

Opportunistically managed portfolio of metals and commodities equity securities.

QUARTERLY FUND COMMENTARY

(As of September 30, 2022)

The Next Edge Strategic Metals and Commodities Fund (the “Fund”) declined for the quarter after a positive start in July, followed by two down months. While the Fund left the third quarter in a drawdown, the team continues to have confidence in the Fund’s portfolio and investment process and is as excited as ever about the opportunities in the sector.

Gold equities were a significant contributor to the Fund’s decline in the quarter. While the price of gold declined 8.1%, gold equities declined 11.9%. Our thesis on increasing gold exposure earlier this year centred on global inflationary pressure, combined with the risks posed by parabolic upwards moves in yields and subsequent sovereign balance sheet risks. We were early to this thesis playing out, as the substitutability of higher short-term cash yields (C.D.s) trumped the demand for the haven status of gold. We believe our thesis on gold is going to be ultimately correct and is now beginning to play out, as evidenced by recent currency intervention in Japan and yield curve control in the U.K.

As we have mentioned in previous commentaries and conference calls, gold equities are trading at the lowest valuation metrics going back to 1985 – approximately 60% price to net asset value. We see value in this sector and believe excessive pessimism is creating a unique opportunity. Focus names include Kinross Gold (KGC), a company we picked up on-sale after it disposed of assets in Russia earlier this year. The valuation was depressed given the asset risk, and a rerating is due now that the strategy has shifted to focus on assets in the Americas. The stock trades at half its net asset value, 3.5x E.V. / 2023 EBITDA, and sports a (not immaterial) 3.5% dividend yield.

It is evident economic growth has continued to moderate in the third quarter and is unlikely to improve until central bank policies become more accommodative. As such, we have positioned the Fund’s portfolio to be short economic growth. We believe copper will underperform over the next year based on the real economy slowing, combined with significant new production scheduled to come online in 2023. Continuing the theme of slowing growth, the Chinese economy, historically very commodity centric, looks increasingly stressed to us. As a refresher, China consumes approximately 75% of global seaborne iron ore for feed into their steel mills. Seaborn iron ore declined 20% in

HOLDING ANALYSIS³

Holdings Analysis	% Held
% Top 10 Holdings	50.63%
% Top 20 Holdings	75.95%
Net Exposure	108.55%
Long Exposure	123.06%
Short Exposure	-14.51%

TOP CONTRIBUTORS³

Top 5 Contributors
Oil & Gas
Oil & Gas
Oil & Gas
Oil & Gas
Precious Metals

TOP DETRACTORS³

Bottom 5 Detractors
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the third quarter, and we see the prospects for further declines in global iron ore prices as highly probable.

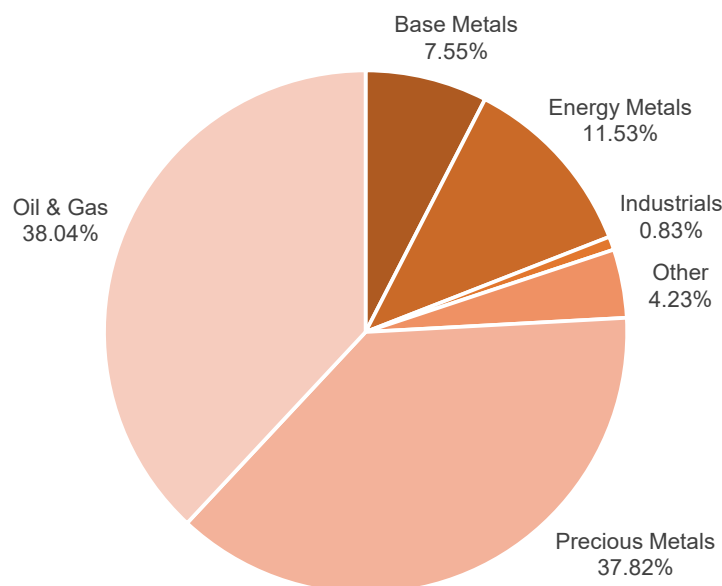
Given the slowing global economy, we decided to sell our stake in Stelco (STLC) when the company announced a substantial issuer bid (SIB) for approximately 40% of the float. The investment resulted in a positive return in less than a year. We plan to re-evaluate the situation once the SIB closes and the North American economic picture stabilizes. While we really like the company (industry-leading operator, excellent balance sheet, etc.), we believe the third quarter relative outperformance of STLC vs. the market and its peers is mostly attributable to the SIB, as sector fundamentals continue to deteriorate.

We have written on the energy transition and decarbonization trends in the past and want to point out the significance of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (IRA). Specifically, the introduction of a US\$15/megawatt hour tax credit from the U.S. Federal government on electricity produced by nuclear utilities. The credit is designed as an incentive to keep existing nuclear reactors operating through 2032 and to encourage the construction of new facilities. Recall that earlier this year, we moved to a more constructive view of uranium given the decision by the European Union to brand nuclear power as a 'green' energy source. We now see the inclusion of incentives in the U.S. as further validation of nuclear energy being a government-endorsed source of baseload power. We believe we are in the early days of a long-term shift in thinking about nuclear. Given their dominance in uranium mining and the recent acquisition of a

minority position in Westinghouse Electric Company, we see great prospects ahead for Cameco (CCJ) and added to our position during the quarter. We see the Westinghouse transaction as strategically significant and very accretive and believe the market will figure this out over the coming quarters.

Lastly, the oil and gas sector remains a significant weight in the Fund's portfolio, representing 31% of the Fund's AUM at quarter end. This is represented by eight holdings. We are of the belief that net free cashflows and valuations continue to be attractive in the sector.

PORTFOLIO SECTOR ALLOCATION³



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Market Cap	% Breakdown	# of Holdings
Large Cap (>5 Billion)	10.41%	2
Mid Cap (>= 1 Billion & <= 5 Billion)	39.64%	13
Small Cap (<= 1 Billion)	49.95%	31
Totals	100.00%	46

FUND PERFORMANCE

This is a new Fund with a trading start date of November 1, 2021. As such, only monthly performance returns will be shown for the first year.

HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE¹ Class A

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD ²
2022	-0.01%	3.61%	4.94%	-5.05%	-1.87%	-10.89%	4.42%	-2.69%	-12.72%	2.79%	-	-	N/A
2021	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.88%	-0.26%	N/A

HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE¹ Class F

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD ²
2022	0.15%	3.69%	5.04%	-4.97%	-1.77%	-10.81%	4.51%	-2.59%	-12.64%	2.89%	-	-	N/A
2021	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.86%	-0.14%	N/A

IMPORTANT NOTES

1. Next Edge Strategic Metals and Commodities Fund returns are net of all fees and expenses associated with Class A Units and Class F Units charged from November 1, 2021. Returns for 2022 are unaudited. Therefore, performance statistics containing 2022 figures shown in this material are subject to final confirmation. The historical annualized rates of return for the Next Edge Strategic Metals and Commodities Fund Class A Units as of October 31, 2022 are 1 yr N/A, 3 yr N/A, 5 yr N/A, 10 yr N/A, and CARR N/A; for Class F Units are 1 yr N/A, 3 yr N/A, 5 yr N/A, 10 yr N/A, and CARR N/A.

2. Part Year

3. Source: Next Edge Capital Corp. & Refinitiv. All portfolio and index returns and statistics are as of the last business day of the previous month.

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