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## MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

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### Harvest Energy Leaders Plus Income ETF (formerly Energy Leaders Plus Income ETF)

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 Harvest Energy Leaders Plus Income ETF (formerly Energy Leaders Plus Income ETF) (the “Fund”) invests in an equally-weighted underlying portfolio of 20 Energy Issuers chosen from the Energy Leaders Investable Universe that at the time of investment and immediately following each quarterly reconstitution and rebalancing (i) have a market capitalization of at least \$10 billion; (ii) are paying a dividend/distribution; (iii) have options in respect of their Equity Securities listed on a recognized options exchange; and (iv) have operations and/or offices in at least two countries.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Harvest Energy Leaders Plus Income ETF

Unitholder letter March 2019

Dear Valued Unitholder,

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

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### 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](http://www.harvestportfolios.com); or on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://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 has been created to provide investors with an exposure to a portfolio ("Portfolio") of Equity Securities of 20 Energy Issuers chosen from the Energy Leaders Investable Universe that at the time of investment and immediately following each quarterly reconstitution and rebalancing (i) have a market capitalization of at least \$10 billion; (ii) are paying a dividend/distribution; (iii) have options in respect of their Equity Securities listed on a recognized options exchange; and (iv) have operations and/or offices in at least two countries.

The Fund's investment objectives are to provide unitholders with (i) monthly cash distributions; (ii) the opportunity for capital appreciation; and (iii) lower overall volatility of the Portfolio returns than would otherwise be experienced by owning Equity Securities of the Energy Leaders directly. In order to seek to generate additional returns, the Fund's manager and investment manager, Harvest Portfolios Group Inc. ("Harvest") may sell call options each month on Equity Securities held in the Portfolio. Harvest will not sell call options on more than 33% of the Equity Securities of any of the Energy Leaders held in the Portfolio.

Harvest will quarterly reconstitute and rebalance the Portfolio such that, at the time of the initial investment and immediately following each quarterly reconstitution and rebalancing, the Portfolio will have the following investment characteristics:

- Value** – An average Price-to-Earnings ratio lower than the average for the Energy Leaders Investable Universe;
- Yield** – An average Yield greater than the average for the Energy Leaders Investable Universe; and
- Quality** – An average 5-year Return on Equity growth greater than the average for the Energy Leaders Investable Universe.

### 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 Fund returned -18.29% for Series A and -17.74% for Series U for the year ended December 31, 2018 versus the MSCI ACW Energy Index in USD of -13.27%.

Energy prices continued their upward march through the first half of 2018 and held steady for much of the summer months, albeit with much volatility. In the fourth quarter, oil prices were under significant pressure as oversupply came to the fore once again and the intensification of the "Trade War" between the two global oil demand behemoths, the US and China weighed on sentiment.

The Fund is diversified across the sub-sectors with allocations to commodity producers, energy services, integrated producers, refining and pipeline related companies that provided diversity and some volatility buffer during the heightened commodity price volatility. While the slight overweight to Refiners was beneficial to performance on elevated crack spreads, the exposure to the Services and Pipelines were the bigger detractors to performance. Of particular note, the Fund holds a maximum in 2 positions (10% at the time of rebalancing) listed in Canada. A significant negative divergence in Canadian commodity prices in the latter part of the year resulted in many Canadian energy producers coming under significant pressure and underperforming their global peers. This allocation had a relatively positive impact to the Fund compared to more concentrated Canadian energy focused positions.

The Fund was invested in 20 Energy Leaders during the period and sold call options on the underlying holdings during the period to meet its investment and income objectives.

# Harvest Energy Leaders Plus Income ETF

## (formerly Energy Leaders Plus Income ETF)

### RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

On June 14, 2018, the Fund changed its name from Energy Leaders Plus Income ETF to Harvest Energy Leaders Plus Income ETF. No changes were made to the investment objective, strategies or management of the Fund.

### 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

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 Fund pays the Manager an annual management fee of 0.85%, plus applicable taxes, based on a percentage of the average daily net asset value ("NAV") of the Fund.

#### 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.

At its sole discretion, the Manager may waive management fees or absorb expenses of the Fund. The amount of absorption for the year ended December 31, 2018 was \$nil (2017 - \$12,987). The management expense ratios of the Fund with and without the waivers and 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 were \$32,756 for the year ended December 31, 2018 (2017 - \$44,793) and are included in the unitholder reporting costs on the Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) in the financial statements.

### 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.

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## 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 past audited annual financial statements.

### Series A

THE FUND'S NET ASSETS PER UNIT	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
<b>Net assets - beginning of the year<sup>2</sup></b>	\$ 5.39	\$ 6.16	\$ 5.46	\$ 8.16	\$ 9.33
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations</b>					
Total revenue	0.13	0.21	0.17	0.25	0.09
Total expenses	(0.10)	(0.11)	(0.11)	(0.12)	(0.04)
Realized gains (losses) for the year	0.04	0.14	(0.50)	(1.86)	(0.23)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the year	(0.88)	(0.16)	1.84	(0.27)	(0.89)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>1</sup></b>	\$ (0.81)	\$ 0.08	\$ 1.40	\$ (2.00)	\$ (1.07)
<b>Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>					
Return of capital	(0.36)	(0.70)	(0.70)	(0.70)	(0.12)
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	\$ (0.36)	\$ (0.70)	\$ (0.70)	\$ (0.70)	\$ (0.12)
<b>Net assets - end of the year<sup>1,7</sup></b>	\$ 4.11	\$ 5.39	\$ 6.16	\$ 5.46	\$ 8.16

RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
<b>Total net asset value</b>	\$ 16,739,499	\$ 27,368,590	\$ 20,956,417	\$ 19,593,171	\$ 29,790,360
Number of units outstanding	4,077,271	5,077,271	3,402,271	3,585,228	3,650,400
Management expense ratio <sup>4</sup>	1.74%	1.89%	2.97%	1.72%	10.43%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>4</sup>	1.74%	1.94%	2.97%	1.72%	10.43%
Trading expense ratio <sup>5</sup>	0.21%	0.18%	0.22%	0.25%	0.23%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>6</sup>	75.09%	75.77%	87.84%	70.38%	3.38%
<b>Net asset value per unit</b>	\$ 4.11	\$ 5.39	\$ 6.16	\$ 5.46	\$ 8.16
<b>Closing market price (HPF)*</b>	\$ 4.10	\$ 5.41	\$ 6.16	\$ 5.17	\$ 7.51

\* On conversion to an ETF, Series A traded under the symbol HPF. Prior to conversion Series A traded under the symbol HPF.UN as a closed end fund.

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## Series U (CAD)

THE FUND'S NET ASSETS PER UNIT					
	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
<b>Net assets - beginning of the year<sup>2</sup></b>	\$ 7.17	\$ 8.56	\$ 7.63	\$ 9.45	\$ 10.47
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations</b>					
Total revenue	0.18	0.24	0.24	0.32	0.10
Total expenses	(0.14)	(0.14)	(0.16)	(0.16)	(0.05)
Realized gains (losses) for the year	0.29	(0.12)	(0.98)	(0.73)	0.04
Unrealized gains (losses) for the year	(0.45)	0.64	2.69	(0.33)	(0.99)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>1</sup></b>	\$ (0.12)	\$ 0.62	\$ 1.79	\$ (0.90)	\$ (0.90)
<b>Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>					
Return of capital	(0.47)	(0.91)	(0.93)	(0.90)	(0.12)
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	\$ (0.47)	\$ (0.91)	\$ (0.93)	\$ (0.90)	\$ (0.12)
<b>Net assets - end of the year<sup>1</sup></b>	\$ 6.02	\$ 7.17	\$ 8.56	\$ 7.63	\$ 9.45

RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA					
	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
<b>Total net asset value</b>	\$ 1,870,858	\$ 5,098,197	\$ 1,376,343	\$ 1,618,070	\$ 2,061,188
Number of units outstanding	310,770	710,770	160,770	212,170	218,170
Management expense ratio <sup>4</sup>	1.75%	1.87%	1.97%	1.73%	10.26%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>4</sup>	1.75%	1.92%	1.97%	1.73%	10.26%
Trading expense ratio <sup>5</sup>	0.21%	0.18%	0.22%	0.25%	0.23%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>6</sup>	75.09%	75.77%	87.84%	70.38%	3.38%
<b>Net asset value per unit</b>	\$ 6.02	\$ 7.17	\$ 8.56	\$ 7.63	\$ 9.45
<b>Closing market price - USD (HPF.U)*</b>	\$ 4.32	\$ 5.86	\$ 6.43	\$ -	\$ -

\* On conversion to an ETF, Series U traded under the symbol HPF.U. Prior to conversion Series U units did not trade.

### Explanatory Notes:

- 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.
- Net assets, at the commencement of operations on October 21, 2014 was \$9.33, net of agents' commissions and issuance costs of \$0.67 per unit for Series A and was \$10.47 (\$9.33 USD), net of agents' commissions and issuance costs of \$0.75 (\$0.67 USD) per unit for Series U.
- Distributions were paid in cash or reinvested in additional units of the Fund.
- 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 (the year of inception) the year of inception, included agents' fees of \$1,946,175 and issue costs of \$515,263 for Series A and agents' fees of \$128,565 and issue costs of \$34,020 for Series U, which were treated as one-time expenses and therefore were not annualized. The MER without these costs is 2.62% for Series A and 2.64% for Series U. The MER for 2016 included agents' fee of 199,016 for Series A. This cost is treated as one-time expense and therefore is not annualized. The MER without this cost is 1.95%.
- 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.
- 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.
- The USD amount of the net assets at the end of the period was \$4.41 USD.

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## Past Performance

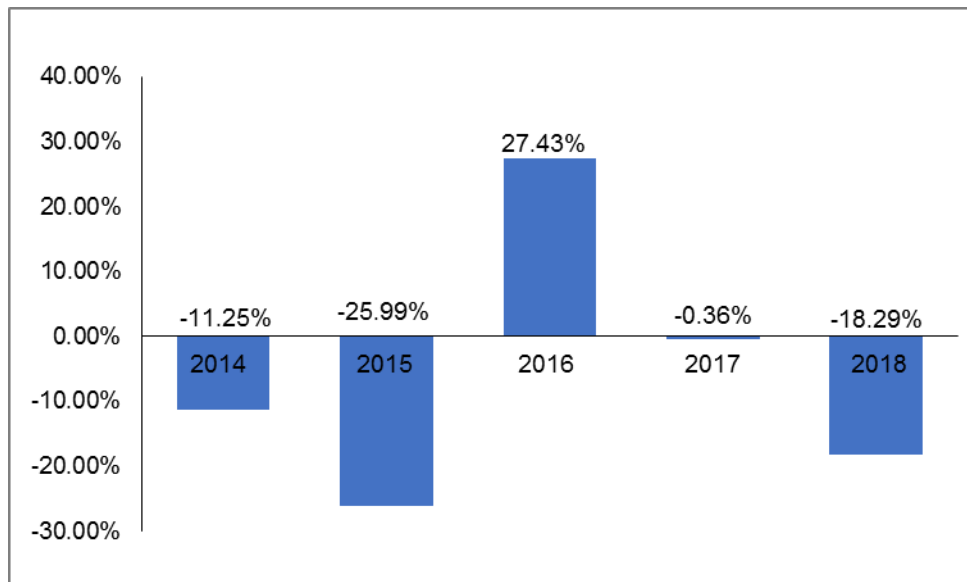
The performance information presented herein assumes all dividends of the Fund during the periods presented were reinvested in additional securities of the Fund. The performance information does not take into account sales, redemptions, or other charges that would have reduced returns or affected performance. 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 years shown and illustrate how the Fund's performance varied for Series A and Series U. 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



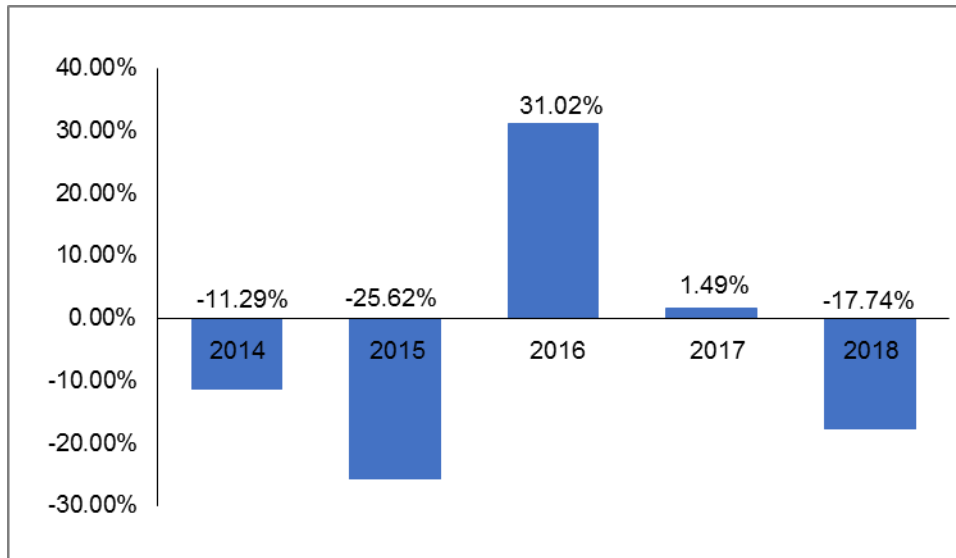
2014 represents the period from October 21 to December 31



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Series U (USD)



2014 represents the period from October 21 to December 31

## ANNUAL COMPOUND RETURNS

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

For comparison purposes, the MSCI ACW Energy Index (USD) (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	-18.29	1.24	-	-	-8.74
Fund Performance Series U (USD)	-17.74	3.03	-	-	-7.48
MSCI ACW Energy Index (USD)	-13.27	5.73	-	-	-4.38

\*Since inception October 21, 2014

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## 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
TransCanada Corporation	5.6
Royal Dutch Shell PLC ADR	5.5
Kinder Morgan, Inc., Class P	5.5
Occidental Petroleum Corporation	5.4
BP PLC ADR	5.4
ConocoPhillips	5.3
Total SA ADR	5.3
Eni S.p.A. ADR	5.3
CNOOC Limited ADR	5.3
Marathon Petroleum Corporation	5.1
Phillips 66	5.0
Suncor Energy Inc.	5.0
Valero Energy Corporation	4.9
EOG Resources, Inc.	4.9
Exxon Mobil Corporation	4.8
Chevron Corporation	4.7
Anadarko Petroleum Corporation	4.6
Halliburton Company	4.5
Hess Corporation	4.3
Devon Energy Corporation	4.1
Cash and other assets and liabilities	2.7
Foreign currency forwards contracts	(3.2)
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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](http://www.harvestportfolios.com).

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## SECTOR ALLOCATION

Sector	% of Net Asset Value
Energy	100.5
Cash and other assets and liabilities	2.7
Foreign currency forward contracts	(3.2)
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## GEOGRAPHIC ALLOCATION

Country of Issue	% of Net Asset Value
United States of America	89.9
Canada	10.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>



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