

Horizons Canadian Large Cap Equity Covered Call ETF (Formerly Horizons Enhanced Income Equity ETF)
(CNCC:TSX)







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#### A Message from the CEO

Halfway into 2023, I am proud to highlight the successes that Horizons ETFs has achieved so far, within our business and for our investors. Throughout this year and beyond, Horizons ETFs is committed to helping Canadians navigate and harness the emerging trends shaping markets while delivering exceptional investment solutions and client experiences.

While global uncertainty and economic pressures have resulted in market volatility, Canada's ETF industry continues to grow. As at June 30, 2023, Canada's ETF industry has accumulated more than \$19 billion in year-to-date inflows.

At Horizons ETFs, our assets under management swelled from approximately \$23 billion at the end of 2022 to nearly \$26 billion as at June 30, 2023. We continue to solidify our position as one of Canada's leading ETF providers, with more than \$2 billion in ETF inflows this year – the highest dollar amount of inflows among the five largest ETF providers by assets under management.

We are also committed to continuing our longstanding commitment to bringing innovative ETFs to market. On April 12, 2023, we launched Canada's first ETFs that provide exclusive exposure to Canadian and U.S. 0-3 month Treasury Bills ("T-Bills"), respectively the Horizons 0-3 Month T-Bill ETF ("**CBIL**") and the Horizons 0-3 Month U.S. T-Bill ETF ("**UBIL.U**"). Recent economic uncertainty has spurred investor demand for "cash alternative" strategies that can provide the relative safety of traditional savings vehicles while generating income that outpaces inflation. With more than \$500 million in assets under management in these two funds, we are proud to have delivered ETF products resonating with so many Canadian investors.

In the coming months, we intend to launch several new and novel ETFs, offering investors more opportunities to gain and tailor their exposure to asset classes that we consider "Equity Essentials". We look forward to sharing more news on these exciting products, soon. No matter what is next on your horizon, we are confident that our suite of innovative ETFs will be able to help you reach your financial goals.

At Horizons ETFs, we go beyond the ordinary asset management model by embracing innovation in everything that we do. From our roots as one of Canada's first ETF providers to our proud legacy of launching first-of-their-kind investment products, we are driven by boldness, vision, and a commitment to exceptional quality.

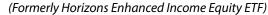
Thank you for your continued support as we work toward advancing the asset management industry toward a brighter horizon for all investors.

Sincerely,

Rohit Mehta

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







#### MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

This interim management report of fund performance for Horizons Canadian Large Cap Equity Covered Call ETF (Formerly Horizons Enhanced Income Equity ETF) ("CNCC" 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.sedarplus.ca.

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**

CNCC seeks to provide: (a) exposure to the performance of the large-cap segment of the Canadian equity market; and (b) monthly distributions of dividend and call option income. To mitigate downside risk and generate income, CNCC will employ a dynamic covered call option writing program.

To achieve its investment objective CNCC invests, directly or indirectly, in a portfolio of large capitalization Canadian companies, which may include ETFs that provide exposure to such companies. Quarterly, on the Constituent Reset Date, the Investment Manager will select from the largest and most liquid Canadian issuers listed on the TSX and will, directly or indirectly, invest CNCC in each issuer. CNCC's portfolio exposure to the constituent securities will, directly or indirectly, rebalance on each Constituent Reset Date. The number of issuers that CNCC's portfolio may be exposed to, directly or indirectly, may change on a Constituent Reset Date. Between Constituent Reset Dates, the allocation between each of these constituent securities will, directly or indirectly, change due to market movement and the Investment Manager will typically not re-allocate, include or exclude issuers from CNCC's portfolio until its next rebalance date or Constituent Reset Date, other than when, in the opinion of the Investment Manager, circumstances necessitate a change (e.g. insufficient liquidity of an issuer's options). To mitigate downside risk and generate income, the Investment Manager actively manages a covered call strategy that will generally write out of the money call options, at its discretion, on up to approximately 50% of the value of CNCC's portfolio. Notwithstanding the foregoing, CNCC may write covered call options on a greater or lesser percentage of the portfolio, from time to time, at the discretion of the Investment Manager.

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

Please refer to the ETF's most recent prospectus for a complete description of CNCC'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: 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 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.sedarplus.ca, 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
- Regulatory risk
- Market disruptions risk
- Cyber security risk
- Reliance on historical data risk
- Risk that units will trade at prices other than net asset value per unit
- Corresponding net asset value risk
- Designated broker/dealer risk
- Change in legislation
- Cease trading or securities risk
- Exchange risk
- Early closing risk
- · No assurance of meeting investment objectives
- Tax-related risks

- Risks relating to tax changes
- Securities lending, repurchase and reverse repurchase transaction risk
- Loss of limited liability
- Reliance on key personnel
- Use of options risk
- Concentration risk
- Conflicts of interest
- No ownership interest
- Market for units
- No guaranteed return
- Significant redemptions
- Risks relating to use of derivatives
- Derivatives risk
- Foreign stock exchange risk
- Liquidity risk

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

#### **Results of Operations**

For the period ended June 30, 2023, units of the ETF returned 4.01% when including distributions paid to unitholders. This compares to the  $S\&P/TSX 60^{m}$  Index ("TSX 60"), which returned 5.72% for the same period on a total return basis.

The TSX 60 represents a broad, large-cap view of the Canadian marketplace. The index is rebalanced quarterly. Additions and deletions of constituent issuers of the TSX 60 are made on an as-needed basis with a view to minimizing index turnover.

#### **Market Review**

Throughout the first half of 2023, the Bank of Canada (BoC) raised the interest rate by only 50 basis points (bps) from 4.25% to 4.75%. The decision by the BoC to increase rates at a lower pace than last year during the first half of year 2023 was due to some uncertainty with regards to inflation and labour market. In addition, the world saw a major negative catalyst when Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) failed after a bank run on March 10th of 2023. These events led to higher volatility and heightened the fears of an upcoming recession.

The month-to-month Core Consumer Price Index, which is used to measure inflation, was overall lower than expected in the first half of 2023. In addition, the year-to-year Core CPI decreased significantly, creating some hope of inflation slowdown. On the other hand, the month-to-month Core Retail Sales, which is used as a pace indicator of the economy and consumer spending, presented some mixed results, with some months much lower than expected while others much higher.

Despite the fact that inflation numbers were lower than expected, the year started with a surprising increase of job creation in Canada that was much higher than expected. Since financial services and energy sectors are the most weighted sectors in TSX60, representing 50 percent of the basket, the combination of these mixed macroeconomic factors, lower earnings presented by the Canadian banks, the Silicon Valley (SVB) bank run, and a weaker demand for crude oil, increased the TSX60 volatility during the first half of year 2023.

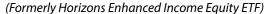
#### **Portfolio Review**

Due to geopolitical tensions, a tight labour market, consistent sticky inflation, and uncertainty concerning interest rates increasing, market volatility has remained high. Although this has been hurtful for equity prices and has provided instability in the market, it has benefitted the covered call strategy due to the call options premiums rising as a percentage of the banks' stock prices. This has been reflected in CNCC's higher yield during this period.

During the first half of 2023, Technology, Real Estate, Utilities, Consumer Discretionary, Industrials, Materials, Communication Staples, Financial, and Communications sectors had an average return of 38.01%, 22.19%, 13.70%, 11.95%, 7.60%, 7.24%, 6.39%, 6.36%, and 1.12% respectively. On the other hand, the Energy sector dropped by -3.16%, on average.

The best-performing sector was Technology. This was due to a significant drop in inflation numbers compared to the previous year, yielding a possibility that the central banks will have to stop increasing rates shortly or lower them as a possible recession could be on the horizon. Moreover, the technology sector surged as a wave of interest in artificial intelligence during the first half of the year gained momentum. This greatly benefitted growth sectors and companies.

The worst performing sector was Energy, which was affected by the combination of lower oil demand than expected in the first half of the year 2023 and the higher temperatures in Europe during the winter and spring. Oil prices dropped by -11.98% as measured by the 1-month NYMEX® West Texas Intermediate crude oil futures, while natural gas prices dropped by -32.40%, as measured by the 1-month NYMEX® natural gas continuous future contract.





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

#### Outlook

During each month, options are dynamically written on the equities in the portfolio of the ETF. The ETF's monthly distributions are not fixed, but vary as the premiums generated from covered call writing are earned and passed through, and will change with fluctuations in implied volatility and the duration of time to option expiration. Distributions also vary based on the timing of the dividends received from the underlying securities in the ETF's portfolio during the period.

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

For the six-month period ended June 30, 2023, the ETF generated gross comprehensive income (loss) from investments and derivatives (which includes changes in the fair value of the ETF's portfolio) of \$1,480,602. This compares to (\$1,630,491) for the six-month period ended June 30, 2022. The ETF incurred management, operating and transaction expenses of \$209,243 (2022 – \$181,756) of which \$22,984 (2022 – \$38,312) 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 \$1,638,774 to unitholders during the period (2022 – \$1,157,445).

#### **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.

#### **Unit Consolidation Transaction**

The units of the ETF were consolidated on a one-for-two basis effective November 7, 2022. All relevant unit and per unit historical data prior to November 7, 2022, has been adjusted to reflect the consolidation.

#### **Underlying Index, ETF and Ticker Name Changes**

Effective at the close of trading on June 24, 2022, there was a change to the ETF's investment objective. The ETF's new investment objective is to seek to provide unitholders with: (a) exposure to the performance of the large-cap segment of the Canadian equity market; and (b) monthly distributions of dividend and call option income. To mitigate downside risk and generate income, CNCC will employ a dynamic covered call option writing program.

In addition, based on the implementation of the new investment objective, the Manager changed both the name of the ETF and the ETF's trading symbol to "Horizons Canadian Large Cap Equity Covered Call ETF" and "CNCC", respectively, effective June 27, 2022.

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

#### **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 14) 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, 2023, and December 31, 2022, 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)	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Net assets, beginning of period	\$ 12.27	14.12	11.38	12.74	12.24	13.80
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	-	0.17	0.36	0.38	0.36	0.36
Total expenses	(0.07)	(0.16)	(0.16)	(0.14)	(0.16)	(0.14)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.07)	0.94	1.18	(0.36)	0.52	0.68
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.62	(1.59)	2.16	(0.88)	0.52	(1.70)
Total increase (decrease) from operations (2)	0.48	(0.64)	3.54	(1.00)	1.24	(0.80)
Distributions:						
From net investment income (excluding						
dividends)	(0.60)	_	_	_	_	
From dividends	-	(0.05)	(0.20)	(0.26)	(0.22)	(0.20)
From net realized capital gains	_	_	(0.54)	_	(0.44)	(0.54)
From return of capital	_	(0.66)	_	(0.38)	(0.02)	
Total distributions (3)	(0.60)	(0.71)	(0.74)	(0.64)	(0.68)	(0.74)
Net assets, end of period (4)	\$ 12.16	12.27	14.12	11.38	12.74	12.24

<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.

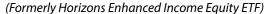


## Financial Highlights (continued)

#### **Ratios and Supplemental Data**

Period (1)	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Total net asset value (000's)	\$ 35,593	33,032	24,531	23,238	31,992	35,362
Number of units outstanding (000's)	2,927	2,692	1,739	2,043	2,511	2,891
Management expense ratio (2)(5)	0.84%	0.84%	0.84%	0.85%	0.85%	0.84%
Management expense ratio before waivers and absorptions (3)	1.06%	1.16%	1.04%	1.05%	0.94%	0.94%
Trading expense ratio (4)(5)	0.27%	0.39%	0.40%	0.48%	0.36%	0.24%
Portfolio turnover rate (6)	23.50%	174.66%	51.27%	116.14%	72.44%	41.22%
Net asset value per unit, end of period	\$ 12.16	12.27	14.12	11.38	12.74	12.24
Closing market price	\$ 12.19	12.27	14.12	11.40	12.74	12.24

- This information is provided as at June 30, 2023, and December 31 of the years shown.
- 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 2. 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.
- 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.
- 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 period. Any management fees rebated for the purpose of avoiding duplication of fees are deducted from the ETF's total expenses.
- 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 0.65%, plus applicable sales taxes, of the net asset value of the ETF's units, calculated and accrued daily and payable monthly in arrears.

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
2%	79%	19%

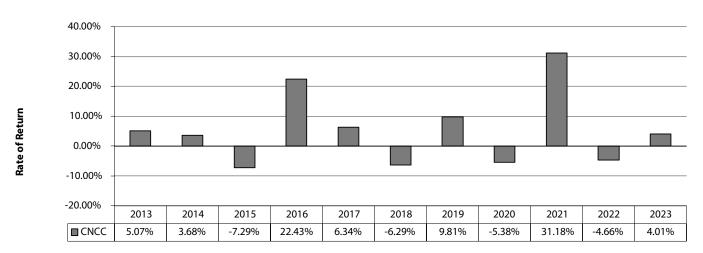


#### **Past Performance**

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 March 16, 2011.



## **Summary of Investment Portfolio**

As at June 30, 2023

Asset Mix	N	et Asset Value	% of ETF's Net Asset Value
Long Positions			
Canadian Equities	\$	35,866,505	100.77%
Cash and Cash Equivalents		271,211	0.76%
Other Assets less Liabilities		(322,588)	-0.90%
Short Positions			
Equity Call Options		(222,500)	-0.63%
	\$	35,592,628	100.00%

Sector Mix	N	let Asset Value	% of ETF's Net Asset Value
Long Positions			
Canadian Broad Equity	\$	35,866,505	100.77%
Cash and Cash Equivalents		271,211	0.76%
Other Assets less Liabilities		(322,588)	-0.90%
Short Positions			
Equity Call Options		(222,500)	-0.63%
	\$	35,592,628	100.00%

Top Holdings	% of ETF's Net Asset Value
Long Positions	
Horizons S&P/TSX 60™ Index ETF	100.77%
Cash and Cash Equivalents	0.76%
Short Positions	
Horizons S&P/TSX 60 Index ETF, Call Options	-0.63%

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.sedarplus.ca.



#### MANAGER'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

The accompanying unaudited interim financial statements of Horizons Canadian Large Cap Equity Covered Call ETF (Formerly Horizons Enhanced Income Equity 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.

Rohit Mehta Director

Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc.

Thomas Park Director

Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc.

#### **NOTICE TO UNITHOLDERS**

#### The Auditor of the ETF has 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 auditor has not performed a review of these interim financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards.

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

June 30, 2023, and December 31, 2022

	2023	2021
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 271,211	\$ 271,463
Investments	35,866,505	33,114,776
Amounts receivable relating to portfolio assets sold	-	48,500
Amounts receivable related to underlying investment fund's fee rebates	2,190	1,218
Total assets	36,139,906	33,435,957
Liabilities		
Accrued management fees	20,565	19,878
Accrued operating expenses	11,469	11,429
Distribution payable	292,744	269,193
Derivative liabilities (note 3)	222,500	103,000
Total liabilities	547,278	403,500
Total net assets	\$ 35,592,628	\$ 33,032,457
Number of redeemable units outstanding (note 8)	2,927,435	2,691,931
Total net assets per unit	\$ 12.16	\$ 12.27

(See accompanying notes to financial statements)

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

Director

**Thomas Park** Director

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

	 2023	2022
ncome		
Dividend income	\$ _	\$ 347,822
Management fees reimbursements (note 9)	12,775	86
Net realized gain (loss) on sale of investments and derivatives	(180,848)	905,666
Net realized gain (loss) on foreign exchange	-	(183)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments and derivatives	1,648,675	(2,884,007)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of foreign exchange	_	125
	1,480,602	(1,630,491)
Expenses (note 9)		
Management fees	119,877	88,474
Audit fees	4,219	4,014
Independent Review Committee fees	127	141
Custodial and fund valuation fees	15,537	15,538
Legal fees	1,438	4,889
Securityholder reporting costs	7,240	14,809
Administration fees	15,379	15,089
Transaction costs	45,423	38,802
Other expenses	3	_
	209,243	181,756
Amounts that were payable by the investment fund that were paid or		
absorbed by the Manager	(22,984)	(38,312)
	186,259	143,444
ncrease (decrease) in net assets for the period	\$ 1,294,343	\$ (1,773,935)
ncrease (decrease) in net assets per unit	\$ 0.48	\$ (0.50)

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

	2023	2022
Total net assets at the beginning of the period	\$ 33,032,457 \$	24,530,908
Increase (decrease) in net assets	1,294,343	(1,773,935)
Redeemable unit transactions		
Proceeds from the issuance of securities of the investment fund	10,809,568	3,453,792
Aggregate amounts paid on redemption of securities of the investment fund	(8,035,673)	(705,949)
Securities issued on reinvestment of distributions	130,707	118,908
Distributions:		
From net investment income	(1,638,774)	(1,157,445)
Total net assets at the end of the period	\$ 35,592,628 \$	24,466,279

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

For the Periods Ended June 30,

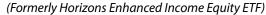
	2023	2022
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Increase (decrease) in net assets for the period	\$ 1,294,343 \$	(1,773,935)
Adjustments for:		
Net realized (gain) loss on sale of investments and derivatives	180,848	(905,666)
Net change in unrealized (appreciation) depreciation of investments and derivatives	(1,648,675)	2,884,007
Net change in unrealized (appreciation) depreciation of foreign exchange	_	(125)
Purchase of investments	(7,055,260)	(29,221,947)
Proceeds from the sale of investments	7,771,229	27,346,763
Amounts receivable relating to accrued income	_	35,687
Other receivables	(972)	-
Accrued expenses	727	(3,235)
Net cash from (used in) operating activities	542,240	(1,638,451)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Amount received from the issuance of units	8,679,912	2,977,417
Amount paid on redemptions of units	(7,737,888)	(705,949)
Distributions paid to unitholders	(1,484,516)	(990,504)
Net cash from (used in) financing activities	(542,492)	1,280,964
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents during the period	(252)	(357,487)
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash and cash equivalents	_	125
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	271,463	611,981
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 271,211 \$	254,619
Dividends received, net of withholding taxes	\$ - \$	383,596



## Schedule of Investments (unaudited)

As at June 30, 2023

Security	Shares/ Contracts	Average Cost	Fair Value
CANADIAN EQUITIES (100.77%)			
Canadian Broad Equity (100.77%)			
Horizons S&P/TSX 60™ Index ETF	711,637	\$ 34,734,125	\$ 35,866,505
TOTAL CANADIAN EQUITIES		34,734,125	35,866,505
DERIVATIVES (-0.63%)			
SHORT POSITIONS (-0.63%)			
Equity Call Options (-0.63%)			
Horizons S&P/TSX 60 Index ETF, July 2023, \$50.00 CAD	(2,500)	(117,500)	(222,500)
		(117,500)	(222,500)
TOTAL DERIVATIVES		(117,500)	(222,500)
Transaction Costs		 (77,905)	
TOTAL INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO (100.14%)		\$ 34,538,720	\$ 35,644,005
Cash and cash equivalents (0.76%)			271,211
Other assets less liabilities (-0.90%)			(322,588)
TOTAL NET ASSETS (100.00%)			\$ 35,592,628





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#### 1. REPORTING ENTITY

Horizons Canadian Large Cap Equity Covered Call ETF (Formerly Horizons Enhanced Income Equity ETF) ("CNCC" 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 March 16, 2011. 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 CNCC. 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.

CNCC seeks to provide: (a) exposure to the performance of the large-cap segment of the Canadian equity market; and (b) monthly distributions of dividend and call option income. To mitigate downside risk and generate income, CNCC will employ a dynamic covered call option writing program.

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.

#### **Unit Consolidation Transaction**

The units of the ETF were consolidated on a one-for-two basis effective November 7, 2022. All relevant unit and per unit historical data prior to November 7, 2022, has been adjusted to reflect the consolidation.

#### **Underlying Index, ETF and Ticker Name Changes**

Effective at the close of trading on June 24, 2022, there was a change to the ETF's investment objective. The ETF's new investment objective is to seek to provide unitholders with: (a) exposure to the performance of the large-cap segment of the Canadian equity market; and (b) monthly distributions of dividend and call option income. To mitigate downside risk and generate income, CNCC will employ a dynamic covered call option writing program.

In addition, based on the implementation of the new investment objective, the Manager changed both the name of the ETF and the ETF's trading symbol to "Horizons Canadian Large Cap Equity Covered Call ETF" and "CNCC", respectively, effective June 27, 2022.

#### 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 11, 2023, by the Board of Directors of the Manager.

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#### (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.

#### (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.

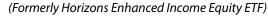
Financial assets and financial liabilities at FVTPL are initially recognized on the trade date, at fair value (see below), with transaction costs recognized in the statements of comprehensive income. Other financial assets and financial liabilities are recognized on the date on which they are originated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





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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 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.

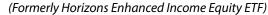
#### (iv) Specific instruments

#### 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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#### **Options**

As part of the ETF's investment strategy, call options are written on the equities in the ETF's portfolio. The premium received from writing a call option is recorded as a derivative liability in the statements of financial position. These call options are valued at the current market value thereof on the Valuation Date. The difference between the premium received when the option was written and its current market value is recorded as a net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments and derivatives in the statements of comprehensive income.

When a written call option expires, the ETF will realize a gain equal to the premium received. When a written option is bought back, the ETF will realize a gain or loss equal to the difference between the cost at which the contract was re-purchased and the premium received. When a written call option is exercised, the premium received is added to the proceeds from the sale of the underlying investments to determine the realized gain or loss. In all three cases, the gains or losses realized on call option premiums written is recorded as a net realized gain (loss) on sale of investments and derivatives in the statements of comprehensive income.

#### **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.

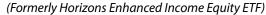
Income from derivatives is shown in the statements of comprehensive income as net realized gain (loss) on sale of investments and derivatives; net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments and derivatives; and, interest income for distribution purposes, in accordance with its nature.

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





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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.

#### (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

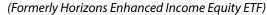
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit is calculated by dividing the ETF's net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units by the number of units of the ETF outstanding on the Valuation Date.

#### (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.





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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 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, 2023, and December 31, 2022, the ETF did not have any exposure to foreign currencies.

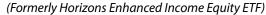
#### (ii) Interest rate risk

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.

As at June 30, 2023, and December 31, 2022, the ETF did not hold any long-term debt instruments and did not have any exposure to interest rate risk.

#### (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.





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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, 2023	December 31, 2022
S&P/TSX 60™ Index	\$341,463	\$318,256

#### (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.

As at June 30, 2023, and December 31, 2022, due to the nature of its portfolio investments, the ETF did not have any material credit risk exposure.

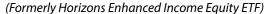
#### (c) Liquidity risk

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, 2023, and December 31, 2022, in valuing the ETF's investments and derivatives carried at fair values:

	June 30, 2023			December 31, 2022			
	Level 1 (\$)	Level 2 (\$)	Level 3 (\$)	Level 1 (\$)	Level 2 (\$)	Level 3 (\$)	
Financial Assets							
Exchange Traded Funds	35,866,505	_	-	33,114,776	_	_	
Total Financial Assets	35,866,505	_	-	33,114,776	_	_	
Financial Liabilities							
Options	(222,500)	_	-	(103,000)	_	_	
Total Financial Liabilities	(222,500)	-	-	(103,000)	-	-	
Net Financial Assets and Liabilities	35,644,005	_	-	33,011,776	_	-	

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, 2023, and for the year ended December 31, 2022.

#### 7. SECURITIES LENDING

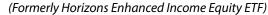
In order to generate additional returns, the ETF is authorized to enter into securities lending agreements with borrowers deemed acceptable in accordance with National Instrument 81-102 – *Investment Funds* ("NI 81-102"). Under a securities lending agreement, the borrower must pay the ETF a negotiated 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.

As at June 30, 2023, and December 31, 2022, the ETF was not participating in any securities lending transactions. For the periods ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, the ETF did not earn any income from securities lending transactions.

#### 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





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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 redeemptions. 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.

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

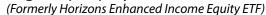
For the periods ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, the number of units issued by subscription and/or distribution reinvestment, the number of units redeemed, the total and average number of units outstanding was as follows:

Period	Beginning Units Outstanding	Units Issued	Units Redeemed	Ending Units Outstanding	Average Units Outstanding
2023	2,691,931	885,504	(650,000)	2,927,435	2,711,564
2022	3,476,780	516,774	(100,000)	3,893,554	3,559,131

#### 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.





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In consideration for the provision of these services, the Manager receives a monthly management fee at the annual rate of 0.65%, plus applicable sales taxes, of the net asset value of the ETF's units, calculated and accrued daily and payable monthly in arrears. 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.

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.

#### Management fee reimbursements

Where the ETF holds other exchange traded funds offered for sale by the Manager or its affiliates, the ETF may be reimbursed by such ETFs it has invested in for any management fees charged by those ETFs that would be considered as duplicating the management fees of the ETF.

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

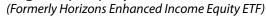
Brokerage commissions paid on securities transactions may include amounts paid to related parties of the Manager for brokerage services provided to the ETF.

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, 2023 and 2022, were as follows:

Period Ended	Brokerage Commissions Paid	Soft Dollar Transactions	Amount Paid to Related Parties
June 30, 2023	\$44,305	\$nil	\$nil
June 30, 2022	\$33,271	\$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, 2023, and December 31, 2022 are disclosed in the statements of financial position.





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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.

#### 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, 2022, 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			
\$11,077,546	_	-			

#### 13. OFFSETTING OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

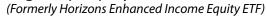
In the normal course of business, the ETF may enter into various master netting arrangements or other similar agreements that do not meet the criteria for offsetting in the statements of financial position but still allow for the related amounts to be set off in certain circumstances, such as bankruptcy or termination of the contracts. As at June 30, 2023, and December 31, 2022, the ETF did not have any financial instruments eligible for offsetting.

#### 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 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.





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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, 2023, and December 31, 2022, the ETF had material investments in the subsidiaries (Sub), associates (Assc) and unconsolidated structured entities (SE) listed below:

Investee ETF as at June 30, 2023	Place of Business	Туре	Ownership %	Carrying Amount
Horizons S&P/TSX 60™ Index ETF	Canada	SE	1.04%	\$35,866,505

Investee ETF as at December 31, 2022	Place of Business	Туре	Ownership %	Carrying Amount
Horizons S&P/TSX 60™ Index ETF	Canada	SE	0.86%	\$33,114,776

#### **15. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Effective July 6, 2023, the Manager announced that it would reduce the management fee from 0.65% to 0.39%, a 26 basis point reduction.

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