			
Total revenue	0.28	0.45	0.23
Total expenses	(0.03)	(0.15)	(0.11)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.18	0.49	(0.02)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.83	1.24	0.85
Total increase (decrease) from			
operations <sup>2</sup>	1.26	2.03	0.95
Distributions:			
From net investment income			
(excluding dividends)	(0.12)	(0.14)	(0.28)
From dividends	(0.01)	(0.01)	-
From capital gains	_	-	-
Return of capital	(0.04)	(0.04)	-
Total annual distributions <sup>3</sup>	(0.17)	(0.19)	(0.28)
Net assets, end of period	24.19	23.06	20.83

- (1) These calculations are prescribed by securities regulations and are not intended to be a reconciliation between opening and closing net assets per unit. This information is derived from the ETF's unaudited interim financial statements and audited annual financial statements. The net assets per unit presented in the financial statements may differ from the net asset value per unit calculated for ETF pricing purposes. An explanation of these differences can be found in the Notes to Financial Statements.
- (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 fiscal period.
- (3) Distributions were paid in cash/reinvested in additional units of the ETF, or both.

#### RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

Series E (Ticker: MWD)	Sep. 30 2018	Mar. 31 2018	Mar. 31 2017
Total net asset value (\$000) <sup>1</sup>	237,079	175,285	12,496
Units outstanding (000) <sup>1</sup>	9,800	7,600	600
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>2</sup>	0.66	0.66	0.67
Management expense ratio before			
waivers or absorptions (%) <sup>2</sup>	0.66	0.66	0.67
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>3</sup>	0.06	0.09	0.10
Trading expense ratio before			
reimbursements(%) <sup>3</sup>	0.06	0.16	1.37
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>4</sup>	19.81	46.39	n/a
Net asset value per unit (\$)	24.19	23.04	20.83
Closing market price (\$) <sup>5</sup>	24.29	23.21	20.84

- (1) This information is provided as at the end of the fiscal period shown.
- (2) Management expense ratio is based on total expenses (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period. If the ETF was established in the period, the management expense ratio is annualized from the date of inception. Mackenzie may waive or absorb operating expenses at its discretion and stop waiving or absorbing such expenses at any time without notice.
- (3) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period. Mackenzie may reimburse the ETF for certain brokerage commissions and other transaction costs (including those payable to the custodian or its agents). Mackenzie may make these reimbursements at its discretion and stop these reimbursements at any time without notice.
- (4) The ETF's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the ETF's portfolio advisor manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the ETF buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the period. The higher an ETF's portfolio turnover rate in a period, the greater the trading costs payable by the ETF in the period, 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 an ETF. The portfolio turnover rate is not provided when the ETF is less than one year old.
- (5) Closing market price, or the midpoint of the bid and ask prices in the absence of a closing market price, on the last trading day of the period as reported on the Toronto Stock Exchange.



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