

## Scotia Emerging Markets Equity Index Tracker ETF

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### Annual Management Report of Fund Performance

For the year ended December 31, 2022

This annual management report of fund performance contains financial highlights but does not contain the annual financial statements of the investment fund. You can get a copy of the annual financial statements at your request, and at no cost, by calling toll-free 1-800-268-9269, by writing to us at 1832 Asset Management L.P., 40 Temperance Street, 16th Floor, Toronto, ON, M5H 0B4 or by visiting our website at [www.scotiafunds.com](http://www.scotiafunds.com) or SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

Securityholders may also contact us using one of these methods to request a copy of the investment fund's interim financial statements, proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record or quarterly portfolio disclosure.

1832 Asset Management L.P. is the manager (the "Manager") of the fund. In this document, "we", "us", "our" and the "Manager" refer to 1832 Asset Management L.P. and the "Fund" refers to Scotia Emerging Markets Equity Index Tracker ETF.

The term "net asset value" or "net asset value per unit" in this document refers to the net asset value determined in accordance with Part 14 of National Instrument 81-106 – Investment Fund Continuous Disclosure ("National Instrument 81-106"); while the term "net assets" or "net assets per unit" refers to total equity or net assets attributable to unitholders of the Fund as determined in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

#### Caution Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

*Certain portions of this report, including, but not limited to, "Recent Developments", may contain forward-looking statements about the Fund and the underlying funds, as applicable, including statements with respect to strategies, risks, expected performance events and conditions. 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", "projects" and similar forward-looking expressions or negative versions thereof.*

*In addition, any statement that may be made concerning future performance, strategies or prospects and possible future action by the Fund is also a forward-looking statement. Forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and projections about future general economic, political and relevant market factors, such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates, equity and capital markets, and the general business environment, in each case assuming no changes to applicable tax or other laws or government regulation. Expectations and projections about future events are inherently subject to, among other things, risks and uncertainties, some of which may be unforeseeable.*

*Accordingly, current assumptions concerning future economic and other factors may prove to be incorrect at a future date.*

*Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and actual results or events 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, such as interest and foreign exchange rates, global equity and capital markets, business competition, technological change, changes in government relations, unexpected judicial or regulatory proceedings and catastrophic events. We stress that the above mentioned list of important factors is not exhaustive. Some of these risks, uncertainties and other factors are described in the Fund's simplified prospectus, under the heading "Risk Factors".*

*We encourage you to consider these and other factors carefully before making any investment decisions. Forward-looking statements should not be unduly relied upon. Further, you should be aware of the fact that the Fund has no specific intention of updating any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, prior to the release of the next management report of fund performance, and that the forward-looking statements speak only to the date of this management report of fund performance.*

#### Investment Objective and Strategies

The Fund seeks to replicate, to the extent possible and before fees and expenses, the performance of a broad equity market index that tracks the investment returns of publicly traded securities issued by large and mid capitalization companies in the emerging markets. Currently, the Fund seeks to replicate Solactive GBS Emerging Markets Large & Mid Cap Index.

#### Risk

The risks associated with investing in the Fund are as described in the simplified prospectus. There were no material changes to the Fund during the period that affected the overall level of risk of the Fund.

#### Results of Operations

The Fund was created on November 11, 2022. Investment performance is not provided for a Fund that has been available for less than one year.

For the 12-month period, Emerging market equities, as represented by the Solactive GBS Emerging Markets Large & Mid Cap CAD Index, returned -13.2%. Many of the same issues from

the first six months of 2022 persisted through the remainder of the year including elevated levels inflation not seen since the 1970s, escalation of the war between Russia and Ukraine, ongoing COVID-19 lockdowns in China associated with its zero-COVID policy and the looming threat of global recession.

The dominant story of the year was the unprecedented levels of inflation seen around the world and the response by the world's monetary authorities to curb prices and bring inflation levels to within target ranges. Surging consumer prices pushed the global inflation rate beyond 11%, weighing heavily on households' purchasing power and sentiment. The inflationary backdrop was exacerbated by Russia's invasion of Ukraine which added complexity to already disrupted supply lines and placed more upward pressure on commodity prices.

The year began with another COVID-19 wave in the form of the Omicron variant. Yet the negative impact from renewed mobility restrictions on economic growth in most parts of the world were milder than those seen for previous waves, partly in response to the widespread take up in vaccines. The same could not be said about China given its zero-COVID policy. Their imposed lockdowns, in tandem with regulatory restrictions imposed on a wide range of industries, generated an air pocket in growth which then spilled out to the rest of the world. By year-end, China began the relaxation of Covid regulations, which helped boost optimism regarding an earlier-than-expected re-opening of the economy. Support for the housing sector also added to the positive sentiment. China represents close to a fifth of global gross domestic product, the prospect of an upswing is enticing for the emerging markets region.

All but one of the 11 GICS (Global Industry Classification Standard) sectors posted negative returns over the 12-month period, with Utilities being the exception. The worst performing sectors were Information Technology, Communications Services and Energy.

The Fund's net asset value increased to approximately \$97.0 million since inception. This change was composed of net sales of \$98.2 million, investment performance of –\$0.1 million and cash distributions of \$1.1 million. The investment performance of the Fund includes income and expenses which vary year over year. Prior year results are not available for comparative purposes as the Fund commenced operations during the current year.

The Fund may make distributions at a rate determined by the Manager from time to time. If the aggregate amount of distributions exceeds the portion of net income and net realized capital gains, the excess will constitute a return of capital. The Manager does not believe that the return of capital distributions made by the Fund have a meaningful impact on the Fund's ability to implement its investment strategy or to fulfill its investment objective.

## Recent Developments

There have been no recent developments that have affected, or likely to materially affect the Fund.

## Related Party Transactions

The Manager is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Bank of Nova Scotia ("Scotiabank"). Scotiabank also owns, directly or indirectly,

100% of Scotia Securities Inc., a mutual fund dealer, and Scotia Capital Inc. (which includes ScotiaMcLeod and Scotia iTRADE), an investment dealer.

The Manager, on behalf of the Fund, may enter into transactions or arrangements with other members of Scotiabank or certain other companies that are related or connected to the Manager (each a "related party"). All transactions between the Fund and the related parties are in the normal course of business and are carried out at arm's length terms.

The purpose of this section is to provide a brief description of any transaction involving the Fund and a related party.

## Management Fees

The Manager is responsible for the day-to-day management and operations of the Fund. The Fund pay the Manager a management fee for its services as described in the "Management Fee" section later in this document. The management fee is an annualized rate based on the net asset value of the Fund, accrued and calculated daily and paid monthly.

## Fixed Administration Fees and Fund Costs

The Manager pays the operating expenses of the Fund, other than Fund Costs, in exchange for the payment by the Fund of a fixed rate administration fee (the "Fixed Administration Fee") to the Manager with respect to the Fund. The expenses charged to the Fund in respect of the Fixed Administration Fee are disclosed in the Fund's financial statements. The Fixed Administration Fee is equal to a specified percentage of the net asset value the Fund, calculated and paid in the same manner as the management fees for the Fund. Further details about the Fixed Administration Fee can be found in the Fund's most recent simplified prospectus.

In addition, the Fund is responsible for its proportionate share of certain operating expenses ("Fund Costs"). Further details about Fund Costs can be found in the Fund's most recent simplified prospectus.

The Manager, at its sole discretion, may waive or absorb a portion of a series' expenses. These waivers or absorptions may be terminated at any time without notice.

## Designated Broker

Scotia Capital Inc., an affiliate of the Manager, is the designated broker of the Fund. As a designated broker, Scotia Capital Inc. may subscribe for or be issued units of the Fund by the Manager from time to time.

## Independent Review Committee

The Manager has established an independent review committee (the "IRC") in accordance with National Instrument 81-107 – Independent Review Committee for Investment Funds ("NI 81-107") with a mandate to review and provide recommendations or approval, as required, on conflict of interest matters referred to it by the Manager on behalf of the Fund. The IRC is responsible for overseeing the Manager's decisions in

situations where the Manager is faced with any present or perceived conflicts of interest, all in accordance with NI 81-107.

The IRC may also approve certain mergers between the Fund and other funds, and any change of the auditor of the Fund. Subject to any corporate and securities law requirements, no securityholder approval will be obtained in such circumstances, but you will be sent a written notice at least 60 days before the effective date of any such transaction or change of auditor. In certain circumstances, securityholder approval may be required to approve certain mergers.

The IRC has five members, Stephen J. Griggs (Chair), Steven Donald, Simon Hitzig, Heather A. T. Hunter and Jennifer L. Witterick, each of whom is independent of the Manager.

The IRC prepares and files a report to the securityholders each fiscal year that describes the IRC and its activities for securityholders as well as contains a complete list of the standing instructions. These standing instructions enable the Manager to act in a particular conflict of interest matter on a continuing basis provided the Manager complies with its policies and procedures established to address that conflict of interest matter and reports periodically to the IRC on the matter. This report to the securityholders is available on the Manager's website or, at no cost, by contacting the Manager.

The compensation and other reasonable expenses of the IRC will be paid out of the assets of the Fund as well as out of the assets of the other investment funds for which the IRC may act as the independent review committee. Each member of the IRC receives an annual retainer of \$62,000 (\$77,000 for the Chair), plus expenses for each meeting. The fees and expenses, plus associated legal costs, are allocated among all of the funds managed by the Manager for which the IRC acts as the independent review committee in a manner that is considered by the Manager to be fair and reasonable. The main component of compensation is an annual retainer fee. Prior to November 1, 2021, each IRC member also received a fee for each committee meeting attended. Expenses of the IRC may include premiums for insurance coverage, travel expenses and reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.

The Manager, in respect of the Fund, received the following standing instructions from the IRC with respect to related party transactions:

- Paying brokerage commissions and spreads to a related party for effecting security transactions on an agency and principal basis on behalf of the Fund;
- Purchases or sales of securities of an issuer from or to another investment fund managed by the Manager;
- Investments in the securities of issuers for which a related underwriter acted as an underwriter during the distribution of such securities and the 60-day period following the completion of such distribution;
- Executing foreign exchange transactions with a related party on behalf of the Fund;
- Purchases of securities of a related party;
- Entering into over-the-counter derivatives on behalf of the Fund with a related party;
- Outsourcing products and services to related parties which can be charged to the Fund;
- Acquisition of prohibited securities as defined by securities regulations;
- Trading in mortgages with a related party;
- Entering into a designated broker agreement with a related party; and
- Entering into a prime broker agreement with a related party.

The Manager is required to advise the IRC of any breach of a condition of the standing instructions. The standing instructions require, among other things, that the investment decision in respect to a related party transaction: (a) is made by the Manager free from any influence by an entity related to the Manager and without taking into account any consideration to any associate or affiliate of the Manager; (b) represents the business judgment of the Manager uninfluenced by considerations other than the best interests of the Fund; and (c) is made in compliance with the Manager's written policies and procedures. Transactions made by the Manager under the standing instructions are subsequently reviewed by the IRC to monitor compliance.

The Manager, in respect of the Fund, did not rely on IRC standing instructions regarding related party transactions during the period.

## Financial Highlights

The financial highlights tables and the ratios and supplemental tables required to be presented in this section is intended to help understand the Fund's financial performance for the period indicated. The information on the following tables is based on prescribed regulations and as a result, is not expected to add across due to the increase (decrease) in net assets from operations being based on average units outstanding during the period and all other numbers being based on actual units outstanding at the relevant point in time. Footnotes for the tables are found at the end of the Financial Highlights section.

**The Fund's Net Assets per Unit (\$)<sup>(1)</sup>**

| For the period ended  | Net assets, beginning of period | Increase (decrease) from operations |                |  |  |  | Distributions                                    |                |                    |                   |                                    | Net assets, end of period <sup>(1)</sup> |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|--|--|--|--|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|--|
|                       |                                 | Total revenue                       | Total expenses | Realized gains (losses) for the period | Unrealized gains (losses) for the period | Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup> | From net investment income (excluding dividends) | From dividends | From capital gains | Return of capital | Total distributions <sup>(3)</sup> |  |
| <b>Dec. 31, 2022*</b> | <b>20.00</b>                    | <b>0.05</b>                         | <b>(0.01)</b>  | <b>0.54</b>                            | <b>(0.67)</b>                            | <b>(0.09)</b>  | <b>(0.25)</b>                                    | <b>–</b>       | <b>–</b>           | <b>(0.00)</b>     | <b>(0.25)</b>                      | <b>21.68</b>                             |

\* The start date for the Fund was November 15th, 2022.

(1) This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements. The net assets per unit presented in the financial statements may differ from the net asset value per unit. An explanation of these differences can be found in note 2 of the Fund's financial statements. The net asset value per unit at the end of the period is disclosed in Ratios and Supplemental Data.

(2) Net assets per unit and distributions per unit are based on the actual number of units outstanding for the Fund at the relevant time. The increase (decrease) in net assets from operations per unit is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding for the Fund over the period.

(3) Distributions were paid in cash or reinvested in additional units of the Fund.

**Ratios and Supplemental Data**

| As at                | Total net asset value (000's) (\$) <sup>(1)</sup> | Number of units outstanding <sup>(1)</sup> | Management expense ratio ("MER") (%) <sup>(2)</sup> | MER before waivers or absorptions (%) <sup>(2)</sup> | Trading expense ratio ("TER") (%) <sup>(3)</sup> | Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)</sup> | Net asset value per unit (\$) <sup>(1)</sup> | Closing Market Price (\$) <sup>(5)</sup> |
|----------------------|---|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| <b>Dec. 31, 2022</b> | <b>97,030,751</b>                                 | <b>4,475,000</b>                           | <b>0.34*</b>  | <b>7.37*</b>   | <b>0.84</b>                                      | <b>23.59</b>                               | <b>21.68</b>                                 | <b>21.67</b>                             |

\* Annualized

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

(2) The management expense ratio is based on total expenses (including sales tax, and excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) of the Fund and a proportional share of underlying funds' expenses (mutual funds, ETFs and closed-end funds), where applicable, for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of the daily average net asset value during the period.

(3) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs of the Fund and the underlying funds, where applicable, expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value of the Fund during the period.

(4) The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio advisor manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the period. The higher a fund's portfolio turnover rate in a 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 year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a fund.

(5) Closing market price is as per Toronto Stock Exchange on the last trading day of the Fund's reporting period.

**Management Fees**

The management fee is an annualized rate based on the net asset value of the Fund, accrued and calculated daily and paid monthly. The management fees cover the costs of managing the Fund, arranging for investment analysis, recommendations and investment decision making for the Fund, arranging for distribution of the Fund, marketing and promotion of the Fund and providing or arranging for other services.

The breakdown of services received in consideration of management fees, as a percentage of the management fees, are as follows:

| Management fees (%) | Dealer compensation (%) | Other <sup>†</sup> (%) |
|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>0.16</b>         | <b>–</b>                | <b>100.0</b>           |

<sup>†</sup> Relates to all services provided by the Manager described above except dealer compensation.

to the investor at no cost by calling 1-800-268-9269, or by visiting [www.scotiafunds.com](http://www.scotiafunds.com), 60 days after quarter end, except for December 31, which is the calendar year end, when they are available after 90 days.

| By Asset Type                                    | Percentage of net asset value <sup>†</sup> |
|--|--|
| Equities   | 83.1                                       |
| Cash and Short Term Investments (Bank Overdraft) | 16.0                                       |
| Other Net Assets (Liabilities)                   | 1.4  |

**Past Performance**

In accordance with National Instrument 81-106, past performance and annual return data is not disclosed as the Fund has been a reporting issuer for less than a year.

**Summary of Investment Portfolio**

The Summary of Investment Portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions. A quarterly portfolio update is available

| By Country / Region <sup>(1)</sup>               | Percentage of<br>net asset value <sup>†</sup> |
|--|---|
| China  | 28.8  |
| Cash and Short Term Investments (Bank Overdraft) | 16.0  |
| Taiwan   | 13.7  |
| South Korea                                      | 10.9  |
| Brazil   | 5.5   |
| Saudi Arabia                                     | 5.2   |
| South Africa                                     | 3.1   |
| United Arab Emirates                             | 2.3   |
| Mexico   | 2.3   |
| Singapore  | 2.1   |
| Indonesia  | 2.0   |
| Turkey   | 1.2   |
| Malaysia   | 1.1   |
| Qatar  | 1.1   |
| Hong Kong  | 1.0   |
| Philippines                                      | 0.8   |
| Chile  | 0.6   |
| Greece   | 0.4   |
| Thailand   | 0.3   |
| Hungary  | 0.2   |
| Colombia   | 0.1   |
| Czech Republic                                   | 0.1   |
| United States                                    | 0.1   |
| Egypt  | 0.1   |
| India  | 0.1   |
| Peru   | 0.0   |
| Australia**                                      | 0.0   |
| Cayman Islands**                                 | 0.0   |

| By Industry <sup>(1)(2)</sup>                    | Percentage of<br>net asset value <sup>†</sup> |
|--|---|
| Financials                                       | 18.4  |
| Cash and Short Term Investments (Bank Overdraft) | 17.5  |
| Information Technology                           | 16.7  |
| Consumer Discretionary                           | 9.9   |
| Communication Services                           | 9.4   |
| Materials  | 6.6   |
| Industrials                                      | 6.0   |
| Consumer Staples                                 | 4.8   |
| Energy   | 4.4   |
| Health Care                                      | 2.9   |
| Utilities  | 2.4   |
| Real Estate                                      | 1.6   |

| Top 25 Holdings  | Percentage of<br>net asset value <sup>†</sup> |
|--|---|
| Cash and Short Term Instruments (Bank Overdraft)                   | 16.0  |
| Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Limited                 | 5.5   |
| Tencent Holdings Limited   | 4.0   |
| Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.                                      | 3.2   |
| Alibaba Group Holding Limited, Sponsored ADR                       | 2.5   |
| Saudi Arabian Oil Co.  | 1.7   |
| Meituan-Dianping, Class "B"  | 1.5   |
| JD.com, Inc., Class "A", ADR                                       | 1.0   |
| Vale SA  | 1.0   |
| China Construction Bank Corporation, Series "H"                    | 0.9   |
| International Holding Co. PJSC                                     | 0.8   |
| Pinduoduo Inc., ADR  | 0.7   |
| Ping An Insurance (Group) Company of China Ltd., Series "H"        | 0.6   |
| Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Asia) Limited, Series "H" | 0.6   |
| Al Rajhi Bank  | 0.6   |
| Hon Hai Precision Industry Co. Ltd.                                | 0.6   |
| Naspers Limited, Class "N"   | 0.6   |
| Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd.                                       | 0.5   |
| Baidu, Inc., Sponsored ADR   | 0.5   |
| Bank of China Limited, Series "H"                                  | 0.5   |
| MediaTek Inc.  | 0.5   |
| Saudi National Bank  | 0.5   |
| PT Bank Central Asia Tbk   | 0.5   |
| SK Hynix, Inc.   | 0.4   |
| WuXi Biologics (Cayman) Inc.                                       | 0.4   |

(1) Excludes other net assets (liabilities) and derivatives.

(2) Excludes bonds and debentures.

† Based on the net asset value, therefore, weightings presented in the Schedule of Investments will differ from the ones disclosed above.

\*\* Percentage of total net asset value is less than 0.05%.