



# Harvest Canadian High Income Shares ETF

Management Report of Fund Performance

**December 31, 2025**



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## CEO'S MESSAGE

### Unitholder Letter March 2026

#### Dear Valued Investor,

Thank you for your continued trust in Harvest ETFs throughout 2025. Our investment approach, which is centered on owning industry-leading businesses and long-term secular themes, remains the foundation of our ETFs and investment strategies.

The past year proved to be an eventful one for both Harvest and global markets. Early in the year, the introduction of tariffs unsettled investors and created heightened volatility. However, market anxieties eased after the U.S. administration softened its stance following its initial rollout on "Liberation Day" in April. At the same time, the artificial intelligence (AI) revolution continued to dominate the investment landscape, with technology leaders committing significant capital to expand AI data centres and advance next-generation AI capabilities.

Despite a rocky start, equity markets finished 2025 at record highs. The sharp 20% correction experienced in March and April is now firmly in the rear-view mirror, underscoring the resilience of markets over the full year.

Bitcoin, the world's largest digital currency, reached an all-time high of just over \$126,000 USD in October 2025. While the cryptocurrency market experienced a pullback toward year-end, Bitcoin ultimately finished the year with a 6% decline.

As an equity-focused investment manager, Harvest experienced both the highs and lows of market volatility throughout the year. Nevertheless, many of our mandates delivered a strong performance. The Harvest Global Gold Giants ETF (TSX: HGGG) led the lineup, rising 168.18% for the year. Canadian equities also performed well despite tariff-related uncertainty, supporting strong gains for the Harvest Canadian Equity Income Leaders ETF (TSX: HLIF), which advanced 25.68% in 2025.

Canada's largest income-producing healthcare ETF, the Harvest Healthcare Leaders Income ETF (TSX: HHL), gained 10.57% for the year. Its levered counterpart, the Harvest Healthcare Leaders Enhanced Income ETF (TSX: HHLE), rose 11.68%, navigating significant headwinds within the U.S. healthcare sector.

Harvest continued to expand its Harvest High Income Shares™ ETF suite, originally launched in 2024. Throughout 2025, we added new single-stock ETFs and introduced the Harvest Diversified High Income Shares ETF (TSX: HHIS), a multi-sector portfolio of Harvest single-stock ETFs. TD (Source: CETFA. TD Securities ETF Strategy, Canadian ETF Weekly, January 6, 2026) reports that HHIS was the number one ETF for inflows in the single stock ETF space in 2025. HHIS surpassed \$1.2 billion in assets under management during the year. In August, we also launched the Harvest Canadian High Income Shares ETF (TSX: HHIC), providing diversified exposure to Canada's largest and most actively traded companies.

In fixed income markets, long-duration U.S. interest rates remained elevated as inflation concerns persisted. This continued to pressure HPYT, our longer-duration fixed income ETF.

Today, Harvest manages over \$10 billion in assets for Canadian investors across 66 ETF strategies. Our product lineup remains anchored in long-term equity mandates designed to deliver consistent monthly income. Since inception, Harvest ETFs has distributed more than \$2.3 billion to unitholders. For over 16 years, we have built a strong track record of quality, innovation, and award-winning investment solutions for Canadians.

Looking ahead to 2026, we remain committed to our investment philosophy of identifying long-term growth industries and enduring mega-trends. Our outlook continues to be guided by a focus on high-quality businesses and powerful forces that we believe will drive value over time.

Thank you for your continued confidence in the Harvest ETFs team and our investment solutions. We remain dedicated to disciplined portfolio management and the ongoing development of innovative, income-focused products in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

*Signed "Michael Kovacs"*

Michael Kovacs,

Chief Executive Officer



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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 income by investing in well-managed companies that have a steady cash flow and dividend-paying history.

## 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 Harvest Canadian High Income Shares ETF (the "Fund"). You can get a copy of the annual financial statements 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 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.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

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 objective is to provide unitholders with high monthly cash flows and an opportunity for long-term capital appreciation on a levered basis by investing in a portfolio of equity securities of Canadian Public Issuers (as defined in the investment strategy) directly or holding exchange traded mutual funds managed by the Manager that invest in single equity securities of these Canadian Public Issuers.

To achieve its investment objectives, the Fund will invest in a portfolio of equity securities directly or holding exchange traded mutual funds managed by the Manager that invest in single equity securities of these equity securities that at the time of investment (i) are incorporated in Canada, (ii) listed on a recognized Canadian stock exchange, (iii) has a market capitalization in excess of \$20 billion at the time of investment, (iv) whose portfolio securities have an average daily trading volume in excess of \$75 million (collectively, a "Canadian Public Issuer"), and sells up to 50% call options on the shares held (covered call options).

The Fund 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 NI 81-102, the Fund 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. 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.

## 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 from August 19, 2025 to December 31, 2025 (the "Period") that affected the overall level of risk of the Fund.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

### Overall Performance

The Fund commenced operations on August 19, 2025 with 400,000 Class A units at \$12.00 for proceeds of \$4,800,000 and began trading following the listing of its units on August 21, 2025. Performance information is not available for periods less than one year.

### Factors Affecting Fund Results

The Fund invests in a diversified basket of Canadian equities and writes call options on up to 50% of individual share positions to generate cash flows. The Fund utilizes a modest amount of leverage, targeting about 25%, to enhance returns and the distribution yield when compared to the same portfolio without leverage.

The Fund benefited from Canadian equities moving higher over the Period, as investors saw increased merit in Canadian equities across Banks, Gold Equities among other exposures. This was in contrast to U.S. high-growth Technology stocks, where concerns around high investment costs and profitability associated with artificial intelligence ("AI") were brought into focus. The Fund's focus on Canadian equities across multiple sectors proved beneficial for the Fund's performance.

Top contributors to return included The Toronto-Dominion Bank, benefitting from strong fundamentals and investor interest in Banks, as well as Agnico Eagle Mines Limited, which benefitted from the tailwind of increasing gold prices over the Period. Royal Bank of Canada and Cameco Corporation were two other solid contributors. The two detracting stock positions in the Fund were both in the telecommunications space, BCE Inc. and TELUS Corporation. Canadian telecoms saw mixed investor sentiment in the Period, due to high investment costs required, as well as competition within the industry. Periodic bouts of volatility within the Period help support income generation in the Fund, through the covered call option overlay.

The Fund initially launched and ended the Period with 10 underlying equities in its portfolio, with no changes over the Period.

## RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

### Potential Impact for the Fund

The market continues to navigate several risks entering 2026. Policy risks, including tariffs associated with U.S. trade policy, remained in focus, along with heightened geopolitical and economic risks. Valuation risks are felt in corners of the market, with AI associated companies, where investors are questioning the profitability profile in relation to high investment costs required.



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Barring any unforeseen event, equity markets may continue to progress on a profile of moderate growth, as the economic foundation of the U.S., Canada and globally is still relatively firm, with 1.75% global GDP growth forecast for 2026. In addition, higher quality companies are currently still trending on firm fundamental profiles currently. Overall, with volatility persisting, it may prove to be a stop and start environment for stocks, and one where a disciplined exposure approach, and income generation strategies may prove fruitful. The Fund remains concentrated, with exposure to 10 underlying equities. Canadian equities have been performing well versus U.S. equities in the past 5 years, and a continuation of this would bode well for the Fund.

## 2025 Market Review

For the Period, global financial markets continued to navigate a complex landscape characterized by evolving monetary policy, persistent geopolitical tensions, and shifting trade dynamics. After a strong start to the Period, global markets were shaken by uncertainty surrounding the introduction of new trade policies by the U.S. administration leading to escalating rounds of tariffs. As a result, the markets experienced significant volatility during March and April. To the markets' relief, the most draconian scenarios were avoided, and although geopolitical and trade uncertainty remained a cloud over markets for much of the year, investors quickly pivoted their attention back to a resilient economic environment.

In the U.S., large-cap equity markets recorded a third consecutive year of double-digit gains, ending the year near all-time highs. This came amid a mix of challenges and bright spots. Following a brief but sharp decline as tariff headlines rattled markets, equities bottomed in early April and embarked on a rally that carried through year-end. The passage of the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" was a welcomed positive catalyst for markets. The inclusion in the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" of several tax reduction initiatives is widely believed to bolster consumer spending and business investment through 2026. During the 4th quarter of the year, the U.S. government experienced a temporary shutdown as politicians grappled over the expiration of Affordable Care Act premium tax credits that were expanded during the Covid-19 pandemic. While the related appropriations bills were ultimately passed without an extension of the credits, markets experienced modest volatility during this period, in part due to concerns around the economic impact of the shutdown but also due to a dearth of government-provided economic data releases.

Investment in AI infrastructure remained the dominant theme for markets with technology-related sectors. Technology and related sectors ended the Period with the highest returns, with broad market participation as all sectors ended the year in positive territory. As the rally in semiconductor stocks further matured, investors turned to derivative plays on the AI theme, including utilities and select industrials.

Financial stocks also performed well during the Period and benefited from the anticipated actions of the Federal Reserve to cut rates. In anticipation of the Fed's action the U.S. Treasury yield curve steepened significantly throughout the Period - longer-term interest rates rise faster than shorter term interest rates. A steepening yield curve is typically positive for bank profit margins, while capital markets-related businesses among the mega-cap universal banks and brokers were also strong through the Period. The Fed eventually resumed interest rate cuts in September following a pause that extended from December of 2024.

The Real Estate Investment Trust sector recorded the smallest gain during the year, with many constituents hampered by headwinds in the multifamily and office sub-industries. Notwithstanding, long-term treasury yields remained elevated offering investors a lower risk alternative to the group. The Consumer Staples sector also lagged the broader market as tariff concerns weighed on profitability expectations. For most of the year investors gravitated towards high growth themes, which generally does not include Consumer Staples.

U.S. Treasury markets were volatile through the first half of the Period amid trade uncertainty and geopolitical tensions that roiled markets. Over the course of the year, the yield curve steepened as investors first anticipated and then, beginning in September, saw a resumption in the interest rate cutting cycle from the Federal Reserve. Despite the fall in rates at the short end of the curve, interest rates at the long end remained elevated, closing the year roughly flat for terms of 20 years and beyond. Long-term U.S. Treasury yields remained elevated, and many major economies saw a continuation of the upward trends in long-term rates. This was surprising amid the elevated global uncertainty, which typically drives demand for Treasuries from investors seeking safe havens and result in lower yields.

Canada faced several challenges during the year, including trade uncertainty, labour market volatility as well as an unscheduled change in leadership. Moderating GDP growth through most of the year and stable inflation readings near the central bank's target rate provided the impetus for the Bank of Canada to continue cutting interest rates, which totaled 100 basis points by the end of the Period.

Despite the challenges faced, the Canadian equity market posted strong gains for the year, significantly outperforming U.S. equities. Although returns in the Materials sector led most other areas of the market by a wide margin, participation was broad, with all 11 sectors ending the year in positive territory. Strong advances in the prices of gold, silver, and copper provided a key catalyst for miners.

Solid performance from the key Financials and Energy sectors also contributed significantly to the strong market returns. Bank stocks benefitted from supportive monetary policy from the Bank of Canada, strong capital markets segment performance and resilient credit quality.

## 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 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 fees, interest, taxes, legal, audit fees, transfer agency fees 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.



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## 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 classes of each applicable fund. These expenses were \$3,657 for the Period 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 or expense absorptions for the Period.

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

## 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, 2025 officers and directors did not own units of the Fund.

## LOAN PAYABLE

The Fund has entered into prime broker agreements with 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 is calculated daily and payable monthly. The interest incurred during the Period is presented as interest expense on the Statement of Comprehensive Income (Loss) in the financial statements.

The table below summarizes the minimum and maximum amount borrowed under the agreement, the interest incurred, and the range of variable rate of interest during the Period:

For the period ended	December 31, 2025
Minimum amount borrowed	-
Maximum amount borrowed	\$31,721,272
Interest expense	\$220,828
Range of variable rate of interest	2.80% - 3.30%

The Fund may borrow up to 33% but intends to borrow approximately 25% of its net asset value at any given time. The amount of borrowing and the percentage of the net asset value of the Fund as at December 31, 2025 are as follows:

As at	December 31, 2025
Amount of borrowing	\$31,674,952
Amount borrowed as % of net assets	26.3%
Market value of investments held as collateral at Prime Broker	\$61,725,956

## RECOMMENDATIONS OR REPORTS BY THE INDEPENDENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

The IRC tabled no special reports and made no extraordinary material recommendations to management of the Fund during the Period.



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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. This information is derived from the Fund's annual audited financial statements.

THE FUND'S NET ASSETS PER UNIT	2025
<b>Net assets - beginning of the period<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$ 12.00</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations</b>	
Total revenue	0.21
Total expenses	(0.08)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.14)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	1.57
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>\$ 1.56</b>
<b>Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	
From dividends	(0.03)
From capital gains	(0.13)
Return of capital	(0.48)
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>\$ (0.64)</b>
<b>Net assets - end of the period<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>\$ 13.43</b>

RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA	2025
<b>Total net asset value (\$000's)</b>	<b>\$ 120,540</b>
Number of units outstanding (000's)	8,975
Management expense ratio <sup>4</sup>	1.45%
Management expense ratio excluding the cost of financing <sup>4</sup>	0.71%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>4</sup>	1.45%
Trading expense ratio <sup>5</sup>	0.18%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>6</sup>	7.74%
<b>Net asset value per unit</b>	<b>\$ 13.43</b>
<b>Closing Market Price (HHIC)</b>	<b>\$ 13.43</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 August 19, 2025 was \$12.00.
3. 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.
4. Management expense ratio ("MER") is based on total expenses (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) of the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of the daily average net asset value during the period.
5. The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period.
6. The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio advisor manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the period. The higher a Fund's portfolio turnover rate, the greater the trading costs payable by the Fund and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a Fund.



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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

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.



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## SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

The major portfolio categories and top holdings of the Fund at the end of the Period are indicated in the following tables. A detailed breakdown of the Fund's holdings is available in the "Schedule of Investments" section of the Fund's annual audited financial statements.

As at December 31, 2025

Top Holdings	% of Net Asset Value
The Toronto-Dominion Bank	18.0
Royal Bank of Canada	17.5
Agnico Eagle Mines Limited	15.8
Shopify Inc., Class A	15.8
Cameco Corporation	14.6
Enbridge Inc.	11.4
Suncor Energy Inc.	9.7
Canadian Natural Resources Limited	9.7
BCE Inc.	7.8
TELUS Corporation	6.7
Options	(0.7)
Net other liabilities	(26.3)
<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 at [www.harvestetfs.com](http://www.harvestetfs.com).

## SECTOR ALLOCATION

Sector	% of Net Asset Value
Energy	45.4
Financials	35.5
Materials	15.8
Information Technology	15.8
Communication Services	14.5
Options	(0.7)
Cash and other assets and liabilities	(26.3)
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>



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## Disclaimers

### CAUTION REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This document may contain forward-looking statements relating to anticipated future events, results, circumstances, performance or expectations that are not historical facts but instead represent our beliefs regarding future events. By their nature, forward-looking statements require us to make assumptions and are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties. There is significant risk that predictions and other forward-looking statements will not prove to be accurate. We caution readers of this document not to place undue reliance on our forward-looking statements as a number of factors could cause actual future results, conditions, actions or events to differ materially from the targets, expectations, estimates or intentions expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements. Actual results may differ materially from management expectations as projected in such forward-looking statements for a variety of reasons, including but not limited to market and general economic conditions, interest rates, regulatory and statutory developments, the effects of competition in the geographic and business areas in which the Fund may invest and the risks detailed from time to time in the Fund's prospectus or offering memorandum. We caution that the foregoing list of factors is not exhaustive and that when relying on forward-looking statements to make decisions with respect to investing in a Fund, investors and others should carefully consider these factors, as well as other uncertainties and potential events, and the inherent uncertainty of forward-looking statements. Due to the potential impact of these factors, the Fund does not undertake, and specifically disclaims, any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, unless required by applicable law.





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