



FPA Global Equity ETF

Second Quarter 2023 Commentary

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Annualized Total Returns

Trailing Performance (%)							
As of Date: 06/30/2023	Since Inception	1 Year	YTD	QTD	MTD	2022	2021*
FPA Global Equity ETF - NAV	0.04%	22.27%	18.42%	9.09%	7.52%	-17.52%	2.44%
FPA Global Equity ETF - Market Price	0.17%	22.64%	18.83%	9.07%	7.50%	-17.89%	2.76%
MSCI ACWI	-3.41%	16.53%	13.93%	6.18%	5.81%	-18.36%	1.93%

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Periods greater than one year are annualized. Fund performance is shown net of all fees and expenses. Fund performance is calculated on a total return basis which includes reinvestment of all distributions. Fund returns do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption of Fund shares, which would lower these figures. Fund Net Asset Value (NAV) represents the closing price of underlying securities. Market Price is calculated using the price which investors buy and sell ETF shares in the market. The Market Price returns in the table were calculated using the closing price as of the end of the periods noted.

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* The Fund commenced operations on December 16, 2021. The performance shown for 2021 reflects the period December 16, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

The FPA Global Equity ETF's Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses is 2.25%. First Pacific Advisors, LP, (the "Adviser") has contractually agreed to limit Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses (excluding any front-end or contingent deferred loads, brokerage fees and commissions, acquired fund fees and expenses, borrowing costs (such as interest and dividend expense on securities sold short), taxes, and extraordinary expenses, such as litigation expenses (which may include indemnification of Fund officers and Trustees, contractual indemnification of Fund service providers (other than the Adviser))), to 0.49% of the Fund's average daily net assets for through January 31, 2024, and 0.59% for each of the subsequent one-year periods ending January 31, 2025. The Adviser may recoup any operating expenses in excess of these limits from the Fund within three years if such recoupment can be achieved within the lesser of the foregoing expense limits or the expense limits in place at the time of recoupment. This agreement may be terminated only by the Board of Trustees on 60 days' written notice to the Adviser.

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Dear Shareholders:

Performance Overview

The FPA Global Equity ETF (“Fund” or “FPAG”) gained 9.09%, net, for the quarter and 22.27%, net, for the trailing twelve months.

FPAG’s performance along with the relevant index are captured in the following table:

Performance versus Illustrative Indices¹

	Q2 2023	Trailing 12-month
FPA Global Equity ETF (NAV)	9.09%	22.27%
MSCI ACWI	6.18%	16.53%

Portfolio discussion²

The top contributors to and detractors from the Fund’s returns are listed below.

Contributors and Detractors as of June 30, 2023³

Contributors	Perf. Cont.	Avg. % of Port.	Detractors	Perf. Cont.	Avg. % of Port.
TTM					
Holcim	2.86%	5.2%	Int’l Flavors & Fragrances	-0.95%	3.0%
Meta Platforms	2.41%	3.0%	Prosus	-0.90%	0.8%
Broadcom	1.96%	3.1%	Charter Communications	-0.76%	2.7%
Analog Devices	1.59%	4.9%	Open Text	-0.28%	0.3%
Netflix	1.22%	1.2%	Alibaba	-0.23%	0.6%
	10.04%	17.46%		-3.12%	7.39%

There wasn’t a unifying theme that drove performance in the last year. In the last twelve months, FPAG’s top five performers contributed 10.04% to its return, while its bottom five detracted 3.12%. Of the contributors and detractors listed, we haven’t recently addressed Open Text and Broadcom. We have discussed most of the other positions in the last year.

Open Text was a relatively short-lived holding in comparison to our typical time frame. We were attracted to this Canadian-based provider of enterprise software due to its stable revenue stream. More than 80% of Open Text’s revenue was recurring, which helped deliver attractive mid-30s EBITDA margins. We considered the business to have a sticky customer base that included 97 of the 100 largest companies in the world. Purchased

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² References to individual securities are for informational purposes only, are subject to change, and should not be construed as recommendation or a solicitation to buy or sell a particular security. Portfolio composition will change due to ongoing management of the Fund. Portfolio holdings for the Fund can be found at fpag.fpa.com.

³ Reflects the top five contributors and detractors to the Fund’s performance based on contribution to return for the trailing twelve months (TTM). Contribution is presented gross of investment management fees, transactions costs, and Fund operating expenses, which if included, would reduce the returns presented. The information provided does not reflect all positions purchased, sold or recommended by FPA during the quarter. A copy of the methodology used and a list of every holding’s contribution to the overall Fund’s performance during the quarter is available by contacting FPA Client Service at crm@fpa.com. It should not be assumed that recommendations made in the future will be profitable or will equal the performance of the securities listed. Portfolio holdings are subject to change at any time and should not be considered investment advice.

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at a low double-digit multiple to after-tax free cash flow, we expected to own the company for years, with capital deployment going towards dividends, buybacks, and small bolt-on acquisitions, as it had in the past. Unfortunately, to our surprise, while we owned the stock, Open Text announced a relatively large acquisition in the form of UK-based Micro Focus. Familiar with the target, we were unenthused about both the asset and increased debt on the balance sheet from funding the purchase, so we chose to exit stage left rather than try to re-write our investment thesis.⁴

In contrast to our short-lived ownership of Open Text, **Broadcom** has been a holding since inception of the Fund. Approximately five years ago, the company was primarily focused on driving organic growth in its existing semiconductor franchises and acquiring new ones when the opportunity presented itself. As potential acquisition candidates in the industry became scarce, management, led by highly regarded Hock Tan, pivoted to set their sights on the software industry, culminating in several acquisitions. Broadcom has gone from strength to strength over the past five years, improving operating margins, aggressively repurchasing shares, and increasing the dividend, all the while continuing to execute its M&A strategy flawlessly.

“Risk on” in 2023 has replaced the fear that drove markets lower in 2022. How much of this rebound will ultimately be supported by corporate earnings has yet to be seen. While there is always something to fear, we prefer to focus on the future prospects of the businesses we own. Focusing on the destination makes the big potholes in the road feel more like small speed bumps and prevents us from executing panicked driving maneuvers.

Looking back at the past 18 months, there was certainly no shortage of opportunities to take down risk exposure as macro concerns, from interest rates to war, seemed to grow by the day. But as in prior market declines, we attempted to lean into the market and add to either new or existing names where our estimates of the risk/reward improved with each leg down. Since the market downturn that began in January 2022, the Fund has declined 3.60%, which compares favorably to the MSCI ACWI's 7.44% decline.⁵

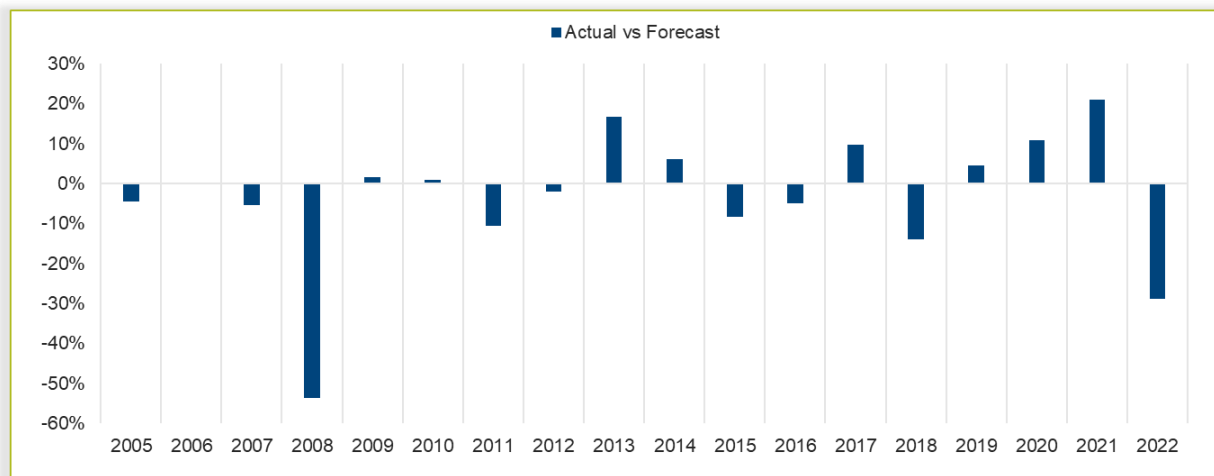
Looking forward, we do not offer a market forecast or make predictions about interest rates, the economy, or other significant macro issues because we don't know anyone who can do so consistently (ourselves included). We submit the following to show the futility of forecasting. In the last eighteen years, the consensus view only expected the market to increase, yet it declined 22% of the time. Further, the Wall Street consensus estimate of how the S&P 500 will perform (ex-dividends) in the next twelve months, from 2005 to 2022, usually missed the mark, often by quite a lot – 53.6% and 28.9% too high in 2008 and 2022; and 16.9% and 21.0% too low in 2013 and 2021. On average, the "experts" missed by 11.4%, quite a lot, particularly when compared to the S&P's 6.6% annualized return (before dividends) over the same period. We, therefore, direct our efforts from the bottom up rather than the top down.

⁴ Source: www.investors.opentext.com/press-releases; *OpenText to Acquire Micro Focus International plc*; August 25, 2022.

⁵ Source: Morningstar. The performance noted is cumulative for the period January 5, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

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S&P 500 Actual vs Wall Street Analysts' Forecasted Returns Ex-Dividends⁶



[Portfolio profile⁷](#)

There were 44 equity positions in the Fund, with the top 5 holdings comprising 27.8% and the top 10 comprising 45.8% of the total portfolio as of June 30, 2023. The Fund's top three sectors, based on GICS sector classification, were Communication Services (24.5%), Financials (15.9%), and Information Technology (14.0%). The portfolio managers have been able to find opportunity outside of the US and currently (as a percentage of equity) the portfolio has 40.4% non-US exposure and 59.0% exposure in the US.⁸ However, 57.0% (as a percentage of equity) of the portfolio companies' revenues is non-US.⁹

[Closing](#)

For those who prefer less up and down, especially when price moves precipitate an often-inappropriate action – buy or sell, we believe the Fund's mandate is relevant to investors. Though we don't know what the next five or ten years hold, we strive to continue to offer a similar investor experience. We promise to remain thoughtful and calm as we continue to steward your capital, traits that allow us to lean in when there's the opportunity and tilt away when there is none.

Respectfully submitted,

FPA Contrarian Value Equity Team
August 18, 2023

⁶ Source: Bloomberg; Chart shows actual S&P 500 price returns excluding dividends minus Wall Street analyst estimates. Chart period is 2005-2022.

⁷ As of June 30, 2023. The information reflects the portfolio statistics for the Fund. Number of Equity Positions is shown at the issuer level. Totals may not add up due to rounding. Sector classification scheme for equities reflects GICS (Global Industry Classification Standard).

⁸ Exposure is based on country of domicile by geography.

⁹ Source: Factset, based on country of domicile and revenue by geography. 'As a Percentage of Equity' excludes cash and cash equivalents. Revenue refers to the geographic location of portfolio companies' revenue sources, rather than where they are domiciled, and may provide insight into the portfolios' geographic diversification.

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An investment in the Fund is speculative and entails substantial risks. Portfolio composition will change due to ongoing management of the Fund. References to individual securities or sectors are for informational purposes only and should not be construed as recommendations by the Fund, the portfolio managers, FPA, or the distributor (as applicable), and any information provided is not a sufficient basis upon which to make an investment decision. It should not be assumed that future investments will be profitable or will equal the performance of any security or sector discussed.

It is important to remember that there are risks inherent in any investment and there is no assurance that any investment or asset class will provide positive performance over time. Capital markets are volatile and can decline significantly in response to adverse issuer, political, regulatory, market, or economic developments. The Fund purchases foreign securities, including American Depository Receipts (ADRs) and other depository receipts, which are subject to interest rate, currency exchange rate, economic and political risks; this may be enhanced when investing in emerging markets. Non-U.S. investing presents additional risks such as the potential for adverse political, currency, economic, social or regulatory developments in a country including lack of liquidity, excessive taxation, and differing legal and accounting standards. These risks are magnified in emerging and frontier markets. In addition, while we believe investing in companies with less liquidity has the potential to add alpha on the upside, such names are also more subject to price volatility on the downside.

Small and mid-cap stocks involve greater risks and they can fluctuate in price more than larger company stocks. You risk paying more for a security than you received from its sale. Groups of stocks, such as value and growth, go in and out of favor which may cause certain funds to underperform other equity funds.

Value style investing presents the risk that the holdings or securities may never reach their full market value because the market fails to recognize what the portfolio management team considers the true business value or because the portfolio management team has misjudged those values. In addition, value style investing may fall out of favor and underperform growth or other style investing during given periods.

The Fund may lack diversification, thereby increasing the risk of loss, and the Fund's performance may be volatile. As a result, an investor could lose all or a substantial amount of its investment.

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MSCI ACWI Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to represent performance of the full opportunity set of large- and mid-cap stocks across developed and emerging markets. Net Return indicates that this series approximates the minimum possible dividend reinvestment. The dividend is reinvested after deduction of withholding tax, applying the rate applicable to non-resident individuals who do not benefit from double taxation treaties.

Other definitions

After-tax free cash flow or Cash flow after taxes (CFAT) is a measure of financial performance that shows a company's ability to generate cash flow through its operations. It is calculated by adding back non-cash charges such as amortization, depreciation, restructuring costs, and impairment to net income.

EBITDA, or earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization, is an alternate measure of profitability to net income.

EBITDA margin is a measure of a company's operating profit as a percentage of its revenue.

Inflation is the decline of purchasing power of a given currency over time. A quantitative estimate of the rate at which the decline in purchasing power occurs can be reflected in the increase of an average price level of a basket of selected goods and services in an economy over some period.

Risk Assets is any asset that carries a degree of risk. Risk asset generally refers to assets that have a significant degree of price volatility, such as equities, commodities, high-yield bonds, real estate and currencies, but does not include cash and cash equivalents.

Standard Deviation is a measure of the dispersion of a set of data from its mean.

Yield is the discount rate that links the bond's cash flows to its current dollar price.

Volatility is a statistical measure of the dispersion of returns for a given security or market index. In most cases, the higher the volatility, the riskier the security. Volatility is often measured as either the standard deviation or variance between returns from that same security or market index.

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