

# High Interest Savings Account Fund

December 31, 2022

Annual Management Report of Fund Performance

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## Investment Objective and Strategies

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The High Interest Savings Account Fund (the "Fund") seeks to maximize monthly income while preserving capital and liquidity by investing primarily in high interest deposit accounts.

## Risk

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There were no changes to the Fund over the period of this report that materially affected the level of risk associated with an investment in the Fund. Prospective investors should read the Fund's most recent prospectus and consider the description of risks contained therein.

## Results of Operations

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For the year ended December 31, 2022, the Unhedged ETF Units returned 2.3%, the Unhedged Class A Mutual Fund Units returned 1.9% and the Unhedged Class F Mutual Fund Units returned 2.2% after fees and expenses, versus the Bank of Canada Treasury Bills One Month return of 2.0%. Overall, the Fund outperformed its benchmark during the period. The Fund invested solely in bank deposits with Schedule 1 Canadian banks. Since the Class I Mutual Fund Units effectively began operations on April 26, 2022, no performance data can be shown. The Fund's net assets were \$3,028.4MM as at December 31, 2022.

## Portfolio Manager Commentary

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Cash has always been an important component of a well-diversified portfolio. However, economic conditions in 2022 brought into perspective how vital the cash component of a portfolio really is. During the year, the bearish market coupled with rate hikes driven by rising inflation made cash solutions top of mind for many investors. In fact, 2022 marked the worst year for stocks since 2008, with the S&P 500 returning -18.13% and the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index returning -13.01% over the year.<sup>1</sup> This challenging macroeconomic environment made it highly likely that the cash component of investors' portfolios would be their only holding with positive returns during the year. Furthermore, with Canadian inflation rates at 6.3% on a year-over-year basis, the Bank of Canada has raised rates by 4.25% since the beginning of 2022 in an effort to combat inflation.<sup>2,3</sup> More specifically, the year began with rates at 0.25% and closed the year out at 4.25%, pushing borrowing costs to their highest level since 2008.<sup>4</sup> The Bank of Canada has signalled that there will be more rate hikes to come, predicting that inflation will decline to about 3% by the end of next year, and will hit its 2% target by 2024.<sup>5</sup> The Bank of Canada's next rate announcement is scheduled to take place on January 25, 2023.<sup>6</sup>

(1) <https://www.wsj.com/livecoverage/stock-market-news-today-11-30-2022/card/it-s-the-worst-year-for-stocks-since-2008-E4m8L8fnl8FcVVDrmKcq>

(2) <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2023-01-17/inflation-slows-to-6-3-in-canada-opening-door-to-rate-pause?leadSource=uverify%20wall>

(3) <https://www.bankofcanada.ca/core-functions/monetary-policy/key-interest-rate/>

(4) <https://www.cNBC.com/2022/09/23/borrowing-costs-hit-multi-year-highs-after-fed-hike.html>

(5) <https://www.ctvnews.ca/business/bank-of-canada-hikes-interest-rate-again-predicts-potential-recession-in-2023-1.6125290>

(6) <https://www.bankofcanada.ca/2022/07/2023-schedule-interest-rate-announcements/>

## Recent Developments

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In the year ended December 31, 2022, the COVID-19 pandemic persisted and continued to result in unprecedented actions by governments around the world to curtail the spread of the disease. These events have resulted in a high level of uncertainty and volatility in the financial markets and have had an enormous impact on businesses and consumers in all sectors. The duration and impact of these developments are unknown at this time and as such, the financial impact to investments cannot be estimated.

## Related Party Transactions

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Evolve Funds Group Inc. (the "Manager") complies with its current policy and procedures regarding investments in related issuers and reports periodically to the Investment Review Committee.

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## Management Fees

The Manager is entitled to an annual management fee of 0.15% of the net asset value of the Unhedged ETF Units. Effective May 10, 2022, the Manager has reduced the management fee of the Unhedged ETF Units of the Fund through December 31, 2022. Therefore, the Manager is entitled to an annual management fee of 0.05% of the net asset value of the Unhedged ETF Units of the Fund for the period May 10, 2022, through to December 31, 2022, accrued daily and generally paid monthly in arrears. The Manager is entitled to an annual management fee of 0.15% of the net asset value of the Unhedged Class F Mutual Fund Units and 0.40% of the Unhedged Class A Mutual Fund Units of the Fund, accrued daily and generally paid monthly in arrears. The annual management fee is negotiable for the Unhedged Class I Mutual Fund Units of the Fund. For the year ended December 31, 2022, the Fund incurred \$2,039,461 in management fees. These management fees were received by the Manager for the day-to-day operations of the fund, including managing the portfolio, maintaining portfolio systems used to manage the Fund, maintaining the www.evolveetfs.com website, and providing all other services including marketing and promotion.

## Operating Expenses

Operating expenses are covered by Manager that are including but not limited to: mailing and printing expenses for periodic reports to unitholders; 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 Fund; 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 Fund; regulatory filing, stock exchange and licensing fees and CDS fees; 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.

## Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help readers understand the Fund's financial performance for the period indicated.

### The Fund's Net Assets Per Unit<sup>1</sup>

	December 31, 2022 (\$)	December 31, 2021 (\$)	December 31, 2020 (\$)	December 31, 2019 (\$)
For the periods ended:				
<b>Unhedged ETF Units - Net Assets per Unit</b>				
Net Assets per Unit, beginning of period	50.00	50.00	50.01	50.00
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>				
Total revenue	1.64	0.37	0.45	0.13
Total expenses	(0.04)	(0.09)	(0.08)	(0.01)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>1.60</b>	<b>0.28</b>	<b>0.37</b>	<b>0.12</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>				
From income (excluding dividends)	(1.14)	(0.28)	(0.44)	(0.06)
Return of capital	-	-	(0.01)	(0.05)
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>(1.14)</b>	<b>(0.28)</b>	<b>(0.45)</b>	<b>(0.11)</b>
<b>Net Assets per Unit, end of period</b>	<b>50.01</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>50.01</b>
<b>Unhedged Class A - Net Assets per Unit</b>				
Net Assets per Unit, beginning of period	10.00	10.00	10.00	N/A
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>				
Total revenue	0.32	0.07	0.08	N/A
Total expenses	(0.04)	(0.04)	(0.04)	N/A
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>0.28</b>	<b>0.03</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>				
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.19)	(0.03)	(0.06)	N/A
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>(0.19)</b>	<b>(0.03)</b>	<b>(0.06)</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Net Assets per Unit, end of period</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>N/A</b>

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## The Fund's Net Assets Per Unit<sup>1</sup> (cont'd)

For the periods ended:	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
<b>Unhedged Class F - Net Assets per Unit</b>				
Net Assets per Unit, beginning of period	10.00	10.00	10.00	N/A
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>				
Total revenue	0.32	0.07	0.08	N/A
Total expenses	(0.02)	(0.01)	(0.02)	N/A
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>				
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.22)	(0.06)	(0.07)	N/A
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>(0.22)</b>	<b>(0.06)</b>	<b>(0.07)</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Net Assets per Unit, end of period</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Unhedged Class I - Net Assets per Unit</b>				
Net Assets per Unit, beginning of period	10.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>				
Total revenue	0.42	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>0.42</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>				
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.18)	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>(0.18)</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Net Assets per Unit, end of period</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>

- 1 This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements as at December 31, 2022, 2021, 2020, and 2019. The Unhedged ETF Units effectively began operations on November 19, 2019. The Unhedged Class A and F Mutual Fund Units effectively began operations on January 16, 2020. The Class I Mutual Fund Units effectively began operations on April 26, 2022.
- 2 Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase (decrease) from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the period.
- 3 Distributions were paid in cash or reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both. Actual distributions may vary slightly owing to rounding.

## The Fund's Ratios/Supplemental Data

For the periods ended:	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019
<b>Unhedged ETF Units - Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>				
Total Net Asset Value (\$) <sup>4</sup>	1,385,336,504	262,503,743	527,508,646	80,009,210
Number of units outstanding <sup>4</sup>	27,700,000	5,250,000	10,550,000	1,600,000
Management expense ratio <sup>5,8</sup>	0.07%	0.17%	0.17%	0.17%
Trading expense ratio <sup>6</sup>	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>7</sup>	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Net Asset Value per unit (\$)	50.01	50.00	50.00	50.01
Closing market price (\$)	50.02	50.00	50.00	50.01
<b>Unhedged Class A - Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>				
Total Net Asset Value (\$) <sup>4</sup>	476,818,252	69,240,875	66,136,309	N/A
Number of units outstanding <sup>4</sup>	47,676,846	6,924,088	6,613,625	N/A
Management expense ratio <sup>5</sup>	0.45%	0.45%	0.44%	N/A
Trading expense ratio <sup>6</sup>	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	N/A
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>7</sup>	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	N/A
Net Asset Value per unit (\$)	10.00	10.00	10.00	N/A

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## The Fund's Ratios/Supplemental Data (cont'd)

For the periods ended:	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019
<b>Unhedged Class F - Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>				
Total Net Asset Value (\$) <sup>4</sup>	<b>1,124,970,973</b>	185,678,433	119,646,534	N/A
Number of units outstanding <sup>4</sup>	<b>112,484,492</b>	18,567,844	11,964,655	N/A
Management expense ratio <sup>5</sup>	<b>0.17%</b>	0.17%	0.16%	N/A
Trading expense ratio <sup>6</sup>	<b>0.00%</b>	0.00%	0.00%	N/A
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>7</sup>	<b>0.00%</b>	0.00%	0.00%	N/A
Net Asset Value per unit (\$)	<b>10.00</b>	10.00	10.00	N/A
<b>Unhedged Class I - Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>				
Total Net Asset Value (\$) <sup>4</sup>	<b>41,285,811</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
Number of units outstanding <sup>4</sup>	<b>4,128,099</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
Management expense ratio <sup>5,9</sup>	<b>0.00%</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
Trading expense ratio <sup>6</sup>	<b>0.00%</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>7</sup>	<b>0.00%</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
Net Asset Value per unit (\$)	<b>10.00</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A

4 This information is provided as at December 31, 2022, 2021, 2020, and 2019.

5 Management expense ratio ("MER") is based on total expenses plus harmonized sales tax (excluding distributions, commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period.

6 The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of average daily net assets during the period.

7 The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio manager trades its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the period. The higher the Fund's portfolio turnover rate in a period, the greater the trading costs payable by the Fund in the period, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the period. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a fund.

8 Effective May 10, 2022, the Manager has reduced the management fee on the Unhedged ETF Units of the Fund through December 31, 2022. The effective annual management fee for the Unhedged ETF Units of the Fund is 0.05%.

9 The management fee for the Class I Mutual Fund Units is negotiable and is paid by the unitholder directly to the Manager. As a result, the management fee is not included in the MER for the Class I Mutual Fund Units of the Fund.

## Past Performance

The performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution, income taxes payable by any unitholder or other optional charges that, if applicable, would have reduced returns or performance. The performance information shown assumes that all distributions made by the investment Fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional securities of the investment fund. How the Fund has performed in the past does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.

Since the Class I Mutual Fund Units is a reporting issuer for less than one year, with inception date April 26, 2022, providing performance data for the period is not permitted.

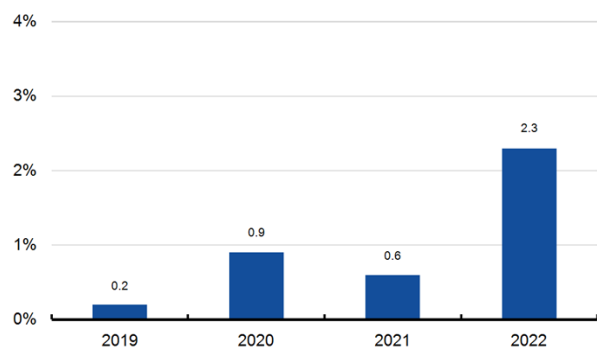
## Year-by-Year Returns

The bar chart below shows the Unhedged ETF Units' and the Unhedged Class A and F Mutual Fund Units' performance for each of the financial years shown. The chart shows, in percentage terms, how much an investment made in the Fund on the first day would have grown or decreased by the last day of the period.

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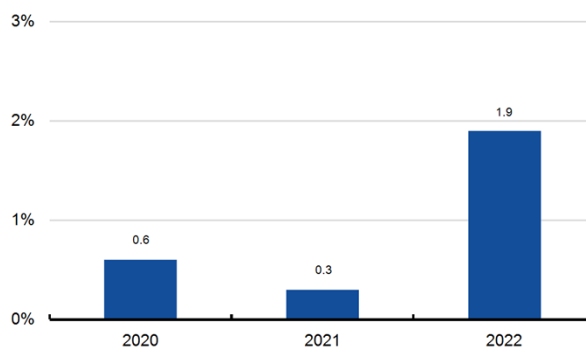
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## HISA Unhedged ETF Units<sup>1</sup>



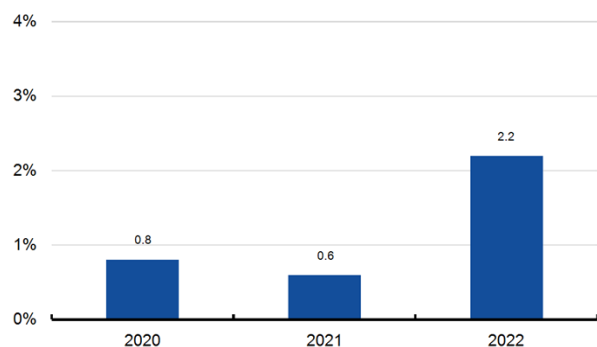
1 The Unhedged ETF Units of the Fund effectively began operations on November 19, 2019.

## Unhedged Class A Mutual Fund Units<sup>2</sup>



2 The Unhedged Class A Mutual Fund Units of the Fund effectively began operations on January 16, 2020.

## Unhedged Class F Mutual Fund Units<sup>3</sup>



3 The Unhedged Class F Mutual Fund Units of the Fund effectively began operations on January 16, 2020.

## Annual Compound Return

The table below shows the historical annual compound total return of the Unhedged ETF Units and the Unhedged Class A and F Mutual Fund Units. The returns are for period ended December 31, 2022. As a basis of comparison, we have provided the performance of Bank of Canada Treasury Bills One Month ("Index"). As the criteria for determining the constituents of the Fund and the Index differ, it is not expected that the Fund's performance will mirror that of the Index. Further, the return of the Index is calculated without the deduction of management fees and fund expenses whereas the performance of the Fund is calculated after deducting such fees and expenses.

	Since Inception <sup>1</sup> (%)	1 Year (%)	3 Year (%)
Unhedged ETF Units	1.3	2.3	1.3
Bank of Canada Treasury Bills One Month Index	0.9	2.0	0.9
Unhedged Class A Mutual Fund Units	0.9	1.9	N/A
Bank of Canada Treasury Bills One Month Index	0.8	2.0	N/A
Unhedged Class F Mutual Fund Units	1.2	2.2	N/A

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	Since Inception <sup>1</sup> (%)	1 Year (%)	3 Year (%)
Bank of Canada Treasury Bills One Month Index	0.8	2.0	N/A

1 From inception date of November 19, 2019 for the Unhedged ETF Units and from inception date of January 16, 2020 for the Unhedged Class A and F Mutual Fund Units.

## Summary of Investment Portfolio

### All Positions

Top Holdings	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
National Bank of Canada Cash Account	44.1
CIBC Cash Account	37.6
Scotia Bank Cash Account	4.3
BMO Cash Account	3.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>89.8</b>

### Industry Allocation

Portfolio by Category	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
<b>Debt Instruments</b>	
Money Markets	89.8
Cash and Cash Equivalents	0.2
Other Assets, less Liabilities	10.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

The summary of Investment Portfolio may change due to the ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund. Updates are available quarterly by visiting our website at [www.evolveetfs.com](http://www.evolveetfs.com).



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