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**INTERIM MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND  
PERFORMANCE**

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**Harvest Global Gold Giants Index ETF**

**June 30, 2023**



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## CORPORATE OVERVIEW

Harvest Portfolios Group Inc. (“Harvest” or the “Manager”) manages the Harvest ETFs and 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.

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

The interim management report of fund performance contains financial highlights but does not contain the complete interim financial statements of the Fund. You can get a copy of the interim financial statements at your request, and at no cost, by calling toll free at 1-866-998-8298; by writing to us at Harvest ETFs, 610 Chartwell Rd, Suite 204, Oakville, Ontario, L6J 4A5; or by visiting our website at [www.harvestetfs.com](http://www.harvestetfs.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 seeks to replicate, to the extent reasonably possible and before fees and expenses, the performance of the Solactive Global Gold Giants Index TR<sup>Y</sup> (the “Index”). The Fund primarily invests in large gold mining issuers that are listed on a regulated stock exchange in North America, Australia or in certain European countries.

In order to achieve its investment objectives and to obtain direct or indirect exposure to the Constituent Securities of the Index, the Fund may hold the Constituent Securities of the Index in approximately the same proportion as they are reflected in that Index or may hold securities of one or more exchange traded funds that replicate the performance of the Index, or a subset of such Index. The Fund will invest in its own portfolio comprised of various securities and instruments which may include, but are not limited to, equity and equity related securities. Equity related securities held by the Fund may include, but are not limited to, convertible debt, income trust units, single issuer equity options, preferred shares and warrants. If market conditions require, in order to preserve capital, the Fund may seek to invest a substantial portion of their respective assets in cash and cash equivalents.

Further information including defined terms can be found in the Fund’s most recent prospectus which is located at [www.harvestetfs.com](http://www.harvestetfs.com); or on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

## 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 returns compared to the Solactive Global Gold Giants Index TR<sup>Y</sup> for the six-month period ending June 30, 2023 are as follows:

Series	Return %
Series A	0.61
Solactive Global Gold Giants Index TR <sup>Y</sup>	1.18

The Fund tracks the Index which provides investors with a cost-effective vehicle to access the world’s largest gold companies listed on stock exchanges in select developed markets. The Fund was invested in the 20 largest global gold companies by market cap on an equal-weighted basis at the end of the period and are mainly headquartered in Canada, Australia, the UK, and the U.S.

There were some notable mergers & acquisitions in the large cap gold space during 2023. These impacted the relative performance in some of the underlying equities in the Fund. Pan American Silver Corp. and Agnico Eagle Mines Limited teamed up to acquire Yamana Gold, with both acquiring companies traded lower during the six-month period, while Yamana Gold was up. The other big acquisition announcement was Newmont Corporation’s bid for Newcrest Mining Limited, which has yet to close. Newcrest Mining Limited was the best performing stock during the six-month period, while Newmont Corporation ended lower, as is somewhat typical trading around acquisitions.

Gold prices have been volatile in 2023 with significant price swings up and down. Initially, prices continued their rally that was sparked off in late 2022, as early investors began to anticipate a potential end to the rate hiking cycle from central banks with signs that the inflation that was running well above market expectations in 2022, has been starting to moderate. However, the economic data released during the six-month period did not support an end to the hiking cycle, especially in areas such as stronger employment statistics, coupled with inflation that was higher than expected. As such, rate hike expectations shifted higher once again. Higher interest rates can be seen as an opportunity cost of holding gold and generally higher interest rates can have shorter term negative impact on gold prices and with expectations of further rising rates, this resulted in investors selling their investments in gold and gold stocks.

A near shock to the broader economic system occurred mid-way through the six-month period as some U.S. banks were faced with significant cash withdrawals in a very short period that put their operations under pressure. In select regional U.S. banks this resulted in

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bankruptcies and forced asset sales. This caused significant volatility in the equity markets, with spikes up and down in a short period across stocks as concerns that the regional bank failures would inspire contagion across the banking sector and potentially lead to a broader financial crisis.

That shifted the narrative back to lower rates, with added liquidity for markets and backstops for banks all being taken as a form of “bailout” for investors. This, coupled with gold prices historically performing well during periods of crisis, resulted in the gold price quickly jumping up about USD \$200/oz to over USD \$2,000/oz.

The contagion in banking was addressed and faded into the background through April and May. Meanwhile, inflation remained sticky while employment stayed strong, especially in the U.S., and higher rates for longer returned as the narrative. Gold prices responded accordingly and once again sold off, as it typically does when rates rise.

Despite these back-and-forth movements, the commodity ended the six-month period slightly higher.

Gold equities should be well positioned to capitalize on high commodity prices through the longer cycle and the commodity continues to maintain its status as a safe haven during times of uncertainty and crisis, and as such provides a hedge to portfolios as part of an overall asset allocation strategy.

## RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

COVID-19 and the war in Ukraine have had significant impacts to the global economy over the last few years and have contributed to the current inflationary pressures. The significant increase in interest rates globally by central banks to address inflation has increased the likelihood of a global recession impacting financial markets and global economies which may impact the financial performance of the Fund's investments. The Fund's future investment results may be materially adversely affected as a result.

## RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions during the six-month 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 0.40%, plus applicable taxes, based on a percentage of the average daily net asset value (“NAV”) of the Fund charged daily and paid monthly.

The Manager may, in its discretion, agree to charge the Fund and/or certain unitholders a reduced management fee as compared with the management fee that it otherwise would be entitled to receive, provided that the amount of the reduced management fee is distributed periodically by the Fund to the unitholder as a management fee distribution. Any reduction will depend on a number of factors, including the amount of account activity. Any tax consequences of a management fee distribution will generally be borne by the unitholder who receives the distribution.

### 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 are allocated by the Manager on a reasonable basis, across all the Harvest Portfolios Group Inc. funds, and series of each applicable fund. The following expenses are included in the unitholder reporting costs on the Statement of Comprehensive Income (Loss):

For the six-month period ended	Amount (\$)
June 30, 2023	2,816
June 30, 2022	925

### 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 for the six-month period ended June 30, 2023 or 2022. The Manager absorbed the following expenses and may cease doing so at any time without notice to unitholders:

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For the six-month period ended	Amount (\$)
June 30, 2023	58,720
June 30, 2022	76,059

The management expense ratios of the Fund with and without the waivers and absorptions are reported in the Ratios and Supplemental Data table below.

### 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 six-month period ended June 30, 2023.

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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 six-month period ended June 30, 2023 and past annual periods. This information is derived from the Fund's interim financial statements and past annual audited financial statements.

THE FUND'S NET ASSETS PER UNIT	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
<b>Net assets - beginning of the period<sup>2</sup></b>	\$ 25.51	\$ 26.69	\$ 31.02	\$ 24.69	\$ 20.00
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations</b>					
Total revenue	0.26	0.63	0.59	0.54	0.32
Total expenses	(0.10)	(0.16)	(0.20)	(0.24)	(0.20)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	2.79	(0.12)	0.53	2.67	1.18
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(2.38)	5.44	(4.98)	(0.75)	3.86
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>1</sup></b>	\$ 0.57	\$ 5.79	\$ (4.06)	\$ 2.22	\$ 5.16
<b>Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>					
From net investment income	-	(0.03)	(0.10)	(0.06)	(0.06)
From capital gains	-	(0.20)	(0.31)	(0.13)	(0.07)
Return of capital	-	-	(0.78)	(0.65)	-
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	\$ -	\$ (0.23)	\$ (1.19)	\$ (0.84)	\$ (0.13)
<b>Net assets - end of the period<sup>1</sup></b>	\$ 25.66	\$ 25.51	\$ 26.69	\$ 31.02	\$ 24.69

RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
<b>Total net asset value (\$000's)</b>	\$ 15,397	\$ 24,232	\$ 6,005	\$ 9,306	\$ 4,938
Number of units outstanding (000's)	600	950	225	300	200
Management expense ratio <sup>4</sup>	0.68%	0.68%	0.68%	0.68%	0.94%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>4</sup>	1.32%	1.70%	2.66%	2.73%	3.18%
Trading expense ratio <sup>5</sup>	0.22%	0.34%	0.23%	0.22%	0.59%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>6</sup>	34.86%	77.39%	49.61%	53.81%	78.74%
<b>Net asset value per unit</b>	\$ 25.66	\$ 25.51	\$ 26.69	\$ 31.02	\$ 24.69
<b>Closing market price (HGGG)</b>	\$ 25.72	\$ 25.44	\$ 26.67	\$ 31.65	\$ 24.72

### 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 January 10, 2019 was \$20.00.
- Distributions, if any, are paid in cash. The Fund may pay additional year end distributions in the form of reinvested units that are subsequently consolidated. There is no impact on NAV per unit, however such reinvested distributions increase the cost base of units held outside of registered plans. Included in the above amounts is the reinvested distribution of \$0.23 per unit paid to unitholders of record on December 31, 2022 (2021 - \$1.19 per unit).
- 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 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. In 2020 the calculation was modified to include certain transaction costs charged by the custodian. The trading expense ratio in prior periods was not re-stated.
- 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.

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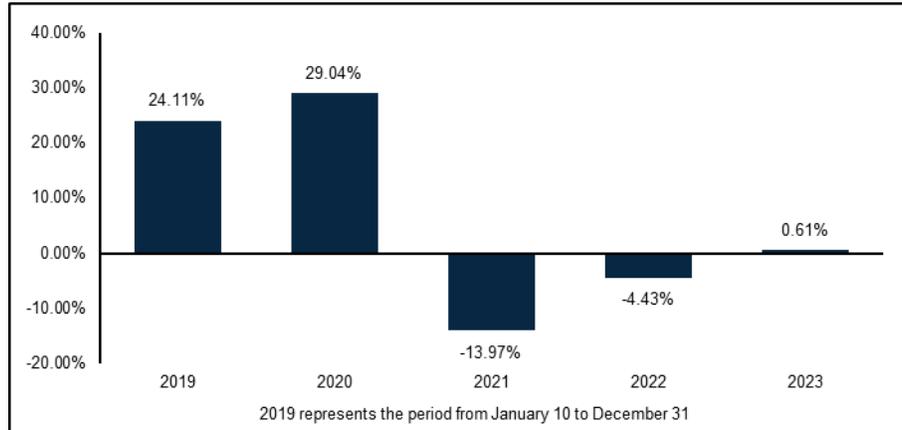
## Past Performance

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 chart presents the Fund's performance for each of the years shown. The chart shows, 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 except for 2023 which represents the interim period.

### Fund Performance



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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 interim financial statements.

As at June 30, 2023

Top Holdings	% of Net Asset Value
Newmont Corporation	5.4
Endeavour Mining PLC	5.2
Newcrest Mining Limited	5.2
Franco-Nevada Corporation	5.2
Pan American Silver Corp.	5.2
Kinross Gold Corporation	5.1
Barrick Gold Corporation	5.1
Eldorado Gold Corporation	5.1
B2Gold Corp.	5.1
Agnico Eagle Mines Limited	5.1
Lundin Gold Inc.	5.1
Alamos Gold Inc., Class A	5.0
Osisko Gold Royalties Ltd.	5.0
SSR Mining Inc.	4.9
Northern Star Resources Limited	4.9
Centamin PLC	4.9
Royal Gold, Inc.	4.8
Evolution Mining Limited	4.6
Perseus Mining Limited	4.3
Novagold Resources Inc.	4.1
Cash and other assets and liabilities	0.7
<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.harvestetfs.com](http://www.harvestetfs.com).

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## SECTOR ALLOCATION

Sector	% of Net Asset Value
Gold	94.1
Precious Metals & Minerals	5.2
Cash and other assets and liabilities	0.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## GEOGRAPHIC ALLOCATION

Country of Risk	% of Net Asset Value
Canada	60.0
Australia	19.0
United States	10.2
United Kingdom	5.2
Egypt	4.9
Cash and other assets and liabilities	0.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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## Disclaimers

### CAUTION REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

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