

Evolve XRP ETF

December 31, 2025

Annual Management Report of Fund Performance

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Investment Objective and Strategies

The investment objective of Evolve XRP ETF (the "Fund") is to hold substantially all of its assets in physical XRP in order to provide a secure and convenient way to hold XRP in a brokerage account.

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 Canadian Dollar Unhedged and the US Dollar Unhedged ETF Units effectively began operations on June 18, 2025, no performance data can be shown. The Fund's net assets were \$31.2MM as at December 31, 2025.

For the period ended December 31, 2025, the Fund generated an increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units from operations of (\$14,983,498). This Fund was not in operation during the period ended December 31, 2024. The Fund distributed \$145,016 to unitholders during the year. The decision to make distributions exceeding earnings was made by Evolve Funds Group Inc. (the "Manager"), due to the following factors:

The Funds' Declaration of Trust requires that sufficient amounts be paid or made payable each year so that the Funds are not liable for any non-refundable income tax under Part I of the Tax Act.

Amounts included in the calculation of the Fund's net income and net realized capital gains for a taxation year may encompass amounts that have not yet been received by the Fund.

The Manager believes that maintaining regular and stable distributions is vital to meet unitholder expectations and retain investor confidence. Consequently, distribution rates are only adjusted in response to material changes.

The Manager believes that a full business cycle is required for a comprehensive evaluation of results.

The Manager holds a strong conviction in the Fund's investment objective and its future growth prospects.

Portfolio Manager Commentary

2025 marked a pivotal year for XRP, as the digital asset reached a new all-time high for the first time in seven years, driven by regulatory clarity and renewed investor interest.

More than four years after it began, the long-running legal dispute between Ripple Labs Inc. and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission officially came to a close in August. The case, which dated back to December 2020, centered on whether XRP sales constituted violations of U.S. securities laws. A partial ruling in 2023 favoured Ripple, but a series of appeals and counter-appeals extended the uncertainty into 2025.¹

Following the election of President Donald Trump and the arrival of a more crypto-friendly regulatory administration, both parties initially pursued a negotiated settlement in early 2025. That resolution was ultimately rejected by the courts, leading Ripple and the SEC to withdraw their respective appeals. This effectively ended the case and cemented the 2023 ruling in Ripple's favour, establishing an important precedent for future digital-asset classifications.¹

The removal of regulatory overhang proved to be a major catalyst for XRP. Prior to 2025, the token had last traded above \$3.00 in 2018. Seven years later, and roughly one month before the formal conclusion of the legal proceedings, XRP reached a new all-time high of \$3.65, surpassing its previous peak of \$3.40.¹

Momentum continued as investor demand broadened beyond the largest crypto assets. Following the approval and strong uptake of Bitcoin and Ethereum ETFs, attention turned toward altcoins. Canadian XRP ETFs launched during the summer, followed by approvals in the United States. Initial demand was immediate, with XRP ETFs recording \$38 million in first-day trading volume, marking the largest ETF debut of the year up to that point.

(1) <https://decrypt.co/351545/year-xrp-2025-new-highs-7-years-ripple-sec-case-ends>

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Recent Developments

In 2026, financial markets are operating in an environment increasingly shaped by heightened geopolitical conflict, most notably the developing war in the middle east. The escalation has triggered sharp moves across global markets, including spikes in oil and gas prices, increased demand for safe haven assets, and renewed volatility in equities, bonds, and foreign currencies. While underlying economic activity remains resilient in several regions, higher energy prices and elevated geopolitical uncertainty have added new risks to inflation trajectories and policy expectations. Governments are reassessing defense spending and trade arrangements, while central banks face a more complex balance between managing inflation pressures and supporting growth. Market volatility has intensified across asset classes, particularly in sectors sensitive to energy costs, geopolitical risk, and global supply chains. The duration and broader economic impact of the conflict remain uncertain, and the potential financial implications for investments continue to evolve as conditions develop.

Related Party Transactions

Evolve Funds Group Inc. (the "Manager"), a corporation incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario, is the trustee, manager, and portfolio advisor of the Fund and is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Fund. The Fund pays annual management fees to the Manager as consideration for its services. Any management fees paid to the Manager are related party transactions, as the Manager is considered to be a related party to the Fund. The management fees are disclosed in the statements of comprehensive income in the annual financial statements of the Fund and are discussed in greater detail below.

The Fund is permitted to purchase, sell and hold securities of certain issuers that are directly or indirectly related to the Manager. With respect to investment in related issuers, the Manager has relied on the approval that it has received from the Investment Review Committee ("IRC"). The Manager complies with its current policy and procedures regarding investments in related issuers and reports periodically to the IRC.

Management Fees

The management fees are calculated based on 1.00% per annum of the average daily net asset value of the Fund. The fees are accrued daily and generally paid monthly in arrears. Since the Fund's inception, the Manager has reduced the management fee on the Canadian Dollar Unhedged ETF Units and US Dollar Unhedged ETF Units of the Fund to 0.75%. The effective annual management fee for the Canadian Dollar Unhedged ETF Units and US Dollar Unhedged ETF Units is 0.75%. For the year ended December 31, 2025, the Fund incurred \$121,154 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

Unless waived or reimbursed by the Manager, the Fund pays for all operating expenses of the Fund incurred in connection with the operation and administration of the Fund, 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 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 (if applicable) and CDS fees; banking costs 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, XRP consultant (if any), CF Benchmarks (in respect of index licensing and/or consulting fees, if any) Custodian and Manager which are incurred in respect of matters not in the normal course of the Fund's activities. Additional costs which are also payable by the Fund include any taxes payable by Fund to which the Fund may be subject, including income taxes, sales taxes (including GST/HST) and/or withholding taxes; expenditures incurred upon termination of the Fund; extraordinary expenses that the Fund may incur and all amounts paid on ac-count of any indebtedness (if applicable); any expenses of insurance and costs of all suits or legal proceedings in connection with the Fund or the assets of the Fund or to protect the unitholders, the Trustee, the Manager, and the directors, officers, employees or agents of any of them; any expenses of indemnification of the Trustee, the Unitholders, the Manager, 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 Fund is also responsible for all commissions and other costs of portfolio transactions and any extraordinary expenses of the Fund which may be incurred from time to time, including brokerage and trading commissions and other fees and expenses associated with the execution of transactions in respect of the Fund's investment in XRP.

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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 Unit¹

	December 31, 2025 (\$)
For the periods ended:	
Canadian Dollar Unhedged ETF Units - Net Assets per Unit⁴	
Net Assets per Unit, beginning of period ²	7.35
Increase (decrease) from operations:	
Total expenses	(0.10)
Realized gains (losses)	(0.53)
Unrealized gains (losses)	(4.31)
Total increase (decrease) from operations³	(4.94)
Net Assets per Unit, end of period	6.06
US Dollar Unhedged ETF Units - Net Assets per Unit	
Net Assets per Unit, beginning of period ²	9.99
Increase (decrease) from operations:	
Total expenses	(0.17)
Realized gains (losses)	(0.44)
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.32
Total increase (decrease) from operations³	(0.29)
Net Assets per Unit, end of period	8.26

- 1 This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements as at December 31, 2025. The Canadian Dollar Unhedged ETF Units and US Dollar Unhedged ETF Units effectively began operations on June 18, 2025.
- 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 Per unit figures are stated in USD equivalent.

The Fund's Ratios/Supplemental Data

	December 31, 2025
For the periods ended:	
Canadian Dollar Unhedged ETF Units - Ratios/Supplemental Data	
Total Net Asset Value (\$) ⁵	30,446,807
Number of units outstanding ⁵	5,028,000
Management expense ratio ^{6,10}	2.14%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions ^{7,10}	2.42%
Trading expense ratio ⁸	0.03%
Portfolio turnover rate ⁹	89.59%
Net Asset Value per unit (\$)	6.06
Closing market price (\$)	5.97

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

	December 31, 2025
For the periods ended:	
US Dollar Unhedged ETF Units - Ratios/Supplemental Data	
Total Net Asset Value (\$) ⁵	726,534
Number of units outstanding ⁵	88,000
Management expense ratio ^{6,10}	2.62%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions ^{7,10}	2.90%
Trading expense ratio ⁸	0.03%
Portfolio turnover rate ⁹	89.59%
Net Asset Value per unit (\$)	8.26
Closing market price (\$)	8.09

5 This information is provided as at December 31, 2025.

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 Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions 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.

8 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.

9 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.

10 Since the Fund's inception, the Manager has reduced the management fee on the Canadian Dollar Unhedged ETF Units and US Dollar Unhedged ETF Units of the Fund to 0.75%. The effective annual management fee for the Canadian Dollar Unhedged ETF Units and US Dollar Unhedged ETF Units is 0.75%.

Past Performance

Since the Fund is a reporting issuer for less than one year, with inception date June 18, 2025, for the Canadian Dollar Unhedged and US Dollar Unhedged ETF Units, providing performance data for the period is not permitted.

Summary of Investment Portfolio

All Positions

Security	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
XRP	100.0
Total	100.0

Industry Allocation

Portfolio by Category	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
Digital Assets	
XRP	100.0
Cash and Cash Equivalents	0.5
Other Assets, less Liabilities	(0.5)
Total	100.0

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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.



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