



## Global X Global X S&P/TSX 60 Covered Call ETF (CNCC)

## **Market Overview**

Canadian equities as measured by the S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index, returned -0.53% in the second quarter. The significant positive performing sectors were Materials and Consumer Staples; Health Care, Real Estate and Information Technology were the sectors that had significant negative performance.

In its most recent decision in June, the Bank of Canada (BoC) reduced its target for the overnight rate by 25 basis points to 4.75% as it decided that monetary policy could be less restrictive. Inflation, as measured by the Canadian Consumer Price Index (CPI), came in at 2.9% on a year-over-year basis in May. While inflation remains above the 2% target set by the BoC, it has steadily declined from 3.4% in December.

The price of oil, as measured by West Texas Intermediate (WTI), returned -1.96% for the quarter trading at US\$81.54 per barrel by the end of June. Gold prices rose by 4.34% breaking the US\$2,400 level this quarter, ending at \$US2,326 per ounce at the end of June 2024. This was largely driven by central banks continuing to buy gold, increased inflows from Asia-Pacific asset owners, consumer demand and geopolitical uncertainty.

## **Quarter in Review**

During the second quarter of 2024, the top three performing stocks within the Global X S&P/TSX 60 Index ETF (CNDX) which is held by CNCC were Kinross Gold Corp 37.57%, First Quantum Minerals Ltd 23.01%, and Dollarama Inc 21.15%. The bottom three performing stocks were Magna International Inc. -21.52%, Open Text Corp -21.17%, and Shopify Inc -13.9%.

CNCC benefited from broad market volatility as markets navigated the various risks that impacted equities during the second quarter of 2024. This benefited the ETF as higher volatility allows the ETF to generate higher premiums on the options it sells, thereby increasing the distributions that the fund can pay to investors. Generally, the covered call overlay is expected to outperform when the market is flat or moving downwards and underperforms during sharp upward movements.

## **Outlook and Positioning**

For the remaining year, the covered call strategy is favourably positioned to potentially provide value from a yield, hedging and upside capture perspective in the current environment. Each month, call options are dynamically written on XIU or CNDX. In the second quarter of the year, the fund wrote slightly out-of-the-money (OTM) options on the iShares S&P/TSX 60 Index ETF and/or the Global X S&P/TSX 60 Index ETF, which yielded an average annual rate of 5.9%. The premiums generated from the option writing strategy have declined slightly over the last 12 months and may remain at similar levels for the rest of the year.













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