



Harvest Portfolios Group Inc. announces Investment Manager and Options Advisor change

Oakville, Ontario - December 18, 2015 - Harvest Portfolios Group Inc. (the “**Manager**”) announced that it will assume the responsibility of investment manager and options advisor for the Brand Leaders Income Fund (TSX:HBL.UN), Energy Leaders Income Fund (TSX:HEN.UN), Brand Leaders Plus Income Fund (TSX:HBF.UN), Energy Leaders Plus Income Fund (TSX:HPF.UN), Healthcare Leaders Income Fund (TSX:HHL.UN) and the Tech Achievers Growth & Income Fund (TSX:HTA.UN) (the “**Funds**”) on or about April 01, 2016 (the “**Effective Date**”). There will be no change to any of the Funds’ investment objectives, investment restrictions, fees payable, redemption provisions, TSX listings or other terms of the constating documents as a result.

Paul MacDonald, the Manager’s Chief Investment Officer who leads the Harvest portfolio management team, will oversee the execution of the investment and options strategies for the Funds.

“We continue to provide Canadian investors access to unique investment products that deliver steady income over the long term.”, said Michael Kovacs, President & Chief Executive Officer, Harvest Portfolios Group Inc.

For more information on funds managed by Harvest Portfolios Group Inc., please visit our website at www.harvestportfolios.com or contact: David Balsdon, Chief Compliance Officer at 1-866-998-8298 or dbalsdon@harvestportfolios.com.

You will usually pay brokerage fees to your dealer if you purchase or sell units of the Funds on the TSX. If units are purchased or sold on the TSX, investors may pay more than the current net asset value when buying units of the Funds and may receive less than the current net asset value when selling them. There are ongoing fees and expenses associated with owning units of an investment fund. An investment fund must prepare disclosure documents that contain key information about the fund. You can find more detailed information about the Funds in these documents. Investment funds are not guaranteed, their values change frequently and past performance may not be repeated.

Certain statements included in this news release constitute forward-looking statements, including, but not limited to, those identified by the expressions "expect", "intend", "will" and similar expressions to the extent they relate to the Funds. The forward-looking statements are not historical facts but reflect the Funds’ and Harvest Portfolios Group Inc.’s (the “**Manager**”), current expectations regarding future results or events. These forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from current expectations, including, but not limited to, market factors. Although the Funds and the Manager believe that the assumptions inherent in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and, accordingly, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such statements due to the inherent uncertainty therein. The Funds and the Manager undertake no obligation to update publicly or otherwise revise any forward-looking statement or information whether as a result of new information, future events or other such factors which affect this information, except as required by law.