



**Amplify Transformational Data Sharing ETF** 

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# The BLOK-Chain Monthly

Staying Up-to-date with the Rapidly Evolving Blockchain Technology

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#### THE MANDATE

The Amplify Transformational Data Sharing ETF (BLOK) is an actively managed fund, seeking to identify the leading companies focused on the transformation and development of the blockchain and cryptocurrency markets. The managers focus on how companies can capture the growth, innovation, and disruption of the blockchain paradigm shift. The evolution of the internet has changed how people communicate. We believe growth companies that embrace blockchain evolution will capture secular growth trends that are accelerating and disrupting core processes in business. We think this is an important secular trend, as Gartner forecasts business value generated by the blockchain could be \$176 billion by 2025, and \$3.1 trillion by 2030<sup>1</sup>.

#### **TOP 10 HOLDINGS** (as of 06/30/2023)

TICKER	COMPANY	% WT.
OSTK	OVERSTOCK COM INC	5.69%
MSTR	MICROSTRATEGY INC	4.95%
COIN	COINBASE GLOBAL INC	4.55%
MARA	MARATHON DIGITAL HLDGS	4.55%
HUT CN	HUT 8 MNG CORP	4.06%
GLXY CN	GALAXY DIGITAL HLDGS	3.87%
9449 JP	GMO INTERNET GROUP	3.83%
ACN	ACCENTURE PLC	3.66%
RIOT	RIOT PLATFORMS INC	3.33%
CLSK	CLEANSPARK INC	3.25%

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#### FIRST HALF 2023 REVIEW

2023 equity returns showing transformational change by companies isn't always neat, but when investors pay attention and have patience, returns may follow. The Fund for the month of June was up 12.83%, which brings the performance for the Quarter and YTD to 17.06% and 48.54%, respectively. This sharp rebound over last year reflects the dynamic nature of disruption expected from the change that is expected to occur through digital assets and blockchain. In addition, what is noteworthy about this performance is that it was earned with a high active share and minimal concentration as compared to the broad indexes or better-known growth funds.

#### YTD Portfolio breadth was very strong:

- BLOK YTD Seven portfolio positions each contributed over three percentage points and in aggregate made up a return of 30.73% YTD: MicroStrategy (MSTR = 5.51%), RIOT Platform (RIOT = 6.44%), Marathon Digital (MARA = 4.45%), Hive Digital Technologies Ltd (HIVE = 3.29%), HUT 8 Mining Corp (HUT8 = 4.17%), Coinbase Global (COIN = 3.73%), Overstock (OSTK = 3.14%). Meaning, ~61% of the 48.54% came from these seven names, but outsized returns came from more than just these companies.
- BLOK YTD performance was driven broadly by 20 securities out of 48 showing outperformance over the Nasdaq 100 index which was up 39.35%. The Nasdaq 100 Index's stellar performance was driven by the concentrated performance by mega caps—Apple, Nvidia, Amazon, and Meta Platform—all of which represented greater than three percentage points of the 39.35%. Tesla stock, after a 112.51% run and a contribution of just under 3%, just missed the 3% threshold. In aggregate, these five stocks, including Tesla, represented about 55% of the return for the Nasdaq 100 Index. Meaning, 41% (20/48) of the securities selection was showing a meaningful contribution to BLOK's outperformance versus just 5% of the Nasdaq 100 Index (5/100).
- BLOK did not own any of the top stocks mentioned above that drove the returns in Nasdaq 100 Index, so investor returns benefited by diversification.
- In our research of other funds with some overlap to BLOK, we found most are passively managed with a highly concentrated portfolio. Only a few actively managed mandates with a focus on innovation are similar and yet the overlap is small (less than 15%).

We think these statistics demonstrate the robustness of BLOK's investment process and how the strategy is keenly differentiated. To this point, as a further example, we think it is important to update our investors on the transformational change that will begin in July with Overstock (OSTK) rebranding to become Bed Bath & Beyond. We think companies looking to achieve transformational change, whether that be from data sharing, blockchain, or digital assets, are aligned with our core mandate around innovation. Dating back to the Fund's launched in 2018, we are looking for a mindset that is bigger than just the internet, the price action of digital assets, and even AI. The companies that we are investing in are about executing on these paradigm shifts that are willing to be bold to capture or evolve with disruption.

Rarely does a company invest 5-7% of its treasury, or \$21.5 million, to achieve a 21X return on that value. Not a typo! Moreover, while the approximate increase of \$450 million in market value from about \$800 million may seem high to some, it arguably is more a function of how so many investors and analysts gave up on Overstock. It is for this reason, we believe that the rebound may be just beginning. The oversold price of the stock was more a function of the perception around a contracting retail business anchored by an offering that led with discounting. After the rebranding, it makes for a growth company with relatively easy comps, a 4x increase in customer reach, and scalability in the firm's business model. In addition, if management executes effectively and increases sales as the new Bed Bath & Beyond, we think customers and Wall Street perception will be materially changed. Lastly, we would highlight the company's balance sheet remains with net cash (no debt) of over \$300 million (\$7-8 per share) and a portfolio of blockchain companies with attractive risk/reward characteristics. Again, we would encourage investors to listen to the Medici Venture Day<sup>2</sup> where four CEO's from the portfolio are interviewed: tZERO<sup>3</sup>, GrainChain<sup>4</sup>, SettleMint<sup>5</sup> and PeerNova<sup>6</sup>. Our optimism for Overstock as a "core holding" has been no secret as it has been highlighted a few times in these updates, but as the stock and company is transformed to Bed Bath & Beyond (formerly Overstock), investors should remember that our discipline of trimming our winners sometimes is a function of our focus on diversification and portfolio risk management.

Quick highlights about other outsized drivers in the portfolio include:

- Microstrategy (MSTR): More Bitcoin and Partnership with Microsoft on AI: MSTR acquired another 12,333 Bitcoin and financed the investment through the issuance of about \$347 million stock through their At The Market Offering. This brings the average cost per Bitcoin to \$28,136 and the total to 152,333 Bitcoin.<sup>7</sup> It is noteworthy that MicroStrategy also expanded its partnership with Microsoft to Drive AI Enabled Analytics.<sup>8</sup>
- Coinbase Global Inc (COIN): COIN is at the forefront of everything crypto: regulation, access to trading and custody of assets. Its leadership industry position was then further defined by the decision through the separate filings by five ETF issuers who all wanted to collaborate with them for custody and the new Surveillance Agreement. What a vote of confidence by Blackrock, Fidelity, Vaneck, Invesco and Wisdomtree! We will see if the SEC feels the same way. Did COIN solve the last riddle for the SEC despite all the legal wrangling and posturing? We expect to hear more about this in July as well as information about the Grayscale lawsuits, aka GBTC conversion.
- Bitcoin Miners Rally (RIOT, MARA, HIVE, HUT, CLSK, BITF): The Fund's position in this category ranged during the month to between about 20% and almost 24% across six stocks. While the business of securing the Bitcoin network, also known as Bitcoin Mining, is a capital-intensive sector that tested many operators with a perfect storm. Today, conditions are mostly wind at their backs with capital markets more open, energy prices are lower and most important the specialized computer equipment remains reasonable relative to other periods of time. With costs under control and Bitcoin twice where it was, this means that return on invested capital is again very compelling. Hence, it is rational that the miners have seen a bounce from the lows followed by more favorable economic conditions. It is true that these companies trade directionally in tandem, but there are various metrics we track which help us manage risk and upside. Most importantly, we look to balance the group through geographic diversification which helps with energy cost and regulatory risks.

### YTD BOUNCE

#### **COMPARATIVE RETURNS**

Year To Date 12/30/2022 - 06/30/2023				
Security	Price Change	Total Return	Difference	Annual Eq
MARA US Equity	305.26%	305.26%	71.17%	1555.06%
HUT US Equity	288.24%	288.24%	54.14%	1418.54%
RIOT US Equity	248.67%	248.67%	14.58%	1124.10%
BITF US Equity	234.09%	234.09%		1023.59%
HIVE US Equity	221.53%	221.53%	-12.56%	940.46%
CLSK US Equity	110.29%	110.29%	-123.80%	344.05%

#### A PERSPECTIVE FROM 1 YEAR AGO

#### **COMPARATIVE RETURNS**

1 Year 06/30/2022 - 06/30/2023				
Security	Price Change	Total Return	Difference	Annual Eq
MARA US Equity	159.55%	159.55%	128.30%	159.55%
HUT US Equity	148.12%	148.12%	116.87%	148.12%
RIOT US Equity	182.10%	182.10%	150.85%	182.10%
BITF US Equity	31.25%	31.25%		31.25%
HIVE US Equity	54.85%	54.85%	23.60%	54.85%
CLSK US Equity	9.44%	9.44%	-21.81%	9.44%

#### REGULATION

We covered a lot about regulation in our piece last month and generally our biases are known. Bottom line, more guidance from Congress and the SEC would be appreciated and we believe we are getting closer, not farther, to an outcome as a result of litigation, brand name adoption, and some lobbyist efforts. Skeptics around crypto and evidence of fraudulent outcomes will continue, but let's not forget that did not stop the progress of the internet. Moreover, speculation and excitement by investors around the filings to launch a spot Bitcoin ETF is clearly going to bring the launch of an ETF sooner rather than later. Whether the launch comes in Q4 2023 or early 2024, the timing of the new effort provides more evidence of adoption and foundational price support for the asset class, even if it is just for Bitcoin. For those looking for a target date of the launch? Wouldn't it be ironic if the ETF launch took place in April 2024 on the date of the bitcoin halving (countdown website: https://www.nicehash.com/countdown/btc-halving-2024-05-10-12-00).

#### TRANSACTIONS AND REPOSITIONING

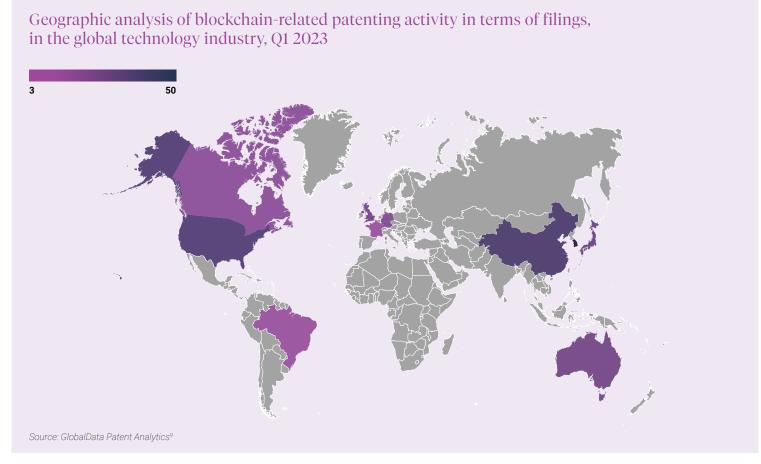
As a reminder, we tend to move incrementally in our portfolio process given the opportunities we are constantly reviewing. The expanding database of blockchain and digital assets companies could exceed 400 public companies by year end which demonstrates the opportunity set we are screening through when we are making changes to the portfolio.

#### What was Sold or Trimmed?

We are always seeking to manage risk and the ETF wrapper allows us, as an active manager, to take profits without tax consequences. Of course, given the nature of the technological change we are seeking to capture and the natural volatility of the digital asset space this can be a challenge. Nevertheless, we have some strict guidelines that we follow. We sold Splunk and trimmed both Coinbase and RIOT Platforms as a result. The decision to sell Splunk was because the firm no longer was emphasizing blockchain as a means for growth according to our sources. We remain optimistic around Coinbase as a core holding and RIOT needed to be trimmed due to risk controls around conditions, size constraints, and geographic concentration in Texas. We also own Marathon Digital, which also has production in Texas. We trimmed WisdomTree (WT) as well.

#### What was Bought or Increased? - Emerging Markets

Citizens living in America should feel fortunate because of our country's ability to foster and inspire innovation and entrepreneurship. However, the blockchain and digital asset revolution is not just a U.S. evolution. In fact, in many ways, the benefits that may arise from digital assets may come at the expense of U.S. companies who are not able or willing to embrace the change that is coming. Moreover, while most U.S. investors and our politicians may look at digital assets as an asset class, in many ways the changes taking place in the emerging markets is both at the forefront of potentially building a new financial system as a way of life and providing a new competitive edge around the blockchain technology. With this in mind, we have started to increase our allocation further outside of the U.S. since so much of the "use case" and adoption is also continuing to build momentum.



The portfolio increased its investment in DBS Group and Canaan, but also added four new allocations to Alibaba, MercadoLibre, Nasdaq, and Franklin Resources. Some brief highlights are listed below:

- Alibaba Group (BABA): We have been following Alibaba's strategy around blockchain and digital assets for many years and would highlight that they were the #1 filer of Blockchain patents in 2020. With about 98,553 patents today, BABA with their Ant Group has long been an aggressive patent filer around Blockchain.<sup>10</sup> We classify BABA in the Conglomerate category of the portfolio but given how the company is getting divided up, this transformation will be important to watch; especially as the Chinese government looks to be reforming its outlook on crypto.<sup>11</sup>
- MercadoLibre (MELI) is frequently referred to as the Amazon of Brazil. The Company recently launched a digital wallet. This service allows millions of users to purchase, hold, and sell selected digital assets without leaving the Mercado Pago application. We think MELI is well positioned as a leading Fintech company in Latin America and has been categorized under Applications for purposes of portfolio construction.
- Nasdaq (NDAQ): Led by Adena Friedman as the CEO, NDAQ has been making bold moves to transform its business beyond just making money from trading. To this point, they recently agreed to acquire Adenza for \$10.5 billion in cash and stock and have been building out their digital asset team aggressively.
- Franklin Resources (BEN): The CEO of Franklin Resources (BEN), Jennifer Johnson, was a keynote speaker at Consensus and has been a long-time advocate of crypto. She has been aggressively transforming the Company through acquisitions and today the firm manages nearly \$1.4 trillion (AUM). The catalyst for the purchase was the acquisition of Putnam Investments12 which brings in an additional \$136 billion AUM. Franklin offers SMA strategies in crypto, a money market fund that uses the Polygon blockchain and venture capital. While the media is focused on the Blackrock and Fidelity ETF filings, we think this trillion-asset manager is moving fast to also go where the puck is headed.<sup>13, 14</sup> In the portfolio strategy, as an asset manager, BEN's business blockchain strategy is categorized as Transactional.

#### EDUCATION

For those who just want to get educated on the blockchain, here are some links:

- Fun Blockchain and Digital Assets statistics<sup>15</sup>:
- Evidence that digital assets are an asset class: 10% of the global population owns cryptocurrencies and 16% of Americans have invested in cryptocurrency.
- With a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 56.3%, the blockchain industry will be worth \$163.83 billion by 2029.
- A great interview by Eric Balchunas and Joel Weber about the evolution of ETF regulation with three term regulatory veteran Dalia Blass, a partner now at Sullivan & Cromell:
- Trillions: ETF Lawyer-Regulator-Industry Veteran Dalia Blass Trillions | Podcast on Spotify<sup>16</sup>
- Satoshi Nakamoto Original Bitcoin White paper: Bitcoin: A Peer-to-Peer Electronic Cash System<sup>17</sup>

#### SUMMARY

The Fund for the month of June was up 12.83%, which brings the performance for the quarter and YTD to 17.06% and 48.54%, respectively. This sharp rebound over last year reflects the dynamic nature of disruption expected from the change that is expected to occur through digital assets and blockchain. This performance was particularly positive given the broad outperformance with 20 holdings in the portfolio outperforming even the Nasdaq 100 Index. Transformation comes in many forms, but the universe of dynamic companies is now approaching 400 companies. The portfolio increased its investments outside of the U.S., aka Alibaba, MercadoLibre, DBS Group, and Canaan.

Thank you again for your faith and inquiries. We welcome engaged investors as they challenge us with great questions.

BLOK PERFORMANCE		c	CUMULATIVE (%)		ANNUALIZED (%)				
MONTH END AS OF 06/30/2023	1 MO.	3 MO.	6 MO.	YTD	SINCE INCEPTION	1 YR.	3 YR.	5 YR.	SINCE
Fund NAV	12.83%	17.06%	48.54%	48.54%	36.45%	24.71%	9.27%	7.06%	5.87%
Closing Price	12.90%	17.57%	50.46%	50.46%	36.90%	25.48%	9.50%	7.16%	5.93%
QUARTER END AS OF 06/30/2023	1 MO.	3 MO.	6 MO.	YTD	SINCE INCEPTION	1 YR.	3 YR.	5 YR.	SINCE INCEPTION
Fund NAV	12.83%	17.06%	48.54%	48.54%	36.45%	24.71%	9.27%	7.06%	5.87%
Closing Price	12.90%	17.57%	50.46%	50.46%	36.90%	25.48%	9.50%	7.16%	5.93%

Fund inception date: (01/17/2018). The performance data quoted represents past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when sold or redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost and current performance may be lower or higher than the performance quoted.

Short-term performance, in particular, is not a good indication of the fund's future performance, and an investment should not be made based solely on returns. For performance data current to the most recent month-end please call 855-267-3837 or visit <u>BLOKETF.com</u>. Brokerage commissions will reduce returns. BLOK's gross expense ratio is 0.75%.

## APPENDIX A: MONTHLY DETAILED PERFORMANCE CONTRIBUTION CHART (For period 05/31/2023 - 06/30/2023)

	Average Weight (%)	Total Return (%)	Contribution to Return (%)
AMPLIFY TRANSFORMATIONAL DATA S	HARING ETF		
Information Technology	50.30	12.52	6.25
MICROSTRATEGY INC	4.88	13.52	0.67
GMO INTERNET GROUP INC	4.34	3.88	0.19
ACCENTURE PLC	4.11	0.87	0.04
MARATHON DIGITAL HLDGS	3.92	41.57	1.54
RIOT PLATFORMS INC	3.60	-1.50	-0.21
CLEANSPARK INC	3.50	0.00	0.00
BITFARMS LTD/CANADA	3.39	24.29	0.81
INTL BUSINESS MACHINES CORP	3.38	4.06	0.15
HUT 8 MINING CORP	3.24	54.27	1.64
HIVE BLOCKCHAIN TECH	2.88	42.38	1.17
DIGITAL GARAGE INC	2.73	-3.21	-0.09
ADVANCED MICRO DEVICES	2.23	-3.64	-0.08
TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR - SP ADR	1.95	2.80	0.07
ORACLE CORP	1.66	12.41	0.21
COMPOSECURE INC	1.63	-0.44	-0.01
CANAAN INC	1.14	4.41	0.02
CISCO SYSTEMS INC	0.92	4.17	0.04
MSTR 6 1/8 06/15/28	0.39	3.56	0.01
SPLUNK INC	0.25	2.59	0.05
BIGG DIGITAL ASSETS INC	0.19	16.56	0.03
Financials	35.66	9.76	3.51
COINBASE GLOBAL INC	4.10	15.03	0.65
GALAXY DIGITAL	3.70	8.40	0.29
SBI HOLDINGS INC	3.52	2.54	0.10
BLOCK INC	3.46	10.23	0.35
CUSTOMERS BANCORP INC	3.10	31.45	0.90
PAYPAL HOLDINGS INC	3.10	7.65	0.25
NU HOLDINGS	2.91	17.06	0.48
CME GROUP INC	2.88	4.27	0.12
WISDOMTREE INC	2.50	0.88	0.04
MASTERCARD INC	1.60	7.75	0.13
VISA INC	1.41	7.44	0.10
DBS GROUP HOLDINGS LTD	1.24	4.12	0.04
ROBINHOOD MARKETS INC	0.86	11.88	0.10
MOGO INC	0.66	-1.60	-0.01
FRANKLIN RESOURCES INC	0.33	2.42	0.01
NASDAQ INC	0.30	-13.44	-0.07

# Transformational Quarter

	Average Weight (%)	Total Return (%)	Contribution to Return (%)
Consumer Discretionary	4.97	60.96	2.72
OVERSTOCK.COM INC	4.29	73.89	2.74
ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING-SP ADR	0.34	-2.51	-0.01
MERCADOLIBRE INC	0.33	-1.98	-0.01
Communication Services	3.30	-3.63	-0.12
ROBLOX CORP	1.71	-3.73	-0.07
Z HOLDINGS CORP	1.58	-3.53	-0.05
Consumer Staples	0.74	7.02	0.05
WALMART INC	0.74	7.02	0.05
Not Classified	5.03	10.64	0.52
PURPOSE BITCOIN ETF	1.97	12.47	0.25
CI GALAXY BITCOIN ETF USD	1.27	12.77	0.16
INVESCO GVT & AGNCY-INST	0.77	0.37	0.00
3IQ BITCOIN ETF	0.47	1.42	0.01
BITCOIN ETF-USD	0.43	9.92	0.04
3IQ BITCOIN ETF	0.11	8.17	0.05
JAPANESE YEN	0.00	-0.72	0.00
CHINA RENMINBI	0.00	-0.08	0.00
US DOLLAR	0.00	0.00	0.00

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## **APPENDIX B: SECOND QUARTER DETAILED PERFORMANCE CONTRIBUTION CHART** (For period 03/31/2023 - 06/30/2023)

	Average Weight (%)	Total Return (%)	Contribution to Return (%)
AMPLIFY TRANSFORMATIONAL DATA SHAR	ING ETF		
Information Technology	51.49	21.67	10.83
MICROSTRATEGY INC	5.16	17.14	0.97
RIOT PLATFORMS INC	4.57	18.32	1.30
GMO INTERNET GROUP INC	4.54	-1.34	-0.05
ACCENTURE PLC	3.98	8.39	0.36
MARATHON DIGITAL HLDGS	3.75	58.94	2.04
CLEANSPARK INC	3.39	54.32	1.20
INTL BUSINESS MACHINES CORP	3.37	3.47	0.13
DIGITAL GARAGE INC	3.25	-18.90	-0.69
BITFARMS LTD/CANADA	3.13	55.41	1.40
HUT 8 MINING CORP	2.85	82.94	2.22
HIVE BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGIES	2.84	40.81	1.17
ADVANCED MICRO DEVICES	1.94	16.22	0.40
TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR-SP ADR	1.75	8.95	0.21
COMPOSECURE INC	1.75	-6.79	-0.13

# Transformational Quarter

	Average Weight (%)	Total Return (%)	Contribution to Return (%)
Information Technology (cont.)			
ORACLE CORP	1.53	28.71	0.43
CANAAN INC	1.08	-21.11	-0.27
SPLUNK INC	1.05	6.24	0.14
CISCO SYSTEMS INC	0.92	-0.28	0.00
MSTR 6 1/8 06/15/28	0.40	2.69	0.01
BIGG DIGITAL ASSETS INC	0.22	-4.21	-0.02
Financials	35.03	11.05	3.86
COINBASE GLOBAL INC	4.02	5.89	0.28
GALAXY DIGITAL	3.98	13.58	0.54
SBI HOLDINGS INC	3.69	-2.84	-0.12
CME GROUP INC	3.32	-2.68	-0.15
BLOCK INC	3.20	-3.03	-0.02
PAYPAL HOLDINGS INC	2.93	-12.13	-0.39
WISDOMTREE INC	2.74	17.59	0.50
CUSTOMERS BANCORP INC	2.70	63.39	1.52
NU HOLDINGS	2.40	65.76	1.36
MASTERCARD INC	1.65	8.39	0.14
VISA INC	1.47	5.54	0.08
ROBINHOOD MARKETS INC	0.86	2.78	0.02
DBS GROUP HOLDINGS LTD	0.72	-4.03	-0.03
MOGO INC	0.69	3.42	0.03
NEW YORK COMMUNITY BANCORP	0.45	12.06	0.17
FRANKLIN RESOURCES INC	0.11	2.42	0.01
NASDAQ INC	0.10	-13.44	-0.08
VONTOBEL HOLDING AG-REG	0.01	0.61	0.00
Consumer Discretionary	3.95	48.73	2.49
OVERSTOCK.COM INC	3.72	60.68	2.51
ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING-SP ADR	0.12	-2.51	-0.01
MERCADOLIBRE INC	0.11	-1.98	-0.01
Communication Services	3.50	-12.33	-0.49
ROBLOX CORP	1.78	-10.40	-0.22
Z HOLDINGS CORP	1.72	-14.43	-0.28
Consumer Staples	0.76	7.00	0.05
WALMART INC	0.76	7.00	0.05

	Average Weight (%)	Total Return (%)	Contribution to Return (%)
Not Classified	5.27	6.07	0.29
PURPOSE BITCOIN ETF	2.06	6.27	0.14
CI GALAXY BITCOIN ETF USD	1.05	3.99	0.05
3IQ BITCOIN ETF	0.86	-8.54	-0.02
INVESCO GVT & AGNCY-INST	0.82	1.01	0.01
BITCOIN ETF-USD	0.41	8.75	0.03
3IQ BITCOIN ETF	0.05	12.44	0.07
JAPANESE YEN	0.00	-0.72	0.00
CHINA RENMINBI	0.00	-2.75	0.00
US DOLLAR	0.00	0.00	0.00

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<sup>1</sup> https://www.gartner.com/en/doc/3855708-digital-disruption-profile-blockchains-radical-promise-spans-business-and-society#.~:text=Gartner%20forecasts%20 that%20the%20business,and%20%243.1%20trillion%20by%202030.

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<sup>15</sup> https://www.demandsage.com/blockchain-statistics/

<sup>16</sup> https://open.spotify.com/episode/077DQROcRCWA7g4mRFmbT6?si=zcv5inhjSs6NoXoVL8MpUQ&context=spotify%3Ashow%3A6xynLHwWAvwOwmdmuoqQ2c&nd=1

<sup>17</sup> https://bitcoin.org/bitcoin.pdf

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The Fund is subject to management risk because it is actively managed. Narrowly focused investments typically exhibit higher volatility. A portfolio concentrated in a single industry, such as companies actively engaged in blockchain technology, makes it vulnerable to factors affecting the companies. The Fund may face more risks than if it were diversified broadly over numerous industries or sectors. Blockchain technology may never develop optimized transactional processes that lead to realized economic returns for any company in which the Fund invests.

The Fund invests at least 80% of the Fund's net assets in equity securities of companies actively involved in the development and utilization of blockchain technologies. Such investments may be subject to the following risks: the technology is new and many of its uses may be untested; theft, loss or destruction; competing platforms and technologies; cybersecurity incidents; developmental risk; lack of liquid markets; possible manipulation of blockchainbased assets; lack of regulation; third party product defects or vulnerabilities; reliance on the Internet; and line of business risk. The investable universe may include companies that partner with or invest in other companies that are engaged in transformational data sharing or companies that participate in blockchain industry consortiums. The Fund will invest in the securities of foreign companies. Securities issued

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