



**Horizons Absolute Return Global Currency ETF  
(HARC:TSX)**



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## A Message from the CEO

After 2020's challenges and uncertainty, we have seen persistent success in the global fight against the COVID-19 pandemic during the first half of 2021.

Across the world, vaccination rollouts are under way and there is growing optimism that a 'return to normal' is on the horizon. At Horizons ETFs, while we mourn the COVID-19 pandemic's toll and reflect on its lessons, we continue to work diligently to best serve our investors and clients.

Despite the impacts of the pandemic across many businesses and sectors, Canada's ETF industry and the marketplace have shown few signs of slowing down. As at May 31, 2021, Canada's ETF industry has seen \$25 billion in year-to-date inflows, with \$7 billion in May alone – a 12-month record.

Horizons ETFs is proud to continue our longstanding commitment to bringing innovative ETFs to market. In 2021, that commitment has so far resulted in eight new ETF launches.

In January, Horizons ETFs launched the Horizons Psychedelic Stock Index ETF ("**PSYK**"). PSYK is the world's first psychedelics ETF; an emerging industry that has the potential to disrupt the pharmaceutical sector and revolutionize the treatment of numerous mental health conditions.

Another global first: in April, we launched our inverse Bitcoin ETF, the BetaPro Inverse Bitcoin ETF ("**BITI**"), offering investors a unique opportunity to potentially profit from volatility in what has become one of 2021's most-watched asset classes.

In June, we launched the Horizons S&P Green Bond Index ETF ("**HGGB**"), Canada's first global green bond ETF. We believe there is growing demand for responsible investing products in the Canadian marketplace and HGGB fills an important gap for those seeking to directly fund projects that will help lead to a greener future.

Also launched in June was the Horizons Global Semiconductor Index ETF ("**CHPS**"). CHPS offers direct exposure to companies involved in the production and development of semiconductors. Despite supply being interrupted by COVID-19, we are bullish on the potential of this sector as semiconductors are at the core of technology usage.

At Horizons ETFs, following the significant growth in our assets under management in 2020 from approximately \$10 billion to more than \$17 billion, we continue to solidify our position as one of Canada's top ETF providers. In May of this year, we were honoured to be the recipient of Wealth Professionals "Fund Provider of the Year Award" for 2020. With several more innovative Horizons ETFs' funds slated to launch this year, we are optimistic about the prospect of further growth for the second half of 2021.

In 2021, several sectors that we have pioneered ETF exposure to, including the marijuana industry and the global uranium market, have seen their fortunes rise considerably. Following the election of the Biden Administration, there is renewed hope for broader federal cannabis reform in the United States, which has resulted in rallies in both the Canadian and American marijuana industries. The uranium market has also seen significant growth this year as well as continued global efforts toward decarbonization and building more sustainable power generation – both positive trends for the nuclear sector.

At Horizons ETFs, "Innovation is Our Capital," has long been our motto, and we believe this has allowed us to be nimble enough to adapt quickly when anticipating what investors are looking for. While the road ahead is still uncertain, we feel confident in our ability to retain our momentum and believe there are brighter days on the horizon.

As always, we thank you for your continued support and hope you're staying safe and healthy during this time.

Sincerely,



Steven J. Hawkins  
President & CEO of Horizons ETFs Management Inc.

## MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

This interim management report of fund performance for Horizons Absolute Return Global Currency ETF (“HARC” or the “ETF”), a corporate class of shares (a “Corporate Class”) of Horizons ETF Corp. (the “Company”), contains financial highlights and is included with the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements (“financial statements” or “interim financial statements”) for the investment fund. You may request a copy of the investment fund’s unaudited interim or audited annual financial statements, interim or annual management report of fund performance, current proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record or quarterly portfolio disclosures, at no cost, by calling (toll free) 1-866-641-5739, or (416) 933-5745, by writing to Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc. (“Horizons Management” or the “Manager”), at 55 University Avenue, Suite 800, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2H7, by visiting our website at [www.horizonsetfs.com](http://www.horizonsetfs.com) or through SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

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 ETF may invest and the risks detailed from time to time in the ETF’s simplified prospectus. New risk factors emerge from time to time and it is not possible for management to predict all such risk factors. 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 the ETF, 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 Manager 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.

## Management Discussion of Fund Performance

### Investment Objective and Strategy

HARC seeks to generate positive absolute returns through long and short exposure to selected global currencies. HARC will generally hold Canadian short-term fixed-income securities and will primarily use derivative instruments to gain its exposure to selected global currencies.

In order to achieve its investment objective, the ETF’s portfolio sub-advisor, CIBC Asset Management Inc. (“CIBC Asset” or the “Sub-Advisor”), selects currencies that are expected to strengthen or weaken on a relative basis using the Sub-Advisor’s proprietary active investment process that tracks more than thirty global currencies. The Sub-Advisor’s investment process employs both fundamental analysis and a factor based ranking model.

HARC obtains exposure to currencies primarily by entering into derivatives where the underlying interests are the currencies of two countries. In each derivative, the currency of one country (the “strong side currency”) is selected by the Sub-Advisor to outperform the currency of the other country (the “weak side currency”). HARC profits (or incurs a loss) from the derivative if, during the term of the derivative, the exchange rate between the two currencies changes such that the strong side currency increases (or decreases) in value relative to the weak side currency.

## Management Discussion of Fund Performance (continued)

The Sub-Advisor studies a country's level of inflation, anticipated interest rate change, employment outlook, economic growth expectation, trade balance, government policy and central bank actions. The Sub-Advisor actively monitors interest rate and inflation differentials and uses, among other techniques, exchange rate analysis techniques such as interest rate parity and purchasing power parity to forecast currency values. The Sub-Advisor also conducts fundamental economic analysis of the currencies being considered for inclusion in HARC's portfolio, taking into account macro-economic variables and events that it judges to be important to a particular country.

Please refer to the ETF's most recent prospectus for a complete description of HARC's investment restrictions.

### Risk

The Manager performs a review of the ETF's risk rating at least annually, as well as when there is a material change in the ETF's investment objective or investment strategies. The current risk rating for the ETF is: low to medium.

Risk ratings are determined based on the historical volatility of the ETF as measured by the standard deviation of its performance against its mean. The risk categorization of the ETF may change over time and historical volatility is not indicative of future volatility. Generally, a risk rating is assigned to the ETF based on a rolling 10-year standard deviation of its returns, the return of its Underlying Index, or of an applicable proxy. In cases where the Manager believes that this methodology produces a result that is not indicative of the ETF's future volatility, the risk rating may be determined by the ETF's category. Risk ratings are not intended for use as a substitute for undertaking a proper and complete suitability or financial assessment by an investment advisor.

The Manager, as a summary for existing investors, is providing the list below of the risks to which an investment in the ETF may be subject. Prospective investors should read the ETF's most recent prospectus and consider the full description of the risks contained therein before purchasing shares.

The risks to which an investment in the ETF is subject are listed below and have not changed from the list of risks found in the ETF's most recent prospectus. A full description of each risk listed below may also be found in the most recent prospectus. The most recent prospectus is available at [www.horizonsetfs.com](http://www.horizonsetfs.com) or from [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com), or by calling Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc. at (toll free) 1-866-641-5739, or at (416) 933-5745.

- Inability to achieve investment objective
- Leverage risk
- Liquidity risk
- Borrowing risk
- Exchange traded products risk
- Risks relating to use of derivatives
- Designated Broker/Dealer risk
- Counterparty risk
- Reliance on key personnel
- Issuer concentration risk
- Cyber security risk
- Aggressive investment technique risk
- Tax-related risks
- Foreign security risk
- Currency price fluctuations
- Income trust investments risks
- Interest rate risk
- Currency fund risk
- Use of options risk
- Political, economic and social risk
- Market disruptions risk
- Significant redemptions
- Exchange risk
- Cease trading of securities risk
- Early closing risk
- Price limit risk
- Conflicts of interest
- Business and regulatory risks of alternative investment strategies
- Change in legislation

## Management Discussion of Fund Performance (continued)

- No ownership interest
- Securities lending risk
- Fund corporation and multi-class/series structure risk
- Fluctuations in NAV and market price of the ETF shares risk
- Absence of an active market for the ETF shares and lack of operating history risk

### Results of Operations

For the six-month period ended June 30, 2021, units of the ETF returned 1.62%. By comparison, a basket of global currencies had the following returns versus the Canadian dollar (“CAD”) for the same period: U.S. dollar (“USD”) -2.57%, Japanese yen (“JPY”) -9.47%, Euro currency (“EUR”) -5.42%, Brazilian real (“BRL”) 1.79% and Russian ruble (RUB) -1.47%.

### General Market Overview

CIBC Asset Management (“CIBC Asset”) remains broadly constructive on the longer-term global macro-economic outlook. The pace of U.S. economic growth appears to be at its cyclical peak, and is expected to gradually slow as the positive impact of fiscal spending wanes and a gradual monetary policy normalization is implemented. Chinese growth is also slowing, in response to a tightening of domestic credit conditions. European growth is expected to reach its peak during the second half of 2021, with the difference in timing partly reflecting the extent and persistence of European government mandated lockdowns in the early months of this year, and the accelerated vaccination efforts now taking place. The subsequent slowing in global growth is expected to be relatively benign—global financial conditions will likely remain relatively accommodative—and is expected to result in growth that remains above long-term trend rates in 2022.

U.S. inflation is also expected to achieve a cyclical peak around the middle of this year, before waning a little into 2022. Due to the expected confluence of U.S. dollar depreciation, rising commodity prices, supply bottleneck and strong domestic demand, U.S. inflation is expected to remain a more prominent risk for investors in the next few years than it was during the last decade. Just how prominent will depend in part upon the U.S. Federal Reserve’s (“Fed”) tolerance for higher inflation. On this front, the Fed’s June policy pronouncement appeared to run a little contrary to previous market interpretation of its Average Inflation Target policy framework, suggesting a more proactive U.S. monetary policy than expected, and therefore a slightly less elevated average inflation rate in coming years. Several Emerging Market (EM) central banks have also recently pivoted towards a more hawkish policy stance, in these cases in response to more visible core inflation pressures.

Reflecting our constructive cyclical global macro-economic outlook, CIBC Asset sees scope for pro-risk assets to continue to trend higher, including fundamentally attractive cyclical currencies. Recent market price action has run contrary to this expectation, with the U.S. dollar (USD) gaining ground against most other currencies. This appears to reflect a confluence of two factors, which CIBC Asset currently consider to be risks to our central scenario. First, market concerns regarding the extent of negative growth impact implied by the spread of the Delta COVID-19 variant. This is considered to be an idiosyncratic risk to countries, and related currencies, with relatively low vaccinations rates, rather than to the global economy overall. And second, the June Fed policy tilt appears to have encouraged a less constructive market assessment of growth and inflation prospects. CIBC Asset considers this reassessment to be overdone, but are monitoring the data for contradictory evidence.

In the face of these risks, CIBC Asset remains comfortable running active risk below our long-term target. To the extent that dataflow validates our central scenario, the ETF will use ongoing corrections in a range of currencies to gain better entry levels at which to fully re-engage with our core themes once uncertainty dissipates.



## Management Discussion of Fund Performance (continued)

### ***Portfolio Review and Outlook***

Strategy performance was positive in the first half of 2021. The portfolio encompassed five main themes. First, it retained a pro-cyclical bias, reflecting our continued positive long-term outlook for the global economic recovery.

Second, the level of active risk was progressively reduced during the first half of 2021, and remains below the long-term target. Within the context of our positive longer-term outlook, near-term uncertainty has increased, including around the path of Fed interest rate policy, and Fed and European Central Bank asset purchase tapering. Although tapering is not imminent for either central bank, it is becoming an increasingly relevant market theme. CIBC Asset will postpone full re-engagement with the core fundamental themes until policy uncertainty is mitigated.

Third, USD, Japanese yen (JPY) and Swiss franc (CHF) remained key funding currencies in the portfolio. CIBC Asset continues to expect USD to experience a long-term trend depreciation; it is one of the most expensive currencies in our investment universe, and longer-term fundamentals, including debt levels and the current account balance, are challenging. But relatively strong U.S. growth early in 2021 and the subsequent hawkish tilt in Fed policy encouraged a bounce in USD, and the ETF tactically reduced the magnitude of our short position, in favor of larger JPY and CHF shorts. Both these currencies behave in a contra-cycle manner, and typically underperform in the context of relatively strong growth and positive market risk appetite which CIBC Asset expects to hold sway on average in coming months. Japanese and Swiss bond yields are expected to remain relatively more anchored than yields in other countries, providing an additional reason to expect both currencies to underperform.

Fourth, the ETF remained long, fundamentally strong currencies that offer a combination of exposure to the global cyclical recovery, relatively attractive valuations, and, in some cases, relatively attractive interest rate carry. During the first half of 2021, this group has included the Chinese renminbi (CNH), Chilean (CLP) and Colombian (COP) pesos, Indian rupee (INR), Indonesian rupiah (IDR), Korean won (KRW) and Russian ruble (RUB). Funding for Asian longs continued to include the Taiwan dollar (TWD), which is an attractive short from a carry perspective, and the Thai baht (THB), which is expected to experience a persistent adverse fundamental impact from slow vaccination programs in key trading partners, particularly China.

Fifth, the ETF remained constructive on Europe. This view is informed by continued progress on the European Recovery and Resilience Facility, which CIBC Asset considers to represent the first step towards fiscal union. It is also predicated by the strong acceleration in European growth CIBC Asset expects to observe in official data during the second half of 2021, and which is already visible in survey data. Our constructive view is expressed through long positions in the Norwegian krone (NOK) and the Czech koruna (CZK), and a CHF short. The ETF also recently closed a long Swedish krona position. The CZK long is also partly expressed against the Israeli shekel (ILS), which screens as overvalued in our universe. In addition, the Bank of Israel is seeking to counter disinflationary pressures within the Israeli economy.

### ***Other Operating Items and Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of ETF Shares***

For the six-month period ended June 30, 2021, the ETF generated gross comprehensive income (loss) from investments and derivatives (which includes changes in the fair value of the ETF's portfolio) of \$994,942. This compares to (\$1,342,189) for the six-month period ended June 30, 2020. The ETF incurred management, operating and transaction expenses of \$273,422 (2020 – \$166,243) of which \$14,693 (2020 – \$900) was either paid or absorbed by the Manager on behalf of the ETF. The waiving and/or absorption of such fees and/or expenses by the Manager may be terminated at any time, or continued indefinitely, at the discretion of the Manager. The ETF did not make any distributions to shareholders during the periods ended June 30, 2021 and 2020.



**Management Discussion of Fund Performance** (continued)

**Leverage**

The aggregate market exposure of all instruments held directly or indirectly by HARC, calculated daily on a mark-to-market basis, can exceed HARC's net asset value, and can exceed the amount of cash and securities held as margin on deposit to support the derivatives trading activities of the ETF. Under normal market conditions, the maximum amount of leverage used, directly or indirectly, by the ETF, expressed as a ratio of total underlying notional value of the securities and/or financial derivative positions of HARC divided by the net assets of the ETF (the "Leverage Ratio"), will generally not exceed 3:1.

The following table discloses the minimum and maximum leverage levels for the ETF for the period ended June 30, 2021 and for the year ended December 31, 2020; the ETF's leverage at the end of the reporting period; and, approximately what that leverage represents as a percentage of the ETF's net assets.

<b>Period/Year Ended</b>	<b>Minimum Leverage</b>	<b>Maximum Leverage</b>	<b>Leverage at end of Reporting Period</b>	<b>Approximate Percentage of Net Assets</b>
June 30, 2021	1.04:1	2.50:1	1.81:1	181%
December 31, 2020	1.77:1	2.74:1	2.34:1	234%

**Recent Developments**

Other than indicated below, there have been no recent market developments of particular note, aside from the normal fluctuations of the markets, that are expected to have an undue influence on the portfolio of the ETF.

**The Corporate Class Merger**

On June 23, 2020, a meeting of unitholders of the ETF approved a proposal to proceed with a merger (the "Merger") of the ETF, structured at the time as a trust (the "ETF Trust"), into a corresponding class of shares (the "Continuing Corporate Class ETF") of Horizons ETF Corp. ("Horizons MFC"), a multi-class mutual fund corporation managed by the Manager.

The decision to propose the Merger followed an extensive review by the Manager of the activities and tax positions of the ETF Trust, along with the proposed changes to the Income Tax Act (Canada) (the "Tax Act") contained in the 2019 Federal Budget, as a means to preserve the existing benefits offered by the ETF Trust.

The approved Merger took place at the close of business on June 29, 2020, and units of the ETF Trust (the "ETF Units") were exchanged on a one-for-one basis for ETF Shares of the applicable corresponding Corporate Class of Horizons MFC. The investment objective, investment strategies and fee structure of the merged ETF did not change as a result of the exchange of ETF Units into the corresponding ETF Shares.

The Merger is not expected to be a taxable event for Canadian resident holders of the ETF, provided that holders with ETF Units that were in an unrealized gain position and were held in taxable accounts prior to the Merger make a joint election with Horizons ETF Corp. under Section 85 of the Tax Act for the exchange of their ETF Units into the corresponding class of ETF Shares of Horizons ETF Corp., to occur on a tax-deferred basis.

For more information about making a joint election as indicated above, investors should refer to our website disclosure on this which can be found at: <https://www.horizonsetfs.com/section-85-election>

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**Management Discussion of Fund Performance** (continued)***Impact of COVID-19***

The full extent of the impact that the COVID-19 epidemic will have on the Canadian and U.S. economies and the ETF's business remains uncertain and difficult to predict at this time. By their very nature, the estimates and/or judgements the Manager makes for the purposes of preparing the ETF's financial statements relate to matters that are inherently uncertain. However, the Manager maintains detailed policies and internal controls that are intended to ensure that these estimates and judgements are well controlled, and that they are consistently applied from period to period. It is the Manager's opinion that any estimates and/or judgements used in the preparation of these financial statements are appropriate as at June 30, 2021, and December 31, 2020, and for the periods ended June 30, 2021 and 2020.

**Presentation**

The attached financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). Any mention of total net assets, net assets, net asset value or increase (decrease) in net assets in the financial statements and/or management report of fund performance is referring to net assets or increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares as reported under IFRS. As the Merger described in Recent Developments involved the exchange of ETF Units for ETF Shares on a one-for-one basis, any items measured and described as on a "per share" basis may equally be ascribed to as on a "per unit" basis prior to the Merger.

The ETF has received an exemption from its regulators so that it may report information in its management report of fund performance and financial statements on a combined basis for both the pre- and post-Merger periods as though it was one continuous reporting entity.

**Related Party Transactions**

There were no related party portfolio transactions during the current reporting period. Certain services have been provided to the ETF by related parties, and those relationships are described below.

***Manager and Investment Manager***

The manager and investment manager of the Company and of the ETF is Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc., 55 University Avenue, Suite 800, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2H7, a corporation incorporated under the laws of Ontario.

Any management fees paid to the Manager (described in detail on page 13) are related party transactions, as the Manager is considered to be a related party to the ETF. The management fees are disclosed in the statements of comprehensive income in the attached financial statements of the ETF. The management fees payable by the ETF as at June 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, are disclosed in the statements of financial position.

## Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about the ETF and are intended to help you understand the ETF's financial performance for the current interim reporting period and since it effectively began operations on January 16, 2017. This information is derived from the ETF's audited annual financial statements and the current unaudited interim financial statements. Please see the front page for information on how you may obtain the ETF's annual or interim financial statements.

### The ETF's Net Assets per Share

Period <sup>(1)</sup>	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
<b>Net assets, beginning of period</b>	\$ 21.66	21.71	20.23	21.05	20.00
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	0.01	0.11	0.34	0.28	0.19
Total expenses	(0.12)	(0.29)	(0.31)	(0.28)	(0.31)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	1.27	(0.38)	0.72	(0.57)	1.27
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.82)	0.90	0.75	(0.25)	(0.15)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup></b>	0.34	0.34	1.50	(0.82)	1.00
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	–	–	–	–	(0.96)
<b>Total distributions <sup>(3)</sup></b>	–	–	–	–	(0.96)
<b>Net assets, end of period <sup>(4)</sup></b>	\$ 22.02	21.66	21.71	20.23	21.05

1. This information is derived from the ETF's unaudited interim financial statements.
2. Net assets per share and distributions are based on the actual number of shares outstanding at the relevant time. The increase (decrease) from operations is based on the weighted average number of shares outstanding over the financial period.
3. Distributions, if any, were paid in cash, reinvested in additional shares of the ETF, or both.
4. The Financial Highlights are not intended to act as a continuity of the opening and closing net assets per share.

**Financial Highlights** (continued)

**Ratios and Supplemental Data**

<b>Period</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
Total net asset value (000's)	\$ 53,210	33,406	11,223	9,449	7,777
Number of shares outstanding (000's)	2,417	1,542	517	467	370
Management expense ratio <sup>(2)(4)</sup>	1.07%	1.23%	1.09%	1.09%	1.09%
Management expense ratio excluding proportion of expenses from underlying investment funds	0.99%	1.19%	1.09%	1.09%	1.09%
Management expense ratio before waivers and absorptions <sup>(2)</sup>	1.14%	1.46%	1.85%	1.93%	3.20%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(3)(4)</sup>	0.12%	0.20%	0.36%	0.28%	0.45%
Trading expense ratio excluding proportion of costs from underlying investment funds	0.12%	0.20%	0.36%	0.28%	0.45%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(5)</sup>	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Net asset value per share, end of period	\$ 22.02	21.66	21.71	20.23	21.05
Closing market price	\$ 22.06	21.63	21.67	20.34	21.15

1. This information is provided as at June 30, 2021, and December 31 of the other years shown.
2. Management expense ratio is based on total expenses, including sales tax, (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period. Out of its management fees, and waivers and absorptions, as applicable, the Manager pays for such services to the ETF as investment manager compensation and marketing. The Manager, at its discretion, may waive and/or absorb a portion of the fees and/or expenses otherwise payable by the ETF. The waiving and/or absorption of such fees and/or expenses by the Manager may be terminated at any time, or continued indefinitely, at the discretion of the Manager.
3. 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.
4. The ETF's management expense ratio (MER) and trading expense ratio (TER) include an estimated proportion of the MER and TER for any underlying investment funds held in the ETF's portfolio during the year.
5. The ETF's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the ETF trades its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the ETF buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of a year. The higher an ETF's portfolio turnover rate in a year, the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of an ETF.

## Financial Highlights (continued)

### Management Fees

The Manager provides, or oversees the provision of, administrative services required by the ETF including, but not limited to: negotiating contracts with certain third-party service providers, such as portfolio managers, custodians, registrars, transfer agents, auditors and printers; authorizing the payment of operating expenses incurred on behalf of the ETF; arranging for the maintenance of accounting records for the ETF; preparing reports to shareholders and to the applicable securities regulatory authorities; calculating the amount and determining the frequency of distributions by the ETF; preparing financial statements, income tax returns and financial and accounting information as required by the ETF; ensuring that shareholders are provided with financial statements and other reports as are required from time to time by applicable law; ensuring that the ETF complies with all other regulatory requirements, including the continuous disclosure obligations of the ETF under applicable securities laws; administering purchases, redemptions and other transactions in shares of the ETF; and dealing and communicating with shareholders of the ETF. The Manager provides office facilities and personnel to carry out these services, if not otherwise furnished by any other service provider to the ETF. The Manager also monitors the investment strategies of the ETF to ensure that the ETF complies with its investment objectives, investment strategies and investment restrictions and practices.

In consideration for the provision of these services, the Manager receives a monthly management fee at the annual rate of 0.85%, plus applicable sales taxes, of the net asset value of the ETF's shares, calculated and accrued daily and payable monthly in arrears.

The Sub-Advisor is compensated for its services out of the management fees without any further cost to the ETF. Any expenses of the ETF which are waived or absorbed by the Manager are paid out of the management fees received by the Manager.

The table below details, in percentage terms, the services received by the ETF from the Manager in consideration of the management fees paid during the period.

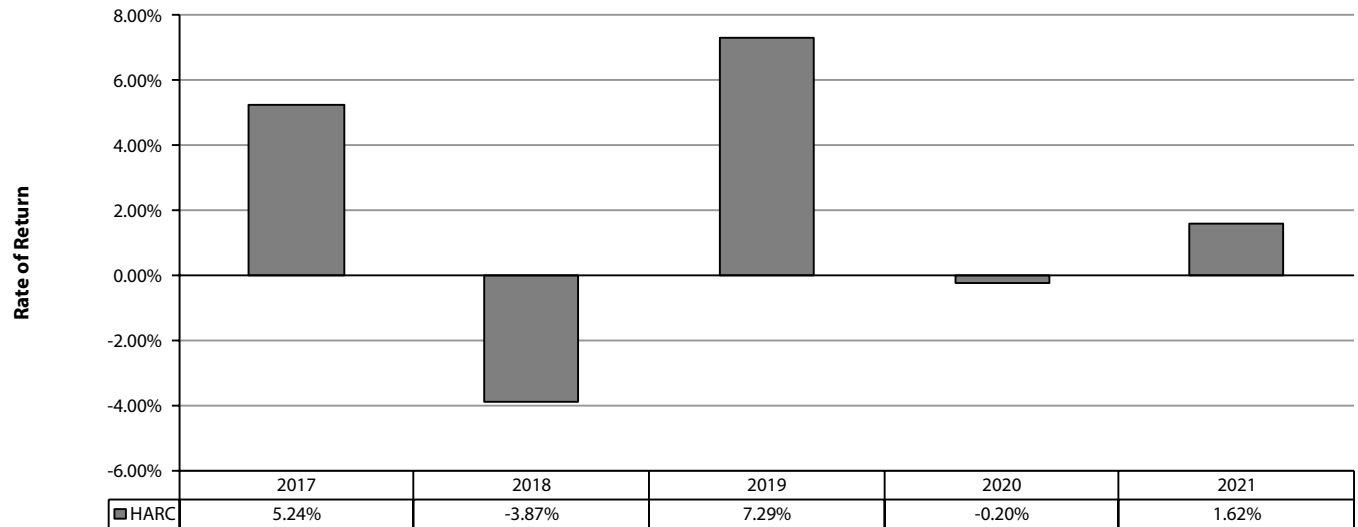
<b>Marketing</b>	<b>Portfolio management fees, general administrative costs and profit</b>	<b>Waived/absorbed expenses of the ETF</b>
3%	90%	7%

## Past Performance

Commissions, management fees, expenses and applicable sales taxes all may be associated with an investment in the ETF. Please read the prospectus before investing. The indicated rates of return are the historical total returns including changes in share value and reinvestment of all distributions, and do not take into account sales, redemptions, distributions or optional charges or income taxes payable by any investor that would have reduced returns. An investment in the ETF is not guaranteed. Its value changes frequently and past performance may not be repeated. The ETF's performance numbers assume that all distributions, if any, are reinvested in additional shares of the ETF. If you hold this ETF outside of a registered plan, income and capital gains distributions that are paid to you increase your income for tax purposes whether paid to you in cash or reinvested in additional shares. The amount of the reinvested taxable distributions is added to the adjusted cost base of the shares that you own. This would decrease your capital gain or increase your capital loss when you later redeem from the ETF, thereby ensuring that you are not taxed on this amount again. Please consult your tax advisor regarding your personal tax situation.

## Year-by-Year Returns

The following chart presents the ETF's performance for the periods shown, and illustrates how the performance has changed from period to period. In percentage terms, the chart shows how much an investment made on the first day of the financial period would have grown or decreased by the last day of the financial period.



The ETF effectively began operations on January 16, 2017.

## Summary of Investment Portfolio

As at June 30, 2021

Asset & Sector Mix	Net Asset Value	% of ETF's Net Asset Value
<b>Long Exposure</b>		
Currency Forward Contracts–Speculative*	\$ 47,900,033	90.01%
Cash and Cash Equivalents	53,928,754	101.35%
Other Assets less Liabilities	(41,851)	-0.08%
<b>Short Exposure</b>		
Currency Forward Contracts–Speculative*	(48,576,527)	-91.28%
	<b>\$ 53,210,409</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

\* Positions in forward contracts are disclosed as the gain/(loss) that would be realized if the contracts were closed out on the date of this report.

Top Forward Currency Exposure **	% of ETF's Net Asset Value
<b>Long Exposure</b>	
Russian Ruble	16.50%
Indonesian Rupiah	15.63%
Norwegian Krone	11.89%
Indian Rupee	11.89%
Czech Koruna	11.66%
Chinese Yuan Renminbi	7.97%
South Korean Won	6.15%
Malaysian Ringgit	3.96%
Colombian Peso	3.83%
Canadian Dollars	0.53%
<b>Short Exposure</b>	
Israeli Shekel	-3.99%
Hong Kong Dollars	-7.73%
Thailand Baht	-9.70%
Swiss Franc	-15.92%
United States Dollars	-16.10%
Taiwan Dollars	-16.12%
Japanese Yen	-21.72%

\*\* All forward contracts are speculative in nature. Positions in forward contracts are disclosed in terms of their fair value. Aggregate exposure of forward contracts equals 181.29% of the ETFs NAV.

The summary of investment portfolio may change due to the ongoing portfolio transactions of the ETF. The most recent interim and annual reports are available at no cost by calling toll free 1-866-641-5739, or (416) 933-5745, by writing to us at Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc., 55 University Avenue, Suite 800, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2H7, or by visiting our website at [www.horizonsetfs.com](http://www.horizonsetfs.com) or through SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).



### **MANAGER'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING**

The accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements ("financial statements") of Horizons Absolute Return Global Currency ETF (the "ETF") are the responsibility of the manager to the ETF, Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc. (the "Manager"). They have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards using information available and include certain amounts that are based on the Manager's best estimates and judgements.

The Manager has developed and maintains a system of internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that all assets are safeguarded and to produce relevant, reliable and timely financial information, including the accompanying financial statements.

These financial statements have been approved by the Board of Directors of the Manager and by the Board of Directors of Horizons ETF Corp.



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Steven J. Hawkins  
Director  
Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc.



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Thomas Park  
Director  
Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc.

### **NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS**

#### **The Auditors of the ETF have not reviewed these Financial Statements.**

Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc., the Manager of the ETF, appoints an independent auditor to audit the ETF's annual financial statements.

The ETF's independent auditors have not performed a review of these interim financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards.

**Consolidated Statements of Financial Position** (unaudited)

As at June 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 53,928,754	\$ 33,272,436
Amounts receivable relating to accrued income	702	1,634
Derivative assets (note 3)	1,045,243	2,055,438
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>54,974,699</b>	<b>35,329,508</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accrued management fees	38,238	25,677
Accrued operating expenses	4,315	3,749
Amounts payable for portfolio assets purchased	–	1,058,071
Derivative liabilities (note 3)	1,721,737	835,757
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>1,764,290</b>	<b>1,923,254</b>
<b>Total net assets (note 2)</b>	<b>\$ 53,210,409</b>	<b>\$ 33,406,254</b>
Number of redeemable shares outstanding (note 8)	2,417,000	1,542,000
Total net assets per share	\$ 22.02	\$ 21.66

(See accompanying notes to financial statements)

Approved on behalf of the Board of Directors of Horizons ETF Corp.:



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Steven J. Hawkins  
Director



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Kevin S. Beatson  
Director

**Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income** (unaudited)

For the Periods Ended June 30,

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Interest income for distribution purposes	\$ 2,552	\$ 92,290
Securities lending income (note 7)	8,182	357
Net realized gain (loss) on sale of investments and derivatives	2,776,905	(1,252,099)
Net realized gain (loss) on foreign exchange	(42,383)	29,557
Net change in unrealized depreciation of investments and derivatives	(1,895,677)	(215,561)
Net change in unrealized appreciation of foreign exchange	145,363	3,267
	<b>994,942</b>	<b>(1,342,189)</b>
<b>Expenses (note 9)</b>		
Management fees	208,774	102,795
Audit fees	6,676	5,998
Independent Review Committee fees	576	376
Custodial and fund valuation fees	14,005	14,048
Legal fees	1,297	3,172
Securityholder reporting costs	6,800	7,738
Administration fees	7,202	13,523
Transaction costs	28,092	18,593
	<b>273,422</b>	<b>166,243</b>
Amounts that were payable by the investment fund that were paid or absorbed by the Manager	(14,693)	(900)
	<b>258,729</b>	<b>165,343</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) in net assets for the period</b>	<b>\$ 736,213</b>	<b>\$ (1,507,532)</b>
Increase (decrease) in net assets per share	\$ 0.34	\$ (1.61)

(See accompanying notes to financial statements)

**Consolidated Statements of Changes in Financial Position** (unaudited)

For the Periods Ended June 30,

	<b>2021</b>		<b>2020</b>	
<b>Total net assets at the beginning of the period</b>	\$	33,406,254	\$	11,223,288
<b>Increase (decrease) in net assets</b>		736,213		(1,507,532)
<b>Redeemable share transactions</b>				
Proceeds from the issuance of securities of the investment fund		22,908,275		16,919,246
Aggregate amounts paid on redemption of securities of the investment fund		(3,840,333)		(2,383,850)
Distributions:				
<b>Total net assets at the end of the period</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>53,210,409</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>24,251,152</b>

(See accompanying notes to financial statements)

**Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows** (unaudited)

For the Periods Ended June 30,

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Increase (decrease) in net assets for the period	\$ 736,213	\$ (1,507,532)
Adjustments for:		
Net realized loss (gain) on sale of investments and derivatives	(2,776,905)	1,252,099
Net realized gain (loss) on currency forward contracts	2,776,717	(1,252,099)
Net change in unrealized depreciation of investments and derivatives	1,895,677	215,561
Net change in unrealized appreciation of foreign exchange	(145,363)	(3,267)
Purchase of investments	(1,057,478)	–
Proceeds from the sale of investments	93	–
Amounts receivable relating to accrued income	932	(6,887)
Accrued expenses	13,127	43,331
<b>Net cash from (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>1,443,013</b>	<b>(1,258,794)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>		
Amount received from the issuance of shares	22,908,275	16,919,246
Amount paid on redemptions of shares	(3,840,333)	(2,383,850)
<b>Net cash from financing activities</b>	<b>19,067,942</b>	<b>14,535,396</b>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents during the period</b>	<b>20,510,955</b>	<b>13,276,602</b>
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash and cash equivalents	145,363	3,267
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period</b>	<b>33,272,436</b>	<b>11,052,932</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>\$ 53,928,754</b>	<b>\$ 24,332,801</b>

Interest received, net of withholding taxes	\$ 3,484	\$ 85,403
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(See accompanying notes to financial statements)

**Schedule of Investments** (unaudited)

As at June 30, 2021

Security	Contracts	Average Cost	Fair Value
<b>DERIVATIVES (-1.27%)</b>			
<b>Currency Forwards (-1.27%)</b>			
Currency forward contract to buy TWD 191,595,000 for US\$6,856,882 maturing July 8, 2021	\$	-	\$ 24,314
Currency forward contract to buy US\$6,852,901 for TWD 191,595,000 maturing July 8, 2021		-	(29,249)
Currency forward contract to buy MYR 7,060,000 for US\$1,715,258 maturing July 12, 2021		-	(18,904)
Currency forward contract to buy MXN 33,255,000 for C\$2,047,974 maturing July 14, 2021		-	17,657
Currency forward contract to buy C\$2,018,928 for MXN 33,255,000 maturing July 14, 2021		-	(46,702)
Currency forward contract to buy US\$17,218,985 for C\$21,386,910 maturing July 15, 2021		-	(42,141)
Currency forward contract to buy C\$7,612,620 for US\$6,200,000 maturing July 15, 2021		-	(72,941)
Currency forward contract to buy RUB 554,885,000 for US\$7,166,242 maturing July 26, 2021		-	488,098
Currency forward contract to buy US\$2,001,001 for COP 7,333,670,000 maturing July 26, 2021		-	60,644
Currency forward contract to buy US\$1,673,596 for CLP 1,204,320,000 maturing July 26, 2021		-	42,846
Currency forward contract to buy C\$6,523,323 for SEK 44,780,000 maturing July 26, 2021		-	35,774
Currency forward contract to buy C\$2,327,099 for NOK 15,990,000 maturing July 26, 2021		-	24,748
Currency forward contract to buy US\$466,320 for RUB 34,960,000 maturing July 26, 2021		-	(12,384)
Currency forward contract to buy CLP 1,204,320,000 for US\$1,711,654 maturing July 26, 2021		-	(90,023)
Currency forward contract to buy COP 13,502,965,000 for US\$3,714,172 maturing July 26, 2021		-	(148,688)
Currency forward contract to buy SEK 44,780,000 for C\$6,637,033 maturing July 26, 2021		-	(149,484)
Currency forward contract to buy NOK 59,920,000 for C\$8,938,339 maturing July 26, 2021		-	(310,642)
Currency forward contract to buy CZK 107,690,000 for C\$6,214,018 maturing July 30, 2021		-	(7,754)
Currency forward contract to buy JPY¥362,022,921 for C\$3,980,417 maturing August 31, 2021		-	61,111
Currency forward contract to buy C\$8,772,923 for CHF 6,505,000 maturing August 31, 2021		-	44,240
Currency forward contract to buy KRW 2,985,290,000 for US\$2,639,981 maturing August 31, 2021		-	1,452

**Schedule of Investments** (unaudited) (continued)

As at June 30, 2021

Security	Contracts	Average Cost	Fair Value
Currency forward contract to buy CHF 190,000 for C\$256,196 maturing August 31, 2021		–	(1,246)
Currency forward contract to buy C\$15,465,791 for JPY¥1,397,253,596 maturing August 31, 2021		–	(132,781)
Currency forward contract to buy C\$2,081,934 for ILS 5,580,000 maturing September 1, 2021		–	(41,084)
Currency forward contract to buy C\$5,108,778 for THB 133,545,000 maturing September 1, 2021		–	(55,276)
Currency forward contract to buy CNH 22,230,000 for C\$4,177,799 maturing September 8, 2021		–	62,588
Currency forward contract to buy INR 382,395,000 for US\$5,170,426 maturing September 8, 2021		–	(85,202)
Currency forward contract to buy C\$4,011,580 for HKD 25,740,000 maturing September 8, 2021		–	(98,606)
Currency forward contract to buy IDR 98,740,005,000 for US\$6,861,258 maturing September 23, 2021		–	(184,077)
Currency forward contract to buy US\$6,911,049 for TWD 191,595,000 maturing October 8, 2021		–	(12,782)
		–	(676,494)
<b>TOTAL DERIVATIVES</b>		–	<b>(676,494)</b>
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO (–1.27%) (note 8)</b>	<b>\$</b>	–	<b>\$ (676,494)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents – other (101.35%)</b>			53,928,754
<b>Other assets less liabilities (–0.08%)</b>			(41,851)
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS (100.00%)</b>			<b>\$ 53,210,409</b>

(See accompanying notes to financial statements)



**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements - ETF Specific Information** (unaudited)

For the Periods Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

**A. ETF INFORMATION (NOTE 1)**

The following table lists specific information about the ETF, the tickers under which the Cdn\$ Shares and US\$ Shares (if applicable), as described in note 1, trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange (the "TSX"), the functional and presentation currency of the ETF in either Canadian ("CAD") or U.S. ("USD") dollars, and the effective start of operations of the ETF.

ETF Name	TSX Ticker(s)	Reporting Currency	Effective Start of Operations
Horizons Absolute Return Global Currency ETF	HARC	CAD	January 16, 2017

***Investment Objective***

HARC seeks to generate positive absolute returns through long and short exposure to selected global currencies. HARC will generally hold Canadian short-term fixed-income securities and will primarily use derivative instruments to gain its exposure to selected global currencies.

**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements - ETF Specific Information** (unaudited) (continued)

For the Periods Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

**B. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS RISK (NOTE 5)**
**(a) Market risks**
**(i) Currency risk**

The following tables indicate the foreign currencies to which the ETF had significant exposure as at June 30, 2021 and December 31 2020, in Canadian dollar terms and the potential impact on the ETF's net assets (including the underlying principal amount of future or forward currency contracts, if any), as a result of a 1% change in these currencies relative to the Canadian dollar:

<b>December 31, 2019</b>	<b>Financial Instruments</b>	<b>Currency Forward and/ or Futures Contracts</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Impact on Net Asset Value</b>
<b>Currency</b>	(\$000's)	(\$000's)	(\$000's)	(\$000's)
Chinese Yuan	–	4,240	4,240	42
Colombian Peso	–	2,036	2,036	20
Czech Koruna	–	6,206	6,206	62
Hong Kong Dollar	–	(4,110)	(4,110)	(41)
Indian Rupee	–	6,324	6,324	63
Indonesian Rupiah	–	8,321	8,321	83
Israeli New Shekel	–	(2,123)	(2,123)	(21)
Japanese Yen	–	(11,557)	(11,557)	(116)
Korean Won	–	3,274	3,274	33
Malaysian Ringgit	–	2,107	2,107	21
New Taiwan Dollar	–	(8,580)	(8,580)	(86)
Norwegian Krone	–	6,325	6,325	63
Russian Ruble	–	8,781	8,781	88
Swiss Franc	–	(8,474)	(8,474)	(85)
Thai Baht	–	(5,164)	(5,164)	(52)
U.S. Dollar	1,173	(8,569)	(7,396)	(74)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,173</b>	<b>(963)</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>As % of Net Asset Value</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>-1.8%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements - ETF Specific Information** (unaudited) (continued)

For the Periods Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

December 31, 2019	Financial Instruments	Currency Forward and/ or Futures Contracts	Total	Impact on Net Asset Value
Currency	(\$000's)	(\$000's)	(\$000's)	(\$000's)
Australian Dollar	–	(1,890)	(1,890)	(19)
Chilean Peso	–	3,843	3,843	38
Chinese Yuan	–	3,824	3,824	38
Colombian Peso	–	1,862	1,862	19
Hong Kong Dollar	–	(2,551)	(2,551)	(26)
Indian Rupee	–	9,818	9,818	98
Indonesian Rupiah	–	5,956	5,956	60
Israeli New Shekel	–	(2,541)	(2,541)	(25)
Mexican Peso	–	3,957	3,957	40
New Taiwan Dollar	–	(5,975)	(5,975)	(60)
Norwegian Krone	–	5,922	5,922	59
Philippine Peso	–	(3,814)	(3,814)	(38)
Russian Ruble	–	5,932	5,932	59
Swiss Franc	–	(3,941)	(3,941)	(39)
U.S. Dollar	642	(16,333)	(15,691)	(157)
Total	642	4,069	4,711	47
As % of Net Asset Value	1.9%	12.2%	14.1%	0.1%

**(ii) Interest rate risk**

As at June 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, the ETF did not hold any long-term debt instruments and did not have any exposure to interest rate risk.

**(iii) Market price risk**

The table below shows the estimated impact on the ETF of a 1% increase or decrease in a broad-based market index, based on historical correlation, with all other factors remaining constant, as at the dates shown. In practice, actual results may differ from this sensitivity analysis and the difference could be material.

Underlying Index	June 30, 2021	December 31, 2020
MSCI World Index	\$326,845	\$209,569

This demonstrates the ETF's low correlation to world equity indices.

**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements - ETF Specific Information** (unaudited) (continued)

For the Periods Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

**(b) Credit risk**

As at June 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, due to the nature of its portfolio investments, the ETF did not have any material credit risk exposure.

**C. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT (NOTE 6)**

The following is a summary of the inputs used as at June 30, 2021, and December 31, 2020, in valuing the ETF's investments and derivatives carried at fair values:

	June 30, 2021			December 31, 2020		
	Level 1 (\$)	Level 2 (\$)	Level 3 (\$)	Level 1 (\$)	Level 2 (\$)	Level 3 (\$)
<b>Financial Assets</b>						
Currency Forward Contracts	–	1,045,243	–	–	2,055,438	–
<b>Total Financial Assets</b>	–	<b>1,045,243</b>	–	–	<b>2,055,438</b>	–
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>						
Currency Forward Contracts	–	(1,721,737)	–	–	(835,757)	–
<b>Total Financial Liabilities</b>	–	<b>(1,721,737)</b>	–	–	<b>(835,757)</b>	–
<b>Net Financial Assets and Liabilities</b>	–	<b>(676,494)</b>	–	–	<b>1,219,681</b>	–

There were no significant transfers made between Levels 1 and 2 as a result of changes in the availability of quoted market prices or observable market inputs during the period or year shown. In addition, there were no investments or transactions classified in Level 3 for the periods ended June 30, 2021 and 2020.

**D. SECURITIES LENDING (NOTE 7)**

The aggregate closing market value of securities loaned and collateral received as at June 30, 2021, and December 31, 2020, was as follows:

As at	Securities Loaned	Collateral Received
June 30, 2021	–	–
December 31, 2020	\$1,349,960	\$1,417,457

Collateral may comprise, but is not limited to, cash and obligations of or guaranteed by the Government of Canada or a province thereof; by the United States government or its agencies; by some sovereign states; by permitted supranational agencies; and short-term debt of Canadian financial institutions, if, in each case, the evidence of indebtedness has a designated rating as defined by NI 81-102.

**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements - ETF Specific Information** (unaudited) (continued)

For the Periods Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

The table below presents a reconciliation of the securities lending income as presented in the statements of comprehensive income for the periods ended June 30, 2021 and 2020. It shows the gross amount of securities lending revenues generated from the securities lending transactions of the ETF, less any taxes withheld and amounts earned by parties entitled to receive payments out of the gross amount as part of any securities lending agreements.

<b>For the periods ended</b>	<b>June 30, 2021</b>	<b>% of Gross Income</b>	<b>June 30, 2020</b>	<b>% of Gross Income</b>
Gross securities lending income	\$13,636		\$510	
Lending Agents' fees:				
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	(5,454)	40.00%	(153)	30.00%
<b>Net securities lending income paid to the ETF</b>	<b>\$8,182</b>	<b>60.00%</b>	<b>\$357</b>	<b>70.00%</b>

**E. REDEEMABLE SHARES (NOTE 8)**

For the periods ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, the number of ETF Shares issued by subscription, the number of ETF Shares redeemed, the total and average number of ETF Shares outstanding was as follows:

<b>Period</b>	<b>Beginning Shares Outstanding</b>	<b>Shares Issued</b>	<b>Shares Redeemed</b>	<b>Ending Shares Outstanding</b>	<b>Average Shares Outstanding</b>
2021	1,542,000	1,050,000	(175,000)	2,417,000	2,144,762
2020	517,000	800,000	(125,000)	1,192,000	938,566

**F. BROKER COMMISSIONS, SOFT DOLLARS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (NOTE 10)**

Brokerage commissions paid to dealers in connection with investment portfolio transactions, soft dollar transactions incurred and amounts paid to related parties of the Manager, if any, for the periods ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, were as follow:

<b>Period Ended</b>	<b>Brokerage Commissions Paid</b>	<b>Soft Dollar Transactions</b>	<b>Amount Paid to Related Parties</b>
June 30, 2021	\$686	\$nil	\$nil
June 30, 2020	\$nil	\$nil	\$nil

**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements - ETF Specific Information** (unaudited) (continued)

For the Periods Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

**G. OFFSETTING OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (NOTE 12)**

The following table shows financial instruments that may be eligible for offset, if such conditions were to arise, as at June 30, 2021, and December 31, 2020. The “Net” column displays what the net impact would be on the ETF’s statements of financial position if all amounts were set-off.

Financial Assets and Liabilities as at June 30, 2021	Amounts Offset (\$)			Amounts Not Offset (\$)		Net (\$)
	Gross Assets (Liabilities)	Gross Assets (Liabilities) Offset	Net Amounts	Financial Instruments	Cash Collateral Pledged	
Derivative assets	1,045,243	–	1,045,243	(1,045,243)	–	–
Derivative liabilities	(1,721,737)	–	(1,721,737)	1,045,243	–	(676,494)

Financial Assets and Liabilities as at December 31, 2020	Amounts Offset (\$)			Amounts Not Offset (\$)		Net (\$)
	Gross Assets (Liabilities)	Gross Assets (Liabilities) Offset	Net Amounts	Financial Instruments	Cash Collateral Pledged	
Derivative assets	2,055,438	–	2,055,438	(835,757)	–	1,219,681
Derivative liabilities	(835,757)	–	(835,757)	835,757	–	–

**H. INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES, ASSOCIATES AND UNCONSOLIDATED STRUCTURED ENTITIES (NOTE 13)**

As at June 30, 2021, and December 31, 2020, the ETF had material investments in the subsidiaries (Sub), associates (Assoc) and unconsolidated structured entities (SE) listed below:

Investee ETF as at June 30, 2021	Place of Business	Type	Ownership %	Carrying Amount
Horizons Cash Maximizer ETF	Canada	SE	4.54%	\$48,261,905

Investee ETF as at December 31, 2020	Place of Business	Type	Ownership %	Carrying Amount
Horizons Cash Maximizer ETF	Canada	SE	2.76%	\$27,960,900

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited)

For the Periods Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

### 1. REPORTING ENTITY

Horizons ETF Corp. (the “Company”) is a mutual fund corporation established on October 10, 2019, under the federal laws of Canada. The authorized capital of the Company includes an unlimited number of non-cumulative, redeemable, non-voting classes of shares (each, a “Corporate Class” or “ETF”), issuable in an unlimited number of series, and one class of voting shares designated as “Class J Shares”. Each Corporate Class is a separate investment fund having specific investment objectives and is specifically referable to a separate portfolio of investments. These consolidated financial statements (the “financial statements”) as at June 30, 2021, and December 31, 2020, and for the periods ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, comprise the Company and its wholly-owned entities and are presented on the basis outlined below. ETF-specific information and the investment objectives for each ETF in the Company are disclosed in the ETF-specific notes information to the consolidated financial statements of each ETF. Each ETF is a separate Corporate Class and currently consists of a single series of exchange traded fund shares (“ETF Shares”) of the applicable Corporate Class of the Company.

Each ETF is offered for sale on a continuous basis by the Company’s prospectus in ETF Shares which trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange (“TSX”) in Canadian dollars (“Cdn\$ Shares”) and, where applicable, in U.S. dollars (“US\$ Shares”). Subscriptions for US\$ Shares can be made in either U.S. or Canadian dollars. An investor may buy or sell shares of the ETF on the TSX through a registered broker or dealer in the province or territory where the investor resides. Investors are able to trade shares of the ETF in the same way as other securities traded on the TSX, including by using market orders and limit orders and may incur customary brokerage commissions when buying or selling shares.

Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc. (“Horizons Management” or the “Manager” or the “Investment Manager”) is the manager and investment manager of the Company and of each Corporate Class. The Investment Manager is responsible for implementing each ETF’s investment strategies. The address of the Company’s registered office is: c/o Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc., 55 University Avenue, Suite 800, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2H7.

#### The Corporate Class Merger

On June 23, 2020, a meeting of unitholders of the ETF approved a proposal to proceed with a merger (the “Merger”) of the ETF, structured at the time as a trust (the “ETF Trust”), into a corresponding class of shares (the “Continuing Corporate Class ETF”) of Horizons ETF Corp. (“Horizons MFC”), a multi-class mutual fund corporation managed by the Manager.

The decision to propose the Merger followed an extensive review by the Manager of the activities and tax positions of the ETF Trust, along with the proposed changes to the Income Tax Act (Canada) (the “Tax Act”) contained in the 2019 Federal Budget, as a means to preserve the existing benefits offered by the ETF Trust.

The approved Merger took place at the close of business on June 29, 2020, and units of the ETF Trust (the “ETF Units”) were exchanged on a one-for-one basis for ETF Shares of the applicable corresponding Corporate Class of Horizons MFC. The investment objective, investment strategies and fee structure of the merged ETF did not change as a result of the exchange of ETF Units into the corresponding ETF Shares.

The Merger is not expected to be a taxable event for Canadian resident holders of the ETF, provided that holders with ETF Units that were in an unrealized gain position and were held in taxable accounts prior to the Merger make a joint election with Horizons ETF Corp. under Section 85 of the Tax Act for the exchange of their ETF Units into the corresponding class of ETF Shares of Horizons ETF Corp., to occur on a tax-deferred basis.

For more information about making a joint election as indicated above, investors should refer to our website disclosure on this which can be found at: <https://www.horizonsetfs.com/section-85-election>



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### Reporting Periods

While the ETF only became part of the Company after the completion of the Merger, it has received an exemption from its regulators so that it may report information in its financial statements on a combined basis for both the pre- and post-Merger periods. Post-Merger, the ETF Trust is wholly-owned by the Company. These financial statements are presented on a consolidated basis for the individual ETF and the corresponding ETF Trusts.

### Investment Objective

The purpose of each ETF is to invest the net assets attributable to that ETF in accordance with its investment objectives, as defined in the Company's prospectus. The investment objective for each ETF is set out in note A in the ETF-specific notes information.

## 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

### *(i) Statement of compliance*

The ETF's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. Any mention of total net assets, net assets, net asset value or increase (decrease) in net assets is referring to net assets or increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares as reported under IFRS.

These financial statements were authorized for issue on August 13, 2021, by the Board of Directors of the Company.

### *(ii) Basis of measurement*

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for financial instruments at fair value though profit or loss, which are measured at fair value.

## 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

### (a) Financial instruments

#### *(i) Recognition, initial measurement and classification*

The ETF is subject to IFRS 9, Financial Instruments ("IFRS 9") for the classification and measurement requirements for financial instruments, including impairment of financial assets and hedge accounting.

IFRS 9 requires financial assets to be classified based on the ETF's business model for managing the financial assets and contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. The standard includes three principal classification categories for financial assets: measured at amortized cost, fair value through other comprehensive income, and fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL"). IFRS9 requires classification of debt instruments, if any, based solely on payment of principal and interest, and business model tests.

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The ETF's financial assets and financial liabilities are managed and its performance is evaluated on a fair value basis. The contractual cash flows of the ETF's debt securities, if any, consist solely of principal and interest, however, these securities are neither held in held-to-collect, or held-to-collect-and-sell business models in IFRS 9.

Financial assets and financial liabilities at FVTPL are initially recognized on the trade date, at fair value (see below), with transaction costs recognized in the statements of comprehensive income. Other financial assets and financial liabilities are recognized on the date on which they are originated at fair value.

The ETF classifies financial assets and financial liabilities into the following categories:

- Financial assets mandatorily classified at FVTPL: debt securities, equity investments and derivative financial instruments
- Financial assets at amortized cost: all other financial assets
- Financial liabilities classified at FVTPL: derivative financial instruments and securities sold short, if any
- Financial liabilities at amortized cost: all other financial liabilities

### **(ii) Fair value measurement**

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date in the principal or, in its absence, the most advantageous market to which the ETF has access at that date. The fair value of a liability reflects its non-performance risk.

Investments are valued at fair value as of the close of business on each valuation date, as defined in the ETF's prospectus ("Valuation Date") and based on external pricing sources to the extent possible. Investments held that are traded in an active market through recognized public stock exchanges, over-the-counter markets, or through recognized investment dealers, are valued at their closing sale price. However, such prices may be adjusted if a more accurate value can be obtained from recent trading activity or by incorporating other relevant information that may not have been reflected in pricing obtained from external sources. Short-term investments, including notes and money market instruments, are valued at amortized cost which approximates fair value.

Investments held that are not traded in an active market, including some derivative financial instruments, are valued using observable market inputs where possible, on such basis and in such manner as established by the Manager. Derivative financial instruments are recorded in the statements of financial position according to the gain or loss that would be realized if the contracts were closed out on the Valuation Date. Margin deposits, if any, are included in the schedule of investments as margin deposits. See also the summary of fair value measurements in note 6.

Fair value policies used for financial reporting purposes are the same as those used to measure the net asset value ("NAV") for transactions with shareholders.

The fair value of other financial assets and liabilities approximates their carrying values due to the short-term nature of these instruments.

### **(iii) Offsetting**

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the statements 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 to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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Income and expenses are presented on a net basis for gains and losses from financial instruments at FVTPL and foreign exchange gains and losses.

### **(iv) Specific instruments**

#### **Cash**

Cash consists of cash on deposit.

#### **Redeemable shares**

The Company has made significant judgments when determining the classification of each ETF's redeemable securities as financial liabilities in accordance with IAS 32 – Financial Instruments – Presentation (“IAS 32”).

Each ETF's redeemable shares are classes in the Company. The classes will not participate pro rata in the residual net assets of the Company in the event of the Company's liquidation and they do not have identical features. Consequently, each ETF's outstanding redeemable shares are classified as financial liabilities in accordance with the requirements of IAS 32.

#### **Derivative agreements**

In order to achieve its investment objective, the ETF may enter into derivative agreements (the “Derivative Agreements”) with one or more bank counterparties (each a “Counterparty”). The value of these derivative agreements is the gain or loss that would be realized if, on the Valuation Date, the agreements were to be closed out. That value is recorded as a derivative asset and/or derivative liability in the statements of financial position and included in the net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments and derivatives in the statements of comprehensive income.

When these derivative contracts are closed out or mature, realized gains or losses on the derivative agreements are recognized and are included in the statements of comprehensive income in net realized gain (loss) on sale of investments and derivatives.

### **(b) Investment income**

Investment transactions are accounted for as of the trade date. Realized gains and losses from investment transactions are calculated on a weighted average cost basis. The difference between fair value and average cost, as recorded in the financial statements, is included in the statements of comprehensive income as part of the net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments and derivatives. Interest income for distribution purposes from investments in bonds and short-term investments, if any, represents the coupon interest received by the ETF accounted for on an accrual basis. Dividend income, if any, is recognized on the ex-dividend date. Distribution income from investments in other funds or ETFs, if any, is recognized when earned.

Income from derivatives is shown in the statements of comprehensive income as net realized gain (loss) on sale of investments and derivatives; net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments and derivatives; and, interest income for distribution purposes, in accordance with its nature.

Income from securities lending, if any, is included in “Securities lending income” on the statements of comprehensive income and is recognized when earned. Any securities on loan continue to be displayed in the schedule of investments and the market value of the securities loaned and collateral held is determined daily (see note 7).

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If the ETF incurs 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 statements of comprehensive income.

**(c) Foreign currency**

Transactions in foreign currencies, if any, are translated into the ETF's reporting currency using the exchange rate prevailing on the trade date. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the reporting date are translated at the period-end exchange rate. Foreign exchange gains and losses, if any, are presented as "Net realized gain (loss) on foreign exchange", except for those arising from financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss, which are recognized as a component within "Net realized gain (loss) on sale of investments and derivatives" and "Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments and derivatives" in the statements of comprehensive income.

**(d) Cost basis**

The cost of portfolio investments is determined on an average cost basis.

**(e) Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares per share**

The increase (decrease) in net assets per share in the statements of comprehensive income represents the change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares from operations divided by the weighted average number of shares of the ETF outstanding during the reporting period.

**(f) Shareholder transactions**

The value at which shares of the ETF are issued or redeemed is determined by dividing the net asset value of the ETF by the total number of shares outstanding of the ETF on the applicable Valuation Date. Amounts received on the issuance of shares and amounts paid on the redemption of shares are included in the statements of changes in financial position. Orders for subscriptions or redemptions are only permissible on valid trading days, as defined in the ETF's prospectus.

**(g) Amounts receivable (payable) relating to portfolio assets sold (purchased)**

In accordance with the ETF's policy of trade date accounting for sale and purchase transactions, sales/purchase transactions awaiting settlement represent amounts receivable/payable for securities sold/purchased, but not yet settled as at the reporting date.

**(h) Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares per share**

Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares per share is calculated by dividing the ETF's net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares by the number of shares of the ETF outstanding on the Valuation Date.

**(i) Transaction costs**

Transaction costs are incremental costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, issue or disposal of an investment, which include fees and commissions paid to agents, advisors, brokers and dealers, fees incurred in conjunction with the ETF's derivative agreements, levies by regulatory agencies and securities exchanges, and any applicable

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transfer taxes and duties. Transaction costs are expensed and are included in “Transaction costs” in the statements of comprehensive income.

**4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS**

In preparing these financial statements, the Manager has made judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to estimates are recognized prospectively.

The full extent of the impact that the COVID-19 epidemic will have on the Canadian and U.S. economies and the ETF's business remains uncertain and difficult to predict at this time. By their very nature, the estimates and/or judgements the Manager makes for the purposes of preparing the ETF's financial statements relate to matters that are inherently uncertain. However, the Manager maintains detailed policies and internal controls that are intended to ensure that these estimates and judgements are well controlled, and that they are consistently applied from period to period. It is the Manager's opinion that any estimates and/or judgements used in the preparation of these financial statements are appropriate as at June 30, 2021, and December 31, 2020, and for the periods ended June 30, 2021 and 2020.

The ETF may hold financial instruments that are not quoted in active markets, including derivatives. The determination of the fair value of these instruments is the area with the most significant accounting judgements and estimates that the ETF has made in preparing the financial statements. See note 6 for more information on the fair value measurement of the ETF's financial instruments.

**5. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS RISK**

In the normal course of business, the ETF's investment activities expose it to a variety of financial risks. The Manager seeks to minimize potential adverse effects of these risks for the ETF's performance by employing professional, experienced portfolio advisors, by daily monitoring of the ETF's positions and market events, and periodically may use derivatives to hedge certain risk exposures. To assist in managing risks, the Manager maintains a governance structure that oversees the ETF's investment activities and monitors compliance with the ETF's stated investment strategies, internal guidelines and securities regulations.

Please refer to the Company's most recent prospectus for a complete discussion of the risks attributed to an investment in the shares of the ETF. Significant financial instrument risks that are relevant to the ETF are discussed below and an analysis thereof is included in note B of the ETF-specific notes information.

**(a) Market risks**

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as interest rates, equity prices, foreign exchange rates and credit spreads (not relating to changes in the obligor's/issuer's credit standing) will affect the ETF's income or the fair value of its holdings of financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimizing the return.

**(i) Currency risk**

Currency risk is the risk that financial instruments which are denominated in currencies other than the ETF's reporting currency will fluctuate due to changes in exchange rates and adversely impact the ETF's income, cash flows or fair values of its investment holdings.

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### **(ii) Interest rate risk**

The ETF may be exposed to the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of its financial instruments will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates. In general, the value of interest-bearing financial instruments will rise if interest rates fall, and conversely, will generally fall if interest rates rise. There is minimal sensitivity to interest rate fluctuation on cash and cash equivalents invested at short-term market rates since those securities are usually held to maturity and are short term in nature.

### **(iii) Market price risk**

Other market price risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether caused by factors specific to an individual investment, its issuer, or all factors affecting all instruments traded in a market or market segment.

The ETF is subject to other market risks that will affect the value of its investments, including general economic and market conditions, as well as developments that impact specific economic sectors, industries or companies. The ETF will normally lose value on days when the securities comprising the Underlying Index declines. The ETF intends to remain fully invested regardless of market conditions.

## **(b) Credit risk**

Credit risk on financial instruments is the risk of a financial loss occurring as a result of the default of a counterparty on its obligation to the ETF. It arises principally from debt securities held, and also from derivative financial assets, cash and cash equivalents, and other receivables.

The ETF's maximum credit risk exposure as at the reporting date is represented by the respective carrying amounts of the financial assets in the statements of financial position, including any positive mark-to-market of the ETF's Derivative Agreement(s). This amount is included in "Derivative assets" (if any) in the statements of financial position. The credit risk related to any one Derivative Agreement is concentrated in the Counterparty to that particular Derivative Agreement.

Credit risk is managed by dealing with counterparties the Manager believes to be creditworthy and which meet the designated rating requirements of National Instrument 81-102 ("NI 81-102").

## **(c) Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the ETF will encounter difficulty in meeting the obligations associated with its financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset. The ETF's policy and the Investment Manager's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stress conditions, including estimated redemptions of shares, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the ETF's reputation. Generally, liabilities of the ETF are due within 90 days. Liquidity risk is managed by investing the majority of the ETF's assets in investments that are traded in an active market and can be readily disposed. The ETF aims to retain sufficient cash and cash equivalent positions to maintain liquidity; therefore, the liquidity risk for the ETF is considered minimal.

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**6. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT**

IFRS 13, Fair Value Measurement (“IFRS 13”) requires a classification of fair value measurements of the ETF’s investments based on a three level fair value hierarchy and a reconciliation of transactions and transfers within that hierarchy. The hierarchy of fair valuation inputs is summarized as follows:

- Level 1: securities that are valued based on quoted prices in active markets.
- Level 2: securities that are valued based on inputs other than quoted prices that are observable, either directly as prices, or indirectly as derived from prices.
- Level 3: securities that are valued with significant unobservable market data.

Changes in valuation methods may result in transfers into or out of an investment’s assigned level. The fair value hierarchy classification of the ETF’s assets and liabilities and additional disclosures relating to transfers between levels is included in note C in the ETF-specific notes information.

**7. SECURITIES LENDING**

In order to generate additional returns, the ETF is authorized to enter into securities lending agreements with borrowers deemed acceptable in accordance with NI 81-102. Under a securities lending agreement, the borrower must pay the ETF a negotiated securities lending fee, provide compensation to the ETF equal to any distributions received by the borrower on the securities borrowed, and the ETF must receive an acceptable form of collateral in excess of the value of the securities loaned. Although such collateral is marked to market, the ETF may be exposed to the risk of loss should a borrower default on its obligations to return the borrowed securities and the collateral is insufficient to reconstitute the portfolio of loaned securities. Revenue, if any, earned on securities lending transactions during the period is disclosed in the ETF’s statements of comprehensive income.

The aggregate closing market value of securities loaned and collateral received, if any, as at June 30, 2021, and December 31, 2020, and a reconciliation of the securities lending income for the periods ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, if any, as presented in the statements of comprehensive income are presented in note D of the ETF-specific notes information.

**8. LEVERAGE**

The aggregate market exposure of all instruments held directly or indirectly by HARC, calculated daily on a mark-to-market basis, can exceed HARC’s net asset value, and can exceed the amount of cash and securities held as margin on deposit to support the derivatives trading activities of the ETF. Under normal market conditions, the maximum amount of leverage used, directly or indirectly, by the ETF, expressed as a ratio of total underlying notional value of the securities and/or financial derivative positions of HARC divided by the net assets of the ETF (the “Leverage Ratio”), will generally not exceed 3:1.

The following table discloses the minimum and maximum leverage levels for the ETF for the period ended June 30, 2021 and for the year ended December 31, 2020; the ETF’s leverage at the end of the reporting period; and, approximately what that leverage represents as a percentage of the ETF’s net assets.



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<b>Period/Year Ended</b>	<b>Minimum Leverage</b>	<b>Maximum Leverage</b>	<b>Leverage at end of Reporting Period</b>	<b>Approximate Percentage of Net Assets</b>
June 30, 2021	1.04:1	2.50:1	1.81:1	181%
December 31, 2020	1.77:1	2.74:1	2.34:1	234%

**9. REDEEMABLE SHARES**

The authorized capital of the Company includes an unlimited number of non-cumulative, redeemable, non-voting Corporate Classes, issuable in an unlimited number of series, including the ETF Shares, and one class of voting shares designated as "Class J Shares". Each Corporate Class is a separate investment fund having specific investment objectives and is specifically referable to a separate portfolio of investments. Each ETF of the Company is a separate Corporate Class.

Each ETF Share entitles the owner to one vote at meetings of shareholders of the applicable Corporate Class to which they are entitled to vote. Each shareholder is entitled to participate equally with all other shares of the same Corporate Class or series of Corporate Class with respect to all payments made to shareholders, other than management fee rebates, including dividends and distributions and, on liquidation, to participate equally in the net assets of the applicable Corporate Class remaining after satisfaction of any outstanding liabilities that are attributable to ETF Shares of the Corporate Class.

The redeemable shares issued by the ETF provide an investor with the right to require redemption for cash at a value proportionate to the investor's share in the ETF's net assets at each redemption date. The ETF's objectives in managing the redeemable shares are to meet the ETF's investment objective, and to manage liquidity risk arising from redemptions. The ETF's liquidity risk arising from redeemable shares is discussed in note 5.

On any valid trading day, as defined in the ETF's prospectus, shareholders of the ETF may redeem: (i) ETF Shares for cash at a redemption price per ETF Share equal to 95% of the closing price for the ETF Shares in the applicable currency on the TSX on the effective day of the redemption, subject to a maximum redemption price per ETF Share equal to the net asset value per ETF Share on the effective day of redemption; or (ii) at the sole discretion of the Manager, a prescribed number of shares ("PNS") or a whole multiple PNS for cash in the applicable currency equal to the net asset value of that number of ETF Shares in such currency next determined following the receipt of the redemption request, less any applicable redemption charge as determined by the Manager in its sole discretion; or (iii) at the sole discretion of the Manager, a PNS or a whole multiple PNS in exchange for securities and cash in the applicable currency equal to the net asset value of that number of ETF Shares in such currency following the receipt of the redemption request, provided that a securities redemption may be subject to redemption charges at the sole discretion of the Manager.

Shares of the ETF are issued or redeemed on a daily basis at the net asset value per share that is determined as at 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) each business day.

If, in any taxation year, the Company would otherwise be liable for tax on net realized capital gains, the Company intends to pay, to the extent possible, by the last day of that year, a special capital gains dividend to ensure that the Company will not be liable for income tax on such amounts under the Tax Act (after taking into account all available deductions, credits and refunds). Such distributions may be paid in the form of ETF Shares of the relevant ETF and/or cash which is automatically reinvested in ETF Shares of the relevant ETF. Any such distributions payable in ETF Shares or reinvested in ETF Shares of the relevant ETF will increase the aggregate adjusted cost base of a shareholder's ETF Shares of that ETF. Immediately following payment of such a special distribution in ETF Shares or reinvestment in ETF Shares, the number of ETF Shares of that ETF outstanding will be automatically consolidated such that the number of ETF Shares of that ETF

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outstanding after such distribution will be equal to the number of ETF Shares of that ETF outstanding immediately prior to such distribution, except where there are non-resident shareholders to the extent tax is required to be withheld in respect of the distribution.

Please consult the ETF's most recent prospectus for a full description of the subscription and redemption features of the ETF Shares.

A summary table of the number of shares issued by subscription, the number of shares redeemed, the total and average number of shares outstanding during the relevant reporting periods is disclosed in note E of the ETF-specific notes information.

**10. EXPENSES AND OTHER RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS****Management fees**

The Manager provides, or oversees the provision of, administrative services required by the ETF including, but not limited to: negotiating contracts with certain third-party service providers, such as portfolio managers, custodians, registrars, transfer agents, auditors and printers; authorizing the payment of operating expenses incurred on behalf of the ETF; arranging for the maintenance of accounting records for the ETF; preparing reports to shareholders and to the applicable securities regulatory authorities; calculating the amount and determining the frequency of distributions by the ETF; preparing financial statements, income tax returns and financial and accounting information as required by the ETF; ensuring that shareholders are provided with financial statements and other reports as are required from time to time by applicable law; ensuring that the ETF complies with all other regulatory requirements, including the continuous disclosure obligations of the ETF under applicable securities laws; administering purchases, redemptions and other transactions in shares of the ETF; and dealing and communicating with shareholders of the ETF. The Manager provides office facilities and personnel to carry out these services, if not otherwise furnished by any other service provider to the ETF. The Manager also monitors the investment strategies of the ETF to ensure that the ETF complies with its investment objectives, investment strategies and investment restrictions and practices.

In consideration for the provision of these services, the Manager receives a monthly management fee at the annual rate of 0.85%, plus applicable sales taxes, of the net asset value of the ETF's shares, calculated and accrued daily and payable monthly in arrears.

The Sub-Advisor is compensated for its services out of the management fees without any further cost to the ETF. Any expenses of the ETF which are waived or absorbed by the Manager are paid out of the management fees received by the Manager.

**Other expenses**

Unless otherwise waived or reimbursed by the Manager, the ETF pays all of its operating expenses, including but not limited to: audit fees; trustee and custodial expenses; valuation, accounting and record keeping costs; legal expenses; permitted prospectus preparation and filing expenses; costs associated with delivering documents to shareholders; listing and annual stock exchange fees; index licensing fees, if applicable; fees payable to CDS Clearing and Depository Services Inc.; bank related fees and interest charges; extraordinary expenses; shareholder reports and servicing costs; registrar and transfer agent fees; costs associated with the Independent Review Committee; income taxes; sales taxes; brokerage expenses and commissions; and withholding taxes.

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The Manager, at its discretion, may waive and/or absorb a portion of the fees and/or expenses otherwise payable by the ETF. The waiving and/or absorption of such fees and/or expenses by the Manager may be terminated at any time, or continued indefinitely, at the discretion of the Manager.

### 11. BROKER COMMISSIONS, SOFT DOLLARS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Brokerage commissions paid on securities transactions may include amounts paid to related parties of the Manager for brokerage services provided to the ETF.

Research and system usage related services received in return for commissions generated with specific dealers are generally referred to as soft dollars.

In addition to the information contained in note F of the ETF-specific notes information, the management fees paid to the Manager described in note 9 are related party transactions, as the Manager is considered to be a related party to the ETF. The management fees payable by the ETF as at June 30, 2021, and December 31, 2020, are disclosed in the statements of financial position.

Fees paid to the Independent Review Committee are also considered to be related party transactions. Both the management fees and fees paid to the Independent Review Committee are disclosed in the statements of comprehensive income.

The ETF may invest in other ETFs managed by the Manager or its affiliates, in accordance with the ETF's investment objectives and strategies. Such investments, if any, are disclosed in the schedule of investments.

### 12. INCOME TAX

The Company qualifies and intends at all relevant times to qualify as a "mutual fund corporation" as defined in the Tax Act. Although the Company may issue any number of classes, in any number of series, it will be required (like any other mutual fund corporation with a multi-class structure) to compute its income and net capital gains for tax purposes as a single entity. All of the Company's revenues, deductible expenses, non-capital losses, capital gains and capital losses in connection with all of its investment portfolios, and other items relevant to its tax position (including the tax attributes of all of its assets), will be taken into account in determining the income (and taxable income) or loss of the Company and applicable taxes payable by the Company as a whole.

As a mutual fund corporation, the Company is entitled, in certain circumstances, to a refund of tax paid by it in respect of its net realized capital gains determined on a formula basis that is based in part on the redemption of the ETF Shares. Also, as a mutual fund corporation, the Company will be entitled to maintain a capital gains dividend account in respect of its net realized capital gains and from which it may elect to pay dividends which are treated as capital gains in the hands of shareholders.

To the extent that the Company earns net income (other than dividends from taxable Canadian corporations and certain taxable capital gains and after available deductions), including in respect of derivative transactions, interest and income paid or made payable to it by a trust resident in Canada, the Company will be subject to income tax on such net income and no refund will be available in respect thereof.

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The Company may, at its option, pay special year-end dividends to shareholders in the form of a capital gains dividend where the Company has net taxable capital gains upon which it would otherwise be subject to tax, or in order to recover refundable tax not otherwise recoverable upon payment of regular cash distributions.

The Company will establish a policy to determine how it will allocate income and capital gains in a tax-efficient manner among its Corporate Classes in a way that it believes is fair, consistent and reasonable for all shareholders. The amount of dividends, if any, paid to shareholders will be based on this tax allocation policy, which will be approved by the Company's board of directors.

**13. TAX LOSSES CARRIED FORWARD**

Where the Company has realized a net capital loss in a taxation year, such capital loss cannot be allocated to shareholders but the Company may carry such capital loss back three years or forward indefinitely to offset capital gains realized by the Company. Non-capital losses incurred by the Company in a taxation year cannot be allocated to shareholders of the Company, but may be carried back three years or carried forward twenty years to offset income (including taxable capital gains).

As at December 31, 2020, the Company and its wholly-owned entities had net capital losses and/or non-capital losses, with the year of expiry of the non-capital losses as follows:

<b>Net Capital Losses</b>	<b>Non-Capital Losses</b>	<b>Year of Expiry of the Non-Capital Losses</b>
\$1,272,452,068	\$126,121	2028
	\$1,961,149	2029
	\$5,668,871	2030
	\$3,237,571	2031
	\$3,138,653	2032
	\$153,021,428	2033
	\$230,454,838	2034
	\$447,405,094	2035
	\$74,326,117	2036
	\$266,066,173	2037
	\$118,767,474	2038
	\$225,583,319	2039
	\$2,509,007,967	2040

**14. OFFSETTING OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

In the normal course of business, the ETF may enter into various master netting arrangements or other similar agreements that do not meet the criteria for offsetting in the statements of financial position but still allow for the related amounts to be set off in certain circumstances, such as bankruptcy or termination of the contracts. Amounts eligible for offset, if any, are disclosed in note G of the ETF-specific notes information.

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**15. INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES, ASSOCIATES AND UNCONSOLIDATED STRUCTURED ENTITIES**

The ETF may invest in shares or units of other ETFs as part of its investment strategies (“Investee ETF(s)”). The nature and purpose of these Investee ETFs generally, is to manage assets on behalf of third party investors in accordance with their investment objectives, and are financed through the issue of share or units to investors.

In determining whether the ETF has control or significant influence over an Investee ETF, the ETF assesses voting rights, the exposure to variable returns, and its ability to use the voting rights to affect the amount of the returns. In instances where the ETF has control over an Investee ETF, the ETF qualifies as an investment entity under IFRS 10 – *Consolidated Financial Statements*, and therefore accounts for investments it controls at fair value through profit and loss. The ETF’s primary purpose is defined by its investment objectives and uses the investment strategies available to it as defined in the ETF’s prospectus to meet those objectives. The ETF also measures and evaluates the performance of any Investee ETFs on a fair value basis.

Investee ETFs over which the ETF has control or significant influence are categorized as subsidiaries and associates, respectively. All other Investee ETFs are categorized as unconsolidated structured entities. Investee ETFs may be managed by the Manager, its affiliates, or by third-party managers.

Investments in Investee ETFs are susceptible to market price risk arising from uncertainty about future values of those Investee ETFs. The maximum exposure to loss from interests in Investee ETFs is equal to the total fair value of the investment in those respective Investee ETFs at any given point in time. The fair value of Investee ETFs, if any, are disclosed in investments in the statements of financial position, listed in the schedule of investments, and further detailed in note H of the ETF-specific notes information.

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