

Horizons Active Floating Rate Senior Loan ETF (HSL:TSX)







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# A Message from the CEO

After the challenges of the last two years related to the COVID-19 pandemic, I am pleased a "return to normal" and a broader economic reopening have begun.

While global uncertainty and inflationary pressures have resulted in market volatility, Canada's ETF industry continues to grow. As at May 31, 2022, Canada's ETF industry has seen \$18 billion in year-to-date inflows.

At Horizons ETFs, our assets under management swelled from approximately \$17 billion at the end of 2020 to \$20.9 billion as at December 31, 2021. We continue to solidify our position as one of Canada's top ETF providers, with approximately \$3 billion in ETF flows in the first half of this year. With several more innovative Horizons ETFs funds slated to launch this year, we are optimistic about further growth in the second half of 2022.

We are proud to continue our longstanding commitment to bringing innovative ETFs to market. This year alone we have launched two new, first-of-their-kind ETFs.

In February, Horizons ETFs launched the Horizons Carbon Credits ETF ("**CARB**"). CARB is Canada's first ETF that provides exposure to investments in cap-and-trade carbon allowances: a nascent asset class, CARB, offers investors the potential to benefit from the growing global effort to regulate and restrict pollution.

In another Canadian first, in May, we launched the Horizons Copper Producers Index ETF ("**COPP**"), providing exposure to companies involved in copper ore mining, one of the most in-demand metals today. Copper is a critical component of electrical infrastructure, electric vehicles, and equipment and has an important role in helping achieve a global low-carbon energy future.

The addition of CARB and COPP to our product shelf strengthens our status as Canada's leaders in commodity-focused funds. In addition to our longstanding funds that offer exposure to traditional commodities like crude oil and natural gas, last year, we introduced the first ETFs in Canada that offer exposure to three commodities that have the potential to fuel the future: uranium, lithium, and hydrogen. With market conditions in 2022 that have, so far, favoured energy and commodities, these ETFs can offer investors the potential to capture the current market's momentum.

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 while anticipating investor needs. No matter what is next on your investment horizon, we are confident that our suite of innovative ETFs will be able to help you reach your financial goals.

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

Sincerely,

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



#### MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

This interim management report of fund performance for Horizons Active Floating Rate Senior Loan ETF ("HSL" or the "ETF") contains financial highlights and is included with the unaudited interim financial statements for the investment fund. You may request a copy of the ETF'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, from the ETF's manager, Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc. ("Horizons Management" or the "Manager"), by calling toll free 1-866-641-5739, or locally (416) 933-5745, by writing to us at: 55 University Avenue, Suite 800, Toronto ON, M5J 2H7, or by visiting our website at www.horizonsetfs.com or SEDAR at 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 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 Strategies**

The investment objective of HSL is to seek to provide unitholders with a high level of current income by investing primarily in a diversified portfolio of U.S. senior secured floating rate loans, and debt securities which are generally rated below investment grade (rated at or below BB+ by Standard & Poor's, or a similar rating by a designated rating organization), with capital appreciation as a secondary objective.

Senior loans, compared to equivalently rated unsecured high yield bonds, typically offer a higher recovery rate because of the added protection offered by their secured nature. This security may be achieved by liens on physical or non-physical assets and, even if not realized through liquidation, can increase recovery in a reorganisation scenario.

Under normal market conditions, HSL will have 50% or more of its net assets invested directly or indirectly in senior secured loans, which may include secured loans that have a lower than first lien priority on collateral of the borrower, secured loans to foreign borrowers, secured loans in foreign currencies and other secured loans with characteristics that the ETF's sub-advisor, DMAT Capital Management Inc. ("DMAT" or the "Sub-Advisor"), believes qualify as senior secured loans. The ETF may also invest in the debt securities of non-investment corporate issuers and collaterized loan obligations.



DMAT seeks to maintain borrower and industry diversification among HSL's senior loan portfolio. When selecting securities for the portfolio, DMAT seeks to implement a fundamental analysis approach of risk/return characteristics. Debt securities may be purchased by the Sub-Advisor on the primary and secondary market as the opportunities for investment present themselves. Debt securities may be sold on the secondary market if, in the opinion of DMAT, the risk-return profile deteriorates or to pursue more attractive investments.

The ETF does not generally invest more than 5% of its assets in a single issue. HSL generally maintains an average rating for the portfolio above B-. The ETF primarily invests in issues with a minimum tranche size of USD \$400 million and does not invest in any issues where the tranche is less than USD \$100 million. DMAT will manage the duration of the portfolio, so that the average duration of the ETF portfolio will generally not exceed two years.

HSL may invest up to 20% of its net assets in cash, cash equivalents and/or other floating rate debt instruments. The ETF may also invest up to 20% of its net assets in investment grade corporate bonds. HSL may make these investments by investing in exchange traded funds that provide exposure to the applicable asset classes. At all times, at least 10% of HSL's portfolio will be comprised of cash and/or securities that settle within three business days.

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

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 an 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 units.** 

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 or from www.sedar.com, or by contacting Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc. directly via the contact information on the back page of this document.

- Stock market risk
- Specific issuer risk
- Legal and regulatory risk
- Market disruptions risk
- Cyber security risk
- Listed Funds risk

- Reliance on historical data risk
- Corresponding net asset value risk
- Designated broker/dealer risk
- Cease trading of securities risk
- Exchange risk
- Early closing risk



- No assurance of meeting investment objective
- Tax risk
- Securities lending, repurchase and reverse repurchase transaction risk
- Loss of limited liability
- Reliance on key personnel
- Distributions risk
- Conflicts of interest
- No ownership interest
- Market for units
- Redemption price
- Net asset value fluctuation
- Restrictions on certain unitholders
- Highly volatile markets
- No guaranteed return
- Derivatives and counterparty risk

- Interest rate risk
- Foreign currency risk
- Credit risk
- Income trust investment risk
- Foreign stock exchange risk
- High yield bond risk and risk of other lower rated investments
- Senior loan credit risk
- Senior loan risk
- Senior loan settlement risk
- Income risk
- Call risk
- Risk of difference between quoted and actionable market price
- Complexity
- Liquidity risk

# **Results of Operations**

For the period ended June 30, 2022, units of the ETF returned -2.69% when including distributions paid to unitholders. This compares to a return of -4.45% for the Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index (the "Index") for the same period in U.S. dollar terms.

The Index is designed to mirror the investable universe of the U.S. dollar-denominated leveraged loan market.

#### **General Market Review**

After nearly two years of providing abundant excess liquidity to markets and the economy, central banks reversed course and began to communicate the need to tighten rapidly as the economic rebound from COVID-19, supply-chain issues, strong consumer demand and Russia's invasion of Ukraine led to a large jump in inflation rates which began to impact longer-term inflation expectations.

Bond markets around the world reacted quickly to the pivot in central bank messaging, leading to a sharp increase in interest rates and a rapid widening of credit spreads. This stimulated one of the worst first six-month period performance in history for both high grade and high yield corporate bonds, capped by June being the worst monthly total return in high yield corporate bonds since 2008.

Leveraged loans also had a difficult first half but as the floating-rate nature of the asset class protected it from the impact of rising interest rates, loans outperformed high yield bonds by one of the largest margins in history.

Issuance in the leveraged loan market remained active, although at a reduced pace. In the first half of 2022, a total of USD181.0 billion came to market, compared to USD494.7 billion in the same period in 2021. The collateralized loan obligation market continued to provide support as USD72.0 billion was issued, compared to USD80.8 billion for the 2021 period.



The loan market continued to attract money in the first half, with inflows totaling USD16.5 billion compared to USD46.5 billion during the same period in 2021, although we have seen outflows in 6 of the last 8 weeks.

Overall, utilities, financials, and diversified media were the best performing sectors in the leveraged loan market for the period, while housing, consumer products, and retail performed worst.

While the market tone was generally negative, most corporate earnings reports remained healthy, and positive cash flows allowed most companies to continue to repair their balance sheets after having added leverage to cope with pandemic-related issues.

#### Portfolio Review

At the start of the year, the ETF was positioned defensively with a strong bias toward higher-quality borrowers. This helped to mitigate some of the damage caused by the decompression of credit spreads as the year progressed and focus transitioned from rate risks to focus on growth risks. Spreads for lower-quality issuers widened by significantly more than those for stronger companies and this trend was accelerating as the first half ended.

Berry Plastics, SS&C Technologies, and Tenneco outperformed the overall market while CBS Radio, Pathway Vet, and Chobani were underperformers.

The ETF maintained a defensive posture in the ETF, sticking with higher-rated credits and allowing cash to build as the year progressed. During the second quarter, the ETF added some short maturity, fixed coupon high yield bonds to add current income while the interest rates on the loans in the ETF "float" higher. These bonds are all high on the quality spectrum for high yield and enhance the overall risk-adjusted return profile.

#### Outlook

While the first half of the year has been very difficult, the bulk of the damage has been done. The market is now pricing in a serious contraction in economic activity and the leveraged loan market, as an asset class is now much more reasonably priced with yields projected to approach 9% and spreads now well in excess of 500 basis points.

The global economy is decelerating as pandemic-era stimulus programs come to an end; however, central bankers are faced with the dilemma of slowing economic growth during a period where inflation is very elevated. Supply chain logistical challenges combined with commodity (especially energy) shortages owing to Russia's invasion of Ukraine have created a cost-push inflation cycle to break out which they can't ignore.

While raising interest rates won't produce more gasoline or semi-conductor chips, it will harm demand in the economy at all levels. The Federal Reserve in the U.S. and other central banks are hoping to navigate the narrow passage between unmoored inflation expectations and a serious recession. There are serious risks either way, but the expectations call for a "mild" recession and a reduction in inflationary pressures as the year progresses.

The ETF remains positioned defensively and the expectation is for the leveraged loan sector to improve over the next six to twelve months and will be looking to capitalize on opportunities if and when they present themselves.



# Other Operating Items and Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units

For the six-month period ended June 30, 2022, the ETF generated gross comprehensive income (loss) from investments and derivatives (which includes changes in the fair value of the ETF's portfolio) of (\$682,089). This compares to \$402,977 for the six-month period ended June 30, 2021. The ETF incurred management, operating and transaction expenses of \$148,073 (2021 – \$208,739) of which \$41,750 (2021 – \$36,685) 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 distributed \$215,311 to unitholders during the period (2021 – \$311,339).

#### **Presentation**

The attached 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 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 units as reported under IFRS.

# **Recent Developments**

Other than indicated below, there are no recent industry, management or ETF related developments that are pertinent to the present and future of the ETF.

#### **Interest Rate Benchmark Reform**

A fundamental reform of major interest rate benchmarks has been taking place globally aimed at replacing some interbank offered rates (IBOR) with alternative nearly risk-free rates. The fund has exposure to the IBOR reform as it holds term loans with cash flows that reference the 1-month and 3-month US Dollar (USD) London Inter-Bank Offered Rate (LIBOR). The 1-month and 3-month USD LIBOR rate is slated to transition on June 30, 2023. As a result of this development, the fund manager identified operational and interest rate risks that may arise from the transition to reformed interest rate contracts. In mitigating these risks, the manager continues to monitor and assess options to transition any term loans that reference IBOR cash flows to an alternative nearly risk-free rates. There are potential risks related to this transition as a result of changes in the manager's internal operations, capabilities and systems (e.g. valuation models).

The below chart provides information on the number of unreformed contracts still outstanding for the fund as at December 31, 2021.

	Benchmark	Benchmark	Number of Unreformed Contracts		
Asset Type	before Reform	after Reform	June 30, 2022	December 31, 2021	
Non-Derivative	LIBOR	SOFR	31	36	



## **Sub-Advisor Change**

Effective September 1, 2021, DMAT Capital Management Inc. has assumed the sub-advisory duties and responsibilities for the ETF. There was no change to the ETF's investment objectives and strategies or the management fee, as a result of these changes.

# **Related Party Transactions**

Certain services have been provided to the ETF by related parties and those relationships are described below.

# Manager, Trustee and Investment Manager

The manager, trustee and investment manager 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.

If the ETF invests in other Horizons Management ETFs, Horizons Management may receive management fees in respect of the ETF's assets invested in such Horizons Management ETFs. In addition, 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. 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 in the attached financial statements of the ETF. The management fees payable by the ETF as at June 30, 2022, and December 31, 2021, 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 for the past five fiscal years. 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 Unit

Period (1)	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Net assets, beginning of period	\$ 9.27	9.32	9.55	9.26	9.75	9.94
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	0.12	0.21	0.28	0.44	0.44	0.36
Total expenses	(0.04)	(0.09)	(80.0)	(0.09)	(0.09)	(0.09)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.06	(0.38)	0.10	(80.0)	(0.05)	0.02
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.42)	0.35	(0.55)	0.39	(0.41)	(0.17)
Total increase (decrease) from operations (2)	(0.28)	0.09	(0.25)	0.66	(0.11)	0.12
Distributions:						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	(0.07)	(0.12)	(0.20)	(0.36)	(0.34)	(0.27)
From net realized capital gains	_	(0.02)	_	_	_	(0.04)
From return of capital	_	-	(0.06)	-	-	-
Total distributions (3)	(0.07)	(0.14)	(0.26)	(0.36)	(0.34)	(0.31)
Net assets, end of period (4)	\$ 8.95	9.27	9.32	9.55	9.26	9.75

<sup>1.</sup> This information is derived from the ETF's unaudited interim financial statements and audited annual financial statements.

<sup>2.</sup> Net assets per unit and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase (decrease) from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the financial period.

<sup>3.</sup> Income, dividend and/or return of capital distributions, if any, are paid in cash, reinvested in additional units of the ETF, or both. Capital gains distributions, if any, may or may not be paid in cash. Non-cash capital gains distributions are reinvested in additional units of the ETF and subsequently consolidated. They are reported as taxable distributions and increase each unitholder's adjusted cost base for their units. Neither the number of units held by the unitholder, nor the net asset per unit of the ETF change as a result of any non-cash capital gains distributions. Distributions classified as return of capital, if any, decrease each unitholder's adjusted cost base for their units. The characteristics of distributions, if any, are determined subsequent to the end of the ETF's tax year. Until such time, distributions are classified as from net investment income (excluding dividends) for reporting purposes.

<sup>4.</sup> The Financial Highlights are not intended to act as a continuity of the opening and closing net assets per unit.



# Financial Highlights (continued)

# **Ratios and Supplemental Data**

Period (1)		2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Total net asset value (000's)	\$	28,824	23,970	37,131	64,552	62,381	82,988
Number of units outstanding (000's)		3,219	2,584	3,984	6,758	6,733	8,508
Management expense ratio (2)(5)		0.95%	1.00%	0.96%	0.99%	0.99%	0.97%
Management expense ratio excluding proportion of expenses from underlying investment funds	1	0.93%	0.94%	0.94%	0.94%	0.93%	0.91%
Management expense ratio before waivers and absorptions (3)		1.28%	1.21%	1.11%	1.08%	1.10%	1.13%
Trading expense ratio (4)(5)		0.00%	0.03%	0.02%	0.02%	0.01%	0.02%
Trading expense ratio excluding proportion of costs from underlying investment funds		0.00%	0.03%	0.02%	0.02%	0.01%	0.02%
Portfolio turnover rate (6)		15.16%	31.61%	37.94%	184.75%	12.25%	30.80%
Net asset value per unit, end of period	\$	8.95	9.27	9.32	9.55	9.26	9.75
Closing market price	\$	8.92	9.29	9.32	9.60	9.19	9.76

- 1. This information is provided as at June 30, 2022, 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.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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. Transaction costs related to the purchase and/or sale of fixed income securities are typically embedded in the price of those transactions and are therefore not included in the trading expense ratio.
- 5. 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.
- 6. The ETF's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively its portfolio investments are traded. 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 the year. Generally, the higher the ETF's portfolio turnover rate in a year, the greater the trading costs payable by the ETF in the year, and 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 the 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 unitholders 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 unitholders 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 units of the ETF; and dealing and communicating with unitholders 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 0.75%, plus applicable sales taxes, of the net asset value of the ETF's units, 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.

Marketing	Portfolio management fees, general administrative costs and profit	Waived/absorbed expenses of the ETF
6%	55%	39%

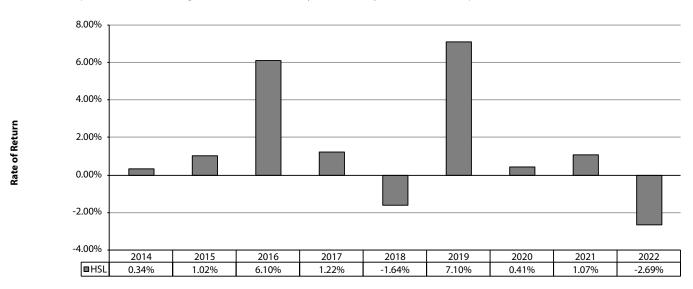


# **Past Performance**

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 unit 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 units 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 units. The amount of the reinvested taxable distributions is added to the adjusted cost base of the units 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 October 14, 2014.



# **Summary of Investment Portfolio** As at June 30, 2022

Asset Mix	Net Asset Value		% of ETF's Net Asset Value
U.S. Senior Loans	\$	19,542,251	67.80%
U.S. Fixed Income Securities		3,426,482	11.89%
Canadian Fixed Income Securities		2,584,408	8.96%
Currency Forward Hedge*		(660,953)	-2.29%
Cash and Cash Equivalents		3,911,917	13.57%
Other Assets less Liabilities		19,857	0.07%
	\$	28,823,962	100.00%

Sector Mix	Net Asset Value	% of ETF's Net Asset Value
Senior Loans	\$ 19,542,251	67.80%
Corporate Bonds	6,010,890	20.85%
Currency Forward Hedge*	(660,953)	-2.29%
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3,911,917	13.57%
Other Assets less Liabilities	19,857	0.07%
	\$ 28,823,962	100.00%

<sup>\*</sup>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.



# **Summary of Investment Portfolio** (continued)

As at June 30, 2022

Top 25 Holdings*	% of ETF's Net Asset Value
Cash and Cash Equivalents	13.57%
Invesco Senior Loan ETF	4.53%
Berry Global Inc.	4.35%
1011778 B.C. ULC	4.34%
Tenneco Inc.	4.29%
Venator Finance SARL	4.18%
Go Daddy Operating Co. LLC	3.49%
Elanco Animal Health Inc.	3.49%
Ford Credit Canada Co.	3.40%
Alliant Holdings Intermediate LLC	3.18%
Trans Union LLC	2.83%
AlixPartners LLP	2.73%
Avis Budget Car Rental LLC	2.56%
Reynolds Consumer Products LLC	2.52%
Gray Television Inc.	2.49%
Sprint Corp.	2.33%
Burlington Coat Factory Warehouse Corp.	2.31%
SS&C Technologies Inc.	2.22%
VICI Properties L.P. / VICI Note Co. Inc.	2.21%
Core & Main L.P.	2.16%
First Quantum Minerals Ltd.	2.15%
Navient Corp.	2.12%
Delta Air Lines Inc.	2.07%
Entercom Media Corp.	2.05%
Starwood Property Trust Inc.	2.04%

<sup>\*</sup> Note all of the Top 25 Holdings, excluding cash and cash equivalents, are senior loan instruments or provide exposure to senior loan instruments.

The summary of investment portfolio may change due to the ongoing portfolio transactions of the ETF. The most recent financial statements are available at no cost by calling 1-866-641-5739, or (416) 933-5745, by writing to us at 55 University Avenue, Suite 800, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2H7, by visiting our website at www.horizonsetfs.com or through SEDAR at www.sedar.com.



#### MANAGER'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

The accompanying unaudited interim financial statements of Horizons Active Floating Rate Senior Loan ETF (the "ETF") are the responsibility of the manager and trustee to the ETF, Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc. (the "Manager"). They have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board 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.

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

Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc.

# **NOTICE TO UNITHOLDERS**

#### 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.



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

June 30, 2022, and December 31, 2021

	2022	2021
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,911,917	\$ 3,113,516
Investments	25,553,141	21,926,715
Amounts receivable relating to accrued income	93,575	27,981
Derivative assets (note 3)	_	224,530
Total assets	29,558,633	25,292,742
Liabilities		
Accrued management fees	20,470	17,494
Accrued operating expenses	3,056	2,723
Amounts payable relating to securities redeemed	1,128	11,564
Amounts payable for portfolio assets purchased	-	1,261,813
Distribution payable	49,064	29,514
Derivative liabilities (note 3)	660,953	-
Total liabilities	734,671	1,323,108
Total net assets (note 2)	\$ 28,823,962	\$ 23,969,634
Number of redeemable units outstanding (note 8)	3,219,408	2,584,379
Total net assets per unit	\$ 8.95	\$ 9.27

(See accompanying notes to financial statements)

Approved on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Manager:

Steven J. Hawkins Director Thomas Park Director



# **Statements of Comprehensive Income** (unaudited) For the Periods Ended June 30,

	2022	2021
Income		
Dividend income	\$ 14,296 \$	53,539
Interest income for distribution purposes	320,828	351,005
Securities lending income (note 8)	1,387	499
Net realized gain on sale of investments and derivatives	364,567	719,793
Net realized gain (loss) on foreign exchange	(203,990)	444,041
Net change in unrealized depreciation of investments and derivatives	(1,378,375)	(778,863)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of foreign exchange	199,198	(387,037)
	(682,089)	402,977
Expenses (note 9)		
Management fees	107,604	152,566
Audit fees	6,117	6,278
Independent Review Committee fees	141	576
Custodial and fund valuation fees	15,538	15,538
Legal fees	4,894	1,733
Securityholder reporting costs	6,605	7,119
Administration fees	15,141	14,997
Transaction costs	_	4,306
Withholding taxes	(11,754)	247
Other expenses	3,787	5,379
	148,073	208,739
Amounts that were payable by the investment fund that were paid or	 (41.750)	(26.605)
absorbed by the Manager	(41,750)	(36,685)
	106,323	172,054
Increase (decrease) in net assets for the period	\$ (788,412) \$	230,923
Increase (decrease) in net assets per unit	\$ (0.28) \$	0.06

(See accompanying notes to financial statements)



# **Statements of Changes in Financial Position** (unaudited) For the Periods Ended June 30,

	2022	2021
Total net assets at the beginning of the period	\$ 23,969,634 \$	37,131,494
Increase (decrease) in net assets	(788,412)	230,923
Redeemable unit transactions		
Proceeds from the issuance of securities of the investment fund	8,523,458	466,007
Aggregate amounts paid on redemption of securities of the investment fund	(2,665,679)	(2,793,300)
Securities issued on reinvestment of distributions	272	1,935
Distributions:		
From net investment income	(215,311)	(311,339)
Total net assets at the end of the period	\$ 28,823,962 \$	34,725,720

(See accompanying notes to financial statements)



# Statements of Cash Flows (unaudited)

For the Periods Ended June 30,

2022		2021
\$ (788,412)	\$	230,923
(364,567)		(719,793)
459,780		936,092
1,378,375		778,863
(188,091)		396,744
(8,821,462)		(6,052,812)
3,345,118		4,937,502
(65,594)		(6,852)
3,309		(2,303)
(5,041,544)		498,364
8,523,458		466,007
(2,676,115)		(2,793,300)
(195,489)		(340,955)
5,651,854		(2,668,248)
610,310		(2,169,884)
188,091		(396,744)
3,113,516		5,457,036
\$ 3,911,917	\$	2,890,408
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(See accompanying notes to financial statements)



# Schedule of Investments (unaudited)

As at June 30, 2022

	Par Value/ Shares/	Average	Fair
Security	Contracts	Cost	Value
U.S. SENIOR LOANS (67.80%)			
Corporate Issuers (63.27%)			
1011778 B.C. ULC, Term Loan, 3.42%, 2026/11/19	1,014,241	\$ 1,329,235	\$ 1,250,046
AlixPartners LLP, Term Loan, 3.81%, 2028/02/04	641,875	820,211	787,877
Alliant Holdings Intermediate LLC, Term Loan, 4.92%, 2025/05/09	754,605	991,677	916,866
Aramark Services Inc., Term Loan, 3.42%, 2025/03/11	315,553	412,627	391,151
Aramark Services Inc., Term Loan, 3.42%, 2027/01/15	46,977	59,601	57,597
Aramark Services Inc., Term Loan, 3.56%, 2028/04/06	43,843	54,750	54,154
Avis Budget Car Rental LLC, Term Loan, 2.81%, 2027/08/06	604,430	791,243	738,452
B&G Foods Inc., Term Loan, 4.17%, 2026/10/10	223,400	285,160	271,655
Berry Global Inc., Term Loan, 3.01%, 2026/07/01	1,005,304	1,279,373	1,253,234
Burlington Coat Factory Warehouse Corp., Term Loan, 3.67%,			
2028/06/24	544,500	717,536	666,712
Chobani LLC, Term Loan, 5.17%, 2027/10/25	63,863	83,239	74,970
Core & Main L.P., Term Loan, 4.19%, 2028/07/27	507,167	661,994	623,722
Elanco Animal Health Inc., Term Loan, 3.46%, 2027/08/01	824,272	1,122,842	1,004,902
Energizer Holdings Inc., Term Loan, 3.88%, 2027/12/22	222,188	282,444	272,237
Entercom Media Corp., Term Loan, 4.13%, 2024/11/18	514,141	669,939	590,659
Gates Global LLC, Term Loan, 3.56%, 2027/03/31	380,439	429,331	463,502
Go Daddy Operating Co. LLC, Term Loan, 2.81%, 2024/02/15	806,960	1,078,143	1,006,908
Gray Television Inc., Term Loan, 3.56%, 2026/01/02	576,527	761,628	717,059
Hostess Brands LLC, Term Loan, 3.60%, 2025/08/03	231,270	298,881	286,581
Nexstar Broadcasting Inc., Term Loan, 4.17%, 2026/09/18	209,050	276,044	265,968
Pathway Vet Alliance LLC, Term Loan, 6.00%, 2027/03/31	352,876	448,756	422,995
Prestige Brands Inc., Term Loan, 3.06%, 2028/07/03	300,000	361,040	384,444
Reynolds Consumer Products LLC, Term Loan, 3.42%, 2027/02/04	585,025	769,358	725,833
Sinclair Television Group Inc., Term Loan, 4.67%, 2028/04/01	391,674	516,833	468,660
SS&C Technologies Inc., Term Loan, 3.42%, 2025/04/16	521,429	680,923	640,144
Tenneco Inc., Term Loan, 4.67%, 2025/10/01	992,288	1,215,014	1,235,647
Trans Union LLC, Term Loan, 3.42%, 2026/11/16	668,647	881,774	814,782
US Foods Inc., Term Loan, 3.58%, 2026/09/14	194,500	257,737	236,623
Venator Finance SARL, Term Loan, 4.67%, 2024/08/08	992,187	1,241,761	1,203,708
Wand NewCo 3 Inc., Term Loan, 4.67%, 2026/02/05	322,273	418,446	386,440
WW International Inc., Term Loan, 5.17%, 2028/04/13	23,625	29,514	24,146
		19,227,054	18,237,674
Exchange Traded Funds (4.53%)		. ,	
Invesco Senior Loan ETF	50,000	1,369,880	1,304,577
TOTAL U.S. SENIOR LOANS		20,596,934	19,542,251



# Schedule of Investments (unaudited) (continued)

As at June 30, 2022

Security	Par Value/ Shares/ Contracts	Average Cost	Fair Value
U.S. FIXED INCOME SECURITIES (11.89%)			
Corporate Bonds (11.89%)			
Delta Air Lines Inc., Callable, 2.90%, 2024/10/28	500,000	612,931	597,296
Navient Corp., 6.13%, 2024/03/25	500,000	632,730	611,420
Sprint Corp., Callable, 7.63%, 2025/02/15	500,000	678,304	672,319
Starwood Property Trust Inc., Callable, 3.75%, 2024/12/31	500,000	608,808	586,851
US Foods Inc., Callable, 6.25%, 2025/04/15	250,000	331,557	321,699
VICI Properties L.P. / VICI Note Co. Inc., Callable, 5.63%, 2024/05/01	500,000	636,815	636,897
		3,501,145	3,426,482
TOTAL U.S. FIXED INCOME SECURITIES		3,501,145	3,426,482
CANADIAN FIXED INCOME SECURITIES (8.96%)			
Corporate Bonds (8.96%)			
Brookfield Property Finance ULC, Callable, 4.30%, 2024/03/01	500,000	493,125	488,491
First Quantum Minerals Ltd., Callable, 6.50%, 2024/03/01	500,000	648,699	619,920
Ford Credit Canada Co., 3.74%, 2023/05/08	500,000	495,625	493,492
Ford Credit Canada Co., 3.50%, 2023/11/30	500,000	486,540	486,188
SNC-Lavalin Group Inc., Series '4', Callable, 3.24%, 2023/03/02	500,000	495,500	496,317
		2,619,489	2,584,408
TOTAL CANADIAN FIXED INCOME SECURITIES		2,619,489	2,584,408
DERIVATIVES (-2.29%)			
Currency Forwards (-2.29%)			
Currency forward contract to buy US\$200,000 for C\$259,140 maturing July 14, 2022		-	(1,697)
Currency forward contract to buy C\$25,599,960 for US\$20,400,000			(650.256)
maturing July 14, 2022			(659,256)
			(000,233)
TOTAL DERIVATIVES			(660,953)
Transaction Costs		(1,360)	
TOTAL INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO (86.36%)		\$ 26,716,208	\$ 24,892,188
Cash and cash equivalents (13.57%)			3,911,917
Other assets less liabilities (0.07%)			19,857
TOTAL NET ASSETS (100.00%)			\$ 28,823,962



# Notes to Financial Statements (unaudited)

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#### 1. REPORTING ENTITY

Horizons Active Floating Rate Senior Loan ETF ("HSL" or the "ETF") is an investment trust established under the laws of the Province of Ontario by Declaration of Trust and effectively began operations on October 14, 2014. The address of the ETF's registered office is: c/o Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc., 55 University Avenue, Suite 800, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2H7.

The ETF is offered for sale on a continuous basis by its prospectus in Class E units ("Class E") which trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") under the symbol HSL. An investor may buy or sell units of the ETF on the TSX only through a registered broker or dealer in the province or territory where the investor resides. Investors are able to trade units 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 units.

The investment objective of HSL is to seek to provide unitholders with a high level of current income by investing primarily in a diversified portfolio of U.S. senior secured floating rate loans, and debt securities which are generally rated below investment grade (rated at or below BB+ by Standard & Poor's, or a similar rating by a designated rating organization), with capital appreciation as a secondary objective.

Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc. is the manager, trustee and investment manager of the ETF ("Horizons Management", the "Manager" or the "Investment Manager"). The Investment Manager is responsible for implementing the ETF's investment strategies and for engaging the services of DMAT Capital Management Inc. ("DMAT" or the "Sub-Advisor"), to act as the sub-advisor to the ETF.

# **Sub-Advisor Change**

Effective September 1, 2021, DMAT Capital Management Inc. has assumed the sub-advisory duties and responsibilities for the ETF. There was no change to the ETF's investment objectives and strategies or the management fee, as a result of these changes.

### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

### (i) Statement of compliance

The 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 units as reported under IFRS.

These financial statements were authorized for issue on August 12, 2022, by the Board of Directors of the Manager.

#### (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.



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# (iii) Functional and presentation currency

The financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars, which is the ETF's functional currency.

#### 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"). IFRS 9 requires classification of debt instruments, if any, based solely on payments of principal and interests, and business model tests.

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 day upon which a session of the TSX is held ("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



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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 unitholders.

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.

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 and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on deposit and short-term, interest bearing notes with a term to maturity of less than three months from the date of purchase.

#### Forward foreign exchange contracts

Forward foreign exchange contracts, if any, are valued at the current market value thereof on the Valuation Date. The value of these forward contracts is the gain or loss that would be realized if, on the Valuation Date, the positions were to be closed out and recorded as derivative assets and/or liabilities in the statements of financial position and as a net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments and derivatives in the statements of comprehensive income. When the forward contracts are closed out or mature, realized gains or losses on forward contracts are recognized and are included in the statements of comprehensive income in net realized gain (loss) on sale of investments and derivatives. The Canadian dollar value of forward foreign exchange contracts is determined using forward currency exchange rates supplied by an independent service provider.



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#### Redeemable units

The redeemable units are measured at the present value of the redemption amounts and are considered a residual amount of the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units. They are classified as financial liabilities as a result of the ETF's requirement to distribute net income and capital gains to unitholders.

# (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 represents the coupon interest received by the ETF accounted for on an accrual basis. Dividend income is recognized on the ex-dividend date. Distribution income from investments in other funds or ETFs 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).

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 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 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 units per unit

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



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# (f) Unitholder transactions

The value at which units are issued or redeemed is determined by dividing the net asset value of the ETF by the total number of units outstanding of the ETF on the applicable Valuation Date. Amounts received on the issuance of units and amounts paid on the redemption of units 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 units per unit

Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit is calculated by dividing the ETF's net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units by the number of units 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, levies by regulatory agencies and securities exchanges, and any applicable 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 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.



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Please refer to the most recent prospectus for a complete discussion of the risks attributed to an investment in the units of the ETF. Significant financial instrument risks that are relevant to the ETF, and analysis thereof, are presented below.

#### (a) Market risk

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, the Canadian dollar, will fluctuate due to changes in exchange rates and adversely impact the ETF's income, cash flows or fair values of its investment holdings. The ETF may reduce its foreign currency exposure through the use of derivative arrangements such as foreign exchange forward contracts or futures contracts. As at June 30, 2022, and December 31, 2021, the ETF did not have any material net exposure to foreign currencies due to the ETF's hedging strategies.

#### (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.

The following table summarizes the ETF's exposure to interest rate risk, including the ETF's assets categorized by the remaining term to maturity:

Investments	Less than 1 year	1 - 3 years	3 - 5 years	> 5 years	Non-interest bearing	Total
As at	(\$000's)	(\$000's)	(\$000's)	(\$000's)	(\$000's)	(\$000's)
June 30, 2022	998	10,007	8,871	5,768	-	25,644
December 31, 2021	_	3,826	10,025	8,103	-	21,954

The percentage of the ETF's net assets exposed to interest rate risk as at June 30, 2022, was 89.0% (December 31, 2021 – 91.6%). The amount by which the net assets of the ETF would have increased or decreased, as at June 30, 2022, had the prevailing interest rates been lowered or raised by 1%, assuming a parallel shift in the yield curve, with all other variables remaining constant, was \$76,931 (December 31, 2021 – \$21,954). The ETF's interest rate sensitivity was determined based on portfolio weighted duration. In practice, actual results may differ from this sensitivity analysis.



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#### Interest Rate Benchmark Reform

A fundamental reform of major interest rate benchmarks has been taking place globally aimed at replacing some interbank offered rates (IBOR) with alternative nearly risk-free rates. The fund has exposure to the IBOR reform as it holds term loans with cash flows that reference the 1-month and 3-month US Dollar (USD) London Inter-Bank Offered Rate (LIBOR). The 1-month and 3-month USD LIBOR rate is slated to transition on June 30, 2023. As a result of this development, the fund manager identified operational and interest rate risks that may arise from the transition to reformed interest rate contracts. In mitigating these risks, the manager continues to monitor and assess options to transition any term loans that reference IBOR cash flows to an alternative nearly risk-free rates. There are potential risks related to this transition as a result of changes in the manager's internal operations, capabilities and systems (e.g. valuation models).

The below chart provides information on the number of unreformed contracts still outstanding for the fund as at December 31, 2021.

	Benchmark	Benchmark	Number of Unref	ormed Contracts
Asset Type	before Reform	after Reform	June 30, 2022	December 31, 2021
Non-Derivative	LIBOR	SOFR	31	36

#### (iii) Other market risk

Other market 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 Manager has implemented internal risk management controls on the ETF which are intended to limit the loss on its trading activities.

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. The historical correlation may not be representative of future correlation.

Comparative Index	June 30, 2022	December 31, 2021
Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index	\$255,016	\$211,634

#### (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. The ETF's credit risk policy is to minimize its exposure to counterparties with perceived higher risk of default by dealing only with counterparties that meet the credit standards set out in the ETF's prospectus and, when necessary, receiving acceptable collateral.



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# Analysis of credit quality

The ETF's credit risk exposure by designated rating of the invested portfolio as at June 30, 2022, and December 31, 2021, is listed as follows:

Debt or Derivative Securities by Credit Rating	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)		
	June 30, 2022 December 31, 20		
AAA	_	_	
BBB	15.6%	20.8%	
ВВ	40.4%	37.9%	
В	32.5%	32.8%	
CCC	_	0.1%	
Unrated	0.5%	_	
Total	89.0%	91.6%	

Designated ratings are obtained by Standard & Poor's, Moody's and/or Dominion Bond Rating Services. Where more than one rating is obtained for a security, the lowest rating has been used. Credit risk is managed by dealing with counterparties the ETF believes to be creditworthy and by regular monitoring of credit exposures. The maximum exposure to any one debt issuer as of June 30, 2022, was 4.3% (December 31, 2021 – 5.7%) of the net assets of the ETF.

## (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.

#### 6. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT

Below is 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.



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Changes in valuation methods may result in transfers into or out of an investment's assigned level. The following is a summary of the inputs used as at June 30, 2022, and December 31, 2021, in valuing the ETF's investments and derivatives carried at fair values:

	June 30, 2022			De	cember 31, 20	21
	Level 1 (\$)	Level 2 (\$)	Level 3 (\$)	Level 1 (\$)	Level 2 (\$)	Level 3 (\$)
Financial Assets						
Bonds	_	6,010,890	-	-	-	_
Senior Loans	_	18,237,674	-	-	21,368,113	_
Exchange Traded Funds	1,304,577	_	-	558,602	-	_
Currency Forward Contracts	_	-	-	-	224,530	_
Total Financial Assets	1,304,577	24,248,564	-	558,602	21,592,643	-
Financial Liabilities						
Currency Forward Contracts	_	(660,953)	-	-	-	_
Total Financial Liabilities	_	(660,953)	-	-	-	_
Net Financial Assets and Liabilities	1,304,577	23,587,611	_	558,602	21,592,643	_

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 period ended June 30, 2022, and for the year ended December 31, 2021.

## 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 National Instrument 81-102 – *Investment Funds* ("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 as at June 30, 2022, and December 31, 2021, was as follows:

As at	Securities Loaned	Collateral Received
June 30, 2022	\$1,316,622	\$1,444,936
December 31, 2021	\$316,138	\$332,127

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.



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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, 2022 and 2021. 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.

		% of Gross		% of Gross
For the periods ended	June 30, 2022	Income	June 30, 2021	Income
Gross securities lending income	\$2,312		\$838	
Withholding taxes	_	-	(6)	0.72%
Lending Agents' fees:				
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	(925)	40.01%	(333)	39.73%
Net securities lending income paid to the ETF	\$1,387	59.99%	\$499	59.55%

#### 8. REDEEMABLE UNITS

The ETF is authorized to issue an unlimited number of redeemable, transferable Class E units each of which represents an equal, undivided interest in the net assets of the ETF. Each unit entitles the owner to one vote at meetings of unitholders. Each unit is entitled to participate equally with all other units with respect to all payments made to unitholders, other than management fee distributions, whether by way of income or capital distributions and, on liquidation, to participate equally in the net assets of the ETF remaining after satisfaction of any outstanding liabilities that are attributable to units of that class of the ETF. All units will be fully paid and non-assessable, with no liability for future assessments, when issued and will not be transferable except by operation of law.

The redeemable units 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. They are classified as liabilities as a result of the ETF's requirement to distribute net income and capital gains to unitholders. The ETF's objectives in managing the redeemable units are to meet the ETF's investment objective, and to manage liquidity risk arising from redemptions. The ETF's management of liquidity risk arising from redeemable units is discussed in note 5.

On any valid trading day, as defined in the ETF's prospectus, unitholders of the ETF may (i) redeem units of the ETF for cash at a redemption price per unit equal to 95% of the closing price for units of the ETF on the TSX on the effective day of the redemption, where the units being redeemed are not equal to a prescribed number of units ("PNU") or a multiple PNU; or (ii) redeem, less any applicable redemption charge as determined by the Manager in its sole discretion from time to time, a PNU or a multiple PNU of the ETF for cash equal to the net asset value of that number of units.

Units of the ETF are issued or redeemed on a daily basis at the net asset value per security that is determined as at 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) each business day. Purchase and redemption orders are subject to a 9:30 a.m. (Eastern Time) cutoff time.

The ETF is required to distribute any net income and capital gains that it has earned in the period. Income earned by the ETF is distributed to unitholders at least once per year, if necessary, and these distributions are either paid in cash or reinvested by unitholders into additional units of the ETF. Net realized capital gains, if any, are typically distributed in December of each year to unitholders. The annual capital gains distributions are not paid in cash but rather, are reinvested and reported as taxable distributions and used to increase each unitholder's adjusted cost base for the ETF. Distributions paid to holders of redeemable units are recognized in the statements of changes in financial position.



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

For the periods ended June 30, 2022 and 2021, the number of units issued by subscription and/or distribution reinvestment, the number of units redeemed, the total and average number of units outstanding was as follows:

Period	Beginning Units Outstanding	Units Issued	Units Redeemed	Ending Units Outstanding	Average Units Outstanding
2022	2,584,379	925,029	(290,000)	3,219,408	2,779,896
2021	3,984,115	50,205	(300,000)	3,734,320	3,875,109

#### 9. EXPENSES

# **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 unitholders 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 unitholders 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 units of the ETF; and dealing and communicating with unitholders 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 0.75%, plus applicable sales taxes, of the net asset value of the ETF's units, 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 unitholders; 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; unitholder reports and servicing costs; registrar and transfer agent fees; costs associated with the Independent Review Committee; income taxes; sales taxes; brokerage expenses and commissions; withholding taxes; and fees payable to service providers in connection with regulatory compliance and tax matters in foreign jurisdictions.



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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.

# 10. 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.

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, 2022 and 2021, were as follow:

Period Ended	Brokerage Commissions Paid	Soft Dollar Transactions	Amount Paid to Related Parties
June 30, 2022	\$461	\$nil	\$nil
June 30, 2021	\$903	\$nil	\$nil

In addition to the information contained in the table above, 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. 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 management fees payable by the ETF as at June 30, 2022, and December 31, 2021, are disclosed in the statements of financial position.

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.

## 11. INCOME TAX

The ETF has qualified as a mutual fund trust under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) (the "Tax Act") and accordingly, is not taxed on the portion of taxable income that is paid or allocated to unitholders. As well, tax refunds (based on redemptions and realized and unrealized gains during the year) may be available that would make it possible to retain some net capital gains in the ETF without incurring any income taxes.



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#### 12. TAX LOSSES CARRIED FORWARD

Capital losses for income tax purposes may be carried forward indefinitely and applied against capital gains realized in future years. Non-capital losses carried forward may be applied against future years' taxable income. Non-capital losses that are realized in the current taxation year may be carried forward for 20 years. As at December 31, 2021, the ETF had net capital losses and/or non-capital losses, with the year of expiry of the non-capital losses as follows:

Net Capital Losses	Non-Capital Losses	Year of Expiry of the Non-Capital Losses		
\$1,428,642	_	_		

#### 13. 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. The following table shows financial instruments that may be eligible for offset, if such conditions were to arise, as at June 30, 2022, and December 31, 2021. The "Net" column displays what the net impact would be on the ETF's statements of financial position if all amounts were set-off.

	Amounts Offset (\$)			Amounts Not Offset (\$)		Net (\$)
Financial Assets and Liabilities as at June 30, 2022	Gross Assets (Liabilities)	Gross Assets (Liabilities) Offset	Net Amounts	Financial Instruments	Cash Collateral Pledged	
Derivative assets	_	_	_	_	-	-
Derivative liabilities	(660,953)	-	(660,953)	-	-	(660,953)

	Amounts Offset (\$)			Amounts Not Offset (\$)		Net (\$)
Financial Assets and Liabilities as at December 31, 2021	Gross Assets (Liabilities)	Gross Assets (Liabilities) Offset	Net Amounts	Financial Instruments	Cash Collateral Pledged	
Derivative assets	224,530	_	224,530	_	-	224,530
Derivative liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-

## 14. INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES, ASSOCIATES AND UNCONSOLIDATED STRUCTURED ENTITIES

The ETF may invest in 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 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



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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 and listed in the schedule of investments. As at June 30, 2022, and December 31, 2021, the ETF had no exposure to subsidiaries, associates or unconsolidated structured entities.

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