

Horizons NASDAQ-100® Index ETF (HXQ, HXQ.U:TSX)







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# A Message from the CEO

After 2020's challenges and uncertainty, we have seen persistent success in the global fight against the COVID-19 pandemic during the first half of 2021.

Across the world, vaccination rollouts are under way and there is growing optimism that a 'return to normal' is on the horizon. At Horizons ETFs, while we mourn the COVID-19 pandemic's toll and reflect on its lessons, we continue to work diligently to best serve our investors and clients.

Despite the impacts of the pandemic across many businesses and sectors, Canada's ETF industry and the marketplace have shown few signs of slowing down. As at May 31, 2021, Canada's ETF industry has seen \$25 billion in year-to-date inflows, with \$7 billion in May alone – a 12-month record.

Horizons ETFs is proud to continue our longstanding commitment to bringing innovative ETFs to market. In 2021, that commitment has so far resulted in eight new ETF launches.

In January, Horizons ETFs launched the Horizons Psychedelic Stock Index ETF ("**PSYK**"). PSYK is the world's first psychedelics ETF; an emerging industry that has the potential to disrupt the pharmaceutical sector and revolutionize the treatment of numerous mental health conditions.

Another global first: in April, we launched our inverse Bitcoin ETF, the BetaPro Inverse Bitcoin ETF ("**BITI**"), offering investors a unique opportunity to potentially profit from volatility in what has become one of 2021's most-watched asset classes.

In June, we launched the Horizons S&P Green Bond Index ETF ("**HGGB**"), Canada's first global green bond ETF. We believe there is growing demand for responsible investing products in the Canadian marketplace and HGGB fills an important gap for those seeking to directly fund projects that will help lead to a greener future.

Also launched in June was the Horizons Global Semiconductor Index ETF ("**CHPS**"). CHPS offers direct exposure to companies involved in the production and development of semiconductors. Despite supply being interrupted by COVID-19, we are bullish on the potential of this sector as semiconductors are at the core of technology usage.

At Horizons ETFs, following the significant growth in our assets under management in 2020 from approximately \$10 billion to more than \$17 billion, we continue to solidify our position as one of Canada's top ETF providers. In May of this year, we were honoured to be the recipient of Wealth Professionals "Fund Provider of the Year Award" for 2020. With several more innovative Horizons ETFs' funds slated to launch this year, we are optimistic about the prospect of further growth for the second half of 2021.

In 2021, several sectors that we have pioneered ETF exposure to, including the marijuana industry and the global uranium market, have seen their fortunes rise considerably. Following the election of the Biden Administration, there is renewed hope for broader federal cannabis reform in the United States, which has resulted in rallies in both the Canadian and American marijuana industries. The uranium market has also seen significant growth this year as well as continued global efforts toward decarbonization and building more sustainable power generation – both positive trends for the nuclear sector.

At Horizons ETFs, "Innovation is Our Capital," has long been our motto, and we believe this has allowed us to be nimble enough to adapt quickly when anticipating what investors are looking for. While the road ahead is still uncertain, we feel confident in our ability to retain our momentum and believe there are brighter days on the horizon.

As always, we thank you for your continued support and hope you're staying safe and healthy during this time.

Sincerely,



Steven J. Hawkins President & CEO of Horizons ETFs Management Inc.





#### MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

This interim management report of fund performance for Horizons NASDAQ-100® Index ETF ("HXQ" or the "ETF"), a corporate class of shares (a "Corporate Class") of Horizons ETF Corp. (the "Company"), contains financial highlights and is included with the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements ("financial statements" or "interim financial statements") for the investment fund. You may request a copy of the investment fund's unaudited interim or audited annual financial statements, interim or annual management report of fund performance, current proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record or quarterly portfolio disclosures, at no cost, by calling (toll free) 1-866-641-5739, or (416) 933-5745, by writing to Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc. ("Horizons Management" or the "Manager"), at 55 University Avenue, Suite 800, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2H7, by visiting our website at www.horizonsetfs.com or through SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

This document may contain forward-looking statements relating to anticipated future events, results, circumstances, performance, or expectations that are not historical facts but instead represent our beliefs regarding future events. By their nature, forward-looking statements require us to make assumptions and are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties. There is significant risk that predictions and other forward-looking statements will not prove to be accurate. We caution readers of this document not to place undue reliance on our forward-looking statements as a number of factors could cause actual future results, conditions, actions or events to differ materially from the targets, expectations, estimates or intentions expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements.

Actual results may differ materially from management expectations as projected in such forward-looking statements for a variety of reasons, including but not limited to market and general economic conditions, interest rates, regulatory and statutory developments, the effects of competition in the geographic and business areas in which the ETF may invest and the risks detailed from time to time in the ETF's simplified prospectus. New risk factors emerge from time to time and it is not possible for management to predict all such risk factors. We caution that the foregoing list of factors is not exhaustive, and that when relying on forward-looking statements to make decisions with respect to investing in the ETF, investors and others should carefully consider these factors, as well as other uncertainties and potential events, and the inherent uncertainty of forward-looking statements. Due to the potential impact of these factors, the Manager does not undertake, and specifically disclaims, any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, unless required by applicable law.

# **Management Discussion of Fund Performance**

# **Investment Objective and Strategy**

HXQ seeks to replicate, to the extent possible, the performance of the NASDAQ-100° Index (Total Return) (the "Underlying Index", Bloomberg ticker: XNDX), net of expenses. The Underlying Index includes 100 of the largest domestic and international non-financial companies listed on The NASDAQ Stock Market. Shares of the ETF trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") in Canadian dollars ("Cdn\$ Shares") and U.S. dollars ("US\$ Shares") under the symbols HXQ and HXQ.U, respectively.

To achieve the ETF's investment objective and obtain direct or indirect exposure to securities of its Underlying Index's constituent issuers, the ETF may use equity securities and derivatives, including swap agreements (see Swap Agreements and Recent Developments below), provided that the use of such derivative instruments is in compliance with National Instrument 81-102 ("NI 81-102") and is consistent with the investment objective of the ETF.

The ETF may also invest in and hold the securities of the issuers contained in its Underlying Index in substantially the same proportion as they are reflected in the Underlying Index or the ETF may invest in and hold index participation shares of exchange traded funds that are based on its Underlying Index. The ETF will remain fully invested in or exposed to the markets at all times. The ETF may also invest in futures contracts and forward agreements in order to provide



market exposure for other cash held by the ETF and may also hold money market instruments, securities of money market funds or cash to meet its current obligations.

The ETF may also employ a "stratified sampling" strategy. Under this stratified sampling strategy, the ETF may not hold all of the securities that are included in its Underlying Index, but instead will hold a portfolio of securities and/or derivatives that closely matches the aggregate investment characteristics of the securities included in the Underlying Index. The sampling process typically involves selecting a representative sample of securities in the Underlying Index, principally to enhance liquidity and reduce transaction costs while seeking to maintain a high correlation with, and similar aggregate characteristics to, the Underlying Index.

The Investment Manager does not invest the assets of the ETF on a discretionary basis or select securities based on the Investment Manager's view of the investment merit of a particular security or company, nor does it conduct conventional stock research or analysis, or forecast stock market movement or trends in managing the assets of the ETF.

# About the Underlying Index

The NASDAQ-100° Index includes 100 of the largest non-financial domestic and international issuers listed on The NASDAQ Stock Market. This index is calculated under a modified capitalization-weighted methodology. Reconstitution and rebalancing occurs on an annual, quarterly, and ongoing basis. To be eligible for inclusion, companies cannot be in bankruptcy proceedings and must meet certain additional criteria including trading volume and "seasoning" requirements.

#### Risk

The Manager performs a review of the ETF's risk rating at least annually, as well as when there is a material change in the ETF's investment objective or investment strategies. The current risk rating for the ETF is: medium.

Risk ratings are determined based on the historical volatility of the ETF as measured by the standard deviation of its performance against its mean. The risk categorization of the ETF may change over time and historical volatility is not indicative of future volatility. Generally, a risk rating is assigned to the ETF based on a rolling 10-year standard deviation of its returns, the return of its Underlying Index, or of an applicable proxy. In cases where the Manager believes that this methodology produces a result that is not indicative of the ETF's future volatility, the risk rating may be determined by the ETF's category. Risk ratings are not intended for use as a substitute for undertaking a proper and complete suitability or financial assessment by an investment advisor.

The Manager, as a summary for existing investors, is providing the list below of the risks to which an investment in the ETF may be subject. Prospective investors should read the ETF's most recent prospectus and consider the full description of the risks contained therein before purchasing shares.

The risks to which an investment in the ETF is subject are listed below and have not changed from the list of risks found in the ETF's most recent prospectus. A full description of each risk listed below may also be found in the most recent prospectus. The most recent prospectus is available at www.horizonsetfs.com or from www.sedar.com, or by calling Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc. at (toll free) 1-866-641-5739, or at (416) 933-5745.



- General risks of investments
- General risks of investing in an index fund and passive investment risk
- Risks relating to index replication strategies
- Calculation of index level and termination of the Underlying Index
- The Underlying Index
- Market disruptions risk
- Derivative investments
- Risk that ETF shares will trade at prices other than net asset value per ETF share
- Issuer concentration risk
- Currency price fluctuations
- Foreign exchange rate risk
- Foreign exchange and market risk
- Counterparty risk

- Index adjustments
- Liquidity risk
- Borrowing risk
- Tax-related risks
- Cease trading of securities risk
- General risks of equity investments
- Voting of index securities risk
- Income trust investments risks
- Exchange risk
- Cyber security risk
- Reliance on key personnel
- Fund corporation and multi-class/series structure risk
- Fluctuations in NAV and market price of the ETF shares risk
- Absence of an active market for the ETF shares and lack of operating history risk

# **Results of Operations**

For the six-month period ended June 30, 2021, the US\$ shares of the ETF returned 13.12%. By comparison, the Underlying Index returned 13.34% for the same period in U.S. dollar terms. Differences in performance between the ETF and the Underlying Index may arise due to expenses payable by the ETF, which include management fees plus applicable sales taxes; as well as the potential for tracking error arising from the physical index replication risk detailed in the ETF's prospectus.

The NASDAQ-100 Index® reflects the performance of the largest non-financial stocks on the NASDAQ Stock Exchange. For the six-month period ended June 30, 2021, the top performers in the underlying index were Moderna Inc., Applied Materials Inc. and Nvidia Corp. gaining 124.93%, 65.59% and 53.30%, respectively. The worst performers for the period were Pinduoduo Inc., Peloton Interactive Inc. and Verisk Analytics Inc. returning -28.51%, -18.26% and -15.55%, respectively.

Horizons Management does not endeavour to predict market direction, changes that may occur in global fiscal and monetary policies, the effect of additional geopolitical concerns or other unforeseen crises. Horizons Management and the ETF are agnostic as to their impact on global equity, fixed income, currency and commodity markets generally, and the U.S. equity market specifically. They are only of concern to the ETF in so much as there is some minimal risk that could affect its ability to meet its investment objective. Please refer to the risk factors section in the ETF's prospectus for more detailed information.

The annualized volatility of each of the Underlying Index and the ETF was 34.17% and 31.33%, respectively, for the period ended June 30, 2021.

#### Other Operating Items and Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of ETF Shares

For the six-month period ended June 30, 2021, the ETF generated gross comprehensive income (loss) from investments and derivatives (which includes changes in the fair value of the ETF's portfolio) of \$33,858,587. This compares to



\$18,493,191 for the six-month period ended June 30, 2020. The ETF incurred management, and transaction expenses of \$492,162 (2020 – \$182,873). The Manager may waive and/or absorb a portion of such expenses, at its discretion, but did not do so in 2021or 2020. The waiving and/or absorption of such fees and/or expenses by the Manager may be terminated at any time, or continued indefinitely, at the discretion of the Manager. The ETF did not make any distributions to shareholders during the periods ended June 30, 2021 and 2020.

## **Swap Agreements**

Until January 3, 2020, as a means to achieving its investment objective, the ETF had entered into one or more swap agreements (each a "Swap") with one or more bank counterparties (each a "Counterparty") to gain exposure to the Underlying Index. Each Swap was a total return swap under which the ETF would pay the Counterparty a floating amount based upon prevailing short-term market interest rates computed upon an agreed notional amount and an equity amount based upon any decline in value of a notional investment in a notional number of shares the value of each of which equaled the value of the Underlying Index. In return, the Counterparty would pay the ETF an equity amount based upon any increase in value of the Underlying Index. The total return was comprised of notional income which was earned on a notional investment in the reference assets (which, by virtue of the operation of the Swap, was notionally reinvested in further reference assets) plus any notional appreciation in the value of the Underlying Index or, as the case may be, minus any reduction in the value of the Underlying Index. The ETF also invested the net proceeds of share subscriptions in cash and/or short-term debt obligations to earn short-term market interest rates. The terms of each Swap required the ETF to pledge its cash and/or short-term debt obligations to the Counterparty to secure the payment of the ETF's payment obligations under the Swap. The income earned on the cash and/or short-term debt obligations was sufficient to fund the required floating payments by the ETF under the Swap.

The Counterparty could hedge its exposure under the Swap to index securities. There was no assurance that the Counterparty would maintain a hedge or would do so with respect to the full amount or term of the Swap.

The ETF's Swap Agreements were terminated at the close of business on January 3, 2020, in favour of holding the underlying constituents of the NASDAQ-100° Index directly. In addition, the swap fee that was previously charged to the ETF was eliminated.

Since Swaps, like most swap agreements, could settle the obligations of each party on a net basis, the exposure of the ETF to the credit risk of any one Counterparty was limited to the positive mark-to-market of the Swaps entered into with that Counterparty, if any, which was calculated and accrued on a daily basis.

#### **Recent Developments**

Other than indicated below, there have been no recent market developments of particular note, aside from the normal fluctuations of the markets, that are expected to have an undue influence on the portfolio of the ETF when compared to its benchmark.

#### Adjustment to Investment Strategy

At the close of business on January 3, 2020, the investment strategy of the ETF was adjusted from a synthetic total return swap structure, as described in the Swap Agreements section, to a conventional physical index replication structure. Under the new structure, the ETF began holding the underlying constituents of the NASDAQ-100® Index directly and in substantially the same proportion as they are reflected in the Underlying Index.



No changes were made to the investment objective of the ETF or its management fee. However, this change in the investment operations did allow the ETF to eliminate its swap fee of approximately 0.375% that was previously charged in addition to the management fee.

# **Impact of COVID-19**

The full extent of the impact that the COVID-19 epidemic will have on the Canadian and U.S. economies and the ETF's business remains uncertain and difficult to predict at this time. By their very nature, the estimates and/or judgements the Manager makes for the purposes of preparing the ETF's financial statements relate to matters that are inherently uncertain. However, the Manager maintains detailed policies and internal controls that are intended to ensure that these estimates and judgements are well controlled, and that they are consistently applied from period to period. It is the Manager's opinion that any estimates and/or judgements used in the preparation of these financial statements are appropriate as at June 30, 2021, and December 31, 2020, and for the periods ended June 30, 2021 and 2020.

## Subsequent Share Split Transaction

Subsequent to the end of the reporting period, the shares of the ETF were split on a two-for-one basis effective July 05, 2021. The split did not affect any of the reported numbers in this interim report.

#### **Presentation**

The attached financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). Any mention of total net assets, net assets, net asset value or increase (decrease) in net assets in the financial statements and/or management report of fund performance is referring to net assets or increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares as reported under IFRS.

# **Related Party Transactions**

There were no related party portfolio transactions during the current reporting period. Certain services have been provided to the ETF by related parties, and those relationships are described below.

# Manager and Investment Manager

The manager and investment manager of the Company and of the ETF is Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc., 55 University Avenue, Suite 800, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2H7, a corporation incorporated under the laws of Ontario.

Any management fees paid to the Manager (described in detail on page 13) are related party transactions, as the Manager is considered to be a related party to the ETF. The management fees are disclosed in the statements of comprehensive income in the attached financial statements of the ETF. The management fees payable by the ETF as at June 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, are disclosed in the statements of financial position.



# **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 the current interim reporting period and since it effectively began operations on April 19, 2016. This information is derived from the ETF's audited annual financial statements and the current unaudited interim financial statements. Please see the front page for information on how you may obtain the ETF's annual or interim financial statements.

# The ETF's Net Assets per Share

Period (1)	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Net assets, beginning of period	\$ 72.62	48.98	35.35	35.57	26.92	25.00
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	0.27	0.52	0.09	0.05	0.02	(0.02)
Total expenses	(0.15)	(0.24)	(0.26)	(0.25)	(0.20)	(0.06)
Realized gains for the period	-	3.73	8.07	4.62	7.85	_
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	9.74	22.81	6.60	(8.19)	1.96	1.12
Total increase (decrease) from operations (2)	9.86	26.82	14.50	(3.77)	9.63	1.04
Total distributions (3)	_	-	_	_	_	_
Net assets, end of period (US\$ Shares) (4)	\$ 82.15	72.62	48.98	35.35	35.57	26.92
Net assets, end of period (Cdn\$ shares) (4)	\$ 101.83	92.44	63.60	48.26	44.71	36.15

<sup>1.</sup> This information is derived from the ETF's unaudited interim financial statements.

<sup>2.</sup> Net assets per share and distributions are based on the actual number of shares outstanding at the relevant time. The increase (decrease) from operations is based on the weighted average number of shares outstanding over the financial period.

<sup>3.</sup> Distributions, if any, were paid in cash, reinvested in additional shares of the ETF, or both.

<sup>4.</sup> The Financial Highlights are not intended to act as a continuity of the opening and closing net assets per share.



# Financial Highlights (continued)

# **Ratios and Supplemental Data**

Period (1)	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Total net asset value (000's)	\$ 300,835	222,367	91,192	55,000	32,133
Number of shares outstanding (000's)	3,662	3,062	1,862	1,556	903
Management expense ratio (2)(5)	0.28%	0.28%	0.28%	0.28%	0.29%
Management expense ratio before waivers and absorptions (2)	0.28%	0.28%	0.28%	0.28%	0.29%
Trading expense ratio (3)	0.00%	0.00%	0.33%	0.37%	0.34%
Portfolio turnover rate (4)	19.43%	98.05%	280.85%	49.88%	152.31%
Net asset value per share, end of period (US\$ Shares)	\$ 82.15	72.62	48.98	35.35	35.57
Closing market price (US\$ Shares)	\$ 82.13	72.41	48.96	35.35	35.59
Net asset value per share, end of period (Cdn\$ Shares)	101.83	92.44	63.60	48.26	44.71
Closing market price (Cdn\$ Shares)	101.88	92.46	63.55	48.25	44.74

- 1. This information is provided as at June 30, 2021, and December 31 of the other years shown.
- 2. Management expense ratio is based on total expenses, including sales tax, (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. The constating documents of the ETF require that the Manager pay all the expenses of the ETF other than the management fee and any sales taxes on the management fee.
- 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.
- 4. The ETF's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the ETF trades 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 a year. The higher an ETF's portfolio turnover rate in a year, 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.

# **Management Fees**

In consideration for management services and investment advice provided to the ETF, the Manager is entitled to a management fee. The management fee, inclusive of sales tax, is applied on a daily basis to the net asset value of the ETF. The management fees, exclusive of sales tax, are charged at the annual rate of 0.25%. Approximately 100% of management fees were used for management, investment management, operating costs of the ETF, other general administration and profit.

From the management fee, the Manager has paid substantially all of the costs and expenses relating to the operation of the business and affairs of the ETF including investment management, administration, legal, accounting, custody, audit, registrar and transfer agency fees, and taxes as well as expenses associated with advertising, marketing, sponsoring and promoting the sale of shares of the ETF.

The constating documents of the ETF require that the Manager pay all the expenses of the ETF other than the management fee and any sales taxes on the management fee and, up to January 3, 2020, any swap fees as may be applicable. As a result, the ETF does not have any other expenses.

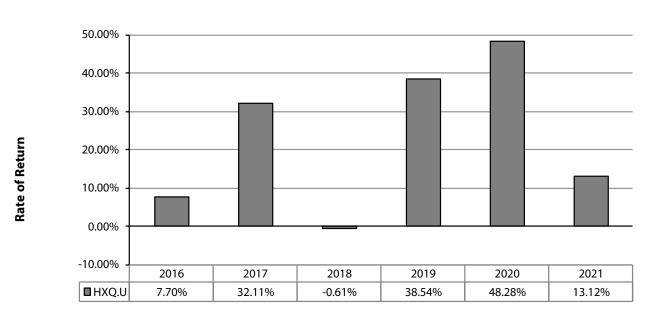


# **Past Performance**

Commissions, management fees and applicable sales taxes all may be associated with an investment in the ETF. Please read the prospectus before investing. The indicated rates of return are the historical total returns including changes in share value and reinvestment of all distributions, and do not take into account sales, redemptions, distributions or optional charges or income taxes payable by any investor that would have reduced returns. An investment in the ETF is not guaranteed. Its value changes frequently and past performance may not be repeated. The ETF's performance numbers assume that all distributions, if any, are reinvested in additional shares of the ETF. If you hold this ETF outside of a registered plan, income and capital gains distributions that are paid to you increase your income for tax purposes whether paid to you in cash or reinvested in additional shares. The amount of the reinvested taxable distributions is added to the adjusted cost base of the shares that you own. This would decrease your capital gain or increase your capital loss when you later redeem from the ETF, thereby ensuring that you are not taxed on this amount again. Please consult your tax advisor regarding your personal tax situation.

# **Year-by-Year Returns**

The following chart presents the ETF's performance for the periods shown, and illustrates how the performance has changed from period to period. In percentage terms, the chart shows how much an investment made on the first day of the financial period would have grown or decreased by the last day of the financial period.



The ETF effectively began operations on April 19, 2016. Only the performance of the US\$ Shares is displayed above, as the US\$ Shares seek to achieve the primary investment objective of the ETF. The returns to shareholders holding Cdn\$ Shares would have been substantially similar to those of the shareholders holding US\$ Shares when adjusted for the daily Canadian/U.S. dollar exchange rate.



# **Summary of Investment Portfolio** As at June 30, 2021

Asset Mix	N	let Asset Value	% of ETF's Net Asset Value
U.S. Equities	\$	292,188,348	97.13%
Global Equities		8,377,922	2.78%
Cash and Cash Equivalents		300,279	0.10%
Other Assets less Liabilities		(31,366)	-0.01%
	\$	300,835,183	100.00%

Sector Mix	Net Asset Value	% of ETF's Net Asset Value
Information Technology	\$ 150,287,798	49.96%
Consumer Discretionary	54,143,150	18.00%
Communication Services	52,740,232	17.53%
Health Care	20,169,311	6.70%
Consumer Staples	14,547,159	4.84%
Industrials	4,449,836	1.48%
Utilities	2,660,494	0.88%
Financials	1,568,290	0.52%
Cash and Cash Equivalents	300,279	0.10%
Other Assets less Liabilities	(31,366)	-0.01%
	\$ 300,835,183	100.00%



# **Summary of Investment Portfolio** (continued)

As at June 30, 2021

Top 25 Holdings	% of ETF's Net Asset Value
Apple Inc.	10.98%
Microsoft Corp.	9.81%
Amazon.com Inc.	8.35%
Alphabet Inc.	7.43%
Facebook Inc.	4.00%
Tesla Inc.	3.91%
NVIDIA Corp.	3.65%
PayPal Holdings Inc.	2.51%
Adobe Inc.	2.05%
Comcast Corp.	1.90%
Netflix Inc.	1.71%
Intel Corp.	1.66%
Cisco Systems Inc.	1.64%
PepsiCo Inc.	1.50%
Broadcom Inc.	1.42%
T-Mobile US Inc.	1.32%
Texas Instruments Inc.	1.30%
Costco Wholesale Corp.	1.29%
QUALCOMM Inc.	1.18%
Amgen Inc.	1.02%
Charter Communications Inc.	1.00%
Intuit Inc.	0.98%
Starbucks Corp.	0.96%
Applied Materials Inc.	0.95%
Advanced Micro Devices Inc.	0.83%

The summary of investment portfolio may change due to the ongoing portfolio transactions of the ETF. The most recent interim and annual reports are available at no cost by calling toll free 1-866-641-5739, or (416) 933-5745, by writing to us at Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc., 55 University Avenue, Suite 800, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2H7, or by visiting our website at www.horizonsetfs.com or through SEDAR at www.sedar.com.



#### MANAGER'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

The accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements ("financial statements") of Horizons NASDAQ-100® Index ETF (the "ETF") are the responsibility of the manager to the ETF, Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc. (the "Manager"). They have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards using information available and include certain amounts that are based on the Manager's best estimates and judgements.

The Manager has developed and maintains a system of internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that all assets are safeguarded and to produce relevant, reliable and timely financial information, including the accompanying financial statements.

These financial statements have been approved by the Board of Directors of the Manager and by the Board of Directors of Horizons ETF Corp.

Steven J. Hawkins Director

Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc.

Thomas Park

Director

Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc.

#### **NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS**

# The Auditors of the ETF have not reviewed these Financial Statements.

Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc., the Manager of the ETF, appoints an independent auditor to audit the ETF's annual financial statements.

The ETF's independent auditors have not performed a review of these interim financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards.



# **Consolidated Statements of Financial Position** (unaudited)

As at June 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020

	2021	2020
Assets		
Cash	\$ 300,279	\$ 414,673
Investments	300,566,270	221,934,118
Amounts receivable relating to accrued income	34,767	43,982
Amounts receivable relating to securities issued	_	3,619,124
Total assets	300,901,316	226,011,897
Accrued management fees	66,133	49,661
Amounts payable for portfolio assets purchased	_	3,595,424
Total liabilities	66,133	3,645,085
Total net assets (note 2)	\$ 300,835,183	\$ 222,366,812
Number of redeemable shares outstanding (note 9)	3,661,920	3,061,920
Total net assets per share (US\$ Shares) (note 1)	\$ 82.15	\$ 72.62
Total net assets per share (Cdn\$ Shares) (note 1)	\$ 101.83	\$ 92.44

(See accompanying notes to financial statements)

Approved on behalf of the Board of Directors of Horizons ETF Corp.:

Steven J. Hawkins Director Kevin S. Beatson Director



# Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (unaudited) For the Periods Ended June 30,

	2021	2020
Income		
Dividend income	\$ 926,094	\$ 411,772
Interest income for distribution purposes	_	(127)
Securities lending income (note 8)	2,429	_
Net realized gain on sale of investments and derivatives	8,771	4,163,552
Net realized gain on foreign exchange	7	_
Net change in unrealized appreciation of investments and derivatives	32,921,320	13,917,994
Net change in unrealized depreciation of foreign exchange	(34)	_
	33,858,587	18,493,191
Expenses (note 10)		
Management fees	353,359	121,234
Transaction costs	362	222
Withholding taxes	138,441	61,417
	492,162	182,873
Increase in net assets for the period	\$ 33,366,425	\$ 18,310,318
Increase in net assets per share	\$ 9.86	\$ 10.60



# **Consolidated Statements of Changes in Financial Position** (unaudited) For the Periods Ended June 30,

	2021	2020
Total net assets at the beginning of the period	\$ 222,366,812	91,192,155
Increase in net assets	33,366,425	18,310,318
Redeemable share transactions		
Proceeds from the issuance of securities of the investment fund	49,057,171	58,180,379
Aggregate amounts paid on redemption of securities of the investment fund	(3,955,225)	(29,893,032)
Total net assets at the end of the period	\$ 300,835,183	137,789,820



# Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (unaudited)

For the Periods Ended June 30,

	2021	2020
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Increase in net assets for the period	\$ 33,366,425	\$ 18,310,318
Adjustments for:		
Net realized gain on sale of investments and derivatives	(8,771)	(4,163,552)
Net change in unrealized appreciation of investments and derivatives	(32,921,320)	(13,917,994)
Net change in unrealized depreciation of foreign exchange	34	_
Purchase of investments	(46,711,493)	(90,768,268)
Proceeds from the sale of investments	45,802,715	7,531,527
Amounts receivable relating to accrued income	9,215	120,723
Accrued expenses	16,472	11,039
Net cash used in operating activities	(446,723)	(82,876,207)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Amount received from the issuance of shares	376,039	(66,988,234)
Amount paid on redemptions of shares	(43,676)	62,186,848
Net cash from (used in) financing activities	332,363	(4,801,386)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents during the period	(114,360)	(87,677,593)
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash and cash equivalents	(34)	_
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	414,673	87,842,974
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 300,279	\$ 165,381
Interest received, net of withholding taxes	\$ _	\$ 39,612
Dividends received, net of withholding taxes	\$ 796,868	\$ 323,202
Total Cash are composed of:		
Cash	\$ 300,279	\$ 165,381
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 300,279	\$ 165,381



# Schedule of Investments (unaudited)

As at June 30, 2021

Security	Shares	Average Cost	Fair Value
U.S. EQUITIES (97.13%)			
Information Technology (48.00%)			
Adobe Inc.	10,519	\$ 4,199,856	\$ 6,160,347
Advanced Micro Devices Inc.	26,741	1,736,426	2,511,782
Analog Devices Inc.	8,113	1,004,166	1,396,734
ANSYS Inc.	1,908	554,154	662,190
Apple Inc.	241,360	22,051,480	33,056,666
Applied Materials Inc.	20,115	1,452,157	2,864,376
Autodesk Inc.	4,836	1,074,185	1,411,628
Automatic Data Processing Inc.	9,363	1,515,743	1,859,679
Broadcom Inc.	8,978	3,094,895	4,281,070
Cadence Design Systems Inc.	6,135	578,442	839,391
CDW Corp.	3,101	406,604	541,590
Cisco Systems Inc.	92,848	4,254,780	4,920,944
Cognizant Technology Solutions Corp., Class 'A'	11,670	745,416	808,264
DocuSign Inc.	4,280	809,263	1,196,560
Electronic Arts Inc.	6,326	764,640	909,869
Intel Corp.	88,878	5,116,072	4,989,611
Intuit Inc.	6,022	1,884,032	2,951,804
KLA Corp.	3,389	704,907	1,098,748
Lam Research Corp.	3,143	1,127,492	2,045,150
Marvell Technology Inc.	18,031	872,603	1,051,748
Maxim Integrated Products Inc.	5,895	403,629	621,097
MercadoLibre Inc.	1,097	1,084,340	1,708,896
Microchip Technology Inc.	6,020	684,216	901,435
Micron Technology Inc.	24,684	1,450,246	2,097,646
Microsoft Corp.	108,928	20,526,591	29,508,595
NVIDIA Corp.	13,717	5,183,256	10,974,972
Okta Inc.	2,753	731,541	673,604
Paychex Inc.	7,931	655,837	850,996
PayPal Holdings Inc.	25,857	4,228,321	7,536,798
QUALCOMM Inc.	24,831	2,564,925	3,549,095
Skyworks Solutions Inc.	3,627	472,341	695,477
Splunk Inc.	3,607	566,827	521,500
Synopsys Inc.	3,351	617,722	924,172
Texas Instruments Inc.	20,324	2,804,186	3,908,305
VeriSign Inc.	2,487	510,131	566,265
Workday Inc., Class 'A'	4,159	806,649	992,920
Xilinx Inc.	5,394	576,602	780,188
Zoom Video Communications Inc.	5,200	1,430,317	2,012,556
		99,244,990	144,382,668



# Schedule of Investments (unaudited) (continued)

As at June 30, 2021

Communication Services (17.53%)  Activision Blizzard Inc. Alphabet Inc., Class 'A' Alphabet Inc., Class 'C' Booking Holdings Inc. Charter Communications Inc., Class 'A' Comcast Corp., Class 'A' Facebook Inc., Class 'A' Fox Corp., Class 'A' Fox Corp., Class 'B' Match Group Inc. Sirius XM Holdings Inc. T-Mobile US Inc.  Consumer Discretionary (17.18%)	Shares	Average Cost	Fair Value
Alphabet Inc., Class 'A' Alphabet Inc., Class 'C' Booking Holdings Inc. Charter Communications Inc., Class 'A' Comcast Corp., Class 'A' Facebook Inc., Class 'A' Fox Corp., Class 'A' Fox Corp., Class 'B' Match Group Inc. Sirius XM Holdings Inc. T-Mobile US Inc.			
Alphabet Inc., Class 'C' Booking Holdings Inc. Charter Communications Inc., Class 'A' Comcast Corp., Class 'A' Facebook Inc., Class 'A' Fox Corp., Class 'A' Fox Corp., Class 'B' Match Group Inc. Sirius XM Holdings Inc. T-Mobile US Inc.	17,093	1,249,476	1,631,356
Booking Holdings Inc. Charter Communications Inc., Class 'A' Comcast Corp., Class 'A' Facebook Inc., Class 'A' Fox Corp., Class 'A' Fox Corp., Class 'B' Match Group Inc. Sirius XM Holdings Inc. T-Mobile US Inc.	4,350	6,706,119	10,621,786
Charter Communications Inc., Class 'A' Comcast Corp., Class 'A' Facebook Inc., Class 'A' Fox Corp., Class 'A' Fox Corp., Class 'B' Match Group Inc. Sirius XM Holdings Inc. T-Mobile US Inc.	4,680	7,230,188	11,729,578
Comcast Corp., Class 'A' Facebook Inc., Class 'A' Fox Corp., Class 'A' Fox Corp., Class 'B' Match Group Inc. Sirius XM Holdings Inc. T-Mobile US Inc.	904	1,735,128	1,978,033
Facebook Inc., Class 'A' Fox Corp., Class 'B' Match Group Inc. Sirius XM Holdings Inc. T-Mobile US Inc.	4,152	2,284,134	2,995,460
Fox Corp., Class 'A' Fox Corp., Class 'B' Match Group Inc. Sirius XM Holdings Inc. T-Mobile US Inc.	100,905	4,582,707	5,753,603
Fox Corp., Class 'B' Match Group Inc. Sirius XM Holdings Inc. T-Mobile US Inc.	34,652	8,066,003	12,048,847
Match Group Inc. Sirius XM Holdings Inc. T-Mobile US Inc.	7,194	227,925	267,113
Sirius XM Holdings Inc. T-Mobile US Inc.	5,634	175,200	198,317
T-Mobile US Inc.	5,916	907,427	953,955
	89,960	559,046	588,338
Consumer Discretionary (17.18%)	27,438	2,864,224	3,973,846
Consumer Discretionary (17.18%)		36,587,577	52,740,232
Amazon.com Inc.	7,294	18,233,100	25,092,527
Copart Inc.	5,197	508,542	685,121
Dollar Tree Inc.	5,105	482,673	507,948
eBay Inc.	14,965	666,754	1,050,693
Lululemon Athletica Inc.	2,752	773,948	1,004,397
Marriott International Inc., Class 'A'	7,135	862,534	974,070
Netflix Inc.	9,759	4,186,501	5,154,801
O'Reilly Automotive Inc.	1,544	671,935	874,228
Peloton Interactive Inc., Class 'A'	5,911	792,286	733,082
Ross Stores Inc.	7,840	844,005	972,160
Starbucks Corp.	25,936	2,327,112	2,899,904
Tesla Inc.	17,245	4,928,977	11,721,427
		35,278,367	51,670,358
Health Care (6.70%)			
Alexion Pharmaceuticals Inc.	4,864	582,770	893,565
Align Technology Inc.	1,740	600,163	1,063,140
Amgen Inc.	12,646	2,953,277	3,082,463
Biogen Inc.	3,313	945,617	1,147,193
Cerner Corp.	6,632	480,539	518,357
Dexcom Inc.	2,128	756,288	908,656
Gilead Sciences Inc.	27,640	1,867,820	1,903,290
IDEXX Laboratories Inc.	1,879	657,995	1,186,683
Illumina Inc.	3,209	1,096,009	1,518,531
Incyte Corp.	4,834	417,467	406,684
Intuitive Surgical Inc.	2,606	1,677,237	2,396,582
Moderna Inc.	8,833	881,309	2,075,578



# Schedule of Investments (unaudited) (continued)

As at June 30, 2021

Seagen Inc.         3,984         581,366         628,994           Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc.         5,717         1,360,879         1,152,719           Consumer Staples (4.84%)         20,169,311           Costco Wholesale Corp.         9,742         3,132,155         3,854,617           Keurig Dr Pepper Inc.         31,195         946,440         1,099,312           Kraft Heinz Co. (The)         26,901         875,855         1,099,033           Mondelez International Inc., Class 'A'         30,915         1,691,187         1,930,333           Monster Beverage Corp.         11,610         853,550         1,060,573           PepsiCo Inc.         30,408         4,155,723         4,993,333           Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc.         30,408         4,155,723         4,993,333           Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc.         2,310         664,371         882,420           CSX Corp.         2,310         664,371         882,420           CSX Corp.         2,004         1,287,166         1,604,128           Fastenal Co.         12,631         525,098         656,812           PACCAR Inc.         7,630         612,657         680,978           Verisk Analytics Inc.         1,597         915,267	Security	Shares	Average Cost	Fair Value
Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc.         5,171         1,360,879         1,152,719           Consumer Staples (4.84%)         15,974,734         20,169,311           Constor Wholesale Corp.         9,742         3,132,155         3,854,617           Keurig Dr Pepper Inc.         31,195         946,440         1,099,312           Kraft Heinz Co. (The)         26,901         877,585         1,099,023           Mondelez International Inc., Class 'A'         30,915         1,691,187         4,990,733           Monster Beverage Corp.         11,610         853,550         1,060,573           PepsiCo Inc.         30,408         4,155,723         4,595,553           Walgeens Boots Alliance Inc.         19,01         42,371         999,748           Local Corp.         2,310         664,371         882,420           CSX Corp.         5,004         1,287,163         1,604,128           Fastenal Co.         12,631         525,098         656,812           PACCAR Inc.         7,630         612,657         680,978           Verisk Analytics Inc.         10,997         915,267         930,236           Exelon Corp.         21,422         85,462         930,236           Exelon Corp.         21,622         759,875	Regeneron Pharmaceuticals Inc.	2,304	1,115,928	1,286,876
Consumer Staples (4.84%)         15,974,734         20,169,311           Constco Wholesale Corp.         9,742         3,132,155         3,854,617           Keurig Dr Pepper Inc.         31,195         946,440         1,099,312           Kraft Heinz Co. (The)         26,901         877,585         1,097,023           Mondelez International Inc., Class 'N         30,915         1,611,187         1,930,333           Monster Beverage Corp.         11,610         855,550         1,600,573           PepsiCo Inc.         30,408         4,155,723         4,505,553           Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc.         19,003         923,371         999,748           Cost Corp.         19,003         923,371         999,748           Industrials (1.48%)         11,280,011         14,547,159           Industrials (1.48%)         11,280,011         14,547,159           CSX Corp.         50,004         1,287,166         1,604,128           Fasteral Co.         2,310         664,371         882,420           CSX Corp.         50,004         1,287,166         1,604,128           Fasteral Co.         12,631         525,998         656,812           PACCAR Inc.         10,997         915,267	Seagen Inc.	3,984	581,436	628,994
Costco Wholesale Corp.	Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc.	5,717	1,360,879	1,152,719
Costco Wholesale Corp.   9,742   3,132,155   3,854,617   Keurig Dr Pepper Inc.   31,195   946,440   1,099,312   Kraft Heinz Co. (The)   26,901   877,585   1,097,023   Mondelez International Inc., Class 'N   30,915   1,691,187   1,930,333   Monster Beverage Corp.   11,610   853,550   1,060,573   PepsiCo Inc.   30,408   4,155,723   4,505,553   Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc.   19,003   923,371   999,748   20,500,000   12,580,011   14,547,159   Industrials (1,48%)			15,974,734	20,169,311
Keurig Dr Pepper Inc.         31,195         946,440         1,099,312           Kraft Heinz Co. (The)         26,901         877,585         1,097,023           Mondelez International Inc., Class W         30,915         1,691,187         1,930,333           Monster Beverage Corp.         11,610         853,550         1,060,573           PepsiCo Inc.         30,408         4,155,723         4,505,553           Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc.         19,003         923,371         999,748           Industrials (1.48%)         12,580,011         14,547,159           Industrials (1.48%)         1,287,166         1,604,128           CSX Corp.         50,004         1,287,166         1,604,128           Fastenal Co.         12,631         525,098         656,812           PACCAR Inc.         7,630         612,657         680,978           Verisk Analytics Inc.         3,580         600,764         625,498           Verisk Analytics Inc.         10,997         915,267         930,236           Ittilities (0.88%)         11,822         759,875         778,834           Exelon Corp.         21,472         895,462         951,424           Xcel Energy Inc.         11,627         2,570,604         2,660,494 <td>Consumer Staples (4.84%)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	Consumer Staples (4.84%)			
Kraft Heinz Co. (The)         26,901         877,585         1,097,023           Mondelez International Inc., Class 'A'         30,915         1,691,187         1,930,333           Monster Beverage Corp.         11,610         853,550         1,060,573           PepsiCo Inc.         30,408         4,155,723         4,505,553           Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc.         19,003         923,371         999,748           Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc.         19,003         923,371         999,748           Industrials (1.48%)         2,310         664,371         882,420           CSX Corp.         50,004         1,287,166         1,604,128           Fastenal Co.         12,631         525,098         656,812           PACCAR Inc.         7,630         612,657         680,978           Verisk Analytics Inc.         3,580         600,764         625,498           American Electric Power Co. Inc.         10,997         915,267         930,236           Exelon Corp.         21,472         895,462         951,424           Xcel Energy Inc.         11,822         750,604         2,660,494           Financials (0.52%)         2,570,604         2,660,494           Financials (0.52%)         1,615,656 <td< td=""><td>Costco Wholesale Corp.</td><td>9,742</td><td>3,132,155</td><td>3,854,617</td></td<>	Costco Wholesale Corp.	9,742	3,132,155	3,854,617
Mondelez International Inc., Class 'A'         30,915         1,691,187         1,930,333           Monster Beverage Corp.         11,610         853,550         1,060,573           PepsiCo Inc.         30,408         4,155,723         4,505,553           Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc.         19,003         23,371         999,748           Industrials (1.48%)         12,580,011         14,547,159           Cintas Corp.         2,310         664,371         882,420           CSX Corp.         50,004         1,287,166         1,604,128           Fastenal Co.         12,631         525,098         656,812           PACCAR Inc.         7,630         612,657         680,978           Verisk Analytics Inc.         3,580         600,764         625,498           Utilities (0.88%)         3,690,056         4,449,836           Utilities (0.88%)         10,997         915,267         930,236           Exelon Corp.         21,472         895,462         951,424           Xcel Energy Inc.         11,822         759,875         778,834           Financials (0.52%)         14,672         1,615,656         1,568,290           TOTAL U.S. EQUITIES         207,541,995         292,188,348           GLO	Keurig Dr Pepper Inc.	31,195	946,440	1,099,312
Monster Beverage Corp.         11,610         853,550         1,060,573           PepsiCo Inc.         30,408         4,155,723         4,505,553           Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc.         19,003         923,371         999,748           Industrials (1.48%)         12,580,011         14,547,159           Cintas Corp.         2,310         664,371         882,420           CSX Corp.         50,004         1,287,166         1,604,128           Fastenal Co.         12,631         525,098         656,812           PACCAR Inc.         7,630         612,657         680,978           Verisk Analytics Inc.         3,590         600,764         625,498           Werk Analytics Inc.         10,997         915,267         930,236           Exelon Corp.         21,472         895,462         951,424           Xcel Energy Inc.         11,822         759,875         778,834           Exelon Corp.         21,472         895,462         951,424           Xcel Energy Inc.         14,672         1,615,656         1,568,290           Fiserv Inc.         14,672         1,615,656         1,568,290           TOTAL U.S. EQUITIES         207,541,995         292,188,348           GLOBAL EQUITIE	Kraft Heinz Co. (The)	26,901	877,585	1,097,023
PepsiCo Inc.         30,408         4,155,723         4,505,553           Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc.         19,003         923,371         999,748           Industrials (1.48%)         Industrials (1.48%)           Cintas Corp.         2,310         664,371         882,420           CSX Corp.         50,004         1,287,166         1,604,128           Fastenal Co.         12,631         525,098         656,812           PACCAR Inc.         7,630         612,657         680,978           Verisk Analytics Inc.         3,580         600,764         625,498           American Electric Power Co. Inc.         10,997         915,267         930,236           Exelon Corp.         21,472         895,462         951,424           Xcel Energy Inc.         11,822         759,875         778,834           Exelon Corp.         21,472         895,462         951,424           Xcel Energy Inc.         11,622         759,875         778,834           Fiserv Inc.         14,672         1,615,656         1,568,290           TOTAL U.S. EQUITIES         207,541,995         292,188,348           GLOBAL EQUITIES (2.78%)         20,274         20,275         20,275         20,275         20,275 <td>Mondelez International Inc., Class 'A'</td> <td>30,915</td> <td>1,691,187</td> <td>1,930,333</td>	Mondelez International Inc., Class 'A'	30,915	1,691,187	1,930,333
Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc.         19,003         923,371         999,48           Industrials (1.48%)         1,2580,011         14,547,159           Cinta Corp.         2,310         664,371         882,420           CSX Corp.         50,004         1,287,166         1,604,128           Fastenal Co.         12,631         525,098         656,812           PACCAR Inc.         7,630         612,657         680,978           Verisk Analytics Inc.         3,580         600,764         625,498           Verisk Analytics Inc.         10,997         915,267         930,236           Exelon Corp.         21,472         895,462         951,424           Xcel Energy Inc.         11,822         759,875         778,834           Xcel Energy Inc.         14,672         15,656         1,568,290           Fiserv Inc.         14,672         1,615,656         1,568,290           TOTAL U.S. EQUITIES         207,541,995         292,188,348           GLOBAL EQUITIES (2.78%)         1         1         1         1         1         1         1         1         1         1         1         1         2         22,188,348         1         2         2         2 <t< td=""><td>Monster Beverage Corp.</td><td>11,610</td><td>853,550</td><td>1,060,573</td></t<>	Monster Beverage Corp.	11,610	853,550	1,060,573
Industrials (1.48%)         12,580,011         14,547,159           Cinta Corp.         2,310         664,371         882,420           CSX Corp.         50,004         1,287,166         1,604,128           Fastenal Co.         12,631         525,928         656,812           PACCAR Inc.         7,630         612,657         680,978           Verisk Analytics Inc.         3,580         600,764         625,498           Verisk Properties (1.68%)         3,690,056         4,449,836           Utilities (0.88%)           American Electric Power Co. Inc.         10,997         915,267         930,236           Exelon Corp.         21,472         895,462         951,424           Xcel Energy Inc.         11,822         759,875         778,834           Xcel Energy Inc.         14,672         1,615,656         1,568,290           Fisery Inc.         14,672         1,615,656         1,568,290           TOTAL U.S. EQUITIES         207,541,995         292,188,348           GLOBAL EQUITIES (2.78%)           Information Technology (1.96%)           ASML Holding NV, Registered         1,749         684,255         1,208,279	PepsiCo Inc.	30,408	4,155,723	4,505,553
Industrials (1.48%)   Cintas Corp.	Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc.	19,003	923,371	999,748
Cintas Corp.       2,310       664,371       882,420         CSX Corp.       50,004       1,287,166       1,604,128         Fastenal Co.       12,631       525,098       656,812         PACCAR Inc.       7,630       612,657       680,978         Verisk Analytics Inc.       3,580       600,764       625,498         Utilities (0.88%)         American Electric Power Co. Inc.       10,997       915,267       930,236         Exelon Corp.       21,472       895,462       951,424         Xcel Energy Inc.       11,822       759,875       778,834         2,570,604       2,660,494         Fiserv Inc.       14,672       1,615,656       1,568,290         TOTAL U.S. EQUITIES       207,541,995       292,188,348         GLOBAL EQUITIES (2.78%)         Information Technology (1.96%)         ASML Holding NV, Registered       1,749       684,255       1,208,279         Atlassian Corp. PLC       2,977       726,988       764,672         Baidu Inc., ADR       5,704       830,452       1,163,046         Check Point Software Technologies Ltd.       2,978       337,896       345,835         NetEase Inc.			12,580,011	14,547,159
CSX Corp.         50,004         1,287,166         1,604,128           Fastenal Co.         12,631         525,098         656,812           PACCAR Inc.         7,630         612,657         680,978           Verisk Analytics Inc.         3,580         600,764         625,498           Verisk Analytics Inc.         3,690,056         4,449,836           Utilities (0.88%)           American Electric Power Co. Inc.         10,997         915,267         930,236           Exelon Corp.         21,472         895,462         951,424           Xcel Energy Inc.         11,822         759,875         778,834           2,570,604         2,660,494           Fiserv Inc.         14,672         1,615,656         1,568,290           TOTAL U.S. EQUITIES         207,541,995         292,188,348           GLOBAL EQUITIES (2.78%)           Information Technology (1.96%)           ASML Holding NV, Registered         1,749         684,255         1,208,279           Atlassian Corp. PLC         2,977         726,988         764,672           Baidu Inc., ADR         5,704         830,452         1,163,046           Check Point Software Technologies Ltd.         2,	Industrials (1.48%)			
Fastenal Co.         12,631         525,098         656,812           PACCAR Inc.         7,630         612,657         680,978           Verisk Analytics Inc.         3,580         600,764         625,498           Verisk Analytics Inc.         3,690,056         4,449,836           Utilities (0.88%)           American Electric Power Co. Inc.         10,997         915,267         930,236           Exelon Corp.         21,472         895,462         951,424           Xcel Energy Inc.         11,822         759,875         778,834           Zc,570,604         2,660,494           Financials (0.52%)           Fiserv Inc.         14,672         1,615,656         1,568,290           TOTAL U.S. EQUITIES         207,541,995         292,188,348           GLOBAL EQUITIES (2.78%)           Information Technology (1.96%)           ASML Holding NV, Registered         1,749         684,255         1,208,279           Atlassian Corp. PLC         2,977         726,988         764,672           Baidu Inc., ADR         5,704         830,452         1,163,046           Check Point Software Technologies Ltd.         2,978         337,896         345,835	Cintas Corp.	2,310	664,371	882,420
PACCAR Inc.         7,630         612,657         680,978           Verisk Analytics Inc.         3,580         600,764         625,498           Jake Manalytics Inc.         3,580         600,764         625,498           Jake Manalytics Inc.         3,690,056         4,449,836           Utilities (0.88%)         3,690,056         4,449,836           American Electric Power Co. Inc.         10,997         915,267         930,236           Exelon Corp.         21,472         895,462         951,424           Xcel Energy Inc.         11,822         759,875         778,834           Zcy77,604         2,660,494         2,570,604         2,660,494           Financials (0.52%)         TOTAL U.S. EQUITIES         207,541,995         292,188,348           GLOBAL EQUITIES         207,541,995         292,188,348         200,290           TOTAL U.S. EQUITIES         207,541,995         292,188,348         200,290         207,541,995         292,188,348         200,290         207,541,995         292,188,348         200,290         207,541,995         292,188,348         200,290         207,541,995         292,188,348         200,290         200,291         200,291         200,291         200,291         200,291         200,	CSX Corp.	50,004	1,287,166	1,604,128
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Baidu Inc., ADR       5,704       830,452       1,163,046         Check Point Software Technologies Ltd.       2,978       337,896       345,835         NetEase Inc., ADR       6,589       525,926       759,382         NXP Semiconductors NV       6,091       801,858       1,253,041         Trip.com Group Ltd., ADR       11,587       374,366       410,875	ASML Holding NV, Registered	1,749	684,255	1,208,279
Check Point Software Technologies Ltd.       2,978       337,896       345,835         NetEase Inc., ADR       6,589       525,926       759,382         NXP Semiconductors NV       6,091       801,858       1,253,041         Trip.com Group Ltd., ADR       11,587       374,366       410,875	Atlassian Corp. PLC	2,977	726,988	764,672
NetEase Inc., ADR       6,589       525,926       759,382         NXP Semiconductors NV       6,091       801,858       1,253,041         Trip.com Group Ltd., ADR       11,587       374,366       410,875	Baidu Inc., ADR	5,704	830,452	1,163,046
NXP Semiconductors NV       6,091       801,858       1,253,041         Trip.com Group Ltd., ADR       11,587       374,366       410,875	Check Point Software Technologies Ltd.	2,978	337,896	345,835
NXP Semiconductors NV       6,091       801,858       1,253,041         Trip.com Group Ltd., ADR       11,587       374,366       410,875	NetEase Inc., ADR	6,589	525,926	759,382
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			4,281,741	5,905,130



# Schedule of Investments (unaudited) (continued)

As at June 30, 2021

Security	Shares	Average Cost	Fair Value
Consumer Discretionary (0.82%)			
JD.com Inc., ADR	17,734	1,006,083	1,415,351
Pinduoduo Inc., ADR	8,325	929,115	1,057,441
		1,935,198	2,472,792
TOTAL GLOBAL EQUITIES		6,216,939	8,377,922
TOTAL INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO (99.91%)		\$ 213,758,934	\$ 300,566,270
Cash and cash equivalents (0.10%)			300,279
Other assets less liabilities (-0.01%)			(31,366)
TOTAL NET ASSETS (100.00%)			\$ 300,835,183



# Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements - ETF Specific Information (unaudited)

For the Periods Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

# A. ETF INFORMATION (NOTE 1)

The following table lists specific information about the ETF, the tickers under which the Cdn\$ Shares and US\$ Shares (if applicable), as described in note 1, trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange (the "TSX"), the functional and presentation currency of the ETF in either Canadian ("CAD") or U.S. ("USD") dollars, and the effective start of operations of the ETF.

ETF Name	TSX Ticker(s)	Reporting Currency	Effective Start of Operations
Horizons NASDAQ-100® Index ETF	HXQ, HXQ.U	USD	April 19, 2016

# **Investment Objective**

HXQ seeks to replicate, to the extent possible, the performance of the NASDAQ-100° Index (Total Return) (the "Underlying Index", Bloomberg ticker: XNDX), net of expenses. The Underlying Index includes 100 of the largest domestic and international non-financial companies listed on The NASDAQ Stock Market.

# **Subsequent Share Split Transaction**

Subsequent to the end of the reporting period, the shares of the ETF were split on a two-for-one basis effective July 05, 2021. The split did not affect any of the reported numbers in this interim report.

### **B. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS RISK (NOTE 5)**

#### (a) Market risks

#### (i) Currency risk

As at June 30, 2021 and December 31 2020, the ETF did not have any exposure to foreign currencies.

# (ii) Interest rate risk

As at June 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, the ETF did not hold any long-term debt instruments and did not have any exposure to interest rate risk.

#### (iii) Market price risk

For the year ended June 30, 2021, the US\$ Shares of the ETF returned 13.12%. This compares to a return of 13.34% for the Underlying Index for the same period. The above figures are adjusted for distributions, if any.

Generally, the difference in performance between the ETF and the Underlying Index is due to expenses payable by the ETF, which include management fees plus applicable sales taxes. The net asset value of the ETF's Cdn\$ Shares are impacted by the daily Canadian/U.S. dollar exchange rate. Since the securities in the Underlying Index are traded in U.S. dollars and are unhedged, the Cdn\$ Shares of the ETF will be positively or negatively affected by an appreciation or depreciation of the U.S. dollar versus the Canadian dollar.



# Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements - ETF Specific Information (unaudited) (continued)

For the Periods Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

The table below shows the estimated impact on the ETF of a 1% increase or decrease in the Underlying Index, based on historical correlation, with all other factors remaining constant, as at the dates shown. In practice, actual results may differ from this sensitivity analysis and the difference could be material.

Underlying Index	June 30, 2021	December 31, 2020
NASDAQ-100® Index (Total Return)	\$3,008,343	\$2,223,661

#### (b) Credit risk

As at June 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, due to the nature of its portfolio investments, the ETF did not have any material credit risk exposure.

### C. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT (NOTE 6)

The following is a summary of the inputs used as at June 30, 2021, and December 31, 2020, in valuing the ETF's investments and derivatives carried at fair values:

		June 30, 2021			December 31, 2020		
	Level 1 (\$)	Level 2 (\$)	Level 3 (\$)	Level 1 (\$)	Level 2 (\$)	Level 3 (\$)	
Financial Assets							
Equities	300,566,270	_	_	221,934,118	_	_	
Total Financial Assets	300,566,270	_	_	221,934,118	-	_	
Total Financial Liabilities	_	-	_	-	-	_	
Net Financial Assets and Liabilities	300,566,270	-	-	221,934,118	-	_	

There were no significant transfers made between Levels 1 and 2 as a result of changes in the availability of quoted market prices or observable market inputs during the period or year shown. In addition, there were no investments or transactions classified in Level 3 for the periods ended June 30, 2021 and 2020.

# D. SECURITIES LENDING (NOTE 8)

The aggregate closing market value of securities loaned and collateral received as at June 30, 2021, and December 31, 2020, was as follows:

As at	Securities Loaned	Collateral Received
June 30, 2021	\$6,098,658	\$6,411,856
December 31, 2020	_	-

Collateral may comprise, but is not limited to, cash and obligations of or guaranteed by the Government of Canada or a province thereof; by the United States government or its agencies; by some sovereign states; by permitted supranational agencies; and short-term debt of Canadian financial institutions, if, in each case, the evidence of indebtedness has a designated rating as defined by NI 81-102.



# Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements - ETF Specific Information (unaudited) (continued)

For the Periods Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

The table below presents a reconciliation of the securities lending income as presented in the statements of comprehensive income for the periods ended June 30, 2021 and 2020. It shows the gross amount of securities lending revenues generated from the securities lending transactions of the ETF, less any taxes withheld and amounts earned by parties entitled to receive payments out of the gross amount as part of any securities lending agreements.

For the periods ended	June 30, 2021	% of Gross Income	June 30, 2020	% of Gross Income
Gross securities lending income	\$4,255		_	
Withholding taxes	(207)	4.86%	_	-
Lending Agents' fees:				
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	(1,619)	38.05%	_	_
Net securities lending income paid to the ETF	\$2,429	57.09%	_	-

## E. REDEEMABLE SHARES (NOTE 9)

For the periods ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, the number of ETF Shares issued by subscription, the number of ETF Shares redeemed, the total and average number of ETF Shares outstanding was as follows:

Period	Beginning Shares Outstanding	Shares Issued	Shares Redeemed	Ending Shares Outstanding	Average Shares Outstanding
2021	3,061,920	650,000	(50,000)	3,661,920	3,384,572
2020	1,861,920	1,150,000	(600,000)	2,411,920	1,726,755

#### F. BROKER COMMISSIONS, SOFT DOLLARS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (NOTE 11)

Brokerage commissions paid to dealers in connection with investment portfolio transactions, soft dollar transactions incurred and amounts paid to related parties of the Manager, if any, for the periods ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, were as follow:

Period Ended	Brokerage Commissions Paid	Soft Dollar Transactions	Amount Paid to Related Parties
June 30, 2021	\$363	\$nil	\$nil
June 30, 2020	\$nil	\$nil	\$nil

# **G. OFFSETTING OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (NOTE 14)**

As at June 30, 2021, and December 31, 2020, the ETF did not have any financial instruments eligible for offsetting.

# H. INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES, ASSOCIATES AND UNCONSOLIDATED STRUCTURED ENTITIES (NOTE 15)

As at June 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, the ETF had no exposure to subsidiaries, associates or unconsolidated structured entities.



# Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited)

For the Periods Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

#### 1. REPORTING ENTITY

Horizons ETF Corp. (the "Company") is a mutual fund corporation established on October 10, 2019, under the federal laws of Canada. The authorized capital of the Company includes an unlimited number of non-cumulative, redeemable, non-voting classes of shares (each, a "Corporate Class" or "ETF"), issuable in an unlimited number of series, and one class of voting shares designated as "Class J Shares". Each Corporate Class is a separate investment fund having specific investment objectives and is specifically referable to a separate portfolio of investments. These consolidated financial statements (the "financial statements") as at June 30, 2021, and December 31, 2020, and for the periods ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, comprise the Company and its wholly-owned entities and are presented on the basis outlined below. ETF-specific information and the investment objectives for each ETF in the Company are disclosed in the ETF-specific notes information to the consolidated financial statements of each ETF. Each ETF is a separate Corporate Class and currently consists of a single series of exchange traded fund shares ("ETF Shares") of the applicable Corporate Class of the Company.

Each ETF is offered for sale on a continuous basis by the Company's prospectus in ETF Shares which trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") in Canadian dollars ("Cdn\$ Shares") and, where applicable, in U.S. dollars ("US\$ Shares"). Subscriptions for US\$ Shares can be made in either U.S. or Canadian dollars. An investor may buy or sell shares of the ETF on the TSX through a registered broker or dealer in the province or territory where the investor resides. Investors are able to trade shares of the ETF in the same way as other securities traded on the TSX, including by using market orders and limit orders and may incur customary brokerage commissions when buying or selling shares.

Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc. ("Horizons Management" or the "Manager" or the "Investment Manager") is the manager and investment manager of the Company and of each Corporate Class. The Investment Manager is responsible for implementing each ETF's investment strategies. The address of the Company's registered office is: c/o Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc., 55 University Avenue, Suite 800, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2H7.

## **Investment Objective**

The purpose of each ETF is to invest the net assets attributable to that ETF in accordance with its investment objectives, as defined in the Company's prospectus. The investment objective for each ETF is set out in note A in the ETF-specific notes information.

#### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

# (i) Statement of compliance

The ETF's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. Any mention of total net assets, net assets value or increase (decrease) in net assets is referring to net assets or increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares as reported under IFRS.

These financial statements were authorized for issue on August 13, 2021, by the Board of Directors of the Company.

#### (ii) Basis of measurement

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for financial instruments at fair value though profit or loss, which are measured at fair value.



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#### 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

# (a) Financial instruments

# (i) Recognition, initial measurement and classification

The ETF is subject to IFRS 9, Financial Instruments ("IFRS 9") for the classification and measurement requirements for financial instruments, including impairment of financial assets and hedge accounting.

IFRS 9 requires financial assets to be classified based on the ETF's business model for managing the financial assets and contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. The standard includes three principal classification categories for financial assets: measured at amortized cost, fair value through other comprehensive income, and fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL"). IFRS9 requires classification of debt instruments, if any, based solely on payment of principal and interest, and business model tests.

The ETF's financial assets and financial liabilities are managed and its performance is evaluated on a fair value basis. The contractual cash flows of the ETF's debt securities, if any, consist solely of principal and interest, however, these securities are neither held in held-to-collect, or held-to-collect-and-sell business models in IFRS 9.

Financial assets and financial liabilities at FVTPL are initially recognized on the trade date, at fair value (see below), with transaction costs recognized in the statements of comprehensive income. Other financial assets and financial liabilities are recognized on the date on which they are originated at fair value.

The ETF classifies financial assets and financial liabilities into the following categories:

- · Financial assets mandatorily classified at FVTPL: debt securities, equity investments and derivative financial instruments
- · Financial assets at amortized cost: all other financial assets
- Financial liabilities classified at FVTPL: derivative financial instruments and securities sold short, if any
- · Financial liabilities at amortized cost: all other financial liabilities

# (ii) Fair value measurement

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date in the principal or, in its absence, the most advantageous market to which the ETF has access at that date. The fair value of a liability reflects its non-performance risk.

Investments are valued at fair value as of the close of business on each valuation date, as defined in the ETF's prospectus ("Valuation Date") and based on external pricing sources to the extent possible. Investments held that are traded in an active market through recognized public stock exchanges, over-the-counter markets, or through recognized investment dealers, are valued at their closing sale price. However, such prices may be adjusted if a more accurate value can be obtained from recent trading activity or by incorporating other relevant information that may not have been reflected in pricing obtained from external sources. Short-term investments, including notes and money market instruments, are valued at amortized cost which approximates fair value.



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Investments held that are not traded in an active market, including some derivative financial instruments, are valued using observable market inputs where possible, on such basis and in such manner as established by the Manager. Derivative financial instruments are recorded in the statements of financial position according to the gain or loss that would be realized if the contracts were closed out on the Valuation Date. Margin deposits, if any, are included in the schedule of investments as margin deposits. See also the summary of fair value measurements in note 6.

Fair value policies used for financial reporting purposes are the same as those used to measure the net asset value ("NAV") for transactions with shareholders.

The fair value of other financial assets and liabilities approximates their carrying values due to the short-term nature of these instruments.

# (iii) Offsetting

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the statements of financial position when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognized amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Income and expenses are presented on a net basis for gains and losses from financial instruments at FVTPL and foreign exchange gains and losses.

# (iv) Specific instruments

#### Cash

Cash consists of cash on deposit.

#### **Redeemable shares**

The Company has made significant judgments when determining the classification of each ETF's redeemable securities as financial liabilities in accordance with IAS 32 – Financial Instruments – Presentation ("IAS 32").

Each ETF's redeemable shares are classes in the Company. The classes will not participate pro rata in the residual net assets of the Company in the event of the Company's liquidation and they do not have identical features. Consequently, each ETF's outstanding redeemable shares are classified as financial liabilities in accordance with the requirements of IAS 32.

# **Derivative agreements**

In order to achieve its investment objective, the ETF may enter into derivative agreements (the "Derivative Agreements") with one or more bank counterparties (each a "Counterparty"). The value of these derivative agreements is the gain or loss that would be realized if, on the Valuation Date, the agreements were to be closed out. That value is recorded as a derivative asset and/or derivative liability in the statements of financial position and included in the net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments and derivatives in the statements of comprehensive income.

When these derivative contracts are closed out or mature, realized gains or losses on the derivative agreements are recognized and are included in the statements of comprehensive income in net realized gain (loss) on sale of investments and derivatives.



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#### (b) Investment income

Investment transactions are accounted for as of the trade date. Realized gains and losses from investment transactions are calculated on a weighted average cost basis. The difference between fair value and average cost, as recorded in the financial statements, is included in the statements of comprehensive income as part of the net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments and derivatives. Interest income for distribution purposes from investments in bonds and short-term investments, if any, represents the coupon interest received by the ETF accounted for on an accrual basis. Dividend income, if any, is recognized on the ex-dividend date. Distribution income from investments in other funds or ETFs, if any, is recognized when earned.

Income from derivatives is shown in the statements of comprehensive income as net realized gain (loss) on sale of investments and derivatives; net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments and derivatives; and, interest income for distribution purposes, in accordance with its nature.

Income from securities lending, if any, is included in "Securities lending income" on the statements of comprehensive income and is recognized when earned. Any securities on loan continue to be displayed in the schedule of investments and the market value of the securities loaned and collateral held is determined daily (see note 7).

If the ETF incurs withholding taxes imposed by certain countries on investment income and capital gains, such income and gains are recorded on a gross basis and the related withholding taxes are shown as a separate expense in the statements of comprehensive income.

# (c) Foreign currency

Transactions in foreign currencies, if any, are translated into the ETF's reporting currency using the exchange rate prevailing on the trade date. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the reporting date are translated at the period-end exchange rate. Foreign exchange gains and losses, if any, are presented as "Net realized gain (loss) on foreign exchange", except for those arising from financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss, which are recognized as a component within "Net realized gain (loss) on sale of investments and derivatives" and "Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments and derivatives" in the statements of comprehensive income.

# (d) Cost basis

The cost of portfolio investments is determined on an average cost basis.

# (e) Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares per share

The increase (decrease) in net assets per share in the statements of comprehensive income represents the change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares from operations divided by the weighted average number of shares of the ETF outstanding during the reporting period.

#### (f) Shareholder transactions

The value at which shares of the ETF are issued or redeemed is determined by dividing the net asset value of the ETF by the total number of shares outstanding of the ETF on the applicable Valuation Date. Amounts received on the issuance of shares and amounts paid on the redemption of shares are included in the statements of changes in financial position. Orders for subscriptions or redemptions are only permissible on valid trading days, as defined in the ETF's prospectus.



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# (g) Amounts receivable (payable) relating to portfolio assets sold (purchased)

In accordance with the ETF's policy of trade date accounting for sale and purchase transactions, sales/purchase transactions awaiting settlement represent amounts receivable/payable for securities sold/purchased, but not yet settled as at the reporting date.

# (h) Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares per share

Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares per share is calculated by dividing the ETF's net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares by the number of shares of the ETF outstanding on the Valuation Date.

#### (i) Transaction costs

Transaction costs are incremental costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, issue or disposal of an investment, which include fees and commissions paid to agents, advisors, brokers and dealers, fees incurred in conjunction with the ETF's derivative agreements, levies by regulatory agencies and securities exchanges, and any applicable transfer taxes and duties. Transaction costs are expensed and are included in "Transaction costs" in the statements of comprehensive income.

#### 4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

In preparing these financial statements, the Manager has made judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to estimates are recognized prospectively.

The full extent of the impact that the COVID-19 epidemic will have on the Canadian and U.S. economies and the ETF's business remains uncertain and difficult to predict at this time. By their very nature, the estimates and/or judgements the Manager makes for the purposes of preparing the ETF's financial statements relate to matters that are inherently uncertain. However, the Manager maintains detailed policies and internal controls that are intended to ensure that these estimates and judgements are well controlled, and that they are consistently applied from period to period. It is the Manager's opinion that any estimates and/or judgements used in the preparation of these financial statements are appropriate as at June 30, 2021, and December 31, 2020, and for the periods ended June 30, 2021 and 2020.

The ETF may hold financial instruments that are not quoted in active markets, including derivatives. The determination of the fair value of these instruments is the area with the most significant accounting judgements and estimates that the ETF has made in preparing the financial statements. See note 6 for more information on the fair value measurement of the ETF's financial instruments.

#### 5. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS RISK

In the normal course of business, the ETF's investment activities expose it to a variety of financial risks. The Manager seeks to minimize potential adverse effects of these risks for the ETF's performance by employing professional, experienced portfolio advisors, by daily monitoring of the ETF's positions and market events, and periodically may use derivatives to hedge certain risk exposures. To assist in managing risks, the Manager maintains a governance structure that oversees the ETF's investment activities and monitors compliance with the ETF's stated investment strategies, internal guidelines and securities regulations.



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Please refer to the Company's most recent prospectus for a complete discussion of the risks attributed to an investment in the shares of the ETF. Significant financial instrument risks that are relevant to the ETF are discussed below and an analysis thereof is included in note B of the ETF-specific notes information.

### (a) Market risks

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as interest rates, equity prices, foreign exchange rates and credit spreads (not relating to changes in the obligor's/issuer's credit standing) will affect the ETF's income or the fair value of its holdings of financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimizing the return.

# (i) Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that financial instruments which are denominated in currencies other than the ETF's reporting currency will fluctuate due to changes in exchange rates and adversely impact the ETF's income, cash flows or fair values of its investment holdings.

## (ii) Interest rate risk

The ETF may be exposed to the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of its financial instruments will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates. In general, the value of interest-bearing financial instruments will rise if interest rates fall, and conversely, will generally fall if interest rates rise. There is minimal sensitivity to interest rate fluctuation on cash and cash equivalents invested at short-term market rates since those securities are usually held to maturity and are short term in nature.

# (iii) Market price risk

Other market price risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether caused by factors specific to an individual investment, its issuer, or all factors affecting all instruments traded in a market or market segment.

The ETF is subject to other market risks that will affect the value of its investments, including general economic and market conditions, as well as developments that impact specific economic sectors, industries or companies. The ETF will normally lose value on days when the securities comprising the Underlying Index declines. The ETF intends to remain fully invested regardless of market conditions.

# (b) Credit risk

Credit risk on financial instruments is the risk of a financial loss occurring as a result of the default of a counterparty on its obligation to the ETF. It arises principally from debt securities held, and also from derivative financial assets, cash and cash equivalents, and other receivables.

The ETF's maximum credit risk exposure as at the reporting date is represented by the respective carrying amounts of the financial assets in the statements of financial position, including any positive mark-to-market of the ETF's Derivative Agreement(s). This amount is included in "Derivative assets" (if any) in the statements of financial position. The credit risk related to any one Derivative Agreement is concentrated in the Counterparty to that particular Derivative Agreement.



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Credit risk is managed by dealing with counterparties the Manager believes to be creditworthy and which meet the designated rating requirements of National Instrument 81-102 ("NI 81-102").

# (c) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the ETF will encounter difficulty in meeting the obligations associated with its financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset. The ETF's policy and the Investment Manager's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stress conditions, including estimated redemptions of shares, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the ETF's reputation. Generally, liabilities of the ETF are due within 90 days. Liquidity risk is managed by investing the majority of the ETF's assets in investments that are traded in an active market and can be readily disposed. The ETF aims to retain sufficient cash and cash equivalent positions to maintain liquidity; therefore, the liquidity risk for the ETF is considered minimal.

#### 6. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT

IFRS 13, Fair Value Measurement ("IFRS 13") requires a classification of fair value measurements of the ETF's investments based on a three level fair value hierarchy and a reconciliation of transactions and transfers within that hierarchy. The hierarchy of fair valuation inputs is summarized as follows:

- Level 1: securities that are valued based on quoted prices in active markets.
- Level 2: securities that are valued based on inputs other than quoted prices that are observable, either directly as prices, or indirectly as derived from prices.
- Level 3: securities that are valued with significant unobservable market data.

Changes in valuation methods may result in transfers into or out of an investment's assigned level. The fair value hierarchy classification of the ETF's assets and liabilities and additional disclosures relating to transfers between levels is included in note C in the ETF-specific notes information.

### 7. DERIVATIVE AGREEMENTS AND COLLATERAL PLEDGED

# (a) Swap Agreements

Until January 3, 2020, in order to achieve its investment objective, the ETF had entered into total return swap agreements (each a "Swap" or "Swap Agreement") with one or more bank Counterparties to gain exposure to the Underlying Index. Under the terms of each Swap, the ETF would pay the Counterparty a floating amount based upon prevailing short-term market interest rates computed upon an agreed notional amount and an equity amount based upon any decline in value of a notional investment in a notional number of shares the value of each of which equaled the value of the Underlying Index. In return, the Counterparty would pay the ETF an equity amount based upon any increase in value of the Underlying Index. The total return was comprised of notional income which was earned on a notional investment in the reference assets (which, by virtue of the operation of the Swap, was notionally reinvested in further reference assets) plus any notional appreciation in the value of the Underlying Index or, as the case may be, minus any reduction in the value of the Underlying Index. The ETF also invested the net proceeds of share subscriptions in cash and/or short-term debt obligations to earn short-term market interest rates. The terms of each Swap required the ETF to pledge its cash and/or short-term debt obligations to the Counterparty to secure the payment of the ETF's payment obligations under the Swap. The income earned on the cash and/or short-term debt obligations was sufficient to fund the required floating payments by the ETF under the Swap.



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The Counterparty could hedge its exposure under the Swap to index securities. There was no assurance that the Counterparty would maintain a hedge or would do so with respect to the full amount or term of the Swap.

The ETF's Swap Agreements were terminated at the close of business on January 3, 2020, in favour of holding the underlying constituents of the NASDAQ-100° Index directly. In addition, the swap fee that was previously charged to the ETF was eliminated.

Since the Swaps, like most swap agreements, could settle the obligations of each party on a net basis, the exposure of the ETF to the credit risk of any one Counterparty was limited to the positive mark-to-market value of the Swaps entered into with that Counterparty, if any, which was calculated and accrued on a daily basis.

# (b) Counterparty Restrictions

The Counterparty to any Derivative Agreements entered into by the ETF must be a chartered Canadian bank or an affiliate of a chartered Canadian bank whose obligations are guaranteed by a chartered Canadian bank, and has a designated rating. The ETF's exposure to Derivative Agreements by Counterparty is disclosed in the credit risk section of note B of the ETF-specific notes information.

In respect of short-term securities or instruments (where the maturity date of the security or instrument is less than one year), Counterparties must have a designated rating for Commercial Paper/Short-Term Debt no lower than (a) Dominion Bond Rating Service Limited ("DBRS") - "R-1(low)"; (b) Fitch Ratings ("Fitch") - "F1"; (c) Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's") - "P-1"; and (d) Standard & Poor's ("S&P") - "A-1(Low)".

In respect of long-term securities or instruments (where the maturity date of the security or instrument is equal to or greater than one year), Counterparties must have a designated rating for Long-Term Debt no lower than (a) DBRS - "A"; (b) Fitch - "A"; (c) Moody's - "A2"; and (d) S&P - "A".

Counterparties are subject to the applicable short-term or long-term designated ratings restrictions listed above. The Counterparties to the ETF's Derivative Agreements meet those designated ratings requirements.

Each Derivative Agreement has a remaining term to maturity at any point in time of less than five years which, with the consent of the ETF and the applicable Counterparty, will be extended annually for a fixed number of years and, provided no default or event of default and no unresolved hedging event or disruption event has occurred and is continuing, the ETF has the ability to request the termination of its exposure under its Derivative Agreements, in whole or in part, at any time.

#### 8. SECURITIES LENDING

In order to generate additional returns, the ETF is authorized to enter into securities lending agreements with borrowers deemed acceptable in accordance with NI 81-102. Under a securities lending agreement, the borrower must pay the ETF a negotiated securities lending fee, provide compensation to the ETF equal to any distributions received by the borrower on the securities borrowed, and the ETF must receive an acceptable form of collateral in excess of the value of the securities loaned. Although such collateral is marked to market, the ETF may be exposed to the risk of loss should a borrower default on its obligations to return the borrowed securities and the collateral is insufficient to reconstitute the portfolio of loaned securities. Revenue, if any, earned on securities lending transactions during the period is disclosed in the ETF's statements of comprehensive income.



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The aggregate closing market value of securities loaned and collateral received, if any, as at June 30, 2021, and December 31, 2020, and a reconciliation of the securities lending income for the periods ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, if any, as presented in the statements of comprehensive income are presented in note D of the ETF-specific notes information.

#### 9. REDEEMABLE SHARES

The authorized capital of the Company includes an unlimited number of non-cumulative, redeemable, non-voting Corporate Classes, issuable in an unlimited number of series, including the ETF Shares, and one class of voting shares designated as "Class J Shares". Each Corporate Class is a separate investment fund having specific investment objectives and is specifically referable to a separate portfolio of investments. Each ETF of the Company is a separate Class.

Each ETF Share entitles the owner to one vote at meetings of shareholders of the applicable Corporate Class to which they are entitled to vote. Each shareholder is entitled to participate equally with all other shares of the same Corporate Class or series of Corporate Class with respect to all payments made to shareholders, other than management fee rebates, including dividends and distributions and, on liquidation, to participate equally in the net assets of the applicable Corporate Class remaining after satisfaction of any outstanding liabilities that are attributable to ETF Shares of the Corporate Class.

The redeemable shares issued by the ETF provide an investor with the right to require redemption for cash at a value proportionate to the investor's share in the ETF's net assets at each redemption date. The ETF's objectives in managing the redeemable shares are to meet the ETF's investment objective, and to manage liquidity risk arising from redemptions. The ETF's liquidity risk arising from redeemable shares is discussed in note 5.

On any valid trading day, as defined in the ETF's prospectus, shareholders of the ETF may redeem: (i) ETF Shares for cash at a redemption price per ETF Share equal to 95% of the closing price for the ETF Shares in the applicable currency on the TSX on the effective day of the redemption, subject to a maximum redemption price per ETF Share equal to the net asset value per ETF Share on the effective day of redemption; or (ii) at the sole discretion of the Manager, a prescribed number of shares ("PNS") or a whole multiple PNS for cash in the applicable currency equal to the net asset value of that number of ETF Shares in such currency next determined following the receipt of the redemption request, less any applicable redemption charge as determined by the Manager in its sole discretion; or (iii) at the sole discretion of the Manager, a PNS or a whole multiple PNS in exchange for securities and cash in the applicable currency equal to the net asset value of that number of ETF Shares in such currency following the receipt of the redemption request, provided that a securities redemption may be subject to redemption charges at the sole discretion of the Manager.

Shares of the ETF are issued or redeemed on a daily basis at the net asset value per share that is determined as at 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) each business day.

If, in any taxation year, the Company would otherwise be liable for tax on net realized capital gains, the Company intends to pay, to the extent possible, by the last day of that year, a special capital gains dividend to ensure that the Company will not be liable for income tax on such amounts under the Tax Act (after taking into account all available deductions, credits and refunds). Such distributions may be paid in the form of ETF Shares of the relevant ETF and/or cash which is automatically reinvested in ETF Shares of the relevant ETF. Any such distributions payable in ETF Shares or reinvested in ETF Shares of that ETF. Immediately following payment of such a special distribution in ETF Shares or reinvestment in ETF Shares, the number of ETF Shares of that ETF outstanding will be automatically consolidated such that the number of ETF Shares of that ETF outstanding immediately prior to such distribution, except where there are non-resident shareholders to the extent tax is required to be withheld in respect of the distribution.



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Please consult the ETF's most recent prospectus for a full description of the subscription and redemption features of the ETF Shares.

A summary table of the number of shares issued by subscription, the number of shares redeemed, the total and average number of shares outstanding during the relevant reporting periods is disclosed in note E of the ETF-specific notes information.

#### 10. EXPENSES AND OTHER RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

# **Management fees**

In consideration for management services and investment advice provided to the ETF, the Manager is entitled to a management fee. The management fee, inclusive of sales tax, is applied on a daily basis to the net asset value of the ETF. The management fees, exclusive of sales tax, are charged at the annual rate of 0.25%. Approximately 100% of management fees were used for management, investment management, operating costs of the ETF, other general administration and profit.

From the management fee, the Manager has paid substantially all of the costs and expenses relating to the operation of the business and affairs of the ETF including investment management, administration, legal, accounting, custody, audit, registrar and transfer agency fees, and applicable sales taxes as well as expenses associated with advertising, marketing, sponsoring and promoting the sale of securities of the ETF.

The ETF's constating documents require that the Manager pay all the expenses of the ETF other than the management fees and sales tax on the management fee as may be applicable. As a result, the ETF does not have any other expenses.

The management fees paid to the Manager are considered related party transactions, as the Manager is a related party to the ETF. The management fees paid to the Manager are disclosed in the statements of comprehensive income. The management fees payable by the ETF as at June 30, 2021, and December 31, 2020, are disclosed in the statements of financial position.

#### 11. BROKER COMMISSIONS, SOFT DOLLARS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Brokerage commissions paid on securities transactions may include amounts paid to related parties of the Manager for brokerage services provided to the ETF.

Research and system usage related services received in return for commissions generated with specific dealers are generally referred to as soft dollars.

In addition to the information contained in note F of the ETF-specific notes information, the management fees paid to the Manager described in note 10 are related party transactions, as the Manager is considered to be a related party to the ETF. The management fees payable by the ETF as at June 30, 2021, and December 31, 2020, are disclosed in the statements of financial position.

Fees paid to the Independent Review Committee are also considered to be related party transactions. Both the management fees and fees paid to the Independent Review Committee are disclosed in the statements of comprehensive income.



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The ETF may invest in other ETFs managed by the Manager or its affiliates, in accordance with the ETF's investment objectives and strategies. Such investments, if any, are disclosed in the schedule of investments.

#### 12. INCOME TAX

The Company qualifies and intends at all relevant times to qualify as a "mutual fund corporation" as defined in the Tax Act. Although the Company may issue any number of classes, in any number of series, it will be required (like any other mutual fund corporation with a multi-class structure) to compute its income and net capital gains for tax purposes as a single entity. All of the Company's revenues, deductible expenses, non-capital losses, capital gains and capital losses in connection with all of its investment portfolios, and other items relevant to its tax position (including the tax attributes of all of its assets), will be taken into account in determining the income (and taxable income) or loss of the Company and applicable taxes payable by the Company as a whole.

As a mutual fund corporation, the Company is entitled, in certain circumstances, to a refund of tax paid by it in respect of its net realized capital gains determined on a formula basis that is based in part on the redemption of the ETF Shares. Also, as a mutual fund corporation, the Company will be entitled to maintain a capital gains dividend account in respect of its net realized capital gains and from which it may elect to pay dividends which are treated as capital gains in the hands of shareholders.

To the extent that the Company earns net income (other than dividends from taxable Canadian corporations and certain taxable capital gains and after available deductions), including in respect of derivative transactions, interest and income paid or made payable to it by a trust resident in Canada, the Company will be subject to income tax on such net income and no refund will be available in respect thereof.

The Company may, at its option, pay special year-end dividends to shareholders in the form of a capital gains dividend where the Company has net taxable capital gains upon which it would otherwise be subject to tax, or in order to recover refundable tax not otherwise recoverable upon payment of regular cash distributions.

The Company will establish a policy to determine how it will allocate income and capital gains in a tax-efficient manner among its Corporate Classes in a way that it believes is fair, consistent and reasonable for all shareholders. The amount of dividends, if any, paid to shareholders will be based on this tax allocation policy, which will be approved by the Company's board of directors.

#### 13. TAX LOSSES CARRIED FORWARD

Where the Company has realized a net capital loss in a taxation year, such capital loss cannot be allocated to shareholders but the Company may carry such capital loss back three years or forward indefinitely to offset capital gains realized by the Company. Non-capital losses incurred by the Company in a taxation year cannot be allocated to shareholders of the Company, but may be carried back three years or carried forward twenty years to offset income (including taxable capital gains).



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As at December 31, 2020, the Company and its wholly-owned entities had net capital losses and/or non-capital losses, with the year of expiry of the non-capital losses as follows:

Net Capital Losses	Non-Capital Losses	Year of Expiry of the Non-Capital Losses
\$1,272,452,068	\$126,121	2028
	\$1,961,149	2029
	\$5,668,871	2030
	\$3,237,571	2031
	\$3,138,653	2032
	\$153,021,428	2033
	\$230,454,838	2034
	\$447,405,094	2035
	\$74,326,117	2036
	\$266,066,173	2037
	\$118,767,474	2038
	\$225,583,319	2039
	\$2,509,007,967	2040

## 14. OFFSETTING OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

In the normal course of business, the ETF may enter into various master netting arrangements or other similar agreements that do not meet the criteria for offsetting in the statements of financial position but still allow for the related amounts to be set off in certain circumstances, such as bankruptcy or termination of the contracts. Amounts eligible for offset, if any, are disclosed in note G of the ETF-specific notes information.

# 15. INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES, ASSOCIATES AND UNCONSOLIDATED STRUCTURED ENTITIES

The ETF may invest in shares or units of other ETFs as part of its investment strategies ("Investee ETF(s)"). The nature and purpose of these Investee ETFs generally, is to manage assets on behalf of third party investors in accordance with their investment objectives, and are financed through the issue of share or units to investors.

In determining whether the ETF has control or significant influence over an Investee ETF, the ETF assesses voting rights, the exposure to variable returns, and its ability to use the voting rights to affect the amount of the returns. In instances where the ETF has control over an Investee ETF, the ETF qualifies as an investment entity under IFRS 10 – Consolidated Financial Statements, and therefore accounts for investments it controls at fair value through profit and loss. The ETF's primary purpose is defined by its investment objectives and uses the investment strategies available to it as defined in the ETF's prospectus to meet those objectives. The ETF also measures and evaluates the performance of any Investee ETFs on a fair value basis.

Investee ETFs over which the ETF has control or significant influence are categorized as subsidiaries and associates, respectively. All other Investee ETFs are categorized as unconsolidated structured entities. Investee ETFs may be managed by the Manager, its affiliates, or by third-party managers.



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Investments in Investee ETFs are susceptible to market price risk arising from uncertainty about future values of those Investee ETFs. The maximum exposure to loss from interests in Investee ETFs is equal to the total fair value of the investment in those respective Investee ETFs at any given point in time. The fair value of Investee ETFs, if any, are disclosed in investments in the statements of financial position, listed in the schedule of investments, and further detailed in note H of the ETF-specific notes information.

#### **16. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Subsequent to the end of the reporting period, the shares of the ETF were split on a two-for-one basis effective July 05, 2021. The split did not affect any of the reported numbers in this interim report.

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