

# Evolve Ether ETF

June 30, 2025

## Interim Management Report of Fund Performance

This interim management report of fund performance contains financial highlights but does not contain the complete interim financial statements of the investment fund. You can get a copy of the interim financial statements at your request, and at no cost, by calling 1-844-370-4884, by writing to us at Evolve Funds, 161 Bay Street, Suite 1210, Toronto, ON, M5J 2S1 or by visiting our website at [www.evolveetfs.com](http://www.evolveetfs.com) or SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). You may also contact us using one of these methods to request a copy of the investment fund's proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record, or quarterly portfolio disclosure.

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## Investment Objective and Strategies

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The investment objective of Evolve Ether ETF (the "Fund") is to provide unitholders with exposure to the daily price movements of the U.S. dollar price of ether while experiencing minimal tracking error by utilizing the benefits of the creation and redemption processes offered by the exchange traded fund structure.

## Risk

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There were no changes to the Fund over the period of this report that materially affected the level of risk associated with an investment in the Fund. Prospective investors should read the Fund's most recent prospectus and consider the description of risks contained therein.

## Results of Operations

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For the six-month period ended June 30, 2025, the Canadian Dollar Unhedged ETF Units returned -32.4% and the US Dollar Unhedged ETF Units returned -28.7%. The Fund's net assets were \$45.9MM as at June 30, 2025.

## Portfolio Manager Commentary

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Ether has posted a disappointing total return in the first half of 2025, underperforming broader crypto markets as capital rotated toward Bitcoin and other alternatives. This pullback comes despite a series of strong macro and structural tailwinds that continue to strengthen Ethereum's long-term investment case. Most notably, the recent passage of the GENIUS Act in the U.S. has created a clear regulatory framework for dollar-denominated stablecoins—nearly all of which are built on Ethereum. This development reinforces its central role in powering on-chain finance and real-world asset tokenization<sup>1</sup>.

Institutional adoption is also accelerating. In the first half of 2025, Ether Exchange Traded Products have attracted over \$2.8 billion in inflows, with total AUM hitting over \$14B<sup>2</sup>. Meanwhile, public Ether treasury companies are being launched, for example Wall Street strategist Tom Lee is aiming to create the MicroStrategy of Ethereum. BitMine announced a \$250 million private placement to implement a buying strategy around ether, which it aims to make its primary treasury reserve asset<sup>3</sup>.

Despite this positive backdrop, investor sentiment remains cautious. Elevated interest rates and a broader risk-off environment have constrained flows into altcoins, while Bitcoin continues to dominate narrative and capital. Yet, beneath the surface, the structural investment case for Ether is arguably stronger than ever. The GENIUS Act, booming stablecoin volumes, Layer-2 efficiency gains, and record institutional inflows all suggest that Ethereum is quietly consolidating its leadership in the digital asset ecosystem. While near-term price action may remain volatile, these long-term drivers position Ether for a potential rebound in the second half of the year as macro conditions stabilize.

(1) <https://cointelegraph.com/news/wall-street-piles-in-to-ethereum-as-stablecoins-are-greenlit-and-rwas-expand>

(2) <https://cointelegraph.com/news/crypto-etp-inflows-first-half-2025-last-year-17-8-billion>

(3) <https://www.cnbc.com/2025/06/30/wall-street-strategist-tom-lee-is-aiming-to-create-the-microstrategy-of-ethereum.html>

## Recent Developments

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In 2025, trade tensions have escalated as the United States considers imposing new tariffs on key trading partners, including Canada and Mexico, along with broader reciprocal measures on other nations. In response, affected countries may enact retaliatory tariffs, further increasing uncertainty in global trade. These developments have contributed to heightened market volatility and could disrupt global supply chains, particularly impacting trade-sensitive sectors. The duration and full impact of these events remain uncertain, and as such, the financial implications for investments cannot be estimated at this time.

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## Related Party Transactions

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Evolve Funds Group Inc. (the "Manager"), a corporation incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario, is the trustee, manager, and portfolio advisor of the Fund and is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Fund. The Fund pays annual management fees to the Manager as consideration for its services. Any management fees paid to the Manager are related party transactions, as the Manager is considered to be a related party to the Fund. The management fees are disclosed in the statements of comprehensive income in the annual financial statements of the Fund and are discussed in greater detail below.

The Fund is permitted to purchase, sell and hold securities of certain issuers that are directly or indirectly related to the Manager. With respect to investment in related issuers, the Manager has relied on the approval that it has received from the Investment Review Committee ("IRC"). The Manager complies with its current policy and procedures regarding investments in related issuers and reports periodically to the IRC.

## Management Fees

The management fees are calculated based on 0.75% per annum of the average daily net asset value of the Fund. The fees are accrued daily and generally paid monthly. For the six-month period ended June 30, 2025, the Fund incurred \$195,212 in management fees. These management fees were received by the Manager for the day-to-day operations of the fund, including managing the portfolio, maintaining portfolio systems used to manage the Fund, maintaining the [www.evolveetfs.com](http://www.evolveetfs.com) website, and providing all other services including marketing and promotion.

## Operating Expenses

Unless waived or reimbursed by the Manager, the Fund pays for all operating expenses of the Fund incurred in connection with the operation and administration of the Evolve Fund, including but not limited to: mailing and printing expenses for periodic reports to Unitholders; fees payable to the Registrar and Transfer Agent and Custodian; any reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred by the Manager or its agents in connection with their ongoing obligations to the Fund; IRC committee member fees and expenses in connection with the IRC; expenses related to compliance with NI 81-107; fees and expenses relating to voting of proxies by a third party; insurance coverage for the members of the IRC; fees payable to the auditors and legal advisors of the Fund; regulatory filing, stock exchange and licensing fees (if applicable) and CDS fees; banking costs and interest with respect to any borrowing (if applicable); website maintenance costs; costs and expenses of complying with all applicable laws, regulations and policies, including expenses and costs incurred in connection with the continuous public filing requirements such as permitted prospectus preparation and filing expenses; and legal, accounting and audit fees and fees and expenses of the Trustee, Ether consultant (if any), CF Benchmarks (in respect of index licensing and/or consulting fees, if any) Custodian and Manager which are incurred in respect of matters not in the normal course of the Fund's activities. Additional costs which are also payable by the Fund include any taxes payable by Fund to which the Fund may be subject, including income taxes, sales taxes (including GST/HST) and/or withholding taxes; expenditures incurred upon termination of the Fund; extraordinary expenses that the Fund may incur and all amounts paid on account of any indebtedness (if applicable); any expenses of insurance and costs of all suits or legal proceedings in connection with the Fund or the assets of the Fund or to protect the unitholders, the Trustee, the Manager, and the directors, officers, employees or agents of any of them; any expenses of indemnification of the Trustee, the Unitholders, the Manager, and the directors, officers, employees or agents of any of them to the extent permitted under the Declaration of Trust; and expenses relating to the preparation, printing and mailing of information to unitholders in connection with meetings of unitholders. The Fund is also responsible for all commissions and other costs of portfolio transactions and any extraordinary expenses of the Fund which may be incurred from time to time, including brokerage and trading commissions and other fees and expenses associated with the execution of transactions in respect of the Fund's investment in ether.

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## Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help readers understand the Fund's financial performance for the period indicated.

### The Fund's Net Assets Per Unit<sup>1</sup>

	June 30, 2025 (\$)	December 31, 2024 (\$)	December 31, 2023 (\$)	December 31, 2022 (\$)	December 31, 2021 (\$)
For the periods ended:					
<b>Canadian Dollar Unhedged ETF Units - Net Assets per Unit<sup>3</sup></b>					
Net Assets per Unit, beginning of period	11.55	8.13	4.20	13.60	8.00
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total expenses	(0.08)	(0.21)	(0.11)	(0.13)	(0.15)
Realized gains (losses)	(0.16)	1.03	(0.96)	(2.03)	0.48
Unrealized gains (losses)	(2.96)	3.21	5.04	(7.19)	2.00
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>(3.20)</b>	<b>4.03</b>	<b>3.97</b>	<b>(9.35)</b>	<b>2.33</b>
<b>Net Assets per Unit, end of period</b>	<b>8.23</b>	<b>11.55</b>	<b>8.13</b>	<b>4.20</b>	<b>13.60</b>
<b>US Dollar Unhedged ETF Units - Net Assets per Unit</b>					
Net Assets per Unit, beginning of period	14.43	10.16	5.25	17.00	10.00
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total expenses	(0.10)	(0.26)	(0.14)	(0.18)	(0.19)
Realized gains (losses)	(0.19)	1.18	(1.15)	(2.44)	0.56
Unrealized gains (losses)	(4.44)	4.67	6.18	(9.95)	6.44
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>(4.73)</b>	<b>5.59</b>	<b>4.89</b>	<b>(12.57)</b>	<b>6.81</b>
<b>Net Assets per Unit, end of period</b>	<b>10.29</b>	<b>14.43</b>	<b>10.16</b>	<b>5.25</b>	<b>17.00</b>

- 1 This information is derived from the Fund's unaudited interim financial statements as at June 30, 2025, and the audited annual financial statements as at December 31, 2024, 2023, 2022 and 2021. The Canadian Dollar Unhedged ETF Units and US Dollar Unhedged ETF Units effectively began operations on April 19, 2021.
- 2 Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase (decrease) from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the period.
- 3 Per unit figures are stated in USD equivalent.

### The Fund's Ratios/Supplemental Data

	June 30, 2025	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
For the periods ended:					
<b>Canadian Dollar Unhedged ETF Units - Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>					
Total Net Asset Value (\$) <sup>4</sup>	43,084,805	56,268,336	43,901,382	23,315,975	74,699,759
Number of units outstanding <sup>4</sup>	5,234,500	4,871,500	5,397,500	5,549,500	5,492,600
Management expense ratio <sup>5</sup>	2.00%	1.97%	1.75%	1.84%	1.23%
Trading expense ratio <sup>6</sup>	0.02%	0.03%	0.05%	0.05%	0.02%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>7</sup>	14.73%	46.35%	27.22%	39.35%	21.63%
Net Asset Value per unit (\$)	8.23	11.55	8.13	4.20	13.60
Closing market price (\$)	8.41	11.32	7.99	4.20	13.12

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## The Fund's Ratios/Supplemental Data (cont'd)

For the periods ended:	June 30, 2025	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
<b>US Dollar Unhedged ETF Units - Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>					
Total Net Asset Value (\$) <sup>4</sup>	<b>2,784,565</b>	4,584,892	4,681,728	2,660,079	16,335,259
Number of units outstanding <sup>4</sup>	<b>270,700</b>	317,700	460,700	506,700	960,900
Management expense ratio <sup>5</sup>	<b>1.98%</b>	1.97%	1.72%	1.84%	1.21%
Trading expense ratio <sup>6</sup>	<b>0.02%</b>	0.03%	0.05%	0.05%	0.02%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>7</sup>	<b>14.73%</b>	46.35%	27.22%	39.35%	21.63%
Net Asset Value per unit (\$)	<b>10.29</b>	14.43	10.16	5.25	17.00
Closing market price (\$)	<b>10.55</b>	14.16	9.92	5.28	16.40

4 This information is provided as at June 30, 2025, and December 31, 2024, 2023, 2022 and 2021.

5 Management expense ratio ("MER") is based on total expenses plus harmonized sales tax (excluding distributions, commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period.

6 The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of average daily net assets during the period.

7 The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio manager trades its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the period. The higher the Fund's portfolio turnover rate in a period, the greater the trading costs payable by the Fund in the period, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the period. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a fund.

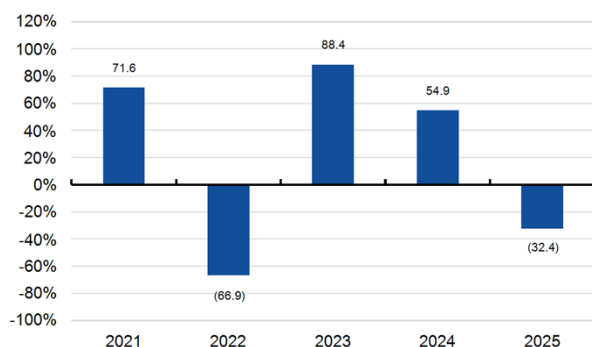
## Past Performance

The performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution, income taxes payable by any unitholder or other optional charges that, if applicable, would have reduced returns or performance. The performance information shown assumes that all distributions made by the investment fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional securities of the investment fund. How the Fund has performed in the past does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.

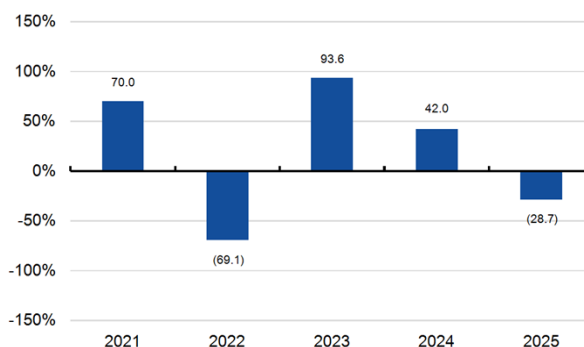
## Year-by-Year Returns

The bar chart below shows the Canadian Dollar Unhedged and US Dollar Unhedged ETF Units' performance for each of the financial years shown and the six-month period ended June 30, 2025. The chart shows, in percentage terms, how much an investment made in the Fund on the first day of each financial period would have grown or decreased by the last day of that financial period.

**ETHR Canadian Dollar Unhedged ETF Units<sup>1</sup>**



**ETHR/U US Dollar Unhedged ETF Units<sup>2</sup>**



1 The Canadian Dollar Unhedged ETF Units of the Fund effectively began operations on April 19, 2021. Returns presented based on NAV equivalent in USD.

2 The US Dollar Unhedged ETF Units of the Fund effectively began operations on April 19, 2021.

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## Summary of Investment Portfolio

### All Positions

	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
Security	
Ethereum	100.0
Total	100.0

### Industry Allocation

Portfolio by Category	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
Digital Assets	
Ethereum	100.0
Cash and Cash Equivalents	0.4
Other Assets, less Liabilities	(0.4)
Total	100.0

The summary of Investment Portfolio may change due to the ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund. Updates are available quarterly by visiting our website at [www.evolveetfs.com](http://www.evolveetfs.com).



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