

**Interim Management Report of Fund Performance**

# **AGF Systematic Global Infrastructure ETF**

March 31, 2025

## Management Discussion of Fund Performance

This management discussion of fund performance represents the portfolio management team's view of the significant factors and developments affecting the fund's performance and outlook.

### Results of Operations

For the six months ended March 31, 2025, AGF Systematic Global Infrastructure ETF (the "Fund") returned 6.7% (net of expenses) while the Dow Jones Brookfield Global Infrastructure Net Index returned 10.7%.

The Fund under-performed the Dow Jones Brookfield Global Infrastructure Net Index during the reporting period. From a factor perspective, the Fund's overweight exposure to beta detracted the most from performance, while its overweight exposure to size contributed the most. Beta measures the relative volatility of the value of a security compared with that of a market index. From a regional perspective, the Fund's average underweight exposure to Hong Kong and an out-of-benchmark exposure to Finland detracted the most from performance, while its average overweight exposure to the U.S. and an underweight exposure to Canada contributed the most. From a sector perspective, the Fund's out-of-benchmark exposure to Information Technology and average underweight exposure to Real Estate detracted the most from performance, while its average underweight exposure to Energy and overweight exposure to Utilities contributed the most.

The Fund makes monthly distributions at a rate determined by AGF Investment Inc. ("AGFI") from time to time. If the aggregate amount of the monthly distributions in a year exceeds the portion of the net income and net realized capital gains, the excess will constitute a return of capital. The portfolio manager does not believe that the distributions made by the Fund had a meaningful impact on the Fund's ability to implement its investment strategy or to fulfill its investment objectives.

The Fund had net redemptions of approximately \$23 million for the current period, as compared to net redemptions of approximately \$28 million in the prior period. Rebalancing by fund on fund programs resulted in net redemptions of approximately \$4 million in the Fund. The portfolio manager does not believe that redemption activity had a meaningful impact on the Fund's performance or the ability to implement its investment strategy.

### Recent Developments

Global equities underwent significant volatility during the reporting period due to a changing global trade scenario, geopolitical uncertainty and disruptive technological advances. In the last calendar quarter of 2024, the major central banks adopted more accommodative monetary

policies, in response to easing inflationary pressures. However, this changed with the announcement of aggressive trade policies by the newly elected Trump administration. The imposition of heavy tariffs on some of the country's major trade partners created uncertainty around global economic growth prospects in 2025. Considering this, many major central banks took up a cautionary stance and paused further rate cuts.

The U.S. Federal Reserve (the "Fed") announced two rate cuts of 0.25% in the last calendar quarter of 2024, but held the benchmark federal funds rate unchanged in 2025 in the 4.25%-4.50% range. The Bank of Canada implemented consecutive rate cuts over the reporting period to drive economic activity, lowering the policy rate from 3.75% in October 2024 to 2.75% in March 2025. The European Central Bank ("ECB") also chose to ease its refinancing rate from 3.4% in October 2024 to 2.65% in March 2025, citing declining inflation and slowing economic growth. The People's Bank of China lowered the one-year and five-year loan prime rates to 3.1% and 3.6%, respectively, over the reporting period. The lowered borrowing costs in conjunction with other stimulus measures was aimed at increasing economic activity. Despite this, the underlying structural issues in the country remain unresolved as indicated by the weak domestic demand and a property sector that continues to face challenges.

The U.S. economy was resilient with a gross domestic product ("GDP") growth of 2.4% in the last calendar quarter of 2024, driven by personal consumption expenditures and investment. The country's unemployment rate rose to 4.2% by March 2025 after a brief decline to 4.0% in January. The U.S. manufacturing sector expanded in January and February after six months of continued contraction. However, by the end of the reporting period in March, the U.S. manufacturing sector reverted to contraction with a purchasing managers' index ("PMI") of 49.8 due to petering out of new orders. The PMI measures the economic health of the manufacturing sector and is compiled based on new orders, inventory levels, production, supplier deliveries and employment environment. An index reading above 50.0 indicates an overall increase in the sector and below 50.0 indicates an overall decrease. The demand for U.S. goods suffered due to the sharp rise in input cost inflation in March, the highest in 31 months. U.S. equities delivered strong returns, driven by the performance of large capitalization stocks, in the last calendar quarter of 2024. The Republican victory in the presidential elections raised the expectations for lower taxes and pro-business policies. However, the Fed's hawkish stance and year-end profit-taking by investors led to a selloff in December 2024. In early 2025, the market rotated out of large capitalization technology stocks and growth stocks towards value and international stocks and to defensive sectors like Utilities, Consumer Staples and Health Care. The rotation was driven by the expectations of high interest rates and inflation through the first calendar quarter

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of 2025. The tariff policies of the Trump administration raised the expectations of resurgent inflation in input costs and market prices. The concerns for low economic growth and higher inflationary pressures were also reiterated by the Fed, although couched as a transitory phase.

In Europe, the ECB aggressively eased its key refinancing rate citing declining inflation due to falling energy prices and an appreciating Euro. Inflation rose over the reporting period from 2.0% in October 2024 to 2.2% by March 2025. It peaked in January at 2.5%, driven by energy costs and prices of non-energy industrial goods. During this period, the Eurozone manufacturing PMI rose to 48.7 in March 2025, the highest in 26 months, driven by expansion in manufacturing output for the first time in two years and a slowdown in job cuts. The services sector continued to expand with a HCOB Eurozone Services PMI reading of 50.4 in March. The expansion of the services sector in March was the weakest in two years due to a decline in new orders, despite reduced wage pressure on services. European equities declined at the start of the reporting period, due to political instability in Germany and France. In 2025, however, European equities benefited from the fall in the price of U.S. technology stocks, strong corporate earnings and Germany's plan to invest 500 billion Euros in developing defense infrastructure. The STOXX 600 Index touched a record 1374 in March driven by the news of increased infrastructure spending and relaxation of the debt break.

The S&P GSCI Index, a commodity index, gained during the reporting period primarily driven by higher prices for energy, gold and copper. The performance of commodities was mixed during the period due to fluctuations in the U.S. dollar, speculations around tariffs and weather conditions. The Energy sector delivered positive returns driven by higher demand for natural gas and supply cuts by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries. Precious metals also recorded strong gains owing to increasing demand for safe-haven assets amid elevated market volatility, along with gold purchases by major central banks.

The tariff-driven price rise of industrial metals in the first calendar quarter of 2025 was offset by the losses incurred in the last calendar quarter of 2024. Copper prices also surged for the same reason. However, steel and aluminum tariffs which were announced in March 2025 weighed on their prices due to an oversupply in global markets. The surge in China's manufacturing in the first calendar quarter of 2025 resulted in higher demand for crude oil, copper and nickel. In terms of real estate, home sales were low in the U.S. during the period due to the high prices and sluggish demand.

The U.S. economy has been strengthened by robust consumer spending and growth in real GDP. This could potentially provide support for global equities and drive market leadership in 2025. In the U.S., the Fed's cautious stance to holding borrowing rates steady is likely to impact small capitalization stocks more than large capitalization stocks. The benefits of tax cuts and deregulation are yet to be realized by growth stocks. Long duration equities are expected to produce their highest cash flows in the future and are more sensitive to interest rate changes.

Trade barrier confrontations could lead to substantial market inefficiencies, disrupting the equilibrium of supply and demand and influencing commodity pricing. Market participants now anticipate potential scenarios of excess supply, shortages and heightened price volatility throughout the year. Within the Energy sector, strategic focus is anticipated to shift towards natural gas, utility services, electrification initiatives and transmission infrastructure. In a macroeconomic climate marked by elevated interest rates and sluggish growth, real assets are poised to serve as a strategic diversification tool, aiding in risk mitigation and ensuring stable returns.

The resilience of the U.S. economy continues to persist, despite the prevailing market risks. In this environment, the portfolio manager remains constructive on the long-term outlook for the U.S. equity markets, underpinned by strong earnings growth and secular innovative trends including generative artificial intelligence ("AI"), health and wellness, and reshoring.

While demand is currently strong across multiple real estate property types including residential, obstacles continue to apply pressure. Public real estate investment trust valuations remain below private market valuations, and the portfolio manager is closely monitoring macro risks and would likely grow more constructive on real estate when those risks start to fade.

The portfolio manager expects global listed infrastructure assets to see earnings growth in 2025, driven by structural growth drivers, including the growing energy demand from AI infrastructure and utilities which are benefitting from energy transition.

The portfolio manager believes trade barriers will likely generate significant price distortions in markets and complicate the supply and demand mechanisms, affecting commodity prices. Oversupply, shortages and price volatility are to be anticipated. The focus in the Energy sector is likely to shift to natural gas, the utilities and electrification segment and transmission mechanisms. The Energy sector is increasingly being driven by the demands for renewable energy, electric vehicles and AI data centers.

## Related Party Transactions

AGFI is the manager ("Manager"), trustee and promoter of the Fund and is responsible for the day-to-day business of the Fund. AGFI also acts as the investment (portfolio) manager, managing the investment portfolio of the Fund. AGFI entered into an investment sub-advisory agreement with AGF Investments LLC, which acts as a sub-advisor and provides investment sub-advisory services to the Fund. Under the Declaration of Trust, the Fund pays management fees (including fees for sub-advisory services), calculated based on the Net Asset Value of the Fund. Management fees of approximately \$376,000 were incurred by the Fund during the six months ended March 31, 2025.

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This report may contain forward-looking statements about the Fund, including its strategy, expected performance and condition. Forward looking statements include statements that are predictive in nature, that depend upon or refer to future events or conditions, or that include words such as "expects", "anticipates", "intends", "plans", "believes", "estimates" or negative versions thereof and similar expressions.

In addition, any statement that may be made concerning future performance, strategies or prospects, and possible future Fund action, is also a forward-looking statement. Forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and projections about future events and are inherently subject to, among other things, risks, uncertainties and assumptions about the Fund and economic factors.

The forward-looking statements are by their nature based on numerous assumptions, which include, amongst other things, that (i) the Fund can attract and maintain investors and has sufficient capital under management to effect its investment strategies, (ii) the investment strategies will produce the results intended by the portfolio manager, and (iii) the markets will react and perform in a manner consistent with the investment strategies. Although the forward-looking statements contained herein are based upon what the portfolio manager believes to be reasonable assumptions, the portfolio manager cannot assure that actual results will be consistent with these forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance, and actual events and results could differ materially from those expressed or implied in any forward-looking statements made by the Fund. Any number of important factors could contribute to these digressions, including, but not limited to, general economic, political and market factors in North America and internationally, interest and foreign exchange rates, global equity and capital markets, business competition, taxation, changes in government regulations, unexpected judicial or regulatory proceedings, technological changes, cybersecurity, the possible effects of war or terrorist activities, outbreaks of disease or illness that affect local, national or international economies (such as COVID-19), natural disasters and disruptions to public infrastructure, such as transportation, communications, power or water supply or other catastrophic events.

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## Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the six months ended March 31, 2025 and the past five years as applicable.

### Net Assets per Unit<sup>(1)</sup>

For the periods ended	Mar 31, 2025 (\$)	Sept 30, 2024 (\$)	Sept 30, 2023 (\$)	Sept 30, 2022 (\$)	Sept 30, 2021 (\$)	Sept 30, 2020 (\$)
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>33.18</b>	<b>27.38</b>	<b>27.53</b>	<b>29.23</b>	<b>26.39</b>	<b>29.66</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	0.56	1.27	1.23	1.13	1.14	1.07
Total expenses	(0.15)	(0.33)	(0.27)	(0.26)	(0.24)	(0.24)
Realized gains (losses)	1.86	1.04	0.45	1.11	0.49	0.14
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.04)	5.07	(0.14)	(2.73)	2.33	(3.35)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>2.23</b>	<b>7.05</b>	<b>1.27</b>	<b>(0.75)</b>	<b>3.72</b>	<b>(2.38)</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends	(0.85)	(1.34)	(1.10)	(0.89)	(0.92)	(0.82)
From capital gains	-	-	-	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>(0.85)</b>	<b>(1.34)</b>	<b>(1.10)</b>	<b>(0.89)</b>	<b>(0.92)</b>	<b>(0.82)</b>
<b>Net Assets, end of period<sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>34.55</b>	<b>33.18</b>	<b>27.38</b>	<b>27.53</b>	<b>29.23</b>	<b>26.39</b>

### Ratios/Supplemental Data<sup>(1)</sup>

For the periods ended	Mar 31, 2025	Sept 30, 2024	Sept 30, 2023	Sept 30, 2022	Sept 30, 2021	Sept 30, 2020
Total Net Asset Value (\$'000's)	180,500	195,775	217,687	271,194	292,252	240,788
Number of units outstanding ('000's)	5,225	5,900	7,950	9,850	10,000	9,125
Management expense ratio <sup>(5)</sup>	0.45%	0.45%	0.45%	0.45%	0.45%	0.45%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>(6)</sup>	0.45%	0.45%	0.45%	0.45%	0.45%	0.45%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(7)</sup>	0.12%	0.15%	0.16%	0.12%	0.13%	0.06%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(8)</sup>	35.62%	65.16%	67.03%	60.58%	56.85%	28.73%
Net Asset Value per unit	34.55	33.18	27.38	27.53	29.23	26.39
Closing market price <sup>(9)</sup>	34.55	33.16	27.63	27.58	29.21	26.53

## Explanatory Notes

- (1) a) This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements and unaudited interim financial statements. Under International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), investments that are traded in an active market are generally valued at closing price, which is determined to be within the bid-ask spread and most representative of fair value. As a result, there is no difference between the net assets per unit presented in the financial statements ("Net Assets") and the net asset value per unit calculated for fund pricing purposes ("Net Asset Value").
- b) The Fund commenced operations in February 2018, which represents the date upon which securities were first made available for purchase by investors.
- (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.

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- (3) Distributions were paid in cash/reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both. The characterization of the distributions is based on management's estimate of the actual income for the year.
- (4) This is not a reconciliation of the beginning and ending Net Assets per unit.
- (5) The management expense ratio ("MER") is calculated in accordance with National Instrument 81-106, based on all the expenses of the Fund (including Harmonized Sales Tax, Goods and Services Tax and interest, but excluding foreign withholding taxes, commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) and the Fund's proportionate share of the MER, if applicable, of the underlying funds and exchange traded funds ("ETFs") in which the Fund has invested, expressed as an annualized percentage of average daily Net Asset Value during the period.
- (6) AGFI waived certain fees or absorbed certain expenses otherwise payable by the Fund. The amount of expenses waived or absorbed is determined annually at the discretion of AGFI and AGFI can terminate the waiver or absorption at any time.
- (7) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs, including the Fund's proportionate share of the commissions, if applicable, of the underlying funds and ETFs in which the Fund has invested, expressed as an annualized percentage of average daily Net Asset Value during the period.
- (8) The Fund's portfolio turnover rate ("PTR") indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio advisor manages its portfolio investments. A PTR of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the year. The higher a fund's PTR in a year, the greater the trading costs payable by the fund in the year, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a fund.  
  
PTR is calculated based on the lesser of the cumulative cost of purchases or cumulative proceeds of sales divided by the average market value of the portfolio, excluding short-term investments.
- (9) Closing market price on the last trading day of the period, as applicable, as reported on Cboe Canada. Mid price is disclosed if no transaction took place on the last business day of the period.

## Management Fees

The Fund is managed by AGFI. AGFI is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Fund, which include providing investment and management services as well as other administrative services required by the Fund. As compensation for such services, AGFI receives a monthly management fee (including fees for sub-advisory services) at the annual rate of 0.45%, which includes applicable taxes, based on the Net Asset Value of the Fund, calculated daily and payable monthly. AGFI bears all operating expenses of the Fund except for management fees, brokerage expenses

and commissions, costs associated with the use of derivatives (if applicable), income and withholding taxes as well as all other applicable taxes, costs of complying with any new governmental or regulatory requirement introduced after the Fund was established, costs associated with the establishment and on-going operation of the Independent Review Committee, and extraordinary expenses.

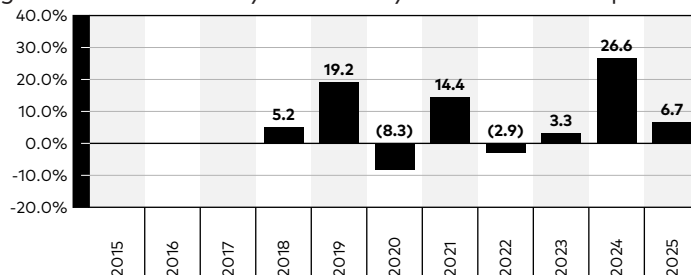
## Past Performance\*

The performance information shown assumes that all distributions made by the Fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional securities of the Fund. Note that the performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges that would have reduced returns or performance. How the Fund has performed in the past does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.

All rates of return are calculated based on the Net Asset Value.

### Year-By-Year Returns

The following bar chart shows the Fund's annual performance for each of the past 10 years to September 30, 2024 (interim performance for the six months ended March 31, 2025) as applicable, and illustrates how the Fund's performance has changed from year to year. The chart shows, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of each financial period would have grown or decreased by the last day of each financial period.



Performance for 2018 represents returns for the period from February 12, 2018 to September 30, 2018.

## Summary of Investment Portfolio

As at March 31, 2025

The major portfolio categories and top holdings (up to 25) of the Fund at the end of the period are indicated in the following tables. The Summary of Investment Portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund and the next quarterly update will be in the Quarterly Portfolio Disclosure as at June 30, 2025.

\* The indicated rates of return shown here are the historical returns including changes in security value and reinvestment of all distributions and do not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges by any securityholder that would have reduced returns or performance. ETFs are not guaranteed, their values change frequently and past performance may not be repeated.



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Portfolio by Country	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
United States	56.4
Spain	9.3
Italy	8.3
Canada	5.9
France	3.7
United Kingdom	3.4
Australia	3.1
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1.8
Germany	1.6
China	1.2
Mexico	1.2
Netherlands	1.0
Finland	0.8
Brazil	0.6
Singapore	0.5
Hong Kong	0.5
United Arab Emirates	0.5
Japan	0.5
Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	(0.3)

Portfolio by Sector	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
Utilities	46.2
Energy	22.6
Industrials	19.2
Real Estate	4.7
Information Technology	2.5
Communication Services	2.1
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1.8
Consumer Discretionary	1.5
Equity Options Written	(0.3)
Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	(0.3)

Portfolio by Asset Mix	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
United States Equity	56.7
International Equity	36.2
Canadian Equity	5.9
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1.8
United States Equity Options Written	(0.3)
Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	(0.3)

Top Holdings	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
<b>Long Positions:</b>	
Aena SME SA	5.2
NextEra Energy Inc.	4.2
Enel SpA	4.1
Iberdrola SA	4.1
Kinder Morgan Inc.	4.0
Cheniere Energy Inc.	3.9
American Tower Corporation	3.8
Enbridge Inc.	3.7
National Grid PLC	3.4
ONEOK Inc.	3.3
Duke Energy Corporation	3.2
Vinci SA	3.0
Targa Resources Corporation	3.0
Transurban Group	2.6
Snam SpA	2.5
Xcel Energy Inc.	2.2
The Williams Companies Inc.	2.2
American Electric Power Company Inc.	2.1
Sempra	2.0
Quanta Services Inc.	2.0
Microsoft Corporation	1.8
Constellation Energy Corporation	1.8
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1.8
TC Energy Corporation	1.7
Amazon.com Inc.	1.5
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>73.1</b>
<b>Short Positions:</b>	
<b>Equity Options Written</b>	
ONEOK Inc.	(0.3)
American Tower Corporation	(0.0)
Cheniere Energy Inc.	(0.0)
NextEra Energy Inc.	(0.0)
Constellation Energy Corporation	(0.0)
Microsoft Corporation	(0.0)
Amazon.com Inc.	(0.0)
Alphabet Inc.	(0.0)
Oracle Corporation	(0.0)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>(0.3)</b>
<b>Total Net Asset Value (thousands of dollars)</b>	<b>\$ 180,500</b>



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