

# Fidelity SmartHedge™ U.S. Equity Multi-Asset Base Fund

Semi-Annual Management Report of Fund Performance December 31, 2024

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### Semi-Annual Management Report of Fund Performance as at December 31, 2024

#### Fidelity SmartHedge™ U.S. Equity Multi-Asset Base Fund

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#### **Management Discussion of Fund Performance**

#### **Results of Operations**

Securities of this Fund are only available for purchase by other funds and accounts managed or advised by Fidelity, and are not available for public purchase.

Fidelity SmartHedge™ U.S. Equity Multi-Asset Base Fund (Fund), Series 0, returned 12.4%, for the six-month period ended December 31, 2024. During the review period, U.S. equities, as represented by the S&P 500 Index, returned 14.0% (in Canadian dollar terms).

#### Market overview:

U.S. equities, as measured by the S&P 500 Index, returned 14.0% in Canadian dollar terms and 8.4% in U.S. dollar terms, for the six-month period ended December 31, 2024.

U.S. equities rose over the review period as expectations of monetary policy easing and continued corporate earnings growth supported investor sentiment. An anticipation of further tax cuts, expansionary fiscal policy, and possibilities of a protectionist trade stance further supported equity markets. The consumer discretionary and financials sectors gained the most from these developments. Additionally, cyclical sectors, including real estate and industrials, also generated positive returns. Investor optimism in the artificial intelligence initially boosted gains in the information technology and communication services sectors but faced volatility in the latter part of the review period due to concerns about stretched valuations. Defensive sectors, such as utilities and consumer staples, also gained as investors looked for stability amidst ongoing market volatility. The U.S. economy exhibited healthy growth, expanding by an annualized rate of 2.8% in the third quarter, supported by robust consumer and government spending. However, geopolitical risks, mixed economic signals in the U.S., and the U.S., and the U.S. Federal Reserve's (the Fed) adoption of a more cautious approach to its monetary policy easing cycle introduced some volatility. Over the period under review, the Fed reduced its benchmark interest rate (the Fed Funds Rate) thrice in subsequent meetings, from 5.5% to 5.0% in the September meeting, from 5.0% to 4.75% in the November meeting, and from 4.75% to 4.5% in the December meeting. U.S. inflation, as measured by the consumer price index, increased to 2.9% in December 2024, however headline inflation remains lower than the reported 3.0% in June 2024.

#### Factors affecting performance:

The Fund underperformed its benchmark, the S&P 500 Index, for the review period, primarily due to the cost of the Fund's put protection. The allocation to put options on the Fund's benchmark, detracted from relative returns. This was primarily due to short dated put options expiring above the strike price.

#### Porttolio changes

During the review period, the portfolio manager rebalanced the Fund's exposure in line with the S&P 500 Index. The Fund's put position on the S&P 500 Index was rolled over to maintain a targeted hedging allocation.

#### Derivatives disclosure:

During the period, the Fund engaged in put options in a manner consistent with its investment objective and strategies, to effectively change its securities exposures without the need to buy into or sell out of strategic positions.

#### **Recent Developments**

The Fund is designed to hedge against moderate and large market declines. It typically uses alternative dated put options that have a ladder of maturities with a mix of shorter dated (three months or less) and longer dated, each having different costs associated with them. The portfolio managers' focus on moderate and severe drawdowns is aligned with situations when investors would care more for protection. According to the portfolio managers, the Fund is expected to perform better amidst a sharper pullback in the markets. The investment team seeks to strike the right balance between the cost of the put protection and the level of defensiveness provided, taking into account investors' loss aversion. The investment team notes that rising markets and the recent lack of volatility seen in options pricing has detracted from recent short-term performance. The Fund aims to maintain an overall hedging allocation budget with an expected cost of 2%—3% that aims to protect at least 75% of the portfolio value.

#### **Related Party Transactions**

#### Manager and Portfolio Adviser

The Fund is managed by Fidelity Investments Canada ULC (Fidelity). Fidelity is part of a broader collection 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 has entered into sub-advisory agreements with a number of entities including Fidelity Management & Research Company LLC, to provide investment advice with respect to all or a portion of the investments of the Fund. The sub-advisors arrange for acquisition and disposition of portfolio investments, including all necessary brokerage arrangements. The Fund is only offered in Series O securities and is only available to: (i) institutional investors who may be individuals or financial institutions who have been approved by Fidelity and have entered into Series O fund purchase agreements with Fidelity; or (ii) other funds and accounts

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managed or advised by Fidelity. The Fund does not pay management and advisory fees, or other operating expenses, other than certain specified fund costs, including taxes, brokerage commissions and interest charges.

#### **Brokerage Commissions**

The Fund may place a portion of its portfolio transactions with brokerage firms which are affiliates of Fidelity, 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 less than \$500 for the period ended December 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.

#### 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 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 investment fund not governed by NI 81-102, 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.

### **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 SmartHedge™ U.S. Equity Multi-Asset Base Fund Series O						
		Six months ended December 31, 2024		Periods en 2024	ided J	June 30, 2023 <sup>A</sup>
The Series' Net Assets per Security <sup>8</sup>				10.50		10.00
Net assets, beginning of period <sup>C</sup>	\$	12.84	\$	10.53	\$	10.00
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue		.09		.19		.08
Total expenses (excluding distributions)		_		_		_
Realized gains (losses)		.28		(.36)		(.27)
Unrealized gains (losses)	_	1.24		2.62	-	.73
Total increase (decrease) from operations		1.61		2.45		.54
Distributions:		(00)		(14)		
From net investment income (excluding dividends)		(.20)		(.14)		_
From dividends		_		_		_
From capital gains		_		_		_
Return of capital	_				-	
Total distributions (1)	ć	(.20)	ċ	(.14)	ċ	10.50
Net assets, end of period C	\$	14.23	\$	12.84	\$	10.53
Ratios and Supplemental Data  Net asset value (000s) EF	\$	125,726	\$	121,962	ċ	/2 102
	\$	•	Ş	•	Ş	62,192
Securities outstanding <sup>E</sup> Management expense ratio		8,835,286 —%		9,501,729 —%		5,906,831 —%
		—% —%		-% -%		-% -%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions  Trading expense ratio <sup>6</sup>		-% -%		-% -%		.02%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>H</sup>		5.27%		-% 12.22%		13.30%
Net asset value per security, end of period	\$	14.2299	\$	12.8352	\$	10.5283
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For the period January 12, 2023 (inception date) to June 30, 2023.

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.

Let 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.

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>&</sup>lt;sup>E</sup> This information is provided as at period end of the year shown.

F Prior period amounts may have been adjusted.

The trading expense ratio represents total commissions, other portfolio transaction costs and dividends and interest expense on securities sold short 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.

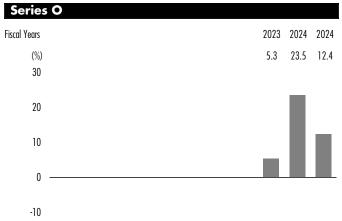
The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio adviser manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the year. The higher the Fund's portfolio 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 portfolio securities owned by the Fund, excluding short-term securities. The portfolio turnover rate includes any proceeds from a short sale in the value of sales of securities and the cost of covering a short sale in the value of purchases of securities. For periods greater than six months, but less than a full fiscal year, the portfolio turnover rate is annualized. The portfolio turnover rate excludes any adjustment for in-kind transactions.

### Fidelity SmartHedge™ U.S. Equity Multi-Asset Base Fund **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. For each Series in the Year-by-Year Returns table below, the most recent returns stated are for the current six month period.



Commencement of Operations is January 25, 2023

## Fidelity SmartHedge™ U.S. Equity Multi-Asset Base Fund Summary of Investment Portfolio as at December 31, 2024

Sector Mix		
	% of Fund's Net Assets as	% of Fund's Net Assets as
If a Till	at December 31, 2024	at June 30, 2024
Information Technology	31.5	31.3
Financials	13.0	12.0
Consumer Discretionary	11.0	9.7
Health Care	9.8	11.5
Communication Services	9.1	9.1
Industrials	7.9	7.9
Consumer Staples	5.4	5.6
Energy	3.1	3.6
Utilities	2.3	2.2
Real Estate	2.0	2.1
Materials	1.9	2.1
Multi Sector	1.0	1.3
Cash and Cash Equivalents	0.3	0.5
Net Other Assets (Liabilities)	1.7	1.1

Derivative Exposure						
	% of Fund's Net Assets as at December 31, 2024	% of Fund's Net Assets as at June 30, 2024				
Purchased Options	1.7	0.9				

Options percentage is calculated by dividing the sum of the notional and unrealized gain/loss by total net

		% of Fund's Net Assets
1.	Apple, Inc.	7.4
2.	NVIDIA Corp.	6.4
3.	Microsoft Corp.	6.1
4.	Amazon.com, Inc.	4.0
5.	Alphabet, Inc.	3.9
6.	Meta Platforms, Inc.	2.5
7.	Tesla, Inc.	2.2
8.	Broadcom, Inc.	2.1
9.	Chicago Board Options Exchange	1.7
10.	Berkshire Hathaway, Inc.	1.6
11.	JPMorgan Chase & Co.	1.3
12.	Eli Lilly & Co.	1.2
13.	Visa, Inc.	1.0
14.	iShares Core S&P 500 ETF	1.0
15.	Exxon Mobil Corp.	0.9
16.	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	0.9
17.	MasterCard, Inc.	0.9
18.	Costco Wholesale Corp.	0.8
19.	Procter & Gamble Co.	0.8
20.	Walmart, Inc.	0.8
21.	The Home Depot, Inc.	0.8
22.	Netflix, Inc.	0.8
23.	Johnson & Johnson	0.7
24.	Salesforce, Inc.	0.6
25.	AbbVie, Inc.	0.6
		51.0

Total Fund Net Assets \$125,726,000

#### Summary of Investment Portfolio as at December 31, 2024 – continued

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

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, fund facts document or simplified 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 or SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca.



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