

Interim Management Report of Fund Performance

For the six month period ended June 30, 2023

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#### **Disclosure**

This interim Management Report of Fund Performance contains financial highlights but does not contain the complete interim financial statements of the Fund. You can get a copy of the interim financial statements at your request, at no cost, by calling 1-416-639-2130, by writing to us at 2700 – 161 Bay St, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2S1 or by visiting our website www.3iq.ca or SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

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

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(Expressed in United States dollars)

## **Management Discussion of Fund Performance**

This Management Report of Fund Performance represents the portfolio management team's view of the significant factors and developments affecting the Fund's performance and outlook for the six month period ended June 30, 2023. Every effort has been made to ensure the information contained in this Management Report of Fund Performance is accurate and complete, however, the Fund cannot guarantee the accuracy or the completeness of this material. For more information, please refer to the Fund's prospectus ("Prospectus"). In this report, "Manager", refers to 3iQ Corp., the manager of the Fund. The "Fund" refers to 3iQ Bitcoin ETF. In addition, "net asset value" or "NAV" refers to the value of the Fund as calculated for transaction purposes, on which the discussion of Fund performance is based.

#### **Investment Objective and Strategies**

The investment objectives of the Fund are to seek to provide unitholders of the Fund with exposure to the digital asset bitcoin ("bitcoin") and the daily price movements of the United States dollar price of bitcoin, and the opportunity for long-term capital appreciation. To achieve its investment objectives, the Fund invests in long-term holdings of bitcoin, purchased from reputable bitcoin trading platforms and OTC counterparties, in order to provide investors with a convenient, safer alternative to a direct investment in bitcoin. The Fund does not speculate with regard to short-term changes in bitcoin prices.

#### Risk

The risks associated with investing in the Fund remain as discussed in the Prospectus. The Fund is suitable for investors looking for long-term capital appreciation of bitcoin and those who have the capacity to absorb a loss on their investment. The NAV of the units will vary according to the value of bitcoin included in the Fund's portfolio. The value of the bitcoin will be influenced by factors which are not within the control of the Fund or the Manager. The Fund was created to invest in bitcoin and is not expected to have exposure to any other investments or assets. Other than cash or cash equivalents, the Fund will invest substantially all of its assets in bitcoin. The NAV per unit may be more volatile than the value of a more broadly diversified portfolio and may fluctuate substantially over short periods of time. This may have a negative impact on the NAV of the units.

For the six month period ended June 30, 2023, there were no changes affecting the overall level of risk associated with an investment in the Fund. Therefore, the overall level of Fund risk and investor risk tolerance remains as stated in the Prospectus.

#### **Results of Operations**

During the six month period ended June 30, 2023, units of the Fund returned 81.9%.

The net asset value of the Fund was \$77.5 million as at June 30, 2023. Changes since January 1, 2023, were composed of net redemption of units of \$335.7 million, net subscription of units of \$138.3 million and net income from operations of \$83.0 million for the six month period ended June 30, 2023.

The investment performance of the Fund includes income and expenses which vary year over year.

#### Market and Fund Performance Review

MarketVector Bitcoin Benchmark Rate index maintained by MV Index Solutions GmbH ("MVIS") is used to source the data, with returns calculated net of fees by the Manager.

During the six month period ended June 30, 2023, bitcoin moved from \$16,535 to \$30,394 a return of 83.8%. The Fund's NAV performance over the same period was 81.9%. The Fund's market price return performance was 94.8%.

June's slew of spot Bitcoin ETF filings in the USA was kicked off on June 15th by BlackRock, and reversed the negative price action that ensued after the June 5th and 6th SEC complaints against Binance and Coinbase respectively.

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The overall digital assets market was clearly bitcoin dominant coming into June, which was supported by continued industry interest in a spot bitcoin product. This coupled with the once-every-4 year bitcoin halving being less than a year away (Q2 2024), and encouraging signs that many top altcoins have bottomed could buoy the crypto markets despite the lingering recession fears. Recession fears have been tied to the Federal Reserve's persistent hiking campaign and concerns around credit contagion risks from the faltering commercial real estate markets in the U.S. and Canada.

For the six month period ended June 30, 2023, the Fund has completed the following:

- On April 11, 2023, the Fund changed its name from 3iQ CoinShares Bitcoin ETF to 3iQ Bitcoin ETF following the termination of the CoinShares investment agreement.
- On April 14, 2023, The Bitcoin Fund announced that unitholders would have the option to convert all or part of their units into units of the Fund as an additional option in connection with The Bitcoin Fund's annual redemption.
- On May 31, 2023, 1,407,888 units of The Bitcoin Fund were surrendered for conversion on June 1, 2023, to 9,110,477 units of the Fund valued at \$40,292,907.

From time to time, both a discount and premium to NAV have been observed for the Fund in the six month period ended June 30, 2023. The lowest discount was (0.4)% and the largest premium was 0.3%. This is a function of investors buying and selling a limited number of units on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

#### **Related Party Transactions**

#### **Expenses absorbed by the Manager:**

In its discretion, the Manager may pay certain expenses of the Fund out of its own monies but any such payments shall not oblige the Manager to make similar payments in the future, and the Manager's payment of such expenses may be discontinued at any time, without notice to unitholders.

During the six month period ended June 30, 2023, the Manager absorbed \$19,432 of the Fund's expenses.

#### Management fees:

The Manager is responsible for managing and directing the undertaking, operations and affairs of the Fund, including managing and directing the investments. The Fund pays an annual management fee to the Manager amounting to 1% of the Fund's net asset value calculated daily and payable monthly, plus applicable taxes, in respect of each of the units of the Fund.

During the six month period ended June 30, 2023, \$849,705 in management fees was charged by the Manager. These transactions occurred in the normal course of operations and the fees are measured at exchange value, which is the amount established and agreed to by the related parties.

#### CoinShares agreement:

On March 31, 2021, the Fund entered into an investment agreement with CoinShares Capital Markets (Jersey) Limited ("CoinShares"). The Manager agreed to rebate CoinShares' proportionate share of management fees and expenses incurred by the Fund in exchange for CoinShares' investment in the Fund.

For the six months ended June 30, 2023, the Manager paid CoinShares \$565,421.

On March 8, 2023, CoinShares fully redeemed their investment in the Fund thereby terminating the investment agreement.

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# **Financial Highlights**

The following table shows selected key financial information about the units of the Fund and is intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the six month period ended June 30, 2023, and the prior reporting years.

	June 30, 2023	D	ecember 31, 2022	D	ecember 31, 2021*
The Fund's Net Asset Value (NAV) per unit (1)(2)					
Net assets per unit, beginning of period	\$ 2.73	\$	7.69	\$	10.00
Increase (decrease) from operations					
Total revenue	_		_		_
Total expenses	(0.03)		(0.07)		(0.07)
Realized (loss)	(5.37)		(3.67)		(0.74)
Unrealized gain (loss)	7.52		(2.26)		(0.78)
Total increase (decrease) from operations (2)	2.12		(6.00)		(1.59)
Total annual distributions	_		_		_
Net asset value, end of period (3)	\$ 4.96	\$	2.73	\$	7.69
Ratios and Supplemental Data					
Total net asset value (3)	\$ 77,487,824	\$	191,918,232	\$	929,182,107
Number of shares outstanding (3)	15,623,454		70,387,977		120,825,940
Management expense ratio before waivers and absorptions (4)	1.78%		1.37%		1.32%
Management expense ratio after waivers and absorptions (4)	1.76%		1.31%		1.25%
Trading expense ratio (5)	0.00%		0.00%		0.00%
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Portfolio turnover rate (6)	85.18%		55.54%		39.31%
Net asset value per unit	\$ 4.96		2.73		7.69
Closing market price (3)	\$ 5.01	\$	2.73	\$	7.68

#### Notes:

- (1) This information is derived from the Fund's interim financial statements for June 30, 2023, and audited annual financial statements for December 31, 2022 and 2021 and is not a reconciliation of beginning and ending net assets per unit.
- (2) Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase (decrease) from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the financial period.
- (3) This information is provided as at June 30, 2023, December 31, 2022 and 2021.
- (4) Management expense ratio is based on total expenses (excluding distributions, commissions, and other portfolio transaction costs) for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of average daily NAV during the period.
- (5) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of average daily NAV during the period.
- (6) The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio manager manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the period. The higher a fund's portfolio turnover rate in the period, the greater the trading costs payable by a fund in the period, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the period. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a fund.
- \* For the period from commencement of operations March 31, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

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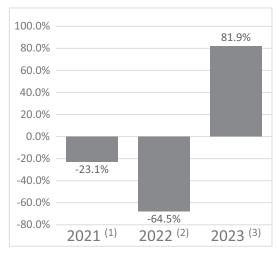
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#### Past performance of the Fund

There were no distributions made by the Fund in the periods shown. The performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges that would have reduced returns or performance. The performance of the Fund in the past does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.

## Year-by-Year Returns

The following bar chart represents the performance of units of the Fund. The bar chart shows, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of each period would have increased or decreased by the last day of each such period and year.



<sup>(1)</sup> Total return for the period from commencement of operations March 31, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

<sup>(2)</sup> Total return for the year January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

<sup>(3)</sup> Total return for the period from January 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023.

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Summary of Investment Portfolio as at June 30, 2023

The following table shows selected key financial information about the Fund.

Portfolio Composition			All Holdings	
Sector Allocation	As	% of Net	Issuer	% of Net Assets Value
Digital assets		100.00	Bitcoin	100.00
			Cash	_
			Other assets and liabilities, net	_
Total Portfolio Allocations		100.00		
Total Net Asset Value (in millions)	\$	77.49		100.00

The Investment Portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund. Quarterly updates of the Investment Portfolio are available within 60 days of each quarter end.