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Brand Leaders Income Fund

Interim Financial Statements
(Unaudited)

June 30, 2017

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STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION (Unaudited)

As at	June 30, 2017	December 31, 2016
Assets		
Current assets		
Investments	\$ 7,595,911	\$ 10,495,273
Cash	276,229	413,883
Dividends receivable	40,427	44,993
Unrealized appreciation on foreign currency forward contracts (Note 6)	284,946	-
	8,197,513	10,954,149
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Distributions payable (Note 4)	47,618	63,117
Payable for options contracts written	14,577	20,251
Unrealized depreciation on foreign currency forward contracts (Note 6)	-	230,334
	62,195	313,702
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	\$ 8,135,318	\$ 10,640,447
Number of redeemable units outstanding (Note 4)	732,582	971,029
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit	\$ 11.10	\$ 10.96

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.



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STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) (Unaudited)

<u>For the period ended June 30,</u>	2017	2016
Income		
Net gain (loss) on investments		
Dividends	\$ 99,854	\$ 159,907
Net realized gain (loss) on sale of investments	1,756,793	3,962,028
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	(1,567,441)	(5,082,743)
Net gain (loss) on investments	289,206	(960,808)
Net gain (loss) on derivatives		
Net realized gain (loss) on options written	15,659	(1,490)
Net realized gain (loss) on foreign exchange	(222,754)	(101,846)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of foreign exchange	504,445	417,122
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on options written	(457)	(28,373)
Net gain (loss) on derivatives	296,893	285,413
Total income (net)	\$ 586,099	\$ (675,395)
Expenses (Note 5)		
Management fees	43,723	62,776
Service fees	19,142	27,689
Withholding taxes	14,987	18,803
Unitholder reporting costs	11,398	18,648
Audit fees	2,887	5,248
Transfer agency fees	3,246	2,949
Custodian fees and bank charges	21,237	22,802
Independent Review Committee fees	1,158	1,946
Filing fees	26,776	26,056
Legal fees	3,790	3,973
Transaction costs (Note 8)	6,505	11,587
Total expenses	\$ 154,849	\$ 202,477
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	\$ 431,250	\$ (877,872)
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit (Note 4)	\$ 0.56	\$ (0.75)

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**STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE UNITS
(Unaudited)**

For the period ended June 30,	2017	2016
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units beginning of period	\$ 10,640,447	\$ 24,065,966
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	\$ 431,250	\$ (877,872)
Redeemable unit transactions		
Redemption of redeemable units	(2,650,672)	(12,444,242)
Net unitholders' transactions	\$ (2,650,672)	\$ (12,444,242)
Distributions to holders of redeemable units		
Net investment income	(285,707)	(378,702)
Total distributions to holders of redeemable units	\$ (285,707)	\$ (378,702)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units end of period	\$ 8,135,318	\$ 10,365,150

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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)

For the period ended June 30,

2017

2016

Operating activities

Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	\$ 431,250	\$ (877,872)
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Add (deduct) items not affecting cash

Realized (gain) loss on sale of investments	(1,756,793)	(3,962,028)
Realized (gain) loss on options written	(15,659)	1,490
Change in unrealized (appreciation) depreciation of investments	1,567,441	5,082,743
Change in unrealized (appreciation) depreciation of options written	457	28,373
Change in unrealized (appreciation) depreciation of foreign exchange	(504,445)	(417,122)
Proceeds from sale of investments	6,541,701	15,311,242
Purchases of investments	(3,443,459)	(2,350,259)

Net change in non-cash assets and liabilities	(6,269)	4,893
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Net cash flow provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ 2,814,224	\$ 12,821,460
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Financing activities

Redemption and cancellation of redeemable units	(2,650,672)	(12,444,242)
Distributions paid to holders of redeemable units	(301,206)	(460,034)
Net cash flow provided by (used in) financing activities	\$ (2,951,878)	\$ (12,904,276)

Net increase (decrease) in cash during the period	(137,654)	(82,816)
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Cash, beginning of the period	413,883	110,843
Cash, end of the period	\$ 276,229	\$ 28,027

Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information

Dividends received, net of withholding taxes*	\$ 89,433	\$ 148,558
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*included in operating activities

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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Unaudited)

As at June 30, 2017

Number of Shares	Security	Average Cost (\$)	Carrying Value (\$)	% of Net Assets
EQUITIES				
Banking and Other Financial Issuers				
4,600	JPMorgan Chase & Co.	516,772	546,025	6.7
		516,772	546,025	6.7
Consumer Discretionary Issuers				
6,600	Starbucks Corporation	482,012	499,799	6.1
3,600	The Walt Disney Company	276,785	496,753	6.1
		758,797	996,552	12.2
Consumer Staple Issuers				
3,100	Kimberly-Clark Corporation	489,436	519,793	6.4
3,300	PepsiCo, Inc.	446,840	494,957	6.1
		936,276	1,014,750	12.5
Energy Issuers				
6,900	Royal Dutch Shell PLC Class A ADR	477,420	476,637	5.9
		477,420	476,637	5.9
Health Care Issuers				
3,300	Johnson & Johnson	488,288	566,957	7.0
		488,288	566,957	7.0
Industrials Issuers				
3,400	Deere & Company	328,611	545,722	6.7
12,600	General Electric Company	483,910	441,981	5.4
3,400	United Parcel Service, Inc. Class B	368,590	488,319	6.0
		1,181,111	1,476,022	18.1
Information Technology Issuers				
450	Alphabet Inc. Class A	486,503	543,319	6.7
2,800	Apple Inc.	259,027	523,709	6.4
10,800	Intel Corporation	311,081	473,236	5.8
2,300	International Business Machines Corporation	430,176	459,492	5.7
5,800	Microsoft Corporation	306,764	519,212	6.4
		1,793,551	2,518,968	31.0
Total equities		6,152,215	7,595,911	93.4

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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (continued) (Unaudited)

As at June 30, 2017

Number of Shares	Security	Average Cost (\$)	Carrying Value (\$)	% of Net Assets
OPTIONS				
Banking and Other Financial Issuers				
(500)	JPMorgan Chase & Co. - Jul 2017 @ USD \$87.5	(881)	(2,656)	(0.1)
(500)	JPMorgan Chase & Co. - Jul 2017 @ USD \$89	(733)	(1,889)	-
		(1,614)	(4,545)	(0.1)
Consumer Discretionary Issuers				
(800)	Starbucks Corporation - Jul 2017 @ USD \$60	(910)	(301)	-
(700)	Starbucks Corporation - Jul 2017 @ USD \$61.5	(682)	(73)	-
(300)	The Walt Disney Company - Jul 2017 @ USD \$106	(400)	(479)	-
		(1,992)	(853)	-
Consumer Staple Issuers				
(300)	Kimberly-Clark Corporation - Jul 2017 @ USD \$135	(574)	(214)	-
(700)	PepsiCo, Inc. - Jul 2017 @ USD \$117	(1,575)	(955)	-
		(2,149)	(1,169)	-
Energy Issuers				
(800)	Royal Dutch Shell PLC - Jan 2017 @ USD \$55	(634)	(208)	-
		(634)	(208)	-
Health Care Issuers				
(300)	Johnson & Johnson - Jul 2017 @ USD \$134	(737)	(507)	-
(400)	Johnson & Johnson - Jul 2017 @ USD \$137	(1,047)	(197)	-
		(1,784)	(704)	-
Industrials Issuers				
(800)	Deere & Company - Jul 2017 @ USD \$128	(1,321)	(353)	-
(1,500)	General Electric Company - Jul 2017 @ USD \$28	(893)	(273)	-
(1,500)	General Electric Company - Jul 2017 @ USD \$29	(911)	(59)	-
(400)	United Parcel Service, Inc. - Jul 2017 @ USD \$110	(699)	(1,065)	-
(400)	United Parcel Service, Inc. - Jul 2017 @ USD \$111	(808)	(753)	-
		(4,632)	(2,503)	-
Information Technology Issuers				
(100)	Alphabet Inc. - Jul 2017 @ USD \$980	(2,275)	(398)	-
(600)	Apple Inc. - Jul 2017 @ USD \$148	(1,863)	(857)	-
(1,400)	Intel Corporation - Jul 2017 @ USD \$34.5	(1,056)	(636)	-
(1,200)	Intel Corporation - Jul 2017 @ USD \$36	(570)	(78)	-
International Business Machines Corporation - Jul 2017 @ USD				
(500)	\$157.5	(1,428)	(1,078)	-
(800)	Microsoft Corporation - Jul 2017 @ USD \$70	(1,537)	(1,174)	(0.1)
(600)	Microsoft Corporation - Jul 2017 @ USD \$72	(949)	(374)	-
		(9,678)	(4,595)	(0.1)
Total options				
		(22,483)	(14,577)	(0.2)
Total investments				
		6,129,732	7,581,334	93.2
Foreign currency forward contracts (Note 6)				
			284,946	3.5
Other assets less liabilities				
			269,038	3.3
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units				
			8,135,318	100.0

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NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

June 30, 2017

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Brand Leaders Income Fund (the “Fund”) is an investment fund established under the laws of the Province of Ontario pursuant to a Declaration of Trust dated June 29, 2011 and as amended and restated, being the inception date. There was no significant activity in the Fund from the date of inception to commencement of operations on July 19, 2011. On June 29, 2011, the Fund completed an initial public offering of 2,500,000 units at \$12.00 per unit for gross proceeds of \$30,000,000. On August 3, 2011, an overallotment option was exercised for an additional 101,378 units at a price of \$12.00 per unit for gross proceeds of \$1,216,536. The address of the Fund’s registered office is 710 Dorval Drive, Oakville, Ontario L6K 3V7.

The Fund’s investment objectives are to provide unitholders with monthly cash distributions, the opportunity for capital appreciation and lower overall volatility of Portfolio returns than would otherwise be experienced by owning Equity Securities of the Brand Leaders directly. As part of the investment strategy, the Fund will invest in an equally-weighted portfolio of equity securities of 15 Brand Leaders from the Brand Leaders Investable Universe that have a market capitalization of at least US\$10 billion at the time of investment.

2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

These interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) applicable to the preparation of interim financial statements, including International Accounting Standard 34, Interim Financial Reporting and should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements for the period ended December 31, 2016 which have been prepared in accordance with IFRS. These interim financial statements were authorized for issue by Harvest Portfolios Group Inc. (the “Manager”) on August 24, 2017.

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Financial instruments

The Fund recognizes financial instruments at fair value upon initial recognition, plus transaction costs in the case of financial instruments not measured at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL). Transaction costs on financial assets and liabilities at FVTPL are expensed as incurred. Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognized at their trade date. The Fund’s investments and derivative assets and liabilities are measured at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL), including investments which have been designated at FVTPL. Derivative assets and liabilities are classified as held-for-trading (HFT). The Fund’s obligation for net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units is presented at the redemption amount. All other financial assets and liabilities are measured at amortized cost. Under this method, financial assets and liabilities reflect the amount required to be received or paid, discounted, when appropriate, at the contract’s effective interest rate. Carrying values of other financial assets and liabilities at amortized cost approximate their fair values due to the short term to maturity. The Fund’s accounting policies for measuring the fair value of its investments and derivatives are identical to those used in measuring its net asset value (NAV) for transactions with unitholders. As at June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, there were no differences between the Fund’s NAV per security and its net assets per security calculated in accordance with IFRS.

Fair value of investments and derivatives

Investments and derivatives that are traded in an active market are valued at their closing prices through recognized public stock exchanges or through recognized investment dealers on the valuation date. The Fund uses the last traded market price that falls within the bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid-ask spread, the Manager determines the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value based on specific facts and circumstances. Investments held are represented by equities. Derivatives held include options and foreign currency forward contracts.

Investments and derivatives held that are not traded in an active market are valued using valuation techniques, on such basis and in such a manner established by the Manager. The value of any security for which, in the opinion of the Manager, the published market quotations are not readily available shall be the fair value as determined by the Manager. The fair values of certain securities may be determined using valuation models that are based, in part, on assumptions that are not supported by observable market inputs. These methods and procedures may include, but are not limited to, performing comparisons with prices of comparable or similar securities, obtaining valuation related information from issuers and/or other analytical data relating to the investment and using other available indication of value. These values are independently assessed internally to ensure that they are reasonable. However, because of the inherent uncertainty of valuation, the estimated fair values for the

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aforementioned securities and interests may be materially different from the values that would be used had a ready market for the security existed. The fair values of such securities are affected by the perceived credit risks of the issuer, predictability of cash flows and length of time to maturity.

Classification of redeemable units

Under IFRS, IAS 32 Financial Instruments – Presentation requires that units or shares of an entity which include a contractual obligation for the issuer to repurchase or redeem them for cash or another financial asset be classified as a financial liability unless certain criteria are met. In addition to the annual redemption at 100% of NAV, the Fund's units are redeemable at 95% of their market price monthly. As a result, the Fund's units contain multiple contractual obligations and are presented as financial liabilities on transition to IFRS as they do not meet the criteria for classification as equity.

Cash

Cash is comprised of cash on deposit.

Investment transactions and income recognition

Net realized gain (loss) on investments and net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments are determined on an average cost basis. Dividend income is accounted for on the ex-dividend date.

Foreign currency translation

The Fund's subscriptions and redemptions are denominated in Canadian dollars which is also the Fund's functional and presentation currency. Purchases and sales of investments denominated in foreign currencies and foreign currency dividend and interest income are translated into Canadian dollars at the rate of exchange prevailing at the time of the transactions. Realized and unrealized foreign currency gains or (losses) on investments are included in the Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) in "Net realized gain (loss) on sale of investments" and "Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments", respectively. Realized and unrealized foreign currency gains or losses on assets, liabilities, and income, other than investments denominated in foreign currencies, are included in the Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) in "Net realized gain (loss) on foreign exchange" and "Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of foreign exchange", respectively. Foreign currency assets and liabilities in the Statements of Financial Position are translated into Canadian dollars on the statement date.

Foreign currency forward contracts

The Fund may enter into foreign currency forward contracts to hedge against exposure to foreign currency fluctuations. The fair value of these contracts is based on the difference between the contract rate and current forward market rate for the underlying currency at the measurement date applied to the contract's notional amount and adjusted for counterparty risk. Upon closing of a contract, the gain or loss is recorded as a net realized gain or loss on foreign exchange.

Offsetting financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the Statements of Financial Position when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognized amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Redeemable units valuation

The NAV on a particular date will be equal to the aggregate value of the assets of the Fund less the aggregate value of the liabilities of the Fund, expressed in Canadian dollars at the applicable exchange rate on such date. The NAV and NAV per unit will be calculated on each Thursday during the year (or, if a Thursday is not a Business Day, the Business Day following such Thursday) and on the last Business Day of each month, and any other time as may be determined by the Manager from time to time. "Business Day" means any day on which the TSX is open for trading.

Options

An option is a contractual arrangement under which the seller (writer) grants the purchaser (holder) the right, but not the obligation, either to buy (a call option) or sell (a put option) at or by a set date or during a set period, a specific amount of securities or a financial instrument at a pre-determined price. The seller receives a premium from the purchaser in consideration for the assumption of a future securities price.

The premium received upon writing an option is recorded at cost as "Payable for option contracts written" in the Statements of Financial Position. As long as the position of the written option is maintained, the liability for written options is revalued at an amount equal to the current market value of the option. Any gain or loss resulting from revaluation is reflected in the Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) in "Net changes in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of options written".

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The gain or loss on sale or expiry of options is reflected in the Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) in “Net realized gain (loss) on sale of options written”.

Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit

“Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit” in the Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) represents the increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, divided by the weighted average units outstanding for the financial period.

Income and other taxes

The Fund qualifies as a mutual fund trust under the Income Tax Act (Canada). For tax purposes, the Fund has a December 31 year end. All of the Fund’s net income for tax purposes and sufficient net capital gains realized in any period are required to be distributed to unitholders such that no income tax is payable by the Fund. As a result, the Fund does not record income taxes. Since the Fund does not record income taxes, the tax benefit of capital and non-capital losses has not been reflected in the statement of financial position as a deferred income tax asset. Capital losses may be carried forward indefinitely to reduce future realized capital gains. Non-capital losses may be carried forward 20 years and applied against future taxable income. As at the last taxation year end, the Fund had \$1,268,178 of non-capital losses and \$214,788 of net capital losses available to be carried forward for income tax purposes.

The Fund may incur withholding taxes imposed by certain countries on investment income and capital gains. Such income and gains are recorded on a gross basis and the related withholding taxes are shown as a separate expense.

As the Manager is a resident of Ontario, the expenses paid by the Fund generally include HST of 13%. HST is calculated using the residency of unitholders in the Fund as at specific times, rather than the physical location of the Manager. A blended rate refund is filed with the Canada Revenue Agency on behalf of the Fund, in arrears, using each province’s HST rate or GST rate in the case of non-participating provinces.

Critical accounting estimates and judgments

The preparation of financial statements requires management to use judgment in applying its accounting policies and to make estimates and assumptions about the future. The following discusses the most significant accounting judgments and estimates that the Fund has made in preparing the financial statements:

- a) Fair value measurement of derivatives and securities not quoted in an active market

The Fund may hold financial instruments that are not quoted in active markets, including derivatives. Fair values of such instruments are determined using valuation techniques and may be determined using reputable pricing sources (such as pricing agencies) or indicative prices from market makers. Broker quotes as obtained from the pricing sources may be indicative and not executable or binding. Refer to Note 7 for further information about the fair value measurement of the Fund’s financial instruments.

- b) Classification and measurement of investment and application of the fair value option

In classifying and measuring financial instruments held by the Fund, the Manager is required to make significant judgments about whether or not the business of the Fund is to invest on a total return basis for the purpose of applying the fair value option for financial assets under IAS 39, Financial Instruments – Recognition and Measurement (IAS 39). The most significant judgments made include the determination that certain investments are held-for trading and that the fair value option can be applied to those which are not.

Accounting standards issued but not yet adopted

IFRS 9, Financial Instruments

The final version of IFRS 9, Financial Instruments, was issued by the IASB in July 2014 and will replace IAS 39 Financial Instruments – Recognition and Measurement. IFRS 9 introduces a model for classification and measurement, a single, forward-looking ‘expected loss’ impairment model and a substantially reformed approach to hedge accounting. The new single, principle based approach for determining the classification of financial assets is driven by cash flow characteristics and the business model in which an asset is held. The new model also results in a single impairment model being applied to all financial instruments, which will require more timely recognition of expected credit losses. It also includes changes in respect of own credit risk in measuring liabilities elected to be measured at fair value, so that gains caused by the deterioration of an entity’s own credit risk on such liabilities are no longer recognized in profit or loss. IFRS 9 is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January

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1, 2018, however, is available for early adoption. In addition, the own credit changes can be early applied in isolation without otherwise changing the accounting for financial instruments. The Manager continues to assess the impact of IFRS 9 by analyzing the Fund's business model. The Manager does not expect any change in the measurement of the financial assets and liabilities of the Fund.

4. REDEEMABLE UNITS

The authorized capital of the Fund consists of an unlimited number of transferable units of one class representing an equal, undivided interest in the net assets of the Fund. Except as provided in the Declaration of Trust, all units have equal rights and privileges. Each unit is entitled to one vote at all meetings of unitholders and is entitled to participate equally in any and all distributions made by the Fund. The units trade on the TSX under the symbol HBL.UN. As at June 30, 2017, the closing price of the units was \$10.91 per unit (December 31, 2016 - \$10.78 per unit).

The Fund's normal course issuer bid program was not renewed after it expired on August 24, 2016. During the period ended June 30, 2016 no units were purchased for cancellation.

Redemptions

Units may be surrendered prior to 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on the 10th business day before the last business day of the applicable month by the holders for monthly redemption. Upon receipt by the Fund of the redemption notice, the holder of a unit shall be entitled to receive a price per unit equal to the lesser of:

- (a) 95% of the "market price" of the units on the principal market on which the units are quoted for trading during the 20 trading day period ending immediately before the monthly redemption date; and
- (b) 100% of the "closing market price" on the principal market on which the units are quoted for trading on the monthly redemption date.

Notwithstanding the monthly redemption price formula above, at no time will the Fund pay out redemption proceeds greater than the NAV per Unit as determined on the monthly redemption date for each Unit being redeemed.

In accordance with the Fund prospectus, in addition to the monthly redemption rights, on an annual basis, units may be surrendered for redemption at the Fund's NAV per unit, subject to the required redemption notice period, for the second last business day of January and the unitholder will receive payment on or before the 15th business day of the following month. On January 31, 2017, 238,447 (January 31, 2016 - 1,251,256) units were redeemed and cancelled for \$2,650,672 (January 31, 2016 - \$12,444,241).

The following units were redeemed and/or cancelled during the period:

	Units outstanding
Total outstanding as at January 1, 2016	2,222,285
Redeemable units redeemed	(1,251,256)
Total outstanding as at June 30, 2016	971,029
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Redeemable units redeemed	(238,447)
Total outstanding as at June 30, 2017	732,582

The weighted average number of units outstanding during the period ended June 30, 2017 was 772,104 units (2016 - 1,163,530 units).

Distributions

The Fund intends to make monthly cash distributions to unitholders of record on the last business day of each month and pay such cash distributions on or before the 15th day of the following month. Beginning in November 2011, the Fund will annually determine and announce the distribution amount for the following year based upon the prevailing market conditions. The distribution amount was \$285,707 or \$0.065 per unit per month for the six-month period ended June 30, 2017 (2016 - \$378,702 or \$0.065 per unit per month).

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5. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND OTHER EXPENSES

Management and service fees

Harvest Portfolios Group Inc. is the Manager of the Fund and is responsible for managing or arranging for managing the Fund's overall business and operations and provides key management personnel to the Fund. The Manager retained Highstreet Asset Management Inc. ("Highstreet" or the "Investment Manager") to provide investment management services to the Fund up until termination on March 31, 2016. Highstreet was paid a fee for its portfolio advisory service, from the management fee received from the Fund, calculated on the basis of the Fund's net assets.

The Manager is entitled to a fee of 0.90% of the average weekly NAV, plus applicable taxes, per annum of the Fund. The Fund pays service fees to registered dealers at the rate on 0.40% of the average weekly NAV, plus applicable taxes, per annum of the Fund. Service fees are accrued daily and paid monthly to the Manager, who in turn pays the dealers quarterly.

Operating expenses

The Fund is responsible for operating expenses relating to the carrying on of its business, including custodial services, interest, taxes, legal, audit fees, transfer agency services relating to the issue and redemption of units, and the cost of financial and other reports, costs and expenses for the Fund's Independent Review Committee ("IRC"), including fees and expenses of the IRC members and compliance with applicable laws, regulations and policies. The Manager pays for such expenses on behalf of the Fund, except for certain expenses such as interest, and is then reimbursed by the Fund.

Other expenses

The Manager will be reimbursed by the Fund for all reasonable costs, expenses and liabilities incurred by the Manager for performance of services on behalf of the Fund in connection with the discharge by the Manager of its duties hereunder. Such costs and expenses may include, without limitation: mailing and printing expenses for reports to unitholders and other unitholder communications; a reasonable allocation of salaries, benefits and consulting fees; independent directors of the Manager and other administrative expenses and costs incurred in connection with the Fund's continuous public offering and other obligations. These expenses are allocated by the Manager on a reasonable basis, across all of the Harvest Portfolios Group Inc. funds, and series of each applicable fund. These expenses were \$9,145 for the six-month period ended June 30, 2017 (2016 - \$16,243) and are included in the unitholder reporting costs on the Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

6. FOREIGN CURRENCY FORWARD CONTRACTS

The Fund enters into foreign currency forward contracts to hedge assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies. Foreign currency forward contracts entered into by the Fund represent a firm commitment to buy or sell a currency at a specified value and point in time based upon an agreed or contracted quantity. The value of the foreign currency forward contract is the difference between the contract rate and the current forward rate at the measurement date applied to the contract's notional amount and adjusted for counterparty risk. The unrealized gains or losses on the forward contract are reported as part of the change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation of foreign exchange in the Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) until it is closed out or partially settled.

At June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Fund had entered into the following foreign currency forward contracts:

As at June 30, 2017					
Counterparty	Settlement Date	Purchased currency	Sold currency	Unrealized gain (loss)	Contract Price
Royal Bank of Canada credit rating AA-	July 20, 2017	CAD \$4,115,700	USD \$3,060,000	\$142,886	0.7435
National Bank credit rating A	July 20, 2017	CAD \$4,114,874	USD \$3,060,000	\$142,060	0.7436
Total		CAD \$8,230,574	USD \$6,120,000	\$284,946	

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As at December 31, 2016					
Counterparty	Settlement Date	Purchased currency	Sold currency	Unrealized gain (loss)	Contract Price
Royal Bank of Canada credit rating AA-	January 20, 2017	CAD \$5,113,505	USD \$3,900,000	(\$115,450)	0.7627
National Bank credit rating A	January 20, 2017	CAD \$5,114,070	USD \$3,900,000	(\$114,884)	0.7626
Total		CAD \$10,227,575	USD \$7,800,000	(\$230,334)	

Offsetting of foreign currency forward contracts

In 2017, the Fund had a foreign exchange settlement for its foreign currency forward contracts that do not meet the criteria for offsetting in the Statements of Financial Position. The following table presents the recognized financial instruments that were not offset, as at June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016.

June 30, 2017			
Financial assets and liabilities	Gross assets (liabilities)	Amounts eligible for offset	Net offset amounts
Derivative assets	\$ 284,946	-	\$ 284,946
Derivative liabilities	-	-	-

December 31, 2016			
Financial assets and liabilities	Gross assets (liabilities)	Amounts eligible for offset	Net offset amounts
Derivative assets	-	-	-
Derivative liabilities	(\$230,334)	-	(\$230,334)

7. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

Investment activities of the Fund expose it to a variety of financial risks: credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk (including interest rate risk, other price risk and currency risk). The Manager seeks to minimize these risks by employing experienced portfolio managers that will manage the security portfolios of the Fund on a daily basis according to market events and the investment objectives of the Fund. To assist in managing risk, the Manager also maintains a governance structure that oversees the Fund's investment activities and monitors compliance with the Fund's stated investment strategy and securities regulations.

Other price risk

Other price 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 value of securities in the Fund's portfolio may be affected by the stock market conditions rather than each company's performance. Developments in the market are affected by general economic and financial conditions. Political, social and environmental factors can also affect the value of any investment.

As at June 30, 2017, 93.4% (December 31, 2016 – 98.6%) of the Fund's net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units were traded on public stock exchanges. If equity prices on these exchanges had increased or decreased by 5%, as at year end, with all other factors remaining constant, net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units would have increased or decreased by approximately \$379,796 (December 31, 2016 - \$524,764).

In practice, the actual trading results may differ and the difference could be material.

Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the value of investments denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the Fund will fluctuate as a result of changes in foreign exchange rates. When a Fund buys an investment priced in a foreign currency and the exchange rate between the Canadian dollar and the foreign currency changes unfavorably, it could reduce the value of the Fund's investment.

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The table below summarizes the Fund's net exposure to currency risk. Amounts shown are based on the carrying value of monetary and non-monetary net assets (including derivatives and the underlying principal (notional) amount of forward currency contracts, if any).

As at June 30, 2017				
Currency	Currency exposure*	Forward contracts*	Net currency exposure*	As a % of net assets
U.S. Dollars	\$7,872,719	\$7,945,627	(\$72,908)	(0.9)

*In Canadian dollars

As at December 31, 2016				
Currency	Currency exposure*	Forward contracts*	Net currency exposure*	As a % of net assets
U.S. Dollars	\$10,715,664	\$10,457,908	\$257,756	2.4

*In Canadian dollars

The non-monetary currency exposure is \$7,581,334 (December 31, 2016 – \$10,475,022) and the monetary currency exposure is \$291,385 (December 31, 2016 – \$240,642).

As at June 30, 2017, if the Canadian dollar had strengthened or weakened by 5% in relation to all foreign currencies, with all other variables held constant, the Fund's net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units would have increased or decreased, respectively, by approximately \$3,645 (December 31, 2016 - \$12,888) or 0.0% (December 31, 2016 - 0.1%) based on the net currency exposure. In practice, the actual results may differ from this sensitivity analysis and the difference could be material.

As all of the securities in the portfolio investments are denominated in U.S. dollars and expected dividends and premiums from call options received are in U.S. dollars, the Fund enters into a forward currency contract on substantially all of the value of the portfolio investments back to the Canadian dollar at all times.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk arises from the possibility that changes in interest rates will affect future cash flows or fair value of financial instruments. Interest rate risk arises when the Fund invests in interest-bearing financial instruments. The Fund does not hold any bonds or money market instruments; therefore, the Fund has no significant exposure to interest rate risk.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is defined as the risk that a fund may not be able to settle or meet its obligations on time or at a reasonable price. The Fund is exposed to redemption of units as described in Note 4. However, the Manager does not expect that the contractual maturity will be representative of the actual cash outflows as holders of those units typically retain them for a longer period. Therefore in order to maintain sufficient liquidity, the Fund primarily invests in securities that are actively traded in public markets and can be readily disposed of to raise liquidity.

As at June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, all of the Fund's financial liabilities have maturities of less than three months.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation or commitment that it has entered into with the Fund.

All transactions executed by the Fund in listed securities are settled/paid for upon delivery using approved brokers. The risk of default is considered minimal, as delivery of securities sold is only made once the broker has received payment. Payment is made on a purchase once the securities have been received by the broker. The trade will fail if either party fails to meet its obligation.

The Fund also enters into foreign currency forward contracts which are exposed to credit risk. The maximum credit risk exposure is the unrealized gain (loss) on the forward contracts.

As at June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016 the Fund did not have significant credit risk exposure. All cash held by the fund is held with a reputable and regulated financial institution.

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Fair value of financial instruments

The Fund classifies fair value measurements within a hierarchy which gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date;

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices); and

Level 3: Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data.

The table below summarizes the fair value of the Fund's financial instruments using the following fair value hierarchy:

Transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy are deemed to have occurred at the beginning of the reporting period.

Securities classification:

Investments at fair value as at June 30, 2017				
	Level 1 (\$)	Level 2 (\$)	Level 3 (\$)	Totals (\$)
Financial Assets				
Equities				
Common Stock	7,119,274	-	-	7,119,274
ADR	476,637	-	-	476,637
Derivatives				
Foreign currency forward contract		284,946		284,946
Total Financial Assets	7,595,911	284,946	-	7,880,857
Financial Liabilities				
Derivatives				
Options	(14,577)	-	-	(14,577)
Total Financial Liabilities	(14,577)	-	-	(14,577)

Investments at fair value as at December 31, 2016				
	Level 1 (\$)	Level 2 (\$)	Level 3 (\$)	Totals (\$)
Financial Assets				
Equities				
Common Stock	8,576,737	-	-	8,576,737
ADR	1,918,536	-	-	1,918,536
Total Financial Assets	10,495,273	-	-	10,495,273
Financial Liabilities				
Derivatives				
Options	(20,251)	-	-	(20,251)
Foreign currency forward contract	-	(230,334)	-	(230,334)
Total Financial Liabilities	(20,251)	(230,334)	-	(250,585)

There were no Level 3 securities held by the Fund as at June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, and there were no significant transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 for the six-month period ended June 30, 2017 or for the year ended December 31, 2016.

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The value of the equities and written options is based on quoted prices. The value of the foreign currency forward contract is determined as the difference between the contract rate and the current forward rate at the measurement date applied to the contract's notional amount and adjusted for counterparty risk.

Concentration Risk

Concentration risk arises as a result of the concentration of exposures within the same category, whether it is geographical location, product type, industry, sector or counterparty type. The following is a summary of the Fund's concentration risk by geography and segment.

Geography:

As at	June 30, 2017		December 31, 2016	
Country of Issue	\$*	% of net assets	\$*	% of net assets
United States of America	7,581,334	93.2	10,475,022	98.4
Totals	7,581,334	93.2	10,475,022	98.4

*Stated in Canadian dollars

Market Segment (percentage of net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units):

	June 30, 2017	December 31, 2016
	% of net assets	% of net assets
EQUITIES		
Information Technology Issuers	31.0	27.4
Industrial Issuers	18.1	27.6
Consumer Staples Issuers	12.5	17.4
Consumer Discretionary Issuers	12.2	6.4
Health Care Issuers	7.0	-
Banks and Other Financial Issuers	6.7	12.5
Energy Issuers	5.9	7.3
OPTIONS		
Banks and Other Financial Issuers	(0.1)	-
Consumer Discretionary Issuers	-	-
Consumer Staples Issuers	-	(0.1)
Energy Issuers	-	-
Health Care Issuers	-	-
Industrials Issuers	-	(0.1)
Information Technology Issuers	(0.1)	-
Total	93.2	98.4

8. SOFT DOLLAR COMMISSIONS

Brokerage commissions paid to certain brokers may, in addition to paying for the cost of brokerage services in respect of security transactions, also provide for the cost of investment research services provided to the investment manager. The value of such research services included in commissions paid to brokers for the periods ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 amounted to \$nil.

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