

CI First Asset Energy Giants Covered Call ETF

Management Report of Fund Performance for the year ended December 31, 2019

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

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGIES

The investment objective of the CI First Asset Energy Giants Covered Call ETF (the Fund) is to provide unitholders, through an actively managed portfolio, with (i) quarterly cash distributions, (ii) the opportunity for capital appreciation by investing on an equal weight basis in a portfolio of equity securities of the 15 largest non-Canadian issuers classified within either the "Integrated Oil & Gas" or "Oil & Gas Exploration & Production" Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) sub-industry groups, or otherwise determined by Portfolio Advisor to derive their revenue primarily from the exploration for and production of oil and natural gas (Energy Companies) measured by US\$ market capitalization with common stock or ADRs listed on a Canadian or U.S. stock exchange, and (iii) lower overall volatility of returns on the portfolio than would be experienced by owning a portfolio of securities of such issuers directly. The portfolio was initially approximately equal weighted and each month the Fund employs a covered call option writing program on approximately, and not more than, 25% of the securities of each portfolio issuer in order to seek to earn attractive tax effective income from call option premiums, lower the overall volatility of returns associated with owning a portfolio of securities, and to generate capital appreciation. The portfolio is rebalanced as soon as practicable at the end of each calendar quarter so that immediately after such rebalancing the portfolio issuers are approximately equal weighted.

RISK

There were no changes to the Fund over the period of this report that materially affected the overall level of risk associated with an investment in the Fund. Unitholders should refer to the prospectus as it contains a detailed discussion of risk and other considerations relating to an investment in the Fund. The prospectus is available free of charge on our website at www.firstasset.com and on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The Fund's net assets increased by \$12.2 million to \$49.8 million from December 31, 2018 to December 31, 2019. The Fund had net sales of \$13.9 million for the year. The Fund paid distributions totalling \$3.3 million while the portfolio's performance increased assets by \$1.6 million. Common Units returned 6.7% after fees and expenses for the year ended December 31, 2019. Over the same time period, the Fund's benchmark returned 10.3%. The benchmark is the MSCI World Energy Total Return Index (LC) (the Index or Benchmark).

Please refer to the "Past Performance" section which outlines the performance of the Fund's other units.

The Fund employs a near-the-money covered call overlay strategy on approximately 25% of the securities of each portfolio issuer. In a rising market, the Fund will lag given the returns on the portion overwritten are capped at the strike price.

Equity markets were generally positive throughout 2019 despite declining economic data, U.S.-China trade dispute worries, and uncertainty surrounding the U.K.'s exit from the European Union. The equity market was calmed by three unexpected interest rate cuts by the U.S. Federal Reserve Board (Fed), which reduced interest rates and kept money flowing to riskier assets. U.S. equities, as measured by the S&P 500 Index, finished the year with a total return of 31.5%. The Canadian market, as measured by the S&P/TSX Composite Index, posted a total return of 22.9%, dragged down by sharply lower oil prices in the last couple months of the year. Ultimately, it was a strong rebound year for most stock markets.

With the Fed's interest rate decreases, the U.S. 10-year bond yield was volatile. After starting 2019 at approximately 2.7%, the yield dropped to a low of 1.4% in the summer, before recovering somewhat, finishing the year at 1.9%, as a U.S.-China trade deal was agreed on in principle. The Bank of Canada held firm on interest rates throughout the year. The 10-year Government of Canada bond yield was also volatile during the year, starting at 1.9% at the beginning of the year, dropping as low as 1.1% in August, and ending the year at 1.7%.

Exposure to large-capitalization non-Canadian energy companies was the largest contributor to and detractor from the Fund's performance. Top individual contributors to performance included Anadarko Petroleum Corp., Ecopetrol SA and Petroleo Brasileiro SA, which contributed +356 basis points (bps), +214 bps and +159 bps, respectively, to performance. Individual detractors from performance included Occidental Petroleum Corp. (-243 bps), PetroChina Co. Ltd. (-137 bps) and EOG Resources Inc. (-38 bps).

Overall, the Fund underperformed its benchmark for the year.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

The U.S. economy is expected to slow somewhat in 2020 with real gross domestic product (GDP) growth expected at 1.8% versus 2.3% in 2019. The signing of the U.S.-China phase one trade deal avoided escalating tariffs and has reduced investor anxiety. U.S. inflation is expected to increase somewhat, but still remain near the Fed's target.

Effective April 29, 2019, First Asset ETFs were rebranded as CI First Asset ETFs.

On July 1, 2019, First Asset Investment Management Inc. amalgamated with CI Investments Inc. (CI). After the amalgamation, members of the Independent Review Committee (IRC) of the CI family of funds also became members of the First Asset Funds' IRC (together, the CI Funds IRC). Previous members of the First Asset Funds' IRC resigned on June 30, 2019.

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Effective September 19, 2019, James McPhedran became a member of the IRC of CI Funds and effective August 15, 2019, John Reucassel resigned as a member of the IRC of CI Funds.

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Manager, Trustee and Portfolio Manager

CI is the Manager, Trustee and Portfolio Manager of the Fund. CI is a subsidiary of CI Financial Corp. The Manager, in consideration of management fees, provided management services required in the day-to-day operations of the Fund.

Management fee rates as at December 31, 2019, for each of the classes are shown below:

	Annual management fee rate (%)
Common Units	0.650
Unhedged Common Units	0.650

The Manager received \$0.3 million in management fees for the year.

Management Fees

100% of management fees were used to pay for investment management and other general administration.

Independent Review Committee

The Fund received standing instructions from the Fund's IRC with respect to the following related party transactions:

- a) trades in securities of CI Financial Corp.; and
- b) purchases or sales of securities of an issuer from or to another investment fund managed by the Manager.

The applicable standing instructions require, amongst others, that related party transactions be conducted in accordance with the Manager's policies and procedures and applicable law and that the Manager advise the IRC of any material breach of such policies. The standing instructions also require that investment decisions in respect of related party transactions (a) are free from any influence by an entity related to the Manager and without taking into account any consideration relevant to an entity related to the Manager; (b) represent the business judgment of the Manager uninfluenced by considerations other than the best interests of the Fund; (c) are made in compliance with the Manager's policies and procedures; and (d) achieve a fair and reasonable result for the Fund. Transactions made by the Manager under the standing instructions are subsequently reviewed by the IRC on a quarterly basis to monitor compliance.

The Fund relied on the IRC's standing instructions regarding related party transactions during this reporting year.

Except as otherwise noted above, the Fund was not a party to any related party transactions during the year ended December 31, 2019.

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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 past five years.

Net Assets per Unit (\$) ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾	Increase (decrease) from operations:					Distributions:					Net assets at the end of the year shown ⁽²⁾	
	Net assets at the beginning of year ⁽²⁾	Total revenue	Total expenses (excluding distributions)	Realized gains (losses) for the year	Unrealized gains (losses) for the year	Total increase (decrease) from operations ⁽²⁾	From net investment income (excluding dividends)	From dividends	From capital gains	Return of capital		Total distributions ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Common Units												
Commencement of operations January 26, 2015												
Listed TSX: NXF												
Dec. 31, 2019	6.71	0.31	(0.10)	(0.07)	0.23	0.37	(0.22)	-	(0.17)	(0.13)	(0.52)	6.65
Dec. 31, 2018	8.03	0.29	(0.11)	0.10	(1.71)	(1.43)	(0.16)	-	(0.12)	(0.35)	(0.63)	6.71
Dec. 31, 2017	8.31	0.22	(0.09)	0.27	(0.18)	0.22	(0.17)	-	(0.31)	(0.04)	(0.52)	8.03
Dec. 31, 2016	7.25	0.22	(0.05)	0.59	0.99	1.75	(0.12)	-	(0.12)	(0.45)	(0.69)	8.31
Dec. 31, 2015	10.00	0.29	(0.06)	(0.53)	(2.15)	(2.45)	(0.17)	-	-	(0.42)	(0.59)	7.25
Unhedged Common Units												
Commencement of operations January 26, 2015												
Listed TSX: NXF.B												
Dec. 31, 2019	7.78	0.35	(0.12)	0.05	(0.12)	0.16	(0.21)	-	(0.22)	(0.11)	(0.54)	7.47
Dec. 31, 2018	8.42	0.31	(0.12)	0.41	(0.77)	(0.17)	(0.18)	-	(0.11)	(0.35)	(0.64)	7.78
Dec. 31, 2017	9.18	0.24	(0.10)	(1.14)	0.95	(0.05)	(0.16)	-	(0.21)	(0.16)	(0.53)	8.42
Dec. 31, 2016	8.11	0.25	(0.06)	0.43	1.33	1.95	(0.16)	-	(0.06)	(0.48)	(0.70)	9.18
Dec. 31, 2015	10.00	0.30	(0.06)	(0.59)	(1.08)	(1.43)	(0.17)	-	(0.08)	(0.36)	(0.61)	8.11

(1) This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements.

(2) Net assets per unit and distributions per unit are based on the actual number of units outstanding for the relevant class 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 relevant class over the fiscal year.

(3) Distributions are automatically reinvested in additional units of the Fund.

(4) This information is provided for the years ended December 31.

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (cont'd)

Ratios and Supplemental Data ⁽¹⁾⁽⁶⁾

	Total net assets ⁽¹⁾ \$000's	Number of units outstanding ⁽¹⁾ 000's	Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions ⁽²⁾ %	Management expense ratio after taxes ⁽²⁾ %	Trading expense ratio ⁽³⁾ %	Portfolio turnover rate ⁽⁴⁾ %	Closing market price (\$) ⁽⁶⁾ %
Common Units							
Commencement of operations January 26, 2015							
Listed TSX: NXF							
Dec. 31, 2019	29,106	4,378	0.75	0.75	0.20	71.15	6.64
Dec. 31, 2018	18,313	2,728	0.72	0.72	0.20	94.06	6.73
Dec. 31, 2017	11,471	1,428	0.71	0.71	0.19	121.82	8.04
Dec. 31, 2016	12,824	1,543	0.71	0.71	0.20	88.40	8.35
Dec. 31, 2015	2,899	400	0.70	0.70	0.24	50.23	7.23
Unhedged Common Units							
Commencement of operations January 26, 2015							
Listed TSX: NXF.B							
Dec. 31, 2019	20,709	2,773	0.72	0.72	0.20	71.15	7.43
Dec. 31, 2018	19,246	2,473	0.69	0.69	0.20	94.06	7.79
Dec. 31, 2017	17,865	2,123	0.70	0.70	0.19	121.82	8.61
Dec. 31, 2016	15,501	1,688	0.69	0.69	0.20	88.40	9.32
Dec. 31, 2015	8,511	1,050	0.69	0.69	0.24	50.23	8.24

(1) This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements.

(2) Management expense ratio is calculated based on expenses charged to the Fund (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net assets for the year, including the Fund's proportionate share of any underlying fund(s) expenses, if applicable. The Effective HST tax rate is calculated using the attribution percentage for each province based on unitholder residency and can be different from 13%.

(3) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net assets during the year, including the Fund's proportionate share of such expenses of any underlying fund(s), if applicable.

(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 fiscal year. The higher a Fund's portfolio turnover rate 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 higher turnover rate and the performance of a Fund. Portfolio turnover rate is calculated by dividing the lesser of the cost of purchases and the proceeds of sales of portfolio securities for the year, and excluding cash and short-term investments maturing in less than one year, and before assets acquired from a merger, if applicable, by the average of the monthly fair value of investments during the year.

(5) This information is provided for the years ended December 31.

(6) Closing market price.

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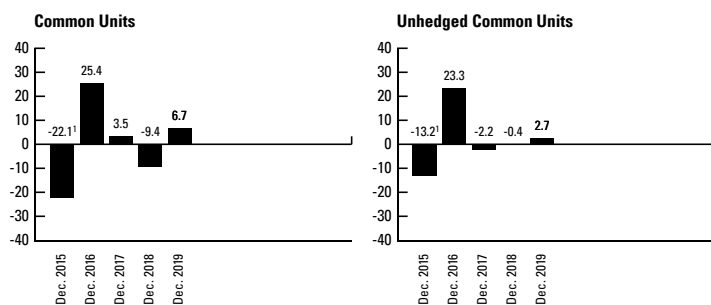
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PAST PERFORMANCE

This section describes how the Fund has performed in the past. Remember, past returns do not indicate how the Fund will perform in the future. The information shown assumes that distributions made by the Fund in the years shown were reinvested in additional units of the relevant classes of the Fund. In addition, the information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges that would have reduced returns or performance.

Year-by-Year Returns

The following charts show the Fund's annual performance for each of the years shown and illustrate how the Fund's performance has changed from year to year. In percentage terms, the charts show how much an investment made on the first day of each financial year would have grown or decreased by the last day of each financial year, except where noted.



¹ 2015 return is for the period from February 4, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

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Annual Compound Returns

The following table shows the Fund's annual compound returns for each year indicated, compared to the MSCI World Energy Total Return Index and the S&P 500 Total Return Index.

The MSCI World Energy Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to capture the large and mid cap segments across 23 developed markets including: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States of America. All securities in the Index are classified in the Energy sector as per the Global Industry Classification Standard.

The S&P 500 Index is an index composed of 500 stocks weighted by capitalization and representing all major U.S. industries. The Index is a broad measure of the stock performance of the largest U.S. companies with market capitalization in excess of US\$5.3 billion.

A discussion of the performance of the Fund as compared to the benchmark is found in the Results of Operations section of this report.

	One Year (%)	Three Years (%)	Five Years (%)	Ten Years (%)	Since Inception (%)
Common Units	6.7	0.0	n/a	n/a	(0.5)
MSCI World Energy Total Return Index (LC)	10.3	(1.1)	n/a	n/a	(0.1)
S&P 500 Total Return Index (CAD Hedged)	29.9	14.1	n/a	n/a	11.2
Unhedged Common Units	2.7	0.0	n/a	n/a	1.4
MSCI World Energy Total Return Index	5.8	(1.6)	n/a	n/a	0.0
S&P 500 Total Return Index	25.1	14.0	n/a	n/a	12.8

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SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO as at December 31, 2019

Category	% of Net Assets	Category	% of Net Assets	Top Holdings	% of Net Assets
Country allocation		Sector allocation			
U.S.A.	39.9	Energy	99.3	Occidental Petroleum Corp.	6.9
China	13.3	Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	0.5	CNOOC Ltd., ADR	6.8
Hong Kong	6.8	Cash & Cash Equivalents	0.2	Pioneer Natural Resources Co.	6.7
Norway	6.6			PetroChina Co. Ltd., ADR	6.7
Brazil	6.6			Equinor ASA, ADR	6.6
France	6.6			China Petroleum and Chemical Corp. (Sinopec), ADR	6.6
Netherlands	6.6			EOG Resources Inc.	6.6
U.K.	6.5			ConocoPhillips	6.6
Colombia	6.4			Petroleo Brasileiro SA, ADR	6.6
Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	0.5			TOTAL SA, ADR	6.6
Cash & Cash Equivalents	0.2			Royal Dutch Shell PLC, ADR, Class 'A'	6.6
				Chevron Corp.	6.6
				Exxon Mobil Corp.	6.5
				BP PLC, ADR	6.5
				Ecopetrol SA, ADR	6.4
				Cash & Cash Equivalents	0.2
				Total Net Assets (in \$000's)	\$49,815

The summary of investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund and updates will be available on a quarterly basis.

A NOTE ON FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This report may contain forward-looking statements about the Fund, its future performance, strategies or prospects, and possible future Fund action. The words "may," "could," "should," "would," "suspect," "outlook," "believe," "plan," "anticipate," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "forecast," "objective," and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance. Forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties, both about the Fund and general economic factors, so it is possible that predictions, forecasts, projections and other forward-looking statements will not be achieved. We caution you not to place undue reliance on these statements as a number of important factors could cause actual events or results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in any

forward-looking statement made by the Fund. These factors include, but are not limited to, general economic, political and market factors in Canada, the United States and internationally, interest and foreign exchanges rates, global equity and capital markets, business competition, technological changes, changes in laws and regulations, judicial or regulatory judgments, legal proceedings and catastrophic events.

The above list of important factors that may affect future results is not exhaustive. Before making any investment decisions, we encourage you to consider these and other factors carefully. All opinions contained in forward-looking statements are subject to change without notice and are provided in good faith but without legal responsibility.