

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

For the period from commencement of operations on December 10, 2020  
to December 31, 2020

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## MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

### Management Discussion of Fund Performance for the period from commencement of operations on December 10, 2020 to December 31, 2020

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This Management Report of Fund Performance represents the portfolio management team's view of the significant factors and developments affecting the Fund's performance and outlook for the period from commencement of operations on December 10, 2020 to December 31, 2020. Every effort has been made to ensure the information contained in this Management Report of Fund Performance is accurate and complete, however, the Fund cannot guarantee the accuracy or the completeness of this material. For more information, please refer to the Fund's Prospectus ("Prospectus"). In this report, "Manager", refers to 3iQ Corp., the Manager of the Fund. The "Fund" refers to The Ether Fund. In addition, "net asset value" or "NAV" refers to the value of the Fund as calculated for transaction purposes, on which the discussion of Fund performance is based. All dollar figures are reported in United States dollars.

#### Investment Objective and Strategies

The investment objectives of the Fund are to seek to provide unitholders of the Fund with exposure to the digital currency Ether ("ETH") and the daily price movements of the U.S. dollar price of ETH, and the opportunity for long-term capital appreciation. To achieve its investment objectives, the Fund invests in long-term holdings of ETH, purchased from reputable ETH trading platforms and OTC counterparties, in order to provide investors with a convenient, secure alternative to a direct investment in ETH. The Fund does not speculate with regard to short-term changes in ETH prices.

#### Risk

The risks associated with investing in the Fund remain as discussed in the Prospectus. The Fund is suitable for investors looking for long-term capital appreciation of ETH and those who have the capacity to absorb a loss on their investment. The NAV of the units will vary according to the value of ETH included in the Fund's portfolio. The value of the ETH will be influenced by factors which are not within the control of the Fund or the Manager. The Fund was created to invest in ETH and is not expected to have exposure to any other investments or assets. Other than cash or cash equivalents, the Fund will invest substantially all of its assets in ETH. The NAV per unit may be more volatile than the value of a more broadly diversified portfolio and may fluctuate substantially over short periods of time. This may have a negative impact on the NAV of the units.

For the period ended December 31, 2020, there were no changes affecting the overall level of risk associated with an investment in the Fund. Therefore, the overall level of Fund risk and investor risk tolerance remains as stated in the Prospectus.

#### Results of Operations

During the period ended December 31, 2020, Class A units of the Fund returned +31.5%.

The net asset value of the Fund was \$95.9 million as at December 31, 2020. This was composed primarily of net sales of units of \$76.5 million, issuance costs paid of \$3.6 million and net income from operations of \$22.9 million for the period ended December 31, 2020.

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

#### Market and Fund Performance Review

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

Over the period of December 10, 2020 to December 31, 2020, ETH moved from \$564.78 to \$744.77, a positive gain of 31.9%. The Fund's NAV performance over the same period was a positive gain of 31.5%. The Fund's market price return performance for the period was 47.7%.

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The Fund opened for trading on December 10<sup>th</sup> about mid-day and immediately moved higher from the subscription price of \$10.75 to close at \$11.02, at a premium to the NAV of the Fund of approximately 9.4%. The premium moved to 12.8% the next day.

#### Related Party Transactions

As at December 31, 2020, the directors and officers of the Manager held 35,825 units of the Fund with a total market value of \$474,516.

#### Management fees:

The Manager is responsible for managing and directing the undertaking, operations and affairs of the Fund, including managing and directing the investments. The Fund pays an annual management fee to the Manager amounting to 1.95% of the Fund's net asset value calculated daily and payable monthly, plus applicable taxes, in respect of each of the Class A Units and the Class F Units of the Fund. However, there are no Class F Units outstanding since they have been reclassified as Class A Units.

During the period ended December 31, 2020, \$104,808 in management fees were paid to the Manager. These transactions occurred in the normal course of operations and the fees are measured at exchange value, which is the amount established and agreed to by the related parties.

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### Financial Highlights – December 31, 2020

The following table shows selected key financial information about the Class A Units of the Fund and is intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the period since the inception date.

	December 31, 2020
<b>The Fund's Net Asset Value (NAV) per Class A Unit (1)(2)</b>	
<b>Net assets per share, beginning of period</b>	<b>\$ 10.08</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations</b>	
Total expenses	(0.03)
Unrealized gains (losses)	3.20
<b>Total increase from operations (2)</b>	<b>3.17</b>
<b>Total annual distributions</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net asset value, end of period (3)</b>	<b>\$ 13.25</b>
<b>Ratios and Supplemental Data</b>	
Total net asset value (3)	\$ 95,896,870
Number of shares outstanding (3)	7,240,000
Management expense ratio (4)	4.10%
Trading expense ratio (5)	0.00%
Portfolio turnover rate (6)	0.00%
<b>Net asset value per unit</b>	<b>\$ 13.25</b>
Closing market price (3)	\$ 15.95

#### Notes:

- (1) This information is derived from the Fund's annual financial statements for December 31, 2020 and is not a reconciliation of beginning and ending net assets per unit.
- (2) Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the financial period.
- (3) This information is provided as at December 31, 2020
- (4) Management expense ratio is based on total expenses (excluding distributions, commissions, and other portfolio transaction costs) for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average NAV during the period.
- (5) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average NAV during the period.
- (6) The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio manager manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the units in its portfolio once in the course of the period. The higher a fund's portfolio turnover rate in the period, the greater the trading costs payable by the fund in the period, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the period. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a fund.

#### Annual Compound Returns

Annual compound returns are not presented as the Fund has been in operation for less than 12 months as at December 31, 2020.

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### Summary of Investment Portfolio as at December 31, 2020

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

<b>Portfolio Composition</b>		<b>All Holdings</b>	
<b>Sector Allocation</b>	<b>% of Net Assets Value</b>	<b>Issuer</b>	<b>% of Net Assets Value</b>
Digital assets	99.91	Ethereum	99.91
		Cash	0.31
		Other assets and liabilities, net	(0.22)
<b>Total Portfolio Allocations</b>	99.91%		
<b>Total Net Assets Value (in millions)</b>	<b>\$ 95.897</b>	<b>Total Percentage of Net Assets Value Represented by Holdings</b>	<b>100%</b>

The Investment Portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund. Quarterly updates of the Investment Portfolio are available within 60 days of each quarter end.