No securities regulatory authority has expressed an opinion about these securities and it is an offence to claim otherwise.



Continuous Offering

August 10, 2018

This prospectus qualifies the distribution of unhedged units ("**Unhedged Units**") of the following actively managed exchange traded mutual funds (each, an "**Evolve ETF**" and together, the "**Evolve ETFs**"), each of which is established under the laws of the province of Ontario. This prospectus also qualifies hedged units ("**Hedged Units**") of the Evolve ETFs, other than DIVS (as defined herein). Unhedged Units and Hedged Units are collectively referred to in this prospectus as "**Units**". Units of the Evolve ETFs are denominated in Canadian dollars.

## Evolve Active US Core Equity ETF ("CAPS") Evolve Active Short Duration Bond ETF ("TIME") Evolve Active Canadian Preferred Share ETF ("DIVS")

#### **Investment Objectives**

#### **Evolve Active US Core Equity ETF**

The investment objective of CAPS is to seek to provide holders of Units with long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in equity securities of U.S. listed large-capitalization companies using a selection process that combines quantitative techniques, fundamental analysis and risk management.

### **Evolve Active Short Duration Bond ETF**

The investment objective of TIME is to seek to provide holders of Units with a high level of current income through monthly distributions. Under normal market conditions, TIME invests primarily in a diversified portfolio of below investment grade corporate debt securities rated "BB+" or lower by Standard & Poor's Rating Services ("S&P") and Fitch Ratings ("Fitch") or "Ba1" or lower by Moody's Investor Services, Inc. ("Moody's") at the time of investment. The portfolio will generally have an average duration of less than three years.

## **Evolve Active Canadian Preferred Share ETF**

The investment objective of DIVS is to seek to provide holders of Units with stable income and long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in a diversified mix of preferred shares of Canadian issuers, in addition to U.S. and international issuers.

Any foreign currency exposure of the portion of the portfolio of an Evolve ETF that is attributable to Unhedged Units will not be hedged back to the Canadian dollar. All or substantially all of the exposure that the portion of the portfolio of an Evolve ETF attributable to Hedged Units may have to foreign currencies, as applicable, will be hedged back to the Canadian dollar.

See "Investment Objectives" for further information.

Evolve Funds Group Inc. (the "**Manager**") is the promoter, manager, trustee and portfolio manager of the Evolve ETFs and is responsible for the administration of the Evolve ETFs. The Manager has retained a sub-advisor for the Evolve ETFs as follows:

Evolve ETF	Current Sub-Advisor
CAPS	Nuveen Asset Management, LLC
TIME	Nuveen Asset Management, LLC
DIVS	Foyston, Gordon & Payne Inc.

See "Organization and Management Details of the Evolve ETFs – Manager" and "Organization and Management Details of the Evolve ETFs – Sub-Advisors".

## Listing of Units

Each Evolve ETF issues Units on a continuous basis and there is no maximum number of Units that may be issued.

The Units are currently listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (the "**TSX**") and investors can buy or sell such Units on the TSX through registered brokers and dealers in the province or territory where the investor resides.

Investors may incur customary brokerage commissions in buying or selling Units. No fees are paid by investors to the Manager or any Evolve ETF in connection with buying or selling Units on the TSX. Unitholders may also redeem Units of any Evolve ETF for cash at a redemption price per Unit equal to 95% of the closing price for the applicable Units on the TSX on the effective day of redemption, subject to a maximum redemption price per Unit equal to the NAV per Unit (as defined herein) on the effective day of redemption, or exchange a Prescribed Number of Units (as defined herein) (or an integral multiple thereof) for Baskets of Securities (as defined herein) and cash or, in certain circumstances, for cash. See "Exchange and Redemption of Units – Redemption of Units of an Evolve ETF for Cash" and "Exchange and Redemption of Units of an Evolve ETF at NAV per Unit for Baskets of Securities and/or Cash" for further information.

The Evolve ETFs issue Units directly to the Designated Broker (as defined herein) and Dealers (as defined herein).

## **Eligibility for Investment**

In the opinion of Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP, provided that an Evolve ETF qualifies as a "mutual fund trust" within the meaning of the Tax Act (as defined herein), or that the Units of that Evolve ETF are listed on a "designated stock exchange" within the meaning of the Tax Act, the Units of that Evolve ETF, if issued on the date hereof, would be on such date qualified investments under the Tax Act for a trust governed by a registered retirement savings plan, a registered retirement income fund, a registered disability savings plan, a deferred profit sharing plan, a registered education savings plan or a tax-free savings account.

## **Additional Considerations**

No designated broker or dealer has been involved in the preparation of this prospectus or has performed any review of the contents of this prospectus and as such, the Designated Broker and Dealers do not perform many of the usual underwriting activities in connection with the distribution by the Evolve ETFs of their Units under this prospectus.

For a discussion of the risks associated with an investment in Units of the Evolve ETFs, see "Risk Factors".

Registration of interests in, and transfer of, the Units are made only through CDS Clearing and Depository Services Inc. Beneficial owners do not have the right to receive physical certificates evidencing their ownership.

## **Documents Incorporated by Reference**

Additional information about each Evolve ETF is or will be available in the most recently filed annual financial statements, any interim financial statements filed after those annual financial statements, the most recently filed annual management report of fund performance ("**MRFP**"), any interim MRFP filed after the annual MRFP for each Evolve ETF, and the most recently filed ETF Facts (as defined herein) for each Evolve ETF. These documents are incorporated by reference into, and legally form an integral part of, this prospectus. See "Documents Incorporated by Reference" for further details.

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## GLOSSARY

Unless otherwise indicated, the references to dollar amounts in this prospectus are to Canadian dollars and all references to times in this prospectus are to Toronto time.

allowable capital loss - has the meaning ascribed thereto under "Income Tax Considerations - Taxation of Holders".

*Basket of Securities* – means, in relation to a particular Evolve ETF, a group of securities and/or assets determined by the Manager or the applicable Sub-Advisor from time to time representing the constituents of the portfolio of the Evolve ETF.

*Canadian Securities Legislation* – means the securities legislation in force in each province and territory of Canada, all regulations, rules, orders and policies made thereunder and all multilateral and national instruments adopted by the Securities Regulatory Authorities, as the same may be amended, restated or replaced from time to time.

*Capital Gains Refund* – has the meaning ascribed thereto under "Income Tax Considerations – Taxation of the Evolve ETFs".

CDS – means CDS Clearing and Depository Services Inc.

*CDS Participant* – means a registered dealer or other financial institution that is a participant in CDS and that holds Units on behalf of beneficial owners of Units.

Counterparty - has the meaning ascribed thereto under "Risk Factors - Securities Lending Risk".

CRA – means the Canada Revenue Agency.

*CRS Legislation* – has the meaning ascribed thereto under "Unitholder Matters – International Information Reporting".

*Custodian* – means CIBC Mellon Trust Company or its successor, in its capacity as custodian of the Evolve ETFs pursuant to the Custodian Agreement.

*Custodian Agreement* – means the original master custodian agreement dated July 24, 2017 between the Manager, in its capacity as manager of the Evolve ETFs, and the Custodian, as may be further supplemented, amended, and/or amended and restated from time to time.

*Dealer* – means a registered dealer (that may or may not be the Designated Broker) that has entered into a continuous distribution dealer agreement with the Manager, on behalf of an Evolve ETF, and that subscribes for and purchases Units from that Evolve ETF.

*Declaration of Trust* – means the amended and restated master declaration of trust establishing the Evolve ETFs dated August 14, 2017, as the same may be amended, restated or replaced from time to time.

*Derivatives* – means instruments that derive their value from the market price, value or level of an underlying security, commodity, economic indicator, index or financial instrument and which may include, options, futures contracts, forward contracts, swaps or debt-like securities.

*Designated Broker* – means a registered dealer that has entered into a designated broker agreement with the Manager, on behalf of an Evolve ETF, pursuant to which the Designated Broker agrees to perform certain duties in relation to that Evolve ETF.

DFA Rules - has the meaning ascribed thereto under "Risk Factors - Taxation of the Evolve ETFs".

*Distribution Record Date* – means, in relation to a particular Evolve ETF, a date determined by the Manager as a record date for the determination of the Unitholders of the Evolve ETF entitled to receive a distribution.

DPSP – means a deferred profit sharing plan within the meaning of the Tax Act.

*EFG* – means Evolve Funds Group Inc., the promoter, manager, trustee and portfolio manager of the Evolve ETFs.

*ETF Facts* – means the ETF Fact document prescribed by Canadian Securities Legislation in respect of an exchange traded fund, which summarizes certain features of the exchange traded fund and which is publicly available at <u>www.sedar.com</u> and provided or made available to registered dealers for delivery to purchasers of securities of an exchange traded fund.

*Evolve ETFs* – means collectively, the exchange traded funds listed on the cover page of this prospectus, and each, an investment trust established under the laws of Ontario pursuant to the Declaration of Trust.

*FGP Sub-Advisory Agreement* – has the meaning ascribed thereto under "Organization and Management Details of the Evolve ETFs – Sub-Advisors".

*Fitch* – has the meaning ascribed thereto on the cover page.

*Fund Administrator* – means CIBC Mellon Global Securities Services Company or its successor, in its capacity as fund administrator of the Evolve ETFs pursuant to the Custodian Agreement.

GST/HST - means taxes exigible under Part IX of the Excise Tax Act (Canada) and the regulations made thereunder.

*Hedged Unit* – means, in relation to each of the Evolve ETFs, other than DIVS, a redeemable, transferable hedged unit of that Evolve ETF, which represents an equal, undivided interest in the net assets of that Evolve ETF.

Holder - has the meaning ascribed thereto under "Income Tax Considerations".

*Interested Parties* – has the meaning ascribed thereto under "Organization and Management Details of the Evolve ETFs – Conflicts of Interest".

*IRC or Independent Review Committee* – means the independent review committee of the Evolve ETFs established under NI 81-107.

Lending Agent – means The Bank of New York Mellon, in its capacity as lending agent pursuant to the Securities Lending Agreement.

Manager – has the meaning ascribed thereto on the cover page.

*Management Fee* – has the meaning ascribed thereto under "Fees and Expenses – Fees and Expenses Payable by the Evolve ETFs – Management Fees".

*Management Fee Distributions* – has the meaning ascribed thereto under "Fees and Expenses – Fees and Expenses Payable by the Evolve ETFs – Management Fees".

*Minimum Distribution Requirements* – has the meaning ascribed thereto under "Income Tax Considerations – Status of the Evolve ETFs".

*Moody's* – has the meaning ascribed thereto on the cover page.

*MRFP* – has the meaning ascribed thereto on the cover page.

*NAV* and *NAV per Unit* – means, in relation to a particular Evolve ETF, the net asset value of the Evolve ETF and the net asset value per Unit, calculated by the Fund Administrator as described under "Calculation of NAV".

 $NI \ 81-102$  – means National Instrument 81-102 – *Investment Funds*, as the same may be amended, restated or replaced from time to time.

*NI* 81-106 – means National Instrument 81-106 – *Investment Fund Continuous Disclosure*, as the same may be amended, restated or replaced from time to time.

*NI* 81-107 – means National Instrument 81-107 – *Independent Review Committee for Investment Funds*, as the same may be amended, restated or replaced from time to time.

*Non-Portfolio Income* – has the meaning ascribed thereto under "Income Tax Considerations – Taxation of the Evolve ETFs".

*NP 11-203* – means National Policy 11-203 – *Process for Exemptive Relief Applications in Multiple Jurisdictions* as the same may be amended, restated or replaced from time to time.

*Nuveen Sub-Advisory Agreement* – has the meaning ascribed thereto under "Organization and Management Details of the Evolve ETFs – Sub-Advisors".

Permitted Mergers - has the meaning ascribed thereto under "Unitholder Matters - Permitted Mergers".

Plans - has the meaning ascribed thereto under "Income Tax Considerations - Status of the Evolve ETFs".

*PNU or Prescribed Number of Units* – means, in relation to a particular Evolve ETF, the number of Units determined by the Manager from time to time for the purpose of subscription orders, exchanges, redemptions or for other purposes.

*Proxy Voting Policy* – has the meaning ascribed thereto under "Proxy Voting Disclosure for Portfolio Securities Held".

*RDSP* – means a registered disability savings plan within the meaning of the Tax Act.

*Registrar and Transfer Agent* – means TSX Trust Company or its successor, in its capacity as transfer agent of the Evolve ETFs.

RESP – means a registered education savings plan within the meaning of the Tax Act.

RRIF – means a registered retirement income fund within the meaning of the Tax Act.

RRSP – means a registered retirement savings plan within the meaning of the Tax Act.

S&P – has the meaning ascribed thereto on the cover page.

*Securities Lending Agreement* – has the meaning ascribed thereto under "Organization and Management Details of the Evolve ETFs – Lending Agent".

*Securities Regulatory Authorities* – means the securities commission or similar regulatory authority in each province and territory of Canada that is responsible for administering the Canadian Securities Legislation in force in such province or territory.

SIFT Rules - has the meaning ascribed thereto under "Risk Factors - Taxation of the Evolve ETFs".

*Sub-Advisors* – means Nuveen Asset Management, LLC, in its capacity as sub-advisor of CAPS and TIME and Foyston, Gordon & Payne Inc., in its capacity as sub-advisor of DIVS.

Substituted Property – has the meaning ascribed thereto under "Income Tax Considerations – Taxation of the Evolve ETFs".

Tax Act – means the Income Tax Act (Canada) and the regulations thereunder, as amended from time to time.

*Tax Amendment* – means a proposed amendment to the Tax Act publicly announced by the Minister of Finance (Canada) prior to the date hereof.

Tax Treaties - has the meaning ascribed thereto under "Risk Factors - Taxation of the Evolve ETFs".

taxable capital gain - has the meaning ascribed thereto under "Income Tax Considerations - Taxation of Holders".

TFSA - means a tax-free savings account within the meaning of the Tax Act.

*Trading Day* – means, for each Evolve ETF, unless otherwise agreed by the Manager, a day on which: (i) a regular session of the TSX is held and (ii) the primary market or exchange for the majority of securities held by the Evolve ETF is open for trading.

*Trustee* – means EFG, in its capacity as trustee of the Evolve ETFs pursuant to the Declaration of Trust, or its successor.

*TSX* – means the Toronto Stock Exchange.

*Unhedged Unit* – means, in relation to each of the Evolve ETFs, a redeemable, transferable unhedged unit of that Evolve ETF, as applicable, which represents an equal, undivided interest in the net assets of that Evolve ETF.

*Unit* – means, in relation to a particular Evolve ETF, a redeemable, transferable Hedged Unit or Unhedged Unit of that Evolve ETF, as applicable, which represents an equal, undivided interest in the net assets of that Evolve ETF.

Unitholder – means a holder of Units of an Evolve ETF.

*Valuation Date* – means each Trading Day or any other day designated by the Manager on which the NAV and NAV per Unit of an Evolve ETF is calculated.

*Valuation Time* – means, in relation to an Evolve ETF, 4:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on a Valuation Date or such other time that the Manager deems appropriate on each Valuation Date.

## PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

The following is a summary of the principal features of this distribution and should be read together with the more detailed information, financial data and financial statements contained elsewhere in this prospectus or incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

Issuers:	<b>Evolve Active She</b>	Evolve Active US Core Equity ETF ("CAPS") Evolve Active Short Duration Bond ETF ("TIME") Evolve Active Canadian Preferred Share ETF ("DIVS")		
	(each, an "Evolve	(each, an "Evolve ETF" and together, the "Evolve ETFs")		
	TIME are offering collectively referr	Each Evolve ETF is offering unhedged units (" <b>Unhedged Units</b> ") and each of CAPS and TIME are offering hedged units (" <b>Hedged Units</b> "). Unhedged Units and Hedged Units are collectively referred to in this prospectus as " <b>Units</b> ". Units of the Evolve ETFs are denominated in Canadian dollars.		
	laws of the prov manager, trustee administration of t Evolve ETFs, EFC	is an actively managed exchange traded mutual fund established under the ince of Ontario. Evolve Funds Group Inc. (" <b>EFG</b> ") is the promoter, and portfolio manager of the Evolve ETFs and is responsible for the the Evolve ETFs. In its capacity as Manager and portfolio manager of the G has retained Nuveen Asset Management, LLC to provide sub-advisory and TIME and Foyston, Gordon & Payne Inc. to provide sub-advisory		
Continuous Distribution:	Units that may be " <b>TSX</b> ") and invest dealers in the prov brokerage commis Manager or any Investors may trad	Each Evolve ETF issues Units on a continuous basis and there is no maximum number of Units that may be issued. The Units are currently listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (the " <b>TSX</b> ") and investors can buy or sell such Units on the TSX through registered brokers and dealers in the province or territory where the investor resides. Investors may incur customary brokerage commissions in buying or selling Units. No fees are paid by investors to the Manager or any Evolve ETF in connection with buying or selling Units on the TSX. Investors may trade Units in the same way as other securities listed on the TSX, including by using market orders and limit orders.		
		See "Purchases of Units – Continuous Distribution" and "Purchases of Units – Buying and Selling Units of an Evolve ETF".		
Investment Objectives:	<b>Evolve ETF</b>	Investment Objectives		
	CAPS	The investment objective of CAPS is to seek to provide holders of Units with long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in equity securities of U.S. listed large-capitalization companies using a selection process that combines quantitative techniques, fundamental analysis and risk management.		
	TIME	The investment objective of TIME is to seek to provide holders of Units with a high level of current income through monthly distributions. Under normal market conditions, TIME invests primarily in a diversified portfolio of below investment grade corporate debt securities rated "BB+" or lower by Standard & Poor's Rating Services ("S&P") and Fitch Ratings ("Fitch") or "Ba1" or lower by Moody's Investor Services, Inc. ("Moody's") at the time of investment. The portfolio will generally have an average duration of less than three years.		

DIVS

The investment objective of DIVS is to seek to provide holders of Units with stable income and long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in a diversified mix of preferred shares of primarily Canadian issuers, in addition to U.S. and international issuers.

Any foreign currency exposure of the portion of the portfolio of an Evolve ETF that is attributable to Unhedged Units will not be hedged back to the Canadian dollar. All or substantially all of the exposure that the portion of the portfolio of an Evolve ETF attributable to the Hedged Units may have to foreign currencies, as applicable, will be hedged back to the Canadian dollar. The currency hedging mandate applicable to a particular class of Units shall not be changed by the Manager without first obtaining approval of Unitholders of the affected class of Units.

See "Investment Objectives".

Specific InvestmentThe investment strategy of each Evolve ETF is to invest in and hold a portfolio of securitiesStrategies:selected by the applicable Sub-Advisor in order to achieve its investment objectives.

CAPS The Manager has retained Nuveen Asset Management, LLC as sub-advisor for CAPS. The Sub-Advisor will actively manage the portfolio in connection with the selection, purchase, and sale of primarily equity securities of U.S. listed large-capitalization companies in the portfolio. The Sub-Advisor will seek to invest in primarily equity securities of U.S. listed companies that have market capitalizations within the market capitalization range of the companies included in the Russell 1000 Index on the last business day of the month in which its most recent rebalancing was completed. Rebalancing of the Russell 1000 Index is currently completed in June of each year. Substantially all of the equity securities in which the Sub-Advisor invests will be included in the Russell 1000 Index, at the time of purchase.

The Sub-Advisor utilizes an investment process that combines quantitative techniques, fundamental analysis and risk management. Generally, securities are added to the portfolio based both on security rankings provided by multi-factor quantitative models and on fundamental analysis of the securities. In addition, the Sub-Advisor will use risk management techniques to establish constraints on the amounts invested in individual securities and sectors. Generally, the Sub-Advisor will sell a security if its model ranking declines significantly or its research reveals a significant deterioration in the underlying company's fundamentals.

The lead senior portfolio manager that will be principally responsible for CAPS is Bob Doll, senior portfolio manager and chief equity strategist at Nuveen Asset Management, LLC. Prior to joining Nuveen Asset Management, LLC, Bob held similar roles at other large asset management firms, including serving as chief equity strategist at Blackrock, president and chief investment officer of Merrill Lynch Investment Managers.

Nuveen Asset Management, LLC has approximately U.S. \$179.86 billion in assets under management as at June 30, 2018, including over U.S. \$10 billion in equities.

TIME The Manager has retained Nuveen Asset Management, LLC as sub-advisor for TIME. The Sub-Advisor will actively manage the portfolio in connection with the selection, purchase, and sale of below investment grade corporate debt securities in the portfolio to employ a short duration strategy that is less sensitive to high yield interest rate risk than longer duration funds. The Sub-

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Advisor will seek to invest in below investment grade corporate debt securities commonly referred to as "high yield" securities or "junk" bonds. The Sub-Advisor may also invest in other types of securities including senior loans, convertible securities and other types of debt instruments and Derivatives that provide comparable economic exposure to the corporate debt market.

The Sub-Advisor employs a bottom-up approach that focuses on credit analysis and relative value. The Sub-Advisor seeks to identify securities across diverse sectors and industries that it believes are undervalued or mispriced. Through its overall strategy, the Sub-Advisor seeks to capitalize on the credit spread opportunity (measured by the difference between the yield of below investment grade debt and high grade debt having similar maturities) prevailing in the market. The Sub-Advisor believes that fundamental credit research and security selection offer greater opportunities to successfully capture excess income and total return from a high yield debt strategy over time, compared with investment grade and government debt strategies.

Nuveen Asset Management, LLC has approximately U.S. \$179.86 billion in assets under management as at June 30, 2018, including approximately U.S. \$10 billion in below investment grade corporate debt.

DIVS The Manager has retained Foyston, Gordon & Payne Inc. as sub-advisor for DIVS. The Sub-Advisor will actively manage the portfolio in connection with the selection, purchase, and sale of preferred shares in the portfolio. The Sub-Advisor will seek to invest in a diversified mix of income generating securities. Under normal market conditions, the Sub-Advisor will generally not invest more than 30% of DIVS's portfolio in securities of non-Canadian issuers.

The Sub-Advisor utilizes a multi-strategy approach, including security selection, sector allocation and interest rate anticipation in the context of a long-term, value-oriented approach. The Sub-Advisor, supported by a research team, is responsible for security selection and portfolio construction within the Sub-Advisor's diversification and risk control guidelines.

Foyston, Gordon & Payne Inc. has approximately C\$12.8 billion in assets under management as at July 31, 2018, including over C\$206.8 million in preferred shares.

Each Evolve ETF will invest in its own actively managed portfolio comprised of various securities and instruments which may include, but are not limited to, equity and equity related securities, debt securities, futures contracts, senior secured loans and exchange traded funds. Equity related securities held by an Evolve ETF may include, but are not limited to, convertible debt, income trust units, single issuer equity options, preferred shares and warrants. If market conditions require, in order to preserve capital, an Evolve ETF may seek to invest a substantial portion of its assets in cash and cash equivalents.

#### Investment in other Investment Funds

General

Investment

Strategies:

In accordance with applicable securities legislation, as part of its investment strategy and as an alternative to or in conjunction with investing in and holding securities directly, an Evolve ETF may invest in one or more other investment funds or exchange traded funds listed on a stock exchange in Canada or the United States, including exchange traded funds managed by the Manager. In such case, there shall be no management fees or incentive fees that are payable by the Evolve ETF that, to a reasonable person, would duplicate a fee payable by the underlying exchange traded fund for the same service.

#### Currency Hedging

The Units of the Evolve ETFs are denominated in Canadian dollars. Any foreign currency exposure of the portion of the portfolio of an Evolve ETF that is attributable to Unhedged Units will not be hedged back to the Canadian dollar. All or substantially all of the exposure that the portion of the portfolio of an Evolve ETF attributable to the Hedged Units may have to foreign currencies, as applicable, will be hedged back to the Canadian dollar. Hedging currency exposure to reduce the impact of fluctuations in exchange rates is intended to reduce the direct exposure to foreign currency exposure, the NAV per Unit of each class of Hedged and Unhedged Units of an Evolve ETF, as applicable, may not be the same. The costs of any currency hedging will be borne by the applicable class of Hedged Units only.

Currency forward agreements, if any, will be entered into in compliance with NI 81-102 with financial institutions that have a "designated rating" as defined in NI 81-102.

#### Use of Derivatives

The Evolve ETFs may, from time to time, use Derivatives to reduce transaction costs, to increase the liquidity and efficiency of trading, to hedge exposure to equity securities or to generate additional income. Any use of Derivatives by an Evolve ETF must be in compliance with NI 81-102 and other applicable derivatives legislation and must be consistent with the investment objectives and investment strategies of the Evolve ETF.

#### Securities Lending

including:

An Evolve ETF may enter into securities lending, repurchase and reverse repurchase transactions in compliance with NI 81-102 in order to earn additional income for the Evolve ETF.

See "Investment Strategies".

Special	The Manager, on behalf of the Evolve ETFs, has obtained exemptive relief from (i) the so-
Considerations for	called "early warning" reporting requirements under Canadian Securities Legislation that
Purchasers:	would otherwise apply if a person or company acquires 10% or more of the Units of an
	Evolve ETF, and (ii) to permit Unitholders to acquire more than 20% of the Units of an
	Evolve ETF through purchases on the TSX without regard to the takeover bid requirements
	of applicable Canadian Securities Legislation, provided that any such Unitholder, and any
	person acting jointly or in concert with the Unitholder, provides the Manager with an
	undertaking not to exercise any votes attached to Units that represent more than 20% of the
	votes attached to all outstanding Units of that Evolve ETF at any meeting of Unitholders of
	that Evolve ETF.

See "Attributes of the Securities - Description of the Securities Distributed".

**Risk Factors:** 

- (a) the general risks of investments;
- (b) the risks associated with investing in particular asset classes;
- (c) the risks associated with the issuers in which the Evolve ETFs invest;
- (d) the risks associated with illiquid securities;
- (e) the risks associated with reliance on key personnel;
- (f) the risk that Units may trade at a premium or a discount to the NAV per Unit;

There are certain general risk factors inherent in an investment in the Evolve ETFs,

- (g) the risks associated with fluctuations in the NAV and NAV per Unit of the Evolve ETFs;
- (h) the risks associated with the cease trading of securities held by the Evolve ETFs;
- (i) the risk that the Evolve ETFs may have investment objectives that are less diversified than the overall market;
- (j) the risks associated with securities lending;

- (k) the risks associated with the use of Derivatives;
- (l) the risks associated with changes in legislation, including tax legislation;
- (m) the risks relating to the taxation of the Evolve ETFs;
- (n) the risks associated with the Evolve ETFs' limited operating history and the absence of an active market; and
- (o) the risks associated with the potential cease trading of Units.

See "Risk Factors - General Risks Relating to an Investment in the Evolve ETFs".

In addition to the general risk factors, the following additional risk factors are inherent in an investment in one or more of the Evolve ETFs as indicated in the table below:

ETF Specific Risks	CAPS	TIME	DIVS
Call Risk		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Country Risk	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Credit Rating and High Yield Debt Related		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Risk			
Currency Fluctuations Risk (Unhedged Units	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Only)			
Currency Hedging Risk (Hedged Units Only)	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
Defaulted and Distressed Securities Risk		$\checkmark$	
Duration Risk		$\checkmark$	
Extension Risk			$\checkmark$
General Risks of Debt Instruments		$\checkmark$	
General Risks of Equity Investments	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$
General Risks of Foreign Investments	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
General Risks of Preferred Shares		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Large-Capitalization Issuer Risk	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$
Mid and Small-Capitalization Issuer Risk	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$
Sensitivity to Interest Rates		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Senior Secured Loans Risk		$\checkmark$	
Underlying Fund Risk	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$

See "Risk Factors".

Income Tax A Unitholder of an Evolve ETF who is resident in Canada will generally be required to **Considerations:** include, in computing income for a taxation year, the amount of income (including any net realized taxable capital gains) that is paid or becomes payable to the Unitholder by that Evolve ETF in that year (including such income that is paid in Units of the Evolve ETF or reinvested in additional Units of the Evolve ETF). A Unitholder of an Evolve ETF who disposes of a Unit of that Evolve ETF that is held as capital property, including on a redemption or otherwise, will generally realize a capital gain (or capital loss) to the extent that the proceeds of disposition (other than any amount payable by the Evolve ETF to the Unitholder which represents capital gains allocated and designated to the redeeming Unitholder), net of costs of disposition, exceed (or are less than) the adjusted cost base of that Unit. Each investor should satisfy himself or herself as to the federal and provincial tax consequences of an investment in Units of an Evolve ETF by obtaining advice from his or her tax advisor. See "Income Tax Considerations". **Exchanges and** In addition to the ability to sell Units on the TSX, Unitholders may also (i) redeem Units of **Redemptions:** any Evolve ETF for cash at a redemption price per Unit equal to 95% of the closing price for the applicable Units on the TSX on the effective day of redemption, subject to a maximum

redemption price per Unit equal to the NAV per Unit on the effective day of redemption, less any applicable administrative fee determined by the Manager, in its sole discretion, from time to time, or (ii) exchange a PNU (or an integral multiple thereof) for Baskets of Securities and cash or, in certain circumstances, for cash.

See "Exchange and Redemption of Units – Redemption of Units of an Evolve ETF for Cash" and "Exchange and Redemption of Units – Exchange of Units of an Evolve ETF at NAV per Unit for Baskets of Securities and/or Cash" for further information.

**Distributions:** 

Cash distributions of income, if any, on Units will be payable periodically as set out in the table below, by each of the Evolve ETFs:

Evolve ETF	Frequency of Distributions
Evolve Active US Core Equity ETF	Monthly
Evolve Active Short Duration Bond ETF	Monthly
Evolve Active Canadian Preferred Share ETF	Monthly

The Evolve ETFs will not have a fixed distribution amount. The amount and frequency of distributions, if any, will be based on the Manager's assessment of anticipated cash flow and anticipated expenses of the Evolve ETFs from time to time. The date of any cash distribution of each Evolve ETF will be announced in advance by issuance of a press release. The Manager may, in its complete discretion, change the frequency of these distributions and any such change will be announced by issuance of a press release.

Depending on the underlying investments of an Evolve ETF, distributions on Units may consist of ordinary income, including foreign source income and taxable dividends from taxable Canadian corporations, sourced from dividends, distributions or interest received by the Evolve ETF but may also include net realized capital gains, in any case, less the expenses of that Evolve ETF and may include returns of capital. To the extent that the expenses of an Evolve ETF exceed the income generated by such Evolve ETF in any applicable distribution period, it is not expected that a distribution for that period will be paid.

In addition, an Evolve ETF may from time to time pay additional distributions on its Units, including without restriction in connection with returns of capital.

The tax treatment to Unitholders of distributions is discussed under the heading "Income Tax Considerations".

See "Distribution Policy".

DistributionThe Evolve ETFs may provide Unitholders with the opportunity to reinvest cash<br/>distributions in additional Units through participation in a distribution reinvestment plan.

See "Distribution Policy – Distribution Reinvestment Plan".

- **Termination:** The Evolve ETFs do not have a fixed termination date but may be terminated at the discretion of the Manager in accordance with the terms of the Declaration of Trust. See "Termination of the Evolve ETFs".
- **Eligibility for Investment:** Provided that an Evolve ETF qualifies as a "mutual fund trust" within the meaning of the Tax Act, or the Units of that Evolve ETF are listed on a "designated stock exchange" within the meaning of the Tax Act, Units of that Evolve ETF, if issued on the date hereof, would be on such date qualified investments under the Tax Act for a trust governed by an RRSP, a RRIF, an RDSP, a DPSP, an RESP or a TFSA.

See "Income Tax Considerations - Taxation of Registered Plans".

**Documents Incorporated by Reference:** Additional information about each Evolve ETF is or will be available in the most recently filed annual financial statements, any interim financial statements filed after those annual financial statements, the most recently filed annual management report of fund performance ("**MRFP**"), any interim MRFP filed after the annual MRFP for each Evolve ETF, and the most recently filed ETF Facts for each Evolve ETF. These documents are incorporated by reference into, and legally form an integral part of, this prospectus. These documents are publicly available on the Manager's website at <u>www.evolvefunds.com</u> and may be obtained upon request, at no cost, by calling (416)-214-4884 or toll-free at 1-844-370-4884, by sending an email request to <u>info@evolvefunds.com</u> or by contacting a registered dealer. These documents and other information about the Evolve ETFs are also publicly available at <u>www.sedar.com</u>.

See "Documents Incorporated by Reference".

### **Organization and Management of the Evolve ETFs**

Manager, Trustee and Portfolio Manager:	In its capacity as manager, EFG is responsible for the administration and operations of the Evolve ETFs. In its capacity as trustee, EFG holds title to the assets of each Evolve ETF in trust for the Unitholders. In its capacity as portfolio manager, EFG is responsible for the oversight and provision of investment advisory services to the Evolve ETFs by the Sub-Advisors.
	The principal office of the Evolve ETFs and EFG is located at 161 Bay Street, Suite 2700, Toronto, ON M5J 2S1.
	See "Organization and Management Details of the Evolve ETFs – Manager" and "Organization and Management Details of the Evolve ETFs – Trustee".
Sub-Advisors:	The Manager has retained Nuveen Asset Management, LLC to provide sub-advisory services to CAPS and TIME and Foyston, Gordon & Payne Inc. to provide sub-advisory services to DIVS. Any decisions relating to currency hedging of the Hedged Units, if any, shall remain the responsibility of the Manager.
	See "Organization and Management Details of the Evolve ETF – The Sub-Advisors".
Promoter:	EFG has taken the initiative of founding and organizing the Evolve ETFs and is, accordingly, the promoter of the Evolve ETFs within the meaning of securities legislation of certain provinces and territories of Canada.
	See "Organization and Management Details of the Evolve ETFs – Promoter".
Custodian:	CIBC Mellon Trust Company, at its principal office in Toronto, Ontario, is the Custodian of the assets of the Evolve ETFs and holds those assets in safekeeping. The Custodian is entitled to receive fees from the Manager as described under "Fees and Expenses" and to be reimbursed for all expenses and liabilities that are properly incurred by the Custodian in connection with the activities of the Evolve ETFs.
	See "Organization and Management Details of the Evolve ETFs – Custodian".
Fund Administrator:	CIBC Mellon Global Securities Services Company, at its principal office in Toronto, Ontario, is the Fund Administrator. The Fund Administrator is responsible for certain aspects of the day-to-day administration of the Evolve ETFs, including NAV calculations, calculating net income and net realized capital gains of the Evolve ETFs and maintaining books and records with respect to each Evolve ETF. See "Organization and Management Details of the Evolve ETFs – Fund Administrator".
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Registrar and Transfer Agent:	TSX Trust Company, at its principal office in Toronto, Ontario, is the registrar and transfer agent for the Units of the Evolve ETFs and maintains the register of registered Unitholders. The register of the Evolve ETFs is kept in Toronto, Ontario.
	See "Organization and Management Details of the Evolve ETFs – Registrar and Transfer Agent".
Lending Agent:	The Bank of New York Mellon, at its principal office in Toronto, Ontario, acts as the securities lending agent for the Evolve ETFs pursuant to a securities lending authorization agreement.
	See "Organization and Management Details of the Evolve ETFs – Lending Agent".
Auditors:	Ernst & Young LLP, at its principal offices in Toronto, Ontario, are the auditors of the Evolve ETFs. The auditors will audit each Evolve ETF's annual financial statements and provide an opinion as to whether they present fairly the Evolve ETF's financial position, financial performance and cash flows in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. The auditors are independent with respect to the Evolve ETFs within the meaning of the Rules of the Professional Conduct of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario.
	See "Organization and Management Details of the Evolve ETFs – Auditors".

## Summary of Fees and Expenses

The following table lists the fees and expenses that an investor may have to pay if the investor invests in the Evolve ETFs. An investor may have to pay some of these fees and expenses directly. The Evolve ETFs may have to pay some of these fees and expenses, which will therefore reduce the value of an investment in the Evolve ETFs. See "Fees and Expenses".

Fees and Expenses Payable by the Evolve ETFs

Type of Fee	Amount and Description		
Management Fee:	<ul><li>Each Evolve ETF pays an annual management fee (the "Management Fee") to the Manager equal to an annual percentage of the NAV of that Evolve ETF, calculated daily and payable monthly in arrears, plus applicable taxes.</li><li>The Management Fee is based on a percentage of the NAV of each of the following Evolve ETFs and is listed below:</li></ul>		
	Evolve ETFs	Management Fee (Unhedged Units)	Management Fee (Hedged Units)
	CAPS	0.70% of NAV	0.70% of NAV
	TIME	0.70% of NAV	0.70% of NAV
	DIVS	0.65% of NAV	N/A
	compared to the Managemen Evolve ETF, provided that t reduced fee is distributed per a management fee distribution will depend on a number on Evolve ETF and the expected will be paid first out of net	iscretion, agree to charge a re- the transformation of the transformation of the he difference between the fee of iodically by the Evolve ETF to the on (the " <b>Management Fee Dist</b> of factors, including the amount d amount of account activity. Ma income of the Evolve ETF then at of capital. See "Fees and Expe	entitled to receive from the therwise chargeable and the he applicable Unitholders as tributions"). Any reduction invested, the NAV of the unagement Fee Distributions out of capital gains of the
Certain Operating Expenses:	Other than ETF Costs (as defined below), in consideration for the payment by the Evolve ETFs of a fixed administration fee (the "Administration Fee") to the Manager with respect to each class, and subject to compliance with NI 81-102, the Manager pays for the following operating expenses of each Evolve ETF ("Operating Expenses"), including but not limited to: mailing and printing expenses for periodic reports to		

Unitholders; fees payable to the Registrar and Transfer Agent and Custodian; any reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred by the Manager or its agents in connection with their ongoing obligations to the Evolve ETFs; IRC committee member fees and expenses in connection with the IRC; expenses related to compliance with NI 81-107; fees and expenses relating to voting of proxies by a third party; insurance coverage for the members of the IRC; fees payable to the auditors and legal advisors of the Evolve ETFs; regulatory filing, stock exchange and licensing fees (if applicable) and CDS fees; banking and interest with respect to any borrowing (if applicable); website maintenance costs; costs and expenses of complying with all applicable laws, regulations and policies, including expenses and costs incurred in connection with the continuous public filing requirements such as permitted prospectus preparation and filing expenses; and legal, accounting and audit fees and fees and expenses of the Trustee, Custodian and Manager which are incurred in respect of matters not in the normal course of the Evolve ETFs' activities. The Administration Fee paid to the Manager by an Evolve ETF in respect of a class may, in any particular period, be less than or exceed the Operating Expenses that the Manager incurs for that class. The Manager is not obligated to pay any other expense, cost or fee, including those arising from new government or regulatory requirements relating to the foregoing expenses, costs and fees.

The Administration Fee is equal to a specified percentage of the NAV of an Evolve ETF, calculated and paid in the same manner as the Management Fees for the Evolve ETF. The rate of the annual Administration Fee for each class of an Evolve ETF is set out below.

Evolve ETFs	Administration Fee (Unhedged Units)	Administration Fee (Hedged Units)
CAPS	0.15% of NAV	0.15% of NAV
TIME	0.15% of NAV	0.15% of NAV
DIVS	0.15% of NAV	N/A

**ETF Costs** 

Subject to compliance with NI 81-102, the fund costs ("**ETF Costs**") which are payable by the Evolve ETFs include any taxes payable by the Evolve ETFs to which the Evolve ETFs may be subject, including income taxes, sales taxes (including GST/HST) and/or withholding taxes expenditures incurred upon termination of the Evolve ETFs; extraordinary expenses that the Evolve ETFs may incur and all amounts paid on account of any indebtedness (if applicable); any expenses of insurance and costs of all suits or legal proceedings in connection with the Evolve ETFs or the assets of the Evolve ETFs or to protect the Unitholders, the Trustee, the Manager, any of the Sub-Advisors and the directors, officers, employees or agents of any of them; any expenses of indemnification of the Trustee, the Unitholders, the Manager, any of the Sub-Advisors and the directors, officers, employees or agents of any of them to the extent permitted under the Declaration of Trust; and expenses relating to the preparation, printing and mailing of information to Unitholders in connection with meetings of Unitholders. The Evolve ETFs are also responsible for all commissions and other costs of portfolio transactions and any extraordinary expenses of the Evolve ETFs which may be incurred from time to time.

Each class of an Evolve ETF is responsible for its proportionate share of common ETF Costs of an Evolve ETF, in addition to the expenses it incurs alone (including, in the case of Hedged Units, the costs relating to currency hedging).

**Investments in Other Investment Funds** In the event an Evolve ETF invests in one or more other investment funds listed on a stock exchange in Canada or the United States, there shall be no management fees or incentive fees that are payable by the Evolve ETF that, to a reasonable person, would duplicate a fee payable by the underlying investment fund for the same service.

Fees and Expenses Payable Directly by Unitholders

Type of Fee	Amount and Description
Administrative Fee:	An amount of up to 1% of the issue, exchange or redemption price, or such other amount as may be agreed to between the Manager and the Designated Broker or a Dealer, of an Evolve ETF may be charged to offset certain transaction costs associated with an issue, exchange or redemption of Units of that Evolve ETF. This charge does not apply to Unitholders who buy and sell their Units through the facilities of the TSX. See "Fees and Expenses – Fees and Expenses Payable Directly by the Unitholders – Administrative Fees" and "Exchange and Redemption of Units – Administrative Fee".

## **OVERVIEW OF THE LEGAL STRUCTURE OF THE EVOLVE ETFs**

The Evolve ETFs are actively managed exchange traded mutual funds established under the laws of the Province of Ontario, pursuant to the terms of the Declaration of Trust. Each Evolve ETF is a mutual fund under Canadian Securities Legislation.

EFG is the promoter, trustee, manager and portfolio manager of the Evolve ETFs, and in its capacity as manager, is responsible for the administration of the Evolve ETFs. The principal office of the Evolve ETFs and EFG is located at 161 Bay Street, Suite 2700, Toronto, ON M5J 2S1.

The Manager has retained Nuveen Asset Management, LLC to provide sub-advisory services to CAPS and TIME and Foyston, Gordon & Payne Inc. to provide sub-advisory services to DIVS. In its capacity as portfolio manager, EFG is responsible for the oversight and provision of investment advisory services to the Evolve ETFs by the Sub-Advisors.

The following chart sets out the full legal name as well as the TSX ticker symbol for each of the Evolve ETFs:

	TSX Ticker Symbol	
Evolve ETFs	Unhedged Units	Hedged Units
Evolve Active US Core Equity ETF	CAPS.B	CAPS
Evolve Active Short Duration Bond ETF	TIME.B	TIME
Evolve Active Canadian Preferred Share ETF	DIVS	N/A

## **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES**

The investment objective of each of the Evolve ETFs is described below.

## Evolve Active US Core Equity ETF

The investment objective of CAPS is to seek to provide holders of Units with long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in equity securities of U.S. listed large-capitalization companies using a selection process that combines quantitative techniques, fundamental analysis and risk management. Any foreign currency exposure of the portion of the portfolio of CAPS that is attributable to Unhedged Units will not be hedged back to the Canadian dollar. All or substantially all of the exposure that the portfolio of CAPS attributable to Hedged Units may have to foreign currencies will be hedged back to the Canadian dollar.

#### **Evolve Active Short Duration Bond ETF**

The investment objective of TIME is to seek to provide holders of Units with a high level of current income through monthly distributions. Under normal market conditions, TIME invests primarily in a diversified portfolio of below investment grade corporate debt securities rated "BB+" or lower by S&P and Fitch or "Ba1" or lower by Moody's at the time of investment. Any foreign currency exposure of the portfolio of the portfolio of TIME that is attributable to Unhedged Units will not be hedged back to the Canadian dollar. All or substantially all of the exposure that the portion of the portfolio of TIME attributable to Hedged Units may have to foreign currencies will be hedged back to the Canadian dollar.

#### Evolve Active Canadian Preferred Share ETF

The investment objective of DIVS is to seek to provide holders of Units with stable income and long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in a diversified mix of preferred shares of primarily Canadian issuers, in addition to U.S. and international issuers. Any foreign currency exposure of the portion of the portfolio of DIVS that is attributable to Unhedged Units will not be hedged back to the Canadian dollar.

The investment objective of each Evolve ETF may not be changed except with the approval of its Unitholders. See "Unitholder Matters" for additional descriptions of the process for calling a meeting of Unitholders and the requirements of Unitholder approval.

## **INVESTMENT STRATEGIES**

The investment strategy of each Evolve ETF is to invest in and hold a portfolio of securities selected by the applicable Sub-Advisor in order to achieve its investment objectives.

#### Evolve Active US Core Equity ETF

The Manager has retained Nuveen Asset Management, LLC as sub-advisor for CAPS. The Sub-Advisor will actively manage the portfolio in connection with the selection, purchase, and sale of equity securities of U.S. listed large-capitalization companies in the portfolio. The Sub-Advisor will seek to invest, directly or indirectly, in equity securities of U.S. listed companies that have market capitalizations within the market capitalization range of the companies included in the Russell 1000 Index on the last business day of the month in which its most recent rebalancing was completed. Rebalancing of the Russell 1000 Index is currently completed in June of each year. Substantially all of the equity securities in which the Sub-Advisor invests will be included in the Russell 1000 Index, at the time of purchase.

The Sub-Advisor utilizes an investment process that combines quantitative techniques, fundamental analysis and risk management. Securities generally are added to the portfolio based both on security rankings provided by multi-factor quantitative models and on fundamental analysis of the securities. In addition, the Sub-Advisor will use risk management techniques to establish constraints on the amounts invested in individual securities and sectors. Generally, the Sub-Advisor will sell a security if its model ranking declines significantly or its research reveals a significant deterioration in the company's fundamentals.

The lead senior portfolio manager that will be principally responsible for CAPS is Bob Doll, a chief equity strategist at Nuveen Asset Management, LLC. Prior to joining Nuveen Asset Management, LLC, Bob held similar roles at other large asset management firms, including serving as chief equity strategist at Blackrock, president and chief investment officer of Merrill Lynch Investment Managers.

### Evolve Active Short Duration Bond ETF

The Manager has retained Nuveen Asset Management, LLC as sub-advisor for TIME. The Sub-Advisor will actively manage the portfolio in connection with the selection, purchase, and sale of below investment grade corporate debt securities in the portfolio to employ a short duration strategy that is less sensitive to high yield interest rate risk than longer duration funds. The Sub-Advisor will seek to invest, directly or indirectly, in below investment grade corporate debt securities commonly referred to as "high yield" securities or "junk" bonds. The Sub-Advisor may also invest in other types of securities including senior loans, convertible securities and other types of debt instruments and Derivatives that provide comparable economic exposure to the corporate debt market.

Corporate debt securities are bonds, notes and preferred securities issued by corporations or other business entities. Below investment grade securities are generally securities rated "BB+" or lower by S&P and Fitch or "Ba1" or lower by Moody's at the time of investment. The portfolio will generally have an average duration of less than three years. The Sub-Advisor determines a security's rating using the middle rating of Moody's, S&P and Fitch if all three rating organizations rate the security. If ratings are provided by only two of Moody's, S&P and Fitch, the lower rating is used to determine the rating. If only one of Moody's, S&P or Fitch provides a rating, that rating is used. If a security is unrated by Moody's, S&P and Fitch, the rating determined to be of comparable quality by the Sub-Advisor is used.

The Sub-Advisor employs a bottom-up approach that focuses on credit analysis and relative value. The Sub-Advisor seeks to identify securities across diverse sectors and industries that it believes are undervalued or mispriced. Through its overall strategy, the Sub-Advisor seeks to capitalize on the credit spread opportunity (measured by the difference between the yield of below investment grade debt and high grade debt having similar maturities) prevailing in the market. The Sub-Advisor believes that fundamental credit research and security selection offer greater opportunities to successfully capture excess income and total return from a high yield bond strategy over time, compared with investment grade and government bond strategies.

### Evolve Active Canadian Preferred Share ETF

The Manager has retained Foyston, Gordon & Payne Inc. as sub-advisor for DIVS. The Sub-Advisor will actively manage the portfolio in connection with the selection, purchase, and sale of preferred shares in the portfolio. The Sub-Advisor will seek to invest, directly or indirectly, in a diversified mix of income generating securities. Under normal market conditions, the Sub-Advisor will generally not invest more than 30% of DIVS's portfolio in securities of non-Canadian issuers.

The Sub-Advisor utilizes a multi-strategy approach, including security selection, sector allocation and interest rate anticipation in the context of a long-term, value-oriented approach. The Sub-Advisor, supported by a research team, is responsible for security selection and portfolio construction within the Sub-Advisor's diversification and risk control guidelines.

Securities in the portfolio will include publically-listed preferred shares, including securities convertible into preferred or common shares. The Sub-Advisor will typically invest in 20 to 75 securities, and the individual weighting for each investment will vary based on the Sub-Advisor's assessment of quality.

## **General Investment Strategies of the Evolve ETFs**

Each Evolve ETF will invest in its own actively managed portfolio comprised of various securities and instruments which may include, but are not limited to, equity and equity related securities, debt securities, futures contracts, senior secured loans and investment funds, provided any such investment is consistent with such Evolve ETF's investment objectives and strategies. Equity related securities held by an Evolve ETF may include, but are not limited to, convertible debt, income trust units, single issuer equity options, preferred shares and warrants. If market conditions require, in order to preserve capital, an Evolve ETF may seek to invest a substantial portion of its assets in cash and cash equivalents.

## Investment in other Investment Funds

In accordance with applicable securities legislation, as part of its investment strategy and as an alternative to or in conjunction with investing in and holding securities directly, an Evolve ETF may invest in one or more other investment funds or exchange traded funds listed on a stock exchange in Canada or the United States, including exchange traded funds managed by the Manager. In such case, there shall be no management fees or incentive fees that are payable by the Evolve ETF that, to a reasonable person, would duplicate a fee payable by the underlying investment fund for the same service. An Evolve ETF's allocation to investments in other investment funds or exchange traded funds, if any, will vary from time to time depending on the relative size and liquidity of the investment funds or exchange traded funds that are consistent with the Evolve ETF's investment objectives and strategies.

## Currency Hedging

The Units are denominated in Canadian dollars. Any foreign currency exposure of the portion of the portfolio of an Evolve ETF that is attributable to Unhedged Units will not be hedged back to the Canadian dollar. All or substantially all of the exposure that the portion of the portfolio of an Evolve ETF attributable to the Hedged Units may have to foreign currencies, as applicable, will be hedged back to the Canadian dollar. Hedging currency exposure to reduce the impact of fluctuations in exchange rates is intended to reduce the direct exposure to foreign currency risk for Unitholders of Hedged Units. Accordingly, as a result of having different currency exposure, the NAV per Unit of each class of Units of an Evolve ETF that offers Hedged and Unhedged Units may not be the same. The costs of any currency hedging will be borne by the applicable class of Hedged Units only. Any decisions relating to currency hedging of the Hedged Units shall remain the responsibility of the Manager.

## Use of Derivatives

The Evolve ETFs may, from time to time, use Derivatives to reduce transaction costs, to increase the liquidity and efficiency of trading, to hedge exposure to equity securities or to generate additional income. Any use of Derivatives by an Evolve ETF must be in compliance with NI 81-102 and other applicable derivatives legislation and must be consistent with the investment objectives and investment strategies of the Evolve ETF.

## Securities Lending

An Evolve ETF may, in compliance with NI 81-102, lend securities to securities borrowers that are acceptable to it pursuant to the terms of the Securities Lending Agreement under which: (i) the borrower will pay to the Evolve ETF a negotiated securities lending fee and will make compensation payments to the Evolve ETF equal to any distributions received by the borrower on the securities borrowed; (ii) the securities loans must qualify as "securities lending arrangements" for the purposes of the Tax Act; and (iii) the Evolve ETF will receive collateral. The Lending Agent is responsible for the ongoing administration of the securities loans, including the obligation to mark-to-market the loaned securities and collateral on a daily basis, and ensuring that the collateral at least equals the required margin percentage as set out in the Securities Lending Agreement. Any securities lending revenues, net of Lending Agent fees, taxes and, if applicable, rebate payments to borrowers for cash collateral, will be credited to the account of the Evolve ETF from which the securities were borrowed.

## Cash Management

From time to time, an Evolve ETF may hold cash or cash equivalents. The Evolve ETF may hold this cash or invest it in money market instruments or securities of money market funds.

## OVERVIEW OF THE SECTORS THAT THE EVOLVE ETFS INVEST IN

## **Evolve Active US Core Equity ETF**

CAPS primarily invests in equity securities of U.S. listed large-capitalization companies.

## **Evolve Active Short Duration Bond ETF**

TIME primarily invests in below investment grade corporate debt securities rated "BB+" or lower by S&P and Fitch or "Ba1" or lower by Moody's at the time of investment. The portfolio will generally have an average duration of less than three years.

## **Evolve Active Canadian Preferred Share ETF**

DIVS primarily invests in preferred shares of Canadian, U.S. and international issuers.

Please see "Investment Objectives" and "Investment Strategies" for additional information on the sectors applicable to each Evolve ETF.

## **INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS**

The Evolve ETFs are subject to certain investment restrictions and practices contained in securities legislation, including NI 81-102, which are designed in part to ensure that the investments of the Evolve ETFs are diversified and relatively liquid and to ensure their proper administration. A change to the fundamental investment objective of an Evolve ETF would require the approval of the Unitholders of that Evolve ETF. Please see "Unitholder Matters – Matters Requiring Unitholder Approval".

Subject to the following, and any exemptive relief that has been or will be obtained, the Evolve ETFs are managed in accordance with the investment restrictions and practices set out in the applicable securities legislation, including NI 81-102. See "Exemptions and Approvals".

## **Tax Related Investment Restrictions**

An Evolve ETF will not make an investment or conduct any activity that would result in the Evolve ETF failing to qualify as a "unit trust" or "mutual fund trust" within the meaning of the Tax Act.

## FEES AND EXPENSES

This section details the fees and expenses that an investor may have to pay if the investor invests in the Evolve ETFs. An investor may have to pay some of these fees and expenses directly. The Evolve ETFs may have to pay some of these fees and expenses, which will therefore reduce the value of an investment in the Evolve ETFs.

## Fees and Expenses Payable by the Evolve ETFs

## Management Fees

Each Evolve ETF pays an annual management fee (the "**Management Fee**") to the Manager equal to an annual percentage of the NAV of that Evolve ETF, calculated daily and payable monthly in arrears, plus applicable taxes. See "Organization and Management Details of the Evolve ETFs – Manager – Duties and Services to be Provided by the Manager" for a description of the services provided by the Manager.

The Management Fee is based on a percentage of the NAV of each of the following Evolve ETFs and is listed below:

Evolve ETFs	Management Fee (Unhedged Units)	Management Fee (Hedged Units)
CAPS	0.70% of NAV	0.70% of NAV
TIME	0.70% of NAV	0.70% of NAV
DIVS	0.65% of NAV	N/A

To encourage very large investments in an Evolve ETF by a particular Unitholder, the Manager may, at its discretion, agree to charge a reduced Management Fee as compared to the Management Fee that it otherwise would be entitled to receive from the Evolve ETF, provided that the difference between the fee otherwise chargeable and the reduced fee is distributed periodically by the Evolve ETF to the applicable Unitholders as a management fee distribution (the "**Management Fee Distributions**"). Any reduction will depend on a number of factors, including the amount invested, the NAV of the Evolve ETF and the expected amount of account activity. Management Fee Distributions will be paid first out of net income of the Evolve ETF then out of capital gains of the Evolve ETF and thereafter out of capital. The tax consequences of a management fee distribution will generally be borne by the Unitholder who receives the distribution.

## Certain Operating Expenses

Other than ETF Costs (as defined below), in consideration for the payment by the Evolve ETFs of a fixed administration fee (the "Administration Fee") to the Manager with respect to each class, and subject to compliance with NI 81-102, the Manager pays for the following operating expenses of each Evolve ETF ("Operating Expenses"), including but not limited to: mailing and printing expenses for periodic reports to Unitholders; fees payable to the Registrar and Transfer Agent and Custodian; any reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred by the Manager or its agents in connection with their ongoing obligations to the Evolve ETFs; IRC committee member fees and expenses in connection with the IRC; expenses related to compliance with NI 81-107; fees and expenses relating to voting of proxies by a third party; insurance coverage for the members of the IRC; fees payable to the auditors and legal advisors of the Evolve ETFs; regulatory filing, stock exchange and licensing fees (if applicable) and CDS fees; banking and interest with respect to any borrowing (if applicable); website maintenance costs; costs and expenses of complying with all applicable laws, regulations and policies, including expenses and costs incurred in connection with the continuous public filing requirements such as permitted prospectus preparation and filing expenses; and legal, accounting and audit fees and fees and expenses of the Trustee, Custodian and Manager which are incurred in respect of matters not in the normal course of the Evolve ETFs' activities. The Administration Fee paid to the Manager by an Evolve ETF in respect of a class may, in any particular period, be less than or exceed the Operating Expenses that the Manager incurs for that class. The Manager is not obligated to pay any other expense, cost or fee, including those arising from new government or regulatory requirements relating to the foregoing expenses, costs and fees.

The Administration Fee is equal to a specified percentage of the NAV of an Evolve ETF, calculated and paid in the same manner as the Management Fees for the Evolve ETF. The rate of the annual Administration Fee for each class of an Evolve ETF is set out below.

Evolve ETFs	Administration Fee	Administration Fee
	(Unhedged Units)	(Hedged Units)
CAPS	0.15% of NAV	0.15% of NAV

TIME	0.15% of NAV	0.15% of NAV
DIVS	0.15% of NAV	N/A

## ETF Costs

Subject to compliance with NI 81-102, the fund costs ("**ETF Costs**") which are payable by the Evolve ETFs include any taxes payable by the Evolve ETFs to which the Evolve ETFs may be subject, including income taxes, sales taxes (including GST/HST) and/or withholding taxes expenditures incurred upon termination of the Evolve ETFs; extraordinary expenses that the Evolve ETFs may incur and all amounts paid on account of any indebtedness (if applicable); any expenses of insurance and costs of all suits or legal proceedings in connection with the Evolve ETFs or the assets of the Evolve ETFs or to protect the Unitholders, the Trustee, the Manager, any of the Sub-Advisors and the directors, officers, employees or agents of any of them; any expenses of indemnification of the Trustee, the Unitholders, the Manager, any of the Sub-Advisors and the directors, officers, employees or agents of any of them; and expenses relating to the preparation, printing and mailing of information to Unitholders in connection with meetings of Unitholders. The Evolve ETFs are also responsible for all commissions and other costs of portfolio transactions and any extraordinary expenses of the Evolve ETFs which may be incurred from time to time.

Each class of an Evolve ETF is responsible for its proportionate share of common ETF Costs of an Evolve ETF, in addition to the expenses it incurs alone (including, in the case of Hedged Units, the costs relating to currency hedging)

### Investments in Other Investment Funds

In the event an Evolve ETF invests in one or more other investment funds listed on a stock exchange in Canada or the United States, there shall be no management fees or incentive fees that are payable by the Evolve ETF that, to a reasonable person, would duplicate a fee payable by the underlying investment fund for the same service.

## Fees and Expenses Payable Directly by the Unitholders

## Administrative Fees

An amount of up to 1% of the issue, exchange or redemption price, or such other amount as may be agreed to between the Manager and the Designated Broker or a Dealer, of an Evolve ETF may be charged to offset certain transaction costs associated with an issue, exchange or redemption of Units of that Evolve ETF. This charge does not apply to Unitholders who buy and sell their Units through the facilities of the TSX. See "Exchange and Redemption of Units – Administrative Fee".

## **RISK FACTORS**

In addition to the considerations set out elsewhere in this prospectus, the following are certain considerations relating to an investment in Units that prospective investors should consider before purchasing such Units:

## General Risks Relating to an Investment in the Evolve ETFs

#### General Risks of Investments

The value of the underlying securities of an Evolve ETF, whether held directly or indirectly, may fluctuate in accordance with changes in the financial condition of the issuers of those underlying securities, the condition of equity and currency markets generally and other factors.

The risks inherent in investments in equity or debt securities, whether held directly or indirectly, include the risk that the financial condition of the issuers of the securities may become impaired or that the general condition of the stock market may deteriorate. Equity and debt securities are susceptible to general stock market fluctuations and the financial condition of the issuer. These investor perceptions are based on various and unpredictable factors, including expectations regarding government, economic, monetary and fiscal policies, inflation and interest rates, economic expansion or contraction and global or regional political, economic and banking crises.

## Asset Class Risk

The securities in the portfolio of an Evolve ETF may underperform the returns of other securities that track other countries, regions, industries, asset classes or sectors. Various asset classes tend to experience cycles of outperformance and underperformance in comparison to the general securities markets.

### Issuer Risk

Performance of the Evolve ETFs depends on the performance of the individual securities to which the Evolve ETFs have exposure. Changes in the financial condition or credit rating of an issuer of those securities may cause the value of the securities to decline.

## **Illiquid Securities**

If an Evolve ETF is unable to dispose of some or all of the securities held by it, that Evolve ETF may experience a delay in the receipt of the proceeds of disposition until such time as it is able to dispose of such securities on terms or at a price acceptable to the Sub-Advisor on a timely basis. In accordance with Canadian Securities Legislation, there are restrictions on the amount of illiquid securities that an Evolve ETF is permitted to hold.

## Reliance on Key Personnel

Unitholders will be dependent on the abilities of the Manager and the Sub-Advisors to effectively manage the Evolve ETFs and their respective portfolios in a manner consistent with their investment objectives, investment strategies and investment restrictions. There is no certainty that the individuals who are principally responsible for providing administration and portfolio management services to the Evolve ETFs will continue to be employed by the Manager or the Sub-Advisors, as applicable.

## Trading Price of Units

Units may trade in the market at a premium or a discount to the NAV per Unit. There can be no assurance that Units will trade at prices that reflect their NAV per Unit. The trading price of the Units will fluctuate in accordance with changes in the Evolve ETF's NAV, as well as market supply and demand on the TSX.

## Fluctuations in NAV and NAV per Unit

The NAV and NAV per Unit of an Evolve ETF will vary according to, among other things, the value of the securities held by the Evolve ETF. The Manager, the Sub-Advisors and the Evolve ETFs have no control over the factors that affect the value of the securities held by the Evolve ETF, including factors that affect the equity and debt markets generally, such as general economic and political conditions, fluctuations in interest rates and factors unique to each issuer included in the applicable portfolio, such as changes in management, changes in strategic direction, achievement of strategic goals, mergers, acquisitions and divestitures, changes in distribution and dividend policies and other events.

## Cease Trading of Securities Risk

If the securities of an issuer included in the portfolio of an Evolve ETF are cease-traded by order of the relevant Securities Regulatory Authority or are halted from trading by the relevant stock exchange, the applicable Evolve ETF may halt trading in its securities. Accordingly, securities of an Evolve ETF bear the risk of cease trading orders against all issuers whose securities are included in its portfolio, not just one. If portfolio securities of the Evolve ETFs are cease-traded by order of a Securities Regulatory Authority, if normal trading of such securities is suspended on the relevant exchange, or if for any reason it is likely there will be no closing bid price for such securities, the Evolve ETFs may suspend the right to redeem securities for cash as described under "Exchange and Redemption of Units – Suspension of Exchanges and Redemptions", subject to any required prior regulatory approval. If the right to redeem securities are cease-traded, the Evolve ETFs may return redemption requests to securityholders who have submitted them. If securities are cease-traded, they may not be delivered on an exchange of a PNU for a Basket of Securities until such time as the cease-trade order is lifted.

## Concentration Risk

An Evolve ETF may have more of its net assets invested in one or more issuers and/or sectors than is permitted for many investment funds. In these circumstances, the Evolve ETF may be affected more by the performance of individual issuers in its portfolio, with the result that the NAV of the Evolve ETF may be more volatile and may fluctuate more over short periods of time than the NAV of a more broadly diversified investment fund. In addition, this may increase the liquidity risk of these Evolve ETFs which may, in turn, have an effect on the Evolve ETFs' ability to satisfy redemption requests.

## Securities Lending Risk

The Evolve ETFs are authorized to enter into securities lending, repurchase and reverse repurchase transactions in accordance with NI 81-102. In a securities lending transaction, an Evolve ETF lends its portfolio securities through an authorized agent to another party (often called a "**Counterparty**") and receives a negotiated fee and a required percentage of acceptable collateral (equal to or greater than 102%). The following are some examples of the risks associated with securities lending transactions:

- when entering into securities lending transactions, an Evolve ETF is subject to the credit risk that the Counterparty may default under the agreement and the Evolve ETF would be forced to make a claim in order to recover its security, or its equivalent value;
- when recovering its security on default, an Evolve ETF could incur a loss if the value of the portfolio securities loaned (in a securities lending transaction) or sold (in a repurchase transaction) has increased in value relative to the value of the collateral held by the Evolve ETF; and
- similarly, an Evolve ETF could incur a loss if the value of the portfolio securities it has purchased (in a reverse repurchase transaction) decreases below the amount of cash paid by the Evolve ETF to the Counterparty.

The Evolve ETFs may engage in securities lending from time to time. When engaging in securities lending, an Evolve ETF will receive collateral in excess of the value of the securities loaned, and although such collateral is marked to market, the Evolve 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.

## Use of Derivatives

Each Evolve ETF may use Derivatives from time to time in accordance with NI 81-102 as described under "Investment Strategies". The use of Derivatives involves risks different from, and possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional investments. Risks associated with the use of Derivatives include: (i) there is no guarantee that hedging to reduce risk will not result in a loss or that there will be a gain; (ii) there is no guarantee that a market will exist when the Evolve ETF wants to complete the derivative contract, which could prevent the Evolve ETF from reducing a loss or realizing a gain; (iii) securities exchanges may impose trading limits on options and futures contracts, and these limits may prevent the Evolve ETF from completing the derivative contract; (iv) the Evolve ETF could experience a loss if the other party to the derivative contract is unable to fulfill its obligations; (v) if the Evolve ETF has an open position in an option, a futures contract or a forward contract or a swap with a Dealer or Counterparty who goes bankrupt, the Evolve ETF could experience a loss of margin deposits with that Dealer or Counterparty; and (vi) if a Derivative is based on a stock market index and trading is halted on a substantial number of stocks in the index or there is a change in the composition of the index, there could be an adverse effect on the Derivative.

## Changes in Legislation

There can be no assurance that income tax, securities and other laws will not be changed in a manner that adversely affects the Evolve ETFs or the Unitholders. There can be no assurance that Canadian federal income tax laws and the administrative policies and assessing practices of the CRA respecting the treatment of mutual fund trusts, SIFT trusts or an investment in a non-resident trust will not be changed in a manner that adversely affects the Evolve ETFs or the Unitholders.

### Taxation of the Evolve ETFs

If an Evolve ETF does not qualify as a mutual fund trust or were to cease to so qualify, the income tax considerations as described under "Income Tax Considerations" would in some respects be materially different. For an Evolve ETF to qualify as a "mutual fund trust", it must comply on a continuous basis with certain requirements relating to the qualification of its Units for distribution to the public, the number of Unitholders of the Evolve ETF and the dispersal of ownership of a particular class of its Units.

A trust will be deemed not to be a mutual fund trust if it is established or maintained primarily for the benefit of nonresidents of Canada unless, at that time, all or substantially all of its property is property other than property that would be "taxable Canadian property" (if the definition of such term in the Tax Act were read without reference to paragraph (b) thereof). The law does not provide any means of rectifying a loss of mutual fund trust status if this requirement is not met. The Evolve ETFs contain a restriction on the number of permitted non-resident Unitholders.

DIVS currently meets all the requirements to qualify as a "mutual fund trust" for the purposes of the Tax Act and has validly elected to qualify as a mutual fund trust from its inception in 2017. Each of TIME and CAPS do not currently meet all the requirements to qualify as a mutual fund trust for the purposes of the Tax Act.

The tax treatment of gains and losses realized by each Evolve ETF will depend on whether such gains or losses are treated as being on income or capital account, as described in this paragraph, subject to the discussion below pertaining to an Evolve ETF that is a "financial institution" for purposes of the "mark-to-market property" rules in the Tax Act. In determining its income for tax purposes, each Evolve ETF will treat gains or losses realized on the disposition of portfolio securities held by it as capital gains and losses (unless, generally, in the case of an Evolve ETF that is a financial institution, such securities are mark-to-market property). In general, gains and losses realized by an Evolve ETF from Derivative transactions will be on income account except where such Derivatives are used to hedge portfolio securities held on capital account provided the Evolve ETF is not a financial institution and there is sufficient linkage, subject to the DFA Rules discussed below. Gains or losses in respect of foreign currency hedges entered into in respect of amounts invested in its portfolio will constitute capital gains and capital losses to the Evolve ETF if the portfolio securities are capital property to the Evolve ETF, the Evolve ETF is not a financial institution and there is sufficient linkage. Designations with respect to each Evolve ETF's income and capital gains will be made and reported to Unitholders on the foregoing basis. The CRA's practice is not to grant advance income tax rulings on the characterization of items as capital gains or income and no advance income tax ruling has been requested or obtained. If these foregoing dispositions or transactions of an Evolve ETF are determined not to be on capital account (whether because of the DFA Rules or an Evolve ETF being considered to be a financial institution, both of which are discussed below, or otherwise), the net income of the Evolve ETF for tax purposes and the taxable component of distributions to its Unitholders could increase. Any such redetermination by the CRA may result in an Evolve ETF being liable for unremitted withholding taxes on prior distributions made to its Unitholders who were not resident in Canada for purposes of the Tax Act at the time of the distribution. Such potential liability may reduce the NAV and NAV per Unit of that Evolve ETF.

The Tax Act contains rules (the "**DFA Rules**") that target certain financial arrangements (described in the DFA Rules as "derivative forward agreements") that seek to deliver a return based on an "underlying interest" (other than certain excluded underlying interests) for purposes of the DFA Rules. The DFA Rules are broad in scope and could apply to other agreements or transactions. If the DFA Rules were to apply in respect of any Derivatives utilized by an Evolve ETF, gains realized in respect of the property underlying such Derivatives could be treated as ordinary income rather than capital gains.

Pursuant to rules in the Tax Act, an Evolve ETF that experiences a "loss restriction event" (i) will be deemed to have a year-end for tax purposes (which would result in an unscheduled distribution of the Evolve ETF's net income and net realized capital gains, if any, at such time to Unitholders so that the Evolve ETF is not liable for income tax on such amounts under Part I of the Tax Act), and (ii) will become subject to the loss restriction rules generally applicable to a corporation that experiences an acquisition of control, including a deemed realization of any unrealized capital losses and restrictions on its ability to carry forward losses. Generally, an Evolve ETF will be subject to a loss restriction event if a Unitholder becomes a "majority-interest beneficiary", or a group of persons becomes a "majority-interest group of beneficiaries", of the Evolve ETF, as those terms are defined in the affiliated persons rules contained in the Tax Act, with certain modifications. Generally, a majority-interest beneficiary of an Evolve ETF is a beneficiary in the income or capital, as the case may be, of the Evolve ETF whose beneficial interests, together with the beneficial interests of persons and partnerships with whom the beneficiary is affiliated,

have a fair market value that is greater than 50% of the fair market value of all the interests in the income or capital, as the case may be, of the Evolve ETF. Please see "Income Tax Considerations – Taxation of Holders" for the tax consequences of an unscheduled or other distribution to Unitholders. Trusts that qualify as "investment funds" as defined in the rules in the Tax Act relating to loss restriction events are generally excepted from the application of such rules. An "investment fund" for this purpose includes a trust that meets certain conditions, including satisfying certain of the conditions necessary to qualify as a "mutual fund trust" for purposes of the Tax Act, not holding any property that it uses in the course of carrying on a business and complying with certain asset diversification requirements. If an Evolve ETF were not to qualify as an "investment fund", it could potentially have a loss restriction event and thereby become subject to the related tax consequences described above.

The Tax Act contains rules (the "**SIFT Rules**") concerning the taxation of publicly traded Canadian trusts and partnerships that own certain types of property defined as "non-portfolio property". A trust that is subject to these rules is subject to trust level taxation, at rates comparable to those that apply to corporations, on the trust's income earned from "non-portfolio property" to the extent that such income is distributed to its unitholders. If an Evolve ETF is subject to tax under the SIFT Rules, the after-tax return to its Unitholders could be reduced, particularly in the case of a Unitholder who is exempt from tax under the Tax Act or is a non-resident of Canada.

Certain of the Evolve ETFs will invest in global debt and equity securities. Many foreign countries preserve their right under domestic tax laws and applicable tax conventions with respect to taxes on income and on capital ("Tax Treaties") to impose tax on interest, dividends or distributions paid or credited to persons who are not resident in such countries. While the Evolve ETFs intend to make investments in such a manner as to minimize the amount of foreign taxes incurred under foreign tax laws and subject to any applicable Tax Treaties, investments in global debt and equity securities may subject the Evolve ETFs to foreign taxes on interest, dividends or distributions paid or credited to them or any gains realized on the disposition of such securities. Any foreign taxes incurred by an Evolve ETF will generally reduce the value of its portfolio. To the extent that such foreign tax paid by an Evolve ETF exceeds 15% of the amount included in the Evolve ETF's income from such investments, such excess may generally be deducted by the Evolve ETF in computing its net income for the purposes of the Tax Act. To the extent that foreign tax paid does not exceed 15% of the amount included in the Evolve ETF's income from such investments and has not been deducted in computing the Evolve ETF's income and the Evolve ETF designates its income from a foreign source in respect of a Unitholder of the Evolve ETF, the Unitholder will, for the purposes of computing its foreign tax credits, be entitled to treat the Unitholder's proportionate share of foreign taxes paid by the Evolve ETF in respect of such income as foreign taxes paid by the Unitholder. The availability of foreign tax credits to a Unitholder of an Evolve ETF is subject to the detailed rules in the Tax Act.

The Tax Act provides for a special tax on the designated income of certain trusts (other than a trust that was throughout the taxation year a mutual fund trust) that have designated beneficiaries. The Manager intends to monitor the activities of any Evolve ETF that is not a mutual fund trust so as to ensure that such Evolve ETF does not earn any designated income for purposes of the Tax Act. On this basis, it is anticipated that the Evolve ETFs will not have any material liability with respect to this special tax.

Each of the Evolve ETFs may be subject to alternative minimum tax under the Tax Act for a taxation year if such Evolve ETF is not a mutual fund trust under the Tax Act throughout the taxation year.

If an Evolve ETF does not qualify as a mutual fund trust under the Tax Act and more than 50% of the fair market value of all interests in the Evolve ETF are held by holders that are "financial institutions", as such term is defined for purposes of the "mark-to-market property" rules in the Tax Act, the Evolve ETF will be a "financial institution" for purposes of these rules. In that event, gains and losses of such Evolve ETF on property that is "mark-to-market property" for purposes of these rules will be fully included in/deducted from income on an annual mark-to-market basis.

A trust that becomes or ceases to be a financial institution for the above purposes will be deemed to have a year-end for tax purposes at such time, and will be deemed to have disposed of certain properties at their fair market value and to have reacquired them immediately thereafter. A deemed taxation year-end would result in an unscheduled distribution of the Evolve ETF's net income and net realized capital gains, if any, at such time to Unitholders so that the Evolve ETF is not liable for income tax on such amounts under Part I of the Tax Act. Please see "Income Tax Considerations – Taxation of Holders" for the tax consequences of an unscheduled or other distribution to Unitholders.

As of the date hereof, TIME is a financial institution for purposes of the Tax Act.

## Limited Operating History and Absence of an Active Market

The Evolve ETFs are recently organized investment trusts with limited operating history. Although the Evolve ETFs are listed on the TSX, there can be no assurance that an active public market for the Units will develop or be sustained.

## Cease Trading of Units

If issuers in the portfolio of an Evolve ETF are cease traded at any time by a Securities Regulatory Authority or other relevant regulator or stock exchange, the Manager may suspend the exchange or redemption of Units of the applicable Evolve ETF until such time as the transfer of the securities is permitted as described under "Purchases of Units – Suspension of Exchanges and Redemptions". As a result, each Evolve ETF that holds securities traded on an exchange or other organized market bears the risk of cease trading orders against any securities held by that Evolve ETF.

## Additional Risks Relating to an Investment in each Evolve ETF

In addition to the general risk factors, the following additional risk factors are inherent in an investment in one or more of the Evolve ETFs as indicated in the table below. A description of each of these risks follows the table.

ETF Specific Risks	CAPS	TIME	DIVS
Call Risk		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Country Risk	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Credit Rating and High Yield Debt Related		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Risk			
Currency Fluctuations Risk (Unhedged Units	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Only)			
Currency Hedging Risk (Hedged Units Only)	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
Defaulted and Distressed Securities Risk		$\checkmark$	
Duration Risk		$\checkmark$	
Extension Risk			$\checkmark$
General Risks of Debt Instruments		$\checkmark$	
General Risks of Equity Investments	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$
General Risks of Foreign Investments	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
General Risks of Preferred Shares		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Large-Capitalization Issuer Risk	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$
Mid and Small-Capitalization Issuer Risk	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$
Sensitivity to Interest Rates		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Senior Secured Loans Risk		$\checkmark$	
Underlying Fund Risk	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$

## Call Risk

An Evolve ETF may invest in securities that are subject to call risk. Debt and preferred instruments may be redeemed at the option of the issuer, or "called," before their stated maturity or redemption date. In general, an issuer will call its debt or preferred instruments if they can be refinanced by issuing new instruments which bear a lower interest or dividend rate. An Evolve ETF is subject to the possibility that during periods of falling interest rates, an issuer will call its high yielding debt or preferred instruments. The Evolve ETF would then be forced to invest the unanticipated proceeds at lower interest or dividend rates, resulting in a decline in the Evolve ETF's income.

## Country Risk

An Evolve ETF that invests primarily in a specific region or country may be more volatile than a more geographically diversified fund, and will be strongly affected by the overall economic performance of that specific

region or country. The Evolve ETF must continue to follow its investment objectives regardless of the economic performance of a specific region or country.

### Credit Rating and High Yield Debt Related Risk

Securities held by an Evolve ETF that are considered below investment grade may be subject to greater levels of credit or default risk than higher-rated securities. High yield debt securities involve greater risks than investment grade debt securities, including risks of default in the payment of interest and principal, lower recovery rates on a bond that is in default and greater price fluctuations due to factors such as general economic conditions and the issuer's creditworthiness. Such securities can be regarded as predominantly speculative and involve certain risk exposure to adverse conditions, and may be subject to substantial price volatility, especially during times of economic change. Issuers of lower grade securities may be highly leveraged and may not have available to them more traditional methods of financing. The prices of these lower grade securities are typically more sensitive to negative developments, such as a decline in the issuer's revenues or a general economic downturn. Lower-rated debt securities may be less liquid than investment grade securities. During periods of thin trading, the spread between bid and ask prices is likely to increase significantly and the Sub-Advisor may have difficulty selling such securities. There are no formal exchanges on which such high yield debt securities trade; accordingly, there may be limited liquidity for holders of such securities.

The investments of an Evolve ETF in senior secured loans and below investment grade debt securities will expose the Evolve ETF to the credit risk of the underlying issuer, including the risk of default by the issuer on the interest and principal amounts owing on the debt. Although the senior secured loans in the portfolio of an Evolve ETF will generally be secured by specific collateral, there can be no assurance that the liquidation of such collateral would satisfy an issuer's obligation in the event of issuer default or that such collateral could be readily liquidated under such circumstances. In the event of bankruptcy of an issuer, delays or limitations could be experienced with respect to the ability to realize the benefits of any collateral securing a senior secured loan. If a below investment grade security goes into default, or enters bankruptcy, it may be difficult to sell that security in a timely manner at any reasonable price.

Loans may, in certain circumstances, require substantial "workout" negotiations or restructuring that may entail, among other things, a substantial reduction in the interest rate and a substantial writedown of principal. In addition, when an Evolve ETF holds a participation interest in a loan, it may not have voting rights with respect to any waiver of enforcement of any restrictive covenant breached by a borrower. Selling institutions commonly reserve the right to administer the participations sold by them as they see fit (unless their actions constitute gross negligence or willful misconduct) and to amend the documentation evidencing these obligations in all respects.

## Currency Fluctuations Risk (Unhedged Units Only)

As a portion of the portfolio of an Evolve ETF attributable to Unhedged Units may be invested in securities traded in foreign currencies, the NAV of such Evolve ETF, when measured in Canadian dollars, will, to the extent this has not been hedged against, be affected by changes in the value of the foreign currency relative to the Canadian dollar.

## Currency Hedging Risk (Hedged Units Only)

An Evolve ETF, other than DIVS, may hedge all or substantially all of its direct foreign currency exposure by entering into currency forward contracts with financial institutions that have a "designated rating" as defined in NI 81-102. For regulatory and operational reasons, such Evolve ETFs may not be able to fully hedge such foreign exposure at all times. Although there is no assurance that these currency forward contracts will be effective, the Manager expects these currency forward contracts to be substantially effective.

The effectiveness of an Evolve ETFs' currency hedging strategy will, in general, be affected by the volatility of the applicable Evolve ETF and the volatility of the Canadian dollar relative to the foreign currency. Increased volatility will generally reduce the effectiveness of the currency hedging strategy. The effectiveness of this currency hedging strategy may also be affected by any significant difference between the Canadian dollar and foreign currencies' interest rates.

## Defaulted and Distressed Securities Risk

An Evolve ETF may not invest in any securities of an issuer that is in default or that is in bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings (such securities are commonly referred to as "defaulted securities"). However, an Evolve ETF may hold investments that at the time of purchase are not in default or involved in bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings, but may later become so. Moreover, an Evolve ETF may invest in securities either rated CCC+/Caa1 or lower, or unrated but judged by the Sub-Advisor to be of comparable quality. Some or many of these low-rated securities, although not in default, may be "distressed," meaning that the issuer is experiencing financial difficulties or distress at the time of acquisition. Such securities would present a substantial risk of future default which may cause an Evolve ETF to incur losses, including additional expenses, to the extent it is required to seek recovery upon a default in the payment of principal or interest on those securities. In any reorganization or liquidation proceeding relating to a portfolio security, an Evolve ETF may lose its entire investment or may be required to accept cash or securities with a value less than its original investment. Defaulted or distressed securities may be subject to restrictions on resale.

## Duration Risk

Duration is the sensitivity, expressed in years, of the price of a fixed-income security to changes in the general level of interest rates (or yields). Securities with longer durations tend to be more sensitive to interest rate (or yield) changes than securities with shorter durations. Duration differs from maturity in that it considers potential changes to interest rates, and a security's coupon payments, yield, price and par value and call features, in addition to the amount of time until the security matures. The duration of a security will be expected to change over time with changes in market factors and time to maturity.

### General Risks of Debt Instruments

The value of the underlying debt securities of an Evolve ETF will be affected by changes in the general level of interest rates. Generally, debt securities will decrease in value when interest rates rise and will increase in value when interest rates decline. Securities with longer durations tend to be more interest rate sensitive, which may make them more volatile than securities with shorter durations. The NAV of an Evolve ETF will fluctuate with interest rate changes and the corresponding changes in the value of the securities held by the Evolve ETF. The value of the bonds held by the Evolve ETFs may be affected by price changes due to a change in general economic conditions.

#### General Risks of Equity Investments

Holders of equity securities of an issuer incur more risk than holders of debt obligations of such issuer because shareholders, as owners of such issuer, have generally inferior rights to receive payments from such issuer in comparison with the rights of creditors of, or holders of debt obligations issued by, such issuer. Further, unlike debt securities, which typically have a stated principal amount payable at maturity (whose value, however, will be subject to market fluctuations prior thereto), equity securities have neither a fixed principal amount nor a maturity.

Distributions on the Units will generally depend upon the declaration of dividends or distributions on the securities in an Evolve ETF's portfolio. The declaration of such dividends or distributions generally depends upon various factors, including the financial condition of the issuers included in an Evolve ETF's portfolio and general economic conditions. Therefore, there can be no assurance that the issuers included in an Evolve ETF's portfolio will pay dividends or distributions on portfolio securities.

### General Risks of Foreign Investments

The Evolve ETFs may invest, directly or indirectly, in foreign equity securities. In addition to the general risks associated with equity investments, investments in foreign securities may involve unique risks not typically associated with investing in Canada. Foreign exchanges may be open on days when an Evolve ETF does not price their securities and, therefore, the value of the securities traded on such exchanges may change on days when investors are not able to purchase or sell Units. Information about corporations not subject to Canadian reporting requirements may not be complete, may not reflect the extensive accounting or auditing standards required in Canada and may not be subject to the same level of government supervision or regulation as would be the case in Canada.

Some foreign securities markets may be volatile or lack liquidity and some foreign markets may have higher transaction and custody costs and delays in attendant settlement procedures. In some countries, there may be difficulties in enforcing contractual obligations and investments could be affected by political instability, social instability, expropriation or confiscatory taxation.

In the case of an Evolve ETF holding foreign securities, whether directly or indirectly, dividends or distributions on those foreign securities may be subject to withholding taxes.

## General Risks of Preferred Shares

There is a chance that the issuer of any of the preferred shares included in the portfolio of an Evolve ETF will have its ability to pay dividends deteriorate or will default (fail to make scheduled dividend payments on the preferred shares or scheduled interest payments on other obligations of the issuer not included in the portfolio of that Evolve ETF), which would negatively affect the value of any such security.

Unlike interest payments on debt securities, dividend payments on preferred shares typically must be declared by the issuer's board of directors. An issuer's board of directors is generally not under any obligation to pay dividends (even if such dividends have accrued), and may suspend payment of dividends on preferred shares at any time. In the event that an issuer of preferred shares experiences economic difficulties, the issuer's preferred shares may lose substantial value due to the reduced likelihood that the issuer's board of directors will declare a dividend and the fact that the preferred shares may be subordinated to other securities of the issuer. In addition, the ability of a board of directors of a preferred share issuer to declare dividends (even if such dividends have accrued) may be constrained by restrictions imposed by such issuer's lenders.

Because many preferred shares allow holders to convert preferred shares into common shares of the issuer, their market price can be sensitive to changes in the value of the issuer's common shares. To the extent that the portfolio of an Evolve ETF includes convertible preferred shares, declining common share values may also cause the value of the portfolio of that Evolve ETF's investments to decline.

A preferred share may include a call or redemption provision that permits the issuer of such security to "call" or repurchase its securities. The existence of such provisions will, if exercised, require such a security to be removed from the portfolio and replaced. These actions may have implicit costs to an Evolve ETF.

At any time that the portfolio of an Evolve ETF is reinvested as a result of a redemption or call provision in the terms of a preferred share, the distributions available to Unitholders may be affected as, among other things, the securities included in the portfolio upon any such reinvestment may not provide the same rate of return as the preferred shares replaced. In addition, if the call or redemption price of a preferred share is less than the volume weighted average trading price traded upon its inclusion in the portfolio of an Evolve ETF, and that preferred share is redeemed, the NAV of that Evolve ETF will be negatively impacted.

## Large-Capitalization Issuer Risk

An Evolve ETF may invest a relatively large percentage of their assets in the securities of large-capitalization companies. As a result, the performance of such Evolve ETF may be adversely affected if securities of large-capitalization companies underperform securities of smaller-capitalization companies or the market as a whole. The securities of large-capitalization companies may be relatively mature compared to smaller companies and therefore subject to slower growth during times of economic expansion.

## Mid and Small-Capitalization Issuer Risk

Investing in securities of small or mid-capitalization companies involves greater risk than is customarily associated with investing in more established companies. Such issuers may have limited operational history and securities issued by such companies' stocks may be more volatile and less liquid than those of more established companies. These securities may have returns that vary, sometimes significantly, from the overall market.

#### Sensitivity to Interest Rates

The market price of the Units may be affected by the level of interest rates prevailing from time to time. Changes in short-term interest rates will directly affect the yield on the floating rate assets owned by an Evolve ETF. If short-term interest rates fall, the yield on such assets will also fall. Also, to the extent that credit spreads experience a

general increase, the value of an Evolve ETF's existing floating rate assets may decrease, which will cause the NAV of the Evolve ETF to decrease. Conversely, when short-term interest rates rise, the impact of such rising rates on the NAV of the Evolve ETF may be delayed to the extent that there is a delay between such changes in short-term rates and the resetting of the floating rates on the Evolve ETF's floating rate assets.

Traditional fixed-income securities have risk associated with their market value, but not their coupon payments as interest rates change, while floating-rate bonds have risk associated with their coupon payments, but not their market value as interest rates change, all else equal.

Changes in interest rates may affect the value of dividend paying equity securities and preferred shares, which will experience a drop in market value as interest rates go up, and an increase in market value as interest rates go down, all else equal.

In addition, any decrease in the NAV of an Evolve ETF resulting from a change in interest rates may also negatively affect the market price of the Units. Unitholders will therefore be exposed to the risk that the NAV per Unit or the market price of the Units may be negatively affected by interest rate fluctuations.

## Senior Secured Loans Risk

Senior secured loans are non-investment grade assets and may be regarded as predominantly speculative with respect to the particular issuer's continuing ability to meet principal and interest payments. They may be more susceptible to real or perceived adverse economic and competitive industry conditions than higher-rated securities. During periods of thin trading in these markets, the spread between bid and ask prices is likely to increase significantly and an Evolve ETF may have difficulty in accurately valuing or selling such securities. The yields and prices of lower rated senior secured loans may tend to fluctuate more than those for investment grade rated securities. In addition, adverse publicity and investor perceptions about non-investment grade securities, whether or not based on fundamental analysis, may be a contributing factor in a decrease in the value and liquidity of such securities.

Loans may, in certain circumstances, require substantial workout negotiations or restructuring that may entail, among other things, a substantial reduction in the interest rate and a substantial write-down of principal.

An Evolve ETF may hold investments in senior secured loans. These obligations are subject to unique risks, including, without limitation: (i) the possible invalidation of an investment transaction as a fraudulent conveyance under relevant creditors' rights laws; (ii) so called lender-liability claims by the issuer of the obligations; (iii) environmental liabilities that may arise with respect to collateral securing the obligations; and (iv) limitations on the ability of an Evolve ETF to directly enforce its rights with respect to participations. In analyzing each bank loan or participation, the applicable Sub-Advisor compares the relative significance of the risks against the expected benefits of the investment. Successful claims by third parties arising from these and other risks will be borne by the Evolve ETF. Investments in loan participations may also subject an Evolve ETF to the risk of counterparty default.

An Evolve ETF's success in the area of loan investing will depend, in part, on its ability to purchase loans on terms that it deems attractive. In purchasing loans, an Evolve ETF will compete with a broad spectrum of investors and institutions. Increased competition for, or a diminution in the available supply of, qualifying loans could result in lower yields on such loans, which could reduce returns to investors.

There can be no assurance that future levels of supply and demand in loan trading will provide an adequate degree of liquidity or that the current level of liquidity will continue. Because of the provision to holders of such loans of confidential information relating to the borrower, the unique and customized nature of the loan agreement, and the private syndication of the loan, loans are not as easily purchased or sold as a publicly traded security.

Debt obligations in the form of loans are generally subject to additional liquidity risks. Loans are not generally traded in organized markets but are traded by banks and other institutional investors engaged in syndications and loan participations, respectively. Consequently, there can be no assurance that there will be any market for any loan if the issuer is required to sell or otherwise dispose of such loan. Depending on the terms of the underlying loan documentation, consent of the borrower may be required for an assignment, and a purported assignee may not have any direct right to enforce compliance by the obligor with the terms of the loan agreement in the absence of this consent.

## Underlying Fund Risk

The securities in which certain Evolve ETFs invest, whether directly or indirectly, may trade below, at or above their respective NAVs per security. The NAV per security will fluctuate with changes in the market value of that investment fund's holdings. The trading prices of the securities of those investment funds will fluctuate in accordance with changes in the applicable fund's NAV per security, as well as market supply and demand on the stock exchanges on which those funds are listed.

If an Evolve ETF purchases a security of an underlying investment fund at a time when the market price of that security is at a premium to the NAV per security or sells a security at a time when the market price of that security is at a discount to the NAV per security, the Evolve ETF may sustain a loss.

## INVESTMENT RISK CLASSIFICATION METHODOLOGY

The investment risk level of each Evolve ETF is required to be determined in accordance with a standardized risk classification methodology that is based on the historical volatility of the Evolve ETF, as measured by the 10-year standard deviation of the returns of the Evolve ETF. As the Evolve ETFs do not have at least 10 years of performance history, the Manager calculates the investment risk level of each Evolve ETF using a reference index that reasonably approximates the standard deviation of the Evolve ETF for the remainder of the 10-year period. Once the Evolve ETF using the return history of the Evolve ETF rather than that of the reference index. The Evolve ETFs are assigned an investment risk rating in one of the following categories: low, low to medium, medium, medium to high or high risk. There may be times when the classification methodology produces a result that the Manager believes is inappropriate in which case the Manager may re-classify the Evolve ETF to a higher risk level, if appropriate.

The following chart sets out a description of the reference index used for each Evolve ETF:

<b>Evolve ETF</b>	Reference Index
CAPS	Nuveen Large Cap Core Fund; iShares Russell 1000 ETF
TIME	iShares iBoxx High Yield Corporate Bond ETF; SPDR Bloomberg Barclays High Yield Bond ETF
DIVS	FGP Preferred Share Fund; FGP Preferred Share Sleeve of FGP Income Fund; iShares S&P/TSX Canadian Preferred Share Index ETF

Unitholders should know that other types of risks, both measurable and non-measurable, exist. Also, just as historical performance may not be indicative of future returns, historical volatility may not be indicative of future volatility. The risk ratings of the Evolve ETFs are reviewed annually and any time they are no longer reasonable in the circumstances. A more detailed explanation of the risk classification methodology used to identify the risk ratings of the Evolve ETFs is available on request, at no cost, by calling toll-free 1-844-370-4884 or by writing to Evolve Funds Group Inc., 161 Bay Street, Suite 2700, Toronto, ON M5J 2S1.

## **DISTRIBUTION POLICY**

Cash distributions of income, if any, on Units will be payable periodically as set out in the table below, by each of the Evolve ETFs:

Evolve ETF	Frequency of Distributions
Evolve Active US Core Equity ETF	Monthly
Evolve Active Short Duration Bond ETF	Monthly
Evolve Active Canadian Preferred Share ETF	Monthly

The Evolve ETFs will not have a fixed distribution amount. The amount and frequency of distributions, if any, will be based on the Manager's assessment of anticipated cash flow and anticipated expenses of the Evolve ETFs from time to time. The date of any cash distribution of each Evolve ETF will be announced in advance by issuance of a

press release. The Manager may, in its complete discretion, change the frequency of these distributions and any such change will be announced by issuance of a press release.

Depending on the underlying investments of an Evolve ETF, distributions on Units may consist of ordinary income, including foreign source income and taxable dividends from taxable Canadian corporations, sourced from dividends, distributions or interest received by the Evolve ETF but may also include net realized capital gains, in any case, less the expenses of that Evolve ETF and may include returns of capital. To the extent that the expenses of an Evolve ETF exceed the income generated by such Evolve ETF in any applicable distribution period, it is not expected that a distribution for that period will be paid. Management Fee Distributions, if any, will be paid first out of the net income, then out of capital gains of an Evolve ETF and thereafter out of capital.

If, for any taxation year, after the ordinary distributions, there would remain in an Evolve ETF additional net income or net realized capital gains, the Evolve ETF will, after December 15 but on or before December 31 of that calendar year, be required to pay or make payable such net income and net realized capital gains as one or more special yearend distributions to Unitholders as is necessary to ensure that the Evolve ETF will not be liable for income tax on such amounts under Part I of the Tax Act (after taking into account all available deductions, credits and refunds). Such special distributions may be paid in the form of Units of the Evolve ETF and/or cash. Any special distributions payable in Units of an Evolve ETF will increase the aggregate adjusted cost base of a Unitholder's Units. Immediately following payment of such a special distribution in Units, the number of Units held by a Unitholder will be automatically consolidated such that the number of Units held by the Unitholder after such distribution will be equal to the number of Units held by such Unitholder immediately prior to such distribution, except in the case of a non-resident Unitholder to the extent tax is required to be withheld in respect of the distribution.

The tax treatment to Unitholders of distributions is discussed under the heading "Income Tax Considerations".

## **Distribution Reinvestment Plan**

The Manager may adopt a distribution reinvestment plan in respect of the Evolve ETFs under which cash distributions are used to purchase additional Units acquired in the market by the plan agent, TSX Trust Company, and are credited to the participating Unitholder in accordance with the terms of such plan (a copy of which would be available through your broker or dealer). The following are the key terms of such a distribution reinvestment plan:

- Participation in a distribution reinvestment plan will be restricted to Unitholders who are residents of Canada for the purposes of the Tax Act or "Canadian partnerships" as defined in the Tax Act. Immediately upon becoming a non-resident of Canada or ceasing to be a Canadian partnership, a participating Unitholder will be required to notify his, her or its CDS Participant and terminate participation in the distribution reinvestment plan.
- A Unitholder who wishes to enrol in the distribution reinvestment plan as of a particular Distribution Record Date should notify his, her or its CDS Participant sufficiently in advance of that Distribution Record Date to allow the CDS Participant to notify CDS by 4:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on that Distribution Record Date.
- Distributions that participating Unitholders are due to receive will be used to purchase Units on behalf of such Unitholder in the market.
- No fractional Units will be delivered under a distribution reinvestment plan. Payment in cash for any remaining uninvested funds may be made in lieu of delivering fractional Units by the plan agent to CDS or a CDS Participant, on a monthly or quarterly basis, as the case may be. Where applicable, CDS will, in turn, credit the participating Unitholder, via the applicable CDS Participant.

The automatic reinvestment of distributions under the distribution reinvestment plan does not relieve participating Unitholders of any income tax applicable to the distributions.

The tax treatment to Unitholders of reinvested distributions is discussed under the heading "Income Tax Considerations".

Participating Unitholders will be able to terminate their participation in the distribution reinvestment plan as of a particular Distribution Record Date by notifying their CDS Participant by the prescribed cut-off time prior to the applicable Distribution Record Date. Beginning on the first distribution payment date after such notice is delivered,

distributions to such Unitholders will be in cash. The form of termination notice will be available from CDS Participants and any expenses associated with the preparation and delivery of such termination notice will be for the account of the participating Unitholder exercising its rights to terminate participation in the distribution reinvestment plan. The Manager will be permitted to terminate the distribution reinvestment plan, in its sole discretion, upon not less than 30 days' notice to participating Unitholders and the plan agent, subject to any required regulatory approval.

The Manager is permitted to amend, modify or suspend the distribution reinvestment plan, or add additional features including authorizing pre-authorized cash contributions or systematic withdrawals, at any time, in its sole discretion, provided that it complies with certain requirements, and gives notice of such amendment, modification or suspension to the participating Unitholders and the plan agent, subject to any required regulatory approval, which notice may be given by issuing a press release containing a summary description of the amendment or in any other manner that the Manager determines to be appropriate.

The Manager may from time to time adopt rules and regulations to facilitate the administration of the distribution reinvestment plan. The Manager reserves the right to regulate and interpret the distribution reinvestment plan as it deems necessary or desirable to ensure the efficient and equitable operation of the distribution reinvestment plan.

## PURCHASES OF UNITS

## **Initial Investment in the Evolve ETFs**

In compliance with NI 81-102, Units were not issued to the public until subscriptions aggregating not less than \$500,000 have been received and accepted by the Evolve ETF from investors other than persons or companies related to the Manager or its affiliates.

## **Continuous Distribution**

Units of the Evolve ETFs are being issued and sold on a continuous basis and there is no maximum number of Units that may be issued.

## **Designated Broker**

All orders to purchase Units directly from an Evolve ETF must be placed by the Designated Broker or Dealers. Each Evolve ETF reserves the absolute right to reject any subscription order placed by the Designated Broker and/or a Dealer. No fees will be payable by an Evolve ETF to the Designated Broker or a Dealer in connection with the issuance of Units of the Evolve ETF. On the issuance of Units, the Manager may, at its discretion, charge an administrative fee to a Dealer or the Designated Broker to offset any expenses (including any applicable TSX additional listing fees) incurred in issuing the Units.

On any Trading Day, the Designated Broker or a Dealer may place a subscription order for the PNU or integral multiple PNU of an Evolve ETF. If a subscription order is received by an Evolve ETF at or before the applicable cut-off time, or such other time prior to the Valuation Time on such Trading Day as the Manager may permit, and is accepted by the Manager, the Evolve ETF will generally issue to the Dealer or Designated Broker the PNU (or an integral multiple thereof) within two Trading Days from the effective date of the subscription order. The Evolve ETF must receive payment for the Units subscription order is the Trading Day on which the Valuation Time that applies to such subscription order takes place.

Unless the Manager shall otherwise agree or the Declaration of Trust shall otherwise provide, as payment for a PNU of an Evolve ETF, a Dealer or the Designated Broker must deliver subscription proceeds consisting of a Basket of Securities and cash in an amount sufficient so that the value of the Basket of Securities and cash delivered is equal to the NAV of the applicable PNU of the Evolve ETF determined at the Valuation Time on the effective date of the subscription order. The Manager may, in its complete discretion, instead accept subscription proceeds consisting of (i) cash only in an amount equal to the NAV of the applicable PNU of the Evolve ETF determined at the Valuation Time on the effective date of the subscription order, plus (ii) if applicable, associated costs and expenses that the Evolve ETFs incur or expect to incur in purchasing securities on the market with such cash proceeds.

The Manager may from time to time and, in any event not more than once quarterly, require the Designated Broker to subscribe for Units of an Evolve ETF for cash in a dollar amount not to exceed 0.30% of the NAV of the Evolve ETF, or such other amount as may be agreed to by the Manager and the Designated Broker. The number of Units issued will be the subscription amount divided by the NAV per Unit next determined following the delivery by the Manager of a subscription notice to the Designated Broker. Payment for the Units must be made by the Designated Broker by no later than the second Trading Day after the subscription notice has been delivered.

The Manager will, except when circumstances prevent it from doing so, disclose the number of Units comprising a PNU for a particular Evolve ETF to applicable investors, the Designated Broker and Dealers following the close of business on each Trading Day. The Manager may, at its discretion, increase or decrease the applicable PNU from time to time.

## To Unitholders of an Evolve ETF as Distributions Paid in Units

In addition to the issuance of Units as described above, distributions may be made by way of the issuance of Units. See "Distribution Policy".

## Buying and Selling Units of an Evolve ETF

The Units are currently listed on the TSX and investors can buy or sell such Units on the TSX through registered brokers and dealers in the province or territory where the investor resides. Investors may incur customary brokerage commissions in buying or selling Units of an Evolve ETF. No fees are paid by investors to the Manager or any Evolve ETF in connection with buying or selling Units of an Evolve ETF on the TSX.

## Special Considerations for Unitholders

The provisions of the so-called "early warning" requirements set out in Canadian Securities Legislation do not apply in connection with the acquisition of Units. In addition, the Evolve ETFs have obtained exemptive relief from the Securities Regulatory Authorities to permit Unitholders to acquire more than 20% of the Units of any Evolve ETF through purchases on the TSX without regard to the take-over bid requirements of Canadian Securities Legislation, provided that any such Unitholder, and any person acting jointly or in concert with the Unitholder, undertakes to the Manager not to vote more than 20% of the Units of the Evolve ETF at any meeting of Unitholders.

## Special Circumstances

Units may also be issued by an Evolve ETF to the Designated Broker in a number of special circumstances, including the following: (i) when the Manager has determined that the Evolve ETF should acquire portfolio securities; and (ii) when cash redemptions of Units occur as described below under "Redemption of Units of an Evolve ETF for Cash", or the Evolve ETF otherwise has cash that the Manager wants to invest.

## **EXCHANGE AND REDEMPTION OF UNITS**

## Exchange of Units of an Evolve ETF at NAV per Unit for Baskets of Securities and/or Cash

Unitholders of an Evolve ETF may exchange the applicable PNU (or an integral multiple thereof) of the Evolve ETF on any Trading Day for Baskets of Securities and cash, subject to the requirement that a minimum PNU be exchanged. To effect an exchange of Units of an Evolve ETF, a Unitholder must submit an exchange request in the form and at the location prescribed by the Evolve ETF from time to time at or before the applicable cut-off time on a Trading Day, or such other time prior to the Valuation Time on such Trading Day as the Manager may permit. The exchange price will be equal to the NAV of each PNU tendered for exchange determined at the Valuation Time on the effective date of the exchange request, payable by delivery of a Basket of Securities (constituted as most recently published prior to the effective date of the exchange request) and cash. The Units will be redeemed in the exchange. The Manager will also make available to Dealers and the Designated Broker the applicable PNU to redeem Units of the Evolve ETFs on each Trading Day. The effective date of an exchange request is the Trading Day on which the Valuation Time that applies to such redemption request takes place.

Upon the request of a Unitholder, the Manager may, in its complete discretion, satisfy an exchange request by delivering cash only in an amount equal to the NAV of each PNU tendered for exchange determined at the Valuation Time on the effective date of the exchange request, provided that the Unitholder agrees to pay the costs

and expenses that the Evolve ETFs incur or expect to incur in selling securities on the market to obtain the necessary cash for exchange.

If an exchange request is not received by the applicable cut-off time, the exchange order will be effective only on the next Trading Day. Settlement of exchanges for Baskets of Securities and/or cash will generally be made by the second Trading Day after the effective day of the exchange request.

If any securities in which an Evolve ETF has invested are cease-traded at any time by order of a Securities Regulatory Authority or other relevant regulator or stock exchange, the delivery of Baskets of Securities to a Unitholder, Dealer or the Designated Broker on an exchange in the PNU may be postponed until such time as the transfer of the Baskets of Securities is permitted by law.

As described under "Book-Entry Only System", registration of interests in, and transfers of, Units will be made only through the book-entry only system of CDS. The redemption rights described below must be exercised through the CDS Participant through which the owner holds Units. Beneficial owners of Units should ensure that they provide redemption instructions to the CDS Participant through which they hold such Units sufficiently in advance of the cut-off times described below to allow such CDS Participant to notify CDS and for CDS to notify the Manager prior to the relevant cut-off time.

## **Redemption of Units of an Evolve ETF for Cash**

On any Trading Day, Unitholders of an Evolve ETF may redeem (i) Units of the Evolve ETF for cash at a redemption price per Unit equal to 95% of the closing price for the Units on the TSX on the effective day of the redemption, subject to a maximum redemption price per Unit equal to the NAV per Unit on the effective day of redemption, less any applicable administrative fee determined by the Manager, in its sole discretion, from time to time, or (ii) a PNU of an Evolve ETF or a multiple PNU of an Evolve ETF for cash equal to the NAV of that number of Units of the Evolve ETF less any applicable administrative fee determined by the Manager, in its sole discretion from time. Because Unitholders will generally be able to sell Units at the market price on the TSX through a registered broker or dealer subject only to customary brokerage commissions, Unitholders of the Evolve ETFs are advised to consult their brokers, dealers or investment advisors before redeeming such Units on the TSX.

In order for a cash redemption to be effective on a Trading Day, a cash redemption request with respect to the applicable Evolve ETF must be delivered to the Manager in the form and at the location prescribed by the Manager from time to time at or before the applicable cut-off time on such Trading Day. Any cash redemption request received after such time will be effective only on the next Trading Day. Where possible, payment of the redemption price will be made by no later than the second Trading Day after the effective day of the redemption.

Unitholders that have delivered a redemption request prior to the Distribution Record Date for any distribution will not be entitled to receive that distribution.

In connection with the redemption of Units of an Evolve ETF, the Evolve ETF will generally dispose of securities or other financial instruments.

## **Suspension of Exchanges and Redemptions**

The Manager may suspend the exchange or redemption of Units of an Evolve ETF or payment of redemption proceeds of an Evolve ETF: (i) during any period when normal trading is suspended on a stock exchange or other market on which securities owned by the Evolve ETF are listed and traded, if these securities represent more than 50% by value or underlying market exposure of the total assets of the Evolve ETF, without allowance for liabilities, and if these securities are not traded on any other exchange that represents a reasonably practical alternative for the Evolve ETF; or (ii) with the prior permission of the Securities Regulatory Authorities where required, for any period not exceeding 30 days during which the Manager determines that conditions exist which render impractical the sale of assets of the Evolve ETF or which impair the ability of the Custodian to determine the value of the assets of the Evolve ETF. The suspension may apply to all requests for exchange or redemption received prior to the suspension but as to which payment has not been made, as well as to all requests received while the suspension is in effect. All Unitholders making such requests shall be advised by the Manager of the suspension and that the exchange or redemption will be effected at a price determined on the first Valuation Date following the termination of the suspension. All such Unitholders shall have and shall be advised that they have the right to withdraw their requests

for exchange or redemption. The suspension shall terminate in any event on the first day on which the condition giving rise to the suspension has ceased to exist, provided that no other condition under which a suspension is authorized then exists. To the extent not inconsistent with official rules and regulations promulgated by any government body having jurisdiction over an Evolve ETF, any declaration of suspension made by the Manager shall be conclusive.

### Administrative Fee

An amount of up to 1% of the issue, exchange or redemption price, or such other amount as may be agreed to between the Manager and the Designated Broker or a Dealer of an Evolve ETF may be charged to offset certain transaction costs associated with an issue, exchange or redemption of Units of that Evolve ETF. This charge does not apply to Unitholders who buy and sell their Units through the facilities of the TSX.

### Allocations of Capital Gains to Redeeming or Exchanging Unitholders

Pursuant to the Declaration of Trust, an Evolve ETF may allocate and designate as payable any capital gains realized by the Evolve ETF as a result of any disposition of property of the Evolve ETF undertaken to permit or facilitate the redemption or exchange of Units to a Unitholder whose Units are being redeemed or exchanged. In addition, each Evolve ETF has the authority to distribute, allocate and designate any capital gains of the Evolve ETF to a Unitholder of the Evolve ETF who has redeemed or exchanged Units during a year in an amount equal to the Unitholder's share, at the time of redemption or exchange, of the Evolve ETF's capital gains for the year. Any such allocations and designations will reduce the redemption price otherwise payable to the redeeming Unitholder.

#### **Book-Entry Only System**

Registration of interests in, and transfers of, Units of an Evolve ETF will be made only through the book-entry only system of CDS. Units must be purchased, transferred and surrendered for redemption only through a CDS Participant. All rights of an owner of Units must be exercised through, and all payments or other property to which such owner is entitled will be made or delivered by, CDS or the CDS Participant through which the owner holds such Units. Upon buying Units of an Evolve ETF, the owner will receive only the customary confirmation. References in this prospectus to a holder of Units means, unless the context otherwise requires, the owner of the beneficial interest of such Units.

Neither an Evolve ETF nor the Manager will have any liability for: (i) records maintained by CDS relating to the beneficial interests in Units or the book entry accounts maintained by CDS; (ii) maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests; or (iii) any advice or representation made or given by CDS and made or given with respect to the rules and regulations of CDS or any action taken by CDS or at the direction of the CDS Participants.

The ability of a beneficial owner of Units to pledge such Units or otherwise take action with respect to such owner's interest in such Units (other than through a CDS Participant) may be limited due to the lack of a physical certificate.

An Evolve ETF has the option to terminate registration of Units through the book-entry only system in which case certificates for Units in fully registered form will be issued to beneficial owners of such Units or to their nominees.

#### **Short-Term Trading**

Unlike conventional open-end mutual funds in which short-term trading by investors may cause the mutual fund to incur additional unnecessary trading costs in connection with the purchase of additional portfolio securities and the sale of portfolio securities to fund unitholder redemptions, the Manager does not believe that it is necessary to impose any short-term trading restrictions on the Evolve ETFs at this time as: (i) the Evolve ETFs are exchange traded funds that are primarily traded in the secondary market; and (ii) the few transactions involving Units of the Evolve ETFs that do not occur on the secondary market involve the Designated Broker and/or Dealers, who can only purchase or redeem Units in a PNU and on whom the Manager may impose an administrative fee. The administrative fee is intended to compensate the Evolve ETFs for any costs and expenses incurred by the Evolve ETFs in order to fund the redemption.

# PRIOR SALES

## **Trading Price and Volume**

The following charts set out the price ranges and volume of Units of each of the Evolve ETFs traded on the TSX for each month, or if applicable, partial month of the 12-month period before the date of this prospectus:

	Unit Price Range (\$)		Volume of Units Traded		
Month	Hedged Units	Unhedged Units	Hedged Units	Unhedged Units	
2017					
July	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
August	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
September	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
October <sup>1</sup>	19.86 - 19.97	19.98 - 20.45	300	2,200	
November	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
December	20.7 - 21.13	20.77 - 21.17	1,403	6100	
2018					
January	21.42 - 22.79	22.15 - 22.71	33,090	1,300	
February	20.82 - 22.42	n/a	5,065	n/a	
March	21.01 - 21.94	n/a	1,646	n/a	
April	20.9 - 21.58	n/a	110,206	n/a	
May	21.1 - 22.14	n/a	3,677	n/a	
June	21.98 - 22.63	n/a	4,335	n/a	

**Evolve Active US Core Equity ETF** 

<sup>1</sup> Information is only available from October 16, 2017, being the date on which Units of the Evolve ETF commenced trading on the TSX.

## **Evolve Active Short Duration Bond ETF**

	Unit Price Range (\$)		Volume of Units Traded		
Month	Hedged Units	Unhedged Units	Hedged Units	Unhedged Units	
2017					
July	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
August	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
September	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
October <sup>1</sup>	19.88 - 19.98	20.08 - 20.09	900	200	
November	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
December	19.65 - 19.79	19.83 - 20.2	315	579	
2018					
January	19.64 - 19.64	n/a	100	n/a	
February	19.53 - 19.67	n/a	416	n/a	
March	19.4 - 19.46	20.11 - 20.11	2,820	100	
April	19.34 - 19.57	n/a	3,465	n/a	
May	19.35 - 19.35	n/a	1	n/a	
June	19.25 - 19.43	n/a	1,614	n/a	

<sup>1</sup> Information is only available from October 16, 2017, being the date on which Units of the Evolve ETF commenced trading on the TSX.

## **Evolve Active Canadian Preferred Share ETF**

	Unit Price Range (\$)	Volume of Units Traded
Month	Unhedged Units	Unhedged Units
<u>2017</u>		
July	n/a	n/a
August	n/a	n/a

	<b>Unit Price Range (\$)</b>	Volume of Units Traded
Month	Unhedged Units	Unhedged Units
September <sup>1</sup>	20.14 - 20.22	6,963
October	20.2 - 20.74	73,815
November	20.66 - 20.85	149,523
December	20.41 - 20.68	87,482
<u>2018</u>		
January	20.73 - 21.36	552,976
February	20.99 - 21.39	603,961
March	20.75 - 21.25	620,196
April	20.56 - 20.95	680,107
May	20.61 - 21.13	748,968
June	20.63 - 20.88	637,245

<sup>1</sup> Information is only available from September 29, 2017, being the date on which Units of the Evolve ETF commenced trading on the TSX.

### INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

In the opinion of Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP, the following is, as of the date hereof, a summary of the principal Canadian federal income tax considerations under the Tax Act generally applicable to the acquisition, holding and disposition of Units of an Evolve ETF by a Unitholder of the Evolve ETF who acquires Units of the Evolve ETF pursuant to this prospectus. This summary only applies to a prospective Unitholder of an Evolve ETF who is an individual (other than a trust) resident in Canada for purposes of the Tax Act who deals at arm's length with the Evolve ETF, the Designated Broker and the Dealers and is not affiliated with the Evolve ETF, the Designated Broker or any Dealer and who holds Units of the Evolve ETF as capital property (a "Holder").

Generally, Units of an Evolve ETF will be considered to be capital property to a Holder provided that the Holder does not hold such Units in the course of carrying on a business of buying and selling securities and has not acquired them in one or more transactions considered to be an adventure or concern in the nature of trade. Provided that an Evolve ETF qualifies as a "mutual fund trust" for purposes of the Tax Act, certain Holders who might not otherwise be considered to hold Units of the Evolve ETF as capital property may, in certain circumstances, be entitled to have such Units and all other "Canadian securities" owned or subsequently acquired by them treated as capital property by making the irrevocable election permitted by subsection 39(4) of the Tax Act. This summary does not apply to a Holder who has entered or will enter into a "derivative forward agreement" as that term is defined in the Tax Act with respect to the Units or any Basket of Securities disposed of in exchange for Units.

This summary is based on the assumptions that (i) none of the Evolve ETFs will be subject to the tax for "SIFT trusts" for purposes of the Tax Act, (ii) none of the issuers of the securities in the portfolio of an Evolve ETF will be foreign affiliates of the Evolve ETF or of any Holder, (iii) none of the securities in the portfolio of an Evolve ETF will be a "tax shelter investment" within the meaning of section 143.2 of the Tax Act, (iv) none of the Evolve ETFs will enter into any arrangement where the result is a dividend rental arrangement for purposes of the Tax Act, and (v) none of the securities in the portfolio of an Evolve ETF will be an offshore investment fund property (or an interest in a partnership that holds such property) that would require the Evolve ETF (or the partnership) to include significant amounts in the Evolve ETF's (or the partnership's) income pursuant to section 94.1 of the Tax Act, or an interest in a trust (or a partnership which holds such an interest) which would require the Evolve ETF (or the partnership) to report significant amounts of income in connection with such interest pursuant to the rules in section 94.2 of the Tax Act, or an interest in a non-resident trust other than an "exempt foreign trust" (or a partnership which holds such interest).

This summary also assumes that each Evolve ETF will comply with its investment restriction and no Evolve ETF will earn any "designated income" as defined for the purpose of Part XII.2 of the Tax Act.

This summary is based on the facts described herein, the current provisions of the Tax Act, counsel's understanding of the current publicly available administrative policies and assessing practices of the CRA published in writing prior to the date hereof and a certificate of the Manager. This summary takes into account the Tax Amendments. This description is not exhaustive of all Canadian federal income tax consequences and does not take into account or anticipate changes in the law or in administrative policy or assessing practice, whether by legislative, governmental

or judicial action other than the Tax Amendments in their present form, nor does it take into account provincial, territorial or foreign tax considerations which may differ significantly from those discussed herein. There can be no assurance that the Tax Amendments will be enacted in the form publicly announced, or at all.

This summary is not exhaustive of all possible Canadian federal income tax considerations applicable to an investment in Units of an Evolve ETF. This summary does not address the deductibility of interest on any funds borrowed by a Holder to purchase Units of an Evolve ETF. The income and other tax consequences of investing in Units will vary depending on an investor's particular circumstances including the province or territory in which the investor resides or carries on business. Accordingly, this summary is of a general nature only and is not intended to be, nor should it be construed to be, legal or tax advice to any holder of Units of an Evolve ETF. Prospective investors should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the income tax consequences to them of an acquisition of Units of an Evolve ETF based on their particular circumstances.

#### **Status of the Evolve ETFs**

As of the date hereof, based on information provided by the Manager, (i) each Evolve ETF is a "unit trust" within the meaning of the Tax Act, (ii) DIVS currently qualifies as a "mutual fund trust" within the meaning of the Tax Act; and (iii) each of TIME and CAPS does not currently qualify as a mutual fund trust.

This summary is based on the assumptions that DIVS qualifies or is deemed to qualify at all times as a "mutual fund trust" within the meaning of the Tax Act and that each Evolve ETF has not been established and will not be maintained primarily for the benefit of non-residents unless, at that time, substantially all of its property consists of property other than property that would be "taxable Canadian property" within the meaning of the Tax Act (if the definition of such term were read without reference to paragraph (b) of that definition).

To qualify as a mutual fund trust (i) an Evolve ETF must be a Canadian resident "unit trust" for purposes of the Tax Act, (ii) the only undertaking of the Evolve ETF must be (a) the investing of its funds in property (other than real property or interests in real property or an immovable or a real right in an immovable), (b) the acquiring, holding, maintaining, improving, leasing or managing of any real property (or interest in real property) or of any immovable (or real right in immovables) that is capital property of the Evolve ETF, or (c) any combination of the activities described in (a) and (b), and (iii) the Evolve ETF must comply with certain minimum requirements respecting the ownership and dispersal of Units of a particular class (the "**Minimum Distribution Requirements**"). In this connection, (i) the Manager intends to cause each Evolve ETF to qualify as a unit trust throughout the life of the Evolve ETF, (ii) each Evolve ETF's undertaking conforms with the restrictions for mutual fund trusts, and (iii) the Manager has advised counsel that it has filed the necessary election so that DIVS qualifies as a mutual fund trust from its inception in 2017 and that it has no reason to believe that DIVS will not comply with the Minimum Distribution Requirements at all times.

If an Evolve ETF were not to qualify or be deemed to qualify as a mutual fund trust at all times, the income tax considerations described below would, in some respects, be materially and adversely different in respect of that Evolve ETF, than would be the case if it were a mutual fund trust.

If an Evolve ETF does not qualify as a mutual fund trust under the Tax Act and more than 50% of the fair market value of all interests in the Evolve ETF are held by holders that are "financial institutions", as such term is defined in the Tax Act, the Evolve ETF will be a "financial institution" within the meaning of the Tax Act. In that event, gains and losses of such Evolve ETF on property that is "mark-to-market property" for purposes of these rules will be fully included in/deducted from income on an annual mark-to-market basis.

An Evolve ETF that becomes or ceases to be a financial institution for the above purposes will be deemed to have a year-end for tax purposes at such time, and will be deemed to have disposed of certain properties at their fair market value and to have reacquired them immediately thereafter. A deemed taxation year-end would result in an unscheduled distribution of the Evolve ETF's net income and net realized capital gains, if any, at such time to Unitholders so that the Evolve ETF is not liable for income tax on such amounts under Part I of the Tax Act.

Based on information provided by the Manager, as of the date hereof, TIME is a financial institution for purposes of the Tax Act and CAPS is not a financial institution for purposes of the Tax Act.

Provided that an Evolve ETF qualifies as a "mutual fund trust" within the meaning of the Tax Act, or the Units of that Evolve ETF are listed on a "designated stock exchange" (within the meaning of the Tax Act), Units of that Evolve ETF will be qualified investments under the Tax Act for a trust governed by an RRSP, a RRIF, a DPSP, an

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consequences of holding Units in Plans.

The Manager has advised counsel that DIVS has elected to have a taxation year that ends on December 15 of each calendar year. The Manager has also advised counsel that each of TIME and CAPS will elect to have a taxation year that ends on December 15 of each calendar year if and when this election becomes available. This election will only be available to each of TIME and CAPS when such Evolve ETF qualifies as a mutual fund trust at the time the election is required to be made. Prior to making such election, TIME and CAPS will each have a taxation year that ends on December 31 of each calendar year. An Evolve ETF must pay tax on its net income (including net realized taxable capital gains) for a taxation year, less the portion thereof that it deducts in respect of the amount paid or payable to its Unitholders for the year. If an Evolve ETF has elected to have a taxation year ends. An amount will be considered to be payable to a Unitholder of an Evolve ETF in a calendar year if it is paid to the Unitholder in that year by the Evolve ETF or if the Unitholder is entitled in that year to enforce payment of the amount. In accordance with the Declaration of Trust, the Manager intends that sufficient amounts be paid or made payable each year so that no Evolve ETF is liable for any non-refundable income tax under Part I of the Tax Act.

An Evolve ETF will be required to include in its income for each taxation year any dividends received (or deemed to be received) by it in such year on a security held in its portfolio.

With respect to indebtedness, an Evolve ETF will be required to include in its income for a taxation year all interest thereon that accrues (or is deemed to accrue) to it to the end of that year (or until the disposition of the indebtedness in that year, including on a conversion, redemption or repayment on maturity) or that has become receivable or is received by the Evolve ETF before the end of that year except to the extent that such interest was included in computing the Evolve ETF's income for a preceding year and excluding any interest that accrued prior to the time of the acquisition of the indebtedness by the Evolve ETF.

To the extent an Evolve ETF holds trust units issued by a trust resident in Canada that is not at any time in the relevant taxation year a "SIFT trust" and held as capital property for purposes of the Tax Act, the Evolve ETF will be required to include in the calculation of its income for a taxation year the net income, including net taxable capital gains, paid or payable to the Evolve ETF by such trust in the calendar year in which that taxation year ends, notwithstanding that certain of such amounts may be reinvested in additional units of the trust. Provided that appropriate designations are made by such trust, net taxable capital gains realized by the trust, foreign source income of the trust and taxable dividends from taxable Canadian corporations received by the trust that are paid or payable by the trust to the Evolve ETF will effectively retain their character in the hands of the Evolve ETF. The Evolve ETF will be required to reduce the adjusted cost base of units of such trust by any amount paid or payable by the trust to the Evolve ETF except to the extent that the amount was included in calculating the income of the Evolve ETF or was the Evolve ETF's share of the non-taxable portion of capital gains of the trust, the taxable portion of which was designated in respect of the Evolve ETF. If the adjusted cost base to the Evolve ETF of such units becomes a negative amount at any time in a taxation year of the Evolve ETF, that negative amount will be deemed to be a capital gain realized by the amount of such deemed capital gain to zero.

Each issuer in an Evolve ETF's portfolio that is a "SIFT trust" (which will generally include Canadian resident income trusts, other than certain REITs, the units of which are listed or traded on a stock exchange or other public market) will be subject to a special tax in respect of (i) income from business carried on in Canada, and (ii) certain income and capital gains in respect of "non-portfolio properties" (collectively, "**Non-Portfolio Income**"). Non-Portfolio Income that is distributed by a SIFT trust to its unitholders will be taxed at a rate that is equivalent to the federal general corporate tax rate plus a prescribed amount on account of provincial tax. Non-Portfolio Income that becomes payable by an issuer that is a SIFT trust will generally be taxed as though it were a taxable dividend from a taxable Canadian corporation and will be deemed to be an "eligible dividend" eligible for the enhanced gross-up and tax credit rules.

At any time that an Evolve ETF is a financial institution for purposes of the "mark-to-market property" rules contained in the Tax Act, gains and losses on the disposition of "mark-to-market property" will be on income account and will be brought into income annually on a mark-to-market basis. In respect of securities in the portfolio of an Evolve ETF that are not "mark-to-market property", or provided the Evolve ETF is not a financial institution,

in general, an Evolve ETF will realize a capital gain (or capital loss) upon the actual or deemed disposition of a security included in its portfolio to the extent the proceeds of disposition net of any reasonable costs of disposition exceed (or are less than) the adjusted cost base of such security unless the Evolve ETF were considered to be trading or dealing in securities or otherwise carrying on a business of buying and selling securities, or the Evolve ETF has acquired the security in a transaction or transactions considered to be an adventure or concern in the nature of trade. The Manager has advised counsel that each Evolve ETF purchases the securities in its portfolio with the objective of receiving interest, dividends and other distributions thereon and takes the position that gains and losses realized on the disposition of its securities are capital gains and capital losses, provided such gains and losses are (i) in respect of property that is not "mark-to-market property" where the Evolve ETF is a financial institution for purposes of the "mark-to-market property" rules, or (ii) in respect of any securities in the portfolio of an Evolve ETF where the Evolve ETF is not such a financial institution. The Manager has also advised counsel that each Evolve ETF will make an election under subsection 39(4) of the Tax Act, if applicable, so that all securities held by the Evolve ETF that are "Canadian securities" (as defined in the Tax Act) are deemed to be capital property to the Evolve ETF. Such election will affect a disposition of securities if, at the time of such disposition, the Evolve ETF is a mutual fund trust for purposes of the Tax Act or is not (i) a financial institution for purposes of the "mark-to-market property" rules in the Tax Act, or (ii) a trader or dealer in securities.

Each Evolve ETF will be entitled for each taxation year throughout which it is a mutual fund trust for purposes of the Tax Act to reduce (or receive a refund in respect of) its liability, if any, for tax on its net realized capital gains by an amount determined under the Tax Act based on the redemptions of Units of the Evolve ETF during the year (the "**Capital Gains Refund**"). The Capital Gains Refund in a particular taxation year may not completely offset the tax liability of an Evolve ETF for such taxation year which may arise upon the sale or other disposition of securities included in the portfolio in connection with the redemption of Units of the Evolve ETF. Each of TIME and CAPS is not currently a mutual fund trust and, as such, cannot make use of the Capital Gains Refund mechanism.

In general, gains and losses realized by an Evolve ETF from Derivative transactions will be on income account except where such Derivatives are used to hedge portfolio securities held on capital account provided the Evolve ETF is not a financial institution and there is sufficient linkage, subject to the DFA Rules discussed below, and such gains and losses will be recognized for tax purposes at the time they are realized by the Evolve ETF.

A loss realized by an Evolve ETF on a disposition of capital property will be a suspended loss for purposes of the Tax Act if the Evolve ETF, or a person affiliated with the Evolve ETF, acquires a property (a "**Substituted Property**") that is the same as or identical to the property disposed of, within 30 days before and 30 days after the disposition and the Evolve ETF, or a person affiliated with the Evolve ETF, owns the Substituted Property 30 days after the original disposition. If a loss is suspended, an Evolve ETF cannot deduct the loss from the Evolve ETF's capital gains until the Substituted Property is disposed of and is not reacquired by the Evolve ETF, or a person affiliated with the Evolve ETF, or a person affiliated with the Evolve ETF.

An Evolve ETF may enter into transactions denominated in currencies other than the Canadian dollar including the acquisition of securities in its portfolio. The cost and proceeds of disposition of securities, interest, dividends, distributions and all other amounts will be determined for the purposes of the Tax Act in Canadian dollars using the appropriate exchange rates determined in accordance with the detailed rules in the Tax Act in that regard. The amount of income, gains and losses realized by an Evolve ETF may be affected by fluctuations in the value of other currencies relative to the Canadian dollar. Gains or losses in respect of currency hedges entered into in respect of amounts invested in the portfolio of an Evolve ETF will constitute capital gains and capital losses to the Evolve ETF if the securities in the Evolve ETF's portfolio are capital property to the Evolve ETF and provided the ETF is not a financial institution and there is sufficient linkage.

The DFA Rules target certain financial arrangements (described in the DFA Rules as "derivative forward agreements") that seek to deliver a return based on an "underlying interest" (other than certain excluded underlying interests) for purposes of the DFA Rules. The DFA Rules are broad in scope and could apply to other agreements or transactions. If the DFA Rules were to apply in respect of any Derivatives utilized by an Evolve ETF, gains realized in respect of the property underlying such Derivatives could be treated as ordinary income rather than capital gains.

An Evolve ETF may derive income or gains from investments in countries other than Canada, and as a result, may be liable to pay income or profits tax to such countries. To the extent that such foreign tax paid by an Evolve ETF exceeds 15% of the amount included in the Evolve ETF's income from such investments, such excess may generally be deducted by the Evolve ETF in computing its net income for the purposes of the Tax Act. To the extent that such foreign tax paid does not exceed 15% of the amount included in the Evolve ETF's income from such investments.

and has not been deducted in computing the Evolve ETF's income, the Evolve ETF may designate in respect of a Holder a portion of its foreign source income that can reasonably be considered to be part of the Evolve ETF's income distributed to such Holder so that such income and a portion of the foreign tax paid by the Evolve ETF may be regarded as foreign source income of, and foreign tax paid by, the Holder for the purposes of the foreign tax credit provisions of the Tax Act.

An Evolve ETF will be entitled to deduct an amount equal to the reasonable expenses that it incurs in the course of issuing Units. Such issue expenses paid by an Evolve ETF and not reimbursed will be deductible by the Evolve ETF rateably over a five-year period subject to reduction in any taxation year which is less than 365 days. In computing its income under the Tax Act, an Evolve ETF may deduct reasonable administrative and other expenses incurred to earn income.

Losses incurred by an Evolve ETF in a taxation year cannot be allocated to Holders, but may be deducted by the Evolve ETF in future years in accordance with the Tax Act.

The Tax Act provides for a special tax on the designated income of certain trusts (other than a trust that was throughout the taxation year a mutual fund trust) that have designated beneficiaries. The Manager intends to monitor the activities of any Evolve ETF that is not a mutual fund trust so as to ensure that such Evolve ETF does not earn any designated income for purposes of the Tax Act. On this basis, it is anticipated that the Evolve ETFs will not have any material liability with respect to this special tax.

If an Evolve ETF does not qualify as a mutual fund trust under the Tax Act throughout a taxation year, among other things, (a) the Evolve ETF may be liable to pay an alternative minimum tax under the Tax Act, and (b) it may be subject to the "anti-straddle" rules which would defer the ability to claim certain losses.

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A Holder will generally be required to include in computing income for a particular taxation year of the Holder such portion of the net income of an Evolve ETF, including the taxable portion of any net realized capital gains, as is paid or becomes payable to the Holder in that particular taxation year (whether in cash, in Units or reinvested in additional Units or whether as a Management Fee Distribution). In the case of an Evolve ETF that has validly elected to have a December 15 taxation year end, amounts paid or payable by the Evolve ETF to a Holder after December 15 and before the end of the calendar year are deemed to have been paid or become payable to the Holder on December 15.

Under the Tax Act, an Evolve ETF is permitted to deduct in computing its income for a taxation year an amount that is less than the amount of its distributions of income for the calendar year to the extent necessary to enable the Evolve ETF to use, in that taxation year, losses from prior years without affecting the ability of the Evolve ETF but not distribute its income annually. In such circumstances, the amount distributed to a Holder of an Evolve ETF but not deducted by the Evolve ETF will not be included in the Holder's income. However, the adjusted cost base of the Holder's Units of the Evolve ETF will be reduced by such amount. The non-taxable portion of an Evolve ETF's net realized capital gains for a taxation year, the taxable portion of which was designated in respect of a Holder for the taxation year, that is paid or becomes payable to the Holder for the year will not be included in computing the Holder's income for the year. Any other amount in excess of a Holder for the year (i.e. returns of capital) will not generally be included in the Holder's income for the year, but will reduce the adjusted cost base of the Holder's Units of the Evolve ETF. To the extent that the adjusted cost base of a Unit of an Evolve ETF to a Holder would otherwise be a negative amount, the negative amount will be deemed to be a capital gain and the adjusted cost base of the Unit to the Holder will be increased by the amount of such deemed capital gain to zero.

Provided that appropriate designations are made by an Evolve ETF, such portion of the net realized taxable capital gains of the Evolve ETF, the taxable dividends received or deemed to be received by the Evolve ETF on shares of taxable Canadian corporations and foreign source income of the Evolve ETF as is paid or becomes payable to a Holder will effectively retain its character and be treated as such in the hands of the Holder for purposes of the Tax Act. To the extent that amounts are designated as taxable dividends from taxable Canadian corporations, the gross-up and dividend tax credit rules will apply. Where an Evolve ETF makes designations in respect of its foreign source income, for the purpose of computing any foreign tax credit that may be available to a Holder, the Holder will generally be deemed to have paid as tax to the government of a foreign country that portion of taxes paid by the Evolve ETF to that country that is equal to the Holder's share of the Evolve ETF's income from sources in that country.

Any loss of an Evolve ETF for purposes of the Tax Act cannot be allocated to, and cannot be treated as a loss of, a Holder.

On the disposition or deemed disposition of a Unit of an Evolve ETF, including on a redemption, a Holder will realize a capital gain (or capital loss) to the extent that the Holder's proceeds of disposition (other than any amount payable by the Evolve ETF which represents capital gains allocated and designated to the redeeming Holder), net of any reasonable costs of disposition, exceed (or are less than) the adjusted cost base of the Unit. For the purpose of determining the adjusted cost base of a Holder's Units of a class of an Evolve ETF, when additional Units of that class of the Evolve ETF are acquired by the Holder (as a result of a distribution by an Evolve ETF in the form of Units, a reinvestment in Units of an Evolve ETF pursuant to the distribution reinvestment plan or otherwise), the cost of the newly acquired Units of the Evolve ETF will be averaged with the adjusted cost base of all Units of the same class of the Evolve ETF owned by the Holder as capital property immediately before that time. For this purpose, the cost of Units that have been issued on a distribution will generally be equal to the amount of the distribution. A consolidation of Units of an Evolve ETF following a distribution paid in the form of additional Units of the Evolve ETF and will not affect the aggregate adjusted cost base to a Holder. Any additional Units acquired by a Holder on the reinvestment of distributions will generally have a cost equal to the amount reinvested.

In the case of an exchange of Units of an Evolve ETF for a Basket of Securities, a Holder's proceeds of disposition of Units of the Evolve ETF would generally be equal to the aggregate of the fair market value of the distributed property and the amount of any cash received, less any capital gain realized by the Evolve ETF on the disposition of such distributed property. The cost to a Holder of any property received from the Evolve ETF upon the exchange will generally be equal to the fair market value of such property at the time of the distribution. In the case of an exchange of Units for a Basket of Securities, the investor may receive securities that may or may not be qualified investments under the Tax Act for Plans. If such securities are not qualified investments for Plans, such Plans (and, in the case of certain Plans, the annuitants, beneficiaries or subscribers thereunder or holders thereof) may be subject to adverse tax consequences. Investors should consult their own tax counsel for advice on whether or not such securities would be qualified investments for Plans.

Pursuant to the Declaration of Trust, an Evolve ETF may allocate and designate as payable any capital gains realized by the Evolve ETF as a result of any disposition of property of the Evolve ETF undertaken to permit or facilitate the redemption or exchange of Units of the Evolve ETF to a Unitholder whose Units are being redeemed or exchanged. In addition, an Evolve ETF has the authority to distribute, allocate and designate any capital gains of the Evolve ETF to a Unitholder of the Evolve ETF who has redeemed or exchanged Units of the Evolve ETF during a year in an amount equal to the Unitholder's share, at the time of redemption or exchange, of the Evolve ETF's capital gains for the year. Any such allocations and designations will reduce the redemption price otherwise payable to the Holder and therefore the Holder's proceeds of disposition.

In general, one-half of any capital gain (a "**taxable capital gain**") realized by a Holder on the disposition of Units of an Evolve ETF or a taxable capital gain designated by the Evolve ETF in respect of the Holder for a taxation year of the Holder will be included in computing the Holder's income for that year and one-half of any capital loss (an "**allowable capital loss**") realized by the Holder in a taxation year of the Holder generally must be deducted from taxable capital gains realized by the Holder in the taxation year or designated by the Evolve ETF in respect of the Holder for the taxation year in accordance with the detailed provisions of the Tax Act. Allowable capital losses for a taxation year in excess of taxable capital gains for that taxation year may be carried back and deducted in any of the three preceding taxation years or carried forward and deducted in any subsequent taxation year against taxable capital gains in accordance with the provisions of the Tax Act.

Each Holder who delivers subscription proceeds consisting of a Basket of Securities will be disposing of securities in exchange for Units of an Evolve ETF. Assuming that such securities are held by the Holder as capital property for purposes of the Tax Act, the Holder will generally realize a capital gain (or a capital loss) in the taxation year of the Holder in which the disposition of such securities takes place to the extent that the proceeds of disposition for such securities, net of any reasonable costs of disposition, exceed (or are less than) the adjusted cost base of such securities to the Holder. For this purpose, the proceeds of disposition to the Holder of securities. The cost to a Holder of Units of an Evolve ETF acquired in exchange for a Basket of Securities and cash (if any) will be equal to the aggregate of the cash paid (if any) to the Evolve ETF plus the fair market value of the securities disposed of in

exchange for Units at the time of disposition, which sum would generally be equal to or would approximate the fair market value of the Units received as consideration in exchange for a Basket of Securities and cash (if any).

Amounts designated by an Evolve ETF to a Holder of the Evolve ETF as taxable capital gains or dividends from taxable Canadian corporations, and taxable capital gains realized on the disposition of Units of the Evolve ETF may increase the Holder's liability, if any, for alternative minimum tax.

### **Taxation of Registered Plans**

Distributions received by Plans on Units and capital gains realized by Plans on the disposition of Units are generally not taxable under Part I of the Tax Act provided the Units are "qualified investments" for the Plan for purposes of the Tax Act.

Holders should consult with their own advisors regarding the tax implications of establishing, amending, terminating or withdrawing amounts from a Plan.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the holder of a TFSA or RDSP, the annuitant of an RRSP or RRIF or the subscriber of an RESP will be subject to a penalty tax in respect of Units held by such TFSA, RDSP, RRSP, RRIF or RESP, as the case may be, if such Units are a "prohibited investment" for such Plan for the purposes of the Tax Act. The Units of an Evolve ETF will not be a "prohibited investment" for a trust governed by a TFSA, RDSP, RRSP, RRIF or RESP, as applicable, (i) does not deal at arm's length with the Evolve ETF for purposes of the Tax Act, or (ii) has a "significant interest" as defined in the Tax Act in the Evolve ETF. Generally, a holder, annuitant or subscriber, as the case may be, will not have a significant interest in an Evolve ETF that have a fair market value of 10% or more of the fair market value of the interests of all beneficiaries under the Evolve ETF, either alone or together with persons and partnerships with which the holder, annuitant or subscriber, as the case may be, does not deal at arm's length. In addition, the Units will not be a prohibited investment if such Units are "excluded property" as defined in the Tax Act for a trust governed by a TFSA, RDSP, RRSP, RRIF or more of the fair market such as a prohibited investment if such Units are "excluded property" as defined in the Tax Act for a trust governed by a TFSA, RDSP, RRSP, RRIF or RESP.

Holders, annuitants or subscribers should consult their own tax advisors with respect to whether Units of an Evolve ETF would be prohibited investments, including with respect to whether such Units would be excluded property.

#### Tax Implications of the Evolve ETF's Distribution Policy

The NAV per Unit of an Evolve ETF will, in part, reflect any income and gains of the Evolve ETF that have accrued or have been realized, but have not been made payable at the time Units of the Evolve ETF were acquired. Accordingly, a Holder of an Evolve ETF who acquires Units of the Evolve ETF, including on a distribution of Units of the Evolve ETF or on a reinvestment in Units of an Evolve ETF, may become taxable on the Holder's share of such income and gains of the Evolve ETF. In particular, an investor who acquires Units of an Evolve ETF at any time in the year but prior to a distribution being paid or made payable will have to pay tax on the entire distribution (to the extent it is a taxable distribution) notwithstanding that such amounts may have been reflected in the price paid by the Holder for the Units. Further, if an Evolve ETF has validly elected to have a taxation year that ends on December 15 of a calendar year and a Holder acquires Units of such Evolve ETF after December 15 of such year, such Holder may become taxable on income earned or capital gains realized in the taxation year ending on December 15 of such calendar year but that had not been made payable before the Units were acquired.

### ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT DETAILS OF THE EVOLVE ETFs

#### Manager

EFG is the trustee, manager, promoter and portfolio manager of the Evolve ETFs and is responsible for the administration of the Evolve ETFs. In its capacity as portfolio manager, EFG is responsible for the oversight and provision of investment advisory services to the Evolve ETFs by the Sub-Advisors. In addition, any decisions relating to currency hedging of the Hedged Units, as applicable, shall remain the responsibility of the Manager. The Manager is registered as an investment fund manager and portfolio manager with the applicable Securities Regulatory Authorities in Canada. The registered office of the Evolve ETFs and the Manager is located at 161 Bay Street, Suite 2700, Toronto, ON M5J 2S1.

The Manager performs or arranges for the performance of management services for the Evolve ETFs and is responsible for the administration of the Evolve ETFs. The Manager is entitled to fees for its services as manager under the Declaration of Trust as described under "Fees and Expenses" and will be reimbursed for all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by the Manager on behalf of the Evolve ETFs.

### Duties and Services to be provided by the Manager

Pursuant to the Declaration of Trust, the Manager has full authority and responsibility to manage and direct the business and affairs of the Evolve ETFs, to make all decisions regarding the business of the Evolve ETFs and to bind the Evolve ETFs. The Manager may delegate certain of its powers to third parties where, in the discretion of the Manager, it would be in the best interests of the Evolve ETFs to do so.

The Manager is responsible for providing, or causing to be provided, management, administrative and portfolio advisory and investment management services to the Evolve ETFs. The Manager's duties include, without limitation:

- (i) negotiating contracts with certain third-party service providers, including but not limited to investment managers, sub-advisors, custodians, registrars, transfer agents, auditors and printers;
- (ii) authorizing the payment of operating expenses incurred on behalf of the Evolve ETFs;
- (iii) maintaining accounting records;
- (iv) preparing the reports to Unitholders and to the applicable Securities Regulatory Authorities;
- (v) calculating the amount and determining the frequency of distributions by the Evolve ETFs;
- (vi) preparing financial statements, income tax returns and financial and accounting information as required;
- (vii) ensuring that Unitholders are provided with financial statements and other reports as are required from time to time by applicable law;
- (viii) ensuring that the Evolve ETFs comply with all other regulatory requirements including continuous disclosure obligations under applicable securities laws;
- (ix) administering purchases, redemptions and other transactions in Units;
- (x) arranging for any payments required upon termination of the Evolve ETFs;
- (xi) dealing and communicating with Unitholders;
- (xii) providing office facilities and personnel to carry out these services, if not otherwise furnished by any other service provider to the Evolve ETFs;
- (xiii) monitoring the investment strategy of each Evolve ETF to ensure that each Evolve ETF complies with its investment objective, investment strategies and investment restrictions and practices; and
- (xiv) facilitating the execution of orders and investment recommendation provided by sub-advisors where required.

The Manager is required to exercise its powers and discharge its duties honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the Unitholders of the Evolve ETFs, and to exercise the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances. The Declaration of Trust provides that the Manager will not be liable to an Evolve ETF or to any Unitholder or any other person for any loss or damage relating to any matter regarding that Evolve ETF, including any loss or diminution of value of the assets of the Evolve ETF if it has satisfied its standard of care set forth above.

The administration and management services of the Manager under the Declaration of Trust are not exclusive and nothing in the Declaration of Trust prevents the Manager from providing similar administrative and management services to other investment funds and other clients (whether or not their investment objectives and policies are similar to those of the Evolve ETFs) or from engaging in other activities.

The Manager and each of its directors, officers, employees and agents may be indemnified out of the assets of the applicable Evolve ETF from and against all claims whatsoever, including costs, charges and expenses in connection therewith, brought, commenced or prosecuted against it for or in respect of any act, deed, matter or thing whatsoever

made, done or omitted in or in relation to the execution of its duties to the applicable Evolve ETF as long as the person acted honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Evolve ETF.

The Manager may resign upon 90 days' prior written notice to the Trustee or upon such lesser notice period as the Trustee may accept. The Manager may also be removed by the Trustee on at least 90 days' written notice to the Manager. The Manager is deemed to have resigned if the Manager ceases to (i) be resident in Canada for the purposes of the Tax Act; or (ii) carry out its functions of managing the Evolve ETFs in Canada. The Trustee shall make every effort to select and appoint a successor manager prior to the effective date of the Manager's resignation.

### Officers and Directors of the Manager

The name and municipality of residence of each of the directors and executive officers of the Manager and their principal occupations are as follows:

Name and Municipality of Residence	Position with the Manager and Principal Occupation				
RAJ LALA Toronto, Ontario	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director, EFG				
	Prior to founding EFG, Raj Lala served as Head of WisdomTree Canada – a division of WisdomTree Investments Inc., one of the world's largest ETF issuers. Prior to this, Mr. Lala was Executive Vice President and Head of Retail Markets for Fiera Capital Corporation, a prominent Canadian investment management firm with over \$100 billion in assets under management. Mr. Lala co-founded and served as President and CEO of Propel Capital Corporation (which was acquired by Fiera Capital Corporation in September 2014). Propel raised approximately \$1 billion in structured products in its five years of operation. Prior to Propel, Mr. Lala worked with Jovian Capital. Mr. Lala held several roles at Jovian including President of JovFunds Inc., an asset management division of Jovian Capital. Mr. Lala holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Toronto (1994).				
MICHAEL SIMONETTA Toronto, Ontario	Chairman, Chief Financial Officer and Director, EFG				
	Mr. Simonetta has a broad background in management, investment and capital markets. Mr. Simonetta was one of the founding partners of First Asset Management Inc. ("FAMI"), and served as President and CEO of FAMI from 1997 to 2006. At the time FAMI was sold in 2005, FAMI managed in excess of \$30 billion in assets and was one of Canada's top ten largest companies in the pension and high net worth asset management business. FAMI's affiliates have included: Beutel, Goodman & Company Ltd.; Foyston Gordon & Payne, Inc.; Deans Knight Capital Management Ltd., Montrusco Bolton Investments Inc.; Covington Capital Corporation; First Asset Funds Inc. (formerly Triax Capital Corporation); and Northwest Mutual Funds Inc. FAMI was sold in 2005 to Affiliated Managers Group, Inc. (NYSE: AMG), a publicly listed investment management company based in Boston. Mr. Simonetta is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario, obtaining his C.A. designation in 1984 while achieving Top 20 Honour Roll standing, and holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Waterloo (1983 – Gold Medal).				
Elliot Johnson Toronto, Ontario	Chief Investment Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Compliance Officer, Corporate Secretary and Director, EFG				

Prior to joining EFG, Mr. Johnson was Senior Vice President, Retail Markets at Fiera Capital Corporation, a prominent Canadian investment management firm. Prior to this role, Mr. Johnson served as Chief Operating Name and Municipality of Residence

#### Position with the Manager and Principal Occupation

Officer of Fiera Quantum Limited Partnership, an alternative investment manager. From 2010 to 2012, Mr. Johnson led technology management for a number of business lines at National Bank of Canada. Prior to 2012 he spent 13 years at GMP Capital Corp. in a variety of management roles across institutional brokerage, wealth management and asset management businesses. Mr. Johnson holds the Canadian Investment Manager (CIM) designation, the Derivatives Markets Specialist (DMS) designation and is a Fellow of the Canadian Securities Institute (FCSI). Mr. Johnson serves as a trustee on the boards of the Upper Canada College Foundation, and Trinity College at the University of Toronto where he is Chair of the Committee on Investments.

### KEITH CRONE Executive Vice President, Head of Marketing and Director, EFG

Prior to joining EFG, Mr. Crone served as Vice President, Retail Markets at Fiera Capital Corporation, a prominent Canadian investment management firm with over \$100 billion in assets under management. Mr. Crone served as Vice President and Partner of Propel Capital Corporation (which was acquired by Fiera Capital Corporation in September 2014). Propel raised approximately \$1 billion in structured products in its five years of operation. Prior to Propel, Mr. Crone served as Senior Vice President, Sales within JovFunds Inc., the specialty investment arm of Jovian Capital Corporation. Prior to 2005, Mr. Crone served in various sales and marketing capacities at Dynamic Funds, which is now a wholly-owned subsidiary of Scotiabank.

#### **Sub-Advisors**

Toronto, Ontario

### Nuveen Asset Management, LLC (CAPS and TIME)

Pursuant to a portfolio management sub-advisory agreement (the "**Nuveen Sub-Advisory Agreement**") between the Manager and Nuveen Asset Management, LLC, the Manager appointed Nuveen Asset Management, LLC as an investment sub-advisor for CAPS and TIME, except with respect to currency hedging of the Hedged Units.

Nuveen Asset Management, LLC has approximately U.S. \$179.86 billion in assets under management as of June 30, 2018. The Sub-Advisor will principally provide its services to CAPS and TIME in Minneapolis, Minnesota, U.S.A. and Princeton, New Jersey, U.S.A.

The following are the officers of Nuveen Asset Management, LLC who are principally responsible for the portfolio management of CAPS:

Name and Municipality of Residence	Position with Nuveen Asset	Principal Occupation
	<u>Management, LLC</u>	
BOB C. DOLL, CFA Princeton, New Jersey	Senior Portfolio Manager, Chief Equity Strategist	Portfolio Manager
Scott M. Tonneson, CFA Minneapolis, Minnesota	Vice President, Portfolio Manager	Portfolio Manager

Bob Doll is a senior portfolio manager and chief equity strategist at Nuveen Asset Management. Bob manages the Large Cap Equity Series, which includes traditional large cap equities, specialty categories and alternative strategies. He is a highly respected authority on the equities markets among investors, advisors, and the media. As the author of widely-followed weekly commentaries and annual market predictions, Bob provides ongoing, timely market perspectives. Prior to joining Nuveen Asset Management, Bob held similar roles at other large asset management

firms, including serving as chief equity strategist at Blackrock, president and chief investment officer of Merrill Lynch Investment Managers and chief investment officer of Oppenheimer Funds, Inc. He has 36 years of portfolio management experience, received a B.S. in accounting and a B.A. in economics from Lehigh University and an M.B.A. from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He is a Certified Public Accountant and holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation from the CFA Institute. Bob appears regularly on CNBC, Bloomberg TV and Fox Business News discussing the economy and markets. He has also been quoted in major business publications such as The Wall Street Journal, Barron's and Financial Times.

Scott Tonneson is a portfolio manager for the Nuveen Asset Management Large Cap Equity Series, which includes traditional large cap equities, specialty categories and alternative strategies. Scott began working in the financial services industry in 1994 and joined the firm in 2007. Prior to his current role, Scott served as the lead fundamental research analyst for the Large Cap Equity Series and was a senior quantitative research analyst responsible for building models to deliver relevant quantitative data to the equity portfolio teams. Previously, he worked at Ameriprise Financial as a quantitative equity analyst, business analyst, and account analyst. Scott received a B.A. in accounting from the University of St. Thomas and an M.B.A. from the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management. He also holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation and is a member of the CFA Institute and the Chicago Quantitative Alliance.

The investment decisions made by these individuals (relating to CAPS portfolio securities) are not subject to oversight, approval or ratification.

The following are the officers of Nuveen Asset Management, LLC who are principally responsible for the portfolio management of TIME:

Name and Municipality of Residence	Position with Nuveen Asset Management, LLC	Principal Occupation
John T. Fruit, CFA Minneapolis, Minnesota	Senior Vice President, Portfolio Manager	Portfolio Manager
JEFFREY T. SCHMITZ, CFA Minneapolis, Minnesota	Senior Vice President, Portfolio Manager	Portfolio Manager
JACOB J. FITZPATRICK Minneapolis, Minnesota	Assistant Vice President, Assistant Portfolio Manager and Trader	Assistant Portfolio Manager, Trader

John Fruit is the head of the High-Yield Credit Sector Team and a member of the Fixed Income Strategy Committee, which establishes investment policy for all taxable fixed income products. As a senior fixed income portfolio manager, he leads the High Yield Bond Strategy and related institutional portfolios. He is also a member of the Emerging Markets Sector Team. John began working in the financial industry in 1988 and joined Nuveen Asset Management in 2001 to serve as a senior fixed income research analyst. Prior to that, he was a senior analyst for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Previously, he worked in fixed income sales and trading for Firstar Bank Milwaukee and as an institutional trader for Arbor Research and Trading. John received a B.S. in economics and international business from the University of Wisconsin–Madison. In addition, he is a member of the CFA Institute and holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation.

Jeff Schmitz is the co-manager of the High Yield Bond and Real Asset Income Strategies and related institutional portfolios. He has co-managed High Yield Bond since 2008 and Real Asset Income since its inception in 2011. He is also a member of the High-Yield Credit and the Emerging Markets Sector Teams. Prior to his current role, he was a senior research analyst with the group focusing on the energy, healthcare and pharmaceuticals, technology, and emerging market corporates sectors. He began working in the financial industry in 1987 and joined Nuveen Asset Management in 2006. Previously, Jeff worked as a senior credit research analyst at Deephaven Capital Management and as a trading risk manager at Cargill Financial Services. He also held various risk oversight roles with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. Jeff received a B.A. in finance from the University of St. Thomas and an M.B.A. in finance from the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management. He holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation and is a member of the CFA Institute and the CFA Society of Minnesota.

Jake Fitzpatrick is an assistant portfolio manager and trader for the Taxable Fixed Income Team, responsible for making investment decisions and trading high-yield corporate bonds across multiple investment strategies. He is also a member of the High-Yield Credit Sector Team. Jake began working in the financial services industry in 2006 and joined Nuveen Asset Management in 2015. Previously, he worked as a co-manager of structured product portfolios at Allianz Investment Management. In that role, he was responsible for the investment strategy and allocation of insurance product premiums within the core capital markets. He began his career at U.S. Bancorp Asset Management, where he most recently was a corporate and municipal bond trader for the firm's mutual funds and wealth management group. Jake graduated from the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management with a B.S. degree in finance. He is currently pursuing his master's degree in financial mathematics at the University of Minnesota's College of Science and Engineering.

The investment decisions made by these individuals (relating to TIME portfolio securities) are not subject to oversight, approval or ratification.

### Nuveen Sub-Advisory Agreement

Under the Nuveen Sub-Advisory Agreement, the Sub-Advisor is required to act at all times on a basis which is fair and reasonable to CAPS and TIME, to act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of CAPS and TIME, and, in connection therewith, to exercise the degree of care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent portfolio manager would exercise in comparable circumstances. The Nuveen Sub-Advisory Agreement provides that the Sub-Advisor, any of its affiliates or any of its or their officers, directors, members equity holders or employees will not be liable in any way to the parties indemnified under the Nuveen Sub-Advisory Agreement for any default, failure or defect in any of the securities comprising the CAPS or TIME portfolios unless it has failed to satisfy the standard of care, diligence and skill set forth above.

The Nuveen Sub-Advisory Agreement further provides that the Sub-Advisor will not be liable for any losses in the NAV of CAPS or TIME, as applicable, unless it fails to satisfy the standard of care, diligence and skill set forth above. Pursuant to the Nuveen Sub-Advisory Agreement, the Sub-Advisor, any of its affiliates or any of its or their officers, directors members, equity holders and employees shall be indemnified from the assets of CAPS or TIME, as applicable, against all losses (other than loss of profits), expenses and liabilities incurred by any of them in connection with any matter relating to their respective duties under the Nuveen Sub-Advisory Agreement or an act or omission involving wilful misconduct, bad faith, actual fraud, gross negligence or reckless disregard of such person's duties under the Nuveen Sub-Advisory Agreement.

The Sub-Advisor is not currently registered as an adviser with the Ontario Securities Commission or any other provincial or territorial regulatory authority in Canada. The Sub-Advisor provides portfolio management services to CAPS and TIME pursuant to the "international sub-advisor" exemption provided by section 8.26.1 of National Instrument 31-103 *Registration Requirements, Exemptions and Ongoing Registrant Obligations*. To the extent applicable, there may be difficulty in enforcing legal rights against the Sub-Advisor because it is not a resident of Canada and all or a substantial portion of its assets are located outside of Canada.

The Sub-Advisor may terminate the Nuveen Sub-Advisory Agreement, without payment of any penalty in accordance with the Nuveen Sub-Advisory Agreement, including in the following circumstances: (i) subject to a minimum term of one year, upon 120 days' written notice to the Manager; (ii) in the event that the Manager is in material breach of the Nuveen Sub-Advisory Agreement and the material breach has not been cured within 20 Business Days' (as defined in the Nuveen Sub-Advisory Agreement) notice thereof to the Manager; (iii) if there is a material change in the investment objectives, investment strategies and/or investment restrictions of CAPS to which the Sub-Advisor has not previously agreed; (iv) if there is a dissolution and commencement of winding-up of CAPS or TIME, as applicable; (v) if CAPS or TIME, as applicable, becomes bankrupt or insolvent or makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors or a receiver is appointed in respect of CAPS or TIME, as applicable, or a substantial portion of its assets; or (vi) if the assets of CAPS or TIME, as applicable, become subject to seizure or confiscation by any public or governmental organization.

The Manager may terminate the Nuveen Sub-Advisory Agreement, without payment of any penalty in accordance with the Nuveen Sub-Advisory Agreement, including in the following circumstances: (i) subject to a minimum term of one year, upon 120 days' written notice to the Sub-Advisor; (ii) subject to a minimum term of one year, upon 60 days' written notice to the Sub-Advisor, provided that the Manager assumes the portfolio management services

required by CAPS or TIME, as applicable; (iii) in the event that the Sub-Advisor is in material breach of the Nuveen Sub-Advisory Agreement and the material breach has not been cured within 20 Business Days' notice thereof to the Sub-Advisor; (iv) if there is a dissolution and commencement of winding-up of the Sub-Advisor (except a voluntary dissolution or voluntary liquidation as the case may be for the purposes of reconstruction or amalgamation upon terms previously approved in writing by the parties); (v) if the Sub-Advisor becomes bankrupt or insolvent or makes a general assignment for the benefit of the creditors or a receiver is appointed in respect of the Sub-Advisor or a substantial portion of the assets of the Sub-Advisor; (vi) if the assets of the Sub-Advisor become subject to seizure or confiscation by any public or governmental organization; (vii) if the Sub-Advisor has lost any registration, license or other authorization or cannot rely on an exemption therefrom required by the Sub-Advisor for it to perform the services delegated to it thereunder; or (viii) if the Sub-Advisor acted with wilful misconduct, fraud or gross negligence.

The Nuveen Sub-Advisory Agreement will not be subject to termination under clause (iii) in the preceding paragraph if a material breach by the Sub-Advisor cannot be cured within 20 Business Days' notice thereof but the Sub-Advisor commences the cure within the 20 Business Day period and completes the cure within 30 days of such notice. In addition, if the Sub-Advisor purchases a security for the portfolio of CAPS or TIME or takes any other action with respect to the assets of the portfolio of CAPS or TIME that through inadvertence violates any investment strategy or restriction set forth in the Nuveen Sub-Advisory Agreement and the violation has or will have a material adverse effect on the portfolio of CAPS or TIME, then it will not be considered a material breach for purposes of the termination right in clause (iii) in the preceding paragraph if the Sub-Advisor takes action that returns the portfolio of CAPS or TIME to compliance with such investment strategy or restriction within the cure period described above, as the same may be extended by agreement in writing by all the parties to the Nuveen Sub-Advisory Agreement.

The Manager is responsible for payment of the investment management fees of the Sub-Advisor out of the Management Fee.

### Foyston, Gordon & Payne Inc. (DIVS)

Pursuant to a portfolio management sub-advisory agreement (the "**FGP Sub-Advisory Agreement**") between the Manager and Foyston, Gordon & Payne Inc., the Manager appointed Foyston, Gordon & Payne Inc. as an investment sub-advisor for DIVS. Foyston, Gordon & Payne Inc. is currently registered in the category of adviser as a portfolio manager with the Ontario Securities Commission and with each of the other provincial and territorial regulatory authorities in Canada.

Foyston, Gordon & Payne Inc. has approximately C\$12.8 billion in assets under management as of July 31, 2018. The Sub-Advisor will principally provide its services to DIVS in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The Sub-Advisor carries out its advisory activities from 1 Adelaide Street East, Suite 2600, P.O. Box 200, Toronto, Ontario M5C 2V9.

The following are the officers of Foyston, Gordon & Payne Inc. who are principally responsible for the portfolio management of DIVS:

<u>Name and Municipality of Residence</u>	<u>Position</u>	with	Foyston,	Gordon	&	Principal Occupation
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RYAN DOMSY CFA,	Vice President & Portfolio Manager -	Portfolio Manager
MECON, FRM	Fixed Income	-
TORONTO, ONTARIO		

Ryan Domsy is Vice President and Portfolio Manager, responsible for managing the Foyston, Gordon & Payne Preferred Share Fund and the Enhanced Yield Fixed Income mandates, and co-managing the Foyston, Gordon & Payne Corporate Bond mandates. Ryan started his career at DBRS, where he was a senior financial analyst covering public finance and infrastructure credits. Ryan is a graduate of Queen's University (Master of Economics), holds the Financial Risk Manager designation and holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation. He is a member of Foyston, Gordon & Payne's Investment Committee.

The investment decisions made by these individuals (relating to DIVS portfolio securities) are not subject to oversight, approval or ratification.

#### FGP Sub-Advisory Agreement

Under the FGP Sub-Advisory Agreement, the Sub-Advisor is required to act at all times on a basis which is fair and reasonable to DIVS, to act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of DIVS, and, in connection therewith, to exercise the degree of care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent portfolio manager would exercise in comparable circumstances. The FGP Sub-Advisory Agreement provides that the Sub-Advisor, any of its affiliates or any of its or their officers, directors, members, equity holders or employees will not be liable in any way to the parties indemnified under the FGP Sub-Advisory Agreement for any default, failure or defect in any of the securities comprising the DIVS portfolio unless it fails to satisfy the standard of care, diligence and skill set forth above.

The FGP Sub-Advisory Agreement further provides that the Sub-Advisor will not be liable for any losses in the NAV of DIVS unless it fails to satisfy the standard of care, diligence and skill set forth above. Pursuant to the FGP Sub-Advisory Agreement, the Sub-Advisor any of its affiliates or any of its or their officers, directors, members, equity holders and employees shall be indemnified from the assets of DIVS against all losses (other than loss of profits), expenses and liabilities incurred by any of them in connection with any matter relating to their respective duties under the FGP Sub-Advisory Agreement, unless caused by a material breach or misconduct of such person's obligations under the FGP Sub-Advisory Agreement or an act or omission involving wilful misconduct, bad faith, actual fraud, gross negligence or reckless disregard of such person's duties under the FGP Sub-Advisory Agreement.

The Sub-Advisor may terminate the FGP Sub-Advisory Agreement, without payment of any penalty in accordance with the FGP Sub-Advisory Agreement, including in the following circumstances: (i) subject to a minimum term of one year, upon 120 days' written notice to the Manager; (ii) in the event that the Manager is in material breach of the FGP Sub-Advisory Agreement and the material breach has not been cured within 20 Business Days' (as defined in the FGP Sub-Advisory Agreement) notice thereof to the Manager; (iii) if there is a material change in the investment objectives, investment strategies and/or investment restrictions of DIVS to which the Sub-Advisor has not previously agreed; (iv) if there is a dissolution and commencement of winding-up of DIVS; (v) if DIVS becomes bankrupt or insolvent or makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors or a receiver is appointed in respect of DIVS or a substantial portion of its assets; or (vi) if the assets of DIVS become subject to seizure or confiscation by any public or governmental organization.

The Manager may terminate the FGP Sub-Advisory Agreement, without payment of any penalty in accordance with the FGP Sub-Advisory Agreement, including in the following circumstances: (i) subject to a minimum term of one year, upon 120 days' written notice to the Sub-Advisor; (ii) subject to a minimum term of one year, upon 60 days' written notice to the Sub-Advisor, provided that the Manager assumes the portfolio management services required by DIVS; (iii) in the event that the Sub-Advisor is in material breach of the FGP Sub-Advisory Agreement and the material breach has not been cured within 20 Business Days' notice thereof to the Sub-Advisor; (iv) if there is a dissolution and commencement of winding-up of the Sub-Advisor (except a voluntary dissolution or voluntary liquidation as the case may be for the purposes of reconstruction or amalgamation upon terms previously approved in writing by the parties); (v) if the Sub-Advisor becomes bankrupt or insolvent or makes a general assignment for the benefit of the creditors or a receiver is appointed in respect of the Sub-Advisor or a substantial portion of the assets of the Sub-Advisor become subject to seizure or confiscation by any public or governmental organization; (vii) if the Sub-Advisor has lost any registration, license or other authorization or cannot rely on an exemption therefrom required by the Sub-Advisor for it to perform the services delegated to it thereunder; or (viii) if the Sub-Advisor acted with wilful misconduct, fraud or gross negligence.

The FGP Sub-Advisory Agreement will not be subject to termination under clause (iii) in the preceding paragraph if a material breach by the Sub-Advisor cannot be cured within 20 Business Days' notice thereof but the Sub-Advisor commences the cure within the 20 Business Day period and completes the cure within 30 days of such notice. In addition, if the Sub-Advisor purchases a security for the portfolio of DIVS or takes any other action with respect to the assets of DIVS that through inadvertence violates any investment strategy or restriction set forth in the FGP Sub-Advisory Agreement and the violation has or will have a material adverse effect on the portfolio of DIVS, then it will not be considered a material breach for purposes of the termination right in clause (iii) in the preceding paragraph if the Sub-Advisor takes action that returns the portfolio of DIVS to compliance with such investment strategy or restriction within the cure period described above, as the same may be extended by agreement in writing by all the parties to the FGP Sub-Advisory Agreement.

The Manager is responsible for payment of the investment management fees of the Sub-Advisor out of the Management Fee.

#### **Brokerage Arrangements**

The Manager may utilize various brokers to effect securities transactions on behalf of the Evolve ETFs. These brokers may directly provide the Manager with research and related services, in addition to executing transactions. Although each Evolve ETF may not benefit equally from each research and related service received from a broker, the Manager will endeavour to ensure that all of the Evolve ETFs receive an equitable benefit over time. The Manager will monitor and evaluate the execution performance of its brokers with a view to determining whether steps should be taken to improve the quality of trade execution. When determining whether a broker should be added to the Manager's list of approved brokers, there are numerous factors that are considered including transaction cost, value of research, type and size of an order, speed and certainty of execution, responsiveness and trade matching quality.

Approved brokers will be monitored on a regular basis to ensure that the value of the goods and services, as outlined above, provides a reasonable benefit as compared to the amount of brokerage commissions paid for the goods and services.

### **Conflicts of Interest**

The administration, management and investment advisory services of the Manager and Sub-Advisors are not exclusive and nothing in the Declaration of Trust or the Sub-Advisory Agreements prevents the Manager or the Sub-Advisors from providing similar services to other investment funds and other clients (whether or not their investment objectives and policies are similar to those of the Evolve ETFs) or from engaging in other activities.

Investments in securities purchased by the Manager or the Sub-Advisors on behalf of an Evolve ETF and other investment funds managed by the Manager or Sub-Advisors will be allocated to the Evolve ETF and such other investment funds on a fair and equitable basis according to the size of the order and the applicable investment restrictions and policies of the Evolve ETFs and the other investment funds.

When it is determined that it would be appropriate for the Evolve ETFs and one or more other investment accounts managed by the Manager or the Sub-Advisors or its affiliates to participate in an investment opportunity, the Manager and the Sub-Advisors will seek to make such investments for all of the participating investment accounts, including the Evolve ETFs, on an equitable basis, taking into account such factors as the relative amounts of capital available for new investments and the investment programs and portfolio positions of the Evolve ETFs and the affiliated entities for which participation is appropriate. Orders may be combined for all such accounts, and if any order is not filled at the same price, they may be allocated on an average price basis. Similarly, if an investment for the account of more than one account cannot be fully executed under prevailing market conditions, investments may be allocated among the different accounts on a basis which the Manager or the Sub-Advisors or its affiliates consider equitable. The Manager and the Sub-Advisors may recommend that the Evolve ETFs sell a security, while not recommending such sale for other accounts in order to enable the Evolve ETFs to have sufficient liquidity to honor Unitholders' repurchase requests.

The Declaration of Trust acknowledges that the Manager may provide services to the Evolve ETFs in other capacities, provided that the terms of any such arrangement are no less favourable to the Evolve ETFs than those that would be obtained from parties that are at arm's length for comparable services.

The Manager and the Sub-Advisors may at times have interests that differ from the interests of the Unitholders. Where the Manager, the Sub-Advisors or their respective affiliates otherwise perceive in the course of business, that they are or may be in a material conflict of interest position, the matter will be referred to the IRC. The IRC will consider all matters referred to it and provide its recommendations to the Manager as soon as possible. In evaluating these conflicts of interest, potential investors should be aware that the Manager and the Sub-Advisors have a responsibility to the Unitholders to exercise good faith and fairness in all dealings affecting the Evolve ETFs. In the event that a Unitholder believes that the Manager or the Sub-Advisors has violated its duty to such Unitholder, the Unitholder may seek relief for itself or on behalf of the Evolve ETF to recover damages from or to require an accounting by the Manager. Unitholders should be aware that the performance by the Manager and Sub-Advisors of its responsibilities to an Evolve ETF will be measured in accordance with (i) the provisions of the agreement by which the Manager and the Sub-Advisors have been appointed to its position with the Evolve ETF; and (ii) applicable laws.

No Designated Broker or Dealer has been involved in the preparation of this prospectus or has performed any review of the contents of this prospectus and, as such, the Designated Broker and the Dealers do not perform many of the usual underwriting activities in connection with the distribution by the Evolve ETFs of their Units under this prospectus. Units of an Evolve ETF do not represent an interest or an obligation of the Designated Broker, any Dealer or any affiliate thereof and a Unitholder does not have any recourse against any such parties in respect of amounts payable by an Evolve ETF to the Designated Broker or applicable Dealers.

A registered dealer acts as the Designated Broker and one or more registered dealers may act as a Dealer and/or a market maker. These relationships may create actual or perceived conflicts of interest that investors should consider in relation to an investment in an Evolve ETF. In particular, by virtue of these relationships, these registered dealers may profit from the sale and trading of Units. The Designated Broker, as market maker of the Evolve ETFs in the secondary market, may therefore have economic interests that differ from, and may be adverse to, those of Unitholders. Any such registered dealer and its affiliates may, at present or in the future, engage in business with an Evolve ETF, with the issuers of securities making up the investment portfolio of an Evolve ETF or with the Manager or any funds sponsored by the Manager or its affiliates, including by making loans, entering into Derivative transactions or providing advisory or agency services to the Manager or its affiliates may extend to other activities, such as being part of a distribution syndicate for other funds sponsored by the Manager or its affiliates.

See also "Other Material Facts".

### **Independent Review Committee**

As required by NI 81-107, the Manager has established an IRC to review all conflicts of interest matters identified and referred to the IRC by the Manager relating to the Evolve ETFs managed by the Manager. The IRC reviews and gives its approval or recommendations as to the conflict of interests matters referred to it. A conflict of interest matter is a situation where a reasonable person would consider the Manager or an entity related to the Manager to have an interest that conflicts with the Manager's ability to act in good faith and in the best interest of the Evolve ETFs. The IRC is also required to approve certain reorganizations involving the Evolve ETFs and any change of the auditors of the Evolve ETFs.

The IRC is made up of members who are independent. The Manager considers that an individual is independent if the individual is not a director, officer or employee of any of the Manager or an affiliate of the Manager for at least 5 years. In addition, the individual must be independent of management and free from any interest and any business or other relationship that could, or could reasonably be perceived to, materially interfere with the individual's ability to act with the view to the best interest of the Evolve ETFs.

The members of the IRC are Kevin Drynan (Chair), Rod McIsaac and Mark Leung.

The IRC has a written charter that sets out its powers, duties and responsibilities. Additionally, pursuant to NI 81-107, the IRC assesses, at least annually, the adequacy and effectiveness of the following: the Manager's policies and procedures regarding conflict of interest matters; any standing instructions that the IRC gave to the Manager for conflict of interest matters related to the Evolve ETFs; the compliance of the Manager and each Evolve ETF with any conditions imposed by the IRC on a recommendation or approval it has provided to the Manager; the independence and compensation of its members; the IRC's effectiveness as a committee; and the contribution of each member to the IRC.

The IRC prepares a report for Unitholders, at least annually, of its activities. Such report is made available on the Manager's website at <u>www.evolvefunds.com</u> or, at the request of a Unitholder and at no cost, by calling the Manager at (416)-214-4884 or toll-free at 1-844-370-4884 or by sending an email request to <u>info@evolvefunds.com</u>.

The members of the IRC are paid an annual fee for serving on the IRC of the investment funds in the Evolve ETFs. Each investment fund, including the Evolve ETFs, is responsible for a portion of that fee, which is allocated by the Manager among the various funds. Currently, annual fees are payable to the following members of the IRC as follows: Kevin Drynan (Chair, \$3,000), Rod McIsaac (\$2,250) and Mark Leung (\$2,250). In addition to the annual fee, each IRC member will receive an additional \$2,000 for each additional meeting held after the first two meetings in any year.

The investment funds in the EFG family of ETFs all share the same IRC. Fees and expenses of the IRC are borne and shared by all of the investment funds in the EFG family of ETFs.

### Trustee

Pursuant to the Declaration of Trust, the Manager is also the trustee of the Evolve ETFs. The Trustee may resign upon 90 days' notice to Unitholders and the Manager. The Trustee must be removed if the Trustee ceases to (i) be resident in Canada for purposes of the Tax Act; (ii) carry out its function of managing the Evolve ETFs in Canada; or (iii) exercise the main powers and discretions of the Trustee in respect of the Evolve ETFs in Canada. If the Trustee resigns or if it becomes incapable of acting as trustee, the Trustee may appoint a successor trustee prior to its resignation, and its resignation shall become effective upon the acceptance of such appointment by its successor. If no successor has been appointed within 90 days after the Trustee has provided the Manager with 90 days' notice of its intention to resign, the Evolve ETFs will be terminated, and the property of the Evolve ETF shall be distributed in accordance with the terms of the Declaration of Trust.

The Declaration of Trust provides that the Trustee shall act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of each Evolve ETF and shall perform its duties to the standard of care that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in the circumstances. In addition, the Declaration of Trust contains other customary provisions limiting the liability of the Trustee and indemnifying the Trustee in respect of certain liabilities incurred by it in carrying out the Trustee's duties.

At any time during which the Manager is the trustee, the Manager will receive no fee in respect of the provision of services as trustee.

### Custodian

CIBC Mellon Trust Company, at its principal office in Toronto, Ontario, is custodian of the assets of the Evolve ETFs pursuant to the Custodian Agreement. The Custodian has appointed qualified foreign sub-custodians in each jurisdiction in which the Evolve ETFs have securities. The Manager or the Custodian may terminate the Custodian Agreement at any time upon ninety (90) days' written notice.

The Custodian is entitled to receive fees from the Manager as described under "Fees and Expenses" and to be reimbursed for all expenses and liabilities that are properly incurred by the Custodian in connection with the activities of the Evolve ETFs.

### Auditors

The auditors of the Evolve ETFs are Ernst & Young LLP located at its principal offices in Toronto, Ontario. The auditors of the Evolve ETFs may not be changed unless the IRC has approved the change and Unitholders have received at least 60 days' notice before the effective date of the change, or as otherwise required by Canadian Securities Legislation.

### **Registrar and Transfer Agent**

TSX Trust Company, at its principal offices in Toronto, Ontario, is the Registrar and Transfer Agent for each Evolve ETF pursuant to registrar and transfer agency agreements entered into as of the date of the initial issuance of Units of each Evolve ETF.

### **Fund Administrator**

CIBC Mellon Global Securities Services Company, at its principal offices in Toronto, Ontario, is the Fund Administrator. The Fund Administrator is responsible for certain aspects of the day-to-day administration of the Evolve ETFs, including NAV calculations, accounting for net income and net realized capital gains of the Evolve ETFs and maintaining books and records with respect to each Evolve ETF.

#### Lending Agent

The Bank of New York Mellon acts as the securities lending agent for the Evolve ETFs pursuant to a securities lending authorization agreement (a "Securities Lending Agreement") entered into between the Lending Agent, EFG, in its capacity as manager of each of the Evolve ETFs, and The Bank of New York Mellon. The Lending Agent is not affiliates or associates of the Manager. The Manager or the Lending Agent may terminate the Securities Lending Agreement upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the other parties at any time.

Under the Securities Lending Agreement, the collateral posted by a securities borrower to the Evolve ETFs will be required to have an aggregate value of not less than 102% of the market value of the loaned securities. In addition to the collateral held by the Evolve ETFs, the Evolve ETFs will also benefit from a borrower default indemnity provided by the Lending Agent. The Lending Agent's indemnity will provide for the replacement of a number of securities equal to the number of unreturned loaned securities.

#### Promoter

The Manager has taken the initiative in founding and organizing the Evolve ETFs and is, accordingly, the promoter of the Evolve ETFs within the meaning of securities legislation of certain provinces and territories of Canada. The Manager, in its capacity as manager of the Evolve ETFs, receives compensation from the Evolve ETFs. See "Fees and Expenses".

### CALCULATION OF NAV

The NAV and NAV per Unit of an Evolve ETF are calculated by the Fund Administrator as of the Valuation Time on each Valuation Date. The NAV of an Evolve ETF on a particular date is equal to the aggregate value of the assets of that Evolve ETF less the aggregate value of the liabilities of Evolve ETF, including any accrued management fees and any income, net realized capital gains or other amounts payable to Unitholders on or before such date, expressed in Canadian dollars. The NAV per Unit on any day is obtained by dividing the NAV of an Evolve ETF on such day by the applicable number of Units of that Evolve ETF then outstanding.

### Valuation Policies and Procedures of the Evolve ETFs

In determining the NAV of each Evolve ETF at any time, the Fund Administrator uses the following valuation principles:

- a) cash on hand or on deposit, bills, demand notes, accounts receivable, prepaid expenses, cash dividends received or receivable and interest accrued and not yet received, shall be deemed to be the face value thereof unless the Manager has determined that any such deposit, bill, demand note, account receivable, prepaid expense, cash dividend received or receivable or interest is not worth the full face value, in which event the value thereof shall be deemed to be such value as the Manager determines to be reasonable;
- b) bonds, debentures, notes, money market instruments and other obligations shall be valued by taking the average of the most recently available bid and asked quotations at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date;
- c) loans, including senior secured loans, shall be valued at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date in the following manner:
  - (i) the bid-side quote determined by any of Loan Pricing Corporation, MarkIt Partners or any other nationally recognized loan pricing service selected by the Sub-Advisor or Manager, as applicable; or
  - (ii) if such quote described in clause (i) above is not available, the average of the bid-side quotes determined by the Sub-Advisor or Manager, as applicable, from three independent broker-dealers active in the trading of such asset; or (A) if only two such bids can be obtained, the average of the bid-side quotes of such two bids; or (B) if only one such bid can be obtained, such bid; or

- (iii) if such quote or bid described in clauses (i) and (ii) above are not available, the value of such loan (expressed as a percentage of par) shall be the value assigned by the Sub-Advisor based on its best estimate of fair value, taking into consideration all relevant factors, including, but not limited to, the earnings and cash flow of the applicable obligor, comparable loans and/or obligors in the market, credit ratings and/or market credit spreads, interest rate levels, liquidity levels and position concentration levels;
- d) any security which is listed or dealt in upon a stock exchange shall be valued at its current market value;
- e) any security which is not listed or dealt in upon a stock exchange shall be valued at the most recently available sale price on the Valuation Date, or if such sale price is unavailable, the average of the bid and asked quotations immediately prior to the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date shall be used;
- f) restricted securities shall be valued at the lesser of:
  - (i) the value thereof based on reported quotations in common use; and
  - (ii) that percentage of the market value of securities of the same class, the trading of which is not restricted or limited by reason of any representation, undertaking or agreement or by law, equal to the percentage that the Evolve ETF's acquisition cost was of the market value of such securities at the time of acquisition, as applicable, provided that a gradual taking into account of the actual value of the securities may be made where the date on which the restrictions will be lifted is known;
- g) purchased or written clearing corporation options, options on futures, over-the-counter options, debtlike securities and listed warrants shall be valued at the current market value thereof;
- h) where a covered clearing corporation option, option on futures or over-the-counter option is written, the premium received by the Evolve ETF shall be reflected as a deferred credit which shall be valued at an amount equal to the current market value of the clearing corporation option, option on futures or over-the-counter option that would have the effect of closing the position. Any difference resulting from revaluation shall be treated as an unrealized gain or loss on investment. The deferred credit shall be deducted in arriving at the NAV. The securities, if any, which are the subject of a written clearing corporation option or over-the-counter option shall be valued at their current market value;
- the value of a futures contract, forward contract or other Derivatives, such as swap contracts or options on financial futures, shall be the gain or loss with respect thereto that would be realized if, at the Valuation Time, the position in the futures contract, or the forward contract, as the case may be, were to be closed out in accordance with its terms, unless "daily limits" are in effect, in which case fair value shall be based on the current market value of the underlying interest;
- j) margin paid or deposited in respect of futures contracts and forward contracts shall be reflected as an account receivable and margin consisting of assets other than cash shall be noted as held as margin;
- k) translating amounts in a foreign currency to Canadian currency shall be based on the rate of exchange in effect on the applicable Valuation Date, as quoted by a recognized source, at the Manager's sole discretion;
- if any Valuation Date is not a business day in any jurisdiction which is relevant for the purposes of valuing investments of the Evolve ETFs, the prices or quotations as of the preceding business day in such jurisdiction shall be used for the purposes of such valuation;
- m) any security purchased, the purchase price of which has not been paid, shall be included for valuation purposes as a security held, and the purchase price, including brokers' commissions and other expenses, shall be treated as a liability of the Evolve ETF;
- n) any security sold, but not delivered, pending receipt of the proceeds, shall be excluded for valuation purposes as a security held, and the selling price, net of brokers' commissions and other expenses, shall be treated as an asset of the Evolve ETF; and
- o) if any investment cannot be valued under the foregoing rules or if the foregoing rules are at any time considered by the Manager to be inappropriate under the circumstances, then notwithstanding the foregoing rules, the Manager shall make such valuation as it considers fair and reasonable.

Unless otherwise indicated, for purposes hereof, "current market value" means the most recently available sale price applicable to the relevant security on the principal exchange on which it is traded immediately preceding the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date, provided that, if no sale has taken place on a Valuation Date, the average of the bid and asked quotations immediately prior to the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date shall be used.

For the purposes of the foregoing valuation policies, quotations may be obtained from any report in common use, or from a reputable broker or other financial institutions, provided always that the Manager shall retain sole discretion to use such information and methods as it deems to be necessary or desirable for valuing the assets of the Evolve ETFs, including the use of a formula computation.

If any investment cannot be valued under the foregoing rules or if the foregoing rules are at any time considered by the Manager to be inappropriate under the circumstances, then notwithstanding the foregoing rules, the Manager shall make such valuation as it considers fair and reasonable under the circumstances and, if there is an industry practice, in a manner consistent with such industry practice for valuing such investment.

Pursuant to NI 81-106, investment funds calculate their NAV using fair value for purposes of securityholder transactions. The Manager considers the policies above to result in fair valuation of the securities held by the Evolve ETFs in accordance with NI 81-106 and such policies have been approved by the Board of Directors of the Manager. Net assets of the Evolve ETFs will continue to be calculated in accordance with the rules and policies of the Canadian Securities Administrators or any exemption therefrom that the Evolve ETFs may obtain.

## **Reporting of NAV**

The Manager will publish the NAV and NAV per Unit for each Evolve ETF following the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date on its website at <u>www.evolvefunds.com</u>.

## **ATTRIBUTES OF THE SECURITIES**

### **Description of the Securities Distributed**

Each Evolve ETF is authorized to issue an unlimited number of classes or series of redeemable, transferable Units, each of which represents an undivided interest in the net assets of that Evolve ETF. The Units are denominated in Canadian dollars.

The primary difference between the Unhedged Units and the Hedged Units of an Evolve ETF, as applicable, is that the exposure in relation to the Unhedged Units to currencies other than the Canadian dollar will not be hedged back to the Canadian dollar.

On December 16, 2004, the *Trust Beneficiaries' Liability Act*, 2004 (Ontario) came into force. This statute provides that holders of units of a trust are not, as beneficiaries, liable for any default, obligation or liability of the trust if, when the default occurs or the liability arises: (i) the trust is a reporting issuer under the *Securities Act* (Ontario); and (ii) the trust is governed by the laws of the province of Ontario. Each Evolve ETF is a reporting issuer under the *Securities Act* (Ontario) and each Evolve ETF is governed by the laws of Ontario by virtue of the provisions of the Declaration of Trust.

### Certain Provisions of the Units

Each Unit entitles the holder thereof to one vote at meetings of Unitholders and to participate equally with all other Units of the same class of the Evolve ETF with respect to all payments made to Unitholders, other than Management Fee Distributions, including distributions of net income and net realized capital gains and, on liquidation, to participate equally in the net assets of the Evolve ETF remaining after satisfaction of any outstanding liabilities that are attributable to Units of that class of the Evolve ETF. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Evolve ETF may allocate and designate as payable certain capital gains to a Unitholder whose Units are being redeemed or exchanged as described under "Exchange and Redemption of Units – Allocations of Capital Gains to Redeeming or Exchanging Unitholders". All Units will be fully paid, with no liability for future assessments, when issued and will not be transferable except by operation of law. Unitholders are entitled to require an Evolve ETF to redeem their Units of such Evolve ETF as outlined under "Exchange and Redemption of Units – Redemption of Units of an Evolve ETF for Cash".

### Exchange of Units for Baskets of Securities

As set out under "Exchange and Redemption of Units – Exchange of Units of an Evolve ETF at NAV per Unit for Baskets of Securities and/or Cash", Unitholders may exchange the applicable PNU (or an integral multiple thereof) of an Evolve ETF on any Trading Day for Baskets of Securities and/or cash, subject to the requirement that a minimum PNU be exchanged.

## Redemptions of Units for Cash

On any Trading Day, Unitholders may redeem Units of any Evolve ETF for cash at a redemption price per Unit equal to 95% of the closing price for the applicable Units on the TSX on the effective day of redemption, subject to a maximum redemption price per Unit equal to the NAV per Unit on the effective day of redemption, less any applicable administrative fee determined by the Manager, in its sole discretion, from time to time. Because Unitholders will generally be able to sell Units at the market price on the TSX through a registered broker or dealer subject only to customary brokerage commissions, Unitholders are advised to consult their brokers, dealers or investment advisers before redeeming their Units for cash.

### Modification of Terms

All rights attached to the Units may only be modified, amended or varied in accordance with the terms of the Declaration of Trust. See "Unitholder Matters – Amendments to the Declaration of Trust".

The Manager may amend the Declaration of Trust from time to time to redesignate the name of an Evolve ETF or to create a new class or series of units of an Evolve ETF without notice to existing Unitholders of the Evolve ETFs.

## Voting Rights in the Portfolio Securities

Holders of Units will not have any voting rights in respect of the securities in an Evolve ETF's portfolio.

## **UNITHOLDER MATTERS**

## **Meetings of Unitholders**

Meetings of Unitholders of an Evolve ETF will be held if called by the Manager or upon the written request to the Manager of Unitholders of the Evolve ETF holding not less than 25% of the then outstanding Units of the Evolve ETF.

## Matters Requiring Unitholder Approval

NI 81-102 requires a meeting of Unitholders of an Evolve ETF to be called to approve certain changes as follows:

- (i) the basis of the calculation of a fee or expense that is charged to the Evolve ETF or its Unitholders is changed in a way that could result in an increase in charges to the Evolve ETF or to its Unitholders, except where (a) the Evolve ETF is at arm's length with the person or company charging the fee; and (b) the Unitholders have received at least 60 days' notice before the effective date of the change;
- (ii) a fee or expense, to be charged to an Evolve ETF or directly to its Unitholders by the Evolve ETF or the Manager in connection with the holding of Units of the Evolve ETF that could result in an increase in charges to the Evolve ETF or its Unitholders, is introduced;
- (iii) the Manager is changed, unless the new manager of the Evolve ETF is an affiliate of the Manager;
- (iv) the fundamental investment objective of the Evolve ETF is changed;
- (v) the Evolve ETF decreases the frequency of the calculation of its NAV per Unit;
- (vi) other than a Permitted Merger for which Unitholder approval is not required, the Evolve ETF undertakes a reorganization with, or transfers its assets to, another mutual fund, if the Evolve ETF ceases to continue after the reorganization or transfer of assets and the transaction results in the Unitholders of the Evolve ETF becoming securityholders in the other mutual fund;

- (vii) the Evolve ETF undertakes a reorganization with, or acquires assets from, another mutual fund, if the Evolve ETF continues after the reorganization or acquisition of assets, the transaction results in the securityholders of the other mutual fund becoming Unitholders, and the transaction would be a material change to the Evolve ETF; or
- (viii) any matter which is required by the constitutive documents of the Evolve ETF, by the laws applicable to the Evolve ETF or by any agreement to be submitted to a vote of the Unitholders.

In addition, the auditors of an Evolve ETF may not be changed unless the IRC of the Evolve ETF has approved the change and Unitholders have received at least 60 days' notice before the effective date of the change.

Approval of Unitholders of an Evolve ETF of any such matter will be given if a majority of the votes cast at a meeting of Unitholders of the Evolve ETF duly called and held for the purpose of considering the same approve the related resolution.

### Amendments to the Declaration of Trust

The Trustee may amend the Declaration of Trust from time to time but may not, without the approval of a majority of the votes of Unitholders of the Evolve ETF voting at a meeting of Unitholders duly called for such purpose, make any amendment relating to any matter in respect of which NI 81-102 requires a meeting, as set out above, or any amendment that will adversely affect the voting rights of Unitholders. All Unitholders of an Evolve ETF shall be bound by an amendment affecting the Evolve ETF from the effective date of the amendment.

### **Permitted Mergers**

An Evolve ETF may, without Unitholder approval, enter into a merger or other similar transaction (a "**Permitted Merger**") that has the effect of combining that Evolve ETF with any other investment fund or funds that have investment objectives, valuation procedures and fee structures that are similar to the Evolve ETF, subject to:

- (i) approval of the merger by the IRC;
- (ii) compliance with certain merger pre-approval conditions set out in NI 81-102; and
- (iii) written notice being sent to Unitholders at least 60 days before the effective date of the merger.

In connection with a Permitted Merger, the merging funds will be valued at their respective NAVs and Unitholders of the Evolve ETF will be offered the right to redeem their Units for cash at the applicable NAV per Unit.

### Accounting and Reporting to Unitholders

The fiscal year-end of the Evolve ETFs is December 31. The Evolve ETFs will deliver or make available to Unitholders: (i) audited annual financial statements; (ii) unaudited interim financial statements; and (iii) annual and interim management reports of fund performance. Such documents are, or will be, incorporated by reference into, and form an integral part of, this prospectus. See "Documents Incorporated by Reference".

Each Unitholder will also be mailed annually, by his, her or its broker, as and when required under applicable law, information necessary to enable such Unitholder to complete an income tax return with respect to amounts paid or payable by each Evolve ETF owned by such Unitholder in respect of the preceding taxation year of such Evolve ETF. Neither the Manager nor the Registrar and Transfer Agent are responsible for tracking the adjusted cost base of a Unitholder's Units. Unitholders should consult with their tax or investment adviser in respect of how to compute the adjusted cost base of their Units and in particular how distributions made by the Evolve ETF to a Unitholder affect the Unitholder's tax position. See "Income Tax Considerations".

The Manager will ensure that each Evolve ETF complies with all applicable reporting and administrative requirements. The Manager will also ensure that adequate books and records are kept reflecting the activities of each Evolve ETF. A Unitholder or his, her or its duly authorized representative has the right to examine the books and records of the applicable Evolve ETF during normal business hours at the offices of the Fund Administrator. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Unitholder shall not have access to any information that, in the opinion of the Manager, should be kept confidential in the interests of the Evolve ETFs.

### **International Information Reporting**

Part XVIII of the Tax Act imposes due diligence and reporting obligations on "reporting Canadian financial institutions" in respect of their "U.S. reportable accounts". Each Evolve ETF is a "reporting Canadian financial institution" but as long as Units continue to be registered in the name of CDS or the Units are regularly traded on an established securities market (which currently includes the TSX), the Evolve ETFs should not have any "U.S. reportable accounts" and, as a result, an Evolve ETF should not be required to provide information to the CRA in respect of its Unitholders. However, dealers through which Unitholders hold their Units of an Evolve ETF are subject to due diligence and reporting obligations with respect to financial accounts they maintain for their clients. Accordingly, Unitholders may be requested to provide information to their dealer to identify U.S. persons holding Units. If a Unitholder is a U.S. person (including a U.S. citizen) or if a Unitholder does not provide the requested information, Part XVIII of the Tax Act will generally require information about the Unitholder's investments held in the financial account maintained by the dealer to be reported to the CRA, unless the investments are held within a Plan. The CRA is expected to provide that information to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

Part XIX of the Tax Act implements the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development Common Reporting Standard (the "**CRS Legislation**"). Pursuant to the CRS Legislation, "Canadian financial institutions" (as defined in the CRS Legislation) are required to have procedures in place to identify accounts held by residents of foreign countries (other than the U.S.) or by certain entities the "controlling persons" of which are resident in a foreign country (other than the U.S.) and to report required information to the CRA. Such information would be exchanged on a reciprocal, bilateral basis with countries that have agreed to a bilateral information exchange with Canada under the Common Reporting Standard and in which the account holders or such controlling persons are resident. Under the CRS Legislation, Unitholders are required to provide certain information regarding their investment in an Evolve ETF for the purpose of such procedures and, where applicable, such information exchange, unless the investment is held within a Plan.

#### **TERMINATION OF THE EVOLVE ETFs**

An Evolve ETF may be terminated by the Manager on at least sixty (60) days' notice to Unitholders of such termination and the Manager will issue a press release in advance thereof. The Manager may also terminate an Evolve ETF if the Trustee resigns or becomes incapable of acting and is not replaced. The rights of Unitholders to exchange and redeem Units described under "Exchange and Redemption of Units – Exchange of Units of an Evolve ETF at NAV per Unit for Baskets of Securities and/or Cash" and "Exchange and Redemption of Units – Redemption of Units of an Evolve ETF.

The Trustee shall be entitled to retain out of any assets of an Evolve ETF, at the date of termination of the Evolve ETF, full provision for all costs, charges, expenses, claims and demands incurred or believed by the Trustee to be due or to become due in connection with or arising out of the termination of the Evolve ETF and the distribution of its assets to the Unitholders of the Evolve ETF. Out of the moneys so retained, the Trustee is entitled to be indemnified and saved harmless against all costs, charges, expenses, claims and demands. Upon such termination, the portfolio securities, cash and other assets based on NAV remaining after paying or providing for all liabilities and obligations of the Evolve ETF shall be distributed pro rate among the Unitholders of the Evolve ETF.

#### PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

Units are being offered for sale on a continuous basis by this prospectus and there is no maximum number of Units that may be issued. The Units shall be offered for sale at a price equal to the NAV of such class of Units determined at the Valuation Time on the effective date of the subscription order.

#### **Non-Resident Unitholders**

At no time may (i) non-residents of Canada, (ii) partnerships that are not Canadian partnerships or (iii) a combination of non-residents of Canada and such partnerships (all as defined in the Tax Act) be the beneficial owners of a majority of the Units of an Evolve ETF (on either a number of Units or fair market value basis) and the Manager shall inform the Registrar and Transfer Agent of the Evolve ETF of this restriction. The Manager may require declarations as to the jurisdictions in which a beneficial owner of Units is resident and, if a partnership, its status as a Canadian partnership. If the Manager becomes aware, as a result of requiring such declarations as to

beneficial ownership or otherwise, that the beneficial owners of 40% of the Units of an Evolve ETF then outstanding (on either a number of Units or fair market value basis) are, or may be, non-residents and/or partnerships that are not Canadian partnerships, or that such a situation is imminent, the Manager may make a public announcement thereof. If the Manager determines that more than 40% of the Units of an Evolve ETF (on either a number of Units or fair market value basis) are beneficially held by non-residents and/or partnerships that are not Canadian partnerships, the Manager may send a notice to such non-residents and/or partnerships, chosen in inverse order to the order of acquisition or in such manner as the Manager may consider equitable and practicable, requiring them to sell their Units or a portion thereof within a specified period of not less than 30 days. If the Unitholders receiving such notice have not sold the specified number of Units or provided the Manager with satisfactory evidence that they are not non-residents or partnerships within such period, the Manager may on behalf of such Units. Upon such sale, the affected holders shall cease to be beneficial holders of Units and their rights shall be limited to receiving the net proceeds of sale of such Units.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Manager may determine not to take any of the actions described above if the Manager has been advised by legal counsel that the failure to take any of such actions would not adversely impact the status of an Evolve ETF as a mutual fund trust for purposes of the Tax Act or, alternatively, may take such other action or actions as may be necessary to maintain the status of the Evolve ETF as a mutual fund trust for purposes of the Tax Act.

# **RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE EVOLVE ETFs AND THE DEALERS**

The Manager, on behalf of an Evolve ETF, may enter into various agreements with registered dealers (that may or may not be the Designated Broker) pursuant to which the Dealers may subscribe for Units of the Evolve ETF as described under "Purchases of Units".

No Designated Broker or Dealer has been involved in the preparation of this prospectus or has performed any review of the contents of this prospectus and, as such, the Designated Broker and the Dealers do not perform many of the usual underwriting activities in connection with the distribution by the Evolve ETFs of their Units under this prospectus. Units of an Evolve ETF do not represent an interest or an obligation of the applicable Designated Broker, any Dealer or any affiliate thereof and a Unitholder does not have any recourse against any such parties in respect of amounts payable by an Evolve ETF to the applicable Designated Broker or applicable Dealers. See "Organization and Management Details of the Evolve ETFs - Conflicts of Interest".

### PRINCIPAL HOLDERS OF UNITS

CDS & Co., the nominee of CDS, is the registered owner of the Units of the Evolve ETFs, which it holds for various brokers and other persons on behalf of their clients and others. From time to time, a Designated Broker, Dealer, Evolve ETF or another investment fund managed by the Manager or an affiliate thereof, may beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than 10% of the Units of an Evolve ETF.

### PROXY VOTING DISCLOSURE FOR PORTFOLIO SECURITIES HELD

The Manager has established policies and procedures with respect to the voting of proxies received from issuers of securities held in an Evolve ETF's portfolio (the "**Proxy Voting Policy**"). Unless a Sub-Advisor's proxy voting policies have been adopted, the Manager's Proxy Voting Policy provides that the Manager will vote (or refrain from voting) proxies for each Evolve ETF for which it has voting power in the best economic interests of the Evolve ETF. The Proxy Voting Policy is not exhaustive and due to the variety of proxy voting issues that the Manager may be required to consider, are intended only to provide guidance and are not intended to dictate how proxies are to be voted in each instance. The Manager may depart from the Proxy Voting Policy in order to avoid voting decisions that may be contrary to the best interests of the Evolve ETFs.

The Manager will publish these records on an annual basis on the Evolve ETFs' website at www.evolvefunds.com. Each Evolve ETF's proxy voting record for the annual period from July 1 to June 30 is available at any time after August 31 following the end of that annual period, to any Unitholder on request, at no cost, and is also available at www.evolvefunds.com.

The Manager has delegated the right and obligation to vote proxies relating to the portfolio securities of the following Sub-Advisors as part of their respective portfolio management responsibilities.

### Proxy Policies for Nuveen Asset Management, LLC

In respect of Evolve ETFs for which Nuveen Asset Management, LLC has been appointed as sub-advisor, pursuant to the terms of the Nuveen Sub-Advisory Agreement, Nuveen Asset Management, LLC is authorized to exercise all rights and privileges incidental to ownership of the securities comprising the portfolio of the applicable Evolve ETFs in accordance with Nuveen Asset Management, LLC's proxy voting policy, which has been or will be adopted for the voting of proxies in compliance with applicable legislation. Nuveen Asset Management, LLC has adopted a proxy voting policy to ensure that proxies are voted in the best interest of its clients. In determining how to vote proxies, Nuveen Asset Management, LLC follows the proxy voting policies of an independent third party, Institutional Shareholder Services, Inc. Certain conflicts of interest or specific situations may call for a vote that does not follow the third party's proxy voting policy. Such conflicts of interest or specific situations are addressed by Nuveen Asset Management, LLC's management with ultimate oversight by Nuveen Asset Management, LLC's proxy voting committee.

### Proxy Policies for Foyston, Gordon & Payne Inc.

In respect of Evolve ETFs for which Foyston, Gordon & Payne Inc. has been appointed as sub-advisor, pursuant to the terms of the FGP Sub-Advisory Agreement, Foyston, Gordon & Payne Inc. is authorized to exercise all rights and privileges incidental to ownership of the securities comprising the portfolio of the applicable Evolve ETFs in accordance with Foyston, Gordon & Payne Inc.'s proxy voting policy, which has been or will be adopted for the voting of proxies in compliance with applicable legislation. Foyston, Gordon & Payne Inc. has adopted a proxy voting policy to ensure that proxies are voted in the best interest of its clients.

## MATERIAL CONTRACTS

The only contracts material to the Evolve ETFs are the Declaration of Trust, Sub-Advisory Agreements and Custodian Agreement.

Copies of these agreements may be examined at the head office of the Manager at 161 Bay Street, Suite 2700, Toronto, ON M5J 2S1.

### LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

The Evolve ETFs are not involved in any legal proceedings, nor is the Manager aware of existing or pending legal or arbitration proceedings involving the Evolve ETFs.

## EXPERTS

Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP, legal counsel to the Evolve ETFs, has provided a legal opinion on the principal Canadian federal income tax considerations that apply to an investment in Units of an Evolve ETF by an individual (other than a trust) resident in Canada. See "Income Tax Considerations".

The auditors of the Evolve ETFs, Ernst & Young LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants, have consented to the use of their report dated March 29, 2018 to the Unitholders of the Evolve ETFs. Ernst & Young LLP has advised that it is independent with respect to the Evolve ETFs within the meaning of the Rules of Professional Conduct of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario.

## **EXEMPTIONS AND APPROVALS**

The Manager, on behalf of the Evolve ETFs, has obtained exemptive relief from the Canadian Securities Regulatory Authorities:

(a) to permit a Unitholder to acquire more than 20% of the Units of an Evolve ETF through purchases on the TSX without regard to the takeover bid requirements of applicable Canadian Securities Legislation provided the Unitholder, and any person acting jointly or in concert with such Unitholder, undertakes to the Manager not to vote more than 20% of the Units at any meeting of Unitholders. See "Purchases of Units – Buying and Selling Units of an Evolve ETF";

- (b) to relieve the Evolve ETFs from the requirement that a prospectus contain a certificate of the underwriters; and
- (c) to permit the Evolve ETFs to invest in other underlying exchange traded funds that do not qualify as index participation units.

Additionally, certain dealers of the Evolve ETFs, including the Designated Broker and Dealers of the Evolve ETFs, have received exemptive relief from the Securities Regulatory Authorities from the requirement that a dealer, not acting as agent of the purchaser, who receives an order or subscription for a security offered in a distribution to which the prospectus requirement of the securities legislation of the provinces and territories apply, send or deliver to the purchaser or its agent, unless the dealer has previously done so, the latest prospectus and any amendment either before entering into an agreement of purchase and sale resulting from the order or subscription, or not later than midnight on the second business day after entering into that agreement. As a condition of this exemptive relief, the dealer is required to deliver a copy of the ETF Facts of the applicable Evolve ETF to a purchaser if the dealer does not deliver a copy of this prospectus. This relief will expire upon the coming-into-force of amendments to National Instrument 41-101 *General Prospectus Requirements* which will codify the exemptive relief. Currently, the amendments are expected to come-into-force on December 10, 2018.

## PURCHASERS' STATUTORY RIGHTS OF WITHDRAWAL AND RESCISSION

Securities legislation in certain of the provinces and territories of Canada provides purchasers with the right to withdraw from an agreement to purchase exchange traded mutual fund securities within 48 hours after the receipt of a confirmation of a purchase of such securities. In several of the provinces and territories of Canada, the securities legislation further provides a purchaser with remedies for rescission or, in some jurisdictions, revisions of the price or damages if the prospectus and any amendment contains a misrepresentation, or for non-delivery of the ETF Facts, provided that the remedies for rescission, revisions of the price or damages are exercised by the purchaser within the time limit prescribed by the securities legislation of the purchaser's province or territory.

The purchaser should refer to the applicable provisions of the securities legislation of the province or territory for the particulars of these rights or should consult with a legal adviser.

### DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Additional information about each of the Evolve ETFs is, or will be, available in the following documents:

- (i) the most recently filed ETF Facts of the Evolve ETFs;
- (ii) the most recently filed comparative annual financial statements of the Evolve ETFs, together with the accompanying report of the auditors;
- (iii) any unaudited interim financial statements of the Evolve ETFs of the Evolve ETFs filed after the most recently filed comparative annual financial statements of the Evolve ETFs;
- (iv) the most recently filed annual MRFP of the Evolve ETFs; and
- (v) any interim MRFP of the Evolve ETFs filed after that most recently filed annual MRFP of the Evolve ETFs.

These documents are or will be incorporated by reference into this prospectus, which means that they legally form part of this document just as if they were printed as part of this document.

These documents are available on the Manager's website at <u>www.evolvefunds.com</u> or by contacting the Manager at (416)-214-4884 or toll-free at 1-844-370-4884 or by email at <u>info@evolvefunds.com</u>. These documents and other information about the Evolve ETFs are available on the Internet at <u>www.sedar.com</u>.

In addition to the documents listed above, any documents of the type described above that are filed on behalf of the Evolve ETFs after the date of this prospectus and before the termination of the distribution of the Evolve ETFs are deemed to be incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

# CERTIFICATE OF THE EVOLVE ETFS, THE MANAGER AND PROMOTER

Dated: August 10, 2018

This prospectus, together with the documents incorporated herein by reference, constitutes full, true and plain disclosure of all material facts relating to the securities offered by this prospectus as required by the securities legislation of each of the provinces and territories of Canada.

## **EVOLVE FUNDS GROUP INC.**

(As manager, trustee and promoter and on behalf of the Evolve ETFs)

(signed) "Raj Lala"

Raj Lala Chief Executive Officer of Evolve Funds Group Inc., the Manager, Trustee and Promoter of the Evolve ETFs, and on behalf of the Evolve ETFs (signed) "Michael Simonetta"

Michael Simonetta Chief Financial Officer of Evolve Funds Group Inc., the Manager, Trustee and Promoter of the Evolve ETFs, and on behalf of the Evolve ETFs

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Evolve Funds Group Inc.

(signed) "Keith Crone"

(signed) "Elliot Johnson"

Keith Crone Director Elliot Johnson Director