

MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

Australian REIT Income Fund

December 31, 2018



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CORPORATE OVERVIEW

Harvest Portfolios Group Inc. ("Harvest") is a Canadian Investment Manager founded in 2009. Harvest is focused on developing investment products that follow three investment criteria:

- 1. Clear investment objectives
- 2. Transparency
- 3. Consistent income and growth

Harvest endeavours to develop investment products that are clear in their mandate and easy for our investors to understand. We strive to be transparent, so that our investors can open their financial reports and know exactly what they own. Our funds are invested to provide investors with consistent monthly or quarterly income; therefore, we seek to invest our fund portfolios in well managed companies that have a history of steady cash flow and pay dividends.

INVESTMENT PRODUCT

The Australian REIT Income Fund ("the Fund") invests in a portfolio comprised primarily of Equity Securities listed on the ASX issued by Real Estate Issuers. The Fund will be actively managed to take advantage of opportunities within the Australian real estate sector with a focus on Real Estate Issuers that provide attractive current cash yield and/or capital appreciation opportunities.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Australian REIT Income Fund

Unitholder letter March 2019

Dear Valued Investor,

Like 2017, 2018 proved to be a year of unexpected surprises, though this time with considerably more volatility and global markets ending the year in negative territory.

Should we really be that surprised? As we break into the tenth year since the financial crisis when the market put in a bottom in March 2009, we can point to three additional periods of market disruption: 1) in 2011, 2) late 2015 to early 2016, and 3) most of 2018. I have heard people referring to the current situation as a trader's market while investors have been sidelined. Though the volatility is tough to endure, remaining focused on long term growth by staying invested in great businesses will prove itself now as it has in the past.

A stockholder or unitholder never thinks of himself/herself as a business owner, though in the case of equity investing, that's what you are. You own a piece of many businesses through your ETF or Fund holdings, and if you like what you own and feel comfortable with the underlying companies its best to ignore noise and stay with the program. In short periods of time, interest rates, inflation, analyst reports and media articles can move a company's share price around, but over longer time horizons the trendline economics of the underlying business will override short term price fluctuations with the true direction of the stock price.

One thing we do know is that our investment philosophy at Harvest doesn't change, markets will change, and we accept that, we will fine tune portfolios when the dynamics for a company change, but we maintain our long-term thesis. Option writing, in our Leaders ETFs, allows us to reduce some of the shorter-term risk of a portfolio and monetize that portion of return for income generation. Most of the portfolio will remain long due to our positive bias towards the businesses we hold.

Early in 2018 Harvest launched its first specialty index ETF, the Blockchain Technologies ETF, as a long-term proxy on the transformational Blockchain technology. We truly believe this technology will change the way businesses and consumers transact, track and verify goods and services in a secure and non-corruptible manner. The sell off in crypto currencies early in the year washed through the burgeoning Blockchain technology sector due to its close association to cryptos as Blockchain provides the framework for the crypto currencies to transact upon. As tough as the inaugural year was, we hold steadfast in our belief that it is still early days for Blockchain technology, and it will continue to emerge as the go to transactional technology of the future.

As we look towards 2019, we expect to see some of the macro trade issues resolved and a relatively flat trend for interest rates, it wouldn't surprise us to see markets end the year on a positive note, but to predict how much or how we will get there is like trying to predict the weather. Plan your picnic, just keep an umbrella in the car.

On behalf of Harvest, I would like to thank you for your trust and investment in our products.

Sincerely,

Signed "Michael Kovacs"

Michael Kovacs President and Chief Executive Officer



MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

The annual management report of fund performance contains financial highlights but does not contain the complete annual financial statements of the Fund. For your reference, the annual financial statements of the Fund are attached to the annual management report of fund performance. You may obtain additional copies of these documents at your request, and at no cost, by calling toll free at 1(866) 998-8298; by writing to us at Harvest Portfolios Group Inc., 710 Dorval Drive, Suite 209, Oakville, Ontario, L6K 3V7; or by visiting our website at www.harvestportfolios.com; or on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

Unitholders may also contact us using one of these methods to request a copy of the Fund's proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record, or quarterly portfolio disclosure.

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGY

The Fund's investment objectives are to provide unitholders with:

- (i) stable monthly cash distributions; and
- (ii) the opportunity for capital appreciation

To seek to achieve its investment objectives, the Fund invests 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 invests in Real Estate Issuers in various sectors, including industrial, residential, office, retail and other real estate sectors and from time to time may invest in debt securities.

Harvest believes that Australian REITs offer attractive income and an opportunity for capital gains.

RISK

The risks associated with investing in the Fund are as described in the prospectus. There were no material changes to the Fund over the period that affected the overall level of risk of the Fund.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The Australian REIT Income Fund returned -2.16% for Series A and -1.02% for the Series F for the year ending December 31, 2018 versus the S&P ASX 200 Accumulation A-REIT Index return of 0.75% for the year. The primary divergence in performance is a result of the index being highly concentrated with significant weightings to select holdings that are beyond the maximum thresholds allowed by the Fund's investment restrictions.

Australian economic data through the period generally met the relatively low expectations. However, GDP growth towards the end of the period had showing signs of slowing, hitting the low of 0.3% quarter over quarter for the third quarter and was below expectations. Over the past several years and despite many other developed markets having raised interest rates over the past several years the Cash Rate remained at the historic low 1.5% at the end of the period, where it has been since August of 2016. Language from the RBA has been generally more dovish, implying expectations for rate increases in the near term remained low during the year.

Industrial focused REITs held in the portfolio with overseas assets outside of Australia performed particularly well during the period. Domestic M&A over the past year has also resurfaced and has had a positive impact to the domestic market including a new position added to the portfolio during the period which was subject to a take-over offer. Residential developers lagged the broader market in general later in the period as concerns surrounding the Australian Federal election to be held before the end of May 2019 may lead to changes in regulation that could impact domestic residential price growth. The Fund remained hedged back to the Canadian dollar during the period and had reduced leverage at select times during the period.

The Fund remained invested in an actively managed portfolio of listed Australian Real Estate Issuers during the period to meet its objectives of (i) stable monthly distributions; and (ii) the opportunity for capital appreciation.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

No new recent developments to note for the year ended December 31, 2018.



RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions during the reporting period, except for management fees and other expense reimbursements paid to Harvest, as noted below in Management and Other Fees.

MANAGEMENT AND OTHER FEES

The Fund pays its manager, Harvest, a management fee, plus applicable taxes, calculated based on the average daily net asset value ("NAV") and paid monthly in arrears, based on an annual rate of 1.30% of the NAV of the Fund. Up until termination, the Manager paid Macquarie, a fee for its portfolio advisory service, from the management fee received from the Fund, calculated on the basis of the Fund's NAV. 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.

The Manager may, in some cases, absorb a portion of the Fund's operating expenses. During the year there were no fees waived or absorbed. The management expense ratios of the Fund with and without the absorptions are reported in the Ratios and Supplemental Data table.

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 \$19,136 for year ended December 31, 2018 (2017 - \$37,226) and are included in the unitholder reporting costs on the Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

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, 2018 is interest bearing at a rate of 2.23625% per annum plus a stamping fee of 0.9% per annum for \$4,300,000, (December 31, 2017 - 0.9% for \$6,000,000), 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 \$4,300,000 at December 31, 2018 (December 31, 2017 - \$6,000,000). The amount of borrowings ranged between \$4,300,000 and \$6,000,000 during the year (2017 - \$6,000,000 and \$11,000,000).

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 24, 2019 for the loan. The loan amount was renewed on January 24, 2019. The unamortized portion of the deferred interest was \$8,493 at December 31, 2018 (December 31, 2017 - \$5,897) and is netted against the loan facility balance on the Statements of Financial Position. For the year ended December 31, 2018, the Fund recorded interest expense of \$155,833 (2017 - \$191,425).

RECOMMENDATIONS OR REPORTS BY THE INDEPENDENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Independent Review Committee tabled no special reports and made no extraordinary material recommendations to management of the Fund during the year ended December 31, 2018.



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following tables present selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the year ended December 31, 2018 and past annual periods. This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements.

Series A

THE FUND'S NET ASSETS					
PER UNIT	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Net assets - beginning of year	\$ 11.34	\$ 11.31	\$ 10.57	\$ 10.06	\$ 8.44
Increase (decrease) from operations					
Total revenue	0.62	0.69	0.68	0.35	1.11
Total expenses	(0.41)	(0.41)	(0.38)	(0.36)	(0.37)
Realized gains (losses) for the year	1.04	0.63	1.20	0.11	(0.45)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the year	 (1.33)	(0.36)	0.11	0.52	2.05
Total increase (decrease) from operations ¹	\$ (80.0)	\$ 0.55	\$ 1.61	\$ 0.62	\$ 2.34
Distributions ²					
From net investment income	(0.33)	-	-	-	(0.32)
From dividends	-	-	-	(0.18)	-
Return of capital	 (0.33)	(0.66)	(0.66)	(0.48)	(0.34)
Total annual distributions ²	\$ (0.66)	\$ (0.66)	\$ (0.66)	\$ (0.66)	\$ (0.66)
Net assets - end of year ¹	\$ 10.44	\$ 11.34	\$ 11.31	\$ 10.57	\$ 10.06

RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL					
DATA	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total net asset value	\$ 13,127,190	\$ 18,044,889	\$ 21,671,695	\$ 29,221,142	\$ 51,247,139
Number of units outstanding	1,257,909	1,591,756	1,915,416	2,764,434	5,094,234
Management expense ratio ³ Management expense ratio	3.74%	3.67%	3.40%	3.36%	4.39%
before waivers or absorptions ³	3.74%	3.67%	3.40%	3.36%	4.39%
Trading expense ratio ⁴	0.05%	0.04%	0.19%	0.28%	0.16%
Portfolio turnover rate ⁵	13.69%	12.77%	11.52%	30.23%	73.61%
Net asset value per unit	\$ 10.44	\$ 11.34	\$ 11.31	\$ 10.57	\$ 10.06
Closing market price (HRR.UN)	\$ 9.73	\$ 11.04	\$ 10.78	\$ 9.79	\$ 9.58



Series F

THE FUND'S NET ASSETS					
PER UNIT	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Net assets - beginning of year	\$ 12.90	\$ 12.72	\$ 11.78	\$ 10.92	\$ 8.77
Increase (decrease) from operations					
Total revenue	0.70	0.78	0.76	0.32	1.25
Total expenses	(0.42)	(0.41)	(0.38)	(0.35)	(0.35)
Realized gains (losses) for the year	0.95	0.76	1.16	0.03	(0.86)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the year	 (1.57)	(0.36)	0.32	1.90	2.43
Total increase (decrease) from operations ¹	\$ (0.34)	\$ 0.77	\$ 1.86	\$ 1.90	\$ 2.47
Distributions ²					
From net investment income	(0.47)	-	-	-	(0.32)
From dividends	-	-	-	(0.27)	-
Return of capital	(0.19)	(0.66)	(0.66)	(0.39)	(0.34)
Total annual distributions ²	\$ (0.66)	\$ (0.66)	\$ (0.66)	\$ (0.66)	\$ (0.66)
Net assets - end of year ¹	\$ 12.09	\$ 12.90	\$ 12.72	\$ 11.78	\$ 10.92

RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total net asset value	\$ 242,347	\$ 339,466	\$ 372,057	\$ 470,961	\$ 852,430
Number of units outstanding	20,045	26,308	29,243	39,977	78,077
Management expense ratio ³ Management expense ratio	3.35%	3.25%	3.00%	2.98%	3.60%
before waivers or absorptions ³	3.35%	3.25%	3.00%	2.98%	3.60%
Trading expense ratio ⁴	0.05%	0.04%	0.19%	0.29%	0.16%
Portfolio turnover rate ⁵	13.69%	12.77%	11.52%	30.23%	73.61%
Net asset value per unit	\$ 12.09	\$ 12.90	\$ 12.72	\$ 11.78	\$ 10.92

Explanatory Notes:

- 1. Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase (decrease) from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the reporting period. It is not intended that the Fund's net assets per unit table act as a continuity of opening and closing net assets per unit.
- 2. Distributions were paid in cash or reinvested in additional units of the Fund.
- 3. Management expense ratio ("MER") is based on total expenses (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) of the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period. The MER for 2014, included agents' fee of \$119,247 and issue costs of \$101,651 for Series A, which were treated as one-time expenses and therefore were not annualized. The MER without these costs is 3.95% for Series A.
- 4. The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period.
- 5. The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio advisor manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the period. The higher a Fund's portfolio turnover rate, the greater the trading costs payable by the Fund and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a Fund.



Past Performance

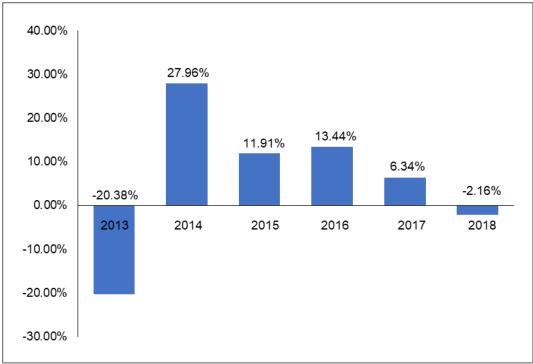
The performance information presented herein assumes all dividends of the Fund during the periods presented were reinvested in additional securities of the Fund. The performance information does not take into account sales, redemptions, or other charges that would have reduced returns or affected performance. Past performance of the Fund is not necessarily indicative of how it will perform in the future.

YEAR-BY-YEAR RETURNS

The following charts present the Fund's performance for each of the periods shown and illustrate how the Fund's performance varied. The charts show, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of each financial year would have grown or decreased by the last day of each financial year.

Fund Performance

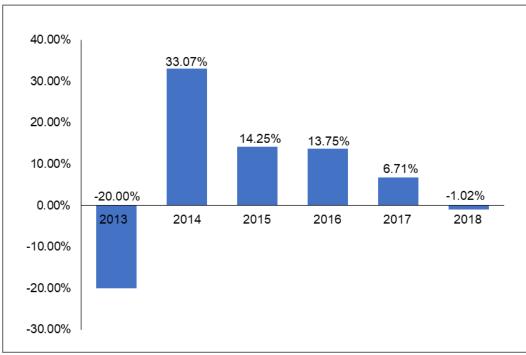
Series A



2013 represents the period from March 21 to December 31



Series F



2013 represents the period from March 21 to December 31

ANNUAL COMPOUND RETURNS

The following table shows the annual compound returns for the Fund. All returns are in Canadian dollars, on a total return basis, net of fees.

For comparison purposes, a benchmark of the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation A-REIT Index (the "Index") is used. While the Fund uses this benchmark for long-term performance comparisons, it is not managed relative to the composition of the Index. As a result, the Fund may experience periods when its performance is not aligned with the Index, either positively or negatively. The return of the Index is calculated without the deduction of management fees and fund expenses whereas the performance of the Fund is calculated after deducting such fees and expenses. Please see the "Results of Operations" section of this report for a discussion on recent performance.

Investment Return %	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
Fund Performance Series A (%)	-2.16	5.68	11.07	-	5.27
Fund Performance Series F (%)	-1.02	6.31	12.80	-	6.78
S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation A-REIT Index (%)	0.75	5.48	12.66	-	8.82



SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

The Portfolio by Sector chart below provides a portfolio breakdown based on the total transactional net asset value of the Fund's portfolio holdings. A detailed breakdown of the Fund's holdings is available in the "Schedule of Investments" section of the Fund's annual financial statements.

As at December 31, 2018

Top Holdings	% of Net Asset Value
Goodman Group	12.6
Stockland	12.6
The GPT Group	12.6
Dexus	12.2
Mirvac Group	12.0
Scentre Group	11.3
Charter Hall Group	9.7
Vicinity Centres	8.5
Multiplex SITES Trust	8.1
Lendlease Group	7.5
Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield	7.1
Charter Hall Retail REIT	5.9
Aventus Retail Property Fund	4.9
Centuria Industrial REIT	3.9
Propertylink Group	2.2
Foreign currency forward contracts	(1.0)
Net other liabilities	(30.1)
Total	100.0

This summary of investment portfolio may change due to the ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund. Quarterly updates of the Fund's investment portfolio are available from Harvest Portfolios Group Inc. at www.harvestportfolios.com.

SECTOR ALLOCATION

Sector	% of Net Asset Value
Real Estate	131.1
Foreign currency forward contracts	(1.0)
Net other liabilities	(30.1)
Total	100.0





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CAUTION REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

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