

# Harvest Brand Leaders Plus Income ETF

December 31, 2023

Annual Financial Statements



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## MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared by Harvest Portfolios Group Inc. in its capacity as Manager of the Fund and approved by the Board of Directors of the Manager. The Fund's Manager is responsible for the information and representation contained in these financial statements.

The Manager maintains appropriate processes to ensure that relevant and reliable financial information is produced. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and include certain amounts that are based on estimates and judgments made by the Manager. The significant accounting policies, which the Manager believes are appropriate, are described in Note 3 to the financial statements.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP is the external auditor of the Fund. They have audited the financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards to enable them to express to the unitholders their opinion on the financial statements. Their report is included as an integral part of the financial statements.

On behalf of Harvest Portfolios Group Inc.,

*Signed "Michael Kovacs"*

Michael Kovacs  
President and Chief Executive Officer

Oakville, Canada  
March 19, 2024

*Signed "Daniel Lazzer"*

Daniel Lazzer  
Chief Financial Officer



## Independent auditor's report

To the Unitholders and Trustee of Harvest Brand Leaders Plus Income ETF (the Fund)

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### Our opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as at December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IFRS Accounting Standards).

### What we have audited

The Fund's financial statements comprise:

- the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022;
- the statements of comprehensive income (loss) for the years then ended;
- the statements of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units for the years then ended;
- the statements of cash flows for the years then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, comprising material accounting policy information and other explanatory information.

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### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Independence

We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

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### Other information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Management Report of Fund Performance.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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### **Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the financial statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Fund's financial reporting process.

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### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.



- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Patrizia Ferrari.

**/s/PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP**

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Toronto, Ontario

March 19, 2024

# Harvest Brand Leaders Plus Income ETF

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION		
As at December 31,	2023	2022
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Investments	\$ 471,244,379	\$ 415,063,992
Cash	9,571,638	6,680,607
Dividends receivable	709,283	110,839
Subscriptions receivable	-	930,980
Receivable for investments sold	517,064	-
Unrealized appreciation on foreign currency forward contracts (Note 6)	10,191,961	4,685,720
	<b>492,234,325</b>	<b>427,472,138</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Payable for investments purchased	-	924,992
Redemptions payable	515,725	-
Distributions payable (Note 4)	3,017,471	2,685,868
Payable for option contracts written	2,105,263	2,572,654
	<b>5,638,459</b>	<b>6,183,514</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units</b>	<b>\$ 486,595,866</b>	<b>\$ 421,288,624</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units</b>		
Class A	\$ 432,662,239	\$ 377,368,245
Class B	17,042,431	13,128,269
Class U (CAD)	36,891,196	30,792,110
Class U (USD)	27,841,362	22,741,588
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit</b>		
Class A	\$ 9.58	\$ 9.30
Class B	10.33	10.10
Class U (CAD)	14.26	13.92
Class U (USD)	10.76	10.28

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# Harvest Brand Leaders Plus Income ETF

<b>STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)</b>				
<b>For the period (Note 2) ended December 31,</b>	<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>	
<b>Income</b>				
Net gain (loss) on investments				
Dividends	\$	11,316,950	\$	8,230,599
Net realized gain (loss) on sale of investments		(613,222)		12,507,162
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments		41,454,320		(53,794,324)
Net gain (loss) on investments		52,158,048		(33,056,563)
Net gain (loss) on derivatives				
Net realized gain (loss) on options written		(3,262,536)		6,261,693
Net realized gain (loss) on foreign exchange		(432,050)		(28,503,736)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of options written		307,891		(153,491)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of foreign exchange		5,439,631		(10,711)
Net gain (loss) on derivatives		2,052,936		(22,406,245)
<b>Total income (net)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>54,210,984</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(55,462,808)</b>
<b>Expenses (Note 5)</b>				
Management fees	\$	3,867,528	\$	3,216,416
Withholding taxes		1,500,180		1,082,007
Unitholder reporting costs		205,304		194,821
Audit fees		29,722		33,601
Transfer agency fees		13,310		13,331
Custodian fees and bank charges		136,284		114,300
Independent Review Committee fees		9,540		11,093
Filing fees		38,678		33,279
Legal fees		6,306		7,064
Transaction costs (Note 11)		517,031		398,138
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,323,883</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,104,050</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>47,887,101</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(60,566,858)</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units</b>				
Class A	\$	43,274,209	\$	(57,916,222)
Class B		1,435,139		(325,703)
Class U		3,177,753		(2,324,933)
<b>Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit (Note 4)</b>				
Class A	\$	0.98	\$	(1.64)
Class B		0.84		(0.86)
Class U		1.30		(1.11)

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# Harvest Brand Leaders Plus Income ETF

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE UNITS ALL SERIES			
For the period (Note 2) ended December 31,	2023		2022
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units beginning of period	\$	421,288,624	\$ 347,655,204
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	\$	47,887,101	\$ (60,566,858)
<b>Redeemable unit transactions</b>			
Proceeds from issue of redeemable units		109,246,876	247,623,692
Redemption of redeemable units		(56,288,155)	(85,455,810)
<b>Net redeemable unit transactions</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>52,958,721</b>	<b>\$ 162,167,882</b>
<b>Distributions to holders of redeemable units</b>			
Net investment income		(4,988,716)	(3,297,503)
Return of capital		(30,549,864)	(24,670,101)
<b>Total distributions to holders of redeemable units</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(35,538,580)</b>	<b>\$ (27,967,604)</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units end of period</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>486,595,866</b>	<b>\$ 421,288,624</b>

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE UNITS CLASS A			
For the period (Note 2) ended December 31,	2023		2022
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units beginning of period	\$	377,368,245	\$ 316,725,828
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	\$	43,274,209	\$ (57,916,222)
<b>Redeemable unit transactions</b>			
Proceeds from issue of redeemable units		92,655,988	218,789,227
Redemption of redeemable units		(48,733,995)	(74,568,380)
<b>Net redeemable unit transactions</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>43,921,993</b>	<b>\$ 144,220,847</b>
<b>Distributions to holders of redeemable units</b>			
Net investment income		(4,439,944)	(3,006,232)
Return of capital		(27,462,264)	(22,655,976)
<b>Total distributions to holders of redeemable units</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(31,902,208)</b>	<b>\$ (25,662,208)</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units end of period</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>432,662,239</b>	<b>\$ 377,368,245</b>

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE UNITS CLASS B			
For the period (Note 2) ended December 31,	2023		2022
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units beginning of period	\$	13,128,269	\$ 2,933,187
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	\$	1,435,139	\$ (325,703)
<b>Redeemable unit transactions</b>			
Proceeds from issue of redeemable units		6,304,948	13,270,190
Redemption of redeemable units		(2,583,925)	(2,437,405)
<b>Net redeemable unit transactions</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,721,023</b>	<b>\$ 10,832,785</b>
<b>Distributions to holders of redeemable units</b>			
Net investment income		(176,681)	(33,985)
Return of capital		(1,065,319)	(278,015)
<b>Total distributions to holders of redeemable units</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(1,242,000)</b>	<b>\$ (312,000)</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units end of period</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>17,042,431</b>	<b>\$ 13,128,269</b>

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE UNITS CLASS U			
For the period (Note 2) ended December 31,	2023		2022
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units beginning of period	\$	30,792,110	\$ 27,996,189
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	\$	3,177,753	\$ (2,324,933)
<b>Redeemable unit transactions</b>			
Proceeds from issue of redeemable units		10,285,940	15,564,275
Redemption of redeemable units		(4,970,235)	(8,450,025)
<b>Net redeemable unit transactions</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,315,705</b>	<b>\$ 7,114,250</b>
<b>Distributions to holders of redeemable units</b>			
Net investment income		(372,091)	(257,286)
Return of capital		(2,022,281)	(1,736,110)
<b>Total distributions to holders of redeemable units</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(2,394,372)</b>	<b>\$ (1,993,396)</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units end of period</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>36,891,196</b>	<b>\$ 30,792,110</b>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS		
For the period (Note 2) ended December 31,	2023	2022
<b>Operating activities</b>		
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	\$ 47,887,101	\$ (60,566,858)
<b>Add (deduct) items not affecting cash:</b>		
Foreign exchange (gain) loss on cash	(62,361)	50,516
Realized (gain) loss on sale of investments	613,222	(12,507,162)
Realized (gain) loss on options written	3,262,536	(6,261,693)
Change in unrealized (appreciation) depreciation of investments	(41,454,320)	53,794,324
Change in unrealized (appreciation) depreciation of options written	(307,891)	153,491
Change in unrealized (appreciation) depreciation of foreign exchange	(5,439,631)	10,711
Proceeds from sale of investments (Note 4)	260,731,504	149,505,682
Purchases of investments (Note 4)	(227,160,257)	(94,659,332)
Net change in non-cash assets and liabilities	(665,054)	38,270
<b>Net cash flow provided by (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>\$ 37,404,849</b>	<b>\$ 29,557,949</b>
<b>Financing activities</b>		
Proceeds from redeemable units issued (Note 4)	377,790	(1,247,661)
Redemption of redeemable units (Note 4)	253,008	1,080,458
Distributions paid to holders of redeemable units	(35,206,977)	(27,047,719)
<b>Net cash flow provided by (used in) financing activities</b>	<b>\$ (34,576,179)</b>	<b>\$ (27,214,922)</b>
Net increase (decrease) in cash during the period	2,828,670	2,343,027
Foreign exchange gain (loss) on cash	62,361	(50,516)
Cash, beginning of the period	6,680,607	4,388,096
<b>Cash, end of the year</b>	<b>\$ 9,571,638</b>	<b>\$ 6,680,607</b>
<b>Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information</b>		
Dividends received, net of withholding taxes *	\$ 9,218,326	\$ 7,134,057

\* included in operating activities

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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS		As at December 31, 2023	
Number of Shares	Security	Average Cost (\$)	Fair Value (\$)
<b>EQUITIES</b>			
<b>Communication Services – 9.9%</b>			
132,685	Alphabet Inc., Class A	18,415,168	24,559,494
473,799	Verizon Communications Inc.	25,911,779	23,668,338
		44,326,947	48,227,832
<b>Consumer Discretionary – 9.6%</b>			
59,927	McDonald's Corporation	19,258,496	23,544,754
162,516	NIKE, Inc., Class B	24,485,209	23,379,662
		43,743,705	46,924,416
<b>Consumer Staples – 14.3%</b>			
29,665	Costco Wholesale Corporation	22,235,941	25,946,166
99,735	PepsiCo, Inc.	20,930,531	22,445,012
108,277	The Procter & Gamble Company	20,828,506	21,024,451
		63,994,978	69,415,629
<b>Energy – 4.3%</b>			
241,606	Shell PLC ADR	16,231,821	21,065,214
		16,231,821	21,065,214
<b>Financials – 15.9%</b>			
225,779	Morgan Stanley	23,183,695	27,897,459
117,461	JPMorgan Chase & Co.	20,414,701	26,474,653
67,187	Visa Inc., Class A	19,231,316	23,177,954
		62,829,712	77,550,066
<b>Health Care – 9.2%</b>			
109,621	Johnson & Johnson	22,901,754	22,767,003
31,317	UnitedHealth Group Incorporated	19,245,676	21,846,710
		42,147,430	44,613,713
<b>Industrials – 10.4%</b>			
66,772	Caterpillar Inc.	19,978,585	26,159,769
116,151	United Parcel Service, Inc., Class B	26,047,948	24,198,622
		46,026,533	50,358,391
<b>Information Technology – 23.2%</b>			
111,954	Texas Instruments Incorporated	25,191,903	25,286,829
50,480	Accenture PLC, Class A	19,061,258	23,471,852
44,273	Microsoft Corporation	16,696,706	22,059,987
83,999	Apple Inc.	16,040,075	21,429,143
311,336	Cisco Systems, Inc.	22,243,881	20,841,307
		99,233,823	113,089,118
<b>Total equities – 96.8%</b>		<b>418,534,949</b>	<b>471,244,379</b>
<b>OPTIONS</b>			
<b>Communication Services – (0.0%)</b>			
(118,500)	Verizon Communications Inc. – Jan 2024 @ USD \$38	(80,965)	(53,386)
(26,500)	Alphabet Inc. – Jan 2024 @ USD \$137	(126,032)	(165,035)
		(206,997)	(218,421)
<b>Consumer Discretionary – (0.0%)</b>			
(40,600)	NIKE, Inc. – Jan 2024 @ USD \$123	(212,672)	(4,304)
(14,900)	McDonald's Corporation – Jan 2024 @ USD \$290	(97,812)	(167,817)
		(310,484)	(172,121)
<b>Consumer Staples – (0.0%)</b>			
(21,600)	The Procter & Gamble Company – Jan 2024 @ USD \$148	(48,904)	(32,341)
(19,900)	PepsiCo, Inc. – Jan 2024 @ USD \$170	(88,245)	(64,867)
(7,400)	Costco Wholesale Corporation – Jan 2024 @ USD \$665	(153,661)	(85,797)

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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (continued)		As at December 31, 2023	
Number of Shares	Security	Average Cost (\$)	Fair Value (\$)
<b>OPTIONS (continued)</b>			
		(290,810)	(183,005)
<b>Energy – (0.0%)</b>			
(60,400)	Shell PLC – Jan 2024 @ USD \$65	(113,285)	(132,055)
		(113,285)	(132,055)
<b>Financials – (0.1%)</b>			
(16,800)	Visa Inc. – Jan 2024 @ USD \$260	(95,655)	(93,496)
(23,500)	JPMorgan Chase & Co. – Jan 2024 @ USD \$167.5	(87,208)	(138,567)
(45,100)	Morgan Stanley – Jan 2024 @ USD \$92	(134,133)	(185,255)
		(316,996)	(417,318)
<b>Health Care – (0.0%)</b>			
(21,900)	Johnson & Johnson – Jan 2024 @ USD \$157.5	(65,383)	(55,135)
(4,700)	UnitedHealth Group Incorporated – Jan 2024 @ USD \$530	(73,947)	(58,728)
		(139,330)	(113,863)
<b>Industrials – (0.1%)</b>			
(29,000)	United Parcel Service, Inc. – Jan 2024 @ USD \$165	(113,481)	(23,825)
(16,700)	Caterpillar Inc. – Jan 2024 @ USD \$287.5	(146,543)	(221,283)
		(260,024)	(245,108)
<b>Information Technology – (0.2%)</b>			
(16,800)	Apple Inc. – Jan 2024 @ USD \$197.5	(79,900)	(26,935)
(62,300)	Cisco Systems, Inc. – Jan 2024 @ USD \$51	(40,421)	(28,067)
(8,800)	Microsoft Corporation – Jan 2024 @ USD \$372.5	(112,728)	(106,693)
(16,100)	Accenture PLC – Jan 2024 @ USD \$345	(161,389)	(194,133)
(35,800)	Texas Instruments Incorporated – Jan 2024 @ USD \$167.5	(213,451)	(267,544)
		(607,889)	(623,372)
<b>Total options – (0.4%)</b>		<b>(2,245,815)</b>	<b>(2,105,263)</b>
<b>Total investments – 96.4%</b>		<b>416,289,134</b>	<b>469,139,116</b>
<b>Foreign currency forward contracts (Note 6) – 2.1%</b>			<b>10,191,961</b>
<b>Other assets less liabilities – 1.5%</b>			<b>7,264,789</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units – 100.0%</b>			<b>486,595,866</b>

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## FUND SPECIFIC NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For an explanation of the following disclosures please refer to the accompanying notes to these financial statements.

### FUND DETAILS

The Fund is an open-ended investment fund established under the laws of the Province of Ontario pursuant to a Declaration of Trust dated June 26, 2014, and as amended and restated, being the inception date. Harvest Portfolios Group Inc. is the Manager, Portfolio Manager and Trustee of the Fund and its head office is located at 610 Chartwell Rd, Suite 204, Oakville, Ontario, L6J 4A5.

The Fund invests in equity securities of companies that are brand leaders in various sectors (as determined by the Manager of the Fund) and sells covered call options on up to 33% of its holdings with the investment objective to generate monthly cashflow for unitholders and help lower the volatility of the Fund's overall return. In addition, the Fund provides unitholders with the opportunity to participate in capital appreciation over the long-term from at least 67% of the Fund's holdings.

### REDEEMABLE UNITS (Note 4)

The Fund offers Class A, Class B and Class U units. Class A and Class B units are offered in Canadian dollars. Class U units are offered in US dollars. The Fund will hedge substantially all of the value of the portfolio attributable to Class A units' non-Canadian currency exposure back to the Canadian dollar at all times which is intended to reduce the direct exposure to foreign currency risk for holders of Class A units. The value of the Fund's portfolio attributable to Class B and Class U units, if any, will not be hedged. Class B units are designed for investors who want to maintain exposure to currency fluctuations of the foreign denominated holdings in the Fund compared to the Canadian dollar. The performance returns between classes of the Fund will vary as a result of the Class A hedging its exposure to the U.S. dollar back to the Canadian dollar and the Class B and Class U being unhedged units.

The Class A units, Class B units and Class U units trade on the TSX under the symbol HBF, HBF.B and HBF.U, respectively. The closing price per unit for each class was as follows:

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Class A	\$9.58	\$9.29
Class B	\$10.32	\$10.07
Class U	\$10.76	\$10.27

### Subscriptions and Redemptions

The following units were issued and/or redeemed during the period:

	Class A	Class B	Class U
<b>Total outstanding as at January 1, 2023</b>	<b>40,569,039</b>	<b>1,300,000</b>	<b>2,211,950</b>
Redeemable units issued	9,800,000	600,000	725,000
Redeemable units redeemed	(5,200,000)	(250,000)	(350,000)
<b>Total outstanding as at December 31, 2023</b>	<b>45,169,039</b>	<b>1,650,000</b>	<b>2,586,950</b>
<b>Weighted average number of units outstanding as at December 31, 2023</b>	<b>44,153,902</b>	<b>1,703,288</b>	<b>2,451,128</b>

	Class A	Class B	Class U
<b>Total outstanding as at January 1, 2022</b>	<b>27,044,039</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>1,736,950</b>
Redeemable units issued	21,375,000	1,275,000	1,050,000
Redeemable units redeemed	(7,850,000)	(225,000)	(575,000)
<b>Total outstanding as at December 31, 2022</b>	<b>40,569,039</b>	<b>1,300,000</b>	<b>2,211,950</b>
<b>Weighted average number of units outstanding as at December 31, 2022</b>	<b>35,242,601</b>	<b>380,548</b>	<b>2,103,731</b>

The following table presents the amount of in-kind subscriptions and redemptions transactions that occurred during the period.

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Value of securities received (\$)	109,800,066	248,820,483
Value of securities paid (\$)	(56,025,438)	(86,536,268)

Other funds that are also managed by the Manager owned the following percentage of the NAV of the Fund:

	% net assets
December 31, 2023	15.0
December 31, 2022	12.1

### RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND OTHER EXPENSES (Note 5)

#### Management fees

The Manager is entitled to a fee of 0.75% of the average daily NAV, plus applicable taxes, per annum of the Fund.

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## Other expenses

The following expenses are included in the unitholder reporting costs on the Statement of Comprehensive Income (Loss):

For the period ended	Amount (\$)
December 31, 2023	130,643
December 31, 2022	129,818

## Waivers and absorptions

There were no management fee waivers or expense absorptions for the period ended December 31, 2023 or 2022.

## Other transactions

Officers, directors and related entities of the Manager invest in units of the Fund from time to time in the normal course of business and on the same basis as arm's length investors. As at December 31, 2023 officers and directors owned 8,249 units of the Fund.

## FOREIGN CURRENCY FORWARD CONTRACTS (Note 6)

As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Fund had entered into the following foreign currency forward contracts:

December 31, 2023					
Counterparty / Credit Rating	Settlement Date	Purchased Currency	Sold Currency	Unrealized gain(loss) (\$)	Contract Price
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce / A+	January 18, 2024	CAD \$66,574,400	USD \$48,810,000	1,913,903	0.7332
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce / A+	January 31, 2024	CAD \$70,379,789	USD \$52,764,000	493,564	0.7497
National Bank of Canada / A	January 11, 2024	CAD \$40,464,104	USD \$29,357,000	1,570,066	0.7255
National Bank of Canada / A	January 26, 2024	CAD \$37,658,725	USD \$27,545,000	1,172,745	0.7314
Royal Bank of Canada / AA-	January 11, 2024	CAD \$40,459,671	USD \$29,357,000	1,565,634	0.7256
Royal Bank of Canada / AA-	January 26, 2024	CAD \$37,657,651	USD \$27,545,000	1,171,671	0.7315
Toronto-Dominion Bank / AA-	January 18, 2024	CAD \$66,552,879	USD \$48,810,000	1,892,382	0.7334
Toronto-Dominion Bank / AA-	January 31, 2024	CAD \$70,298,221	USD \$52,764,000	411,996	0.7506
<b>Total</b>				<b>10,191,961</b>	

December 31, 2022					
Counterparty / Credit Rating	Settlement Date	Purchased Currency	Sold Currency	Unrealized gain(loss) (\$)	Contract Price
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce / A+	January 12, 2023	CAD \$137,638,655	USD \$100,031,000	2,202,666	0.7268
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce / A+	January 12, 2023	CAD \$9,934,034	USD \$7,460,000	(166,359)	0.7510
Toronto-Dominion Bank / AA-	January 12, 2023	CAD \$137,795,003	USD \$100,031,000	2,359,014	0.7259
Toronto-Dominion Bank / AA-	January 12, 2023	CAD \$23,383,656	USD \$17,560,000	(391,533)	0.7510
National Bank of Canada / A	February 14, 2023	CAD \$34,805,839	USD \$25,459,000	343,372	0.7315
Royal Bank of Canada / AA-	February 14, 2023	CAD \$34,801,027	USD \$25,459,000	338,560	0.7316
<b>Total</b>				<b>4,685,720</b>	

## Offsetting of foreign currency forward contracts

As at December 31, 2023, the Fund did not have foreign exchange settlements for its foreign currency forward contracts that met the criteria for offsetting in the Statement of Financial Position. As at December 31, 2022, the Fund had foreign exchange settlements for its foreign currency forward contracts that met the criteria.

The following tables present the recognized financial instruments that were not offset as at December 31, 2023 and were offset as at December 31, 2022. There would be no further offsetting in the event of bankruptcy of the counterparty.

December 31, 2023			
Financial assets and liabilities	Gross assets (liabilities) (\$)	Amount eligible for offset (\$)	Net offset amounts (\$)
Derivative assets	10,191,961	-	10,191,961
Derivative liabilities	-	-	-

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December 31, 2022			
Financial assets and liabilities	Gross assets (liabilities) (\$)	Amount eligible for offset (\$)	Net offset amounts (\$)
Derivative assets	5,243,612	(557,892)	4,685,720
Derivative liabilities	(557,892)	557,892	-

## FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS - RISK MANAGEMENT (Note 7)

### Other price risk

Investments traded on public stock exchanges represented the following percentages of the Fund's net assets attributable to redeemable units:

	% net assets
December 31, 2023	96.4
December 31, 2022	97.9

If equity prices on these exchanges had increased or decreased by 5%, as at period end, with all other factors remaining constant, net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units would have increased or decreased by approximately the following amounts:

	Amount (\$)
December 31, 2023	23,456,956
December 31, 2022	20,624,567

### Interest rate risk

As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Fund did not hold any bonds or money market instruments; therefore, the Fund had no significant exposure to interest rate risk.

### Liquidity risk

As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, all the Fund's financial liabilities had maturities of less than three months or were payable on demand.

To maintain sufficient liquidity, the Fund primarily invests in securities that are actively traded in public markets and can be readily disposed of to raise liquidity and therefore, the Fund is not exposed to any significant liquidity risk.

### Credit risk

As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Fund did not have significant credit risk exposure.

### Currency risk

The Fund's net exposure to currency risk is presented below. Amounts shown are based on the carrying value of monetary and non-monetary assets (including derivatives and the underlying principal (notional) amount of forward currency contracts attributable to Class A, if any).

As at December 31, 2023				
Currency	Currency exposure (CAD\$)	Forward contracts (CAD\$)	Net currency exposure (CAD\$)	As a % of net assets
U.S. Dollar	473,113,171	419,853,478	53,259,693	10.9

As at December 31, 2022				
Currency	Currency exposure (CAD\$)	Forward contracts (CAD\$)	Net currency exposure (CAD\$)	As a % of net assets
U.S. Dollar	415,098,068	373,672,494	41,425,574	9.8

The Fund's currency exposure is broken down between monetary and non-monetary as follows:

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Monetary (\$)	3,974,055	2,606,730
Non-Monetary (\$)	469,139,116	412,491,338

If the Canadian dollar had strengthened or weakened by 5% in relation to all foreign currencies, with all other variables held constant, the Fund's net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units would have decreased or increased, respectively, approximately as follows:

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Amount of increase (decrease) (\$)	2,662,985	2,071,279
Amount of increase (decrease) (%)	0.5	0.5

In practice, the actual results may differ from this sensitivity analysis and the difference could be material.

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## Fair value of financial instruments

The tables below summarize the fair value of the Fund's financial instruments using the following fair value hierarchy:

Investments at fair value as at December 31, 2023				
	Level 1 (\$)	Level 2 (\$)	Level 3 (\$)	Total (\$)
<b>Financial Assets</b>				
<b>Equities</b>				
Common Stock	450,179,165	-	-	450,179,165
ADR	21,065,214	-	-	21,065,214
<b>Derivatives</b>				
Foreign currency forward contracts	-	10,191,961	-	10,191,961
<b>Total Financial Assets</b>	<b>471,244,379</b>	<b>10,191,961</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>481,436,340</b>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>				
<b>Derivatives</b>				
Options	(2,105,263)	-	-	(2,105,263)
<b>Total Financial Liabilities</b>	<b>(2,105,263)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(2,105,263)</b>

Investments at fair value as at December 31, 2022				
	Level 1 (\$)	Level 2 (\$)	Level 3 (\$)	Total (\$)
<b>Financial Assets</b>				
<b>Equities</b>				
Common Stock	392,755,365	-	-	392,755,365
ADR	22,308,627	-	-	22,308,627
<b>Derivatives</b>				
Foreign currency forward contracts	-	4,685,720	-	4,685,720
<b>Total Financial Assets</b>	<b>415,063,992</b>	<b>4,685,720</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>419,749,712</b>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>				
<b>Derivatives</b>				
Options	(2,572,654)	-	-	(2,572,654)
<b>Total Financial Liabilities</b>	<b>(2,572,654)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(2,572,654)</b>

There were no Level 3 securities held by the Fund as at December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, and there were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 for the period ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

## Concentration risk

The following is a summary of the Fund's concentration risk by industry and/or by country of risk in which the companies held in the portfolio operate.

Geography:

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
	% of net assets	% of net assets
United States	92.5	93.2
Netherlands	4.3	5.3
Foreign currency forward contracts	2.1	1.1
Cash and other assets and liabilities	1.5	1.0
Options	(0.4)	(0.6)
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>



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Market Segment:

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
	% of net assets	% of net assets
Information Technology	23.2	23.7
Financials	15.9	15.1
Consumer Staples	14.3	10.0
Industrials	10.4	10.3
Communication Services	9.9	13.6
Consumer Discretionary	9.6	10.5
Health Care	9.2	10.0
Energy	4.3	5.3
Foreign currency forward contracts	2.1	1.1
Cash and other assets and liabilities	1.5	1.0
Options	(0.4)	(0.6)
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## INVESTMENTS IN UNCONSOLIDATED STRUCTURED ENTITIES (Note 8)

The Fund does not hold any investments that are considered structured entities.

## SECURITIES LENDING TRANSACTIONS (Note 9)

The Fund did not engage in any securities lending transactions during the period.

## TAXATION (Note 10)

As at the last taxation year end, the Fund had the following capital losses which can be carried forward indefinitely and applied against future capital gains.

	Amount (\$)
Capital Losses	10,770,047

As at the last taxation year, the Fund had the following non-capital losses available to offset against income in future years.

	Amount (\$)	Year of expiry
Non-Capital Losses	-	-

## SOFT DOLLAR COMMISSIONS (Note 11)

The value of such research services included in commissions paid to brokers for the period ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 amounted to \$nil.

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## 1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IFRS Accounting Standards"). These financial statements were authorized for issue by Harvest Portfolios Group Inc. (the "Manager") on March 19, 2024.

## 2. REPORTING PERIOD

The Statement of Financial Position is as of December 31, 2023 with comparative information as of December 31, 2022 if the Fund was in existence at that time. The Statement of Comprehensive Income (Loss), Statement of Changes in Net Assets and Statement of Cash Flows are for the period from January 1, 2023 or commencement of operations, whichever is later, and December 31, 2023 with comparative information for the period from January 1, 2022 or commencement of operations, whichever is later, and December 31, 2022 if the Fund existed at that time. Except for Funds established during 2022 or 2023, the term period represents a full year. Date of formation and commencement of operations are found in the Fund Specific Notes "Fund Details".

## 3. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION

### Financial instruments

The Fund recognizes financial instruments at fair value upon initial recognition, plus transaction costs in the case of financial instruments not measured at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL"). Transaction costs on financial assets and liabilities at FVTPL are expensed as incurred. Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognized at their trade date. The Fund's investments and derivative assets and liabilities, as applicable, are measured at FVTPL based on its business model. The Fund's obligation for net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units is presented at the redemption amount. All other financial assets and liabilities are measured at amortized cost. Under this method, financial assets and liabilities reflect the amount required to be received or paid. Carrying values of other financial assets and liabilities at amortized cost approximate their fair values due to the short term to maturity. The Fund's accounting policies for measuring the fair value of its investments and derivatives are identical to those used in measuring its net asset value ("NAV") for transactions with unitholders. As at December 31, 2023 and 2022 (as applicable), there were no differences between the Fund's NAV per security and its net assets per security calculated in accordance with IFRS 9.

### Fair value of investments and derivatives

Investments and derivatives that are traded in an active market are valued at their closing prices through recognized public stock exchanges or through recognized investment dealers on the valuation date. The Fund uses the last traded market price that falls within the bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid-ask spread, the Manager determines the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value based on specific facts and circumstances. Investments held are represented by equities or exchange traded funds. Derivatives held include options and foreign currency forward contracts.

Investments and derivatives held that are not traded in an active market are valued using valuation techniques, on such basis and in such a manner established by the Manager. The value of any security for which, in the opinion of the Manager, the published market quotations are not readily available shall be the fair value as determined by the Manager. The fair values of certain securities may be determined using valuation models that are based, in part, on assumptions that are not supported by observable market inputs. These methods and procedures may include, but are not limited to, performing comparisons with prices of comparable or similar securities, obtaining valuation related information from issuers and/or other analytical data relating to the investment and using other available indicators of value. These values are independently assessed internally to ensure that they are reasonable. However, because of the inherent uncertainty of valuation, the estimated fair values for the aforementioned securities and interests may be materially different from the values that would be used had a ready market for that security existed. The fair values of such securities are affected by the perceived credit risks of the issuer, predictability of cash flows and length of time to maturity.

### Classification of redeemable units

Under IFRS Accounting Standards, IAS 32 Financial Instruments – Presentation requires that units or shares of an entity which include a contractual obligation for the issuer to repurchase or redeem them for cash or another financial asset be classified as a financial liability unless certain criteria are met. The Fund's units include different redemption rights and in some instances are redeemable at 95% of market value of the units on the exchange. As a result, the Fund's units contain multiple contractual obligations and are presented as financial liabilities as they do not meet the criteria for classification as equity.

### Cash

Cash is comprised of cash on deposit.

### Investment transactions and income recognition

Net realized gain (loss) on sale of investments and net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments are determined on an average cost basis. Dividend income is accounted for on the ex-dividend date. Securities lending income is recognized when earned. The cost of investments is determined using the average cost method.

Distributions received from income trusts or Underlying ETFs that are managed by the Manager are recorded as income, capital gains or a return of capital, based on the best information available to the Manager. Due to the nature of these investments, actual allocations could vary from this information. Distributions from investment trusts or Underlying ETFs that are return of capital reduce the average cost of the investment trust and are presented as "Other adjustments to cost of investments" on the Statement of Cash Flows. Distributions from investment trusts or Underlying ETFs that are capital gains are included in "Net realized gain (loss) on sale of investments" on the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

### Allocation of income and expense, and realized and unrealized capital gains and losses

When a Fund has multiple classes of units, management fees directly attributable to a class are charged to that class, as applicable. The Fund's shared operating expenses, income, and realized and unrealized capital gains and losses are generally allocated proportionately to each class, as applicable based upon the relative net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units of each class. Realized and unrealized gains and losses from foreign currency forward contracts are allocated to Class A only, where Class A is hedged to a foreign currency.

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## Foreign currency translation

The Fund's subscriptions and redemptions are predominately denominated in Canadian dollars which is also the Fund's functional and presentation currency. Purchases and sales of investments denominated in foreign currencies and foreign currency dividend and interest income are translated into Canadian dollars at the rate of exchange prevailing at the time of the transactions. Realized and unrealized foreign currency gains or losses on investments are included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income (Loss) in "Net realized gain (loss) on sale of investments" and "Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments", respectively. Realized and unrealized foreign currency gains or losses on options are included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income (Loss) in "Net realized gain (loss) on options written" and "Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of options written", respectively. Realized and unrealized foreign currency gains or losses on assets and liabilities, other than investments and options, denominated in foreign currencies are included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income (Loss) in "Net realized gain (loss) on foreign exchange" and "Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of foreign exchange", respectively. Foreign currency assets and liabilities in the Statement of Financial Position are translated into Canadian dollars on the statement date.

## Foreign currency forward contracts

When a Fund enters into foreign currency forward contracts to hedge against exposure to foreign currency fluctuations, the fair value of these contracts is based on the difference between the contract rate and current forward market rate for the underlying currency at the measurement date applied to the contract's notional amount and adjusted for counterparty risk. Upon closing of a contract, the gain or loss is included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income (Loss) in "Net realized gain (loss) on foreign exchange". The unrealized gains or losses on forward contracts are included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income (Loss) in "Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of foreign exchange" and are allocated to Class A only until closed out or partially settled.

## Offsetting financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the Statement of Financial Position when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognized amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

## Redeemable units valuation

The NAV of each class on a particular date will be equal to each class's proportionate share of the assets of the Fund less each class's proportionate share of the liabilities of the Fund except for foreign currency forward contracts which are only attributed to Class A, expressed in Canadian dollars at the applicable exchange rate on such date. The NAV and NAV per unit will be calculated on any day on which the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") is open for trading ("Business Day").

## Options

The Fund may engage in option contract transactions if applicable to its investment strategies. An option is a contractual arrangement under which the seller (writer) grants the purchaser (holder) the right, but not the obligation, either to buy (a call option) or sell (a put option) at or by a set date or during a set period, a specific amount of securities or a financial instrument at a pre-determined price. The seller receives a premium from the purchaser in consideration for the assumption of a future securities price.

The premium received upon writing an option is recorded at cost as "Payable for option contracts written" in the Statement of Financial Position. As long as the position of the written option is maintained, the liability for written options is revalued at an amount equal to the current market value of the option. Any gain or loss resulting from revaluation is reflected in the Statement of Comprehensive Income (Loss) in "Net changes in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of options written".

The gain or loss on sale or expiry of options is reflected in the Statement of Comprehensive Income (Loss) in "Net realized gain (loss) on options written".

## Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit

"Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income (Loss) represents the increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per class, divided by the weighted average units outstanding for the financial period for the respective class.

## Critical accounting estimates and judgments

The preparation of financial statements requires management to use judgment in applying its accounting policies and to make estimates and assumptions about the future. The following discusses the most significant accounting judgments and estimates that the Fund has made in preparing the financial statements:

- a) Fair value measurement of derivatives and securities not quoted in an active market

The Fund may hold financial instruments that are not quoted in active markets, including derivatives. Fair values of such instruments are determined using valuation techniques and may be determined using reputable pricing sources (such as pricing agencies) or indicative prices from market makers. Broker quotes obtained from the pricing sources may be indicative and not executable or binding.

- b) Classification and measurement of investments and derivatives under IFRS 9

In classifying and measuring financial instruments held by the Fund, the Manager is required to make significant judgments about the business model in which the portfolio of investments and derivatives is held. The Manager has determined that the Fund's business model is one in which its portfolio is managed, and performance evaluated on a fair value basis under IFRS 9.

## New accounting standards adopted during the period

Funds that were in existence prior to January 1, 2023 have adopted the following new and amended accounting standards effective January 1, 2023.

Disclosure of Accounting Policies – Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2

Effective January 1, 2023, the Fund adopted the IAS 1 amendment with regards to disclosure of material accounting policies. This amendment did not have a material impact on these financial statements.

There are no other standards, amendments to standards or interpretations that are effective for annual periods beginning on January 1, 2023 that have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund.

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## 4. REDEEMABLE UNITS

The authorized capital of the Fund consists of an unlimited number of transferable units of each class, each of which represents an equal, undivided interest in their respective class's net assets of the Fund. Except as provided in the Declaration of Trust, all units have equal rights and privileges. Each unit is entitled to one vote at all meetings of unitholders and is entitled to participate equally in any and all distributions made by the Fund.

### Subscriptions and Redemptions

On any Business Day, a designated broker or underwriter may place a subscription or redemption order for an integral multiple of the prescribed number of units of the Fund.

If the subscription or redemption order is accepted, the Fund will issue or redeem units to/from the designated broker or underwriter generally by the second trading day after the date on which the subscription or redemption order is accepted. For each prescribed number of units issued or redeemed, a designated broker or underwriter must deliver or receive payment consisting of:

- a) A basket of applicable securities and/or cash in an amount sufficient so that the value of the securities, and the cash received is equal to the NAV of the units issued or redeemed; or
- b) Cash in the amount equal to the NAV of the units issued or redeemed.

On any Business Day, unitholders may redeem units for cash or exchange units for baskets of securities and cash. Units redeemed for cash may be redeemed at a redemption price per unit equal to 95% of the closing price for the units on the TSX on the effective day of the redemption, subject to a maximum redemption price per unit equal to NAV. Units exchanged for baskets of securities will be exchanged at a price equal to the NAV of the units on the effective date of the exchange request, payable by delivery of baskets of securities and cash. The units will be redeemed in the exchange.

The portion of subscriptions and redemptions that are settled with baskets of securities are referred to in-kind transactions. In accordance with IAS 7, the Funds exclude non-cash transactions from operating and financing activities within the Statement of Cash Flows. The primary difference between amounts issued and redeemed within the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units and the Statement of Cash Flows relate to in-kind transactions. Similarly, "Purchases of investments" and "Proceeds from sale of investments" within the Statement of Cash Flows appropriately exclude in-kind transactions.

### Distributions

The Fund is required to pay distributions in an amount not less than the amount necessary to ensure it will not be liable for income taxes on realized capital gains, dividends and interest.

The Fund may pay periodic distributions or additional year-end distributions which can be in the form of reinvested units that are subsequently consolidated. In the latter case, there is no impact to NAV per unit, however such reinvested distributions increase the cost base of units held outside of registered plans.

If applicable, the Fund made available to unitholders the opportunity to reinvest monthly distributions from the Fund in additional Class A, Class B and/or Class U units, as applicable, by participating in a distribution reinvestment plan which would provide that cash distributions made by the Fund, at the election of a unitholder, be automatically reinvested in additional Class A, Class B or Class U units, as applicable, on such unitholder's behalf in accordance with the terms of the plan. Reinvestment of monthly distributions occurs through market purchases only.

## 5. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND OTHER EXPENSES

### Management fees

The Manager is responsible for managing the Fund's overall business and operations and provides key management personnel to the Fund. The Manager is entitled to a fee charged daily and paid monthly at an annualized percentage of the NAV of the Fund, plus applicable taxes. Funds invested in Underlying ETFs that are managed by the Manager pay no management fees directly to the Manager. However, the Underlying ETFs held by such Funds will pay management fees and incur operating and trading expenses. With respect to such investments, no management fees or incentive fees are payable by the Funds that, to a reasonable person, would duplicate a fee payable by such Underlying ETF for the same service. As a result, the actual aggregate management fees indirectly payable to the Manager by the Fund will be greater than nil.

The Manager, in its discretion, may agree to charge a 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 each Fund.

### Other expenses

The Manager may 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/or class/series of each applicable fund. These expenses are included in the unitholder reporting costs on the Statement of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

For the year ended December 31, 2023, fees paid or payable to PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP and other PwC Network firms for audit services to public interest entity funds managed by Harvest Portfolios Group Inc were \$0.5 million. Fees for other services were \$0.3 million.

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## Waivers and absorptions

At its sole discretion, the Manager may waive management fees or absorb expenses of the Fund and may cease doing so at any time without notice to unitholders.

## 6. FOREIGN CURRENCY FORWARD CONTRACTS

The Fund may enter into foreign currency forward contracts to hedge assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies. Foreign currency forward contracts entered into by the Fund represent a firm commitment to buy or sell a currency at a specified value and point in time based upon an agreed or contracted quantity. The value of each foreign currency forward contract is the difference between the contract rate and the current forward rate at the measurement date applied to the contract's notional amount and adjusted for counterparty risk.

### Offsetting of foreign currency forward contracts

When the Fund's foreign currency forward contracts meet the criteria, the amount of assets and liabilities associated with the contracts must be offset and presented at the net amount in the Statement of Financial Position.

## 7. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

Investment activities of the Fund expose it to a variety of financial risks: credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk (including interest rate risk, other price risk and currency risk). The Manager seeks to minimize these risks by employing experienced portfolio managers that will manage the security portfolios of the Fund on a daily basis according to market events and the investment objectives of the Fund. To assist in managing risk, the Manager also maintains a governance structure that oversees the Fund's investment activities and monitors compliance with the Fund's stated investment strategy and securities regulations. If the Fund is invested in Underlying ETFs that are managed by the Manager, in addition to the risks described below, the Fund could be exposed to indirect risk to the extent that the Underlying ETFs held financial instruments that were subject to the below risks. The Fund Specific Notes to these financial statements present information about direct risks and pro rata exposure to risks of Harvest Underlying ETFs, as applicable.

Funds that utilized leverage are considered alternative mutual funds within the meaning of NI 81-102 and are 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 NI 81-102, such Funds are 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. While these specific strategies will be used in accordance with the Fund's investment objectives and strategies, during certain market conditions they may accelerate the pace at which an investment decreases in value.

### Other price risk

Other price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The value of securities in the Fund's portfolio may be affected by the stock market conditions rather than each company's performance. Developments in the market are affected by general economic and financial conditions. Political, social and environmental factors can also affect the value of any investment. The Fund's future investment results may be materially adversely affected as a result.

### Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the value of investments denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the Fund will fluctuate as a result of changes in foreign exchange rates. When a Fund buys an investment priced in a foreign currency and the exchange rate between the Canadian dollar and the foreign currency changes unfavorably, it could reduce the value of the Fund's investment.

Funds may enter into a foreign currency forward contract on some or substantially all of the value of their portfolio investments in order to mitigate the risk to changes in foreign exchange rates against the Canadian dollar.

### Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk arises from the possibility that changes in interest rates will affect future cash flows or fair value of financial instruments. Interest rate risk arises when the Fund invests in interest-bearing financial instruments.

### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is defined as the risk that a Fund may not be able to settle or meet its obligations on time or at a reasonable price. The Fund is exposed to redemption of units as described in Note 4, which are settled by the delivery of securities or cash. The Fund is not exposed to significant liquidity risk when settlement is with the delivery of securities. In order to settle redemptions by delivery of cash it may be necessary for the Fund to dispose of securities to meet its obligations. The Fund maintains sufficient liquidity by primarily investing in securities that are actively traded in public markets and can be readily disposed of. In addition, the Fund retains sufficient cash and cash equivalent positions to maintain liquidity.

### Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation or commitment that it has entered into with a Fund.

All transactions executed by the Fund in listed securities are settled/paid for upon delivery using approved brokers. The risk of default is considered minimal, as delivery of securities sold is only made once the broker has received payment. Payment is made on a purchase once the securities have been received by the broker. The trade will fail if either party fails to meet its obligation.

Funds may enter into foreign currency forward contracts which are exposed to credit risk. The maximum credit risk exposure is the unrealized gain on the forward contracts.

All cash held by the Fund is held with a reputable and regulated financial institution.

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## Fair value of financial instruments

The Fund classifies fair value measurements within a hierarchy which gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are:

**Level 1:** Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date;

**Level 2:** Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices); and

**Level 3:** Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data.

Transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy are deemed to have occurred at the beginning of the reporting period.

## Concentration Risk

Concentration risk arises as a result of the concentration of exposures within the same category, whether it is geographical location, product type, industry, sector or counterparty type.

## 8. INVESTMENTS IN UNCONSOLIDATED STRUCTURED ENTITIES

A structured entity is an entity that has been designed so that voting or similar rights are not the dominant factor in deciding who controls the entity, such as when any voting rights relate to administrative tasks only and the relevant activities are directed by means of contractual arrangements.

If the Fund is invested in Underlying ETFs that are managed by the Manager, the investment in the Underlying ETFs is an unconsolidated structured entity since decision making about the Underlying ETFs' activities is generally not governed by voting or similar rights held by the Fund and other investors in the Underlying ETFs. Therefore, the fair value of investments in the Underlying ETFs is included in the Schedule of Investments and included in "Investments" in the Fund's Statement of Financial Position. The change in fair value of the investment held in the Underlying ETFs is included in "Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. The Fund does not provide, nor has it committed to provide any additional significant financial or other support to the Underlying ETFs.

## 9. SECURITIES LENDING

The Fund may enter into securities lending arrangements. These transactions involve the temporary exchange of securities for collateral with a commitment to deliver the same securities on demand. Income is earned from these transactions in the form of fees paid by the counterparty. Income earned from these transactions is included in "Securities lending income" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income (Loss). A reconciliation of the gross amount generated from securities lending transactions to the amount of lending fees earned is disclosed in the Fund Specific Notes of the Fund. The aggregate market value of all securities loaned by a fund is not permitted to exceed 50% of the NAV of that fund.

The minimum allowable collateral is 102% of the current value of the loaned securities as per the requirements of National Instrument 81-102 (NI 81-102). Collateral received are qualified securities and have designated ratings (where applicable) within the meaning of NI 81-102 and may be comprised of (A) evidence of indebtedness that is issued, or fully and unconditionally guaranteed as to principal and interest by (i) the government of Canada or any province or territory of Canada, (ii) the government of the United States of America or any state thereof, (iii) the government of another sovereign state or a permitted supranational agency within the meaning of National Instrument 81-102, (iv) a bank, loan corporation, trust company, insurance company, treasury branch, credit union or caisse populaire that is authorized to carry on business in Canada or in a province or territory of Canada or the Confederation des caisses populaires et d'économie Desjardins du Québec, (v) a financial institution that is not incorporated or organized under the laws of Canada or a province or territory of Canada, provided the evidences of indebtedness of that issuer or guarantor that are rated as short term debt by a designated rating organization have a designated rating each within the meaning of NI 81-102; (B) commercial paper that has a term to maturity of 365 days or less that was issued by a person or company other than a government or permitted supranational agency within the meaning of NI 81-102; or (C) securities that are immediately convertible into or exchangeable for the same or a greater number of securities of the same issuer, class or type, and the same term if applicable as the loaned securities.

The fair value of securities on loan and collateral received are presented in the Fund Specific Notes of the Fund.

## 10. TAXATION

The Fund is required to distribute to unitholders all of its net income for tax purposes and sufficient net capital gains realized in any period such that no income tax is payable by the Fund. As a result, the Fund does not record income taxes. Since the Fund does not record income taxes, the tax benefit of capital and non-capital losses has not been reflected in the Statement of Financial Position as a deferred income tax asset. Capital losses may be carried forward indefinitely to reduce future realized capital gains. Non-capital losses may be carried forward for 20 years and applied against future taxable income.

The Fund may incur withholding taxes imposed by certain countries on investment income and capital gains. Such income and gains are recorded on a gross basis and the related withholding taxes are shown as a separate expense in the Statement of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

As the Manager is a resident of Ontario, the expenses paid by the Fund excluding interest on a loan facility, generally include HST of 13%. HST is calculated using the residency of unitholders in the Fund at specific times, rather than the physical location of the Manager. A blended rate refund is filed with the Canada Revenue Agency on behalf of the Fund, in arrears, using each province's HST rate or GST rate in the case of non-participating provinces.

## 11. SOFT DOLLAR COMMISSIONS

Brokerage commissions paid to certain brokers may, in addition to paying for the cost of brokerage services in respect of security transactions, also provide for the cost of investment research services provided to the investment manager.

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## 12. LOAN PAYABLE

Funds may utilize borrowing for investment purposes. Loan payable amounts accrue interest at negotiated rates with such interest being expensed as incurred. The principal Loan payable balance owing at the end of the period is presented on the Statement of Net Assets as "Loan payable". Interest owing but not yet paid at the end of the period is presented as "Interest payable" on the Statement of Net Assets. Interest incurred during the period is presented as "Interest expense" on the Statement of Comprehensive Income/(Loss).



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