**Quadravest Preferred Split Share ETF** 

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This interim management report of fund performance contains financial highlights, but does not contain either interim or annual financial statements of the Preferred ETF. You may obtain a copy of the interim financial statements of the Preferred ETF at your request, and at no cost, by calling 1-877-478-2372, by emailing us at info@quadravest.com, by visiting our website at www.quadravest.com, by visiting SEDAR's website at www.sedarplus.ca, or by contacting your advisor. You may also contact us using one of these methods to request a copy of the Preferred ETF's proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record, or quarterly portfolio disclosure.

# **Management Discussion of Fund Performance**

### The Fund

Quadravest Preferred Split Share ETF (the "Preferred ETF") is a mutual fund trust managed by Quadravest Capital Management Inc. (the "Manager" or "Quadravest"). The Preferred ETF is an exchange-traded ("ETF") alternative mutual fund, and the units of the Preferred ETF are traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") under the symbol PREF.

### **Investment Objective and Strategies**

The investment objectives of the Preferred ETF are to provide unitholders of the Preferred ETF with: (a) monthly distributions and (b) the opportunity for capital preservation primarily through investment in a portfolio of preferred shares of split share corporations ("Split Corp. Preferred Shares").

The investment strategy of the Preferred ETF is to primarily invest in an actively managed portfolio of Split Corp. Preferred Shares offered by Canadian split share corporations listed on a Canadian exchange. The Preferred ETF may also invest in preferred shares of other issuers, exchange-traded funds, other investment funds, equities or incomegenerating securities, and securities that are convertible into any of the above noted securities provided such investments are consistent with the Preferred ETF's investment objectives.

The Preferred ETF is considered an "alternative mutual fund" within the meaning of National Instrument 81-102 Investment Funds ("NI 81-102") and is permitted to invest in asset classes or use investment strategies that are not permitted for other types of mutual funds. As an alternative mutual fund, under NI 81-102, the Preferred ETF is permitted to use strategies generally prohibited by conventional mutual funds, including the ability to invest more than 10% of its net asset value ("NAV") in the securities of a single issuer.

### **Risks**

Risks associated with an investment in the units of the Preferred ETF are discussed in the Preferred ETF's prospectus, which is available on the Preferred ETF's website at www.quadravest.com or on SEDAR at www.sedarplus.ca. There were no changes to the risks during the period ended June 30, 2025 that could materially affect an investment in the units of the Preferred ETF as they were discussed in the Preferred ETF's prospectus.

### **Results of Operations**

For the six-month period ended June 30, 2025, the Preferred ETF's units returned 3.36% compared to 3.50% for the Preferred ETF's benchmark, the S&P/TSX Preferred Share Index. Unlike the benchmark, the Preferred ETF's performance is calculated after fees and expenses. Please see the *Past Performance* section for the Preferred ETF's returns, which may vary mainly because of fees and expenses.

The Fund's net asset value rose by 31.9% over the period, from \$21.00 million as at December 31, 2024 to \$27.70 million as at June 30, 2025.

North American equity markets delivered mixed performance over the six-month period ended June 30, 2025.

In Canada, equity markets saw modest gains, largely propelled by the energy sector's robust performance, benefiting from recovering global demand and stable commodity prices. The Bank of Canada implemented two rate cuts early in the period, reducing the overnight rate from 3.75% to 3.25% by March 2025. These cuts were in response to moderating inflation and persistent economic softness, particularly evident in subdued consumer demand and business investment, alongside the uncertainty surrounding U.S. trade tariffs and their potential impact on the Canadian economy.

U.S. equity markets experienced volatility during the period, reflecting persistent inflation, a strong labour market, and rising geopolitical and trade tensions. The U.S. Federal Reserve held its policy rate steady at 4.25% to 4.50% throughout the period, following its most recent cut in December 2024, as it continued to monitor inflation trends and economic resilience.

A key factor for the Canadian and U.S. economies was the escalation of global trade policy tensions. New tariffs implemented since January 2025 impacted the outlook for merchandise trade, fostering a cautious investment environment and raising concerns about cross-border commerce. Equity markets, particularly in the U.S., experienced notable volatility during the period, predominantly driven by U.S. trade policy and its implications for economic growth and inflation.

Against this backdrop, the Preferred ETF maintained stable performance for the period ended June 30, 2025. The NAV per unit was \$10.61 as of June 30, 2025, consistent with the NAV per unit as of December 31, 2024. The Preferred ETF's NAV was \$27.7 million as of June 30, 2025, reflecting net subscriptions of \$6.8 million during the period. A total of \$0.35 per unit was distributed to unitholders during the period, bringing cumulative distributions since inception to \$0.69 per unit.

### **Recent Developments**

Escalating global military tensions and continued uncertainty in global trade relations may contribute to market volatility and could impact the Preferred ETF's investment portfolio.

# **Related Party Transactions**

Quadravest is the manager, promoter, trustee, and portfolio manager of the Preferred ETF.

The Preferred ETF pays a management fee to the Manager pursuant to a management agreement (see the "Management Fees" section below).

### **Operating Expenses**

In addition to the payment of the management fee, the Preferred ETF is responsible for the costs and expenses incurred in complying with National Instrument 81-107 (including any expenses related to the implementation and on-going operation of the independent review committee), brokerage expenses and commissions, income and withholding taxes as well as all other applicable taxes, including HST, the costs of complying with any new governmental or regulatory requirement introduced after the Preferred ETF is established and extraordinary expenses. The Manager is responsible for all other costs and expenses of the Preferred ETF, including the fees payable to the custodian, registrar and transfer agent, fund administrator and fees payable to other service providers.

### **Related Party Holdings**

The Preferred ETF may invest in other underlying funds managed by the Manager, in accordance with its investment objectives and strategies. As at June 30, 2025, 398,591 units of the Preferred ETF were held by a related party of the Manager.

# **Management Fees**

Pursuant to a management agreement, the Preferred ETF pays an annual management fee to the Manager equal to 0.5% of the NAV of the Preferred ETF, calculated and payable monthly in arrears, plus applicable taxes. The management fee is payable to the Manager in consideration of the services that the Manager provides to the Preferred ETF in its capacity as the manager such as, managing the day-to-day business and affairs of the Preferred ETF.

The Preferred ETF invests in underlying funds through its investment in Split Corp. Preferred Shares. There will be no duplication of fees payable by the Preferred ETF and underlying funds for the same service. Split Corp. Preferred Shares generally do not bear any management fees or operating expenses when the NAV of the split share corporation is in excess of the redemption value.

### **Past Performance**

The performance information shown is based on Net Asset Value per unit and assumes that cash distributions made by the Preferred ETF during the periods shown were reinvested at Net Asset Value per unit in additional units of the Preferred ETF. Past performance does not necessarily indicate how the Preferred ETF will perform in the future.

# **Year-by-Year Returns**

The bar chart indicates the performance of the Preferred ETF for each of the years shown and illustrates how the performance has changed from year to year. It shows, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on January 1 (or made commencing from the commencement of operations of the Preferred ETF) would have grown or decreased by December 31 of that year, in the case of the annual management report of fund performance, or by June 30, in the case of the interim management report of fund performance.



<sup>(</sup>a) Returns for the Period from June 24, 2024 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2024.

<sup>(2)</sup> Returns for the period from January 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025.

# **Financial Highlights**

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Preferred ETF and are intended to help you understand the Preferred ETF's financial performance for the accounting periods shown.

Net Assets per  $Unit^{(1)}$ 

Accounting Period Ended	2025	2024
	June 30	December 3110
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (2)	10.61	10.00
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)		
Total revenue	0.36	0.42
Total expenses	(0.03)	(0.05)
Realized gains (losses)	_	0.07
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.02)	0.56
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (3)	0.31	1.00
Distributions (\$)		
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	_	_
From dividends	0.35	0.21
From capital gains	_	0.04
Return of capital	_	0.09
Total Annual Distributions (4)	0.35	0.34
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (2)	10.61	10.61

Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2025 June 30	2024 December 31 <sup>10</sup>
Number of units outstanding (5)	2,610,000	1,980,000
Management expense ratio (%) (6)	0.57	0.59
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.57	0.59
Trading expense ratio (%) (7)	_	0.32
Portfolio turnover rate (%) (8)	_	34.76
Net asset value per unit (\$)	10.61	10.61
Closing market price (9)	10.62	10.64

 $<sup>^{(</sup>i)}$  This information is derived from the Preferred ETF's annual audited financial statements and interim unaudited financial statements.

The net assets are calculated in accordance with IFRS.

Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase or decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the accounting period.

Distributions were paid in cash or reinvested in additional units of the Preferred ETF, or both.

<sup>(6)</sup> This information is provided as at the last day of the accounting period shown.

<sup>(6)</sup> Management expense ratio is based on total expenses including sales taxes for the accounting period indicated (excluding commission, other portfolio transaction costs and withholding taxes) and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net value during the accounting period.

The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the accounting period.

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The Preferred ETF's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Preferred ETF portfolio's manager manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Preferred ETF buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the accounting period. The higher the Preferred ETF's portfolio turnover rate in an accounting period, the greater the trading costs payable by the Preferred ETF in the accounting period, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the accounting period. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of the Preferred ETF.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(9)</sup>Closing market price on the last trading day of the accounting period as reported on the TSX.

Period from June 24, 2024 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2024.

# **Summary of Investment Portfolio**

# As of June 30, 2025

### **Portfolio Top Holdings**

	% of Net
	Asset Value
Financial 15 Split Corp. Preferred shares	
Dividend 15 Split Corp. Preferred shares	10.8
Dividend Growth Split Corp. Preferred shares	10.1
Premium Income Corporation Preferred shares	10.1
North American Financial 15 Split Corp. Preferred shares.	10.1
Life & Banc Split Corp. Preferred shares	9.1
Dividend 15 Split Corp. II Preferred shares	
Canadian Banc Corp. Preferred shares	8 <b>.</b> 9
Brompton Split Banc Corp. Preferred shares	6.5
Global Dividend Growth Split Corp. Preferred shares	
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	5.0
E Split Corp. Preferred shares	
	100.0

### **Term Allocation**

	% of Net
	Asset Value
From 1 year to 3 years	11.9
From 3 years to 5 years	61.9
Greater than 5 years	21.2
Credit Quality*	
	% of Net
	Asset Value
Pfd-3 (High)	9.2
Pfd-3	37.5
Pfd-3 (Low)	
Non-rated	10.1
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Net asset value ......\$27,697,134

The above table shows the top 25 positions held by the Preferred ETF. In the case of an ETF with fewer than 25 positions, all positions are indicated.

The Summary of Investment Portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Preferred ETF. A quarterly update is available. Please consult our website at www.quadravest.com.

<sup>\*</sup>The DBRS Morningstar preferred share rating scale reflects an opinion on the risk that an issuer will not fulfil its obligations with respect to both dividend and principal commitments in respect of preferred shares issued in the Canadian securities market in accordance with the terms under which the relevant preferred shares have been issued. Each rating category may be denoted by the subcategories "high" and "low". The absence of either a "high" or "low" designation indicates the rating is in the middle of the category. The DBRS Morningstar rating scale ranges from Pfd-1: the highest, to D: the lowest.

