

Harvest Portfolios Group Inc. to assume responsibilities as Investment Advisor in respect of the Fund's currency hedging for the Australian REIT Income Fund

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Oakville, October 1, 2014 - Harvest Portfolios Group Inc. (the "**Manager**"), the manager of the Australian REIT Income Fund (the "**Fund**"), announced today that on or around December 31, 2014 (the "**Effective Date**") the Manager will replace Avenue Investment Management Inc. as the Investment Advisor for the currency hedging strategy of the Fund. Avenue continues to act as the portfolio manager for a number of funds in the Harvest family of funds.

Paul MacDonald, who is registered as an advising representative of the Manager, has in-depth knowledge and understanding of the Fund's daily operations and currency hedging needs and will be responsible for providing investment advice for the currency hedging strategy. Macquarie Private Portfolio Management Limited continues to be the portfolio manager of the Fund.

The independent review committee of the Fund has provided a positive recommendation that bringing the investment advisory services for the currency hedging strategy of the Fund in-house provides a fair and reasonable result for the Fund.

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