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## Semi-Annual Report

Quadratic Interest Rate Volatility and Inflation Hedge ETF

Quadratic Deflation ETF

*September 30, 2023*

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The Funds file their complete schedules of Fund holdings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year as an exhibit to their reports on Form N-PORT. The Funds' Form N-PORT reports are available on the Commission's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

A description of the policies and procedures that KraneShares Trust uses to determine how to vote proxies relating to Fund securities, as well as information relating to how the Funds voted proxies relating to Fund securities during the most recent 12-month year ended June 30, are available (i) without charge, upon request, by calling 855-857-2638; and (ii) on the Commission's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

**Fund shares may only be purchased or redeemed from a Fund in Creation Unit aggregations. Investors who cannot transact in Creation Units of a Fund's shares must buy or sell Fund shares in the secondary market at their market price, which may be at a premium or discount to a Fund's net asset value, with the assistance of a broker. In doing so, the investor may incur brokerage commissions and may pay more than net asset value when buying Fund shares and receive less than net asset value when selling Fund shares.**

## Schedule of Investments (Unaudited) September 30, 2023

### Quadratic Interest Rate Volatility and Inflation Hedge ETF

#### SECTOR WEIGHTINGS<sup>†</sup>:

83.1% Exchange - Traded Fund
16.9% Purchased Options

<sup>†</sup> Percentages are based on total investments and excludes cash. Industries are utilized for compliance purposes, whereas sectors are utilized for reporting purposes.

	Shares	Value
<b>EXCHANGE - TRADED FUND – 78.8%</b>		
Schwab US TIPS ETF ‡ . . . . .	14,279,084	\$ 720,950,951
<b>TOTAL EXCHANGE - TRADED FUND</b>		
(Cost \$859,257,103) . . . . .		<u>720,950,951</u>
<b>PURCHASED OPTIONS<sup>(A)</sup> – 16.1%</b>		
<b>TOTAL PURCHASED OPTIONS</b>		
(Cost \$193,706,250) . . . . .		<u>146,767,586</u>
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS – 94.9%</b> . . . . .		
(Cost \$1,052,963,353) . . . . .		<u>867,718,537</u>
<b>OTHER ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES – 5.1%</b> . . . . .		<u>46,594,966</u>
<b>NET ASSETS - 100%</b> . . . . .		<u>\$ 914,313,503</u>

‡ For financial information on the Schwab US TIPS ETF, please go to the Commission's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

(A) Refer to option table below.

A list of open option contracts held by the Fund as of September 30, 2023 was as follows:

Description	Counterparty	Number of Contracts <sup>^</sup>	Notional Amount <sup>†</sup>	Exercise Price	Expiration Date	Market Value
<b>PURCHASED OPTIONS – 16.1%</b>						
<b>Call Options</b>						
CMS 10Y - 2Y	Nomura	500,000	\$ 23,750,000	0.05%	04/08/26	\$ 30,203,321
CMS 10Y - 2Y	Morgan Stanley	1,075,000	\$ 36,850,000	0.30	11/13/24	29,904,669
CMS 10Y - 2Y	Goldman Sachs	300,000	\$ 14,250,000	0.20	04/14/27	15,988,643
CMS 10Y - 2Y	Goldman Sachs	1,550,000	\$ 41,825,000	0.48	06/19/24	16,662,247
CMS 10Y - 2Y	Goldman Sachs	350,000	\$ 18,637,500	0.08	09/17/25	18,930,645
CMS 10Y - 2Y	Morgan Stanley	300,000	\$ 13,837,500	0.10	07/15/26	17,426,783
CMS 10Y - 2Y	Goldman Sachs	400,000	\$ 18,200,000	0.27	03/13/25	14,814,670
CMS 10Y - 2Y	Nomura	375,000	\$ 10,856,250	(0.40)	11/28/23	2,836,608
CMS 10Y - 2Y	Nomura	500,000	\$ 15,500,000	0.45	10/03/23	-
Total Purchased Options . . . . .			<u>\$ 193,706,250</u>			<u>\$ 146,767,586</u>

<sup>†</sup> Represents cost.

<sup>^</sup> Value equals 10,000 x Number of Contracts x Market Price

The following summarizes the market value of the Fund's investments and other financial instruments used as of September 30, 2023, based on the inputs used to value them:

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Schedule of Investments (Unaudited) September 30, 2023

**Quadratic Interest Rate Volatility and Inflation Hedge ETF** (concluded)

Investments in Securities	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Exchange - Traded Fund . . . . .	\$ 720,950,951	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 720,950,951
Purchased Options . . . . .	\$ —	\$ 146,767,586	\$ —	\$ 146,767,586
Total Investments in Securities . . . . .	\$ 720,950,951	\$ 146,767,586	\$ —	\$ 867,718,537

Amounts designated as “—” are \$0.

See "Glossary" for abbreviations.

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## Schedule of Investments (Unaudited) September 30, 2023

### Quadratic Deflation ETF

#### SECTOR WEIGHTINGS†:

	88.5% Exchange - Traded Fund
	11.5% Purchased Options

† Percentages are based on total investments and excludes cash. Industries are utilized for compliance purposes, whereas sectors are utilized for reporting purposes.

	Shares	Value
<b>EXCHANGE - TRADED FUND — 75.0%</b>		
Vanguard Long-Term Treasury ETF ‡ . . . . .	607,460	\$ 33,720,105
<b>TOTAL EXCHANGE - TRADED FUND</b>		
(Cost \$49,485,043). . . . .		<u>33,720,105</u>
<b>PURCHASED OPTIONS(A) — 9.8%</b>		
<b>TOTAL PURCHASED OPTIONS</b>		
(Cost \$4,913,500) . . . . .		<u>4,396,068</u>
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS — 84.8%</b> . . . . .		
(Cost \$54,398,543). . . . .		<u>38,116,173</u>
<b>OTHER ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES - 15.2%</b> . . . . .		<u>6,830,359</u>
<b>NET ASSETS - 100%</b> . . . . .		<u>\$ 44,946,532</u>

‡ For financial information on the Vanguard Long-Term Treasury ETF, please go to the Commission's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

(A) Refer to option table below.

A list of open option contracts held by the Fund as of September 30, 2023 was as follows:

Description	Counterparty	Number of Contracts <sup>^</sup>	Notional Amount†	Exercise Price	Expiration Date	Market Value
<b>PURCHASED OPTIONS — 9.8%</b>						
<b>Put Options</b>						
CMS 30Y - 2Y . . . . .	Nomura	45,000	\$ 2,475,000	0.05%	07/15/25	\$ 2,267,021
CMS 30Y - 2Y . . . . .	Goldman Sachs	18,000	\$ 918,000	0.00	09/24/24	1,011,307
CMS 30Y - 2Y . . . . .	Nomura	20,000	\$ 677,500	(0.65)	05/07/24	559,728
CMS 30Y - 2Y . . . . .	Goldman Sachs	15,000	\$ 843,000	(0.30)	03/12/25	558,012
Total Purchased Options . . . . .			<u>\$ 4,913,500</u>			<u>\$ 4,396,068</u>

† Represents cost.

<sup>^</sup> Value equals 10,000 x Number of Contracts x Market Price

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**Schedule of Investments (Unaudited) September 30, 2023**

**Quadratic Deflation ETF (concluded)**

The following summarizes the market value of the Fund's investments used as of September 30, 2023, based on the inputs used to value them:

Investments in Securities	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Exchange - Traded Fund . . .	33,720,105	—	—	33,720,105
Purchased Options . . . . .	—	4,396,068	—	4,396,068
Total Investments in Securities	<u>\$ 33,720,105</u>	<u>\$ 4,396,068</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 38,116,173</u>

Amounts designated as “—” are \$0.

See “Glossary” for abbreviations.

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**Schedule of Investments (Unaudited) *September 30, 2023***

**Glossary (abbreviations which may be used in preceding Schedule of Investments):**

**Fund Abbreviations**

CMS – Constant Maturity Swap

ETF – Exchange-Traded Fund

**Statements of Assets and Liabilities (Unaudited)**

September 30, 2023

	<b>Quadratic Interest Rate Volatility and Inflation Hedge ETF</b>	<b>Quadratic Deflation ETF</b>
<b>Assets:</b>		
Investments at Value . . . . .	\$ 867,718,537	\$ 38,116,173
Cash and Cash Equivalents . . . . .	47,348,109	6,872,036
Receivable for Trustees' Fee . . . . .	3,476	209
Prepaid Expenses . . . . .	6,143	226
<b>Total Assets</b> . . . . .	<u>915,076,265</u>	<u>44,988,644</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Payable for Management Fees . . . . .	762,762	42,112
<b>Total Liabilities</b> . . . . .	<u>762,762</u>	<u>42,112</u>
<b>Net Assets</b> . . . . .	<u>\$ 914,313,503</u>	<u>\$ 44,946,532</u>
<b>Net Assets Consist of:</b>		
Paid-in Capital . . . . .	\$ 1,221,123,670	\$ 66,204,784
Total Distributable Loss . . . . .	(306,810,167)	(21,258,252)
<b>Net Assets</b> . . . . .	<u>\$ 914,313,503</u>	<u>\$ 44,946,532</u>
Outstanding Shares of Beneficial Interest (unlimited authorization - no par value) . . . . .	<u>44,375,002</u>	<u>3,150,002</u>
Net Asset Value, Offering and Redemption Price Per Share.	<u>\$ 20.60</u>	<u>\$ 14.27</u>
Cost of Investments . . . . .	\$ 1,052,963,353	\$ 54,398,543

Amounts designated as "-" are \$0.

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.*



**Statements of Operations (Unaudited)**  
For the period ended September 30, 2023

	<b>Quadratic Interest Rate Volatility and Inflation Hedge ETF</b>	<b>Quadratic Deflation ETF</b>
<b>Investment Income:</b>		
Dividend Income . . . . .	\$ 12,750,406	\$ 924,462
Interest Income . . . . .	950,926	220,001
<b>Total Investment Income.</b> . . . . .	<u>13,701,332</u>	<u>1,144,463</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Management Fees† . . . . .	4,192,388	348,780
Trustees' Fees . . . . .	22,613	1,947
Insurance Expense . . . . .	6,051	241
<b>Total Expenses</b> . . . . .	<u>4,221,052</u>	<u>350,968</u>
Management Fee Waiver† . . . . .	—	(12,876)
<b>Net Expenses</b> . . . . .	<u>4,221,052</u>	<u>338,092</u>
<b>Net Investment Income</b> . . . . .	<u>9,480,280</u>	<u>806,371</u>
<b>Net Realized Gain (Loss) on:</b>		
Investments . . . . .	(11,245,766)	(1,298,440)
Purchased Options . . . . .	(71,485,000)	314,500
<b>Net Realized Loss</b> . . . . .	<u>(82,730,766)</u>	<u>(983,940)</u>
<b>Net Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) on:</b>		
Investments . . . . .	(32,606,641)	(6,613,828)
Purchased Options . . . . .	47,289,677	630,165
<b>Net Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)</b>	<u>14,683,036</u>	<u>(5,983,663)</u>
<b>Net Realized and Unrealized Loss</b> . . . . .	<u>(68,047,730)</u>	<u>(6,967,603)</u>
<b>Net Decrease in Net Assets Resulting from Operations</b>	<u>\$ (58,567,450)</u>	<u>\$ (6,161,232)</u>

† See Note 3 in Notes to Financial Statements.

Amounts designated as “—” are \$0.

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## Statements of Changes in Net Assets

	<u>Quadratic Interest Rate Volatility and Inflation Hedge ETF</u>	
	<u>Period Ended</u>	
	<u>September 30,</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>Year Ended March</u>
	<u>(unaudited)</u>	<u>31, 2023</u>
<b>Operations:</b>		
Net Investment Income . . . . .	\$ 9,480,280	\$ 62,269,660
Net Realized Loss . . . . .	(82,730,766)	(262,020,148)
Net Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) . . .	<u>14,683,036</u>	<u>60,840,248</u>
<b>Net Decrease in Net Assets Resulting from Operations . .</b>	<u>(58,567,450)</u>	<u>(138,910,240)</u>
Distributions . . . . .	<u>(15,754,419)</u>	<u>—</u>
Return of Capital . . . . .	<u>—</u>	<u>(45,477,586)</u>
<b>Capital Share Transactions:<sup>(1)</sup></b>		
Issued . . . . .	296,633,036	237,513,555
Redeemed . . . . .	(94,052,859)	(1,004,612,436)
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets from Capital Share Transactions . . . . .</b>	<u>202,580,177</u>	<u>(767,098,881)</u>
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets . . . . .</b>	<u>128,258,308</u>	<u>(951,486,707)</u>
<b>Net Assets:</b>		
Beginning of Year/Period . . . . .	<u>786,055,195</u>	<u>1,737,541,902</u>
End of Year/Period . . . . .	<u>\$ 914,313,503</u>	<u>\$ 786,055,195</u>
<b>Share Transactions:</b>		
Issued . . . . .	14,200,000	9,800,000
Redeemed . . . . .	(4,500,000)	(43,175,000)
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Shares Outstanding from Share Transactions . . . . .</b>	<u>9,700,000</u>	<u>(33,375,000)</u>

(1) Includes transaction costs related to creations and redemptions.  
Amounts designated as "—" are \$0.

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Statements of Changes in Net Assets (concluded)

	Quadratic Deflation ETF	
	Period Ended September 30, 2023 (unaudited)	Year Ended March 31, 2023
<b>Operations:</b>		
Net Investment Income . . . . .	\$ 806,371	\$ 903,425
Net Realized Loss . . . . .	(983,940)	(13,286,332)
Net Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) . . .	<u>(5,983,663)</u>	<u>(5,119,712)</u>
<b>Net Decrease in Net Assets Resulting from Operations . .</b>	<u>(6,161,232)</u>	<u>(17,502,619)</u>
<b>Distributions . . . . .</b>	<u>(1,197,165)</u>	<u>(13,991,230)</u>
<b>Capital Share Transactions:<sup>(1)</sup></b>		
Issued . . . . .	72,211,024	95,591,053
Redeemed . . . . .	(108,543,736)	(114,453,674)
<b>Decrease in Net Assets from Capital Share Transactions . .</b>	<u>(36,332,712)</u>	<u>(18,862,621)</u>
<b>Total Decrease in Net Assets . . . . .</b>	<u>(43,691,109)</u>	<u>(50,356,470)</u>
<b>Net Assets:</b>		
Beginning of Year/Period . . . . .	<u>88,637,641</u>	<u>138,994,111</u>
End of Year/Period . . . . .	<u>\$ 44,946,532</u>	<u>\$ 88,637,641</u>
<b>Share Transactions:</b>		
Issued . . . . .	4,575,000	5,350,000
Redeemed . . . . .	(7,025,000)	(5,150,000)
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Shares Outstanding from Share Transactions . . . . .</b>	<u>(2,450,000)</u>	<u>200,000</u>

(1) Includes transaction costs related to creations and redemptions.

Amounts designated as “—” are \$0.

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## Financial Highlights

### Selected Per Share Data & Ratios

For the Periods Ended September 30, 2023 (Unaudited)

For the Years/Periods Ended March 31

For a Share Outstanding Throughout Each Period

	Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period (\$)	Net Investment Income (Loss) (\$)*	Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments (\$)	Total from Operations (\$)	Distribution from Net Investment Income (\$)	Distribution from Capital Gains (\$)	Return of Capital (\$)
<b>Quadratic Interest Rate Volatility and Inflation Hedge ETF</b>							
2023***	22.67	0.24	(1.92)	(1.68)	(0.39)	—	—
2023	25.53	1.15	(3.16)	(2.01)	—	—	(0.85)
2022	28.47	0.93	(2.84)	(1.91)	(0.82)	—	(0.21)
2021	25.97	(0.02)	3.51	3.49	(0.90)	—	(0.09)
2020 <sup>(1)</sup>	25.00	0.17	1.54	1.71	(0.51)	—	(0.23)
<b>Quadratic Deflation ETF</b>							
2023***	15.83	0.18	(1.46)	(1.28)	(0.28)	—	—
2023	25.74	0.29	(3.79)	(3.50)	(6.41)	—	—
2022 <sup>(2)</sup>	25.00	0.03	1.21 <sup>(3)</sup>	1.24	(0.50)	—	—

\* Per share data calculated using average shares method.

\*\* Total return is based on the change in net asset value of a share during the year or period and assumes reinvestment of dividends and distributions at net asset value. Total return is for the period indicated and periods of less than one year have not been annualized. The return shown does not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption of Fund shares. Excludes effects of standard creation and redemption transaction fees associated with creation units.

\*\*\* For the six-month period ended September 30, 2023.

~ During the periods, certain fees were waived. (See Note 3 in the Notes to Financial Statements).

† Annualized.

†† Portfolio turnover rate is for the period indicated and periods of less than one year have not been annualized. Excludes effect of in-kind transfers.

‡ The ratios of expenses and net investment income/(loss) to Average Net Assets reflect the expenses and net investment income/(loss), respectively, for the year/period as reported in the Statements of Operations and do not reflect the Fund's proportionate share of the income and expenses from investments in other investment companies.

(1) Commenced operations on May 14, 2019.

(2) Commenced operations on September 20, 2021.

(3) Realized and unrealized gains and losses per share are balancing amounts necessary to reconcile the change in net asset value per share for the period, and may not reconcile with the aggregate gains and losses in the Statement of Operations due to share transactions for the period.

Amounts designated as "—" are \$0 or have been rounded to \$0.

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Total from Distributions (\$)	Net Asset Value, End of Period (\$)	Total Return (%)**	Net Assets End of Period (\$)(000)	Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets (%) <sup>-</sup>	Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets (Excluding Waivers, as applicable) (%) <sup>-</sup>	Ratio of Net Investment Income (Loss) to Average Net Assets (%)	Portfolio Turnover (%)
(0.39)	20.60	(7.48)	914,314	1.00 <sup>†‡</sup>	1.00 <sup>†‡</sup>	2.24 <sup>†‡</sup>	- <sup>††</sup>
(0.85)	22.67	(7.95)	786,055	1.00 <sup>†‡</sup>	1.00 <sup>†‡</sup>	4.82 <sup>†‡</sup>	-
(1.03)	25.53	(6.88)	1,737,542	0.98 <sup>†‡</sup>	0.99 <sup>†‡</sup>	3.38 <sup>†‡</sup>	-
(0.99)	28.47	13.65	2,629,858	0.94 <sup>†‡</sup>	0.99 <sup>†‡</sup>	(0.06) <sup>†‡</sup>	-
(0.74)	25.97	6.95	100,647	0.97 <sup>†‡</sup>	1.02 <sup>†‡</sup>	0.78 <sup>†‡</sup>	- <sup>††</sup>
(0.28)	14.27	(8.22)	44,947	0.96 <sup>†‡</sup>	(2.66) <sup>†‡</sup>	2.30 <sup>†‡</sup>	- <sup>††</sup>
(6.41)	15.83	(12.08)	88,638	0.95 <sup>†‡</sup>	1.00 <sup>†‡</sup>	1.37 <sup>†‡</sup>	-
(0.50)	25.74	4.97	138,994	0.94 <sup>†‡</sup>	0.99 <sup>†‡</sup>	0.24 <sup>†‡</sup>	- <sup>††</sup>

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### 1. ORGANIZATION

KraneShares Trust (the "Trust") is a Delaware Statutory Trust formed on February 3, 2012. The Trust is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Investment Company Act"), as an open-end management investment company. As of September 30, 2023, the Trust had thirty-three operational series. The financial statements herein and the related notes pertain to the Quadratic Interest Rate Volatility and Inflation Hedge ETF and the Quadratic Deflation ETF, (each, a "Fund" and collectively, the "Funds"). The Funds are non-diversified Funds, as defined under Section 5(b)(1) of the Investment Company Act. Krane Funds Advisors, LLC ("Krane" or the "Adviser"), a Delaware limited liability company, serves as the investment adviser for the Funds and is subject to the supervision of the Board of Trustees (the "Board"). Quadratic Capital Management LLC ("Quadratic" or "Sub-Adviser") serves as the sub-adviser to the Funds and is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Funds.

China International Capital Corporation (USA) Holdings Inc., a wholly-owned, indirect subsidiary of China International Capital Corporation Limited owns a majority stake in Krane. As of September 30, 2023, Central Huijin Investment Limited, a mainland Chinese-domiciled entity, and HKSCC Nominees Limited, held approximately 40.1% and 39.4%, respectively, of the shares of China International Capital Corporation Limited. Central Huijin Investment Limited is a wholly-owned subsidiary of China Investment Corporation, which is a mainland Chinese sovereign wealth fund. KFA One Holdings, LLC, located at 280 Park Avenue 32nd Floor, New York, New York, 10017, holds the remaining equity interests in Krane and Jonathan Krane, through his equity interests in KFA One Holdings, LLC, beneficially owns more than 10% of the equity interests in Krane.

Shares of the Funds are listed and traded on the NYSE Arca, Inc. (the "Exchange"). Market prices for Fund shares ("Shares") may be different from their net asset value ("NAV"). The Funds issue and redeem Shares on a continuous basis at NAV only in large blocks of Shares, typically 25,000 Shares or multiples thereof, called "Creation Units". This does not mean, however, that individual investors will be able to redeem and purchase Shares directly with the series of the Trust. Only Authorized Participants can redeem and purchase Creation Units of Shares directly. Each Fund will issue and redeem Shares for a basket of securities and/or a balancing cash amount. Individual shares trade in the secondary market at market prices that change throughout the day.

The Quadratic Interest Rate Volatility and Inflation Hedge ETF is a fixed income ETF that seeks to hedge relative interest rate movements, whether these movements arise from falling short-term interest rates or rising long-term interest rates, and to benefit from market stress when fixed income volatility increases, while providing the potential for enhanced inflation-protected income. The Fund is actively managed and does not track an index. The Fund's investment in the Schwab US TIPS ETF represents greater than 75% of the Fund's total investments. For further financial information, available upon request, on the Schwab US TIPS ETF, please go to the Commission's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

The Quadratic Deflation ETF is a fixed income ETF that seeks to benefit from lower growth, deflation, lower or negative long-term interest rates, and/or a reduction in the spread between shorter and longer term interest rates by investing in US Treasuries and options. The Fund is actively managed and does not track an index. The Fund's investment in the Vanguard Long-Term Treasury ETF represents greater than 75% of the Fund's total investments. For further financial information, available upon request, on the Vanguard Long-Term Treasury ETF, please go to the Commission's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

## **2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies followed by the Funds. The Funds are investment companies that apply the accounting and reporting guidance issued in Topic 946 by the U.S. Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”).

**USE OF ESTIMATES** – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“U.S. GAAP”) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of increases and decreases in net assets from operations during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates, and could have a material impact to the Funds.

**SECURITY VALUATION** – The NAV per share of each Fund is computed by dividing the value of the net assets of a Fund (i.e., the value of its total assets less total liabilities and withholdings) by the total number of shares of a Fund outstanding, rounded to the nearest cent. Expenses and fees, including without limitation, the management, administration and distribution fees, are accrued daily and taken into account for purposes of determining NAV. The NAV per share for each Fund normally is calculated by the Administrator (as defined below) and determined as of the regularly scheduled close of the normal trading on each day that the NYSE is scheduled to be open for business (normally 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time). Any assets or liabilities denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar are converted into U.S. dollars at the current market rates on the date of valuation as quoted by one or more sources.

Securities listed on a securities exchange (i.e. exchange-traded equity securities), market or automated quotation system for which quotations are readily available (except for securities traded on NASDAQ), including securities traded over the counter, are valued by independent pricing agents at the last reported sale price on the primary exchange or market (foreign or domestic) on which they are traded (or at the time as of which the Fund’s NAV is calculated if a security’s exchange is normally open at that time). If there is no such reported sale, such securities are valued at the most recently reported bid price. For securities traded on NASDAQ, the NASDAQ Official Closing Price will be used. If a security price cannot be obtained from an independent, third-party pricing agent, the Fund seeks to obtain bid and ask prices from two broker-dealers who make a market in the portfolio instrument and determines the average of the two.

If available, debt securities are priced based upon valuations provided by independent third-party pricing agents. Such values generally reflect the last reported sales price if the security is actively traded. The third-party pricing agents may also value debt securities at an evaluated bid price by employing methodologies that utilize actual market transactions, broker-supplied valuations, or other methodologies designed to identify the market value for such securities. Debt obligations with remaining maturities of sixty days or less may be valued at their amortized cost, which approximates market value.

The prices for foreign securities are reported in local currency and converted to U.S. dollars using currency exchange rates. The exchange rates used for valuation are captured as of the close of the London Stock Exchange each day normally at 4:00 p.m. Greenwich Mean Time.

The value of a swap contract is equal to the obligation (or rights) under the swap contract, which will generally be equal to the net amounts to be paid or received under the contract based upon the relative values of the positions held by each party to the contract as determined by the applicable independent, third party pricing agent. Exchange-traded options are valued at the last

reported sales price on the exchange on which they are listed. If there is no such reported sale on the valuation date, long positions are valued at the most recent bid price, and short positions are valued at the most recent ask price. Over-the-counter (“OTC”) options are valued based upon prices determined by the applicable independent, third party pricing agent. A constant maturity swap (CMS) spread option is a European option on the spread of two CMS rates with different underlying tenors (e.g. CMS 10 Year - CMS 2 Year). The options are generally valued by an independent pricing agent by establishing the present value of expected future CMS cash flow, based on certain assumptions, market inputs and calculated pursuant to industry standard models maintained by the independent pricing agent. Futures are valued at the settlement price established by the board of trade on which they are traded. Foreign currency forward contracts are valued at the current day’s interpolated foreign exchange rate, as calculated using the current day’s spot rate and the 30-, 60-, 90- and 180-day forward rates provided by an independent pricing agent. As of and during the period ended September 30, 2023, the Funds did not hold swaps, futures or foreign currency forward contracts.

Investments in open-end investment companies that do not trade on an exchange are valued at the end of day NAV per share. Investments in open-end investment companies that trade on an exchange are valued in the same manner as other exchange-traded equity securities (described above).

Investments for which market prices are not “readily available,” or are not deemed to reflect current market values, or are debt securities where no evaluated price is available from third-party pricing agents pursuant to established methodologies, are fair valued in accordance with the Adviser’s valuation policies and procedures approved by the Board. Some of the more common reasons that may necessitate that a security be valued using “fair value” pricing may include, but are not limited to: the security’s trading has been halted or suspended; the security’s primary trading market is temporarily closed; or the security has not been traded for an extended period of time.

In addition, a Fund may fair value its securities if an event that may materially affect the value of a Fund’s securities that trade outside of the United States (a “Significant Event”) has occurred between the time of the security’s last close and the time that a Fund calculates its NAV. A Significant Event may relate to a single issuer or to an entire market sector, country or region. Events that may be Significant Events may include: government actions, natural disasters, armed conflict, acts of terrorism and significant market fluctuations. If Krane becomes aware of a Significant Event that has occurred with respect to a portfolio instrument or group of portfolio instruments after the closing of the exchange or market on which the portfolio instrument or portfolio instruments principally trade, but before the time at which a Fund calculates its NAV, it will notify the Administrator and may request that an ad hoc meeting of the Fair Valuation Committee be called.

With respect to trade-halted securities, the Adviser typically will fair value a trade-halted security by adjusting the security’s last market close price by the security’s sector performance, as measured by a predetermined index, unless Krane’s Fair Valuation Committee determines to make additional adjustments.

Fair value pricing involves subjective judgments and it is possible that a fair value determination for a security is materially different than the value that could actually be realized upon the sale of the security or that another fund that uses market quotations or its own fair value procedures to price the same securities.



Trading in securities on many foreign exchanges is normally completed before the close of business on each Business Day (a "Business Day", as used herein, is any day on which the Exchange is open for business). In addition, securities trading in a particular country or countries may not take place on each Business Day or may take place on days that are not Business Days. Changes in valuations on certain securities may occur at times or on days on which a Fund's NAV is not calculated and on which Fund shares do not trade and sales and redemptions of shares do not occur. As a result, the value of a Fund's portfolio securities and the net asset value of its shares may change on days when share purchases or sales cannot occur. Fund shares are purchased or sold on a national securities exchange at market prices, which may be higher or lower than NAV. Transactions in Fund shares will be priced at NAV only if shares are purchased or redeemed directly from a Fund in Creation Units. No secondary sales will be made to brokers or dealers at a concession by the Distributor or by a Fund. Purchases and sales of shares in the secondary market, which will not involve a Fund, will be subject to customary brokerage commissions and charges.

In accordance with the authoritative guidance on fair value measurements and disclosure under U.S. GAAP, the Funds disclose the fair value of their investments in a hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure the fair value. The objective of a fair value measurement is to determine the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (an exit price). Accordingly, the fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

Level 1 - Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities that the Funds have the ability to access at the measurement date.

Level 2 - Other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices in non-active markets, quoted prices for similar investments, fair value of investments for which the Funds have the ability to fully redeem tranches at net asset value as of the measurement date or within the near term, and short-term investments valued at amortized cost).

Level 3 - Significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments, broker quotes, fair value of investments for which the Fund does not have the ability to fully redeem tranches at net asset value as of the measurement date or within the near term).

Investments are classified within the level of the lowest significant input considered in determining fair value. Investments classified within Level 3 whose fair value measurement considers several inputs may include Level 1 or Level 2 inputs as components of the overall fair value measurement. For details of the investment classification, refer to each Fund's Schedule of Investments.

**FEDERAL INCOME TAXES** – It is each Fund’s intention to qualify or continue to qualify as a regulated investment company for federal income tax purposes by complying with the appropriate provisions of Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and to distribute annually all or substantially all of its taxable income and gains to shareholders. Accordingly, no provisions for federal income taxes have been made in the financial statements.

The Funds evaluate tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing the Funds’ tax returns to determine whether it is “more-likely-than-not” (i.e., greater than 50 percent) that each tax position will be sustained upon examination by a taxing authority based on the technical merits of the position. Tax positions not deemed to meet the more-likely-than-not threshold are recorded as a tax benefit or expense in the current year. The Funds did not record any tax provisions in the current period. However, management’s conclusions regarding tax positions may be subject to review and adjustment at a later date based on factors including, but not limited to, examination by tax authorities (i.e., the last three tax year ends, as applicable), ongoing analysis of and changes to tax laws, regulations and interpretations thereof.

As of September 30, 2023, management of the Funds has reviewed all open tax years since inception and concluded that there is no tax liability resulting from unrecognized tax benefits relating to uncertain income tax positions taken or expected to be taken in future tax returns. The Funds are also not aware of any tax positions for which it is reasonably possible that the total amounts of unrecognized tax benefits will significantly change in the next twelve months.

**SECURITY TRANSACTIONS AND INVESTMENT INCOME** – Security transactions are accounted for on the trade date for financial reporting purposes. Costs used in determining realized gains and losses on the sale of investment securities are based on specific identification. Dividend income is recorded, net of any applicable withholding tax, on the ex-dividend date, or for certain foreign securities, when the information becomes available to the Funds. Interest income is recognized on the accrual basis from the settlement date and includes the amortization of premiums and the accretion of discount calculated using the effective interest method.

**OPTIONS** – The Quadratic Interest Rate Volatility and Inflation Hedge ETF purchases options seeking to benefit from relative interest rate movements, whether these movements arise from falling short-term interest rates or rising long-term interest rates (i.e., the spread between interest rates on U.S. interest rates and shorter-term interest widens), and to benefit from market stress when fixed income volatility increases. The Quadratic Deflation ETF purchases options seeking to benefit from relative interest rate movements, whether these movements arise from rising short-term interest rates or falling long-term interest rates (i.e., the spread between interest rates on U.S. interest rates and shorter-term interest narrows). When each Fund purchases an option, the Fund pays a cost (premium) to purchase the option. The Funds’ investments in options will be traded in the over-the counter (“OTC”) market. OTC derivative instruments generally have more flexible terms negotiated between the buyer and the seller. These instruments would generally be subject to greater counterparty risk. Many of the protections afforded to exchange participants will not be available for OTC options and there is no daily price fluctuation limits. OTC instruments also may be subject to greater liquidity risk. Under the Funds’ option contracts, the Funds pay upfront for the option contracts (i.e., the premium), and counterparties are not required to post variation margin. There is no potential additional cash outflow or future liability for the Funds under the options; the Funds’ only potential loss on such options is the premium paid in advance. However, the Funds’ options contracts are subject to counterparty risk, which is the risk of non-performance by an options counterparty. Such non-performance could result in a material loss to the Funds.

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The Funds are also subject to custodial risk as a result of (1) holding cash at the Funds' custodian because such cash deposits are unsecured liabilities of the custodian and (2) the custodian, at times, sweeping excess cash to other banks, which would be unsecured liabilities of those other banks.

As of September 30, 2023, the Funds have open purchased option positions. Refer to each Fund's Schedule of Investments for details regarding open options as of September 30, 2023.

For the period ended September 30, 2023, the average monthly cost for purchased options in the Quadratic Interest Rate Volatility and Inflation Hedge ETF and Quadratic Deflation ETF was \$116,403,817 and \$6,023,591, respectively.

The following is a summary by counterparty of the market value of OTC financial derivative instruments and collateral (received)/pledged for each Fund as of September 30, 2023:

Quadratic Interest Rate Volatility and Inflation Hedge ETF							
Counterparty	Financial Derivative Assets		Financial Derivative Liabilities		Net Market Value of OTC Derivatives	Collateral (Received)/ Pledged	Net Exposure†
	Option	Total Over the Counter	Option	Total Over the Counter			
Goldman							
Sachs . . .	\$ 66,396,205	\$ 66,396,205	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 66,396,205	\$ -	\$ 66,396,205
Morgan Stanley . .	47,331,452	47,331,452	-	-	47,331,452	-	47,331,452
Nomura . . .	33,039,929	33,039,929	-	-	33,039,929	-	33,039,929
Total over the counter . .	<u>\$146,767,586</u>	<u>\$146,767,586</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>			

  

Quadratic Deflation ETF							
Counterparty	Financial Derivative Assets		Financial Derivative Liabilities		Net Market Value of OTC Derivatives	Collateral (Received)/ Pledged	Net Exposure†
	Option	Total Over the Counter	Option	Total Over the Counter			
Goldman							
Sachs . . .	\$ 1,569,319	\$ 1,569,319	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,569,319	\$ -	\$ 1,569,319
Nomura . . .	2,826,749	2,826,749	-	-	2,826,749	-	2,826,749
Total over the counter . .	<u>\$ 4,396,068</u>	<u>\$ 4,396,068</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>			

† Net Exposure represents the net receivable/(payable) that would be due from/to the counterparty in the event of default. Exposure from OTC financial derivative instruments can be netted only across transactions governed under the same master agreement with the same legal entity.

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**DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS** – Each Fund has a practice of seeking to pay monthly distributions at a level rate. To help maintain more stable monthly distributions, the distribution paid by a Fund for any particular monthly period may be more or less than the amount of net income actually earned by the Fund during such period. The practice of seeking to pay distributions at a level rate may result in a return of capital to shareholders, which is not taxable but reduces a shareholder's basis in his or her shares, if the Fund's income and gains are not sufficient to support the level rate distribution.

Ordinarily, each Fund typically distributes any net investment income monthly and makes any capital gain distributions once a year (usually in December). Each Fund may make distributions on a more frequent basis. All distributions are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

**CASH OVERDRAFT CHARGES** – Per the terms of an agreement with Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. (“BBH”), the Funds' Custodian, if a Fund has a cash overdraft on a given day, it will be assessed an overdraft charge of BBH Overdraft Base Rate plus 2.00%. Cash overdraft charges are included in “Interest Expense” on the Statements of Operations.

**CREATION UNITS** – The Funds issue and redeem Shares at NAV and only in large blocks of Shares (each block of Shares is a Creation Unit of 25,000 Shares, or multiples thereof). In its discretion, the Trust reserves the right to increase or decrease the number of each Fund's shares that constitute a Creation Unit.

Except when aggregated in Creation Units, Shares are not redeemable securities of a Fund. Shares of a Fund may only be purchased or redeemed by certain Authorized Participants. An Authorized Participant is either (i) a broker-dealer or other participant in the clearing process through the Continuous Net Settlement System of the National Securities Clearing Corporation or (ii) a Depository Trust Company (“DTC”) participant and, in each case, must have executed a Participant Agreement with the Distributor. Most retail investors will not qualify as Authorized Participants or have the resources to buy and sell whole Creation Units. Therefore, they will be unable to purchase or redeem the Shares directly from a Fund. Rather, most retail investors will purchase Shares in the secondary market with the assistance of a broker and will be subject to customary brokerage commissions or fees when buying or selling Shares. If a Creation Unit is purchased or redeemed for cash, a higher transaction fee may be charged.

The following table discloses Creation Unit breakdown for the period ended September 30, 2023:

<u>KraneShares Funds</u>	<u>Creation Unit Shares</u>	<u>Standard Transaction Fee - Subscriptions</u>	<u>Value at September 30, 2023</u>	<u>Standard Transaction Fee - Redemptions</u>	<u>Maximum Variable Transaction Fee*</u>
Quadratic Interest Rate Volatility and Inflation Hedge ETF . . . . .	25,000	\$ -	\$515,000	\$ -	2.00%
Quadratic Deflation ETF . . . . .	25,000	-	356,750	-	2.00%

\* As a percentage of the Creation Unit(s) purchased/redeemed.

The Adviser may adjust the transaction fees from time to time based on actual experience.

**CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS** – Idle cash balances may be swept into various overnight sweep accounts and are classified as cash equivalents on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. These amounts, at times, may exceed United States federally insured limits. Amounts swept are usually available on the next business day. For that reason, each Fund is subject to custodial risk as a

result of (1) holding cash at the Fund’s custodian because such cash deposits are unsecured liabilities of the custodian and (2) the custodian, at times, sweeping excess cash to other banks, which would be unsecured liabilities of those other banks.

**3. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

**INVESTMENT ADVISORY AGREEMENT** – The Adviser serves as investment adviser to each Fund pursuant to an Investment Advisory Agreement between the Trust on behalf of each Fund and the Adviser (the “Agreement”). Under the Agreement, Krane is responsible for reviewing, supervising and administering each Fund’s investment program and the general management and administration of the Trust. The Board supervises Krane and establishes policies that Krane must follow in its management activities.

The Agreement requires the Adviser to pay all operating expenses of the Funds, except: (a) interest and taxes (including, but not limited to, income, excise, transaction, transfer and withholding taxes); (b) expenses of the Funds incurred with respect to the acquisition and disposition of portfolio securities and the execution of portfolio transactions, including brokerage commissions and short sale dividend or interest expense; (c) expenses incurred in connection with any distribution plan adopted by the Trust in compliance with Rule 12b-1 under the Investment Company Act, including distribution fees; (d) “Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses” (as defined by Form N-1A under the Investment Company Act); (e) litigation expenses; (f) the compensation payable to the Adviser under the Agreement; (g) compensation and expenses of the Independent Trustees (including any fees of independent legal counsel to the Independent Trustees); and (h) any expenses determined to be extraordinary expenses by the Board. Under the Agreement, a portion of the premium for the insurance policy, which covers the Trust and Independent Trustees, is treated as an expense of the Independent Trustees.

The Agreement provides that each Fund pays a unitary (or unified) fee to the Adviser for advisory and management services provided to the Funds, subject to the exceptions noted herein. In this context, there exists a risk that a Trust service provider will seek recourse against the Trust if it is not timely paid by Krane for the fees and expenses for which it is responsible, which could materially adversely affect the Funds. Pursuant to the Agreement between the Trust and the Adviser, the Funds pay the Adviser a fee, which is calculated daily and paid monthly, at the following annual rates, based on a percentage of the average daily net assets of each Fund.

<b>KraneShares Fund</b>	<b>Management Fee</b>
Quadratic Interest Rate Volatility and Inflation Hedge ETF . . . . .	0.99%
Quadratic Deflation ETF . . . . .	0.99%

Pursuant to the terms of a Fee Waiver Agreement, Krane has contractually agreed to waive its management fee for the Quadratic Deflation ETF by 0.05% of the Fund’s average daily net assets. This Fee Waiver agreement will continue until August 1, 2023. The Fee Waiver Agreement may only be terminated prior thereto by the Board.

The Adviser bears all of its own costs associated with providing these advisory services.

**SUB-ADVISORY AGREEMENT** – Quadratic serves as the Sub-Adviser to the Funds and is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Funds, subject to the supervision by the Adviser and the Board. For the services Quadratic provides to the Funds, the Adviser pays Quadratic a fee equal to 76% of the sum of: (i) the total gross management fee due to the Adviser from the Fund under

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the terms of the Advisory Agreement minus (ii) any applicable fee waivers from time to time entered into between the Fund and the Adviser. Under the Sub-Advisory Agreement, the fee will be calculated daily and paid monthly.

**DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENT** — SEI Investments Distribution Co. (the “Distributor”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of SEI Investments Company, and an affiliate of the Administrator, serves as the Funds' distributor of Creation Units pursuant to a Distribution Agreement. The Distributor does not maintain any secondary market in Fund shares.

The Trust has adopted a Distribution and Service Plan (“Plan”) pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the Investment Company Act. In accordance with the Plan, each Fund is authorized to pay an amount up to 0.25% of its average daily net assets each year for certain distribution-related activities. For the period ended September 30, 2023, no fees were charged under the Plan, since no such fees are currently paid by the Funds and the Board has not currently approved the commencement of any payments under the Plan. Fees would only be charged under the Plan upon approval by the Board.

**ADMINISTRATOR, CUSTODIAN AND TRANSFER AGENT** — SEI Investments Global Funds Services (the “Administrator”) serves as the Funds' Administrator pursuant to an Administration Agreement. BBH serves as the Funds' Custodian and Transfer Agent pursuant to a Custodian and Transfer Agent Agreement.

### 4. INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS

For the period ended September 30, 2023, the purchases and sales of investments in securities excluding in-kind transactions, options, long-term U.S. Government and short-term securities in the Funds were:

<u>KraneShares Funds</u>	<u>Purchases</u>	<u>Sales and Maturities</u>
Quadratic Interest Rate Volatility and Inflation Hedge ETF . . . . .	\$ -	\$ 44,047,170

For the period ended September 30, 2023, in-kind transactions associated with creations and redemptions were:

<u>KraneShares Funds</u>	<u>Purchases</u>	<u>Sales</u>	<u>Realized Gain/ (Loss)</u>
Quadratic Interest Rate Volatility and Inflation Hedge ETF . . . . .	\$ 258,359,437	\$ 78,498,044	\$ (1,540,473)
Quadratic Deflation ETF . . . . .	55,704,486	84,817,540	(1,298,440)

### 5. TAX INFORMATION

The amount and character of income and capital gain distributions to be paid, if any, are determined in accordance with Federal income tax regulations, which may differ from U.S. GAAP. For example, the income or loss resulting from the Funds' investments in derivatives tied to interest rates is characterized as ordinary income or loss, even though such derivatives may be characterized as capital assets and realized gain (loss) for purposes of U.S. GAAP. As a result, net investment income (loss) and net realized gain (loss) on investment transactions for a reporting period may differ significantly from distributions during such period. These book/tax differences may be temporary or permanent. The permanent difference is income or loss resulting from the Funds' investments in derivatives tied to interest rates that is characterized as ordinary income or loss, even though such derivatives may be characterized as capital assets for purposes of U.S. GAAP.

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The permanent difference that is credited or charged to Paid-in-Capital and Distributable Earnings is redemption-in-kind transactions. To the extent these differences are permanent in nature, such as redemption in kind transactions and derivatives characterized as ordinary income, they are charged or credited to distributable earnings (loss) or paid-in capital, as appropriate, in the period that the differences arise.

The tax character of dividends and distributions paid during the years or periods ended March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022 were as follows:

<u>KraneShares Funds</u>	<u>Ordinary Income</u>	<u>Long-Term Capital Gain</u>	<u>Return of Capital</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Quadratic Interest Rate Volatility and Inflation Hedge ETF				
2023 . . . . .	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,477,586	\$ 45,477,586
2022 . . . . .	93,553,146	-	16,087,957	109,641,103
Quadratic Deflation ETF				
2023 . . . . .	\$ 13,991,230	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,991,230
2022 . . . . .	1,897,207	-	-	1,897,207

As of March 31, 2023, the components of tax basis distributable losses were as follows:

	<u>Quadratic Interest Rate Volatility and Inflation Hedge ETF</u>	<u>Quadratic Deflation ETF</u>
Undistributed Ordinary Income . . . . .	\$ -	\$ 336,485
Capital Loss Carryforwards . . . . .	-	(3,404,233)
Post October Losses . . . . .	(11,199,099)	-
Qualified Late-Year Loss Deferrals . . . . .	(21,361,347)	-
Unrealized Depreciation on Investments and Foreign Currency . . . . .	(199,927,852)	(10,822,649)
Other Temporary Differences . . . . .	-	(9,458)
Total Distributable Losses . . . . .	<u>\$ (232,488,298)</u>	<u>\$ (13,899,855)</u>

Qualified late year ordinary and Post-October capital losses represent losses realized from January 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023 and November 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023, respectively, that, in accordance with Federal income tax regulations, the Funds have elected to defer and treat as having arisen in the following fiscal year.

The Funds have capital loss carryforwards as follows:

<u>KraneShares Funds</u>	<u>Long-Term Loss</u>	<u>Total</u>
Quadratic Deflation ETF . . . . .	\$ 3,404,233	\$ 3,404,233

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The federal tax cost and aggregate gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation on investments held by the Fund at September 30, 2023, were as follows:

KraneShares Funds	Federal Tax Cost	Aggregated Gross Unrealized Appreciation	Aggregated Gross Unrealized Depreciation	Net Unrealized Depreciation
Quadratic Interest Rate Volatility and Inflation Hedge ETF . . .	\$1,052,963,353	\$12,074,392	\$(197,319,208)	\$(185,244,816)
Quadratic Deflation ETF . . . .	54,398,543	93,308	(16,375,678)	(16,282,370)

### 6. CONCENTRATION OF RISKS

As with all exchange-traded funds (“ETFs”), shareholders of the Funds are subject to the risk that their investment could lose money. Each Fund is subject to certain of the principal risks noted below, any of which may adversely affect a Fund's NAV, trading price, yield, total return and ability to meet its investment objective. A more complete description of principal risks is included in each Fund's prospectus under the heading “Principal Risks”.

**CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS RISK** – The Funds may hold cash or cash equivalents. Generally, such positions offer less potential for gain than other investments. Holding cash or cash equivalents, even strategically, may lead to missed investment opportunities. This is particularly true when the market for other investments in which the Funds may invest is rapidly rising. If a Fund holds cash uninvested it will be subject to the credit risk of the depositing institution holding the cash.

**DERIVATIVES RISK** – The use of derivatives (including swaps, futures, forwards, structured notes and options) may involve leverage, which includes risks that are different from, and greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in a reference asset, because a small investment in a derivative can result in a large impact on a Fund and may cause a Fund to be more volatile. Derivatives may at times be highly illiquid, and a Fund may not be able to close out or sell a derivative at a particular time or at an anticipated price. Derivatives can be difficult to value and valuation may be more difficult in times of market turmoil. There may be imperfect correlation between the derivative and that of the reference asset, resulting in unexpected returns that could materially adversely affect a Fund. Certain derivatives (such as swaps and options) are bi-lateral agreements that expose the Funds to counterparty risk, which is the risk of loss in the event that the counterparty to an agreement fails to make required payments or otherwise comply with the terms of derivative. In that case, the Funds may suffer losses potentially equal to, or greater than, the full value of the derivative if the counterparty fails to perform its obligations. That risk is generally thought to be greater with over-the-counter (OTC) derivatives than with derivatives that are exchange traded or centrally cleared. Counterparty risks are compounded by the fact that there are only a limited number of ways available to invest in certain reference assets and, therefore, there may be few counterparties to swaps or options based on those reference assets. Many derivatives are subject to segregation requirements that require the Funds to segregate the market or notional value of the derivatives, which could impede the portfolio management of the Funds.

The derivative instruments and techniques that the Funds may principally use include:

**Options Risk.** If a Fund buys an option, it buys a legal contract giving it the right to buy or sell a specific amount of the underlying instrument or swap on the underlying instrument at an agreed-upon price typically in exchange for a premium paid by the Funds. In general, most options on interest rate swaps are “European-style” options, which means that they



can only be exercised at the end of the option term. A decision as to whether, when and how to use options involves the exercise of skill and judgment and even a well-conceived option transaction may be unsuccessful because of market behavior or unexpected events. The prices of options can be highly volatile and the use of options can lower total returns.

The options strategies used by Quadratic Deflation ETF may involve writing covered options and are structured as long call spreads, long put spreads or long butterflies. If there is a broad market move, the strategies may not have the same return as a strategy composed of only long options. The Funds will pay a premium for their options strategies and they are structured to limit the potential loss to the Funds to the market value of the options strategy; however, there is no guarantee that this will occur. If an option that a Fund has purchased is never exercised or closed out, the Fund will lose the amount of the premium it paid and the use of those funds.

OTC options generally have more flexible terms negotiated between the buyer and the seller, but the counterparties may be required to post "variation margin" as frequently as daily to reflect any gains or losses in such options contracts. Where, as here, such variation margin is not required to be posted, such instruments are generally subject to greater credit risk and counterparty risk, which is the risk that the other party to the derivative will fail to make required payments or otherwise comply with the terms of the option. Counterparty risk may arise because of market activities and developments, the counterparty's financial condition (including financial difficulties, bankruptcy, or insolvency), or other reasons. OTC instruments also may be subject to greater liquidity risk.

**ETF RISK.** As ETFs, the Funds are subject to the following risks:

**Authorized Participants Concentration Risk.** The Funds have a limited number of financial institutions that may act as Authorized Participants. To the extent that Authorized Participants exit the business or are otherwise unable to proceed in creation and redemption transactions with the Fund and no other Authorized Participant is able to step forward to create or redeem, shares of that Fund may be more likely to trade at a premium or discount to NAV and possible face trading halts or delisting. Authorized Participant concentration risk may be heightened for ETFs, such as the Funds, that invest in securities issued by non-U.S. issuers or other securities or instruments that have lower trading volumes.

**Premium/Discount Risk.** There may be times when the market price of a Fund's shares is more than the NAV intra-day (at a premium) or less than the NAV intra-day (at a discount). As a result, shareholders of that Fund may pay more than NAV when purchasing shares and receive less than NAV when selling Fund shares. This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines. In such market conditions, market or stop loss orders to sell Fund shares may be executed at prices well below NAV.

**Secondary Market Trading Risk.** Investors buying or selling shares in the secondary market will normally pay brokerage commissions, which are often a fixed amount and may be a significant proportional cost for investors buying or selling relatively small amounts of shares. Secondary market trading is subject to bid-ask spreads and trading in a Fund's shares may be halted by the Exchange because of market conditions or other reasons. If a trading halt occurs, a shareholder may temporarily be unable to purchase or sell shares of a Fund. In

addition, although the Funds' shares are listed on the Exchange, there can be no assurance that an active trading market for shares will develop or be maintained or that a Fund's shares will continue to be listed.

**FIXED INCOME SECURITIES RISK** – Investing in fixed income securities subjects the Funds to the following risks:

**Credit Risk.** Credit risk refers to the possibility that the issuer of a security will not be able to make payments of interest and principal when due. Changes in an issuer's credit rating or the market's perception of an issuer's creditworthiness may also affect the value of an investment in that issuer.

**Event Risk.** Event risk is the risk that an unexpected event could interfere with an issuer's ability to make timely interest or principal payments or that causes market speculation about the issuer's ability to make such payments, which could cause the credit quality and market value of an issuer's bonds and/or other debt securities to decline significantly.

**Interest Rate Risk.** Generally, the value of fixed income securities will change inversely with changes in interest rates. As interest rates rise, the market value of fixed income securities tends to decrease. Conversely, as interest rates fall, the market value of fixed income securities tends to increase. This risk will be greater for long-term securities than for short-term securities. The current low interest rate environment increases the risks associated with rising interest rates.

**Maturity Risk.** The value of the Funds' fixed income investments is also dependent on their maturity. Generally, the longer the maturity of a fixed income security, the greater its sensitivity to changes in interest rates.

**HEDGING RISK** – The Quadratic Interest Rate Volatility and Inflation Hedge ETF seeks to mitigate (or hedge) the risk associated with the potential impact of a steepening U.S. interest rate curve ("curve risk"), an increase in inflation and inflation expectations, and an increase in interest rate volatility on the performance of U.S. government bonds. The Quadratic Deflation ETF seeks to mitigate (or hedge) the risk associated with the potential impact of a flattening or inverting U.S. interest rate curve ("curve risk"), deflation and deflationary expectations on the performance of U.S. government bonds.

Neither of the Funds seek to mitigate credit risk, non-curve interest rate risk, or other factors influencing the price of U.S. government bonds, which factors may have a greater impact on the bonds' returns than the U.S. interest rate curve or inflation. Further, there is no guarantee that the Funds' investments will eliminate or mitigate curve risk, inflation (deflation) risk or the potential impact of interest rate volatility on long positions in U.S. government bonds. If interest rates rise or fall in parallel within the U.S. interest rate curve, the Funds will not be hedged.

In addition, for the Quadratic Interest Rate Volatility and Inflation Hedge ETF, when the U.S. interest rate curve flattens or inverts, the Fund's investments in options may lose value or end up worthless. Under such circumstances, the Fund will generally underperform a portfolio comprised solely of U.S. government bonds (without the options owned by the Fund). In a flattening or inverted curve environment, the Fund's hedging strategy could result in disproportionately larger losses in the Fund's options as compared to gains or losses in its U.S. government bond positions attributable to interest rate changes. There is no guarantee that the Fund will have positive returns, even in environments of sharply rising inflation rates in which the Fund's options might be expected to

mitigate the effects of such rises. The Fund will incur expenses when entering into positions in rate-linked options. Moreover, to the extent that curve risk has been priced into the U.S. government bonds owned by the Fund, the Fund will underperform other investments even during periods of curve steepening.

In addition, for the Quadratic Deflation ETF when the U.S. interest rate curve steepens, the Fund's investments in options may lose value or end up worthless. Under such circumstances, the Fund will generally underperform a portfolio comprised solely of U.S. government bonds (without the options owned by the Fund). In a steepening curve environment, the Fund's hedging strategy could result in disproportionately larger losses in the Fund's options as compared to gains or losses in its U.S. government bond positions attributable to interest rate changes. There is no guarantee that the Fund will have positive returns, even in environments of sharply declining inflation rates. The Fund will incur expenses when entering into positions in rate-linked options. Moreover, to the extent that curve risk has been priced into the U.S. government bonds owned by the Fund, the Fund will underperform other investments even during periods of curve flattening.

**HIGH PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RISK** – The Funds may incur high portfolio turnover rates, which may increase the Funds' brokerage commission costs and negatively impact the Funds' performance. Such portfolio turnover also may generate net short-term capital gains.

**INVESTMENT IN INVESTMENT COMPANIES RISK** – When a Fund invests in other investment companies (or funds), it will indirectly be exposed to the risks of such funds' investments. Moreover, a Fund will incur its pro rata share of such funds' expenses. Additionally, investments in ETFs are subject to ETF Risk.

**LARGE SHAREHOLDER RISK (Quadratic Interest Rate Volatility and Inflation Hedge ETF)** – To the extent a large number of shares of a Fund is held by a single shareholder or a small group of shareholders, the Fund is subject to the risk that redemption by those shareholders of all or a large portion of their shares will adversely affect the Fund's performance by forcing the Fund to sell securities, potentially at disadvantageous prices, to raise the cash needed to satisfy such redemption requests. This risk may be heightened during periods of declining or illiquid markets, or to the extent that such large shareholders have short investment horizons or unpredictable cash flow needs. Such redemptions may also increase transaction costs and/or have adverse tax consequences for remaining shareholders.

**LIQUIDITY RISK** – The Funds' investments are subject to liquidity risk, which exists when an investment is or becomes difficult or impossible to purchase or sell at an advantageous time and price. Liquidity risk may be the result of, among other things, market turmoil, the reduced number and capacity of traditional market participants, or the lack of an active trading market. Markets for securities or financial instruments could be disrupted by a number of events, including, but not limited to, an economic crisis, natural disasters, new legislation or regulatory changes inside or outside the U.S. Liquid investments may become less liquid after being purchased by a Fund, particularly during periods of market stress. In addition, if a transaction is particularly large or if the relevant market is or becomes illiquid, it may not be possible to initiate a transaction or liquidate a position, which may cause a Fund to suffer significant losses and difficulties in meeting redemptions. If a number of securities held by a Fund stop trading, it may have a cascading effect and cause a Fund to halt trading. Volatility in market prices will increase the risk of a Fund being subject to a trading halt.

**MANAGEMENT RISK** – The Funds are actively-managed and may not meet their investment objectives based on the Sub-Adviser's success or failure to implement investment strategies for the Funds. The Sub-Adviser's evaluations and assumptions regarding investments, interest rates, inflation, and other factors may not successfully achieve the Funds' investment objective given actual market conditions.

**MARKET RISK** – The values of the Funds' holdings could decline generally or could underperform other investments. In addition, there is a risk that policy changes by the U.S. Government, Federal Reserve, and/or other government actors could cause volatility in global financial markets and negative sentiment, which could have a negative impact on a Fund and could result in losses. Geopolitical and other risks, including environmental and public health risks may add to instability in world economies and markets generally. Changes in value may be temporary or may last for extended periods. Further, the Funds are susceptible to the risk that certain investments may be difficult or impossible to sell at a favorable time or price. Market developments may also cause a Funds' investment to become less liquid and subject to erratic price movements.

**NON-DIVERSIFIED FUND RISK** – Because the Funds are non-diversified and may invest a greater portion of their assets in fewer issuers than a diversified fund, changes in the market value of a single portfolio holding could cause greater fluctuations in a Fund's share price than would occur in a diversified fund. This may increase a Fund's volatility and cause the performance of a single portfolio holding or a relatively small number of portfolio holdings to have a greater impact on the Fund's performance.

**RATE-LINKED DERIVATIVES INVESTMENT RISK** – The Funds exposure to derivatives tied to interest rates subjects the Funds to greater volatility than investments in traditional securities, such as stocks and bonds. Investing in derivatives tied to interest rates, including through options tied to the shape of the U.S. interest rate curve, can be extremely volatile. The value of such investments may fluctuate rapidly based on a variety of factors, including overall market movements; economic events and policies; changes in interest rates or inflation rates; changes in monetary and exchange control programs; war; acts of terrorism; natural disasters; and technological developments.

The Quadratic Interest Rate Volatility and Inflation Hedge ETF is expected to benefit from the options it holds if the U.S. interest rate curve steepens during the time period in which the Fund holds the options. However, if the U.S. interest rate curve flattens or inverts, the Fund will lose money on the options, up to the amount invested in option premiums, and underperform an otherwise identical bond fund that had not used such options. Rate-linked derivatives may lose money if interest rates change in a manner not anticipated by the Sub-Adviser. An increase in interest rates may cause the value of securities held directly or indirectly by the Fund to decline to the extent that the increase is not linked to a steepening of the U.S. interest rate curve or the Fund's hedging strategy is not effectively implemented. Even if the Fund is hedged against losses due to interest rate increases linked to U.S. interest rate curve steepening, outright interest rate increases may lead to heightened volatility in the fixed-income markets and may positively affect the value of the Fund's options while negatively impacting the Fund's investments in TIPS. There can be no assurance that the Fund's interest-rate linked options will accurately deliver positive returns if inflation experienced in the United States or the rate of expected future inflation reflected in the prices and yields of bonds held by the Fund rises. The Fund could lose money on the options held by the Fund, and the present value of the Fund's portfolio investments could decrease if inflation increases. These interest rate-linked options may also cause the Fund's net asset value and returns to be more volatile and expose the Fund to increased counterparty risk. Fluctuations in the steepness of

the U.S. interest rate curve or the price of the options owned by the Fund could materially adversely affect an investment in the Fund. The Fund's investments in options are not intended to mitigate duration and credit risk or other factors influencing the price of U.S. government bonds, which may have a greater impact on the bonds' returns than curve risk. Moreover, to the extent that curve risk has been priced into the government bonds owned directly or indirectly by the Fund, the Fund could underperform other investments even during inflationary periods. There is no guarantee that the Fund will have positive performance even in environments of sharply rising inflation. There is no guarantee that the Fund will be able to successfully mitigate inflation risk or that bond values and interest rates will match changes in inflation rates.

The Quadratic Deflation ETF is expected to benefit from the options it holds if the U.S. interest rate curve flattens or inverts during the time period in which the Fund holds the options. However, if the U.S. interest rate curve steepens, the Fund will lose money on the options, up to the amount invested in option premiums, and underperform an otherwise identical bond fund that had not used such options. Rate-linked derivatives may lose money if interest rates change in a manner not anticipated by the Sub-Adviser. An increase in interest rates may cause the value of securities held directly or indirectly by the Fund to decline to the extent that the increase is not linked to a flattening or inverting of the U.S. interest rate curve or the Fund's hedging strategy is not effectively implemented. Even if the Fund is hedged against losses due to interest rate increases linked to U.S. interest rate curve flattening or inverting, outright interest rate increases may lead to heightened volatility in the fixed-income markets and may positively affect the value of the Fund's options while negatively impacting the Fund's investments in Treasuries. There can be no assurance that the Fund's interest-rate linked options will accurately deliver positive returns if deflation experienced in the United States or the rate of expected future inflation reflected in the prices and yields of bonds held by the Fund declines. The Fund could lose money on the options held by the Fund, and the present value of the Fund's portfolio investments could decrease if deflation occurs. These interest rate-linked options may also cause the Fund's net asset value and returns to be more volatile and expose the Fund to increased counterparty risk. Fluctuations in the steepness of the U.S. interest rate curve or the price of the options owned by the Fund could materially adversely affect an investment in the Fund. The Fund's investments in options are not intended to mitigate duration and credit risk or other factors influencing the price of U.S. government bonds, which may have a greater impact on the bonds' returns than curve risk. Moreover, to the extent that curve risk has been priced into the government bonds owned directly or indirectly by the Fund, the Fund could underperform other investments even during deflationary periods. There is no guarantee that the Fund will have positive performance even in environments of sharply declining inflation. There is no guarantee that the Fund will be able to successfully mitigate deflation risk or that bond values and interest rates will match changes in inflation rates.

**RETURN OF CAPITAL DISTRIBUTIONS FROM THE FUND REDUCE THE TAX BASIS OF FUND SHARES** – Historically, a portion of the Funds' distributions have been treated as a return of capital for tax purposes. Return of capital distributions are not taxable income to you but reduce your tax basis in your shares of a Fund. Such a reduction in tax basis will result in larger taxable gains and/or lower tax losses on a subsequent sale of shares of a Fund. There is no guarantee that the character of the Funds' distributions will be similar in the future.

**TAX RISK** – To qualify for the favorable U.S. federal income tax treatment accorded to a regulated investment company ("RIC") under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), each Fund must satisfy certain income, asset diversification and distribution requirements each year. Among other requirements, each Fund must derive at least 90% of its gross income each

taxable year from certain qualifying sources of income and the Fund's assets must be diversified so that at least 50% of the value of the Fund's total assets is represented by cash and cash items, U.S. government securities, securities of other RICs, and other securities, subject to certain other limitations (see the "Taxes" section in the SAI for additional information). The Funds' investments in certain rate-linked derivative instruments (such as rate-linked options) may generate income that is not qualifying income and such investments may not be treated as investments in "securities" for purposes of the asset diversification requirement. The Funds will also need to manage their exposure to derivatives counterparties for purposes of satisfying the diversification test. If a Fund were to fail to meet the qualifying income test or asset diversification test and fail to qualify as a RIC, it would be taxed in the same manner as an ordinary corporation, and distributions to its shareholders would not be deductible by the Fund in computing its taxable income, which would adversely affect the Fund's performance. The failure by the Fund to qualify as a RIC would have significant negative tax consequences to Fund shareholders and would significantly and adversely affect a shareholder's return on its investment in the Fund. Under certain circumstances, the Fund may be able to cure a failure to meet the qualifying income test or asset diversification test if such failure was due to reasonable cause and not willful neglect, but to do so the Fund may incur significant fund-level taxes, which would effectively reduce (and could eliminate) the Fund's returns.

**TIPS RISK (Quadratic Interest Rate Volatility and Inflation Hedge ETF)** – U.S. Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities ("TIPS") are debt instruments issued by the by the United States Department of the Treasury. The principal of TIPS increases with inflation and decreases with deflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index ("CPI"). When TIPS mature, investors are paid the adjusted principal or original principal, whichever is greater. Interest payments on TIPS are unpredictable and will fluctuate as the principal and corresponding interest payments are adjusted for inflation. Inflation-indexed bonds generally pay a lower nominal interest rate than a comparable non-inflation-indexed bond. There can be no assurance that the CPI will accurately measure the real rate of inflation in the prices of goods and services. Any increases in the principal amount of TIPS will be considered taxable ordinary income, even though the Fund or applicable underlying ETF will not receive the principal until maturity. As a result, the Fund may make income distributions to shareholders that exceed the cash it receives. In addition, TIPS are subject to credit risk, interest rate risk, and maturity risk.

**U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS RISK** – Obligations of U.S. Government agencies and authorities receive varying levels of support and may not be backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, which could affect a Fund's ability to recover should they default. No assurance can be given that the U.S. Government will provide financial support to its agencies and authorities if it is not obligated by law to do so. Additionally, market prices and yields of securities supported by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government or other countries may decline or be negative for short or long periods of time.

**VALUATION RISK** – Independent market quotations for certain investments held by the Funds may not be readily available, and such investments may be fair valued or valued by a pricing service at an evaluated price. These valuations involve subjectivity and different market participants may assign different prices to the same investment. As a result, there is a risk that a Fund may not be able to sell an investment at the price assigned to the investment by the Fund.

## **7. OTHER**

As of September 30, 2023, all shares issued by the Funds were in Creation Units to Authorized Participants through primary market transactions (e.g., transactions directly with the Funds). However, the individual shares that make up those Creation Units are traded on the Exchange (i.e., secondary market transactions). Some of those individual shares have been bought and sold by persons that are not Authorized Participants. Each Authorized Participant has entered into an agreement with the Funds' Distributor.

## **8. INDEMNIFICATIONS**

In the normal course of business, the Funds enter into contracts that provide general indemnifications. The Funds' maximum exposure under these arrangements is dependent on future claims that may be made against the Funds and, therefore, cannot be established; however, based on experience, the risk of loss from such claims is considered remote.

## **9. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The Funds have evaluated the need for additional disclosures and/or adjustments resulting from subsequent events. Based on this evaluation, no additional disclosures and/or adjustments were required to the financial statements as of the date the financial statements were issued.

## **Approval of the Existing Advisory Agreement and Sub-Advisory Agreement (Unaudited)**

At a meeting held on May 24-25, 2023, the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of KraneShares Trust (the “Trust”), including a majority of the Trustees who are not “interested persons” of the Trust, as that term is defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “Independent Trustees”), approved renewal of:

- the existing investment advisory agreement (the “Advisory Agreement”) between Krane Funds Advisors, LLC (“Krane”) and the Trust on behalf of each of the following separate series of the Trust that operate as exchange-traded funds (collectively, the “Funds”):
  - Quadratic Deflation ETF (“BNDD”); and
  - Quadratic Interest Rate Volatility and Inflation Hedge ETF (“IVOL”).
- the existing sub-advisory agreement (the “Sub-Advisory Agreement”) between Quadratic Capital Management LLC (“Quadratic” or “Sub-Adviser”) and Krane, on behalf of IVOL and BNDD.

The Sub-Advisory Agreement and the Advisory Agreement are collectively referred to as the “Agreements.”

In advance of the meeting, and at a separate meeting of the Independent Trustees in executive session held on May 24, 2023, the Board received and considered information provided by Krane in response to the Independent Trustees’ written requests relating to the Board’s consideration of the Advisory Agreement with respect to each of the Funds. The Board also considered information provided by the Sub-Adviser in response to a separate written request directed to the Sub-Adviser.

The Board considered that its evaluation process with respect to Krane and the Sub-Adviser is an ongoing one, and the Board considers information at each of its regularly scheduled meetings related to, among other matters, the services provided to each Fund by Krane and the Sub-Adviser. The Board also receives additional information from Krane outside of the regularly scheduled Board meetings, including at executive sessions held by the Independent Trustees.

In evaluating the Agreements, the Board considered, among other matters: (1) the nature, extent, and quality of the services provided to each Fund by Krane and the Sub-Adviser; (2) the compensation paid by each Fund under the Advisory Agreement; (3) the costs of the services provided by Krane and the profitability of Krane with respect to its relationship with the Funds; (4) the extent to which economies of scale could be realized as the Funds grow and whether the unitary fee charged to the Funds under the Advisory Agreement will enable investors in the Funds to share in any such economies of scale; and (5) other benefits Krane and the Sub-Adviser receive from their respective relationship with the Funds.

### **A. Nature, Extent and Quality of Services**

Based on written and oral reports received by the Board prior to and at the May 24, 2023 executive session of the Independent Trustees and the May 24-25, 2023 meeting of the Board, the Board considered the nature, quality, and extent of the overall services provided by Krane and the Sub-Adviser under the Agreements. The Board considered the responsibilities of Krane with respect to each Fund under the Advisory Agreement, including its obligation to oversee the services provided by the Sub-Adviser. The Board also discussed the nature, quality and extent of services provided by the Sub-Adviser under the Sub-Advisory Agreement.



## **Approval of the Existing Advisory Agreement and Sub-Advisory Agreement (Unaudited) (continued)**

### The Advisory Agreement

- The Board took note of the qualifications, background and responsibilities of Krane's senior personnel who provide services to the Funds and also considered the expertise of Krane personnel charged with oversight of the Sub-Adviser.
- The Board recognized that Krane has invested and continues to invest significant time and effort in structuring the Trust and the Funds. The Board noted that Krane, together with the Sub-Adviser, is responsible for assessing the market appeal and the investment strategy of each Fund, and that Krane continually seeks to create new series of the Trust that address unique investment strategies.
- The Board considered that Krane is responsible for arranging and overseeing service providers for the Trust.
- The Board noted that Krane continues to evaluate its existing compliance and operational staff, as well as its investment personnel, and that Krane continually seeks to retain qualified and experienced staff in these areas and to invest in additional resources as its business continues to grow. The Board noted the increased number of compliance personnel and investment in technology to facilitate oversight of various compliance matters.
- The Board considered the financial condition of Krane and noted that Krane is part of a larger family of investment management firms with significant resources.

### The Sub-Advisory Agreement

- The Board took note of the qualifications and experience of Quadratic's chief investment officer, noting her considerable expertise in managing a portfolio of over-the-counter options.
- The Board considered Quadratic's involvement in developing the investment strategy of both IVOL and BNDD and marketing such funds to potential institutional investors.
- The Board noted that IVOL and BNDD had each performed consistent with the inversion of the yield curve over the last year.
- The Board considered that IVOL and BNDD provide investors access to OTC interest rate markets, which were previously only available in private funds.

#### **B. Investment Performance**

The Board noted that it considers the performance of each Fund versus an identified Morningstar peer group at each regular meeting of the Board. At the meeting, the Board considered each Fund's performance versus its broad Morningstar peer group, as well as a select group of competitors identified by Krane and, in certain cases, a second peer group curated to better reflect the strategy of a particular Fund. The Board noted that it had retained a third-party consultant to review Krane's peer selection process, and that it discussed with the consultant the limitations of comparisons versus such large and undifferentiated peer groups, considering that the Funds offer shareholders access to unique investment opportunities. The Board considered that it had an opportunity to meet with Quadratic's chief investment officer at its May 25, 2023 meeting, and to discuss with her the recent performance of both Funds.

The Board noted that the Funds are actively managed, and it considered that the performance of each actively managed Fund relative to its respective peer group is an appropriate measurement of performance.

## Approval of the Existing Advisory Agreement and Sub-Advisory Agreement (Unaudited) (continued)

The Board noted the following with respect to the performance of IVOL relative to its identified peer group:

- IVOL: With respect to the relative underperformance of IVOL, an actively managed Fund, against its peer group median, the Board noted that the Morningstar peer group only includes passive TIPS ETFs, and doesn't account for IVOL's use of OTC options. The Board considered that IVOL's underperformance was not unexpected, in light of its portfolio, since the OTC option portion of the portfolio detracted from the Fund's overall performance as the yield curve inverted.

### C. Compensation

The Board considered that, pursuant to the Advisory Agreement, Krane has entered into a unitary advisory fee arrangement for each Fund. Under the unitary fee arrangement, Krane is responsible for paying most of the expenses incurred by a Fund, including those of the Fund's principal service providers and Sub-Adviser. The Board considered the information provided by Krane regarding the amounts it pays to the Funds' service providers under the unitary fee arrangement. The Board reviewed and considered the fees paid by each Fund in light of the nature, quality and extent of the services provided or obtained by Krane. The Board also considered that Krane has imposed fee waivers on BNDD and considered the net expense ratios of the Funds compared to those of their peer groups.

The Board noted that the management fees paid by IVOL are in the top decile against its Morningstar peer group, which includes only passively managed portfolios without exposure to OTC options. The Board considered that IVOL's management fee is in the bottom quartile within its secondary peer group chosen by Krane, which includes other actively managed funds and near the bottom decile for expense ratios, which consider acquired fund fees and waivers. The Board noted that the second peer group includes actively managed funds that, like IVOL, seek to provide uncorrelated returns to traditional investment options. The Board also noted that BNDD's fees rank at the top of its Morningstar universe, which includes only passive U.S. Long Government Bond ETFs, and in the bottom quartile when compared against its secondary peer group chosen by Krane, which includes other actively managed funds with broader portfolios than U.S. Long Government Bonds. The Board considered that the Morningstar peer groups for the Funds do not reflect the unique exposure and thematic approach of the Funds and considered that the Funds' total expense ratios are generally consistent with those of their actively managed peers. The Board considered that Krane applies a methodical and consistent approach to pricing the Funds and conducts significant competitive research with respect to such pricing. The Board considered that the Funds offer unique investment exposure for investors in U.S. registered funds and considered the operational costs incurred by Krane under the unitary fee structure. The Board also considered the effect of each Fund's assets under management on its net expense ratio.

Although the Board received information regarding the fees paid to the Sub-Adviser under the Sub-Advisory Agreement, the Board noted the arm's-length nature of the relationship between Krane and the Sub-Adviser with respect to the negotiation of sub-advisory fee rates. The Board also considered that Krane (and not the Funds) pays the Sub-Adviser's fees.

#### **D. Cost and Profitability**

The Board reviewed a report of fund-by-fund profitability prepared by Krane. The Board noted it had retained an independent third-party to review Krane's profitability methodology and that it had the opportunity to discuss with the consultant Krane's profitability methodology and the consultant's views regarding the level of profitability reported by Krane versus the limited amount of publicly available information regarding the profitability of other registered investment advisers.

The Board noted that Krane continues to waive fees for BNDD. The Board also considered that although Krane is profitable, it was not making a profit from its relationship with all of the series of the Trust under the Advisory Agreement. The Board considered Krane's commitment to the success of the Funds and the use of a unitary fee structure under which Krane bears the risk if certain of the Funds' expenses increase or if a Fund's assets fail to increase to a level sufficient to cover such expenses. The Board recognized that the volatility in asset flows experienced by the Funds and Krane overall can directly affect Krane's profitability.

The Board considered the effect of each Fund's assets under management on the potential profitability of such Fund under the unitary fee structure in light of the costs associated with the personnel, systems and equipment necessary to manage the Funds and to meet the regulatory and compliance requirements of the SEC and other regulatory bodies, as well as other expenses Krane pays in accordance with the Advisory Agreement.

The Board did not consider information regarding the costs of services provided or profits realized by the Sub-Adviser from its relationships with the Funds, noting the arm's-length nature of the relationship between Krane and the Sub-Adviser with respect to the negotiation of the sub-advisory fee rate on behalf of each Fund. The Board considered that Krane, and not the Funds, is responsible for paying the sub-advisory fees under the Sub-Advisory Agreement.

#### **E. Other Benefits**

The Board considered the extent to which Krane could derive ancillary benefits from the Funds' operations. The Board acknowledged that neither Krane nor Quadratic engage or plan to engage in soft dollar transactions on behalf of IVOL or BNDD, and that neither IVOL nor BNDD participate in the securities lending program. The Board did not observe any other potential benefits to be realized by Krane from its relationship with the Funds.

#### **F. Economies of Scale**

The Board considered that each Fund is managed by Krane pursuant to a unitary fee advisory agreement, pursuant to which Krane bears all of the Fund's expenses until it gathers sufficient assets under management to, in effect, pay its own costs. As a result, the Board observed, Krane typically subsidizes each Fund for a period of time following its inception. The Board also considered that Krane continues to reinvest a significant portion of its profits in its business, including through the addition of compliance and operations personnel and investment in new compliance systems, and that any economies of scale are shared with the Funds in this manner. The Board determined to continue monitoring for potential economies of scale, but concluded that, at present, they were not a material factor for the Board to consider in connection with the renewal of the Advisory Agreement.

**Approval of the Existing Advisory Agreement and Sub-Advisory Agreement (Unaudited)  
(concluded)**

**G. Conclusion**

The Board did not identify any single factor as being of paramount importance to its review, and different Trustees may have given different weight to different factors in their review of the Agreements. The Board reviewed a memorandum from Independent Trustee counsel discussing the legal standards and judicial precedent applicable to its consideration of the Agreements. The Board noted that, as in the past, it will continue to monitor the Funds at its regular meetings, during executive sessions of the Independent Trustees and outside of the Board meetings. Based on its review, including consideration of each of the factors referenced above, the Board determined, in the exercise of its reasonable business judgment, that the advisory arrangements, as outlined in the Agreements, were reasonable in light of the factors considered by the Board.

## Disclosure of Fund Expenses (Unaudited)

As a shareholder of a Fund, you incur two types of costs: (1) transaction costs, including brokerage expenses; and (2) ongoing costs. All ETFs have operating expenses. As a shareholder of an ETF, your investment is affected by these ongoing costs, which include (among others) costs for ETF management, administrative services, commissions, and shareholder reports like this one. It is important for you to understand the impact of these costs on your investment returns. In addition, a shareholder is responsible for brokerage fees as a result of their investment in the Fund.

Operating expenses such as these are deducted from an ETF's gross income and directly reduce its final investment return. These expenses are expressed as a percentage of the ETF's average net assets; this percentage is known as the ETF's expense ratio.

The following examples use the expense ratio and are intended to help you understand the ongoing costs (in dollars) of investing in your Fund and to compare these costs with those of other funds. The examples are based on an investment of \$1,000 made at the beginning of the period shown and held for the entire period (April 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023).

The table on the next page illustrates your Fund's costs in two ways:

**Actual Fund Return.** This section helps you to estimate the actual expenses that your Fund incurred over the period. The "Expenses Paid During Period" column shows the actual dollar expense cost incurred by a \$1,000 investment in the Fund, and the "Ending Account Value" number is derived from deducting that expense cost from the Fund's gross investment return.

You can use this information, together with the actual amount you invested in the Fund, to estimate the expenses you paid over that period. Simply divide your actual account value by \$1,000 to arrive at a ratio (for example, an \$8,600 account value divided by \$1,000 = 8.6), then multiply that ratio by the number shown for your Fund under "Expenses Paid During Period."

**Hypothetical 5% Return.** This section helps you compare your Fund's costs with those of other funds. It assumes that the Fund had an annual 5% return before expenses during the year, but that the expense ratio (Column 3) for the period is unchanged. This example is useful in making comparisons because the Securities and Exchange Commission requires all funds to make this 5% calculation. You can assess your Fund's comparative cost by comparing the hypothetical result for your Fund in the "Expenses Paid During Period" column with those that appear in the same charts in the shareholder reports for other funds.

**NOTE:** Because the return is set at 5% for comparison purposes – NOT your Fund's actual return – the account values shown may not apply to your specific investment.

Please note that the expenses shown in the table are meant to highlight your ongoing costs only and do not reflect any transactional costs, including brokerage commissions on the purchases and sale of Fund shares. Therefore, the expense examples are useful in comparing ongoing costs only, and will not help you determine the relative total costs of owning different funds. If these transactional costs had been included, your costs would have been higher.

**Disclosure of Fund Expenses (Unaudited) (concluded)**

	Beginning Account Value <u>4/1/2023</u>	Ending Account Value <u>9/30/2023</u>	Annualized Expense Ratios	Expenses Paid During Period <sup>(1)</sup>
<i>Quadratic Interest Rate Volatility and Inflation Hedge ETF</i>				
Actual Fund Return . . . . .	\$1,000.00	\$925.20	1.00%	\$4.81
Hypothetical 5% Return . . . . .	1,000.00	1,020.00	1.00	5.05
<i>Quadratic Deflation ETF</i>				
Actual Fund Return . . . . .	\$1,000.00	\$917.80	0.96%	\$4.60
Hypothetical 5% Return . . . . .	1,000.00	1,020.20	0.96	4.85

(1) Expenses are equal to the Fund's annualized expense ratio multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by 183/366 (to reflect the one-half year period) unless otherwise indicated.

## Supplemental Information (Unaudited)

Net asset value, or “NAV”, is the price per Share at which the Funds issue and redeem Shares to Authorized Participants. It is calculated in accordance with the policies described in Note 2 in Notes to Financial Statements. The “Market Price” of the Funds generally is determined using the closing price on the stock exchange on which the Shares of the Funds are listed for trading. The Funds’ Market Price may be at, above or below their NAV. The NAV of the Funds will fluctuate with changes in the market value of their holdings. The Market Price of the Funds will fluctuate in accordance with changes in their NAV, as well as market supply and demand of Fund Shares.

Premiums or discounts are the differences (expressed as a percentage) between the NAV and Market Price of the Funds on a given day, generally at the time NAV is calculated. A premium is the amount that the Funds are trading above the reported NAV, expressed as a percentage of the NAV. A discount is the amount that the Funds are trading below the reported NAV, expressed as a percentage of the NAV. Shareholders may pay more than NAV when they buy Fund Shares and receive less than NAV when they sell those Shares, because Shares are bought and sold at Market Price.

Further information regarding premiums and discounts is available on the Funds’ website at <https://kfafunds.com/ivol/>, <https://kfafunds.com/bnnd/>, <https://www.ivoletf.com/ivol-specifications/>, and <https://www.bnndetf.com/bnnd-specifications/>. The premium and discount information contained on the website represents past performance and cannot be used to predict future results.

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