

Australian REIT Income Fund

Annual Financial Statements

December 31, 2017

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MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared by Harvest Portfolios Group Inc. in its capacity as Manager of the Fund and approved by the Board of Directors of the Manager. The Fund's Manager is responsible for the information and representation contained in these financial statements.

The Manager maintains appropriate processes to ensure that relevant and reliable financial information is produced. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and include certain amounts that are based on estimates and judgments made by the Manager. The significant accounting policies, which the Manager believes are appropriate, are described in Note 3 to the financial statements.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP is the external auditor of the Fund. They have audited the financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards to enable them to express to the unitholders their opinion on the financial statements. Their report is included as an integral part of the financial statements.

On behalf of Harvest Portfolios Group Inc.,

Signed "Michael Kovacs"

Michael Kovacs
President and Chief Executive Officer

Signed "Daniel Lazzar"

Daniel Lazzar
Chief Financial Officer

Oakville, Canada
March 26, 2018



March 26, 2018

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Unitholders of Australian REIT Income Fund ("the Fund")

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Fund, which comprise the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016 and the statements of comprehensive income, changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units and cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, and the related notes, which comprise a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's responsibility for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained in our audits is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as at December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016 in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

(Signed) "PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP"

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Toronto, Ontario

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STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION		
As at December 31,	2017	2016
Assets		
Current assets		
Investments	\$ 23,759,273	\$ 29,439,377
Cash	613,288	1,875,681
Dividends receivable	355,758	438,275
Unrealized appreciation on foreign currency forward contracts (Note 6)	5,842	390,117
	24,734,161	32,143,450
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Loan payable (Note 9)	5,994,103	9,990,130
Redemption payable	5,834	-
Distributions payable (Note 4)	89,021	106,956
Unrealized depreciation on foreign currency forward contracts (Note 6)	260,848	2,612
	6,349,806	10,099,698
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	\$ 18,384,355	\$ 22,043,752
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units		
Series A	\$ 18,044,889	\$ 21,671,695
Series F	339,466	372,057
Number of redeemable units outstanding (Note 4)		
Series A	1,591,756	1,915,416
Series F	26,308	29,243
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit		
Series A	\$ 11.34	\$ 11.31
Series F	12.90	12.72

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

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STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
For the year ended December 31,	2017	2016
Income		
Net gain (loss) on investments		
Dividends	\$ 1,424,887	\$ 1,942,103
Interest for distribution purposes	1,662	3,479
Net realized gain (loss) on sale of investments	1,096,997	4,160,198
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	(63,044)	(1,173,393)
Net gain (loss) on investments	2,460,502	4,932,387
Net gain (loss) on derivatives		
Net realized gain (loss) on foreign exchange	106,063	(957,272)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of foreign exchange	(617,309)	1,437,421
Net gain (loss) on derivatives	(511,246)	480,149
Total income (net)	\$ 1,949,256	\$ 5,412,536
Expenses (Note 5)		
Management fees	\$ 305,330	\$ 430,856
Service fees	86,678	117,643
Withholding taxes	146,239	192,039
Unitholder reporting costs	47,397	64,687
Audit fees	28,135	20,563
Transfer agency fees	18,487	14,034
Custodian fees and bank charges	46,821	44,995
Independent Review Committee fees	3,388	4,172
Interest expense (Note 9)	191,425	254,848
Filing fees	27,825	30,317
Legal fees	5,656	12,931
Transaction costs (Note 8)	7,347	55,795
Total expenses	914,728	1,242,880
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	\$ 1,034,528	\$ 4,169,656
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units - Series A	\$ 1,012,336	\$ 4,102,296
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units - Series F	22,192	67,360
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit - Series A (Note 4)	\$ 0.55	\$ 1.61
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit - Series F (note 4)	0.77	1.86

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STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE UNITS ALL SERIES			
For the year ended December 31,	2017		2016
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units beginning of year	\$	22,043,752	\$ 29,692,103
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	\$	1,034,528	\$ 4,169,656
Redeemable unit transactions			
Reinvestment of distributions to holders of redeemable units		7,638	6,837
Redemption of redeemable units		(3,489,731)	(10,163,037)
Payment to unitholders on fractional units on transfer from Series F to Series A		-	(37)
Net increase (decrease) in redeemable unit transactions	\$	(3,482,093)	\$ (10,156,237)
Distributions to holders of redeemable units			
Return of capital		(1,211,832)	(1,661,770)
Total distributions to holders of redeemable units	\$	(1,211,832)	\$ (1,661,770)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units end of year	\$	18,384,355	\$ 22,043,752

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STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE UNITS SERIES A			
For the year ended December 31,	2017		2016
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units beginning of year	\$	21,671,695	\$ 29,221,142
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	\$	1,012,336	\$ 4,102,296
Redeemable unit transactions			
Reinvestment of distributions to holders of redeemable units		7,638	6,837
Redemption of redeemable units		(3,473,816)	(10,158,103)
Transfer of units from Series F		19,927	137,448
Net increase (decrease) in redeemable unit transactions	\$	(3,446,251)	\$ (10,013,818)
Distributions to holders of redeemable units			
Return of capital		(1,192,891)	(1,637,925)
Total distributions to holders of redeemable units	\$	(1,192,891)	\$ (1,637,925)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units end of year	\$	18,044,889	\$ 21,671,695

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE UNITS SERIES F			
For the year ended December 31,	2017		2016
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units beginning of year	\$	372,057	\$ 470,961
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	\$	22,192	\$ 67,360
Redeemable unit transactions			
Redemption of redeemable units		(15,915)	(4,934)
Transfer of units to Series A		(19,927)	(137,485)
Net increase (decrease) in redeemable unit transactions	\$	(35,842)	\$ (142,419)
Distributions to holders of redeemable units			
Return of capital		(18,941)	(23,845)
Total distributions to holders of redeemable units	\$	(18,941)	\$ (23,845)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units end of year	\$	339,466	\$ 372,057

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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS		
For the year ended December 31,	2017	2016
Operating activities		
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	\$ 1,034,528	\$ 4,169,656
Add (deduct) items not affecting cash		
Realized (gain) loss on sale of investments	(1,096,997)	(4,160,198)
Change in unrealized (appreciation) depreciation of investments	63,044	1,173,393
Change in unrealized (appreciation) depreciation of foreign exchange	617,309	(1,437,421)
Proceeds from sale of investments	10,372,585	21,603,638
Purchases of investments	(3,658,528)	(4,653,606)
Net change in non-cash assets and liabilities	107,719	202,366
Net cash flow provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ 7,439,660	\$ 16,897,828
Financing activities		
Net (repayment) borrowing of term credit facility (Note 9)	(3,996,027)	(4,999,798)
Payment to unitholders on fractional units on transfer from Series F to Series A	-	(37)
Redemption and cancellation of redeemable units	(3,483,897)	(10,163,037)
Distributions paid to holders of redeemable units (net of reinvested distributions)	(1,222,129)	(1,702,220)
Net cash flow provided by (used in) financing activities	\$ (8,702,053)	\$ (16,865,092)
Net increase (decrease) in cash during the year	(1,262,393)	32,736
Cash, beginning of the year	1,875,681	1,842,945
Cash, end of the year	\$ 613,288	\$ 1,875,681
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information		
Interest received during the year*	\$ 1,662	\$ 3,479
Interest paid during the year*	191,425	254,848
Dividends received, net of withholding taxes*	1,361,165	2,006,899

*included in operating activities

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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS				
As at December 31, 2017				
Number of Shares	Security	Average Cost (\$)	Carrying Value (\$)	% of Net Assets
EQUITIES				
Real Estate Issuers				
322,973	Aventus Retail Property Fund	685,279	708,987	3.9
125,002	Centuria Industrial REIT	280,602	311,153	1.7
211,115	Charter Hall Group	918,568	1,245,488	6.8
146,541	Charter Hall Retail REIT	642,580	597,415	3.2
244,164	Dexus Property Group	1,769,369	2,332,975	12.7
374,590	Goodman Group	2,010,887	3,090,951	16.8
53,121	LendLease Group	723,911	851,153	4.6
780,078	Mirvac Group	1,405,021	1,796,510	9.8
569,158	Scentre Group	2,127,043	2,337,065	12.7
632,375	Stockland	2,665,152	2,776,365	15.1
490,245	The GPT Group	2,027,444	2,455,036	13.3
523,264	Vicinity Centres	1,478,893	1,394,805	7.6
287,510	Westfield Corporation Limited	2,378,852	2,673,887	14.5
		19,113,601	22,571,790	122.7
Other Public Issuers				
15,004	Multiplex SITES Trust	1,368,810	1,187,483	6.5
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	Total investments	20,482,411	23,759,273	129.2
	Foreign currency forward contracts (Note 6)		(255,006)	(1.4)
	Loan payable (Note 9)		(5,994,103)	(32.6)
	Other assets less liabilities		874,191	4.8
	Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units		18,384,355	100.0

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NOTES TO THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Australian REIT Income Fund (the “Fund”) is an investment fund established under the laws of the Province of Ontario pursuant to a Declaration of Trust dated February 26, 2013 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 March 21, 2013. On March 21, 2013, Series A and Series F completed an initial public offering of 5,311,381 and 188,619 units at \$12.00 per unit for gross proceeds of \$63,736,572 and \$2,263,428 respectively. On April 29, 2013, an over-allotment option was exercised on Series A for an additional 33,666 units at a price of \$12.00 per unit for a gross proceed of \$403,992. 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 stable monthly cash distributions and the opportunity for capital appreciation. To seek to achieve its investment objectives, the Fund will invest in an actively managed portfolio comprised primarily of equity securities listed on the ASX issued by Australian real estate investment trusts and to a lesser extent, issuers principally engaged in the real estate industry in Australia.

The Fund is offering Series A units and Series F units. The Series F units are designed for fee-based and/or institutional accounts and differ from the Series A units in the following ways: (i) Series F units will not be listed on a stock exchange; (ii) the Agents’ fees payable on the issuance of the Series F units were lower than those payable on the issuance of the Series A units; and (iii) no service fee is payable in respect of the Series F units.

2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB). These financial statements were authorized for issue by Harvest Portfolios Group Inc. (the “Manager”) on March 26, 2018.

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 December 31, 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 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

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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 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.

Distributions received from income trusts are recorded as income, capital gains or a return of capital, based on the best information available to the Manager. Due to the nature of these investments, actual allocations could vary from this information. Distributions from investment trusts treated as a return of capital reduce the average cost of the underlying investment trust.

Allocation of income and expense, and realized and unrealized capital gains and losses

Management fees and service fees directly attributable to a series are charged to that series. The Fund's shared operating expenses, income, and realized and unrealized capital gains and losses are generally allocated proportionately to each series based upon the relative net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units of each series.

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 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 derivatives are included in the Statements of Comprehensive Income 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 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 of each series on a particular date will be equal to each series' proportionate share of the assets of the Fund less each series' proportionate share of the common liabilities of the Fund and each series specific liabilities, expressed in Canadian dollars at the applicable exchange rate on such date. The NAV and NAV per unit of each series will be calculated each Business Day "Business Day" means any day on which the TSX is open for trading.

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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 represents the increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, attributed to each series, divided by the weighted average units outstanding for that series, 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 no non-capital losses and \$2,509,244 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 includes 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 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 does not expect any change in the measurement of the financial assets and liabilities of the Fund.

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4. REDEEMABLE UNITS

The authorized capital of the Fund consists of an unlimited number of transferable units of each series, each of which represents an equal, undivided interest in their respective series' 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. Series A units trade on the TSX under the symbol HRR.UN and Series F units do not trade. As at December 31, 2017, the closing price for Series A units was \$11.04 per unit (December 31, 2016 - \$10.78 per unit).

The Fund renewed its normal course issuer bid program for the period from May 11, 2016 to May 10, 2017 which allows the Fund to purchase up to 276,543 Series A units of the Fund for cancellation by way of a normal course issuer bid through the facilities of the Toronto Stock Exchange and other Canadian markets. The program was not renewed after expiry. During the year ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, no Series A units were purchased for cancellation.

Redemptions

Series A units may be surrendered prior to 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on the tenth Business Day before the last Business Day of the applicable month by unitholders for redemption. Upon receipt by the Fund of the redemption notice the unitholder shall be entitled to receive a price per Series A unit equal to the lesser of:

- (a) 95% of the "market price" of the Series A units on the principal market on which the Series A 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 Series A 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.

Series F units may be redeemed or converted to Series A units on a monthly basis on the same terms as the Series A units. During the year ended December 31, 2017 500 (2016 – nil) Series F units were redeemed and cancelled for \$5,840 (2016 - \$nil) and 1,600 (2016 – 10,361) Series F units were converted into 1,814 (2016 – 11,615) Series A units for \$19,927 (2016 – \$137,448).

In accordance with the Fund prospectus, in addition to the monthly redemption rights, on an annual basis, commencing in September 2014, Series A and Series F units may be surrendered for redemption at the NAV per unit of each series, subject to the required redemption notice period, by the second last business day of September and the unitholder will receive payment on or before the 15th business day of the following month. On September 30, 2017, 326,186 Series A units were redeemed and cancelled for \$3,473,816 and 835 Series F units were redeemed and cancelled for \$10,075.

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

	Units outstanding	
	Series A	Series F
Total outstanding as at January 1, 2016	2,764,434	39,977
Reinvestment of distributions to holders of redeemable units	610	-
Redeemable units redeemed	(861,243)	(373)
Transfer between Series	11,615	(10,361)
Total outstanding as at December 31, 2016	1,915,416	29,243
Reinvestment of distributions to holders of redeemable units	712	-
Redeemable units redeemed	(326,186)	(1,335)
Transfer between Series	1,814	(1,600)
Total outstanding as at December 31, 2017	1,591,756	26,308

The weighted average number of units outstanding during the year ended December 31, 2017 was 1,832,100 units for Series A (2016 – 2,549,876 units) and 28,765 units for Series F (2016 – 36,195 units).

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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 March 2014, the Fund will annually determine and announce the distribution amount for the following year based upon the prevailing market conditions. The total distribution amount was \$1,211,832 or \$0.055 per unit per month for the year ended December 31, 2017 (2016 - \$1,661,770 or \$0.055 per unit per month).

During the year the Fund has also made available to unitholders the opportunity to reinvest monthly distributions from the Fund in additional Series A units and/or Series F units, as applicable, by participating in a distribution reinvestment plan which will provide that cash distributions made by the Fund shall, at the election of a unitholder, be automatically reinvested in additional Series A units or Series F units, as applicable, on such unitholder's behalf in accordance with the terms of the plan. Reinvestment of distributions for Series A will occur either through market purchases or units issued from treasury depending on whether the trading price of the Series A units is above or below NAV and if units are available for purchase on the market. Reinvestment of distributions for Series F units will occur through units issued from treasury at NAV. During the year ended December 31, 2017, 712 (2016 – 610) reinvested Series A units were issued from treasury and all other reinvestments were from market purchases. No Series F units were enrolled in the reinvestment plan.

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 the Fund's overall business and operations and provides key management personnel to the Fund. The Manager retained Macquarie Private Portfolio Management Limited ("MPPM" or the "Portfolio Manager") who was subsequently replaced on January 31, 2017 with an affiliate, Macquarie Investment Management Global Limited ("MIMGL"), to provide portfolio management services to the Fund up until termination on June 30, 2017. MIMGL was paid a fee for its portfolio advisory services, from the management fee received from the Fund, calculated on the basis of the Fund's net asset value. Effective July 1, 2017, the Manager assumed the investment management responsibilities of the Fund.

The Manager is entitled to a fee of 1.30% of the average daily NAV per unit, plus applicable taxes, per annum of the Fund. The Fund pays service fees to registered dealers on Series A units at a rate of 0.40% of the average daily NAV, plus applicable taxes, per annum of the Fund. No service fee is charged to Series F units. 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 \$37,226 for year ended December 31, 2017 (2016 - \$59,698) and are included in the unitholder reporting costs on the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

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 until it is closed out or partially settled.

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

As at December 31, 2017					
Counterparty	Settlement Date	Purchased currency	Sold currency	Unrealized gain (loss)	Contract Price
The Bank of Nova Scotia credit rating A+	January 19, 2018	AUD \$700,000	CAD \$680,009	\$5,842	1.0294
The Bank of Nova Scotia credit rating A+	January 19, 2018	CAD \$25,213,604	AUD \$26,000,000	(\$260,848)	1.0312

As at December 31, 2016					
Counterparty	Settlement Date	Purchased currency	Sold currency	Unrealized gain (loss)	Contract Price
The Bank of Nova Scotia credit rating A+	January 20, 2017	CAD \$29,212,682	AUD \$29,700,000	\$390,117	1.0167
The Bank of Nova Scotia credit rating A+	January 20, 2017	CAD \$2,229,438	AUD \$2,300,000	(\$2,612)	1.0317
Total		CAD \$31,442,120	AUD \$32,000,000	\$387,505	

Offsetting of foreign currency forward contracts

In 2017, the Fund had foreign exchange settlements 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 December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016.

December 31, 2017			
Financial assets and liabilities	Gross assets (liabilities)	Amount eligible for offset	Net offset amounts
Derivative assets	\$5,842	-	\$5,842
Derivative liabilities	(\$260,848)	-	(\$260,848)

December 31, 2016			
Financial assets and liabilities	Gross assets (liabilities)	Amount eligible for offset	Net offset amounts
Derivative assets	\$390,117	-	\$390,117
Derivative liabilities	(\$2,612)	-	(\$2,612)

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 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 December 31, 2017, 129.2% (December 31, 2016 – 133.5%) of the Fund's net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units were traded on public stock exchange. 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 \$1,187,964 (December 31, 2016 - \$1,471,969).

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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 financial currency of the Fund will fluctuate as a result of changes in foreign exchange rates. When the 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.

The table below summarizes the Fund's 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 December 31, 2017				
Currency	Currency exposure*	Forward contracts*	Net currency exposure*	As a % of net assets
Australian Dollars	\$23,895,900	\$24,788,601	(\$892,701)	(4.9)

* Amounts are in Canadian Dollars

As at December 31, 2016				
Currency	Currency exposure*	Forward contracts*	Net currency exposure*	As a % of net assets
Australian Dollars	\$30,972,095	\$31,054,616	(\$82,521)	(0.4)

* Amounts are in Canadian Dollars

The non-monetary currency exposure is \$23,759,273 (December 31, 2016 – \$29,439,377) and the monetary currency exposure is \$136,627 (December 31, 2016 – \$1,532,718).

As at December 31, 2017, if the Canadian dollar had strengthened or weakened by 5% in relation to the Australian dollar, 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 \$44,635 or 0.2% (December 31, 2016 - \$4,126 or 0.02%) 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 Australian Dollars, the Fund from time to time may enter into a forward currency contract on substantially all of the value of the portfolio investments back to the Canadian dollar. There is no requirement to hedge the currency 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. A Fund that invests in fixed income securities, such as bonds and money market instruments, is sensitive to changes in interest rates. In general, when interest rates are falling, the value of these investments rises.

Moreover, fixed income securities with longer terms to maturity are usually more sensitive to changes in interest rates. As at December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Fund did not hold any fixed income securities.

A Fund that has an interest-bearing liability is exposed to risks associated with the effects of fluctuations in interest rates on its cash flows. As at December 31, 2017 the Fund had \$5,994,103 (December 31, 2016 - \$9,990,130) net of prepaid interest of interest bearing liabilities. The interest bearing liabilities have a fixed interest rate and a maturity of less than three months, therefore the exposure to interest rate risk is not considered significant.

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 December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, all of the Fund's financial liabilities had maturities of less than three months.

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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.

Ongoing credit assessments are performed on all the Fund's holdings and the exposure level is managed through careful diversification across individual issuers, which helps to minimize this risk. The maximum credit risk of these investments is their fair value at December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016. 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.

All cash held by the fund is held with a reputable and regulated financial institution.

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.

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

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

Securities classification:

Investments at fair value as at December 31, 2017				
	Level 1 (\$)	Level 2 (\$)	Level 3 (\$)	Totals (\$)
Financial Assets				
Equities				
Real Estate Issuers	22,571,790	-	-	22,571,790
Other	1,187,483	-	-	1,187,483
Derivatives				
Foreign currency forward contracts	-	5,842	-	5,842
Total Financial Assets	23,759,273	5,842	-	23,765,115
Financial Liabilities				
Derivatives				
Foreign currency forward contracts	-	(260,848)	-	(260,848)
Total Financial Liabilities	-	(260,848)	-	(260,848)

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Investments at fair value as at December 31, 2016				
	Level 1 (\$)	Level 2 (\$)	Level 3 (\$)	Totals (\$)
Financial Assets				
Equities				
Real Estate Issuers	27,202,817	-	-	27,202,817
Other	2,236,560	-	-	2,236,560
Derivatives				
Foreign currency forward contracts	-	390,117	-	390,117
Total Financial Assets	29,439,377	390,117	-	29,829,494
Financial Liabilities				
Derivatives				
Foreign currency forward contracts	-	(2,612)	-	(2,612)
Total Financial Liabilities	-	(2,612)	-	(2,612)

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

The value of equities 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:

Country of Issue	December 31, 2017		December 31, 2016	
	\$*	As a % of net assets	\$*	As a % of net assets
Australia	23,759,273	129.2	29,439,377	133.5
Totals	23,759,273	129.2	29,439,377	133.5

*Stated in Canadian dollars

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

	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
	% of net assets	% of net assets
Real Estate Issuers	122.7	123.4
Other Public Issuers	6.5	10.1
Total	129.2	133.5

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 years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 amounted to \$nil.

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9. LOAN FACILITY

The Fund established a revolving term loan facility with a Canadian chartered bank for the purpose of acquiring assets for the portfolio and such other short term funding purposes as may be determined from time to time and in accordance with the investment strategy. The loan facility is drawn down by way of a Banker's Acceptance (BA's) with a shorter term maturity and renewed on an ongoing basis. The loan outstanding at December 31, 2017 is interest bearing at a rate of 1.34% per annum plus a stamping fee of 0.90% per annum for \$6,000,000, (December 31, 2016 - 0.9% for \$10,000,000), secured against the assets of the Fund and the amount of the loan cannot exceed 62.471% of the net asset value of the Fund. The outstanding balance on the loan facility was \$6,000,000 at December 31, 2017 (December 31, 2016 - \$10,000,000). The amount of borrowings ranged between \$6,000,000 and \$11,000,000 during the year (2016 - \$10,000,000 and \$15,000,000).

The initial interest paid on the drawdown and renewal of the Banker's Acceptance is deferred and amortized over the term of the BA's, which mature on January 15, 2018 for the loan. The loan amount was renewed on January 15, 2018. The unamortized portion of the deferred interest was \$5,897 at (December 31, 2016 - \$9,870) and is netted against the loan facility balance on the Statements of Financial Position. For the year ended December 31, 2017, the Fund recorded interest expense of \$191,425 (2016 - \$254,848).

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