(registration number C496409)

(An open-ended Irish collective asset management vehicle which is constituted as an umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds and with variable capital and authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland pursuant to the Irish Collective Asset-management Vehicles Act 2015, as amended, and the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investments in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011, as amended)

**Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements** 

For the period from 26 July 2022 (date of incorporation) to 31 December 2023

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The surviving entity is WMC.

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## **Directors' Report**

The Directors present their report and the financial statements of Horizon Kinetics ICAV (the "ICAV") for the period from 26 July 2022 (date of incorporation) to 31 December 2023.

The financial statements are published on the Investment Manager's website www.horizonkinetics.com. The directors, together with the Investment Manager are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the financial information on this website.

#### Overview of the ICAV

Horizon Kinetics ICAV (the "ICAV") was registered in Ireland and authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland on 26 July 2022 as an umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds governed by the laws of Ireland and an openended investment fund authorised as a Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities ("UCITS") pursuant to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011 (as amended) (the "UCITS Regulations") and the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019, as amended (the "Central Bank UCITS Regulations").

As at 31 December 2023, the ICAV has one sub-fund, Horizon Kinetics Inflation Beneficiaries UCITS ETF (registration number C505743) (the "Fund") which commenced operations on 16 March 2023. The investment objective of the Fund is to seek long-term growth of capital in excess of inflation.

## Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' report and audited financial statements in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

The ICAV Act 2015 requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period. Under that law they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as adopted by the European Union ("EU").

The financial statements are required to give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the ICAV at the end of the financial period and of the profit or loss for the financial period.

In preparing the financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and identify the standards in question, subject to any material departures from those standards being disclosed and explained in the notes to the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the ICAV will continue in business.

The Directors confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements. The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the ICAV and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements are prepared in accordance with IFRS as adopted by the EU and comply with the ICAV Act 2015, the UCITS Regulations, and the Central Bank UCITS Regulations.

The Directors believe that they have complied with the requirements of sections 109 to 113 of the ICAV Act 2015 with regard to the maintenance of adequate accounting records by employing personnel with appropriate expertise and by providing adequate resources to finance this function. The accounting records of the ICAV are maintained by U.S. Bank Global Fund Services (Ireland) Limited, 24-26 City Quay, Dublin 2, Ireland.

The Directors are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the ICAV and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Directors have appointed U.S. Bank Depositary Services, as Depositary, who safeguard the assets in accordance with the terms of the depositary agreement and in line with the UCITS Regulations.

## **Directors' Report (Continued)**

#### **Directors**

The Directors who held office during the financial period were:

Michael Feeley (US resident) John Hamrock (Irish resident) Jessica Kirby (Irish resident) Chris McCarthy (US resident) Alun Williams (US resident)

## Directors' interest in shares of the ICAV and its Fund

None of the Directors, nor the ICAV Secretary, nor their families, hold or held any beneficial interest in the ICAV during the financial period.

#### **Transactions involving Directors**

Other than as disclosed in note 10 to the financial statements, there were no contracts or agreements of any significance in relation to the business of the ICAV or the Fund in which the Directors had any interest, as defined in the ICAV Act, at any time during the period.

#### **Transactions with Connected Persons**

Regulation 43(1) of the Central Bank UCITS Regulations refers to transactions carried out with a UCITS by a Manager, Depositary or their associated or group companies ("connected persons"). Transactions must be in the best interests of the Shareholders. The Board of Directors is satisfied that there are arrangements (evidenced by written procedures) in place, to ensure that the obligations set out in Regulation 43(1) of the Central Bank UCITS Regulations are applied to all transactions with connected persons, and the Board of Directors is satisfied that transactions with connected persons entered into during the period complied with the obligations set out in this paragraph.

### Risk management objectives and policies

The main risks arising from the ICAV's financial instruments are market risk (including market price risk, interest rate risk and currency risk), liquidity risk, and credit risk. For further information on risk management and the investment objectives and policies of the ICAV or the Fund, please see note 9 of these financial statements and the ICAV's Prospectus and relevant Supplements.

## Corporate governance code

Irish Funds, the association for the funds industry in Ireland, has published a corporate governance code (the "Code") that may be adopted on a voluntary basis by Irish authorised collective investment schemes. The Board of Directors has adopted the Code, and the ICAV was in compliance with all elements of the Code during the financial period.

## Objectives and principal risk

The principal investment objective of the Fund is to seek long-term growth of capital in excess of inflation. There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective.

### Statement of relevant audit information

In the case of the persons who are Directors at the time this report is approved:

- so far as each Director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the ICAV's statutory auditors are unaware; and
- each Director has taken all the steps that he or she ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself
  or herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the ICAV's statutory auditors are aware
  of that information.

### **Independent auditor**

In accordance with section 125 of the ICAV Act 2015, PricewaterhouseCoopers, were appointed as auditors to the ICAV.

## **Directors' Report (continued)**

#### Significant events during the financial period

The ICAV was registered with the Central Bank on 26 July 2022 and was authorised by the Central Bank on 22 December 2022.

On the 16 March 2023, the Horizon Kinetics Inflation Beneficiaries UCITS ETF commenced operations. On the same date, the USD ETF Share class launched and was listed on the Euronext Dublin and Euronext Amsterdam stock exchanges on 20 March 2023.

On 24 April 2023, the updated supplement for the Fund was noted by the Central Bank of Ireland. The changes related to the establishment of 3 additional share classes (GBP ETF Share, USD ACC ETF Shares; and EUR ACC ETF Shares). These share classes have not received seed capital as yet.

On 29 September 2023, the Irish fund management company activities of the Waystone Group was consolidated by merging the business of KBA Consulting Management Limited ("KBA"), the Manager of the ICAV, with that of Waystone Management Company (IE) Limited ("WMC"). The surviving entity is WMC.

There were no other significant events occurred during the financial period.

## Significant events since the financial period end

On 26 December 2023, Horizon Kinetics LLC, the parent company of the Investment Manager, announced its intention to bring the company public through a reverse merger with Scott's Liquid Gold-Inc., a publicly traded company with shares listed in the United States on OTC Markets (OTC Pink: SLGD). The transaction is expected to close in the second half of 2024.

Dividends in respect of the below distributing classes of Shares were declared during Q1 2023 and paid in April 2024:

| Ex-date      | Record date  | <b>Share Class</b> | Dividend rate | Share Currency |
|--------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 3 April 2024 | 4 April 2024 | USD ETF            | 0.2167        | USD            |

There are no other events subsequent to 31 December 2023, which, in the opinion of the Directors, may have had an impact on the financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2023.

### Review of business and future developments

The results of operations are set out in the Statement Comprehensive Income on page 13. A detailed review of the development of the business is included within the Investment Manager's Reports on pages 7-8. The Directors do not anticipate any significant changes in the structure or investment objectives of the Fund. The ICAV will continue to act as an investment vehicle as set out in the Prospectus dated 22 December 2022 (the "Prospectus").

For and on behalf of the Board on 18 April 2024:

| John Hamrock | Jessica kirby |
|--------------|---------------|
| John Hamrock | Jessica Kirby |
| Director     | Director      |
|              |               |

18 April 2024

## **Investment Manager's Report**

For the period from 26 July 2022 (date of incorporation) to 31 December 2023

## Performance & Portfolio Update

The Horizon Kinetics Inflation Beneficiaries UCITS ETF launched on 16 March 2023 and generated a return of +8.3% through 31 December 2023. This trails the broader MSCI ACWI Index (+18.5%) but exceeds the S&P GSCI Commodity Index (6.2%) over the same period. The S&P Real Asset Equity Index and the S&P Global Natural Resources Index returned +9.6% and +10.0% respectively over this period. The Inflation Beneficiaries Fund is a bespoke strategy that does not conform to any single benchmark. However, we believe that the most relevant comparisons are to industry exposures similar to the latter indexes.

The largest positive contribution came from financial exchanges, with an average gain for the period of approximately 21%. Exchanges drive revenue primarily through volume, which tends to grow at or above nominal GDP growth over longer periods of time. Volumes can have cyclical variability based on volatility and the need to hedge interest rate, currency, commodity and/or equity index exposure. It would be reasonable to expect that exchange volumes, hence revenues, would have experienced a cyclical peak in 2020 given the unprecedented levels of volatility. Total exchange volumes rose approximately 50% in 2020, according to the OCC, yet volumes have subsequently grown an additional 48% through 2023, including annual growth of over 7% last year. Thus, not only did exchanges sustain the post-pandemic volumes, but resumed growth well in excess of nominal economic growth. These are truly remarkable businesses attributes, yet the market continues to value these companies at a discount to broader indexes.

Energy companies were the other major contributor to Fund returns, as these companies rose by an average of +3.2%, as benchmark crude oil (WTI) and natural gas (HH) prices returned approximately +4.8%, and -11.4% respectively. The average return of energy royalties, excluding two outliers, was over 19%, which we believe highlights the benefits of owning royalties through energy price cycles. These royalties maintained robust cash flow generation in spite of flat/down commodity prices. As a result, management teams were able to return capital to shareholders via share repurchases, dividends or both. In a steady-state commodity price and production volume environment, we believe that these companies can easily generate double-digit annualized returns to shareholders which scale considerably with (expected) growth in volumes and price appreciation.

Exposure to base and industrial metals contributed positively to returns, as copper (+1%) and iron ore (+5.8%) prices remained firm in spite of concerns of a global economic slowdown, particularly in China. While the current economic cycle can be debated, there is far less ambiguity in the structural demand requirement for copper and iron (steel) in expanding and improving global power grids. These materials will not only be critical for further solar and wind installations, but also for the extensive power transmission systems that will be needed for both electric vehicle (EV) charging and artificial intelligence (AI) datacentres. These are both immensely energy intensive industries, yet there has been minimal attention or capital directed towards the requisite infrastructure.

Agriculture companies were the only detractors in the portfolio, declining by an average of approximately -3.4%. Fertilizer prices (Diammonium Phosphate, or DAP) declined by nearly -30% in the summer of 2023, but recovered to nearly even by the end of the year. Soybean crush margins were similarly pressured for the year and declined nearly 40% from the March peak. Crush margins are inherently volatile, and are subject to planting/harvest timing, weather, and various regional factors. Despite the volatility in fertilizers and crush margins, we maintain our conviction that food supply will be a critical variable for the global economy in the coming decade. Geopolitical and weather-related supply disruptions are becoming more commonplace, while crop yield gains are reaching finite limits. These supply side factors are juxtaposed against persistent growth in per capita income (GDP per capita) in various non-OECD countries with far lower living standards as compared to western nations. This dynamic will continue to drive sustained food demand for the foreseeable future.

Precious metal royalty companies provided mixed results with an average decline of approximately 5.6%, despite gold and silver appreciating 7.7% and 11.1% respectively. There was significant dispersion in the portfolio, as the two largest positions, Wheaton Precious Metals ("WPM") and Franco Nevada Corp ("FNV"), had respective returns of +15.2% and -17.7%. The return for WPM is not unusual given the consistent growth of its portfolio cash flows with insulation from cost and capex pressures. However, Franco Nevada is an anomaly which can be explained by the closure of the Cobre Panama mine, its largest asset. The government of Panama inexplicably recalled a mine extension agreement late last year, and the future of the mine remains at an impasse that is unlikely to be resolved until the federal elections in May. Fortunately, Franco Nevada owns a senior royalty claim on the asset that is likely to survive a potential change in control of the mine operation. If anything, this experience reconfirms the fragile balance of supply across various hard asset markets.

## **Investment Manager's Report (continued)**

For the period from 26 July 2022 (date of incorporation) to 31 December 2023

### Performance & Portfolio Update (continued)

The portfolio returns fells short of our long-term goal of double-digit annualized returns. However, we are satisfied, even content with return, given the myriad headwinds that hard asset markets faced in 2023. Rising (real) interest rates and sustained U.S. Dollar strength prevented many of the underlying markets from breaking out of ranges that have been maintained for the better part of 18 months. We see early signs of this shifting in our favour and into a hard asset "goldilocks."

#### Outlook

The portfolio is not a directional bet on inflation, commodity price, economic growth and or interest rates – but these variables certainly influence the Fund and its returns. We believe that the Fund is positioned to generate differentiated and excess returns under a variety of inflation/growth scenarios, but the optimal environment is not the double-digit inflation (too hot) experienced in 2022, nor the sub 2% inflation (too cold) experienced for much of the decade prior to 2020. Rather, the optimal environment for the Fund is actually the current status quo of comfortably elevated (just right) inflation.

Extremely high levels of inflation are almost certain to drive the revenues of our portfolio companies higher as energy, food, base metals, lodging, wages and related prices would be rising rapidly. However, this will prompt an aggressive and rapid response from policy markers to combat these prices. We have witnessed a multitude of conventional (rising interest rates) and unconventional (depleting energy rations) measures over the past two years targeting problematic inflation. Part and parcel of the anti-inflation policy was higher interest rates, which in turn boosted the U.S. Dollar. The result was a net addition to supply and a net decline in demand.

While it can be argued whether higher interest rates actually dampen net demand, particularly given the immense fiscal spending in the United States, they are empirically proven to supress hard asset prices. Thus, while the very elevated inflation levels of 2022 boosted revenues and profits, this was certain to be short-lived.

The post global financial crisis ("GFC") era leading up to the pandemic can be characterized as an era of problematic disinflation. The world was continuing to deleverage from the financial crisis amidst a glut of hard asset supply that developed during the mid-2000s. The result was that price levels struggled to reach the 2% inflation target, despite interest rates near zero, and quantitative easing targeting longer-term rates and even non-government credits. This era proved to be the "growth goldilocks" where companies could fund their revenue growth at negligible costs of capital and bankers could flood the system with liquidity with no adverse consequences (inflation). Excess cheap capital in the system created supply imbalances across the global economy, as capital was being directed into unproductive (loss generating) businesses. As a result, hard asset prices were rangebound, and misallocated capital needed to be absorbed across the globe. This period was already nearing its conclusion in 2019, as hard asset inventories and capital expenditures were dwindling, but the pandemic accelerated the market recognition.

Global markets are now at a crossroads where inflation is at a politically palatable level of approximately 3-4% globally, yet growth and employment levels are still expansionary. As a result, the market expects several cuts to overnight interest rates later this year. This will be the first time that conditions are accommodative for hard assets from both a supply and demand perspective. A dovish stance from the Federal Reserve should alleviate upward pressure on the U.S. Dollar, while the U.S. continues to issue trillions of dollars of additional debt (Dollar supply). In fact, Federal Reserve Chairman confirmed that they do not need to hit 2% in order to cut interest rates during a press conference on Mach 6<sup>th</sup>: "We are not looking for inflation to go all the way down to 2%, but we do need more evidence."

This is setting up as a "hard asset goldilocks" where elevated inflation is acceptable, and even assists with the federal debt burden. As a result, lower incremental interest rates should alleviate pressure on hard asset prices, while stimulating incremental demand. This is the environment where high quality, hard asset companies can compound indefinitely.



# Report of the Depositary to the Shareholders For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

In our capacity as Depositary, we have enquired into the conduct of the Horizon Kinetics ICAV (the "ICAV") for the period from 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022 to the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2023.

This report, including the opinion, has been prepared solely for the purposes of reporting to shareholders in the ICAV in accordance with the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011, as amended ("the UCITS Regulations") and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown.

## Statement of the Depositary's Responsibilities

Our duties and responsibilities are outlined in Regulations 47 (1) and (2) in Part 6 of the UCITS Regulations.

One of those Depositary Duties is to enquire into the conduct of the ICAV in each annual accounting period and report thereon to the shareholders.

Our report must state whether, in our opinion, the ICAV has been managed in the period in accordance with the provisions of the ICAV's constitution (the "Constitution") and the UCITS Regulations. It is the overall responsibility of the ICAV to comply with these provisions. If the ICAV has not so complied, we as Depositary must state why we consider this to be the case and outline the steps we have undertaken to rectify the situation.

#### **Basis of Depositary Opinion**

The Depositary conducts such reviews as it, in its reasonable opinion, considers necessary to comply with the Depositary Duties as outlined in UCITS Regulations and to ensure that, in all material respects, the ICAV has been managed:

- i. in accordance with the limitations imposed on the investment and borrowing powers by the powers of the Memorandum and Articles and the UCITS Regulations, and
- ii. otherwise in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles, the UCITS Regulations 2011 and the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48 (1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019 (the "Central Bank UCITS Regulations").

## **Opinion**

In our opinion the ICAV has been managed during the period in all material respects:

- (a) in accordance with the limitations imposed on the investment and borrowing powers of the ICAV by the Memorandum and Articles and by the UCITS Regulations, and
- (b) otherwise in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles, the UCITS Regulations and the Central Bank UCITS Regulations.

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On behalf of Elavon Financial Services DAC trading as U.S. Bank Depositary Services

Date: 18/04/2024



# Independent auditors' report to the shareholders of Horizon Kinetics Inflation Beneficiaries UCITS ETF, a sub-fund of Horizon Kinetics ICAV

## Report on the audit of the financial statements

## **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements of Horizon Kinetics Inflation Beneficiaries UCITS ETF, a sub-fund of Horizon Kinetics ICAV:

- give a true and fair view of the sub-fund's assets, liabilities and financial position as at 31 December 2023 and of its results and cash flows for the period from 26 July 2022 to 31 December 2023 (the "period");
- have been properly prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs") as adopted by the European Union; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Irish Collective Asset-management Vehicles Act 2015 and the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011 (as amended).

We have audited the financial statements, included within the Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements, which comprise:

- the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2023;
- the Statement of Comprehensive Income for the period then ended;
- the Statement of Cash Flows for the period then ended;
- the Statement of Changes in Equity for the period then ended;
- the Schedule of Investments as at 31 December 2023; and
- the notes to the financial statements, which include a description of the accounting policies.

Our opinion is consistent with our reporting to the Board of Directors.

## **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) ("ISAs (Ireland)") and applicable law.

Our responsibilities under ISAs (Ireland) are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Independence

We remained independent of the ICAV in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Ireland, which includes IAASA's Ethical Standard as applicable to listed public interest entities, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

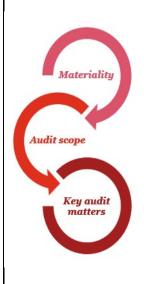
To the best of our knowledge and belief, we declare that non-audit services prohibited by IAASA's Ethical Standard were not provided to the ICAV.

Other than those disclosed in note 6, we have provided no non-audit services to the ICAV in the period from 26 July 2022 to 31 December 2023.



## Our audit approach

#### Overview



### Materiality

- Overall materiality: 50 basis points of Net Assets Value ("NAV") at 31 December 2023.
- Performance materiality: 75% of overall materiality.

### Audit scope

• The ICAV is an open-ended investment ICAV with variable capital and engages Waystone Management Company (IE) Limited (the "Manager") to manage certain duties and responsibilities with regards to the day-to-day management of the ICAV. We tailored the scope of our audit taking into account the types of investments within the sub-fund, the involvement of the third parties referred to below, the accounting processes and controls, and the industry in which the ICAV operates.

## Key audit matters

- Existence of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.
- Valuation of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

## The scope of our audit

As part of designing our audit, we determined materiality and assessed the risks of material misstatement in the financial statements. In particular, we looked at where the directors made subjective judgements, for example the selection of pricing sources to value the investment portfolio. As in all of our audits, we also addressed the risk of management override of internal controls, including evaluating whether there was evidence of bias by the directors that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

## Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in the auditors' professional judgement, were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and include the most significant assessed risks of material misstatement (whether or not due to fraud) identified by the auditors, including those which had the greatest effect on: the overall audit strategy; the allocation of resources in the audit; and directing the efforts of the engagement team. These matters, and any comments we make on the results of our procedures thereon, were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. This is not a complete list of all risks identified by our audit.

### Key audit matter

# Existence of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

See accounting policy 2.3 of the financial statements of the ICAV for further details.

The financial assets at fair value through profit or loss included in the Statements of Financial Position of the sub-fund are held in the sub-fund's name at 31 December 2023. We focused on this area because it represents the principal elements in the financial statements.

## How our audit addressed the key audit matter

The majority of the sub-fund's investments are held by the Depositary. We obtained independent confirmation of these positions held with the Depositary. We then reconciled this confirmation to the accounting records maintained by the sub-fund's Administrator and evaluated any material differences identified. No material misstatements were identified as a result of the procedures we performed.



# Valuation of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

See accounting policy 2.3 and note 5 of the financial statements of the ICAV for further details.

The financial assets at fair value through profit or loss included in the Statement of Financial Position of the sub-fund at 31 December 2023 are valued at fair value in line with IFRS. We focused on this area because it represents the principle element in the financial statements.

The fair value of the investment positions held by the sub-fund is determined by the Administrator in conjunction with the Investment Manager. We tested the valuation of the financial assets at fair value through profit or loss by independently obtaining price quotations from third party vendor sources for the investments of the sub-fund included within the financial statements. No material misstatements were identified as a result of the procedures performed.

## How we tailored the audit scope

We tailored the scope of our audit to ensure that we performed enough work to be able to give an opinion on the financial statements as a whole, taking into account the structure of the ICAV, the accounting processes and controls, and the industry in which it operates.

The directors control the affairs of the ICAV and are responsible for the overall investment policy which is determined by them. The ICAV engages the Manager to manage certain duties and responsibilities with regards to the day to day management of the ICAV. The Manager has delegated certain responsibilities to **Horizon Kinetics Asset**Management LLC (the 'Investment Manager') and to U.S. Bank Global Fund Services (Ireland) Limited (the 'Administrator'). The financial statements, which remain the responsibility of the directors, are prepared on their behalf by the Administrator. The ICAV has appointed Elavon Financial Services Designated Activity Company (the "Depositary") to act as Depositary of the ICAV's assets. In establishing the overall approach to our audit we assessed the risk of material misstatement taking into account the nature, likelihood and potential magnitude of any misstatement. As part of our risk assessment, we considered the ICAV's interaction with the Administrator, and we assessed the control environment in place at the Administrator.

### Materiality

The scope of our audit was influenced by our application of materiality. We set certain quantitative thresholds for materiality. These, together with qualitative considerations, helped us to determine the scope of our audit and the nature, timing and extent of our audit procedures on the individual financial statement line items and disclosures and in evaluating the effect of misstatements, both individually and in aggregate on the financial statements as a whole.

Based on our professional judgement, we determined materiality as follows:

| Overall materiality and how we determined it | 50 basis points of Net Assets Value ("NAV") at 31 December 2023 .   |
|--|---|
| Rationale for benchmark applied              | We have applied this benchmark because the main objective of the ICAV is to provide investors with a total return taking account of the capital and income returns. |

We use performance materiality to reduce to an appropriately low level the probability that the aggregate of uncorrected and undetected misstatements exceeds overall materiality. Specifically, we use performance materiality in determining the scope of our audit and the nature and extent of our testing of account balances, classes of transactions and disclosures, for example in determining sample sizes. Our performance materiality was 75% of overall materiality.

In determining the performance materiality, we considered a number of factors - the history of misstatements, risk assessment and aggregation risk and the effectiveness of controls - and concluded that an amount at the upper end of our normal range was appropriate.

We agreed with the Board of Directors that we would report to them misstatements identified during our audit above 5 basis points of the sub-fund's NAV, for NAV per share impacting differences as well as misstatements below that amount that, in our view, warranted reporting for qualitative reasons.



## Conclusions relating to going concern

Our evaluation of the directors' assessment of the sub-fund's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting included:

- Obtaining an understanding of the liquidity risks of the sub-fund and the measures to mitigate and manage these risks (as disclosed in Note 9 Financial risk factors);
- Obtaining management's assessment of going concern which included a consideration of the performance and liquidity risk of the sub-fund;
- Agreeing the liquidity terms surrounding the sub-fund's ability to manage liquidity risk (as per note 9b Financial risk factors Liquidity risk), to the legal documents;
- Considering post year end capital activity; and
- Discussing management's plans to assess if there is a plan to terminate the sub-fund.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the sub-fund's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date on which the financial statements are authorised for issue.

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this conclusion is not a guarantee as to the subfund's ability to continue as a going concern.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

## Reporting on other information

The other information comprises all of the information in the Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements other than the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, any form of assurance thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify an apparent material inconsistency or material misstatement, we are required to perform procedures to conclude whether there is a material misstatement of the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report based on these responsibilities.

Based on the responsibilities described above and our work undertaken in the course of the audit, the Irish Collective Asset-management Vehicles Act 2015 requires us to also report the opinion as described below:

#### Directors' Report

• In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, the information given in the Directors' Report for the period ended 31 December 2023 is consistent with the financial statements.

## Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit

## Responsibilities of the directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities set out on page 4, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable framework and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

The directors are also responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the sub-fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the ICAV or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.



## Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (Ireland) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

Based on our understanding of the ICAV and industry, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to Based on our understanding of the ICAV and industry, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to breaches of Irish legislation and Central Bank of Ireland regulations, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Irish Collective Asset-management Vehicles Act 2015 and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements.

We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Irish Collective Asset-management Vehicles Act 2015.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to the risk of management override of controls.

Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Enquiry of management to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- Identifying and testing year end journal entries that met our specific risk based criteria;
- Designing audit procedures to incorporate unpredictability around the nature, timing and extent of our testing;
- Reviewing relevant minutes of the meetings of the board of directors; and
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and agreeing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above. We are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in the financial statements. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

Our audit testing might include testing complete populations of certain transactions and balances, possibly using data auditing techniques. However, it typically involves selecting a limited number of items for testing, rather than testing complete populations. We will often seek to target particular items for testing based on their size or risk characteristics. In other cases, we will use audit sampling to enable us to draw a conclusion about the population from which the sample is selected.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the IAASA website at:

https://www.iaasa.ie/getmedia/b2389013-1cf6-458b-9b8f-a98202dc9c3a/Description of auditors responsibilities for audit.pdf.

This description forms part of our auditors' report.



## Use of this report

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the shareholders of the sub-fund as a body in accordance with section 120 of the Irish Collective Asset-management Vehicles Act 2015 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

# Other required reporting

## Irish Collective Asset-management Vehicles Act 2015 exception reporting

#### Directors' remuneration

Under the Irish Collective Asset-management Vehicles Act 2015 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by section 117 of that Act have not been made. We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

## **Appointment**

We were appointed by the Board of Directors on 17 November 2023 to audit the financial statements for the period from 26 July 2022 to 31 December 2023 ended 31 December 2023 and subsequent financial periods. This is therefore our first uninterrupted engagement.

Mary Ruane

for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm

19 April 2024

# Statement of Financial Position As at 31 December 2023

| Horizon Kinetics Inflation Beneficiaries UCITS ETF     |      | As at 31 December 2023 |
|--|------|------------------------|
| Horizon Kineucs finiation beneficiaries OCI15 E1F      | Note | 2025<br>US\$           |
| Assets   |      | ·                      |
| Cash and cash equivalents                              | 11   | 1,134,481              |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss: | 3, 5 |                        |
| - Transferable securities                              |      | 18,558,829             |
| Dividends receivable                                   |      | 24,278                 |
| Receivable on sales of securities                      | 2    | 4,163                  |
| Total assets   |      | 19,721,751             |
|  |      |                        |
| Liabilities  |      |                        |
| Investment management fees payable                     | 6    | (14,470)               |
| Total liabilities                                      |      | (14,470)               |
|  |      |                        |
| Equity   |      |                        |
| Share premium  |      | 19,380,360             |
| Retained earnings                                      |      | 326,921                |
| Total equity   |      | 19,707,281             |
|  |      |                        |
| Total liabilities and equity                           |      | 19,721,751             |
|  |      |                        |
| Shares in issue USD ETF Share Class <sup>1</sup>       | 8    | 725,000                |
| Net asset value per share                              | 13   | 27.1825                |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Launched on the 16 March 2023.

John Hamrock
John Hamrock
18 April 2024

Jessica Kirby
18 April 2024

## Statement of Comprehensive Income For the period from 26 July 2022 (date of incorporation) to 31 December 2023

| Horizon Kinetics Inflation Beneficiaries UCITS ETF* |      | Period from 26 July<br>2022 (date of<br>incorporation) to 31<br>December 2023 |
|---|------|---|
|   | Note | US\$  |
| Investment income                                   |      |   |
| Net gains on financial assets at fair               |      |   |
| value through profit or loss and foreign exchange   | 4    | 255,853   |
| Dividend income                                     | 2    | 183,072   |
| Net investment income                               |      | 438,925   |
| Operating expenses                                  |      |   |
| Investment management fees                          | 6    | (60,467)  |
| Transaction costs                                   | 2    | (22,209)  |
| Total operating expenses                            |      | (82,676)  |
| Profit before tax                                   |      | 356,249   |
| Withholding tax on dividends                        | 2    | (29,328)  |
| Total comprehensive income                          |      | 326,921   |

There are no recognised gains or losses arising in the period other than the increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares. In arriving at the results of the financial period, all amounts above relate to continuing operations.

<sup>\*</sup>Horizon Kinetics Inflation Beneficiaries UCITS ETF commenced operations on 16 March 2023.

Statement of Changes in Total Equity For the period from 26 July 2022 (date of incorporation) to 31 December 2023

| Horizon Kinetics Inflation Beneficiaries               |               | Retained |            |
|--|---------------|----------|------------|
| UCITS ETF*   | Share Capital | Earnings | Total      |
|  | US\$          | US\$     | US\$       |
| Total equity at the start of the period                | -             | -        | -          |
| Proceeds from issue of redeemable participating shares | 19,380,360    | -        | 19,380,360 |
| Operating profit for the period                        | <u> </u>      | 326,921  | 326,921    |
| Total equity at the end of the period                  | 19,380,360    | 326,921  | 19,707,281 |

<sup>\*</sup>Horizon Kinetics Inflation Beneficiaries UCITS ETF commenced operations on 16 March 2023.

## **Statement of Cash Flows**

## For the period from 26 July 2022 (date of incorporation) to 31 December 2023

|   | Period from 26 July                |
|---|------------------------------------|
|   | 2022 (date of incorporation) to 31 |
| Horizon Kinetics Inflation Beneficiaries UCITS ETF*   | December 2023                      |
|   | US\$                               |
| Cash flows from operating activities  |                                    |
| Operating profit for the period before finance costs  | 326,921                            |
| Adjustments to reconcile net profit from operations before finance costs to cash used in operating activities |                                    |
| Operating profit before working capital changes   | 326,921                            |
| Change in operating assets and liabilities  |                                    |
| Net change in financial assets at fair value through profit or loss   | (18,558,829)                       |
| Net change in dividends receivable  | (24,278)                           |
| Net change in receivable on sales of securities   | (4,163)                            |
| Net change in investment management fees payable  | 14,470                             |
| Net cash used in operating activities   | (18,245,879)                       |
| Financing activities  |                                    |
| Proceeds from issue of redeemable participating shares  | 19,380,360                         |
| Net cash provided by financing activities   | 19,380,360                         |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents for the period  | 1,134,481                          |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period  |                                    |
| Net cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period  | 1,134,481                          |

<sup>\*</sup> Horizon Kinetics Inflation Beneficiaries UCITS ETF commenced operations on 16 March 2023.

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the period from 26 July 2022 (date of incorporation) to 31 December 2023

#### 1. General information

Horizon Kinetics ICAV (the "ICAV") was registered in Ireland and authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland on 26 July 2022 as an umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds governed by the laws of Ireland and an open-ended investment fund authorised as a Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities ("UCITS") pursuant to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011 (as amended) (the "UCITS Regulations") and the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019, as amended (the "Central Bank UCITS Regulations").

As at 31 December 2023, the ICAV has one sub-fund, Horizon Kinetics Inflation Beneficiaries UCITS ETF (registration number C505743) (the "Fund") which commenced operations on 16 March 2023.

The investment objective of the Fund is to seek long-term growth of capital in excess of inflation.

The Fund is an actively managed exchange-traded fund ("ETF") that seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing primarily in equity and or equity related securities of companies that are expected to benefit, either directly or indirectly, from rising prices (inflation). This may include securities of companies that earn revenue from precious metals or other commodities.

The ICAV's investment activities are managed by Horizon Kinetics Asset Management LLC (the "Investment Manager") with its administration delegated to U.S. Bank Global Fund Services (Ireland) Limited.

#### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below.

## 2.1. Basis of preparation

The Directors have opted to prepare the financial statements of the ICAV in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as adopted by the European Union ("EU"), and they comply with the Irish Statue comprising the Irish Collective Asset-management Vehicles Act 2015 and 2020 (the "ICAV Act") and the provisions of the UCITS Regulations and the Central Bank UCITS Regulations. These audited financial statements have been prepared for financial period 26 July 2022 (date of incorporation) to 31 December 2023.

As this is the first set of accounts prepared for the ICAV, there are no comparative figures for the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Total Equity and the Statement of Cash Flows. All references to Net Assets or NAV throughout this document refer to total equity value on face of the Statement of Financial Position.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and under the historical cost convention except for financial instruments that are classified at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL") that have been measured at fair value.

## 2.2. Foreign currency translation

#### (a) Functional and presentation currency

The Directors consider the US Dollar ("US\$") as the currency that most faithfully represents the economic effects of the underlying transactions, events and conditions. The financial statements are presented in US\$, which is the ICAV and Fund's functional and presentation currency.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For the period from 26 July 2022 (date of incorporation) to 31 December 2023

#### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

## 2.2. Foreign currency translation (continued)

#### (b) Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions.

Assets and liabilities are translated using prevailing exchange rates at the period end. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at the period end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Translation differences on non-monetary financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income within the net gains/(losses) on financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss and foreign exchange.

## 2.3. Financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit and loss

#### (i) Classification

Pursuant to IFRS 9, the ICAV classifies its investments based on both the ICAV's business model for managing those financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. The portfolio of financial assets is managed, and performance is evaluated on a fair value basis. The ICAV is primarily focused on fair value information and uses that information to assess the assets' performance and to make decisions.

Equity, bond and derivatives instruments are measured at fair value through profit or loss unless, for equity and bond instruments not held for trading, an irrevocable option is taken to measure at fair value through other comprehensive income. The ICAV has not taken the option to irrevocably designate any equity or bond securities as fair value through other comprehensive income.

### (ii) Initial measurement

Financial instruments categorised at fair value through profit or loss are measured initially at fair value, with transaction costs for such instruments being recognised immediately in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Financial assets and financial liabilities not at fair value through profit or loss are recognised initially at fair value plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to their acquisition or issue.

## (iii) Subsequent measurement

After initial measurement, the ICAV measures financial instruments which are classified as at fair value through profit or loss, at their fair value. Subsequent changes in the fair value of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value of financial instruments is based on their quoted market prices in an active market. The ICAV measures instruments quoted in an active market at last traded price because this price provides a reasonable approximation of exit price.

If a quoted market price is not available, the fair value of the financial instruments may be estimated by a competent person using valuation techniques, including the use of recent arm's length market transactions, reference to the current fair value of another instrument that is substantially the same, discounted cash flow techniques, option pricing models or any other valuation technique that provides a reliable estimate of prices obtained in actual market transactions.

## (iv) Derecognition

The ICAV derecognises a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire. It also derecognises a financial asset when it transfers the financial assets, and the transfer qualifies for derecognition in accordance with IFRS 9. The ICAV derecognises a financial liability when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For the period from 26 July 2022 (date of incorporation) to 31 December 2023

## 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### 2.3. Financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit and loss (continued)

#### (v) Expected credit loss

IFRS 9 replaces the 'incurred loss' model in International Accounting Standard ("IAS") 39 with a forward-looking 'expected credit loss' ("ECL") model. This may require considerable judgement about how changes in economic factors affect ECLs, which is determined on a probability-weighted basis.

The ICAV recognises loss allowances of ECLs on financial assets measured at amortised cost. The ICAV does not hold any assets measured at amortised cost at 31 December 2023. The ICAV measures loss allowances at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs, except for the following which are measured at 12 months ECLs:

- financial assets that are determined to have low credit risk at the reporting date; and
- other financial assets for which credit risk (i.e. the risk of default occurring over the expected life of the asset) has not increased significantly since initial recognition.

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition and when estimating ECLs, the ICAV considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis, based on the ICAV's historical experience and informed credit assessment and including forward-looking information.

Lifetime ECLs are the ECLs that result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument. 12 months ECLs are the portion of ECLs that result from the default events that are possible within the 12 months after the reporting date (or a shorter period if the expected life of the instrument is less than 12 moths). The maximum period considered when estimating ECLs is the maximum contractual period over which the ICAV is exposed to credit risk.

#### Measurement of ECLs

ECLs are a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses. Credit losses are measured as the present value of all cash shortfalls (i.e. the difference between the cash flows due to the entity in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the ICAV expects to receive). ECLs are discounted at the effective interest rate of the financial asset.

#### Credit-impaired financial assets

At each reporting date, the ICAV assesses whether financial assets carried at amortised cost are credit impaired.

A financial asset is 'credit-impaired' when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset have occurred.

Evidence that a financial asset is credit impaired includes the following observable data:

- significant financial difficulty of the borrower or issuer;
- a breach of contract such as a default or being more than 90 days past due; or
- it is probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisations.

#### Presentation of allowance for ECLs in the Statement of Financial Position.

Loss allowances for financial assets measured at amortised cost are deducted from the gross carrying amount of the assets.

#### Write off

The gross carrying amount of financial assets is written off when the ICAV has no reasonable expectations of recovering a financial asset in its entirety or a portion thereof. There was no impact on current disclosures in the ICAV's financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For the period from 26 July 2022 (date of incorporation) to 31 December 2023

## 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### 2.4. Use of estimates, judgements and assumptions

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS as adopted by the EU, requires the Directors to make judgements, estimates and assumptions which affect the application of policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expense. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors which are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities which are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the financial period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

### 2.5. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and other highly liquid short-term investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash, are subject to an insignificant change in value and are held for the purpose of meeting short-term cash commitments rather than for investment or other purposes. Bank overdrafts are repayable on demand.

### 2.6. Expenses

All expenses are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on an accrual basis. Expenses arising on the disposal of investments are deducted from the disposal proceeds.

#### 2.7. Dividend income

Dividend income arising on the underlying equity investments of the Fund are recognised as income on the exdividend date. Income is shown gross of any non-recoverable withholding taxes, which are disclosed separately in the Statement of Comprehensive Income, and net of any tax credits.

## 2.8. Interest income and interest expense

Interest income from bonds is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income as part of net gains or losses on financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss.

All remaining interest income and interest expense is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on a receipts basis and included in other income and finance costs, respectively. There was no interest income earned on bonds in the financial period ended 31 December 2023.

## 2.9. Redeemable participating shares

All redeemable participating shares issued by the Fund provide the investors with the right to require redemption for cash at the value proportionate to the investor's share in the Fund's net assets at the redemption date. In accordance with IAS 32 'Financial Instruments: Presentation', such instruments give rise to an equity for the present value of the redemption amount. Subject to the terms of the Prospectus, the Fund are contractually obliged to redeem shares at the Net Asset Value ("NAV") per share on the valuation date.

## 2.10. Net Asset Value ("NAV") per share

The NAV per share disclosed on the face of the Statement of Financial Position is calculated by dividing NAV of each class of shares by the shares in issue of each class of shares.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For the period from 26 July 2022 (date of incorporation) to 31 December 2023

## 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### 2.11. Distributions

The Directors may declare quarterly dividends on or about 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December in each year in respect of the distributing classes of shares of the Fund. Dividends may be paid out of net income (including dividend and interest income) and the excess of realised and unrealised capital gains net of realised and unrealised losses in respect of investments of the Fund. There were no Dividends paid in respect of the distributing classes of shares of the Fund in the financial period ended 31 December 2023.

The profits attributable to the accumulating shares in the Fund shall be retained within the Fund and will be reflected in the NAV of the accumulating shares.

### 2.12. Receivable on sales of securities and payable on purchases of securities

Receivable on sales of securities represent receivables for securities sold that have been contracted for but not yet settled or delivered on the reporting date. These amounts are recognised at cost and include all transaction costs and commissions due in relation to the trade.

Payable on purchases of securities represent payables for securities purchased that have been contracted for but not yet settled or delivered at the reporting date. These amounts are recognised at cost and include all transaction costs and commissions due in relation to the trade.

## 2.13. Receivable on subscriptions and payable on redemptions

Receivable on subscriptions represent the amounts due from investors for subscriptions that have been contracted for but not yet received and therefore are shown as a receivable at the financial period end.

Payable on redemptions represent amounts due to investors for redemptions that have been contracted for but not yet paid and therefore are shown as a payable at the financial period end.

## 2.14. Offsetting financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the Statement of Financial Position when there is a legally enforceable right to set-off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or realise the assets and settle the liability simultaneously. There were no master netting agreements in place for the financial period ended 31 December 2023. As a result, the requirements of IFRS 7 to disclose offsetting positions of financial assets and liabilities have no impact on current disclosures in the ICAV's financial statements.

## 2.15. Transaction costs

Transaction costs are incremental costs which are separately identifiable and directly attributable to the acquisition, issue or disposal of a financial asset or financial liability. The Fund's portfolio transactions include the purchase and sale of bond and equities and the increase or decrease in notional amount of derivative contracts.

## 2.16. Net gains/(losses) on financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

Net gains/(losses) from financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss includes all realised and unrealised fair value changes and foreign exchange differences.

## 2.17. Withholding tax

Dividend, interest income and capital gains (if any) received by the Funds might be subject to withholding tax imposed in the country of origin. Income that is subject to such tax is recognised gross of the taxes and the corresponding withholding tax is recognised as tax expense in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

# Notes to the Financial Statements (continued) For the period from 26 July 2022 (date of incorporation) to 31 December 2023

## 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### 2.18. Establishment expenses

All expenses in relation to the establishment of the Fund, Horizon Kinetics Inflation Beneficiaries UCITS ETF, have been borne by the Investment Manager.

#### 2.19. New standards and amendments to existing standards

# Standards, amendments and interpretations adopted for these financial statements effective 1 January 2022

Up to the date of issue of these financial statements, the IASB has issued a number of amendments, new standards and interpretations which are effective for the year beginning 1 January 2022 and which have been adopted in these audited financial statements, where relevant.

#### Annual Improvements to IFRS Standards 2018-2021

The following applicable improvements were finalised in May 2020:

IFRS 9 Financial Instruments clarifies which fees should be included in the 10% test for derecognition of financial liabilities.

The amendments and improvements noted above are effective from 1 January 2022 and the ICAV has adopted these, where relevant, and it has not had any material impact on these financial statements.

## New or revised accounting standards and interpretations that have been issued but not yet effective for the period ended 31 December 2023

The standards, amendments and interpretations that are issued, but not yet effective are disclosed below, except for those standards which, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, will clearly not impact the ICAV. The ICAV intends to adopt these standards, where applicable, when they become effective.

# Effective for accounting period beginning on or after 1 January 2023. The below amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning after 1 January 2023.

Amendments to IAS 1: Presentation of Financial Statements and IFRS Practice Statement 2: Disclosure of Accounting policies.

Amendments to IAS 8: Accounting policies, changes on Accounting Estimates and Errors

The amendments to standards or interpretations above, that are effective for annual periods beginning on 1 January 2023, do not have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund.

## 3. Financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

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The following table details the categories of financial assets held by the Fund at the reporting date:

| Horizon Kinetics Inflation Beneficiaries UCITS ETF          | 30 December 2023<br>US\$ |
|---|--------------------------|
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss       |                          |
| Equity securities   | 18,426,830               |
| Equity units  | 131,999                  |
| Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | 18,558,829               |

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For the period from 26 July 2022 (date of incorporation) to 31 December 2023

# 4. Net gains/(losses) on financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss and foreign exchange

**Horizon Kinetics Inflation Beneficiaries UCITS ETF** 

For the period from 26 July 2022 (date of incorporation) to 31 December 2023 US\$

Net realised losses on investments (37,784)

Net realised losses on foreign exchange\*\* (636)

Net unrealised gains on investments 294,303

Net unrealised losses on foreign exchange\*\* (30)

Net gains on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and foreign exchange 255,853

#### 5. Fair value information

IFRS 13, 'Fair Value Measurement' requires the ICAV to price its financial assets and financial liabilities using the last traded price for both financial assets and financial liabilities. The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities traded in active markets (such as publicly traded derivatives and trading securities) are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the period-end date. An active market is a market in which transactions for the asset or liability take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis. The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities that are not traded in an active market is determined by using various methods including alternative price sources sourced from a reputable broker/counterparty, validated and periodically reviewed by the Investment Manager, independently of the party that calculated them, using market standard models.

The hierarchy is broken down into three levels based on the observability of inputs as follows:

Level 1: Inputs that are quoted market prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical instruments.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices). This category includes instruments valued using: quoted prices in active markets for similar instruments; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are considered less than active; or other valuation techniques for which all significant inputs are directly or indirectly observable from market data.

Level 3: Inputs that are unobservable. This category includes all instruments for which the valuation technique includes inputs not based on observable data and the unobservable inputs have a significant effect on the instrument's valuation. This category includes instruments that are valued based on quoted prices for similar instruments for which significant unobservable adjustments or assumptions are required to reflect differences between the instruments.

<sup>\*</sup>The Fund commence operations on the 16 March 2023.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Net realised/unrealised gains/(losses) on foreign exchange arises from foreign exchange transactions related to the Fund's investing activities.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
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#### 5. Fair value information (continued)

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement is categorised in its entirety is determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. For this purpose, the significance of an input is assessed against the fair value measurement in its entirety. If a fair value measurement uses observable inputs that require significant adjustment based on unobservable inputs, that measurement is a Level 3 measurement. Assessing the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgement, considering factors specific to the asset or liability. The determination of what constitutes 'observable' requires significant judgement by the ICAV. The ICAV considers observable data to be that market data that is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market.

| Horizon Kinetics Inflation Beneficiaries UCITS ETF    | Level 1<br>US\$ | Level 2<br>US\$ | Level 3<br>US\$ | Total<br>US\$ |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss |                 |                 |                 |               |
| -Equity securities                                    | 18,426,830      | -               | -               | 18,426,830    |
| -Equity units   | 131,999         | -               | -               | 131,999       |
| Total   | 18,558,829      | -               | -               | 18,558,829    |

There are no Level 3 positions at period end. There have been no transfers between levels during the period.

### Assets and liabilities not carried forward at fair value through profit or loss

Cash and cash equivalents are classified as Level 1 and all other assets and liabilities not carried at fair value are classified as Level 2. Assets and liabilities not carried at fair value are carried at amortised cost as this reflects a reasonable approximation of their fair value on the Statement of Financial Position.

## Management charges and expenses

The ICAV employs a single fee structure for the Fund, with the Fund paying a single flat fee out of the assets of the Fund (the Total Expense Ratio or TER).

The following fees and expenses will be incurred by the ICAV on behalf of the Fund and will affect the Net Asset Value of the relevant Class of Share of the Fund:

| Share class                | ETF Share Class       |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Total Expense Ratio or TER | Up to 0.85% per annum |

The TER is a percentage of the NAV of the relevant class of shares (plus VAT, if any), is payable by the ICAV out of the Funds' assets to the Investment Manager. The TER will accrue on each day and will be calculated on each dealing day and paid monthly in arrears. The TER will cover all of the ordinary fees, operating costs and expenses payable by the Fund including fees and expenses paid to the Manager, all ordinary costs and expenses connected with the management and operating activities of the Fund, including investment management and, registration, transfer agency, administration and custody fees, registrar fees, regulators and auditors and certain legal expenses of the ICAV.

The TER does not include extraordinary/other costs and expenses (including but not limited to transaction charges/costs, stamp duty or other taxes on the investments of the ICAV including duty charges for portfolio rebalancing, withholding taxes, commissions and brokerage fees incurred with respect to the ICAV's investments, interest on any non-overdraft credit facility and charges incurred in negotiating, effecting or varying the terms of such facility, any commissions charged by intermediaries in relation to an investment in the Fund and such extraordinary or exceptional costs and expenses (if any) as may arise from time to time, such as material litigation in relation to the ICAV all of which will be paid separately out of the assets of the Fund).

Investment management fee charged during the operating period amounted to US\$60,467, of which US\$14,470 remains payable at 31 December 2023.

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#### 6. Fees and expenses

#### Manager fees

The Investment Manager is responsible for the payment of the Managers fees out of the TER, payable monthly in arrears at a rate of 2.5 basis points ("bps") for the first EUR 500 million ("mn"); 2 bps for the next EUR 250 mn; 1.5 bps for the next EUR 250 mn; and 1 bps for all AUM over EUR 1 billion ("bn") of the daily next assets of the ICAV, subject to a fixed annual minimum of EUR 50,000 for the first sub-fund and EUR 12,500 per annum per incremental sub-fund.

#### **Administration fees**

The Investment Manager is responsible for the payment of the Administration fees out of the TER, payable monthly in arrears at a rate of up to 0.05% on the first \$500 mn of net assets, 0.04% on the next \$500 mn of net assets and 0.03% on net assets in excess of \$1 bn. Such fees accrue on each Dealing Day.

The minimum monthly fee for the Fund, payable monthly in arrears, and excluding out-of-pocket expenses is \$5,000. The minimum monthly fee is waived for the first twelve months of operations.

#### **Depositary fees**

The Investment Manager is responsible for the payment of the Depositary's fees out of the TER, payable monthly in arrears at a rate of up to 0.02% on the first \$500 mn of net assets, 0.015% on the next \$500 mn of net assets and 0.01% on net assets in excess of \$1 bn. Such fees accrue on each Dealing Day. Annual minimum fee per fund, payable monthly in arrears, and excluding out of pocket expenses is \$20,000. The minimum Fee is waived for the first year of operations.

#### Directors' fees

The Directors who are not connected with the Investment Manager will be entitled to remuneration for their services as directors provided however that the aggregate emoluments of each Director in respect of any twelve month accounting period shall not exceed €30,000. Such fees may be increased by a resolution of the Board and shareholders will be notified in advance of any such increase. In addition, the Directors will also be entitled to be reimbursed for their reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred in discharging their duties as directors. The Investment Manager is responsible for the payment of the Directors' fees out of the TER.

### **Audit fees**

The following table sets out the fees of the independent auditors for the financial period ended 31 December 2023:

|                      | 31 December 2023 |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Statutory Audit fees | €27,450          |
| Tax fees             | €22,500          |
| Other services       | €Nil             |

There were no other assurance services or other non-audit services provided by PricewaterhouseCoopers as the auditors of the ICAV during the financial period.

### 7. Taxation

The ICAV is an investment undertaking as defined in Section 739B of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 (as amended) ("TCA"). The ICAV and its Fund will not be liable to Irish tax in respect of its income or gains, other than on the occurrence of a chargeable event.

Generally, a chargeable event arises on any distribution, redemption, repurchase, cancellation, transfer of shares or on the ending of a "Relevant Period". A "Relevant Period" being an eight-year period beginning with the acquisition of the shares by the shareholders and each subsequent period of eight years beginning immediately after the preceding Relevant Period.

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#### 7. Taxation (continued)

A gain on a chargeable event does not arise in respect of:

- i) A shareholder who is not an Irish resident and not resident in Ireland at the time of the chargeable event provided the necessary signed statutory declarations are held by the ICAV and its Fund; or
- ii) Certain exempted Irish resident investors who have provided the ICAV and its Fund with the necessary signed statutory declarations; or
- iii) Any transactions in relation to shares held in a recognised clearing system as designated by order of the Revenue Commissioners of Ireland; or
- iv) An exchange of shares representing one Fund for another Fund of the ICAV; or
- v) An exchange of shares arising on a qualifying amalgamation or restructuring of the ICAV with another ICAV; or
- vi) Certain exchanges of shares between spouses and former spouses.

Where the shares of the ICAV are held in a recognised clearing system, transactions involving the shares will not trigger a chargeable event and therefore the ICAV and its Fund will not be liable to Irish tax. Otherwise, in the event where shares in the ICAV would not be held on a recognised clearing system, in the absence of an appropriate declaration, the ICAV or its Fund will be liable to Irish tax on the occurrence of a chargeable event. There was no chargeable event during the period ended 31 December 2023.

Capital gains, dividends and interest received by the ICAV may be subject to withholding taxes imposed by the country of origin and such taxes may not be recoverable by the Fund or its shareholders.

#### 8. Share capital

#### Authorised shares

The authorised share capital of the ICAV is 2 subscriber shares of €1 each and 1,000,000,000,000,000,000 shares of no par value initially designated as unclassified shares. The unclassified shares are available for issue as shares. There are no rights of pre-emption attaching to the shares in the ICAV. The subscriber shares entitle the holders to attend and vote at any general meetings of the ICAV but do not entitle the holders to participate in the profits or assets of the ICAV except for a return of capital on a winding-up. They do not form part of the NAV of the ICAV and are thus disclosed in the financial statements by way of this note only.

#### Redeemable participating shares

Each of the redeemable participating shares entitles the holder to attend and vote at meetings of the ICAV and to participate equally in the profits and assets of the Fund to which the shares relate, subject to any differences between fees, charges and expenses applicable to different classes. Each shareholder shall have one vote for each whole share held. The liability of the shareholders shall be limited to the amount, if any, unpaid on the shares respectively held by them, and the shareholders shall not be liable for the debts of the Fund. Minimum subscription and redemption amounts are specified in the supplement of the Fund.

#### Subscriptions for shares

Applications for subscriptions directly to the Fund in respect of ETF Shares may only be made by Authorised Participants through a shareholder as their nominee. All other investors may purchase ETF Shares through the Authorised Participants or other investors on the secondary market, as described below.

Shares will be issued at the NAV per share plus an amount in respect of Duties and Charges, where applicable, on each Dealing Day.

Investors must subscribe for an amount that is at least equal to the Minimum Subscription Amount. Where specified in the relevant Supplement, the Minimum Subscription Amount may differ for initial subscriptions and subsequent subscriptions and may be waived by the Directors in their absolute discretion.

## Redemption of Shares

In accordance with the redemption procedures as specified in the Prospectus and relevant Supplement, shareholders may request the Fund to redeem their shares on any dealing day at the NAV per share as of the relevant dealing day, subject to an appropriate provision for duties and charges. Shareholders may only redeem shares with a value that is at least equal to the minimum redemption amount.

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#### 8. Share capital (continued)

If redemption requests received in respect of shares of the Fund on any dealing day total, in aggregate, more than 10% of all of the issued shares of that Fund on that dealing day, the Directors shall be entitled, at their absolute discretion, to refuse to redeem such number of shares of that Fund on that dealing day, in excess of 10% of the issued shares of the Fund, in respect of which redemption requests have been received, as the Directors shall determine. If the Fund refuses to redeem shares for this reason, the requests for redemption on such date shall be reduced ratably and any unfulfilled part of the redemption requests shall be treated as if they were received on each subsequent dealing day until all the shares to which the original request related have been redeemed, provided that the Fund shall not be obliged to redeem more than 10% of the number of shares of the Fund outstanding on any dealing day, until all the shares of the Fund to which the original request related have been redeemed.

Applications for redemptions directly to the Fund in respect of ETF Shares may generally only be made by Authorised Participants, through a shareholder as nominee for the Authorised Participants. All other investors may sell ETF Shares through the Authorised Participants or to other investors on the secondary market.

Secondary Market purchases and sales of ETF

The ETF Shares are listed for secondary trading on a listed stock exchange and individual ETF Shares may be purchased and sold by investors on these exchanges through a broker-dealer. If an investor buys or sells ETF Shares in the secondary market, such investors will pay the secondary market price for ETF Shares. In addition, an investor may incur customary brokerage commissions and charges and may pay some or all of the spread between the bid and the offered price in the secondary market on each leg of a round trip (purchase and sale) transaction.

The table below discloses the share transactions during the reporting period:

|                      |                  | Issue of      | Redemption of |                      |
|----------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|
|                      | Shares at        | redeemable    | redeemable    |                      |
|                      | beginning the of | participating | participating | Share balance at the |
|                      | period           | shares        | shares        | end of the period    |
| USD ETF Share Class* | _                | 725,000       | _             | 725,000              |

<sup>\*</sup>Launched on the 16 March 2023.

#### 9. Financial risk factors

The ICAV is exposed to a variety of financial risks in pursuing its stated investment objective and policy such as: market risk (which in turn includes market price risk, interest rate risk and currency risk), liquidity risk and credit risk. The ICAV takes exposure to certain of these risks to generate investment returns on its portfolio, although these risks can also potentially result in a reduction in the ICAV's net assets. The Investment Manager will use its best endeavours to minimise the potentially adverse effects of these risks on the ICAV's performance where it can do so while still managing the investments of the Fund in a way that is consistent with the Fund's investment objective and policy.

## (a) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The Investment Manager moderates market risk through careful selection of securities and other financial instruments within specified limits. The Fund's overall market position is monitored by the Investment Manager and is reviewed on a regular basis by the Manager.

As at 31 December 2023, the Fund's market risk is affected by three components:

- (i) changes in actual financial instrument prices ("market price risk");
- (ii) interest rate movements ("interest rate risk"); and
- (iii) foreign currency movements ("currency risk").

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#### 9. Financial risk factors (continued)

#### (a) Market risk (continued)

#### (i) Market price risk

Market price risk arises from the possibility that the value of the Fund's financial instruments will fluctuate as a result of changes in market price caused by factors other than interest rate or foreign currency movements. Market price risk arises mainly from uncertainty about future prices of financial instruments that the Funds might hold. The Fund's securities and instruments which they invest into are exposed to normal market fluctuations, which are monitored by the Investment Manager in pursuance of the stated investment objectives and policies as set out in the Prospectus and the relevant Supplement.

| at 31 December 2023 |
|---------------------|
| US\$                |
| 19,707,281          |
| 18,558,829          |

Sensitivity

Total equity Financial assets at FVTPL

If the market value of the Fund's investment portfolio had increased/decreased in value by 10% as at 31 December 2023 the effect on net assets would have been an increase/decrease of US\$1,855,883.

### (b) Market risk (continued)

#### (ii) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk arises from the possibility that changes in interest rates will affect future cash flows or the fair values of financial instruments. Changes to prevailing interest rates or changes in expectations of future rates may result in an increase or decrease in the value of the securities held. In general, if interest rates rise, the value of fixed income securities will decline. A decline in interest rates will in general have the opposite effect. Other assets and liabilities bear no interest rate risk. The Investment Manager monitors positions on a daily basis. There were no fixed income positions held by the ICAV in the financial period ended 31 December 2023.

Cash and cash equivalents are subject to interest which is minimal and so no sensitivity analysis was performed.

### (iii) Currency risk

Currency risk arises from the possibility that the fair value of the future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in the rate of exchange between the currency in which the financial asset or financial liability is denominated and the functional currency of the Fund. The value of the financial instruments of the Fund denominated in a currency other than the functional currency may rise and fall due to exchange rate fluctuations in respect of the relevant currencies.

The Investment Manager may, but is not obliged to, mitigate this risk by using financial instruments. A Fund may from time to time utilise techniques and instruments to seek to protect (hedge) currency exchange transactions either on a spot basis or by buying currency exchange forward contracts.

The Fund's total net exposure to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates at the Statement of Financial Position date was as follows:

|                        |             |       |           |              | Sensitivity     |
|------------------------|-------------|-------|-----------|--------------|-----------------|
|                        |             |       |           |              | analysis of net |
|                        |             |       | Other net |              | exposure (5%    |
| As at 30 December 2023 | Investments | Cash  | assets    | Net exposure | movement)       |
| Currency               | US\$        | US\$  | US\$      | US\$         |                 |
| Australian Dollar      | 926,300     | -     | -         | 926,300      | 46,315          |
| Canadian Dollar        | 1,985,149   | 1,623 | 11,384    | 1,998,156    | 99,908          |
| Euro                   | 809,597     | -     | 4,164     | 813,761      | 40,688          |
| Japanese Yen           | 162,584     | -     | -         | 162,584      | 8,129           |
| Pound Sterling         | 882,438     | -     | -         | 882,438      | 44,122          |
| Singapore Dollar       | 722,430     | -     | -         | 722,430      | 36,122          |
| Total                  | 5,488,498   | 1,623 | 15,548    | 5,505,669    | 275,284         |

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#### 9. Financial risk factors (continued)

#### (c) Market risk (continued)

#### (iii) Currency risk (continued)

A strengthening of 5% of the Fund's base currency against the currencies in the above tables would have resulted in losses to the amounts shown in the sensitivity of net exposure column. A weakening of the base currency against these currencies would have resulted in an equal but opposite effect.

#### (b) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk arises from the possibility that the Fund may encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The ICAV's Prospectus provides for the subscriptions and redemptions of shares on each dealing day and it is therefore exposed to the liquidity risk of meeting shareholder redemptions at any time.

Redemptions or withdrawals from a Fund could require that Fund to liquidate its positions more rapidly than otherwise desirable, which could adversely affect that Fund's net asset value. Illiquidity in certain securities could make it difficult for a Fund to liquidate positions on favourable terms, which may affect that Fund's net asset value. Although a Fund may suspend redemptions or withdrawals in the manner described in the Prospectus in order to minimize this risk, it might not always do so, nor would use of this provision eliminate such value or liquidity risks.

As at 31 December 2023, the Fund's only financial liability was the Investment management fee payable. The fee was payable to the Investment Manager on 11 January 2024.

#### (c) Credit risk

Credit risk arises from the possibility that a counterparty to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation or commitment that it entered into with the ICAV on behalf of the Fund.

All transactions in listed securities are settled/paid for upon delivery using approved counterparties. The risk of default is considered minimal since delivery of securities sold is only made once the counterparty has received payment. On a purchase, payment is made once the securities have been received by the counterparty. If either party fails to meet their obligation, the trade will fail. It is the ICAV policy to enter into financial instruments with a range of reputable counterparties. Therefore, the Fund does not expect to incur material credit losses on its financial instruments.

The Fund's Depositary is U.S. Bank Depositary Services (the "Depositary"). The assets and cash of the Fund are held within the custodial network. Bankruptcy or insolvency of the Depositary or of its parent company U.S. Bancorp may cause the Fund's rights with respect to its investments and cash held by the Depositary to be delayed or limited. The maximum exposure to this risk at 31 December 2023 is the financial assets at FVTPL and cash as disclosed on the Statement of Financial Position. In accordance with the requirements of the UCITS Regulations, the Fund's securities are maintained within the custodial network in segregated accounts.

Depositary will ensure that any agents it appoints to assist in safekeeping the assets of the Fund will segregate the securities of the Fund. Thus, in the event of insolvency or bankruptcy of the Depositary, the Fund's securities are segregated and protected, and this further reduces counterparty risk. The Fund will, however, be exposed to the risk of the Depositary or certain depositories used by the Depositary, in relation to the Fund's cash and investments held by the Depositary.

In the event of the insolvency or bankruptcy of the Depositary, the Fund will be treated as a general creditor of the Depositary in relation to cash and investment holdings of the Fund. As at 31 December 2023, the Standard & Poor's ("S&P") credit rating for U.S. Bank Depositary Services was A+.

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#### 10. Related party transactions

IAS 24 'Related Party Disclosures' requires the disclosure of information relating to material transactions with parties who are deemed to be related to the Sub-Fund.

The Investment Manager of the ICAV is Horizon Kinetics Asset Management LLC. Under the terms of the investment management and distribution agreement on 22 December 2022, the Investment Manager will be responsible to the Manager for managing the assets of the Fund in accordance with the investment objectives and policies described in the Prospectus, subject always to the supervision and direction of the Manager and Directors.

The Money Laundering Reporting Officer ("MLRO") and Secretary of the ICAV are employees of Waystone, the same economic group as the Manager.

Michael Feeley, Chris McCarthy and Alun Williams are Directors of the ICAV as well as employees of the Investment Manager.

Jessica Kirby, a Director of the ICAV, is an employee of Manager.

None of the Directors of the ICAV hold or held shares in the Fund during or at the period ended 31 December 2023.

Please see Note 6 for other related party fees during the reporting period.

Unless otherwise stated, none of the transactions incorporate special terms and conditions and no guarantees were given or received. Outstanding balances are usually settled in cash.

The following shareholders hold over 25% of the value of the Fund as at 31 December 2023:

| Share class         | Investor name                   | % holding |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| USD ETF Share Class | Virtu Financial Ireland Limited | 100%      |

## 11. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash balances are held by Elavon Financial Services Designated Activity Company (trading as U.S. Bank Depositary Services). As at 31 December 2023, cash held at Elavon Financial Services Designated Activity Company was US\$1,134,481.

## 12. Efficient portfolio management

From time to time, the ICAV may employ investment techniques and financial derivative instruments ("FDI") for efficient portfolio management purposes, subject to the conditions and within the limits laid down by the Central Bank. The ICAV employs a risk management process which enables it to accurately measure, monitor and manage at any time the various risks associated with FDIs and their contribution to the overall risk profile of the portfolio of assets of the Fund. There were no FDIs held by the ICAV in the financial period ended 31 December 2023.

## 13. NAV per share

|                      |               | NAV       | Net asset  | Shares      |
|----------------------|---------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
|                      | Launch date   | per share | value      | outstanding |
|                      |               | US\$      | US\$       |             |
| USD ETF Share Class* | 16 March 2023 | 27.1825   | 19,707,281 | 725,000     |

<sup>\*</sup>Launched on 16 March 2023.

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#### 14. Establishment expense

There were no establishment expenses charged to the Fund as at 31 December 2023.

#### 15. Commitments and contingent liabilities

As at 31 December 2023, the ICAV did not have any significant commitments or contingent liabilities.

#### 16. Soft commission arrangements

There were no soft commission arrangements in operation during the period under review.

## 17. Exchanges rates

The financial statements are prepared in US\$ for Horizon Kinetics Inflation Beneficiaries UCITS ETF. The following exchange rates to US\$ at 31 December 2023 have been used to translate assets and liabilities denominated in other currencies:

|                   | 31 December 2023 |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Currency          |                  |
| Australian Dollar | 1.46552          |
| Canadian Dollar   | 1.31860          |
| Euro              | 0.90526          |
| Japanese Yen      | 140.98000        |
| Pound Sterling    | 0.78444          |
| Singapore Dollar  | 1.31910          |

### 18. Significant events during the period

The ICAV was registered with the Central Bank on 26 July 2022 and was authorised by the Central Bank on 22 December 2022.

On 16 March 2023, the Horizon Kinetics Inflation Beneficiaries UCITS ETF commenced operations. On the same date, the USD ETF Share class launched and was listed on the Euronext Dublin and Euronext Amsterdam stock exchanges.

On 24 April 2023, the updated supplement for the Fund was noted by the Central Bank of Ireland. This changed related to the establishment of 3 additional share classes (GBP ETF Share, USD ACC ETF Shares; and EUR ACC ETF Shares). These share classes have not received seed capital as yet.

On 29 September 2023, the Irish fund management company activities of the Waystone Group was consolidated by merging the business of KBA Consulting Management Limited ("KBA"), the Manager of the ICAV, with that of Waystone Management Company (IE) Limited ("WMC"). The surviving entity is WMC.

There were no other significant events occurred during the financial period.

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## 19. Subsequent events

On 26 December 2023, Horizon Kinetics LLC, the parent company of the Investment Manager, announced its intention to bring the company public through a reverse merger with Scott's Liquid Gold-Inc., a publicly traded company with shares listed in the United States on OTC Markets (OTC Pink: SLGD). The transaction is expected to close in the second half of 2024.

Dividends in respect of the below distributing classes of Shares were declared during Q1 2023 and paid in April 2024:

| Ex-date      | Record date  | Share Class | Dividend rate | <b>Share Currency</b> |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 3 April 2024 | 4 April 2024 | USD ETF     | 0.2167        | USD                   |

There were no other significant events since the financial period end to disclose, which have had an impact on the financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2023.

## 20. Approval of financial statements

The financial statements for the period from 26 July 2022 (date of incorporation) to 31 December 2023 were approved by the Directors on 18 April 2024.

# Schedule of Investments As at 31 December 2023

## **Horizon Kinetics Inflation Beneficiaries UCITS ETF**

|   | Quantity      | Cost<br>US\$         | Fair value<br>US\$        | % of net assets       |
|---|---------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss   | •             |                      |                           |                       |
| Transferable securities                                 |               |                      |                           |                       |
| <b>Equity securities</b>                                |               |                      |                           |                       |
| Australia   |               |                      |                           |                       |
| ASX Ltd   | 11,910        | 441,816              | 511,799                   | 2.60%                 |
| Deterra Royalties Ltd                                   | 115,420       | 325,625              | 414,501<br><b>926,300</b> | 2.10%<br><b>4.70%</b> |
| Canada  |               |                      | <b>720,500</b>            | 4.70 /0               |
| Prairiesky Royalty Ltd                                  | 64,206        | 1,227,444            | 1,124,168                 | 5.71%                 |
| TMX Group Ltd   | 18,125        | 395,009              | 438,403                   | 2.22%                 |
| Labrador Iron Ore Royalty Co.                           | 6,090         | 139,746              | 146,614                   | 0.74%                 |
| Topaz Energy Corp                                       | 9,251         | 144,702              | 135,304                   | 0.69%                 |
| Altius Minerals Corporation                             | 9,048         | 142,030              | 125,916                   | 0.64%                 |
| Lithium Royalty Corp                                    | 2,200         | 19,451               | 14,744                    | 0.07%                 |
|   |               |                      | 1,985,149                 | 10.07%                |
| Germany Deutsche Boerse AG                              | 3,094         | 547,828              | 637,013                   | 3.23%                 |
| Aurubis AG  |               | •                    | *                         |                       |
| Aurubis AG  | 2,156         | 171,655              | 176,747<br><b>813,760</b> | 0.90%<br><b>4.13%</b> |
| Japan   |               |                      | ,                         |                       |
| Japan Exchange Group Inc                                | 7,685         | 131,369              | 162,584                   | 0.82%                 |
| Singapaya   |               |                      | 162,584                   | 0.82%                 |
| Singapore Singapore Exchange Ltd                        | 62,660        | 441,646              | 466,716                   | 2.37%                 |
| Wilmar International Ltd                                | 94,532        | 250,912              | 255,715                   | 1.30%                 |
| William International Liu                               | 94,332        | 230,912              | 722,431                   | 3.67%                 |
| United Kingdom  |               |                      | , -                       |                       |
| Glencore Plc  | 127,439       | 668,919              | 766,880                   | 3.90%                 |
| Clarkson Plc  | 2,610         | 90,188               | 105,294                   | 0.53%                 |
| Trident Royalties Plc                                   | 24,400        | 9,602                | 10,263                    | 0.05%                 |
|   |               |                      | 882,437                   | 4.48%                 |
| United States Wheeter Precious Metals Cours             | 22 207        | 007.422              | 1 140 475                 | <b>5</b> 9.40/        |
| Wheaton Precious Metals Corp<br>Texas Pacific Land Corp | 23,297<br>678 | 997,423<br>1,269,557 | 1,149,475                 | 5.84%<br>5.42%        |
| Viper Energy Inc  | 32,310        | 883,922              | 1,066,122<br>1,013,888    | 5.14%                 |
| Intercontinental Exchange Inc                           | 6,931         | 792,228              | 890,148                   | 4.52%                 |
| Archer-Daniels-Midland Co.                              | 11,489        | 930,084              | 829,736                   | 4.21%                 |
| Marsh & Mclennan Companies, Inc                         | 3,683         | 703,227              | 697,818                   | 3.54%                 |
| Franco-Nevada Corp                                      | 5,704         | 801,011              | 632,060                   | 3.21%                 |
| Bunge Global SA   | 6,235         | 695,820              | 629,423                   | 3.19%                 |
| Cheniere Energy Inc                                     | 3,509         | 581,605              | 599,021                   | 3.04%                 |
| West Fraser Timber Co. Ltd                              | 6,960         | 531,574              | 595,637                   | 3.02%                 |
| Charles River Laboratories                              | 2,436         | 491,387              | 575,870                   | 2.92%                 |
| Sitio Royalties Corp - Class A                          | 24,211        | 574,527              | 569,201                   | 2.89%                 |
| CACI International Inc - Class A                        | 1,635         | 538,544              | 529,511                   | 2.69%                 |

# Schedule of Investments (continued) As at 31 December 2023

## **Horizon Kinetics Inflation Beneficiaries UCITS ETF**

| Horizon Kinetics initation beneficiaries OCHS ETF               |          |         |            |                   |
|---|----------|---------|------------|-------------------|
|   |          | Cost    | Fair value | % of net          |
|   | Quantity | US\$    | US\$       | assets            |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss           |          |         |            |                   |
| Transferable securities (continued)                             |          |         |            |                   |
| <b>Equity securities (continued)</b>                            |          |         |            |                   |
| United States (continued)                                       |          |         |            |                   |
| Cameco Corp   |          |         |            |                   |
| Osisko Gold Royalties Ltd                                       | 12,035   | 430,583 | 518,709    | 2.63%             |
| Nutrien Ltd   | 32,720   | 447,980 | 467,242    | 2.37%             |
| St Joe Company  | 6,641    | 403,738 | 374,088    | 1.90%             |
| CME Group Inc   | 5,713    | 341,842 | 343,808    | 1.74%             |
| Permian Basin Royalty Trust                                     | 1,537    | 307,851 | 323,692    | 1.64%             |
| Sandstorm Gold Ltd  | 20,162   | 426,624 | 281,462    | 1.43%             |
| Mesabi Trust  | 39,556   | 212,034 | 198,967    | 1.01%             |
| Royalty Pharma Plc - Class A                                    | 9,367    | 182,743 | 191,742    | 0.97%             |
| Sprott Inc  | 5,916    | 176,693 | 166,180    | 0.84%             |
| Brookfield Asset Mgmt - Class A                                 | 3,654    | 119,423 | 124,053    | 0.63%             |
| Metalla Royalty & Streaming                                     | 2,900    | 96,196  | 116,493    | 0.59%             |
| Sabine Royalty Trust  | 8,400    | 35,722  | 25,872     | 0.13%             |
| San Juan Basin Royalty Trust                                    | 290      | 18,284  | 19,679     | 0.10%             |
| San Yaan Basin Royalty Trast                                    | 841      | 6,129   | 4,272      | 0.02%             |
|   | 041      | 0,127   | 12,934,169 | 65.63%            |
| Total equity securities   |          | =       | 12,734,107 | 03.03 /0          |
| Total equity securities   |          | -       | 18,426,830 | 93.50%            |
| <b>Equity units</b>   |          | _       | -, -,      |                   |
| United States   |          |         |            |                   |
| Dorchester Minerals LP  |          |         |            |                   |
| Total equity units  | 4,147    | 119,835 | 131,999    | 0.67%             |
|   |          | -       | 131,999    | 0.67%             |
| Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss     |          |         |            |                   |
|   |          | _       | 18,558,829 | 94.17%            |
| Cash and cash equivalents and other net assets                  |          |         |            |                   |
| Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable                |          |         |            |                   |
| participating shares  |          | _       | 1,148,452  | 5.83%             |
|   |          | _       | 19,707,281 | 100.00%           |
| (Unaudited) analysis of total assets                            |          |         |            |                   |
| Transferable securities listed on an official stock exchange or |          |         | TICO       | 0/ of Tatal A and |
| dealt on another regulated market                               |          |         | US\$       | % of Total Assets |
| Other assets  |          |         | 18,558,829 | 94.10%            |
| Total asset value as at 31 December 2023                        |          | _       | 1,162,922  | 5.90%             |
|   |          | _       | 19,721,751 | 100.00%           |

Schedule of Significant Purchases and Sales (Unaudited)
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## **Horizon Kinetics Inflation Beneficiaries UCITS ETF**

In accordance with the Central Bank UCITS Regulations, this statement presents the aggregate purchases and sales of an investment exceeding 1% of total value of purchases and sales for the period or at a minimum the largest 20 purchases and sales.

| Purchases                        | Cost (US\$) |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Prairiesky Royalty Ltd           | 1,228,796   |
| Texas Pacific Land Corp          | 1,269,557   |
| Wheaton Precious Metals Corp     | 997,423     |
| Archer-Daniels-Midland Co.       | 930,084     |
| Viper Energy Inc                 | 883,922     |
| Franco-Nevada Corp               | 801,011     |
| Intercontinental Exchange Inc    | 792,228     |
| Sitio Royalties Corp - Class A   | 706,776     |
| Marsh & Mclennan Companies, Inc  | 703,227     |
| Glencore Plc                     | 699,884     |
| Bunge Ltd                        | 695,820     |
| Deutsche Boerse AG               | 607,735     |
| Cheniere Energy Inc              | 581,605     |
| CACI International Inc - Class A | 538,544     |
| West Fraser Timber Co. Ltd       | 531,574     |
| Charles River Laboratories       | 491,387     |
| CBRE Group Inc – Class A         | 488,136     |
| Singapore Exchange Ltd           | 460,489     |
| Osisko Gold Royalties Ltd        | 447,980     |
| ASX Ltd                          | 443,712     |

| All Sales                         | Proceeds (US\$) |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| CBRE Group Inc – Class A          | 424,819         |
| Aurubis AG                        | 263,852         |
| Sitio Royalties Corp - Class A    | 142,105         |
| Deutsche Boerse AG                | 56,605          |
| Singapore Exchange Ltd            | 19,767          |
| Brookfield Asset Manage - Class A | 12,301          |
| Cohen & Steers Inc                | 7,145           |

#### **Supplementary Information(Unaudited)**

For the period from 26 July 2022 (date of incorporation) to 31 December 2023

## **Securities Financing Transactions Disclosure (SFTR):**

A Securities Financing Transaction ("SFT") is defined as per Article 3(11) of the Securities Financing Transactions Regulations as:

- A repurchase transaction;
- Securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing;
- A buy-sell back transaction or sell-buy back transaction; or
- A margin lending transaction.

For the financial period ending 30 December 2023, the Investment Manager has not engaged in any SFTs on behalf of the ICAV and the Fund.

## Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulations ("SFDR") and Taxonomy Regulations:

The Fund does not meet the criteria for Article 8 or 9 products under the EU SFDR as it's an Article 6 fund as the investments underlying the Fund do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities (Article 7 Taxonomy Regulation).

## **Remuneration Policy:**

The Manager has designed and implemented a remuneration policy (the "Policy") in line with the provisions of S.I. 257 of 2013 European Union (Alternative Investment Fund Managers) Regulations 2013 (the "AIFM Regulations"), S.I. 352 of 2011 European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011 (as amended) (the "UCITS Regulations") and of the ESMA Guidelines on sound remuneration policies under the UCITS Directive and AIFMD (the "ESMA Guidelines"). The Policy is designed to ensure that the remuneration of key decision makers is aligned with the management of short and long-term risks, including the oversight and where appropriate the management of sustainability risks in line with the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulations.

The Manager's remuneration policy applies to its identified staff whose professional activities might have a material impact on the ICAV's risk profile and so covers senior management, risk takers, control functions and any employees receiving total remuneration that takes them into the same remuneration bracket as senior management and risk takers and whose professional activities have a material impact on the risk profile of the ICAV. The Manager's policy is to pay identified staff a fixed component with the potential for identified staff to receive a variable component. It is intended that the fixed component will represent a sufficiently high proportion of the total remuneration of the individual to allow the Manager to operate a fully flexible policy, with the possibility of not paying any variable component. When the AIFM pays a variable component as performance related pay certain criteria, as set out in the Manager's remuneration policy, must be adhered to. The various remuneration components are combined to ensure an appropriate and balanced remuneration package that reflects the relevant staff rank and professional activity as well as best market practice. The Manager's remuneration policy is consistent with, and promotes, sound and effective risk management and does not encourage risk-taking which is inconsistent with the risk profile of the funds it manages.

These disclosures are made in respect of the remuneration policies of the Manager. The disclosures are made in accordance with the ESMA Guidelines.

Total remuneration (in EUR) paid to the identified staff of the Manager fully or partly involved in the activities of the ICAV that have a material impact on the ICAV's risk profile during the financial period to 31 December 2023:

| Fixed remuneration      | EUR       |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Senior management       | 1,578,804 |
| Other identified staff  | -         |
| Variable remuneration   |           |
| Senior management       | 28,006    |
| Other identified staff  | -         |
| Total remuneration paid | 1,606,810 |

Number of identified staff – 17

Neither the Manager nor the ICAV pays any fixed or variable remuneration to identified staff of the Investment Manager.

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## **Remuneration Policy (continued)**

On 29 September 2023, KBA Consulting Management Limited, the Manager of the ICAV, completed its merger with Waystone Management Company (IE) Limited ("WMC"). WMC is the surviving entity post-merger and as such, the ICAV's Manager is WMC from this date and the above remuneration figures are the total remuneration for WMC.

There have been no material changes made to the Remuneration Policy or the Manager's remuneration practices and procedures during the financial period.