

# WEALTHSIMPLE NORTH AMERICAN GREEN BOND INDEX ETF (CAD-HEDGED)

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## **Annual Management Report of Fund Performance**

*For the Year Ended March 31, 2024*

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*Unitholders may also contact us using one of these methods to request a copy of the ETF’s interim financial report, proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record or quarterly portfolio disclosure. For more information, please refer to the ETF’s Prospectus and ETF Facts, which may also be obtained, at no cost, using any of the methods outlined above.*

*For the ETF’s current net asset value per unit and for more recent information on general market events, please visit our website.*

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## Management Discussion of Fund Performance

June 4, 2024

This Management Discussion of Fund Performance presents the portfolio management team's view on the significant factors and developments that have affected the ETF's performance and outlook in the year ended March 31, 2024 (the "period"). If the ETF was established during the period, "period" represents the period since inception.

In this report, "Mackenzie" and "the Manager" refer to Mackenzie Financial Corporation, the manager of the ETF. In addition, net asset value ("NAV") refers to the value of the ETF as calculated for subscription and redemption purposes, on which the discussion of ETF performance is based.

Please read *A Note on Forward-Looking Statements* on the first page of this document.

### Investment Objective and Strategies

The ETF seeks to replicate, to the extent reasonably possible and before fees and expenses, the performance of the Solactive Green Bond USD CAD DM CAD Hedged Index, or any successor thereto. It invests primarily in investment grade green, social and sustainable bonds. Foreign currency exposure is hedged back to the Canadian dollar.

### Risk

The risks of the ETF remain as discussed in the ETF's Prospectus.

The ETF is suitable for short- to medium-term investors looking for a North American fixed income fund with exposure to green, social and sustainable bonds to hold as part of their portfolio, who can handle the volatility of bond markets and who have a low tolerance for risk.

### Results of Operations

#### Investment Performance

During the period, the ETF returned 2.3% (after deducting fees and expenses). This compares with the Solactive Green Bond USD CAD DM CAD Hedged Index return of 2.8%. All index returns are calculated on a total return basis in Canadian dollar terms. Investors cannot invest in an index without incurring fees, expenses and commissions, which are not reflected in the index returns.

The U.S. Federal Reserve and the Bank of Canada paused interest rate increases in the period after two 25-basis-point rises. Treasury yields fell from peak levels. Inflation decreased significantly, and wage growth moderated but remained around 5%. The Federal Reserve remained focused on its 2% inflation target, signalling that it could lower interest rates in 2024 despite robust economic indicators and persistently high inflation. The Bank of Canada continued to express concerns about inflation but also signalled the possibility of a policy rate cut later in 2024, backed by weaker economic data.

Through the period, the ETF used a sampling methodology to invest in broadly diversified securities that collectively approximate the full index in terms of key characteristics. Alternatively, the ETF may invest its assets directly in the bonds that make up the index, holding each bond in approximately the same proportion as its weighting in the index. The ETF uses derivative instruments to hedge its foreign currency exposure back to the Canadian dollar.

The difference in performance between the ETF and the index resulted primarily from management fees and other operating expenses, and from the sampling methodology of the ETF.

Over the period, changes were made to the ETF's holdings to reflect changes in the composition of the index.

## Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") Impact

Green, social and sustainable bonds included in the index must satisfy a set of guidelines from the International Capital Market Association and are verified by the Climate Bond Initiative. The issuer must clearly indicate the intended use of the bond's proceeds. Green bonds finance projects or activities that promote climate or other environmental sustainability purposes ("Green Projects"), such as renewable energy, pollution prevention and control, and climate change adaptation. Social bonds finance projects that address a social issue ("Social Projects"), often aimed at target populations such as those living below the poverty line and marginalized communities. Examples include food security and sustainable food systems, socioeconomic advancement and affordable housing. Sustainable bonds are issues whose proceeds are used to finance or refinance a combination of Green Projects and Social Projects. All designated eligible Green Projects and Social Projects should provide clear benefits, which will be assessed by the index provider and, where feasible, quantified by the issuer.

The index is rebalanced annually based on these guidelines. Over the period, 18 securities were added to the ETF and 49 were eliminated, for a total of 171 at period-end. Green bonds increased to 92% of the ETF's fixed income investments from 89%, social bonds decreased to 0% from 1% and sustainable bonds decreased to 5% from 7%. The ETF's investment strategy is to invest primarily in such bonds, thereby directly funding green, social and sustainable projects.

### Net Assets

The ETF's net assets increased by 14.5% during the period to \$229.0 million. This change was composed primarily of \$5.0 million in net income (including any interest and/or dividend income) from investment performance, after deducting fees and expenses, and an increase of \$24.0 million due to net unitholder activity (including sales, redemptions and cash distributions).

### Recent Developments

Because the ETF is an index fund, neither market expectations nor recent developments affect the composition of the portfolio.

### Related Party Transactions

#### Management Fees

The management expense ratio ("MER") for the ETF during the year ended March 31, 2024, was similar to the MER for the year ended March 31, 2023. Total expenses paid vary from period to period mainly as a result of changes in average assets in the ETF. The MERs are presented in the *Financial Highlights* section of this report. The ETF paid management fees to the Manager at the annual rate of 0.25%.

The management fee for the ETF is calculated and accrued daily as a percentage of its NAV. The ETF's management fees were used by the Manager to pay for the costs of managing the investment portfolio of the ETF, including providing investment analysis and recommendations, making investment decisions, making brokerage arrangements for the purchase and sale of the investment portfolio, providing other services and licensing the index, and to pay for all costs and expenses (other than certain specified fund costs as more fully described in the Prospectus) required to operate the ETF.

#### Other Related Party Transactions

The ETF did not rely on an approval, positive recommendation or standing instruction from the Mackenzie Funds' Independent Review Committee with respect to any related party transactions in the period.

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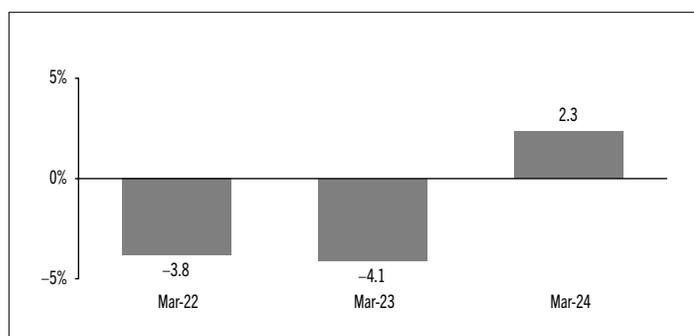
## Past Performance

The ETF's performance information assumes all distributions made by the ETF in the periods presented are reinvested in additional units of the ETF. The performance information does not take into account brokerage commissions or income taxes payable by any investor that would have reduced returns or performance. The past performance of the ETF is not necessarily an indication of how it will perform in the future.

If you hold this ETF outside of a registered plan, income and capital gains distributions paid to you increase your income for tax purposes whether paid to you in cash or reinvested in additional units of the ETF. The amount of reinvested taxable distributions is added to the adjusted cost base of the units that you own. This would decrease your capital gain or increase your capital loss when you later sell from the ETF, thereby ensuring that you are not taxed on this amount again. Please consult your tax advisor regarding your personal tax situation.

## Year-by-Year Returns

The following bar chart presents the performance of the ETF for each of the fiscal periods shown. The chart shows, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of each fiscal period, or on the ETF's inception date (January 21, 2022), as applicable, would have increased or decreased by the last day of the fiscal period presented.



## Annual Compound Returns

The following table compares the historical annual compound total returns for the ETF with the relevant index or indices shown below for each of the periods ended March 31, 2024. Investors cannot invest in an index without incurring fees, expenses and commissions, which are not reflected in these performance figures.

All index returns are calculated in Canadian dollars on a total return basis, meaning that all dividend payments, interest income accruals and interest payments are reinvested.

Percentage Return:	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception
Wealthsimple North American Green Bond Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	2.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	-2.6
Solactive Green Bond USD CAD DM CAD Hedged Index	2.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	-2.2

*The Solactive Green Bond USD CAD DM CAD Hedged Index provides investors with exposure to USD and CAD currencies across 24 developed markets. The index offers a focus on liquid investment grade bonds with corporate, agency, supra-national or sovereign issuers. The foreign currency exposure is hedged back to the Canadian dollar.*

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## Summary of Investment Portfolio at March 31, 2024

PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Bonds	103.4
Bonds	97.2
Long bond futures*	6.2
Other assets (liabilities)	0.7
Cash and cash equivalents	(4.1)

REGIONAL ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
United States	49.4
Luxembourg	15.1
Canada	14.0
Netherlands	5.8
Germany	3.8
Hong Kong	3.4
Japan	3.3
Israel	3.2
France	2.0
Sweden	1.0
Norway	0.8
Other assets (liabilities)	0.7
Other	0.5
China	0.4
Indonesia	0.4
Mexico	0.3
Cash and cash equivalents	(4.1)

SECTOR ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Corporate bonds	60.4
Supra-national bonds	17.8
Foreign government bonds	14.8
Provincial bonds	6.9
Federal bonds	3.4
Other assets (liabilities)	0.7
Municipal bonds	0.1
Cash and cash equivalents	(4.1)

BONDS BY CREDIT RATING **	% OF NAV
AAA	27.7
AA	10.8
A	31.1
BBB	25.7
Unrated	1.9

\* Notional values represent 6.2% of NAV for long bond futures.

\*\* Credit ratings and rating categories are based on ratings issued by a designated rating organization.

## TOP 25 POSITIONS

Issuer	% OF NAV
European Investment Bank 2.88% 06-13-2025	8.1
European Investment Bank 1.63% 05-13-2031	3.5
Government of Israel 4.50% 01-17-2033	2.8
Province of Ontario 1.55% 11-01-2029	2.2
Cash and cash equivalents	2.1
European Investment Bank 1.63% 10-09-2029	1.9
Kreditanstalt fuer Wiederaufbau 1.75% 09-14-2029	1.7
JPMorgan Chase and Co. F/R 10-22-2027	1.5
International Bank for Reconstruction and Development 0.63% 04-22-2025	1.5
Kreditanstalt fuer Wiederaufbau 1.00% 10-01-2026	1.4
ING Groep NV 4.63% 01-06-2026	1.4
Cooperatieve Rabobank UA F/R 09-24-2026	1.3
Province of Ontario 1.85% 02-01-2027	1.3
PacifiCorp 5.50% 05-15-2054	1.1
Government of Canada 2.25% 12-01-2029	1.1
BNP Paribas SA F/R 06-30-2027	1.1
PacifiCorp. 2.90% 06-15-2052	1.1
European Investment Bank 2.38% 05-24-2027	1.0
International Bank for Reconstruction and Development F/R 08-06-2024	1.0
Kommuninvest I Sverige AB 0.38% 06-19-2024	1.0
Development Bank of Japan Inc. 1.88% 10-02-2024	1.0
Duke Energy Progress LLC 3.45% 03-15-2029	0.9
NXP BV 5.00% 01-15-2033	0.9
PacifiCorp 5.35% 12-01-2053	0.9
Verizon Communications Inc. 3.88% 02-08-2029	0.9

Top long positions as a percentage  
of total net asset value

42.7

The ETF held no short positions at the end of the period.

The investments and percentages may have changed since March 31, 2024, due to the ongoing portfolio transactions of the ETF.

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## Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about the ETF and are intended to help you understand the ETF's financial performance for each of the fiscal periods presented below. In the period when the ETF was established, "period" represents the period from inception to the end of that fiscal period. The inception date can be found under *Past Performance*.

### THE ETF'S NET ASSETS PER SECURITY (\$)¹

	Mar. 31 2024	Mar. 31 2023	Mar. 31 2022
<b>CAD Units (Ticker: WSGB)</b>			
<b>Net assets, beginning of period</b>	22.48	24.00	25.00
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>			
Total revenue	0.68	0.60	0.16
Total expenses	(0.06)	(0.06)	(0.01)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.13)	(1.45)	(0.25)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.04	(0.03)	(0.92)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations²</b>	0.53	(0.94)	(1.02)
<b>Distributions:</b>			
From net investment income (excluding Canadian dividends)	(0.55)	(0.48)	(0.08)
From Canadian dividends	–	–	–
From capital gains	–	–	–
Return of capital	–	(0.02)	–
<b>Total annual distributions³</b>	(0.55)	(0.50)	(0.08)
<b>Net assets, end of period</b>	22.45	22.48	24.00

(1) These calculations are prescribed by securities regulations and are not intended to be a reconciliation between opening and closing net assets per unit. This information is derived from the ETF's audited annual financial statements. The net assets per unit presented in the financial statements may differ from the net asset value per unit calculated for ETF pricing purposes. An explanation of these differences, if any, can be found in the *Notes to Financial Statements*.

(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 fiscal period.

(3) Distributions were paid in cash/reinvested in additional units of the ETF, or both.

## RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

	Mar. 31 2024	Mar. 31 2023	Mar. 31 2022
<b>CAD Units (Ticker: WSGB)</b>			
Total net asset value (\$000)¹	228,965	200,067	192,029
Units outstanding (000)¹	10,200	8,900	8,000
Management expense ratio (%)²	0.29	0.28	0.28
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)²	0.29	0.28	0.28
Trading expense ratio (%)³	–	–	–
Trading expense ratio before reimbursements (%)³	–	–	–
Portfolio turnover rate (%)⁴	18.78	10.24	n/a
Net asset value per unit (\$)	22.45	22.48	24.00
Closing market price (\$)⁵	22.47	22.53	23.98

(1) This information is provided as at the end of the fiscal period shown.

(2) Management expense ratio ("MER") is based on total expenses, excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs, income taxes and withholding taxes, for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net assets during the period, except as noted. If the ETF was established in the period, the MER is annualized from the date of inception to the end of the period. Where the ETF directly invests in securities of another fund (including other ETFs), the MER presented for the ETF includes the portion of MERs of the other fund(s) attributable to this investment. Any income distributions received from ETFs managed by the Manager, with the intention of offsetting fees paid within those ETFs but which are not considered to be duplicative fees under regulatory requirements, are treated as waived expenses for MER purposes. The Manager may waive or absorb operating expenses at its discretion and stop waiving or absorbing such expenses at any time without notice.

(3) The trading expense ratio ("TER") represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net assets during the period. Where the ETF invests in securities of another fund (including other ETFs), the TER presented for the ETF includes the portion of TERs of the other fund(s) attributable to this investment. The Manager may reimburse the ETF for certain brokerage commissions and other transaction costs (including those payable to the custodian or its agents). The Manager may make these reimbursements at its discretion and stop these reimbursements at any time without notice.

(4) The ETF's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the ETF's portfolio advisor manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the ETF buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the period. The higher the ETF's portfolio turnover rate in a period, the greater the trading costs payable by the ETF in the period, 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 the ETF. The portfolio turnover rate is not provided when the ETF is less than one year old.

(5) Closing market price, or the midpoint of the bid and ask prices in the absence of a closing market price, on the last trading day of the period as reported on Cboe Canada.

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