

**MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE**

**THE ETHER FUND**  
Interim Management Report of Fund Performance

For the six month period ended June 30, 2021

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The interim Management Report of Fund Performance may contain forward-looking statements (“FLS”). FLS means disclosure regarding possible events, conditions or results of operations that is based on assumptions about future economic conditions and courses of action, and includes any future-oriented financial information (“FOFI”) with respect to prospective results of operations, financial position or cash flows that is presented either as a forecast or a projection. FOFI is FLS about prospective results of operations, financial position or cash flows, based on assumptions about future economic conditions and courses of action.

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## **Disclosure**

This interim management report of fund performance contains highlights but does not contain the 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 4800-1 King Street West, Box 160, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 1A1 or by visiting our website [www.3iq.ca](http://www.3iq.ca) or SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

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

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### **Management Discussion of Fund Performance for the six month period ended June 30, 2021**

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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, 2021. 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 The Ether Fund. 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 Ether ("ETH") and the daily price movements of the U.S. dollar price of ETH, and the opportunity for long-term capital appreciation. To achieve its investment objectives, the Fund invests in long-term holdings of ETH, purchased from reputable ETH trading platforms and OTC counterparties, in order to provide investors with a convenient, secure alternative to a direct investment in ETH. The Fund does not speculate with regard to short-term changes in ETH 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 ETH 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 ETH included in the Fund's portfolio. The value of the ETH will be influenced by factors which are not within the control of the Fund or the Manager. The Fund was created to invest in ETH 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 ETH. 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, 2021, 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, 2021, Class A units of the Fund returned 197.2%.

The net asset value of the Fund was \$426.4 million as at June 30, 2021. Changes since January 1, 2021 were composed primarily of net sales of units of \$95.2 million, issuance costs paid of \$0.8 million and net income from operations of \$236.1 million for the six month period ended June 30, 2021.

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

#### **Market and Fund Performance Review**

This data is sourced from Bloomberg with returns calculated net of fees and expenses by 3iQ Corp.

Over the six month period to June 30, 2021, ETH moved from \$739 to \$2,238, a positive gain of 202.8%. The Fund's NAV performance over the same period was a positive gain of 197.2%. The Fund's market price return performance for the period was 123.9%.

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For the six month period ending June 30, 2021 the Fund has completed the following capital transactions:

- On February 24, 2021 the TSX accepted the Fund's notice of intention to make a Normal Course Issuer Bid ("NCIB"), to permit the Fund to repurchase, at its discretion, up to 1,018,610 Class A units ("Units") (representing approximately 10% of the public float as of February 28, 2021) in the open market in accordance with the rules and policies of the TSX. 206,400 Units (aggregate purchase price being \$10,317,082) were purchased for cancellation under the NCIB.
- On March 1, 2021 the Fund established an at-the-market equity program ("ATM Program") to allow the Fund to issue Units having an aggregate sale price of up to \$150,000,000 to the public, at the discretion of the Manager. The ATM Program will be effective until March 10, 2023 unless terminated prior to such date by the Fund. As of June 30, 2021, the Fund had issued 740,454 Units at an average price of \$38.62 per Unit for net proceeds of \$28,149,733 (being gross proceeds of \$28,595,244 less \$445,511 in agents' fees payable in respect of such sales).
- The Fund issued an aggregate of 3,056,574 Units at a price between \$18.07 and \$34.87 per Unit for a gross proceeds equal to \$76,796,454 pursuant to private placements.

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, 2021. The lowest discount was -15.95%. The largest premium observed was 23.84%. This is a function of investors buying and selling a limited number of Units on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

#### **Related Party Transactions**

As at June 30, 2021, the directors and officers of the Manager held 32,925 units of the Fund with a total market value of \$1,176,081.

#### **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 1.95% of the Fund's net asset value calculated daily and payable monthly, plus applicable taxes, in respect of each of the Class A Units and the Class F Units of the Fund. However, there are no Class F Units outstanding since they have been reclassified as Class A Units.

During the six month period ended June 30, 2021, \$4,031,053 in management fees were paid to 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.

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### Financial Highlights – June 30, 2021

The following table shows selected key financial information about the Class A Units of the Fund and is intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the period since the commencement of operations on December 10, 2020.

	June 30, 2021	December 31, 2020
<b>The Fund's Net Asset Value (NAV) per Class A Unit (1)(2)</b>		
<b>Net assets per Unit, beginning of period</b>	\$ 13.25	\$ 10.08
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations</b>		
Total revenue	0.74	-
Total expenses	(0.47)	(0.03)
Unrealized gains	23.09	3.20
<b>Total increase from operations (2)</b>	23.36	3.17
<b>Total annual distributions</b>	-	-
<b>Net asset value, end of period (3)</b>	\$ 39.37	\$ 13.25
<b>Ratios and Supplemental Data</b>		
Total net asset value (3)	\$ 426,400,483	\$ 95,896,870
Number of Units outstanding (3)	10,830,629	7,240,000
Management expense ratio (4)	2.53%	4.10%
Trading expense ratio (5)	0.00%	0.00%
Portfolio turnover rate (6)	3.11%	0.00%
<b>Net asset value per unit</b>	<b>\$ 39.37</b>	<b>\$ 13.25</b>
Closing market price (3)	\$ 35.72	\$ 15.95

#### Notes:

- (1) This information is derived from the Fund's interim financial statements for June 30, 2021 and annual financial statements for December 31, 2020 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 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, 2021 and December 31, 2020.
- (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 daily average NAV during the period.
- (5) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average 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 units 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 the 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.

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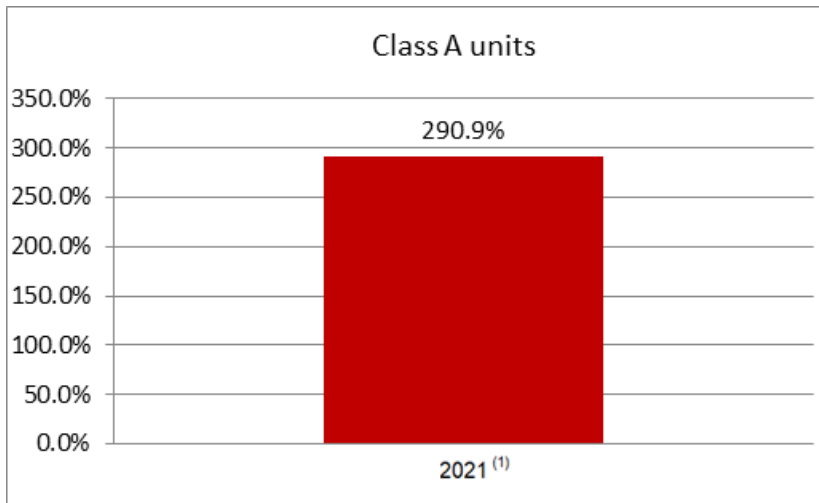
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#### Past performance of the Fund

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 Class A units of the Fund from commencement of operations to June 30, 2021. For the first year, the percentage shown will be the actual return of the Class A units from its inception date.



<sup>(1)</sup> Total return for the period from commencement of operations December 10, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

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### Summary of Investment Portfolio as at June 30, 2021

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

<b>Portfolio Composition</b>		<b>All Holdings</b>	
<b>Sector Allocation</b>	<b>% of Net Assets Value</b>	<b>Issuer</b>	<b>% of Net Assets Value</b>
Digital assets	100.19	Ether	100.19
		Cash	0.03
		Other assets and liabilities, net	(0.22)
<b>Total Portfolio Allocations</b>	100.19		
<b>Total Net Assets Value (in millions)</b>	<b>\$ 426.400</b>	<b>Total Percentage of Net Assets Value Represented by Holdings</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.