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## MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

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### Harvest Energy Leaders Plus Income ETF

December 31, 2019



The Fund's proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record, or quarterly portfolio disclosure, can be obtained at your request, and at no cost, by calling us at 1-866-998-8298; by writing to us at Harvest Portfolios Group Inc., 610 Chartwell Road, Suite 204, Oakville, Ontario, L6J 4A5; by visiting our website at [www.harvestportfolios.com](http://www.harvestportfolios.com); or on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

# Harvest Energy Leaders Plus Income ETF

## CORPORATE OVERVIEW

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

We (i) endeavor to develop investment products that are clear in their mandate and easy for investors to understand, (ii) strive to be transparent so that our investors can review their financial reports and know exactly what they own and (iii) seek to provide investors with consistent monthly or quarterly income by investing the fund portfolios in well managed companies that have a steady cash flow and dividend-paying history.

## INVESTMENT PRODUCT

The Harvest Energy Leaders Plus Income ETF (the “Fund”) invests in an equally-weighted underlying portfolio of 20 Energy Issuers<sup>1</sup> chosen from the Energy Leaders Investable Universe<sup>1</sup> 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<sup>1</sup> listed on a recognized options exchange; and (iv) have operations and/or offices in at least two countries.

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<sup>1</sup> As defined in the Fund’s prospectus dated June 14, 2019.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Harvest Energy Leaders Plus Income ETF

Unitholder letter March 2020

Dear Valued Investor,

*"In the business world, the rear-view mirror is always clearer than the windshield"*

- Warren Buffet

As a long time follower of Warren Buffett, I think this particular quote makes sense when looking back at the previous year of activity in markets, what is difficult is looking ahead and trying to adjust your investments accordingly. To that end I hold steadfast in my belief that owning quality and steady streams of earnings will provide the confidence one needs as an investor looking ahead.

The immediate challenges of 2020 circle around the U.S. election, global trade issues, Middle East tensions, negative interest rates and, at the time of writing, the coronavirus. These are all important issues that will affect shorter term movements in markets, but like the Vietnam war in the 60's, the oil embargo of the 70s, the market crash of 1987 and many other events through the decades, they become blips on an overall long term trend of growth and increasing value and global GDP.

For a saver, retired investor or those approaching retirement, a more pressing concern is the record low interest rates that persist today and look to remain for some time. I believe this is another compelling reason to own quality companies through our ETFs. As an investor in equities, one must be willing to accept the risk that is associated with market volatility and we believe methods of mitigating that market risk is through time and quality of investment.

Our first objective is to position in growth industries or mega trends that we see continuing for many years if not decades to come. The second criteria is to select companies that are leaders in their respective fields, are making money now and generate steady dividends. Thirdly, we write (sell) call options across the portfolio to generate additional income for our investors. Throughout this process we continue to monitor, analyse and rebalance the positions which also results in portfolio constituent changes from time to time.

I read a number of Annual Reports that simply look through the rear-view mirror at the previous year to explain what happened due to various events as no one can predict the future with any degree of certainty. That said, what we can be sure of is disruptions, recessions and natural disasters will occur but will be overcome while more goods and services are consumed. Global GDP will continue to expand and throughout we will focus on businesses that we believe provide the best outcome due to their track records of success.

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., 610 Chartwell Road, Suite 204, Oakville, Ontario, L6J 4A5; 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, 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 9.63% for Series A and 11.58% for Series U compared to the MSCI Daily Total Return ACW Energy Net USD Index (USD) of 12.80% for the year ended December 31, 2019.

The "Trade War" tensions between China and the US continued throughout 2019, which culminated in a Phase One Trade Deal by year's end. Market sentiment improved on the news, but oil prices continue to exhibit wide, volatile swings, especially as the early 2020 coronavirus scare has hit the global growth outlook once again.

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. Even though energy prices did rebound from the December 2018 lows, energy stocks significantly lagged the broader stock market, as sentiment remained poor due to the nagging concerns surrounding demand slowdown effects from the Trade War.

Specifically, on Fund positioning, the slight overweight in the Fund to the refiners and underweight to combined Integrated and Exploration & Production companies was beneficial to performance during the volatile but overall relatively flat crude oil prices, which ebbed and flowed between demand concerns and positive steps on supply management, particularly from the OPEC+ group.

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

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## RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

The recent spread of the coronavirus ("COVID-19") and its impact on the financial performance of the Fund's investments will depend on the duration and spread of the outbreak and related advisories and restrictions. The overall impact to financial markets and the economy are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted. If the financial markets and/or the overall economy are impacted for an extended period, the Fund's future investment results may be materially adversely affected.

## 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 Manager 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.

### 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 and benefits; and other administrative expenses and costs incurred in connection with the Fund's continuous public offering and other obligations. These expenses were \$16,677 for the year ended December 31, 2019 (2018 - \$32,756) and are included in the unitholder reporting costs on the Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) in the financial statements.

### Waivers and absorptions

At its sole discretion, the Manager may waive management fees or absorb expenses of the Fund. There were no management fee waivers or expense absorptions for the year ended December 31, 2019 or 2018. The management expense ratios of the Fund with and without the waivers and absorptions are reported in the Ratios and Supplemental Data table.

## 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, 2019.

# Harvest Energy Leaders Plus Income ETF

## 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, 2019 and past annual periods. This information is derived from the Fund's annual financial statements.

### Series A

<b>THE FUND'S NET ASSETS PER UNIT</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Net assets - beginning of the year<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$ 4.11</b>	<b>\$ 5.39</b>	<b>\$ 6.16</b>	<b>\$ 5.46</b>	<b>\$ 8.16</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations</b>					
Total revenue	0.14	0.13	0.21	0.17	0.25
Total expenses	(0.09)	(0.10)	(0.11)	(0.11)	(0.12)
Realized gains (losses) for the year	(0.02)	0.04	0.14	(0.50)	(1.86)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the year	0.36	(0.88)	(0.16)	1.84	(0.27)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>\$ 0.39</b>	<b>\$ (0.81)</b>	<b>\$ 0.08</b>	<b>\$ 1.40</b>	<b>\$ (2.00)</b>
<b>Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>					
Return of capital	(0.36)	(0.36)	(0.70)	(0.70)	(0.70)
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>\$ (0.36)</b>	<b>\$ (0.36)</b>	<b>\$ (0.70)</b>	<b>\$ (0.70)</b>	<b>\$ (0.70)</b>
<b>Net assets - end of the year<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>\$ 4.13</b>	<b>\$ 4.11</b>	<b>\$ 5.39</b>	<b>\$ 6.16</b>	<b>\$ 5.46</b>

<b>RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Total net asset value (\$000's)</b>	<b>\$ 20,256</b>	<b>\$ 16,739</b>	<b>\$ 27,369</b>	<b>\$ 20,956</b>	<b>\$ 19,593</b>
Number of units outstanding (000's)	4,902	4,077	5,077	3,402	3,585
Management expense ratio <sup>4</sup>	1.89%	1.74%	1.89%	2.97%	1.72%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>4</sup>	1.89%	1.74%	1.94%	2.97%	1.72%
Trading expense ratio <sup>5</sup>	0.23%	0.21%	0.18%	0.22%	0.25%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>6</sup>	82.68%	75.09%	75.77%	87.84%	70.38%
<b>Net asset value per unit</b>	<b>\$ 4.13</b>	<b>\$ 4.11</b>	<b>\$ 5.39</b>	<b>\$ 6.16</b>	<b>\$ 5.46</b>
<b>Closing market price (HPF)*</b>	<b>\$ 4.12</b>	<b>\$ 4.10</b>	<b>\$ 5.41</b>	<b>\$ 6.16</b>	<b>\$ 5.17</b>

\* 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					
	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
<b>Net assets - beginning of the year<sup>2</sup></b>	\$ 6.02	\$ 7.17	\$ 8.56	\$ 7.63	\$ 9.45
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations</b>					
Total revenue	0.20	0.18	0.24	0.24	0.32
Total expenses	(0.12)	(0.14)	(0.14)	(0.16)	(0.16)
Realized gains (losses) for the year	0.06	0.29	(0.12)	(0.98)	(0.73)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the year	0.22	(0.45)	0.64	2.69	(0.33)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>\$ 0.36</b>	<b>\$ (0.12)</b>	<b>\$ 0.62</b>	<b>\$ 1.79</b>	<b>\$ (0.90)</b>
<b>Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>					
Return of capital	(0.47)	(0.47)	(0.91)	(0.93)	(0.90)
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>\$ (0.47)</b>	<b>\$ (0.47)</b>	<b>\$ (0.91)</b>	<b>\$ (0.93)</b>	<b>\$ (0.90)</b>
<b>Net assets - end of the year<sup>1,7</sup></b>	<b>\$ 5.91</b>	<b>\$ 6.02</b>	<b>\$ 7.17</b>	<b>\$ 8.56</b>	<b>\$ 7.63</b>

RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA					
	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
<b>Total net asset value (\$000's)</b>	\$ 2,131	\$ 1,871	\$ 5,098	\$ 1,376	\$ 1,618
Number of units outstanding (000's)	361	311	711	161	212
Management expense ratio <sup>4</sup>	1.88%	1.75%	1.87%	1.97%	1.73%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>4</sup>	1.88%	1.75%	1.92%	1.97%	1.73%
Trading expense ratio <sup>5</sup>	0.23%	0.21%	0.18%	0.22%	0.25%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>6</sup>	82.68%	75.09%	75.77%	87.84%	70.38%
<b>Net asset value per unit</b>	<b>\$ 5.91</b>	<b>\$ 6.02</b>	<b>\$ 7.17</b>	<b>\$ 8.56</b>	<b>\$ 7.63</b>
<b>Closing market price – USD (HPF.U)*</b>	<b>\$ 4.51</b>	<b>\$ 4.32</b>	<b>\$ 5.86</b>	<b>\$ 6.43</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

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

### 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. 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.
3. Distributions were paid in cash or reinvested in additional units of the Fund.
4. 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 the daily average net asset value during the period. The MER for 2014, 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 was treated as one-time expense and therefore is not annualized. The MER without this cost was 1.95%.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. The USD amount of the net assets at the end of the period was \$4.55 USD.

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## Past Performance

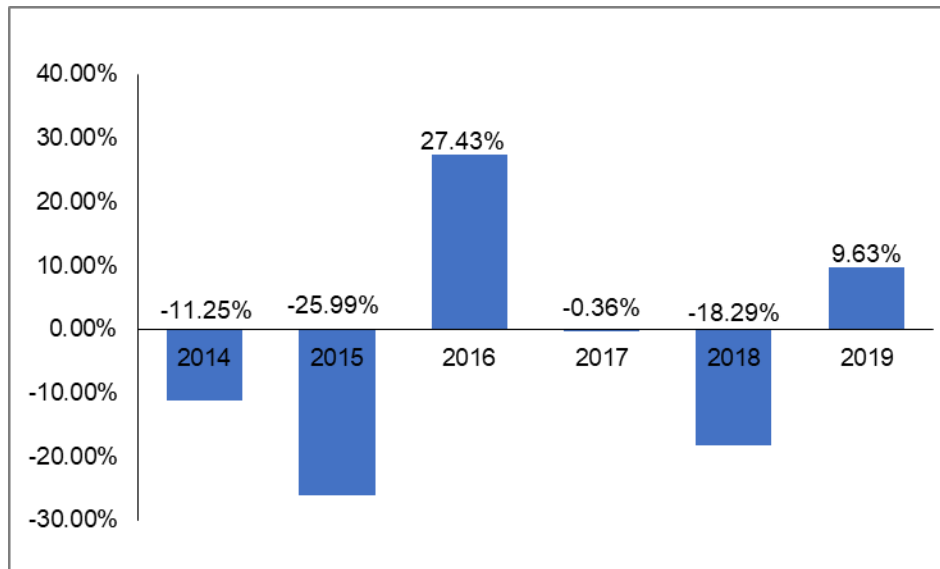
The performance information presented herein assumes all dividends of the Fund during the periods presented were reinvested in additional securities of the Fund. The performance information does not take into account sales, redemptions, or other charges that would have reduced returns or affected performance.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

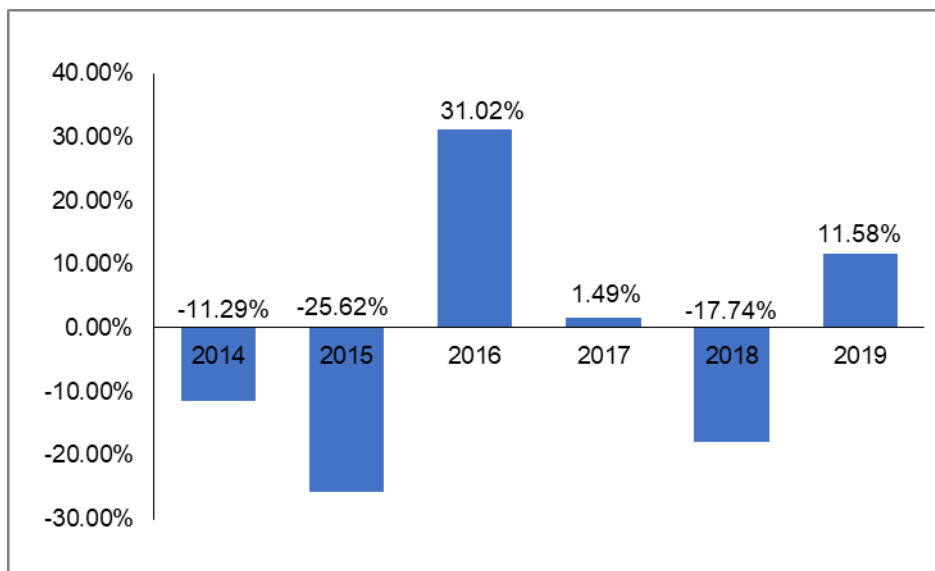
### Fund Performance

#### Series A



2014 represents the period from October 21 to December 31

#### Series U (USD)



2014 represents the period from October 21 to December 31



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## 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 Daily Total Return ACW Energy Net USD 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.

<b>Investment Return %</b>	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>3 Years</b>	<b>5 Years</b>	<b>10 Years</b>	<b>Since Inception*</b>
Fund Performance Series A	9.63	-3.72	-3.39	-	-5.46
Fund Performance Series U (USD)	11.58	-2.34	-1.92	-	-4.08
Index Performance (USD)	12.80	1.46	0.74	-	-1.29

\*Since inception October 21, 2014

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## SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

The major portfolio categories and top holdings of the Fund at the end of the period are indicated in the following tables. 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, 2019

Top Holdings	% of Net Asset Value
Apache Corporation	5.5
EOG Resources, Inc.	5.4
Marathon Oil Corporation	5.4
ConocoPhillips	5.3
Suncor Energy Inc.	5.2
Enbridge Inc.	5.2
Halliburton Company	5.1
CNOOC Limited ADR	5.1
TOTAL S.A. ADR	5.0
Schlumberger Limited	4.9
Chevron Corporation	4.9
Occidental Petroleum Corporation	4.7
Exxon Mobil Corporation	4.6
BP PLC ADR	4.6
Royal Dutch Shell PLC ADR	4.5
Phillips 66	4.5
Valero Energy Corporation	4.4
TC Energy Corporation	4.4
Marathon Petroleum Corporation	4.2
HollyFrontier Corporation	4.1
Cash and other assets and liabilities	2.2
Foreign currency forward contracts	1.3
Options	(0.5)
<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

<b>Sector</b>	<b>% of Net Asset Value</b>
Energy	97.0
Cash and other assets and liabilities	2.2
Foreign currency forward contracts	1.3
Options	(0.5)
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## GEOGRAPHIC ALLOCATION

<b>Country of Risk</b>	<b>% of Net Asset Value</b>
United States	63.0
Canada	14.8
China	5.1
France	5.0
United Kingdom	4.6
Netherlands	4.5
Cash and other assets and liabilities	2.2
Foreign currency forward contracts	1.3
Options	(0.5)
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>



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