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MANAGER'S COMMENTARY

Markets turned in another solid month in July, led once again by US markets, which have outperformed the rest of the world by more than 6% for 2018 to date (about the average US outperformance over the past ten years). Strong earnings from US industrials and financials overshadowed geopolitical angst driven by the Trump-Putin summit and ever-present trade war rhetoric, particularly between the US and China.

Environmental sectors and Greenchip GEF were generally in-line with broader indexes. Earnings reports for Greenchip companies have mostly been solid, although market reactions have been mixed. Passive electronic component manufacturers AVX and KEMET both reported very strong results with demand outstripping supply and consequently increasing pricing power and margins. AVX rose 30% for the month, KEMET 10%. Rail manufacturer Alstom continues to see very strong orders and backlog, yet Alstom's stock fell 3% in the month as European regulators opened a competition probe into its pending merger with Siemens' rail unit. Our view is that the merger will be completed but with some concessions.

We were quite active in the quarter deploying cash and will continue to be going into the fall. We added new positions in Enel, an Italian utility with over 50% renewable generation globally and a leader in penetration of smart metering. We also added SABESP, a Brazilian water utility, and Kulicke & Soffa, a dominant player in wire bonding equipment for semiconductor manufactures.

FUND PRICE (AS OF JULY 31, 2018): \$16.06 (CLASS A), \$17.14 (CLASS F), \$19.47 (CLASS I)

MONTHLY FUND PERFORMANCE (GROSS)

NAV RETURN % (\$CAD)						· ·	· ·			YTD
Greenchip GEF	0.7	0.9	0.3	-2.8	3.5	-4.3	2.2	 	 	 0.2%
MSCI World	3.1	0.1	-1.6	0.6	1.8	1.4	2.1	 	 	 7.6%
Cleantech	3.4	0.2	-0.2	-1.7	3.9	-1.3	2.4	 	 	 6.8%

GROSS RETURNS

	GREENCHIP GEF	MSCI World	CLEANTECH
1 Month	2.2%	2.1%	2.4%
3 Month	1.3%	5.3%	5.0%
6 Month	-0.4%	4.4%	3.3%
1 Year	10.4%	16.5%	15.6%
3 Year*	13.3%	9.0%	13.4%
5 Year*	14.8%	14.8%	15.3%
Since Inception*	8.1%	7.8%	4.5%
2017	31.9%	14.4%	20.9%
2016	4.1%	3.8%	8.1%
2015	18.0%	18.9%	21.8%
2014	6.9%	14.4%	-0.3%
2013	35.8%	35.2%	46.3%

^{*} annualized performance

GROWTH OF \$100 (GROSS)



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The investment objective of the Fund is to outperform the Morgan Stanley World Index over a full market cycle. The Fund invests in publicly listed companies located around the world that operate in our targeted environmental sectors and that we believe are trading at a discount to their future cash generation potential.

FUND FACTS

ASSET CLASS: Global Equity (Environmental Sectors)

BENCHMARK: MSCI World Index
FUND TYPE: Open end investment trust
QUALIFIED PURCHASER: Accredited Investor

MINIMUM INVESTMENT: \$50,000

RRSP ELIGIBLE: Yes

FUNDSERV CODES: Class A: eco 100

Class F: eco 200 Class I: eco 300 PURCHASE AND REDEMPTIONS: Last business day of each month

CUSTODIAN: RBC Investor Services **AUDITOR:** PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

LEGAL COUNSEL: WeirFoulds LLP

PERFORMANCE FEE: 10% of profits above a 6% hurdle

(payable only on redemption)

MANAGEMENT FEES: Class A: 1.5 %

Class F: 1.0 % Class I: Negotiable

PORTFOLIO SUMMARY

COMPANY NAME	REGION	Size	Sector	MARKET VALUE	WEIGHT
Canadian Solar	Asia	Mid	Energy	\$4,383,454	6.2%
Jinko Solar	Asia	Small	Energy	\$3,608,220	5.1%
Alstom	Europe	Large	Diversified	\$3,502,357	4.9%
Signify	Europe	Mid	Clean Tech	\$3,427,224	4.8%
Energaies de Portugal	Europe	Mid	Energy	\$3,183,878	4.5%
Siemens	Europe	Large	Diversified	\$2,753,367	3.9%
KSB	Europe	Mid	Water	\$2,684,410	3.8%
Cosan	Brazil	Mid	Energy	\$2,364,724	3.3%
Johnson Controls	United States	Large	Clean Tech	\$2,561,491	3.6%
ON Semiconductor	United States	Mid	Clean Tech	\$2,151,079	3.0%
KEMET	United States	Mid	Clean Tech	\$2,028,355	2.9%
Cascades	Canada	Mid	Food	\$1,932,850	2.7%
Hitachi	Asia	Large	Diversified	\$1,811,540	2.6%
AVX Corp	United States	Mid	Clean Tech	\$2,027,185	2.9%
Enel SpA	Europe	Large	Energy	\$1,813,688	2.6%
Renewable Energy Group	United States	Small	Energy	\$1,561,933	2.2%
Vishay Intertechnology	United States	Mid	Clean Tech	\$1,463,319	2.1%
Boralex	Canada	Mid	Energy	\$1,491,000	2.1%
Bunge	United States	Mid	Food	\$1,438,709	2.0%
The Andersons	United States	Mid	Food	\$1,375,520	1.9%
Other Equities	_	_	-	\$19,027,058	24.7%
Fixed Income	-	-	-	\$461,250	0.7%
Cash	-	-	_	\$8,134,385	11.5%
Total Value	-	-	-	\$70,881,775	100.0%





