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## MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

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### Harvest Canadian Equity Enhanced Income Leaders ETF

December 31, 2022



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).

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## 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

Harvest Canadian Equity Enhanced Income Leaders ETF will invest, on a levered basis, in Harvest Canadian Equity Income Leaders ETF, an exchange traded mutual fund managed by the manager.

Harvest Canadian Equity Enhanced Income Leaders ETF is considered an alternative mutual fund within the meaning of NI 81-102 and is permitted to invest in asset classes or use investment strategies that are not permitted for other types of mutual funds. As an alternative mutual fund, under National Instrument 81-102, Harvest Canadian Equity Enhanced Income Leaders ETF is permitted to use strategies generally prohibited by conventional mutual funds, including the ability to invest in other alternative mutual funds, borrow cash to use for investment purposes and increased ability to invest in commodities.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Unitholder letter March 2023

Dear Valued Investor,

Thank you for taking the time to read about Harvest ETFs & Funds in 2022 and our look ahead to 2023.

The past year reminded us of key lessons as investors, advisors, and fund managers. At Harvest Portfolios Group Inc., we were reminded of the importance of our core philosophy for wealth creation and preservation: own great businesses, hold them for the long-term, and generate steady income.

2022 saw central banks hiking key interest rates higher and faster than we, and many others, expected. These were among the highest and fastest rate increases in modern history, driven largely by central banks' goal to tame high and persistent inflation.

It was also a year of high volatility. Interest rate increases played a role, as did geopolitical instability and global economic uncertainty.

In an environment of persistent inflation, rising rates and high volatility, our focus on leading businesses and selling covered call options remained highly effective. Our Equity Income ETFs' defensive characteristics and ability to monetize volatility to generate high yields proved attractive in a turbulent year.

With bonds and equities both underperforming, the reliability of attractive income became a key component of total returns for many investors.

Even as investors have found success with our strategies, there is still a great deal of uncertainty around markets. The U.S. Federal Reserve claims they are trying to combat inflation without pushing the economy into recession. History shows that goal is very rarely achieved, but perhaps lightening up on the brakes early in 2023 could achieve the desired results.

We know that these rate increases will plateau at some point, and we believe we are nearing the end of that cycle. When that time comes, markets will react appropriately and likely move higher. We expect that 2023 will finish positive as rate hikes end and markets process these changes in the economy.

Markets are forward looking indicators, and the economic impact of rate increases are often delayed. This generally means markets recover and begin a growth trajectory before their underlying economies do.

As optimists and believers in the longer-term value of great businesses, we will continue to do what we always have at Harvest. We construct ETFs that hold solid businesses in their sector and use active & flexible covered call strategies to generate income where appropriate. We do that because we believe owning great businesses in the long-term is the best way to build and preserve wealth.

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

Sincerely,



Michael Kovacs

Founder  
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's investment objectives are to provide unitholders with high monthly cash distributions and the opportunity for capital appreciation by investing, on a levered basis, in the Harvest Canadian Equity Income Leaders ETF ("Underlying ETF" or "HLIF") an exchange traded mutual fund managed by the Manager that is listed on a recognized Canadian stock exchange and that engages in covered call strategies.

HLIF's investment objective is to provide unitholders with (i) monthly cash distributions; (ii) the opportunity for capital appreciation; and (iii) lower overall volatility of portfolio returns than would otherwise be experienced by owning Equity Securities<sup>1</sup> of the Canadian Equity Income Issuers<sup>1</sup> directly. To achieve lower overall volatility of portfolio returns, HLIF will generally write covered call options on 10 up to 33% of the portfolio securities. The level of covered call option writing may vary based on market volatility and other factors.

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## 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 began trading following the listing of its units on October 25, 2022 consisting of 100,000 units at \$10.00 for proceeds of \$1,000,000. Performance information is not available for periods less than one year.

Below is a discussion of the result of operations of HLIF during the period.

During the back half of 2022, after the launch of HLIF, Canadian equity markets were effectively directionless, still absorbing the aftershocks of the sharply negative downside in the first half of the year, on very high inflation impacts, rapidly rising interest rates, and weak sentiment. Each economic datapoint has been closely watched along with commentary coming from central bankers around the hiking cycle and when it will come to an end, and whether/how deep of an impact this will have on the economy. Market expectations for 2023 were at some of the widest divergence in many years, creating these directionless markets and increased volatility writing opportunities.

HLIF was invested in a portfolio of 30 Canadian Equity Income Issuers selected from a diverse universe of companies that are listed on Canadian stock exchanges. The portfolio is equally weighted and follows a systematic process in selecting the top 30 largest Canadian Equity Income Issuers measured by market capitalization that meet specific dividend characteristics from the Canadian Equity Income Leaders Issuer's Investable Universe<sup>1</sup>.

HLIF used covered calls to generate additional income.

## RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

The spread of the coronavirus ("COVID-19") over the last couple of years has had a significant impact on the global economy. Although COVID-19 continues to exist, most countries have largely lifted COVID-19 related restrictions and the

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<sup>1</sup> As defined in HLIF's prospectus dated June 6, 2022.

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world has returned to a more normal level of activity. The lasting impact of COVID-19 has been significant supply chain issues which have begun to subside however persist in some industries, and a significant rise in inflation. Inflationary pressures have been exacerbated by the war in Ukraine and continue to impact global commodity supplies and costs. Central banks globally have quickly raised interest rates to address inflation although increasing the likelihood for a global recession. The above factors continue to impact global economies and financial markets, and uncertainty of the impact on financial performance of the Fund's investments persists. 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 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 does not pay management fees directly to the Manager. However, the Underlying ETF held by the Fund will pay management fees and incur operating and trading expenses. The Fund intends to invest in an ETF that is managed by the Manager. With respect to such investment, no management fees or incentive fees are payable by the Fund that, to a reasonable person, would duplicate a fee payable by such Underlying ETF for the same service. The Underlying ETF in which the Fund invests will pay applicable management fees. As a result, the actual aggregate management fees indirectly payable to the Manager in respect of an investment in the Fund will be greater than nil.

### 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. These expenses were \$81 for the period ended December 31, 2022 and are included in the unitholder reporting costs on the Statement 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 for the period ended December 31, 2022. The Manager absorbed \$39,119 of expenses of the Fund and \$54,741 of expenses of the Underlying ETF for the period ended December 31, 2022. The Manager may cease doing so at any time without notice to unitholders. The management expense ratios of the Fund with and without the waivers and absorptions are reported in the Ratios and Supplemental Data table below.

## LOAN FACILITY

The Fund has entered into prime broker agreements with two wholly owned subsidiaries of Canadian chartered banks (the "Prime Brokers") in order to facilitate borrowing for the purpose of investing in accordance with its investment strategy. The Fund may borrow against collateral on deposit with the Prime Brokers with such borrowing being repayable on demand. Interest is payable on any borrowings at a variable rate of interest that has ranged from 4.30% to 4.80% during the period and is calculated daily and payable monthly. During the period the minimum amount borrowed under the agreement was \$nil and the maximum amount borrowed was \$702,010. The Fund incurred \$3,964 of interest which is presented as interest expense on the Statement of Comprehensive Income (Loss) in the financial statements.

The Fund may borrow up to 33% but intends to borrow approximately 25% of its net asset value at any given time. As at December 31, 2022 the amount of borrowing was \$702,010 which is equal to 27.8% of the net asset value of the Fund on that date.

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## 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 period ended December 31, 2022.

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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 period ended December 31, 2022. This information is derived from the Fund's annual audited financial statements.

THE FUND'S NET ASSETS PER UNIT	2022
<b>Net assets - beginning of the period<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations</b>	
Total revenue	0.10
Total expenses	(0.02)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.01)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.11)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>\$ (0.04)</b>
<b>Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	
From dividends	(0.05)
Return of capital	(0.12)
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>\$ (0.17)</b>
<b>Net assets - end of the period<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>\$ 10.10</b>

RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA	2022
<b>Total net asset value (000's)</b>	<b>\$ 2,524,678</b>
Number of units outstanding (000's)	250,000
Management expense ratio <sup>4</sup>	1.98%
Management expense ratio excluding the costs of financing <sup>4</sup>	1.00%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>4</sup>	12.75%
Trading expense ratio <sup>5</sup>	0.41%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>6</sup>	15.22%
<b>Net asset value per unit</b>	<b>\$ 10.10</b>
<b>Closing market price (HLFE)</b>	<b>\$ 10.10</b>

### 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 20, 2022 was \$10.00.
3. Distributions were paid in cash or reinvested in additional units of the Fund. 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.
4. Management expense ratio ("MER") is based on total expenses (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) and the proportionate share of the Underlying ETF's related expenses of the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of the daily average net asset value during the period.
5. The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs and the proportionate share of the Underlying ETF's related expenses 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.

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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 Fund's performance is not shown as National Instrument 81-106, the regulatory guideline for Continuous Disclosure, does not permit reporting of performance for any investment fund that has been in existence less than one year.

## **ANNUAL COMPOUND RETURNS**

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## SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

Information displayed is for the Underlying ETF in which the Fund primarily invests.

As at December 31, 2022

Top 25 Holdings	% of Underlying ETF
Whitecap Resources Inc.	3.6
Quebecor Inc., Class B	3.5
Suncor Energy Inc.	3.4
Great-West Lifeco Inc.	3.4
Canadian Natural Resources Limited	3.4
Bank of Montreal	3.4
Keyera Corp.	3.4
Pembina Pipeline Corporation	3.4
BCE Inc.	3.3
The Bank of Nova Scotia	3.3
The Toronto-Dominion Bank	3.3
AltaGas Ltd.	3.3
Manulife Financial Corporation	3.3
RioCan Real Estate Investment Trust	3.3
IGM Financial Inc.	3.3
Enbridge Inc.	3.3
Sun Life Financial Inc.	3.3
Emera Incorporated	3.3
Royal Bank of Canada	3.3
Fortis Inc.	3.3
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	3.3
National Bank of Canada	3.2
Choice Properties Real Estate Investment Trust	3.2
Canadian Utilities Limited, Class A	3.2
Power Corporation of Canada	3.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>83.2</b>
<b>Total net asset value</b>	<b>\$66,828,195</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

Information displayed is for the Underlying ETF in which the Fund primarily invests.

<b>Sector</b>	<b>% of Underlying ETF</b>
Financials	36.3
Energy	23.7
Utilities	16.0
Communication Services	10.0
Real Estate	6.5
Materials	3.2
Consumer Discretionary	3.1
Cash and other assets and liabilities	1.7
Options	(0.5)
<b>Total net asset value</b>	<b>100.0</b>



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