**ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** 

## BMO MSCI China Selection Equity Index ETF (ZCH)

(formerly BMO MSCI China ESG Leaders Index ETF)

December 31, 2024



BMO (A) Exchange Traded Funds

To the Unitholders and Trustee of

BMO Mid Federal Bond Index ETF BMO S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index ETF BMO S&P 500 Hedged to CAD Index ETF BMO Dow Jones Industrial Average Hedged to CAD Index ETF BMO Short Federal Bond Index ETF BMO Short Provincial Bond Index ETF BMO Short Corporate Bond Index ETF BMO High Yield US Corporate Bond Hedged to CAD Index ETF **BMO Equal Weight Banks Index ETF** BMO Equal Weight Oil & Gas Index ETF BMO MSCI EAFE Hedged to CAD Index ETF **BMO MSCI Emerging Markets Index ETF BMO Equal Weight Global Base Metals** Hedged to CAD Index ETF BMO Mid Corporate Bond Index ETF BMO Long Corporate Bond Index ETF BMO Aggregate Bond Index ETF BMO Global Infrastructure Index ETF **BMO MSCI China Selection Equity Index ETF** (formerly BMO MSCI China ESG Leaders Index ETF) **BMO MSCI India Selection Equity Index ETF** (formerly BMO MSCI India ESG Leaders Index ETF) **BMO Equal Weight Utilities Index ETF** BMO Nasdag 100 Equity Hedged to CAD Index ETF BMO Junior Gold Index ETF **BMO Equal Weight REITs Index ETF** BMO Equal Weight US Health Care Hedged to CAD Index ETF BMO Equal Weight US Banks Hedged to CAD Index ETF **BMO Long Federal Bond Index ETF** BMO Real Return Bond Index ETF BMO Emerging Markets Bond Hedged to CAD Index ETF BMO Covered Call Canadian Banks ETF BMO Monthly Income ETF BMO Ultra Short-Term Bond ETF **BMO Covered Call Utilities ETF** BMO Covered Call Dow Jones Industrial Average Hedged to CAD ETF **BMO** Canadian Dividend ETF BMO Low Volatility Canadian Equity ETF BMO Equal Weight Global Gold Index ETF

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BMO MSCI ACWI Paris Aligned Climate Equity Index ETF **BMO All-Equity ETF** BMO Corporate Discount Bond ETF BMO Short-Term Discount Bond ETF BMO Covered Call Energy ETF BMO Covered Call Health Care ETF BMO Global Agriculture ETF BMO US Aggregate Bond Index ETF **BMO US TIPS Index ETF** BMO Canadian Banks Accelerator ETF BMO Long Short Canadian Equity ETF BMO Long Short US Equity ETF BMO S&P/TSX 60 Index ETF BMO US Equity Accelerator Hedged to CAD ETF BMO US Equity Buffer Hedged to CAD ETF -October BMO USD Cash Management ETF BMO US Equity Buffer Hedged to CAD ETF -January BMO US Equity Buffer Hedged to CAD ETF -April BMO US Equity Buffer Hedged to CAD ETF -July BMO Gold Bullion ETF BMO Gold Bullion Hedged to CAD ETF BMO MSCI EAFE High Quality Index ETF (individually, an ETF)

#### **Our opinion**

In our opinion, the accompanying December 31, 2024 financial statements of each ETF present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of each ETF, its financial performance and its cash flows as at and for the periods indicated in note 1 in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IFRS Accounting Standards).

#### What we have audited

The financial statements of each ETF comprise:

- the statements of financial position as at the period-end dates indicated in note 1;
- the statements of comprehensive income for the periods indicated in note 1;
- the statements of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units for the periods indicated in note 1;
- the statements of cash flows for the periods indicated in note 1; and
- the notes to the financial statements, comprising material accounting policy information and other explanatory information.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Independence

We are independent of each ETF in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

#### **Other information**

Management is responsible for the other information of each ETF. The other information comprises the Annual Management Report of Fund Performance of each ETF.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements of each ETF, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements of each ETF or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements of each ETF in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the ability of each ETF to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate any ETF or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the financial reporting process of each ETF.

#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole for each ETF are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements of each ETF.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements of each ETF, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control of each ETF.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of each ETF to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements of each ETF or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause any ETF to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements of each ETF, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Derek Hatoum.

Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants Toronto, Ontario March 25, 2025

#### **Statement of Financial Position**

(All amounts in thousands of Canadian dollars, except per unit data)

#### Statement of Comprehensive Income

(All amounts in thousands of Canadian dollars, except per unit data)

As at	December 31 2024	December 31 2023
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash	318	376
Investments		
Non-derivative financial assets	85,750	61,940
Receivable for investments sold	2,382	2,353
Dividends receivable	11	138
Total assets	88,461	64,807
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Payable for investments purchased	3	3
Redemptions payable	781	—
Distributions payable	1,902	2,461
Accrued expenses	148	112
Total liabilities	2,834	2,576
Net assets attributable to holders of		
redeemable units	85,627	62,231
Net assets attributable to holders of		
redeemable units per unit	\$ 15.63	\$ 12.64

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#### Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units

(All amounts in thousands of Canadian dollars)

For the periods ended	December 31 2024	December 31 2023
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units at beginning of	(2.221	111 //Г
_period	62,231	111,445
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable	-	<i>,</i> , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
units	20,669	(20,685)
Distributions to holders of redeemabl	e units from:	
Net investment income	(1,712)	(3,135)
Return of capital	(190)	(212)
Total distributions to holders of	(1.002)	(2, 2, 47)
redeemable units	(1,902)	(3,347)
Redeemable unit transactions Proceeds from redeemable units issue Reinvestments of distributions to	d 36,689	139,587
holders of redeemable units	_	886
Redemption of redeemable units	(32,060)	(165,655)
Net increase (decrease) from redeemable unit transactions	4,629	(25,182)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of		
redeemable units	23,396	(49,214)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units at end of period	85,627	62,231

#### Statement of Cash Flows

(All amounts in thousands of Canadian dollars)

For the periods ended	December 31 2024	December 31 2023
Cash flows from operating activities		
Increase (decrease) in net assets		
attributable to holders of redeemabl	e	
units	20,669	(20,685)
Adjustments for:		
Foreign exchange gain on cash	(0)	(1)
Net realized loss on sale of		
investments and derivatives	2,858	32,256
Change in unrealized appreciation of		(7.0(0)
investments and derivatives	(21,959)	(7,868)
Decrease (increase) in dividends receivable	127	(125)
Increase (decrease) in accrued	127	(125)
expenses	36	(41)
Non-cash dividends	(6)	(1,625)
Purchases of investments	(44,089)	(164,653)
Proceeds from sale and maturity of	(11,007)	(104,000)
investments	39,357	190,474
Net cash (used in) from operating		
activities	(3,007)	27,732
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b> Distributions paid to holders of redeemable units, net of reinvested		
distributions Proceeds from issuances of redeemab	(2,461) le	(1,331)
units	36,689	139,587
Amounts paid on redemption of		
redeemable units	(31,279)	(165,655)
Net cash from (used in) financing		
activities	2,949	(27,399)
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Foreign exchange gain on cash	0	1
Net (decrease) increase in cash	(58)	333
Cash at beginning of period	376	42
Cash at end of period	318	376
Supplementary Information Interest received, net of withholding taxes* Dividends received, net of withholding	2	1
taxes*	2,172	2,342

\* These items are from operating activities.

#### Schedule of Investment Portfolio

As at December 31, 2024 (All amounts in thousands of Canadian dollars, unless otherwise noted)

	Number of	Cost⁺	Faiı Value
	Shares or Units	(\$)	(\$)
		(7)	(?)
EQUITIES			
Communication Services — 35.4%	100.055	2 274	4 (77
Baidu, Inc., Class A			
Bilibili Inc			
China Literature Limited			
China Ruyi Holdings Limited			
Kanzhun Limited, ADR			
Kingsoft Corporation Limited			
Kuaishou Technology, Class B			
NetEase, Inc			
Tencent Holdings Limited		19,419	24,158
Wuhu Sanqi Interactive Entertainment Netwo			
Technology Group Co., Ltd., Class A			
		26,121	30,295
Consumer Discretionary — 29.8%	700 100	12 570	12.02
Alibaba Group Holding Limited			
Bosideng International Holdings Limited			
BYD Company Limited, A Shares			
BYD Company Limited, H Shares		2,007	2,469
China International Travel Service Corp., Ltd.,			
Shares	,		
Chow Tai Fook Jewellery Group Ltd			
Geely Automobile Holdings Limited			
Great Wall Motor Company Limited, A Shares			
Great Wall Motor Company Limited, H Shares			
H World Group Limited, ADR			
Haier Smart Home Co., Ltd			
Haier Smart Home Co., Ltd., H Shares			
JD.com Inc., Class A			
Li Auto Inc., Class A			
MINISO Group Holding Limited			
NIO Inc., Class A			
Pop Mart International Group Limited		141	431
Shenzhou International Group Holdings			
Limited			
Tongcheng Travel Holdings Limited	61,583	177	208
Vipshop Holdings Limited, ADR			320
XPeng Inc			
Yadea Group Holdings	60,147	153	144
Yum China Holdings, Inc		1,196	1,276
Zhejiang Leapmotor Technology Co., Ltd., H			
Shares			147
		25,432	25,515
Consumer Staples — 2.2%			
Alibaba Health Information Technology			
Limited	274,202	260	169
Angel Yeast Co., Ltd., Class A		23	19
Anjoy Foods Group Co., Ltd., Class A			
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China Feihe Limited	174,922	 177
China Mengniu Dairy Company Limited		
Henan Shuanghui Investment & Development		
Co., Ltd., Class A		 51
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	Number of	Cost <sup>+</sup>	Value
S	hares or Units	(\$)	(\$
Inner Mongolia Yili Industrial Group Co., Ltd.,			
Class A			
Nongfu Spring Co., Ltd., H Shares			
Want Want China Holdings Limited			
Yihai Kerry Arawana Holdings Co., Ltd			
Energy — 0.0% Yantai Jereh Oilfield Services Group Co., Ltd.,			
Class A	3 200	21	2
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Financials — 15.8% Agricultural Bank of China Limited, Class A	248 602	180	26
Agricultural Bank of China Limited, H Shares			
China Construction Bank Corporation, A			
Shares	27,600		4
China Construction Bank Corporation, H			
Shares			
China Merchants Bank Co., Ltd., A Shares			
China Merchants Bank Co., Ltd., H Shares			
China Minsheng Banking Corp., Ltd., Class A			
China Minsheng Banking Corp., Ltd., H Shares			
Far East Horizon Limited	95,467	102	10
Huatai Securities Co., Ltd., A Shares	21,533	54	7
Huatai Securities Co., Ltd., H Shares	62,692	107	15
ndustrial and Commercial Bank of China			
Limited, Class A	183,894	179	25
Industrial and Commercial Bank of China			
Limited, H Shares	3,356,676	2,417	3,23
Industrial Bank Co., Ltd., Class A	60,207	204	22
Orient Securities Company Limited, Class A			
Postal Savings Bank of China Co., Ltd., H			
Shares			32
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#### Health Care — 5.0%

Aier Eye Hospital Group Co., Ltd., Class A	27,460	76	71
Asymchem Laboratories (Tianjin) Co., Ltd.,			
Class A	1,060	20	16
BeiGene, Ltd., H Shares		557	683
Beijing Tong Ren Tang Co., Ltd.	4,411		35
China Resources Pharmaceutical Group			
Limited	92,524		98
China Resources Sanjiu Medical &			
Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd., Class A	4,037		35
Chongqing Zhifei Biological Products Co., Ltd.,			
Class A	6,900	70	36
CSPC Innovation Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd	4,440	24	23
CSPC Pharmaceutical Group Limited			347
Genscript Biotech Corporation	55,596		101
Guangzhou Baiyunshan Pharmaceutical			
Holdings Co., Ltd., Class A	4,519		25
Hangzhou Tigermed Consulting Co., Ltd.,			
Class A	1,280		14

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Shares Shanghai Pharmaceuticals Holding Co., Ltd., H	8,836	22	
Shanghai Pharmaceuticals Holding Co., Ltd., H	8,830		72
	22 202	70	70
Shenzhen Mindray Bio-Medical Electronics Co.,			
Ltd., Class A	2 1 1 2	200	172
Shenzhen New Industries Biomedical			175
Engineering Co., Ltd., Class A	2 500	38	35
Shijiazhuang Yiling Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd			
Sichuan Kelun Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd			
Sino Biopharmaceutical Limited			
Sinopharm Group Co. Ltd., H Shares			
WuXi AppTec Co., Ltd., Class A			
WuXi AppTec Co., Ltd., H Shares			
Wuxi Biologics Cayman, Inc			
Yunnan Baiyao Group Co., Ltd., Class A			
Zhangzhou Pientzehuang Pharmaceutical Co.	,		
Ltd, Class A	1,663		70
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Industrials — 4.4%			
Air China Limited, A Shares			56
BOC Aviation Limited	9,840		
China Eastern Airlines Corporation Limited, A	,		
Shares	49,562		
China Merchants Port Holdings Company	,		
Limited	61,297		157
China Southern Airlines Company Limited,			
Class A	32,200		41
CITIC Limited			
CNGR Advanced Material Co., Ltd	2,960	20	21
Contemporary Amperex Technology Co., Ltd.,			
Class A			
Fosun International Limited	118,574		100
GEM Co., Ltd., Class A	16,380	25	21
Goldwind Science & Technology Co., Ltd., A			
Shares	9,620	22	20
Haitian International Holdings Limited	30,092	96	118
JD Logistics, Inc	95,913	169	227
Jiangsu Expressway Company Limited, H			
Shares			
Juneyao Airlines Co., Ltd			
Kuang-Chi Technologies Co., Ltd., Class A	6,298		59

SI	Number of nares or Units	Cost⁺ (\$)	Fair Value (\$)
Orient Overseas (International) Limited	6,332	134.	
S. F. Holding Co., Ltd., Class A Shanghai Electric Group Company Limited,			
Class A			59
Shanghai M&G Stationery Inc., Class A			
Shenzhen Inovance Technology Co., Ltd.,			
Class A			45
Sinotruk (Hong Kong) Limited			
Sungrow Power Supply Co., Ltd., Class A		94.	89
Sunwoda Electronic Co., Ltd.			
Weichai Power Co., Ltd.			
Weichai Power Co., Ltd., Class H			
Zhejiang Expressway Co., Ltd., H Shares			80
Zoomlion Heavy Industry Science and			
Technology Co., Ltd.			32
ZTO Express (Cayman) Inc., Class A			
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#### Information Technology — 1.9%

AAC Technologies Holdings Inc	37,863	157	263
Kingdee International Software Group			
Company Limited	146,981		232
Lenovo Group Limited			
Sunny Optical Technology (Group) Company			
Limited	34,391		438
		1,320	1,661

#### Materials - 1.1%

Anhui Conch Cement Company Ltd., A Shares	11,490	54	54
Anhui Conch Cement Company Ltd., H Shares	59,120	208	218
Beijing Oriental Yuhong Waterproof Technology	/		
Co., Ltd	4,000	11	10
China Jushi Co., Ltd., A Shares	12,782	35	29
China National Building Material Company			
Limited, H Shares	221,337	122	146
CMOC Group Limited, A Shares	51,623	57	68
CMOC Group Limited, H Shares	181,794	150	177
Ganfeng Lithium Group Co., Ltd., A Shares	5,172	74	36
Jiangsu Eastern Shenghong Co., Ltd., Class A	21,029	54	34
Jinduicheng Molybdenum Co., Ltd		23	20
Shandong Nanshan Aluminum Co., Ltd.,			
Class A		24	29
Shanghai Putailai New Energy Technology Co.,			
Ltd., Class A	6,809	45	21
Tiangi Lithium Corporation	4,700	49	30
Western Mining Co., Ltd.	7,600	19	24
Xiamen Tungsten Co., Ltd	4,500	16	17
Yunnan Chihong Zinc & Germanium Co., Ltd	14,900	14	16
Yunnan Energy New Material Co., Ltd., Class A.		79	19

#### Real Estate — 2.7%

China Merchants Shekou Industrial Zone			
Holdings Co., Ltd., Class A		47	52
China Overseas Land & Investment Limited	185,358	539	426

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			Fair
	Number of	Cost⁺	Value
S	hares or Units	(\$)	(\$)
		. ,	
China Resources Land Limited	155,265	839	648
China Vanke Co., Ltd., A Shares			
China Vanke Co., Ltd., H Shares	106,364	221	104
KE Holdings Inc., ADR		730	819
Longfor Group Holdings Limited			
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Utilities — 1.8%			
Beijing Enterprises Water Group Limited	195 721	72	91
China Resources Gas Group Limited		72 777	
China Three Gorges Renewables (Group) Co.,			
	07 (72	01	71
Ltd., Class A			
China Yangtze Power Co., Ltd., Class A			
ENN Energy Holdings Limited			
ENN Natural Gas Co., Ltd., Class A			
Kunlun Energy Company Limited	188,380	222	291
		1,562	1,553
Total Investment Portfolio — 100.1%			
Other Assets Less Liabilities — (0.1)%			(123)
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDE	EMABLE UNITS —	100.0%	85,627

\* Where applicable, distributions received from holdings as a return of capital are used to reduce the adjusted cost base of the securities in the portfolio.

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#### 1. The Fund

BMO MSCI China Selection Equity Index ETF ("the ETF") is an exchange-traded fund established as an open-ended trust by a Declaration of Trust under the laws of the Province of Ontario. BMO Asset Management Inc. ("the Manager") is the Manager and trustee of the ETF. The Manager is a wholly owned subsidiary of Bank of Montreal. The address of the ETF's registered office is 100 King Street West, 43rd Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5X 1A1.

The Statement of Financial Position and related notes for the ETF are as at December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, except for ETFs established in 2024, in which case the information is only as at December 31, 2024. The Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units, Statement of Cash Flows and related notes are for the period(s) ended December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, except for ETFs established during either period, which is presented from the date of establishment (as noted in Note 8) to December 31, of the applicable period. Financial information provided for a class of units established during the period(s) is presented from the establishment date as noted in Note 8 to December 31 of the applicable period.

Except for ETFs established during either 2024 or 2023, the term "period" represents a full year.

The financial statements were authorized for issue by the Manager on March 6, 2025.

Fees paid or payable to PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP and other PwC Network firms for audit services to public interest entity ETFs managed by BMO Asset Management Inc. with December 31, 2024 period-end dates, are \$1,391. Fees for other services are \$0.

#### 2. Basis of preparation and presentation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IFRS Accounting Standards"). The financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for the revaluation of financial assets and financial liabilities (including derivative financial instruments) measured at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL").

In April 2024, the International Accounting Standards Board issued IFRS 18, "Presentation and Disclosure in the Financial Statements" which aims to improve the quality of financial reporting by introducing new requirements which include new required categories and subtotals in the Statement of comprehensive income and enhanced guidance on grouping of information. IFRS 18 replaces IAS 1, "Presentation of Financial Statements". This standard is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2027, with early adoption permitted. The Manager is currently assessing the impact of these new requirements.

## 3. Material accounting policy information *Financial Instruments*

Financial instruments include financial assets and financial liabilities such as equity and debt securities, investment funds and derivatives. These investments are part of a group of financial instruments that are managed and their performance is evaluated on a fair value basis and in accordance with the ETF's investment strategy.

The ETF classifies and measures financial instruments in accordance with IFRS 9 Financial Instruments ("IFRS 9"). Upon initial recognition, financial instruments are recorded at fair value. A financial instrument is recognized when the ETF becomes a party to the contractual requirements of the instrument and is derecognized when the right to receive cash flows from the instrument has expired or the ETF has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership. As such, investment purchase and sale transactions are recorded as of the trade date. Investments and derivatives are subsequently measured at FVTPL, with changes in fair value recognized in the Statement of Comprehensive Income as "Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)".

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All financial assets and financial liabilities are recognized in the Statement of Financial Position.

The ETF's redeemable units, which are puttable instruments, are held by different types of unitholders that are entitled to different redemption rights. See Note 5 for details of unitholders' transactions in the units of the ETF.

The different redemption features create equally subordinate but not identical units or classes of the units of the ETF. Redemption of units at 95% of the Net Asset Value ("NAV") for some type of unitholders redemptions also results in a situation where the redemption value of this puttable instrument is not based substantially on the net assets of the ETF. As a result, the ETF's obligations for net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units ("Net Assets") are classified as financial liabilities and presented at the redemption amounts.

#### Cost of investments

The cost of investments represents the amount paid for each security and is determined on an average cost basis, and excludes commissions and other portfolio transaction costs, which are reported separately in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Realized gains and losses on disposition are determined based on the cost of the investments.

#### Fair value measurement

Fair value is defined as 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.

For exchange-traded securities, close prices are considered to be fair value if they fall within the bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the close price is not within the bid-ask spread, the Manager determines the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value based on the specific facts and circumstances. Procedures are in place to fair value equities traded in countries outside of North America daily, to avoid stale prices and to take into account, among other things, any significant events occurring after the close of a foreign market.

For bonds, debentures, asset-backed securities, short-term investments and other debt securities, fair value is determined as the last traded market price or close price, or other such prices, that falls within the bid-ask spread of the security.

The ETF may enter into forward currency contracts for hedging purposes either directly or indirectly, or for non-hedging purposes. The fair value of forward currency contracts entered into by the ETF is recorded as the difference between the fair value of the contract on the Valuation Date (the "Valuation Date" is each day on which the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") is open for trading) and the fair value on the date the contract originated.

For the Listed Hedged Units (the "Hedged Units"), the ETF enters into forward currency contracts to hedge against foreign currency exposure and as a result the Hedged Units will be subject to less currency risk than the other classes of the ETF because their foreign currency exposure is hedged. However, the hedging strategy may not achieve a perfect hedge of the foreign currency exposure for the Hedged Units.

The ETF may engage in option contract transactions by purchasing (long positions) or writing (short positions) call or put option contracts. These contracts have different risk exposures for the ETF, whereas the risk for long positions will be limited to the premium paid to purchase the option contracts, the risk exposure for the short positions is potentially unlimited until closed or expired.

The premium paid for purchasing an option is included in "Derivative assets" in the Statement of Financial Position. The option contract is valued on each Valuation Date at an amount equal to the fair value of the option that would have the effect of closing the position. The change in the difference between the

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premium and the fair value is shown as "Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

When a purchased option expires, the ETF will realize a loss equal to the premium paid. When a purchased option is closed, the gain or loss the ETF will realize will be the difference between the proceeds and the premium paid. When a purchased call option is exercised, the premium paid is added to the cost of acquiring the underlying security. When a purchased put option is exercised, the premium paid is subtracted from the proceeds from the sale of the underlying security that had to be sold.

The premium received from writing an option is included in "Derivative liabilities" in the Statement of Financial Position.

When a written option expires, the ETF will realize a gain equal to the premium received. When a written option is closed, the ETF will realize a gain or loss equal to the difference between the cost at which the contract was closed and the premium received. When a written call option is exercised, the premium received is added to the proceeds from the sale of the underlying investments to determine the realized gain or loss. When a written put option is exercised, the premium received is subtracted from the cost of the underlying investments the ETF had purchased.

The gain or loss that the ETF realizes when a purchased or written option is expired or closed is recorded as "Net realized gain (loss)" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

A credit default swap contract is an agreement to transfer credit risk from one party, a buyer of protection, to another party, a seller of protection. The ETF, as a seller of protection, would be required to pay a notional or other agreed upon value to the buyer of protection in the event of a default by a third-party. In return, the ETF would receive from the counterparty a periodic stream of payments over the term of the contract provided that no event of default occurs. If no default occurs, the ETF would keep the stream of payments and would have no payment obligations.

In connection with the agreement, securities or cash may be identified as collateral or margin in accordance with the terms of the agreement to provide assets of value in the event of default or bankruptcy/insolvency.

The ETF, as a buyer of protection, would receive a notional or other agreed upon value from the seller of protection in the event of a default by a third-party. In return, the ETF would be required to pay to the counterparty a periodic stream of payments over the term of the contract provided that no event of default occurs.

Credit default swap contracts are fair valued daily based upon quotations from independent security pricing sources. Premiums paid or received, if any, are included in "Net realized gain (loss)" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Net periodic payments are accrued daily and recorded as "Derivative income (loss)" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. When credit default swap contracts expire or are closed out, gains or losses are recorded as "Net realized gain (loss)" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

For securities where market quotes are not available, unreliable or not considered to reflect the current value, the Manager may determine another value which it considers to be fair and reasonable, or use a valuation technique that, to the extent possible, makes maximum use of inputs and assumptions based on observable market data, including volatility, comparable companies, NAV (for exchange-traded funds) and other applicable rates or prices. These estimation techniques include discounted cash flows, internal models that utilize observable data or comparisons with other securities that are substantially similar. In limited circumstances, the Manager may use internal models where the inputs are not based on observable market data.

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The ETF may enter into short positions whereby a security that it does not own is sold short in anticipation of a decline in the fair value of that security. To enter a short sale, the ETF will need to borrow the security for delivery to the buyer. The short positions are secured by the assets owned by the ETF. The ETF can realize a gain on the short sale, if the price of the security decreases from the date the security was sold short until the date at which the ETF closes out its short position, by buying that security at a lower price. A loss will be incurred if the price of the security increases. The gain or loss that would be realized is included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income in "Net realized gain (loss)". While the transaction is open, the ETF will also incur a liability for any accrued dividends or interest, which are paid to the lender of the security.

#### Cash

Cash is comprised of cash and deposits with banks, which include bankers' acceptances and overnight demand deposits. The carrying amount of cash approximates its fair value because it is short-term in nature.

#### Other assets and other liabilities

Other assets and other liabilities generally include receivable for investments sold, subscriptions receivable, interest receivable, dividends receivable, payable for investments purchased, redemptions payable, distributions payable, dividends payable and accrued expenses. These financial assets and financial liabilities are short-term in nature and are measured at amortized cost, which approximates their fair value.

#### Investments in subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates

Subsidiaries are entities over which the ETF has control through its exposure or rights to variable returns from its investment and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. The Manager has determined that the ETF is an investment entity and as such, it accounts for subsidiaries, if any, at fair value. Joint ventures are investments where the ETF exercises joint control through an agreement with other shareholders, and associates are investments in which the ETF exerts significant influence over operating, investing, and financing decisions (such as entities in which the ETF owns 20% - 50% of voting shares), all of which, if any, have been classified at FVTPL.

#### Unconsolidated structured entities

The Manager has determined that the underlying funds in which the ETF may invest are unconsolidated structured entities. This determination is based on the fact that decision making about the underlying funds is not governed by the voting right or other similar right held by the ETF. Similarly, investments in securitizations, asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities are determined to be interests in unconsolidated structured entities.

The ETF may invest in underlying funds whose investment objectives range from achieving short-term to long-term income and capital growth potential. Underlying funds may use leverage in a manner consistent with their respective investment objectives and as permitted by Canadian securities regulatory authorities. Underlying funds finance their operations by issuing redeemable units which are puttable at the holders' option and entitles the holder to a proportionate stake in the respective fund's Net Assets. The change in fair value of each of the underlying funds during the periods is included in "Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Mortgage-related securities are created from pools of residential or commercial mortgage loans, including mortgage loans made by savings and loan institutions, mortgage bankers, commercial banks and others. Asset-backed securities are created from many types of assets, including auto loans, credit card receivables, home equity loans, and student loans.

The ETF does not provide and has not committed to providing any additional significant financial or other support to the unconsolidated structured entities other than its investment in the unconsolidated structured entities.

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Additional information on the ETF's interest in unconsolidated structured entities, where applicable, is provided in Note 8.

#### Offsetting of financial assets and financial liabilities

Financial instruments are presented at net or gross amounts on the Statement of Financial Position depending on the existence of intention and legal right to offset opposite positions of such instruments held with the same counterparties. Amounts offset in the Statement of Financial Position are related to transactions for which the ETF has legally enforceable rights to offset and intends to settle the positions on a net basis. Amounts not offset in the Statement of Financial Position relate to positions where there is no legally enforceable right to offset, or the legal right to offset is only in the event of default, insolvency or bankruptcy, or where the ETF has no intention to settle on a net basis. Refer to Note 8 for details.

#### Income recognition

Dividend income and distributions received from investment trusts are recognized on the ex-dividend and ex-distribution date, respectively.

Interest income from interest bearing investments is recognized in the Statement of Comprehensive Income using the effective interest rate. Interest receivable shown in the Statement of Financial Position is accrued based on the interest bearing investments' stated rates of interest.

Interest on inflation-indexed bonds is paid based on a principal value, which is adjusted for inflation. The inflation adjustment of the principal value is recognized as part of "Interest income" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. If held to maturity, the ETF will receive, in addition to a coupon interest payment, a final payment equal to the sum of the par value and the inflation compensation accrued from the original issue date. Interest is accrued on each Valuation Date based on the inflation adjusted par value at that time and is included in "Interest income" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

#### Foreign currency translation

The fair value of investments and other assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into the ETF's functional currency at the rates of exchange prevailing at the period-end date. Purchases and sales of investments, and income and expenses are translated at the rates of exchange prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions. Realized and unrealized foreign exchange gains (losses) on investment transactions are included in "Net realized gain (loss)" and in "Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)" respectively, in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Realized and unrealized foreign exchange gains (losses) relating to cash, receivables and payables, as applicable, are included in "Foreign exchange gain (loss)" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

#### Securities lending

An ETF may engage in securities lending pursuant to the terms of an agreement with State Street Bank and Trust Company, and/or Securities Finance Trust Company (the "securities lending agent"). The aggregate market value of all securities on loan by an ETF cannot exceed 50% of the NAV of the ETF. An ETF will receive collateral of at least 102% of the value of the securities on loan. Collateral will generally be comprised of obligations of or guarantee by the Government of Canada or a province thereof, or by the United States government or its agencies, but it may include obligations of other governments with appropriate credit ratings. Further, the program entered into provides for 100% indemnification by the securities lending agent and parties related to the ETF's custodian, to the ETF for any defaults by borrowers.

For those ETFs participating in the program, aggregate values of securities on loan and the collateral held as at December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023 and information about the security lending income earned by the ETF are disclosed in Note 8, where applicable.

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Income from securities lending, where applicable, is included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and is recognized when earned. The breakdown of the securities lending income is disclosed in Note 8, where applicable.

## Increase or decrease in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit

"Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit" of a class in the Statement of Comprehensive Income represents the increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units of the class divided by the weighted average number of units of the class outstanding during the period. Refer to Note 8 for details.

#### Taxation

The ETF qualifies as a mutual fund trust under the provisions of the Income Tax Act (Canada). Distributions of all net taxable income and sufficient amounts of net realized capital gains for each taxation year will be paid to unitholders so that the ETF will not be subject to income tax. As a result, the Manager has determined that the ETF is in substance not taxable and therefore does not record income taxes in the Statement of Comprehensive Income nor does it recognize any deferred tax assets or liabilities in the Statement of Financial Position.

The ETF may be subject to taxes levied by certain countries on foreign investment income and capital gains. These taxes may be withheld at source or estimated using the most likely method in measuring uncertain tax liabilities in respect of foreign capital gains taxes. Such income and capital gains are recorded on a gross basis with the related foreign withholding tax, or estimate of capital gains taxes, shown as expense in the Statement of Comprehensive Income, and the tax liability amounts included in accrued liabilities in the Statement of Financial Position. The estimate could materially differ from the actual tax payable to the foreign jurisdiction.

#### 4. Critical accounting judgements and estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of judgement in applying the ETF's accounting policies and to make estimates and assumptions about the future. The following discusses the most significant accounting judgements and estimates that the ETF has made in preparing its financial statements.

#### Accounting judgements: Functional and presentation currency

The ETF's unitholders are mainly Canadian residents, with the subscriptions and redemptions of the redeemable units denominated in Canadian dollars. The ETF invests in Canadian and U.S. dollars and other foreign denominated securities, as applicable. The performance of the ETF is measured and reported to the investors in Canadian dollars. The Manager considers the Canadian dollar as the currency that most faithfully represents the economic effects of the underlying transactions, events and conditions. The financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars, which is the ETF's functional and presentation currency.

#### Classification and measurement of investment portfolio

In classifying and measuring financial instruments held by the ETF, the Manager is required to make an assessment of the ETF's business model for managing financial instruments and the Manager is also required to make significant judgements in determining the most appropriate classification in accordance with IFRS 9. The Manager has assessed the ETF's business model with respect to the manner in which financial assets and financial liabilities are managed as a group and performance is evaluated on a fair value basis, and has concluded that FVTPL in accordance with IFRS 9 provides the most appropriate measurement and presentation of the ETF's investment portfolio. The collection of principal and interest is incidental to the fair value business model.

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#### Accounting estimates:

## Fair value measurement of securities not quoted in an active market

The Manager has established policies and control procedures that are intended to ensure these estimates are well controlled, independently reviewed, and consistently applied from period to period. The estimates of the value of the ETF's assets and liabilities are believed to be appropriate as at the reporting date.

The ETF may hold financial instruments that are not quoted in active markets. Note 3 discusses the policies used by the ETF for the estimates used in determining fair value.

#### 5. Units and unit transactions

The redeemable units of the ETF are classified as financial liabilities. The units have no par value and are entitled to distributions, if any. Upon redemption, a unit is entitled to a proportionate share of the ETF's NAV. The ETF is required to pay distributions in an amount not less than the amount necessary to ensure the ETF will not be liable for income taxes on realized capital gains, dividends and interest. The ETF has no restrictions or specific capital requirements on the subscriptions and redemptions of units except as disclosed in Note 8. The relevant movements in redeemable units are shown in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units.

In accordance with its investment objectives and strategies, and the risk management practices outlined in Note 7, the ETF endeavours to invest the subscriptions received in appropriate investments, while maintaining sufficient liquidity to meet redemptions, with such liquidity being augmented by short-term borrowings or disposal of investments where necessary.

The ETF is authorized to issue an unlimited number of units of each class. On any trading day, a designated broker or underwriter may place a subscription or redemption order for an integral multiple of the prescribed number of units of a particular class of the ETF. A trading day is each day on which the TSX is opened for business.

If the subscription or redemption order is accepted, the ETF will issue or redeem units to/from the designated broker or underwriter by no later than the third trading day after the date on which the subscription or redemption order is accepted. For each prescribed number of units issued or redeemed, a designated broker or underwriter must deliver or receive payment consisting of:

- A basket of applicable securities and cash in an amount sufficient so that the value of the securities, and the cash received is equal to the NAV of the units subscribed/redeemed; or
- Cash in the amount equal to the NAV of the units subscribed/redeemed.

On any trading day, unitholders may redeem units for cash or exchange units for baskets of securities and cash. Units redeemed for cash will be redeemed at a redemption price per unit equal to 95% of the closing price for the units on the exchange on the effective day of the redemption. Units exchanged for baskets of securities will be exchanged at a price equal to the NAV of the units on the effective date of the exchange request, payable by delivery of baskets of securities and cash.

Unitholders who redeem units prior to the distribution record date will not be entitled to receive the distribution.

The NAV per unit of a class for the purposes of subscription or redemption is computed by dividing the NAV of the ETF (that is, the total fair value of the assets attributable to the class of the ETF less the liabilities attributable to the class) by the total number of units of the class of the ETF outstanding at such time on each Valuation Day, in accordance with Part 14 National Instrument ("NI") 81-106 Investment Fund Continuous Disclosure for the purpose of processing unitholder transactions. Net Assets are determined in accordance

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with IFRS Accounting Standards and may differ from the ETF's NAV. Where an ETF's NAV is not equal to its Net Assets, a reconciliation is shown in Note 8.

Expenses directly attributable to a class are charged to that class. Other expenses, income, realized and unrealized gains and losses from investment transactions are allocated proportionately to each class based upon the relative NAV of each class.

### 6. Related party transactions(a) Management fees

The Manager is responsible for all other costs and expenses of the ETF, including the fees payable to the custodian, registrar and transfer agent and plan agent fees payable to other service providers, including the index providers retained by the Manager.

The ETF will pay the Manager a management fee as disclosed in Note 8 based on the NAV of the class of the ETF. The management fee, plus applicable taxes, will be accrued daily and paid quarterly in arrears. The Manager may, from time to time in its discretion, waive a portion of the management fee directly or indirectly charged at any given time.

The Manager may agree to charge a reduced management fee it otherwise would be entitled to receive from the ETF with respect to investments in the ETF by certain unitholders. An amount equal to the difference between the fee otherwise chargeable and the reduced fee of the ETF will be distributed in cash to those unitholders as Management Fee Distributions.

#### (b) Other related party transactions

All expenses are recognized in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on the accrual basis.

The ETF is responsible for the costs and expenses incurred in complying with NI 81-107 (including any expenses related to the implementation and on-going operation of an Independent Review Committee), brokerage expenses and commissions, income and withholding taxes as well as other applicable taxes, the costs of complying with any new governmental or regulatory requirement introduced after the date the ETF was established and extraordinary expenses. From time to time, the Manager may on behalf of the ETF, enter into transactions or arrangements with or involving subsidiaries and affiliates of Bank of Montreal, or certain other persons or companies that are related or connected to the Manager of the ETF. These transactions or arrangements may include transactions or arrangements with or involving subsidiaries and affiliates of Bank of Montreal, BMO Asset Management Inc., BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc., BMO Private Investment Counsel Inc., BMO InvestorLine Inc., BMO Investments Inc., or other investment funds offered by Bank of Montreal and may involve the purchase or sale of portfolio securities through or from subsidiaries or affiliates of Bank of Montreal, the purchase or sale of securities issued or guaranteed by subsidiaries or affiliates of Bank of Montreal, entering into forward contracts with subsidiaries or affiliates of Bank of Montreal acting as counterparty, the purchase or redemption of units of other Bank of Montreal affiliated investment funds or the provision of services to the Manager.

BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc. is one of the designated brokers that have entered into an underwriting agreement with the Manager. As a Designated Broker, under the underwriting agreement, BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc. may subscribe for and or be issued units of the ETF by the Manager from time to time.

#### 7. Financial instruments risks

The ETF's activities expose it to a variety of risks associated with the financial instruments, as follows: market risk (including currency risk, interest rate risk and other market risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The concentration table groups securities by asset type, geographic location and/or market segment. The ETF's risk management practice focuses on processes and strategies to minimize the tracking error between the ETF's performance and the performance of its relevant index.

#### (a) Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value of financial instruments denominated in currencies, other than the functional currency of the ETF, will fluctuate due to

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changes in foreign exchange rates. Investments in foreign markets are exposed to currency risk as the prices denominated in foreign currencies are converted to the ETF's functional currency in determining fair value. The ETF may enter into forward currency contracts for hedging purposes to reduce foreign currency exposure. IFRS 7 considers the foreign exchange exposure relating to non-monetary assets and liabilities to be a component of market price risk, not foreign currency risk. However, the Manager monitors the exposure on all foreign currency denominated assets and liabilities. The ETF's exposure to currency risk, if any, is further disclosed in Note 8.

#### (b) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of the ETF's interest bearing investments will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. The ETF's exposure to interest rate risk is concentrated in its investment in debt securities (such as bonds, money market investments, short-term investments and debentures) and interest rate derivative instruments, if any. Other assets and liabilities are short-term in nature and/or non-interest bearing. The ETF's exposure to interest rate risk, if any, is further discussed in Note 8.

#### (c) Other market risk

Other market risk is the risk that the fair value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in a market or market segment. The Manager moderates this risk through the use of investment strategies that seek to minimize the ETF's tracking error versus a market index, within the parameters of the investment strategy. The maximum risk resulting from financial instruments is equivalent to its fair value.

The Manager monitors the ETF's overall market positions on a daily basis and positions are maintained within established ranges. Other assets and liabilities are monetary items that are short-term in nature, and as such they are not subject to other market risk. The ETF's exposure to other market risk, if any, is further discussed in Note 8.

#### (d) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a loss could arise from a security issuer or counterparty to a financial instrument not being able to meet its financial obligations. The fair value of debt securities includes consideration of the credit worthiness of the debt issuer. Credit risk exposure for over-the-counter derivative instruments is based on the ETF's unrealized gain of the contractual obligations with the counterparty as at the reporting date. The credit exposure of other assets is represented by its carrying amount. The ETF's exposure to credit risk, if any, is further discussed in Note 8.

The ETF may enter into securities lending transactions with approved counterparties. Credit risk associated with these transactions is considered minimal as all counterparties have a sufficient approved credit rating and the market value of collateral held by the ETF must be at least 102% of the fair value of securities loaned, as disclosed in Note 8, where applicable.

#### (e) Liquidity risk

The ETF's exposure to liquidity risk is concentrated in the daily redemptions of units, and other liabilities. Since the settlement of redemptions is primarily by delivery of securities, the ETF is not exposed to any significant liquidity risk. The ETF primarily invests in securities that are traded in active markets and can be readily disposed. In addition, the ETF retains sufficient cash positions to maintain liquidity. The ETF may, from time to time, enter into over-the-counter derivative contracts or invest in unlisted securities, which are not traded in an organized market and may be illiquid. Securities for which market quotation could not be obtained and may be illiquid are identified in the Schedule of Investment Portfolio. The proportion of

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illiquid securities to the NAV of the ETF is monitored by the Manager to ensure it does not exceed the regulatory limit and does not significantly affect the liquidity required to meet the ETF's financial obligations.

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#### 8. ETF specific information

#### (a) ETF information and change in units

The ETF was established on January 11, 2010. The units are listed on the TSX under the symbol ZCH.

The last close price as at December 31, 2024 was \$15.49 (December 31, 2023 — \$12.63).

The number of units that have been issued and are outstanding are disclosed in the table below.

For the periods ended (in thousands of units)	Dec. 31, 2024	Dec. 31, 2023
Units issued and outstanding,		
beginning of period	4,923	7,395
Units issued	2,757	8,578
Issued on reinvestment of distributions	_	71
Units consolidated	_	(71)
Redeemed during the period	(2,200)	(11,050)
Units issued and outstanding,		
end of period	5,480	4,923

#### Unit consolidation

The units of the ETF are consolidated immediately after a distribution is reinvested so that the number of units of the ETF held by investors after the consolidation is the same as before the distribution. This does not result in a disposition of the investors' units. On consolidation, the aggregate Adjusted Cost Base ("the ACB") of units held by the investors will not change, but the ACB per unit will increase.

#### (b) Reconciliation of NAV to Net Assets

As at December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, there were no differences between the ETF's NAV per unit and its Net Assets per unit calculated in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards.

## (c) Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit

The increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit for the periods ended December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023 is calculated as follows:

For the periods ended	Dec. 31, 2024	Dec. 31, 2023
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units Weighted average units outstanding during the period	20,669	(20,685)
(in thousands of units)	5,825	7,832
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit	3.55	(2.64)

#### (d) Income taxes

As at the tax year-ended December 15, 2024, the ETF had the following estimated capital and non-capital losses available for income tax purposes:

			Non-Capital Losse That Expire in	25
Total Capital	Total Non-Capital			2032 and
Losses	Losses	2030	2031	thereafter
(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
63,095	_	—	—	-

### (e) Related party transactions *Management fees*

The Manager is entitled to receive a management fee of 0.600% per annum of the NAV of the ETF, plus applicable taxes, accrued daily and paid quarterly in arrears.

The outstanding accrued management fees due to the Manager are included in "Accrued expenses" in the Statement of Financial Position and as at December 31, 2024 amounted to \$148 (December 31, 2023 — \$111).

#### Brokerage commissions

There were no brokerage commissions charged to the ETF during the periods ended December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023.

#### (f) Financial instruments risks

The ETF's objective is to replicate, to the extent possible, the performance of an ESG-focused broad Chinese equity markets index, net of expenses. The ETF seeks to replicate the performance of the MSCI China ESG Leaders Index (CAD). The investment strategy of the ETF is to invest in and hold the constituent securities of the MSCI China ESG Leaders

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Index (CAD) in the same proportion as they are reflected in the MSCI China ESG Leaders Index (CAD) or securities intended to replicate the performance of the index.

No changes affecting the overall level of risk of investing in the ETF were made during the period.

#### Currency risk

The ETF's exposure to currency risk is summarized in the tables below. Amounts shown are based on the carrying value of monetary and non-monetary assets (including derivatives and the underlying principal (notional) amount of forward currency contracts, if any).

#### As at Dec. 31, 2024

Currency	Cash and other current receivables & payables (\$)	Investments (monetary & non-monetary) (\$)	Forward currency contracts (\$)	Net currency exposure (\$)	As a % of Net Assets (%)
Chinese Yuan					
Renminbi					
(onshore)	6	5,664	—	5,670	6.6
Hong Kong Dollar	2,368	76,950	—	79,318	92.6
U.S. Dollar	120	3,136	_	3,256	3.8
Total	2,494	85,750	-	88,244	103.0

As at Dec. 31, 2023

Currency	Cash and other current receivables & payables (\$)	Investments (monetary & non-monetary) (\$)	Forward currency contracts (\$)	Net currency exposure (\$)	As a % of Net Assets (%)
Chinese Yuan Renminbi					
(onshore)	34	4,211	_	4,245	6.8
Hong Kong Dollar	2,405	54,789	_	57,194	91.9
U.S. Dollar	272	2,940	_	3,212	5.2
Total	2,711	61,940	—	64,651	103.9

As at December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, if the Canadian dollar had strengthened or weakened by 5% in relation to all foreign currencies, with all other variables held constant, the Net Assets of the ETF could possibly have decreased or increased, as applicable, by approximately \$4,412 (December 31, 2023 — \$3,233). In practice, actual results may differ from this sensitivity analysis and the difference could be material.

#### Interest rate risk

As at December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, the ETF did not have significant exposure to interest rate risk.

#### Other market risk

The ETF has significant exposure to other market risk arising from its investments. Using historical correlation between the ETF's return and the return of its benchmark, if the benchmark, MSCI China ESG Leaders Index (CAD), had increased or decreased by 10%, with all other variables held constant, the Net Assets of the ETF would have increased or decreased, respectively, by \$8,242 (December 31, 2023 — \$6,191). Historical correlation may not be representative of future correlation, and accordingly, actual results may differ and the difference could be material.

#### Credit risk

As at December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, the ETF did not have significant exposure to credit risk.

#### Securities lending

There were no assets involved in securities lending transactions as at December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023.

The table below is a reconciliation of the gross amount generated from securities lending transactions to the security lending revenue for the periods ended December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023:

For the periods ended	Dec. 31, 2024 % of Gross Securities Lending			31, 2023 % of Gross Securities Lending
	Amount	Revenue	Amount	Revenue
Gross securities lending revenue	0	100.0	0	100.0
Withholding taxes	—	—	—	—
	0	100.0	0	100.0
Payment to securities lending agents	0	24.9	0	24.9
Net securities lending revenue	0	75.1	0	75.1

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#### Concentration risk

The ETF's concentration risk is summarized in the following table:

As at	Dec. 31, 2024	Dec. 31, 2023
Equities		
Communication Services	35.4%	33.2%
Consumer Discretionary	29.8%	30.9%
Consumer Staples	2.2%	3.3%
Energy	0.0%	0.0%
Financials	15.8%	12.8%
Health Care	5.0%	6.6%
Industrials	4.4%	5.2%
Information Technology	1.9%	1.6%
Materials	1.1%	1.3%
Real Estate	2.7%	2.7%
Utilities	1.8%	1.9%
Other Assets Less Liabilities	(0.1)%	0.5%
	100.0%	100.0%

#### (g) Fair value hierarchy

The ETF classifies its financial instruments into three levels based on the inputs used to value the financial instruments. Level 1 securities are valued based on quoted prices in active markets for identical securities. Level 2 securities are valued based on significant observable market inputs, such as quoted prices from similar securities and quoted prices in inactive markets or based on observable inputs to models. Level 3 securities are valued based on significant unobservable inputs that reflect the Manager's determination of assumptions that market participants might reasonably use in valuing the securities. The tables below show the relevant disclosure.

As at Dec. 31, 2024 Financial assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Equity Securities	1,276	84,474	_	85,750
As at Dec. 31, 2023 Financial assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Equity Securities	1,046	60,894	_	61,940

#### Transfers between levels

There were no transfers between the levels during the periods.

#### 9. Subsequent event

#### ETF name change

Effective February 5, 2025, the ETF's name changed from BMO MSCI China ESG Leaders Index ETF to BMO MSCI China Selection Equity Index ETF.

### Management's Responsibility for Financial Reporting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared by management of BMO Investments Inc. Management is responsible for the information and representations contained in these financial statements.

BMO Asset Management Inc. has maintained appropriate processes to ensure that relevant and reliable financial information is produced. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IFRS Accounting Standards") and include certain amounts that are based on estimates and judgements. The material accounting policy information which management believes are appropriate for the ETFs are described in note 3 to the financial statements.

The Board of Directors is responsible for reviewing and approving the financial statements and overseeing management's performance of its financial reporting responsibilities.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP is the external auditor of the ETFs. The auditor has been appointed by the Board and cannot be changed without the prior approval of the Independent Review Committee and 60 days notice to the unitholders. They have audited the financial statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in Canada to enable them to express to the unitholders their opinion on the financial statements. Their report is included as an integral part of the financial statements.

William Bamber, *Head, BMO Asset Management Inc* BMO Asset Management Inc. March 6, 2025 Robert J. Schauer, *Chief Financial Officer* BMO Exchange Traded Funds March 6, 2025

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