



# **Fidelity Canadian Low Volatility ETF**

**(formerly Fidelity Canadian Low Volatility Index ETF)**

**Annual Management  
Report of Fund  
Performance**  
March 31, 2024

## **Caution Regarding Forward-looking Statements**

Certain portions of this report, including, but not limited to, “Results of Operations” and “Recent Developments”, may contain forward-looking statements about the Fund, including its strategy, risks, expected performance and condition. Forward-looking statements include statements that are predictive in nature, that depend upon or refer to future events or conditions, or that include words such as “expects”, “anticipates”, “intends”, “plans”, “believes”, “estimates” and similar forward-looking expressions or negative versions thereof.

In addition, any statement that may be made concerning future performance, strategies or prospects, and possible future Fund action, is also a forward-looking statement. Forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and projections about future events and are inherently subject to, among other things, risks, uncertainties and assumptions about the Fund and economic factors. Accordingly, assumptions concerning future economic and other factors may prove to be incorrect at a future date.

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# Annual Management Report of Fund Performance as at March 31, 2024

## Fidelity Canadian Low Volatility ETF

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## Management Discussion of Fund Performance

### Investment Objective and Strategies

Investment Objective: Fidelity Canadian Low Volatility ETF (Fund) seeks to replicate, to the extent reasonably possible and before fees and expenses, the performance of the Fidelity Canada Canadian Low Volatility Index (Index). The Fund invests primarily in equity securities of large- and mid-capitalization Canadian companies that exhibit lower volatility than the broader Canadian equity market.

Strategies:

In order to achieve its investment objective, the Fund normally invests its assets in the constituent securities that make up the Index.

The Index is designed to reflect the performance of stocks of large- and mid-capitalization Canadian companies that exhibit lower volatility than the broader Canadian equity market. The universe of stocks for consideration in the Index consists of the largest 300 Canadian stocks based on float-adjusted market capitalization.

The Index is provided by Fidelity Product Services LLC (the Index Provider). The Index represents an example of what is commonly referred to as a smart beta investment methodology. Smart beta refers to alternative index construction rules compared to the traditional market capitalization-based approach. The Index is constructed using the Index Provider's rules-based proprietary index methodology and is designed to provide investors with exposure to targeted strategic factors.

Securities are identified for inclusion in the Index based on their composite factor score, which is a weighted-average score based on certain low volatility factors. Composite scores are calculated based on three low volatility factors: (i) 5-year standard deviation of price returns; (ii) 5-year beta; and (iii) 5-year standard deviation of earnings per share.

5-year standard deviation of price returns accounts explicitly for the trailing long-term price volatility of each stock, putting more weight on companies with more stable returns, 5-year beta measures a stock's sensitivity to market movements, placing more emphasis on stocks that perform better when the market declines, and 5-year standard deviation of earnings per share adds a measure of financial stability by accounting for the volatility of a company's earnings, instead of evaluating only price volatility. Composite factor scores are calculated by weighting each factor equally.

Index construction is an iterative process of combining the composite factor score, size adjustment, security selection and security weighting. Composite scores are adjusted to remove size bias by blending the composite score with a size factor. Within each sector, securities are selected based on the size-adjusted composite score. Groups with lower volatilities are overweighted, while those with higher volatilities are underweighted. The process targets the selection of 60 stocks for the Index, but the final constituent count may be more or less than the applicable target.

The Index is rebalanced on a semi-annual basis on the third Friday of February and August using data as at the close of business on the day that is 10 business days prior to the scheduled rebalance.

The Index Provider's website, at <https://research2.fidelity.com/pi/FidelityIndex/RebalanceSchedules>, provides more detailed information on the Index methodology.

### Risk

The risks associated with investing in this Fund remain as discussed in the prospectus. Any changes to the Fund over the period have not affected the overall level of risk of the Fund.

The Fund is suitable for medium- to long-term investors who want to gain exposure to equity securities of large- and mid-capitalization Canadian companies that exhibit lower volatility than the broader Canadian equity market, and who can handle the volatility of returns generally associated with equity investments. To invest in the Fund, investors should be willing to accept a medium level of risk. The suitability of the investment has not changed from what has been disclosed in the prospectus.

## **Fidelity Canadian Low Volatility ETF**

### **Management Discussion of Fund Performance – continued**

#### **Results of Operations**

Fidelity Canadian Low Volatility ETF returned 8.5%, after fees and expenses, for the one-year period ended March 31, 2024. The S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index, broadly representative of the Canadian equity market, returned 14.0% for the same period.

Market overview:

Canadian equities, as measured by the S&P/TSX Composite Index, returned 14.0% for the one-year period ended March 31, 2024.

Canadian equities rose over the review period, primarily driven by gains in the information technology sector, coupled with slowing inflationary pressures. Companies in the information technology sector surged as developments linked to artificial intelligence supported their earnings outlook. The annual inflation rate continued to ease to 2.8% in February 2024, the lowest since June 2023, marking a sharp reversal from 3.4% in December 2023. The Canadian economy expanded at an annualized rate of 1.0% in the fourth quarter of 2023. In the labour market, the unemployment rate ticked up to 5.8% in February 2024, after dipping to 5.7% in the previous month. The Bank of Canada (BoC) pointed to moderating consumer spending and easing price pressures as signs that the tighter monetary policy is working to reduce inflation. Against this backdrop, the BoC held interest rates steady in March 2024, keeping the policy rate at 5.0%, following a 25-basis-point increase in July 2023.

Factors affecting performance:

During the review period, the Fund's benchmark, the Fidelity Canada Canadian Low Volatility Index, returned 8.9%. The Fund underperformed its benchmark for the period under review. The primary reason for the difference in returns between the Fund and the Index was that the total return of the Fund was reduced by the management fee paid or payable by the Fund, as well as brokerage and commission costs incurred in acquiring and rebalancing the portfolio of securities held by the Fund, and taxes (including withholding taxes, where applicable) and other expenses paid or payable by the Fund. These fees and expenses are not included in the calculation of the performance of the Index.

On an absolute basis, the Fund's exposure to Canada-based energy company Canadian Natural Resources, Canada-based retail company Loblaw Companies and Canada-based transportation company Canadian National Railway contributed to returns, while exposure to Canada-based utilities company Northland Power, Canada-based telecommunication services company BCE and Canada-based Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITS) company Northwest Healthcare Properties detracted from returns.

At the end of the review period, the Fund had no exposure to Northland Power or Northwest Healthcare.

Portfolio changes:

At the sector level, relative to the S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index, the Fund had its highest relative weightings in the industrials, consumer staples and utilities sectors, and its lowest relative weightings in the materials, energy and information technology sectors.

The Fund's benchmark is rebalanced on a semi-annual basis on the third Friday of February and August using data as at the close of business on the day that is ten business days prior to the scheduled rebalancing. Accordingly, the composition of the Fund may change, resulting in different sector and security weightings.

Derivatives disclosure:

During the period under review, the Fund engaged in futures contracts, in a manner consistent with its investment objective and strategies, to manage the Fund's cash balance while the portfolio management team sought out other investment opportunities.

#### **Recent Developments**

Since the investment objective of the Fund is to seek to replicate, to the extent possible before fees and expenses, the performance of the Index, the Fund is not actively managed by traditional methods. Accordingly, the Fund will continue to be invested in securities in accordance with its investment objective and strategies, and will generally not be affected by market developments unless the Constituent Securities included in the Index change in response to those developments.

Effective September 19, 2023, Anne Bell of Mississauga, Ontario, became a member of the Independent Review Committee (IRC).

Effective after close of business on March 27, 2024, Fidelity changed the primary listing venue for the ETF from the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") to Cboe Canada Inc. ("Cboe CA").

Effective December 1, 2023, the word "Index" was removed from the Fund's name.

## **Fidelity Canadian Low Volatility ETF**

### **Management Discussion of Fund Performance – continued**

#### **Related Party Transactions**

##### **Manager and Portfolio Adviser**

The Fund is managed by Fidelity Investments Canada ULC (Fidelity). Fidelity is part of a broader group of companies collectively known as Fidelity Investments.

Fidelity provides or arranges for the provision of all general management and administrative services required by the Fund in its day-to-day operations, bookkeeping, record-keeping and other administrative services for the Fund.

Fidelity is the portfolio adviser to the Fund and it provides investment advisory services to the Fund. Fidelity provides investment advice with respect to the Fund's investment portfolio and arranges for the acquisition and disposition of portfolio investments, including all necessary brokerage arrangements.

The Fund pays Fidelity a monthly management and advisory fee for their services, based on the net asset value of each Series, calculated daily and payable monthly. The Fund paid Fidelity management and advisory fees of \$159,000 for the period ended March 31, 2024.

##### **Independent Review Committee, Cross-Trading and *In specie* Transactions**

###### **Independent Review Committee**

Fidelity has established an independent review committee (IRC) that acts as an impartial and independent committee to review and provide recommendations or, if appropriate, approvals respecting conflict of interest matters referred to it by Fidelity. The IRC prepares, at least annually, a report of its activities for securityholders of the Fund. The report is available at [www.fidelity.ca](http://www.fidelity.ca) or at the securityholder's request at no cost by contacting Fidelity, using the contact information available on the final page of this document.

###### **Cross-Trading and *In specie* Transactions**

The Fund received the approval and standing instructions from the IRC in order to:

- (i) engage in cross-trading, which is a form of interfund trading. A cross-trade occurs when the Fund purchases or sells portfolio securities from or to another Fund, a U.S. fund or a separately managed account, through a broker;
- (ii) permit the Fund, in certain circumstances, to purchase and redeem Fund securities in consideration for securities rather than cash of another Fund, investment fund or a separately managed account, managed by Fidelity.

For each of the transactions in (i) and (ii) above, the IRC's standing instructions require Fidelity to act in accordance with its associated policies and procedures and applicable law, and comply with the conditions in each of the exemptive relief orders received, which, in the case of cross-trading, requires additional periodic reporting to the Ontario Securities Commission. The standing instructions also require that investment decisions in respect of these transactions (a) are free from any influence by an entity related to Fidelity and without taking into account any consideration relevant to an entity related to Fidelity; (b) represent the business judgment of Fidelity uninfluenced by considerations other than the best interests of the Fund; (c) comply with the applicable policies and procedures of Fidelity; and (d) achieve a fair and reasonable result for the Fund.

##### **Brokerage Commissions**

The Fund may place a portion of its portfolio transactions with brokerage firms which are affiliates of Fidelity Investments, including National Financial Services LLC, provided it determines that these affiliates' trade execution abilities and costs are comparable to those of non-affiliated, qualified brokerage firms, on an execution-only basis. Commissions paid to brokerage firms that are affiliates of Fidelity Investments were \$0 for the period ended March 31, 2024. Fidelity receives standing instructions from the IRC in respect of policies and procedures governing best execution of transactions with affiliates, which includes brokers affiliated to Fidelity Investments, at least once per year.

# Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the period end of the years shown. This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual and/or unaudited semi-annual financial statements. Please see the front page for information about how you can obtain the Fund's annual or semi-annual financial statements.

Fidelity Canadian Low Volatility ETF Series L					
	Period ended March 31, 2024	Period ended March 31, 2023	Period ended March 31, 2022	Period ended March 31, 2021	Period ended March 31, 2020
<b>The Series' Net Assets per Security<sup>A</sup></b>					
Net Assets, beginning of the period <sup>B</sup>	\$ 30.84	\$ 33.07	\$ 27.95	\$ 22.81	\$ 26.49
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	1.19	1.09	.92	.95	1.05
Total expenses (excluding distributions)	(.12)	(.12)	(.12)	(.10)	(.11)
Realized gains (losses)	(.17)	1.10	1.44	(1.41)	.30
Unrealized gains (losses)	2.47	(3.03)	3.39	6.37	(6.23)
<b>Total Increase (decrease) from operations<sup>B</sup></b>	3.37	(.96)	5.63	5.81	(4.99)
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	(.82)	(.80)	(.72)	(.90)	(.70)
From capital gains	—	(.11)	—	—	(.16)
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Distributions<sup>B, C</sup></b>	(.82)	(.91)	(.72)	(.90)	(.86)
<b>Net Assets, end of the period<sup>B</sup></b>	\$ 32.55	\$ 30.84	\$ 33.07	\$ 27.95	\$ 22.81
<b>Ratios and Supplemental Data</b>					
Net asset value (000s) <sup>D</sup>	\$ 79,758	\$ 33,926	\$ 21,497	\$ 13,976	\$ 18,245
Securities outstanding <sup>D</sup>	2,450	1,100	650	500	800
Management expense ratio <sup>E</sup>	.39%	.39%	.39%	.39%	.40%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>F</sup>	.39%	.39%	.39%	.39%	.40%
Trading expense ratio <sup>F</sup>	.01%	.01%	.01%	.03%	.01%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>G</sup>	35.84%	36.48%	32.46%	65.46%	22.14%
Net asset value per security, end of period	\$32.5544	\$30.8420	\$33.0720	\$27.9526	\$22.8068

<sup>A</sup> This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual and/or unaudited interim financial statements. The net assets attributable to securityholders per security presented in the financial statements may differ from the net asset value calculated for fund pricing purposes. An explanation of these differences can be found in the notes to financial statements. For reporting periods ending after January 1, 2017 per security comparative figures (except for net asset value per security, end of period) have been conformed to the current rounding presentation of two decimal places.

<sup>B</sup> Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of securities outstanding at the relevant time. The increase (decrease) from operations is based on the weighted average number of securities outstanding over the financial period. This table is not intended to be a reconciliation of beginning to ending net assets per security.

<sup>C</sup> Distributions were paid in cash or reinvested in additional securities of the Fund, or both, and excludes any applicable distributions of management fee reduction to securityholders. Distributions are presented based on management's best estimate of the tax character.

<sup>D</sup> This information is provided as at period end of the year shown.

<sup>E</sup> Management expense ratio is based on total expenses (excluding distributions, commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset values during the period, including the Fund's pro-rata share of estimated expenses incurred in any underlying investment fund, if applicable.

<sup>F</sup> The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period, including the Fund's pro-rata share of estimated trading costs incurred in any underlying investment fund, if applicable.

<sup>G</sup> The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio adviser manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the year. The higher the Fund's portfolio turnover rate in a year, the greater the trading costs payable by the Fund in the year, and the greater chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high portfolio turnover rate and the performance of the Fund. The portfolio turnover rate is calculated based on the lesser of purchases or sales of securities divided by the weighted average market value of the portfolio securities, excluding short-term securities. For periods greater than six months, but less than a full fiscal year, the portfolio turnover rate is annualized.

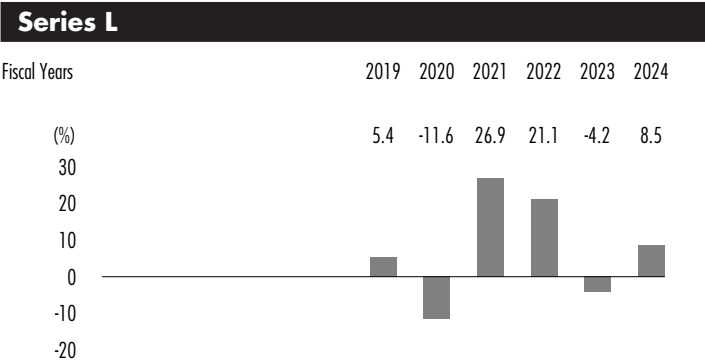
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## Past Performance

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

### Year-by-Year Returns

The following bar chart shows the Fund's annual performance for each of the years shown, and illustrates how the Fund's performance was changed from year to year. In percentage terms, the bar chart shows how much an investment made on the first day of each financial year would have grown or decreased by the last day of each financial year.



Commencement of Operations is January 18, 2019.

### Annual Compound Returns

This table shows the Fund's historical annual compound total returns for the periods indicated, compared with a broad-based index, the S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index, and the Fund's benchmark, the Fidelity Canada Canadian Low Volatility Index, as described below.

Average Annual Total Return	Past 1 year	Past 3 years	Past 5 years	Since Inception
Series L	8.5%	7.9%	7.1%	7.9%
Fidelity Canada Canadian Low Volatility Index	8.9%	8.4%	7.6%	8.4%
S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index	14.0%	9.1%	10.0%	10.8%

A discussion of the performance of the Fund can be found in the Results of Operations section of this report.

The Fund is indexed to the Fidelity Canada Canadian Low Volatility Index. The Fidelity Canada Canadian Low Volatility Index is designed to reflect the performance of stocks of large- and mid-capitalization Canadian companies that exhibit lower volatility than the broader Canadian equity market. The universe of stocks for consideration in the Index consists of the largest 300 Canadian stocks based on float-adjusted market capitalization. The Fund is not sponsored, endorsed, sold, or promoted by Fidelity Product Services LLC. Fidelity Product Services LLC makes no representation regarding the advisability of investing in the Fund. The Prospectus contains a more detailed description of the limited relationship Fidelity Product Services LLC has with Fidelity Investments and any related funds.

The S&P/TSX Composite Index is an index of stocks generally considered to represent the Canadian equity market. The S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index is the same as the S&P/TSX Composite Index except that it is adjusted quarterly so no single stock has a relative weight in the Index greater than 10.0%.

## Fidelity Canadian Low Volatility ETF

# Summary of Investment Portfolio as at March 31, 2024

### Sector Mix

	% of Fund's Net Assets as at 3/31/24	% of Fund's Net Assets as at 3/31/23
Financials	25.5	36.5
Industrials	21.4	7.3
Energy	11.7	11.1
Consumer Staples	10.4	10.9
Utilities	9.3	10.3
Real Estate	7.4	7.3
Communication Services	7.0	9.2
Materials	4.4	6.7
Information Technology	2.5	0.0
Others (Individually Less Than 1%)	0.0	0.3
Cash and Cash Equivalents	0.2	0.1
Net Other Assets (Liabilities)	0.2	0.3

Comparative balances, as applicable, have been reclassified to align with current period presentation.

### Market Capitalization

	% of Fund's Net Assets as at 3/31/24	% of Fund's Net Assets as at 3/31/23
Large	83.5	73.1
Mid	13.3	22.3
Small	2.8	4.2

Market Capitalization is a measure of the size of a company. It is calculated by multiplying the current share price by the number of outstanding common shares of the company. The Fund defines small cap as less than \$2 billion, mid cap as between \$2 billion and \$10 billion, and large cap as over \$10 billion in capitalization.

### Derivative Exposure

	% of Fund's Net Assets as at 3/31/24	% of Fund's Net Assets as at 3/31/23
Futures Contracts	0.3	0.0

Futures Contracts percentage is calculated by dividing the sum of the notional amount by total net assets.

Where applicable, the information in the above tables includes the Fund's pro-rata share of the investment in any Fidelity managed underlying fund.

Comparative balances, as applicable, have been reclassified from country of incorporation to country of risk to align with current period presentation.

All tables within the Summary of Investment Portfolio section, except the Top Issuers table, contain audited information.

The summary of investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the investment fund. The most recent annual report, semi-annual report, quarterly report, ETF facts document or prospectus for the investment fund and/or underlying fund is available at no cost, by calling 1-800-263-4077, by writing to us at Fidelity Investments Canada ULC, 483 Bay St. Suite 300, Toronto ON M5G 2N7 or by visiting our web site at [www.fidelity.ca](http://www.fidelity.ca) or SEDAR+ at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

### Top Issuers

	% of Fund's Net Assets
1. Royal Bank of Canada	5.2
2. Canadian Pacific Kansas City Ltd.	4.7
3. Canadian National Railway Co.	4.5
4. The Toronto-Dominion Bank	4.1
5. Loblaw Cos. Ltd.	4.0
6. Metro, Inc. (REIT)	3.5
7. Fortis, Inc.	3.4
8. Waste Connections, Inc.	3.1
9. Emera, Inc.	3.0
10. Saputo, Inc.	2.9
11. Hydro One Ltd.	2.9
12. Bank of Montreal	2.6
13. Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.	2.6
14. Rogers Communications, Inc.	2.6
15. Crombie (REIT)	2.5
16. Killam Apartment (REIT)	2.4
17. CT (REIT)	2.4
18. Enbridge, Inc.	2.4
19. Bank of Nova Scotia	2.4
20. BCE, Inc.	2.3
21. Quebecor, Inc.	2.1
22. Thomson Reuters Corp.	2.1
23. WSP Global, Inc.	2.0
24. Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	1.8
25. Manulife Financial Corp.	1.8
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Total Fund Net Assets \$79,758,000



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