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Annual Management Report of Fund Performance

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# **Investment Objective and Strategies**

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

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**

Since the Fund was launched on November 21, 2019, no performance data can be shown. The Fund's net assets were \$80.0MM as at December 31, 2019.

# **Portfolio Manager Commentary**

As at December 31, 2019, the Fund's assets are allocated between three Canadian financial institutions: Bank of Montreal, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and Bank of Nova Scotia. The allocation across the three financial institutions is 40%, 40% and 20% respectively. The key Bank of Canada overnight target rate ending the year, a determining factor to the yield of the Fund, was 1.75%. During the period covered, there were no rate changes by the Bank of Canada.

# **Recent Developments**

Subsequent to year end, COVID-19 became a global pandemic and resulted 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 is unknown at this time and as such, the financial impact to investments cannot be estimated.

### **Related Party Transactions**

Manager complies with its current policy and procedures regarding investments in related issuers and reports periodically to the Investment Review Committee

# **Management Fees**

The Manager is entitled to an annual management fee of 0.15% of the net asset value of the Unhedged ETF Units and the Unhedged Class F mutual fund units, 0.40% of the Unhedged Class A mutual fund units and up to 1.00% of the Unhedged Class I mutual fund units of the Fund, accrued daily and are generally paid monthly in arrears. For the year ended December 31, 2019, the Fund incurred \$13,264 in management fees. These management fees were received by Evolve Funds Group Inc. 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 Evolve Funds Group Inc. ("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.

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# **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>

For the period ended:	December 31, 2019 (\$)
Unhedged Units - Net Assets per Unit	
Net Assets per Unit, beginning of period <sup>2</sup>	50.00
Increase (decrease) from operations:	
Total revenue	0.13
Total expenses	(0.01)
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>3</sup>	0.12
Distributions:	
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.06)
Return of capital	(0.05)
Total annual distributions <sup>4</sup>	(0.11)
Net Assets per Unit, end of period	50.01

- 1 This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements as at December 31, 2019. The Fund began operations on November 21, 2019.
- 2 This amount represents the initial launch price.
- 3 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.
- 4 Distributions were paid in cash. Actual distributions may vary slightly owning to rounding.

# The Fund's Ratios/Supplemental Data

For the period ended:	December 31, 2019
Unhedged Units - Ratios/Supplemental Data	
Total Net Asset Value (\$) <sup>5</sup>	80,009,210
Number of units outstanding <sup>5</sup>	1,600,000
Management expense ratio <sup>6</sup>	0.17%
Trading expense ratio <sup>7</sup>	0.00%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>8</sup>	0.00%
Net Asset Value per unit (\$)	50.01
Closing market price (\$)	50.01

- 5 This information is provided as at December 31, 2019.
- 6 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.
- 7 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.
- 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.

### **Past Performance**

Since the Fund is a reporting issuer for less than one year, with inception date November 21, 2019, providing performance data for the period is not permitted.

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# **Summary of Investment Portfolio**

# **Top 25 Positions**

Security	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
BMO Cash Account, 2.25%	40.0
CIBC Cash Account, 2.25%	40.0
Scotiabank Cash Account, 2.25%	20.0
Total	100.0

# **Industry Allocation**

Portfolio by Category	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
Debt Instruments	
Money Markets	100.0
Other Assets, less Liabilities	(0.0)
Total	100.0

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.

