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# **Brompton Global Healthcare Income & Growth ETF**

## **Annual Report 2019**

*Equal-weight portfolio of large-capitalization global  
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## MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

March 18, 2020

This annual management report of fund performance for Brompton Global Healthcare Income & Growth ETF (the “Fund”) contains financial highlights but does not contain the audited annual financial statements of the Fund. The audited annual financial statements follow this report. You may obtain a copy of the audited annual or unaudited interim financial statements, at no cost, by calling 1-866-642-6001 or by sending a request to Investor Relations, Brompton Funds, Bay Wellington Tower, Brookfield Place, 181 Bay Street, Suite 2930, Box 793, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2T3, or by visiting our website at [www.bromptongroup.com](http://www.bromptongroup.com) or SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). Unitholders may also contact Brompton Funds by using one of these methods to request a copy of the Fund’s proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record, Independent Review Committee’s report, or quarterly portfolio disclosure.

## THE FUND

Brompton Global Healthcare Income & Growth ETF is an exchange-traded investment fund managed by Brompton Funds Limited (the “Manager”). The Canadian dollar denominated units (“CAD units”) of the Fund trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange (“TSX”) under the symbol **HIG** and the U.S. dollar denominated units (“USD units”) of the Fund trade on the TSX under the symbol **HIG.U**. The units of the Fund are RRSP, DPSP, RRIF, RESP and TFSA eligible.

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES

Brompton Global Healthcare Income & Growth ETF is designed to provide unitholders with (i) stable monthly cash distributions; (ii) the opportunity for capital appreciation; and (iii) reduce overall volatility of portfolio returns than would otherwise be experienced by owning securities of healthcare companies directly. The Fund seeks to achieve the investment objectives by investing in an approximately equal-weight portfolio consisting of equity securities of large-capitalization healthcare companies and by writing covered call options on up to 33% of the portfolio. To be considered for inclusion, at the time of investment and at the time of each periodic reconstitution and/or rebalancing, each healthcare company must have a market capitalization of at least US\$5 billion. Each such qualifying healthcare company will be evaluated based on the following metrics (among others): (i) valuation; (ii) growth prospects; (iii) profitability; (iv) liquidity; (v) balance sheet strength; and (vi) dividend yield. After applying these criteria, the Manager will select global healthcare companies which represent attractive investment opportunities. The Fund may also invest up to 25% of the portfolio in equity securities of other companies that have healthcare-related activities, provided that the issuers satisfy the market capitalization and listed option criteria noted above. The portfolio is rebalanced and reconstituted at least semi-annually, but may be reconstituted and/or rebalanced more frequently at the Manager’s discretion.

## RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

### Market Volatility

This annual management report of fund performance was prepared based on the market value of the Fund’s portfolio as of December 31, 2019. Between January 1, 2020 to March 18, 2020 (date of the report), stock markets worldwide experienced significant price volatility, because of various concerns, including COVID-19 and a decline in price of oil. The Fund’s Net Asset Value reflecting the value of the Fund’s portfolio based on the most recent valuation date can be found on the Fund’s webpage at [www.bromptongroup.com](http://www.bromptongroup.com).

## RISKS

Risks associated with an investment in the units of the Fund are discussed in the Fund’s prospectus, which is available on the Fund’s website at [www.bromptongroup.com](http://www.bromptongroup.com) or on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). There were no changes during the year ended December 31, 2019 that materially affected the risks associated with an investment in the units of the Fund as they were discussed in the Fund’s prospectus.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

### Distributions

Cash distributions for the year ended December 31, 2019 totaled \$0.60 per CAD unit, reflecting regular monthly payments of \$0.05 per CAD unit, unchanged from 2018. Since inception, the Fund has paid \$2.56 per CAD unit. For the period from August 12, 2019 to December 31, 2019, the Fund paid US\$0.2323 per USD unit reflecting a monthly distribution of US\$0.05 per USD unit. The Fund has a dividend reinvestment plan which allows unitholders of CAD units to automatically reinvest monthly distributions, commission free, in additional CAD units of the Fund. In 2019, 4,004 CAD units at an average price of \$9.23 per unit and no USD units were acquired in the market pursuant to this plan.

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## Changes in Net Assets from Operations (see Financial Highlights)

The Fund earned revenue of \$0.19 per CAD unit for the year ended December 31, 2019, up from \$0.14 per CAD unit for the year ended December 31, 2018. The increase reflected the rebalancing of the Fund which allowed it to hold more dividend generating securities such as Roche Holding AG, Abbvie Inc., and GlaxoSmithKline PLC. Expenses were \$0.11 per CAD unit for the year ended December 31, 2019, compared to \$0.12 per CAD unit in the same period of 2018. From inception to December 31, 2019, the USD unit earned \$0.05 per unit revenue and had expenses of \$0.05 per unit.

## Net Asset Value

The Net Asset Value per CAD unit of the Fund was \$9.70 at December 31, 2019, up from \$8.49 per CAD unit at December 31, 2018, as gains from the Fund's portfolio exceeded distributions paid. The Net Asset Value per USD unit of the Fund was US\$9.94 at December 31, 2019, up from inception price on August 12, 2019 at US\$9.50 per unit. This is a US\$0.44 per unit or 4.6% increase. The Net Asset Value increase for both CAD and USD units in 2019 was a result of positive portfolio performance. The aggregate Net Asset Value of the Fund was \$55.2 million at December 31, 2019 compared to \$46.3 million at December 31, 2018, reflecting \$10.1 million of net gains from operations and \$4.2 million in unit subscriptions, partially offset by \$3.3 million in distributions and \$2.1 million in unit redemptions.

## Investment Portfolio

At December 31, 2019, the Fund's investments included 28 healthcare and healthcare-related companies, compared to 24 at year-end 2018. The portfolio's investment weighting (excluding cash and short-term investments) and detailed listing of the Fund's security holdings is provided in the financial statements. The Fund's portfolio recorded a net realized and change in unrealized gain of \$9.7 million during 2019, with the healthcare equipment and pharmaceutical services sectors contributing \$4.36 million and \$1.94 million, respectively.

Part of the Fund's investment strategy is to write covered call options on up to 33% of portfolio securities in order to earn option premiums and lower the overall volatility of returns associated with owning a portfolio of equity securities. In 2019, the Fund wrote covered call options on the underlying securities in the portfolio and generated premiums of \$0.5 million. The realized loss on option writing was \$10.1 million which represented the premium received, less the amount paid to close out the options at expiry. In 2019, the average notional value of the option contracts was approximately 16% of the Fund's portfolio. At December 31, 2019, the Fund had 5 option contracts outstanding, representing 2.7% of the portfolio.

The Fund's portfolio is comprised primarily of US-dollar-denominated securities and to a lesser extent European securities. At December 31, 2019, the Fund's CAD units' exposure to the US dollar, Euro, and Swiss Franc were substantially hedged through its foreign currency forward contracts of US\$37.3 million notional, €1.3 million notional, and CHF1.5 million notional respectively. The Fund had a net realized and change in unrealized gains of \$2.1 million during 2019 on the close-out of the foreign currency forward contracts.

## Portfolio Sectors

| Net Gains (Losses) by Sector (millions) | % of Portfolio<br>as of 31-Dec-19 | Realized<br>\$ | Change in<br>Unrealized<br>\$ | Total<br>\$ |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Biotechnology                           | 8.2                               | -              | 0.2                           | 0.2         |
| Healthcare Distributors                 | 1.8                               | (0.1)          | (0.1)                         | (0.2)       |
| Healthcare Equipment                    | 34.2                              | 2.1            | 2.2                           | 4.3         |
| Healthcare Services                     | 4.1                               | -              | 0.1                           | 0.1         |
| Healthcare Supplies                     | -                                 | -              | -                             | -           |
| Life Sciences Tools and Services        | 5.9                               | 0.4            | 0.6                           | 1.0         |
| Managed Healthcare                      | 9.1                               | 0.2            | 0.1                           | 0.3         |
| Pharmaceuticals                         | 36.7                              | 1.3            | 0.7                           | 2.0         |
| Options                                 | -                                 | (0.2)          | -                             | (0.2)       |
| Foreign currency forward contracts      | -                                 | 0.2            | 1.9                           | 2.1         |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>100.0</b>                      | <b>3.9</b>     | <b>5.7</b>                    | <b>9.6</b>  |

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| Geographic Split | % of Portfolio<br>as of 31-Dec-19 |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Denmark          | 3.8                               |
| France           | 4.1                               |
| Germany          | 3.6                               |
| Great Britain    | 7.7                               |
| Ireland          | 7.9                               |
| Switzerland      | 5.3                               |
| United States    | 67.6                              |
|                  | <b>100.0</b>                      |

### Liquidity

To provide liquidity for unitholders, units of the Fund are listed on the TSX under the symbol HIG for CAD units and HIG.U for USD units. As an ETF, the Fund has a designated broker who has an active bid/ask offer approximating Net Asset Value per unit to provide significant daily trading liquidity for the Fund's units. During the year ended December 31, 2019, total CAD unit subscriptions were 300,000 at an average price of \$9.23 per unit and total USD subscriptions were 112,500 at an average price of US\$9.61 per unit. Units may also be redeemed in accordance with the Fund's redemption provisions. In 2019, 150,000 CAD units were redeemed at an average price of \$9.45 per unit and 50,000 USD units were redeemed at an average price of US\$9.64 per unit.

### RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Related party transactions consist of services provided by the Manager pursuant to a management agreement. See the Management Fees section below.

### MANAGEMENT FEES

The Manager provides investment management and administrative services to the Fund, for which it is paid a management fee equal to 0.75% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Fund, plus applicable taxes. For the year ended December 31, 2019, management fees were \$0.4 million. The Manager has agreed to waive a portion of the management fees and/or reimburse the Fund to ensure that the management expense ratio is limited to approximately 0.95% (inclusive of GST/HST). For the year ended December 31, 2019, the Manager waived \$0.09 million of management fees and expenses.

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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 fiscal periods indicated. This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. *The information in the following tables is presented in accordance with National Instrument ("NI") 81-106 and, as a result, does not act as a continuity of opening and closing Net Assets per unit.* The increase (decrease) in Net Assets from operations is based on average units outstanding during the period, and all other numbers are based on actual units outstanding at the relevant point in time.

### Net Assets per Unit

#### CAD Units<sup>1</sup>

| For the year ended December 31                                 | 2019<br>\$  | 2018<br>\$ | 2017<br>\$ | 2016<br>\$ | 2015<br>\$ <sup>2</sup> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------------------|
| Net Assets per unit, beginning of year <sup>3</sup>            | 8.49        | 8.65       | 8.32       | 9.50       | 9.37                    |
| <b>Increase (decrease) from operations:<sup>4</sup></b>        |             |            |            |            |                         |
| Total revenue                                                  | 0.19        | 0.14       | 0.12       | 0.15       | 0.04                    |
| Total expenses                                                 | (0.11)      | (0.12)     | (0.12)     | (0.13)     | (0.05)                  |
| Realized gains (losses)                                        | 0.70        | (0.50)     | 0.65       | 0.01       | (0.41)                  |
| Unrealized gains (losses)                                      | 1.03        | 0.88       | 0.36       | (0.67)     | 0.70                    |
| <b>Total increase (decrease) in Net Assets from operations</b> | 1.81        | 0.40       | 1.01       | (0.64)     | 0.28                    |
| <b>Distributions to unitholders:<sup>3</sup></b>               |             |            |            |            |                         |
| Return of capital                                              | 0.60        | 0.60       | 0.60       | 0.60       | 0.16                    |
| <b>Total distributions to unitholders</b>                      | 0.60        | 0.60       | 0.60       | 0.60       | 0.16                    |
| <b>Net Assets per unit, end of year<sup>3</sup></b>            | <b>9.70</b> | 8.49       | 8.65       | 8.32       | 9.50                    |

1 Financial information is prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

2 Period from September 24, 2015 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2015.

3 Net Assets per unit and distributions per unit are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time.

4 The increase (decrease) in Net Assets from operations per unit is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the fiscal period.

### Net Assets per Unit

#### USD Units (USD)<sup>1</sup>

| For the period ended December 31 <sup>2</sup>                  | 2019<br>\$  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Net Assets per unit, beginning of period <sup>3</sup>          | 9.50        |
| <b>Increase (decrease) from operations:<sup>4</sup></b>        |             |
| Total revenue                                                  | 0.05        |
| Total expenses                                                 | (0.05)      |
| Realized gains (losses)                                        | 0.27        |
| Unrealized gains (losses)                                      | 0.07        |
| <b>Total increase (decrease) in Net Assets from operations</b> | 0.34        |
| <b>Distributions to unitholders:<sup>3</sup></b>               |             |
| Return of capital                                              | 0.23        |
| <b>Total distributions to unitholders</b>                      | 0.23        |
| <b>Net Assets per unit, end of period<sup>3</sup></b>          | <b>9.94</b> |

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## Ratios and Supplemental Data (Based on Net Asset Value)

### CAD Units

| As at December 31                             | 2019   | 2018   | 2017   | 2016   | 2015   |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Net Asset Value (\$) (000s)                   | 54,355 | 46,292 | 44,341 | 50,109 | 61,268 |
| Number of units outstanding (000s)            | 5,605  | 5,455  | 5,126  | 6,025  | 6,451  |
| Management expense ratio ("MER") <sup>1</sup> | 0.97%  | 1.02%  | 1.12%  | 1.16%  | 7.84%  |
| MER before expense absorption                 | 1.14%  | 1.20%  | 1.12%  | 1.16%  | 7.84%  |
| Trading expense ratio <sup>2</sup>            | 0.09%  | 0.09%  | 0.09%  | 0.13%  | 0.27%  |
| Portfolio turnover rate <sup>3</sup>          | 71.94% | 61.66% | 41.58% | 89.38% | n/a    |
| Net Asset Value per unit (\$)                 | 9.70   | 8.49   | 8.65   | 8.32   | 9.50   |
| Closing market price – units (\$)             | 9.81   | 8.44   | 8.55   | 8.50   | 9.00   |

### USD Units (USD)

| As at December 31                             | 2019   |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| Net Asset Value (\$) (000s)                   | 621    |
| Number of units outstanding (000s)            | 63     |
| Management expense ratio ("MER") <sup>1</sup> | 0.99%  |
| MER before expense absorption                 | 1.16%  |
| Trading expense ratio <sup>2</sup>            | 0.09%  |
| Portfolio turnover rate <sup>3</sup>          | 71.94% |
| Net Asset Value per unit (\$)                 | 9.94   |
| Closing market price – units (\$)             | 10.02  |

- 1 MER is based on the requirements of NI 81-106 and includes the total expenses (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) of the Fund for the stated period, including interest expense and issuance costs, and is expressed as an annualized percentage of the average Net Asset Value of the period. Please see the Expense Ratio section following this table for further discussion of the calculation.
- 2 The trading expense ratio represents total commissions expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average Net Asset Value of the Fund during the period.
- 3 The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund manages 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 year. The higher the Fund's portfolio turnover rate in a year, the greater the trading costs payable by the Fund in the year and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of the Fund. The portfolio turnover rate is not provided when the Fund is less than one year old. Portfolio turnover rate is calculated by dividing the lesser of the cost of purchases and the proceeds of sales of portfolio securities for the period, excluding cash and short-term investments maturing in less than one year, by the average market value of such investments during the period.

### Expense Ratio

The MER for the CAD units was 0.97% for the year ended December 31, 2019 compared to 1.02% in 2018. For the period ended December 31, 2019, the MER for the USD units was 0.99%. The MER has been capped at approximately 0.95% since the Fund converted to an exchange-traded fund in April 2018. The MER after expense absorption was higher than 0.95% due to governance expenses paid by the Fund.

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## PAST PERFORMANCE

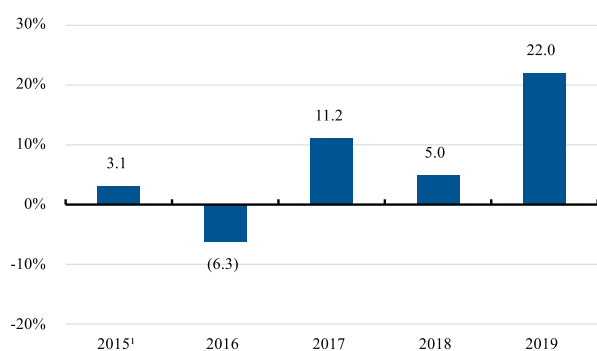
The following chart and table show the past performance of the Fund. Past performance does not necessarily indicate how the Fund will perform in the future. The information shown is based on Net Asset Value per CAD and USD unit and assumes that distributions made by the Fund on its units in the periods shown were reinvested (at Net Asset Value per CAD and USD unit) in additional units of the Fund.

Past performance for the USD unit has not been presented. The Fund's USD units commenced operations on August 12, 2019 and, accordingly, has been in existence for less than one year.

The bar chart shows the Fund's return in each period since inception to December 31, 2019. The chart shows, in percentage terms, how an investment held on the first day of the fiscal period would have changed by the last day of the fiscal.

### Year-by-Year Returns - CAD Units

#### Returns (%)



1 Period from September 24, 2015 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2015.

The following table shows the Fund's compound return for each period indicated compared with the MSCI World Health Care Index ("Health Care Index") and the S&P/TSX Composite Index ("Composite Index") (together the "Indices"). The Health Care Index represents the healthcare industry group of the MSCI World Index. The Composite Index tracks the performance, on a market-weight basis, of a broad index of large-capitalization issuers listed on the TSX. The Fund's portfolio is expected to invest in at least 15 large capitalization global healthcare companies. It is not expected that the Fund's performance will mirror that of the Indices since the Health Care Index contains a substantially larger number of companies and the Composite Index is more diversified across multiple industries. Further, the Indices are calculated without the deduction of management fees, fund expenses and trading commissions, whereas the performance of the Fund is calculated after deducting such fees and expenses.

### Annual Compound Returns

|                                                  | 1-Year<br>% | 3-Year<br>% | Since Inception<br>% <sup>1</sup> |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| Global Healthcare Income & Growth Fund - Class A | 22.0        | 12.5        | 7.8                               |
| MSCI World Health Care Index                     | 23.9        | 15.4        | 9.6                               |
| S&P/TSX Composite Index                          | 22.8        | 6.9         | 9.1                               |

1 Period from September 24, 2015 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2019.

Past performance for the USD unit has not been presented. The Fund's USD units commenced operations on August 12, 2019 and, accordingly, has been in existence for less than one year.

In 2019, the Fund's performance was strong and performed in line with the MSCI Health Care Index and the S&P/TSX Composite Index. The Fund experienced strong performance in the Healthcare Equipment (with realized and unrealized gains of \$6.36m), Pharmaceuticals (with realized and unrealized gains of \$1.94m), and Life Sciences Tools and Services (with realized and unrealized gains of \$1.05m). These gains were slightly offset by realized and unrealized losses in the Healthcare Distributors sector (\$-0.20m). Please see the Portfolio Manager's Report for further details.

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## SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

As at December 31, 2019

|                                  |                       |                             |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Total Net Asset Value</b>     | <b>\$</b>             | <b>55,161,790</b>           |
| <b>Portfolio Composition</b>     | <b>% of Portfolio</b> | <b>% of Net Asset Value</b> |
| <b>North America</b>             |                       |                             |
| <b>United States</b>             |                       |                             |
| Healthcare equipment             | 26.0                  | 25.6                        |
| Pharmaceuticals                  | 12.0                  | 11.9                        |
| Managed healthcare               | 9.0                   | 8.9                         |
| Biotechnology                    | 8.1                   | 8.0                         |
| Life sciences tools and services | 5.8                   | 5.7                         |
| Healthcare services              | 4.1                   | 4.0                         |
| Healthcare distributors          | 1.8                   | 1.8                         |
| <b>Total North America</b>       | <b>66.8</b>           | <b>65.9</b>                 |
| <b>Europe</b>                    |                       |                             |
| <b>Denmark</b>                   |                       |                             |
| Pharmaceuticals                  | 3.8                   | 3.7                         |
| <b>France</b>                    |                       |                             |
| Pharmaceuticals                  | 4.0                   | 4.0                         |
| <b>Germany</b>                   |                       |                             |
| Pharmaceuticals                  | 3.6                   | 3.5                         |
| <b>Great Britain</b>             |                       |                             |
| Pharmaceuticals                  | 7.7                   | 7.6                         |
| <b>Ireland</b>                   |                       |                             |
| Healthcare equipment             | 7.8                   | 7.8                         |
| <b>Switzerland</b>               |                       |                             |
| Pharmaceuticals                  | 5.3                   | 5.2                         |
| <b>Total Europe</b>              | <b>32.2</b>           | <b>31.8</b>                 |
| Cash and short-term investments  | 1.0                   | 1.0                         |
| Total investment portfolio       | 100.0                 | 98.7                        |
| Other net assets                 |                       | 1.3                         |
| <b>Total Net Asset Value</b>     |                       | <b>100.0</b>                |

|                               |                       |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Holdings</b>               | <b>% of Portfolio</b> | <b>% of Net Asset Value</b> |
| Humana Inc.                   | 4.6                   | 4.6                         |
| UnitedHealth Group Inc.       | 4.4                   | 4.3                         |
| Edwards Lifesciences Corp.    | 4.3                   | 4.2                         |
| Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.      | 4.2                   | 4.1                         |
| Amgen Inc.                    | 4.1                   | 4.0                         |
| Boston Scientific Corp.       | 4.1                   | 4.0                         |
| CVS Health Corp.              | 4.1                   | 4.0                         |
| Zimmer Biomet Holdings Inc.   | 4.0                   | 4.0                         |
| Sanofi SA                     | 4.0                   | 4.0                         |
| Steris PLC                    | 4.0                   | 3.9                         |
| Abbvie Inc.                   | 4.0                   | 3.9                         |
| Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc. | 3.9                   | 3.9                         |

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## SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO (cont'd)

| Holdings (cont'd)        | % of Portfolio | % of Net Asset Value |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Zoetis Inc.              | 3.9            | 3.9                  |
| Roche Holding AG         | 3.9            | 3.9                  |
| Becton Dickinson and Co. | 3.9            | 3.8                  |
| Abbott Laboratories      | 3.9            | 3.8                  |
| Medtronic PLC            | 3.9            | 3.8                  |
| GlaxoSmithKline PLC      | 3.8            | 3.8                  |
| AstraZeneca PLC          | 3.8            | 3.8                  |
| Novo Nordisk A/S         | 3.8            | 3.7                  |
| Stryker Corp.            | 3.8            | 3.7                  |
| Merck KGaA               | 3.6            | 3.6                  |
| Danaher Corp.            | 2.0            | 2.0                  |
| Johnson & Johnson        | 2.0            | 2.0                  |
| Merck & Co Inc.          | 1.9            | 1.9                  |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>93.9</b>    | <b>92.6</b>          |

The investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the investment fund. Quarterly updates are available on the Fund's website at [www.bromptongroup.com](http://www.bromptongroup.com) within 60 days of each quarter end.

## 2019 TAX INFORMATION

The following information is applicable to holders who, for the purpose of the Income Tax Act (Canada), are resident in Canada and hold units as capital property outside of an RRSP, DPSP, RRIF, RESP or TFSA. Unitholders should receive a T3 slip from their investment dealer providing this information.

T3 supplementary slips for holdings of the Fund will indicate Other Income (Investment Income and Non-Investment Income) in Box 26, Foreign Non-Business Income in Box 25, Capital Gains in Box 21 and Eligible Dividend Income in Box 49. Dividend income is subject to the standard gross-up and federal dividend tax credit rules.

The return of capital component is a non-taxable amount that serves to reduce the adjusted cost base of Fund units and is reported on the T3 supplementary slips in Box 42.

The following table outlines the breakdown in the Fund's distributions declared in 2019 on a per unit basis.

| CAD Units   |              | Return of Capital \$ | Total Distributions \$ |
|-------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Record Date | Payment Date |                      |                        |
| 31-Jan-19   | 14-Feb-19    | 0.05000              | 0.05000                |
| 28-Feb-19   | 14-Mar-19    | 0.05000              | 0.05000                |
| 29-Mar-19   | 12-Apr-19    | 0.05000              | 0.05000                |
| 30-Apr-19   | 14-May-19    | 0.05000              | 0.05000                |
| 31-May-19   | 14-Jun-19    | 0.05000              | 0.05000                |
| 28-Jun-19   | 15-Jul-19    | 0.05000              | 0.05000                |
| 31-Jul-19   | 15-Aug-19    | 0.05000              | 0.05000                |
| 30-Aug-19   | 16-Sep-19    | 0.05000              | 0.05000                |
| 30-Sep-19   | 15-Oct-19    | 0.05000              | 0.05000                |
| 31-Oct-19   | 14-Nov-19    | 0.05000              | 0.05000                |
| 29-Nov-19   | 13-Dec-19    | 0.05000              | 0.05000                |
| 31-Dec-19   | 15-Jan-20    | 0.05000              | 0.05000                |
|             |              | <b>0.60000</b>       | <b>0.60000</b>         |

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| USD Units   |              | Return of Capital | Total Distributions |
|-------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Record Date | Payment Date | \$                | \$                  |
| 30-Aug-19   | 16-Sep-19    | 0.03226           | 0.03226             |
| 30-Sep-19   | 15-Oct-19    | 0.05000           | 0.05000             |
| 31-Oct-19   | 14-Nov-19    | 0.05000           | 0.05000             |
| 29-Nov-19   | 13-Dec-19    | 0.05000           | 0.05000             |
| 31-Dec-19   | 15-Jan-20    | 0.05000           | 0.05000             |
|             |              | <b>0.23226</b>    | <b>0.23226</b>      |

*This information is of a general nature and does not constitute legal or tax advice to any particular investor. Accordingly, investors are advised to consult their own tax advisors with respect to their individual circumstances.*

### PORTFOLIO MANAGER

#### Brompton Funds Limited

Brompton Funds Limited is a portfolio manager in addition to being an investment fund manager. It is the portfolio manager of six Brompton split share corporations and six exchange-traded funds. The Brompton team oversees investments for several large-capitalization Canadian and global equity mandates, including an active covered call writing strategy for approximately \$1.6 billion in assets, with a goal of enhancing fund cash flow and risk-adjusted returns for investors.



### PORTFOLIO MANAGER'S REPORT

#### January 2020

##### U.S. Market Overview

Global markets finished the year with strong performance. Almost all stock markets and asset classes enjoyed double digit returns for 2019. The MSCI World Index gained 28.4% with the Information Technology sector as the best performing sector, gaining 48.1% during the year. In the U.S., the S&P 500 was up 31.5% and broke above its previous all-time high in December. All 11 sectors finished the year with double digit gains, with Information Technology increasing 50.3%, followed by Communication Services at 32.7% and Financials at 32.1%. Energy and Health Care lagged the group relatively speaking, as sentiment remains weak for oil and gas stocks and Health Care equities continue to face regulatory scrutiny.

According to the latest forecast by the International Monetary Fund, the global economy is expected to grow 3.4% in 2020, a modest pickup from 2019's projected growth rate of 3.0%. Growth expectations were driven by a few topical issues. At the top of the list is progress on the U.S.- China trade war. During the month of December, expectation of a phase one trade deal between the U.S. and China partially alleviated long standing trade tensions between the two nations. As part of the trade deal, tariffs that were set to take effect on December 15th on about US\$160 billion of consumer goods were averted; in exchange, China was expected to increase its purchases of American farm goods. The trade deal demonstrated compelling evidence of progress made by both sides and renewed market participants' confidence in global growth. Second, employment numbers and jobless claims are being closely monitored by investors for any signs of weakness. Employment and consumption continue to be robust and jobless claims remain at decade lows as service sectors across the globe kept labour markets buoyant and wage growth healthy. Lastly, Brexit-related fears subsided towards the end of 2019 after the U.K. held its third general election in four years in December, which resulted in Boris Johnson's Conservative party securing a parliamentary majority. We expect progress to be made on Brexit negotiations before the January 31 deadline and we anticipate 2020 to be a year of transition for the U.K.

Market performance and sentiment were also driven by central bank policies in 2019. In the U.S., the Federal Reserve (the "Fed") cut the policy rate three times during the year, reducing the target range by 75 basis points to the current range of 1.50% to 1.75%. Slowing growth in China and Europe, trade policy developments and geopolitical risks were cited as areas of concern, which drove the Fed's decision to cut interest rates. During the most recent policy meeting in December, Fed Chair Jerome Powell signaled that they would likely keep rates steady through 2020 amid a solid economy. We believe that the bar for Fed action is extremely high in a U.S. presidential election year.

Looking forward, we expect positive investor sentiment to continue to drive strong equity performance in 2020. On the U.S.-China trade front, we expect the U.S. and China to discuss the potential of a phase-two trade deal after the signing of the phase-one deal in January. In terms of central bank policy, we expect 2020 to be a quieter year for monetary policy as the Fed will be maintaining a dovish stance. Effects of the three consecutive rate cuts implemented by the Fed should begin to flow through to the economy in 2020. Lastly, in terms of volatility, we anticipate the 2020 U.S. federal election to be accompanied by slightly higher volatility during the year. Geopolitical tension between the U.S. and the Middle East could also be a source of volatility that we'll be paying close attention to.

## Healthcare Sector Review & Outlook

In our view, demographics will continue to drive global healthcare spending over the long term. We are cognizant of the structural changes in the health care landscape, particularly as governments and payors attempt to contain costs, as the system increasingly transitions from fee-for-service models (paying fixed amounts for procedures and services) to value-based care, which is based on actual outcomes. The Fund remains well-positioned to benefit from these underlying healthcare trends.

The healthcare sector remains very sensitive to political risk, particularly the large pharmaceutical subsector. The industry continues to face headwinds as US lawmakers reign in branded drug price increases. For example, US branded drug prices are 50-70% above those of Europe. The US government now accounts for 42% of drug spending compared with 25% in 2008. President Trump called for the need to deliver “greater price transparency to increase competition and lower costs”. There is a clear risk that the US government could introduce an international reference pricing to Medicare to bring down drug prices (Medicare to be equal to international prices or 26% discount off international prices) which would then feed through to the commercial market. Drug pricing continues to be an area of focus in the upcoming US Presidential election. Democratic candidates have largely aligned on the need to reduce drug prices by: i) allowing the Health Secretary to negotiate lower Medicare prices; ii) allowing Americans to import lower-priced drugs from abroad; and iii) pegging the price of US prescription drugs to the median price in five major countries (Canada, the UK, France, Germany and Japan).

Large pharma continues to face disruption beyond the pricing debate. For example, big data has also been increasingly used to assist in drug development and has helped ‘level the playing field’ in allowing for fast followers to develop drugs, which has left fewer blockbusters able to enjoy long competition-free periods. Drug pipelines continue to expand with R&D spending expected to rise in the low-single digits over the next few years according to Bloomberg. The number of drug candidates in biopharma pipelines is at an all-time high and pipeline compounds now exceeding 15,000 growing at a 7.8% 5-year CAGR. Growth is being driven by strong R&D investment by large global pharmaceutical companies as well as advancement in drug screening and discovery. However, the R&D productivity amongst big pharma companies continues to be low; 69% of the portfolio of high-growth pharma has come from acquisitions or licensing arrangements since 2015 according to McKinsey.

The Food and Drug Administration (the “FDA”) continues to push for more medical innovation and has ramped-up approval of drugs to treat rarer diseases. Approvals for biosimilars is expected to ramp up in 2020, according to Bloomberg. To date, the FDA has approved 14 biosimilars vs. more than 40 in Europe, where definitions around biosimilarity are less stringent and the approval process is more mature. Biosimilar drugs (typically modelled after drugs that use living organisms) and generic drugs (copies of synthetic drugs) are very different, mainly because while generic drugs are identical to the original in chemical composition, biosimilar drugs are “highly similar,” but close enough in duplication to accomplish the same therapeutic and clinical result. As with generics, biosimilar cost savings for healthcare systems and the consumer are expected to be significant. According to the RAND Corporation, biosimilars could save the US health system close to \$44 billion in the next ten years.

In US Managed Care, Medicare Advantage enrollment growth is likely to continue to grow at a high-single-digit pace in 2020, aided by a projected average monthly premium decline of 14% according to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Lower costs to beneficiaries and an increased number of Medicare Advantage plans available (average beneficiary has access to 28 plans in 2020 vs. 24 in 2019) should drive enrollment to more than 24 million members, based on CMS projections. In 2019, Medicare Advantage reached 22 million members and represented 34% of total Medicare beneficiaries. Medicaid enrollment growth is expected to increase only 80 bps in 2020 after declines in 2017 (0.6%) and 2018 (1.7%) according to Bloomberg. Managed Medicaid enrollment is expected to continue as states seek economic relief from budgetary constraints

The healthcare equipment subsector is less sensitive to political risk relative to large pharma in our view. This is attributed to the fact that the sub sector is less reliant on government spending (US government accounts for only 30% of total equipment expenditure compared with 43% for prescription drug) and durable medical equipment represents only 1.6% of US total health consumption expenditure versus 19% for prescription drugs. Strong growth trends in healthcare equipment include image-consciousness (e.g. dental implants); lifestyle (i.e. knee or hip surgery); and hearing aids. In addition, demographic trends provide tailwinds as many end users are over 60 (the age group spends three times more on healthcare).

There are other policy initiatives that seek to disrupt the healthcare landscape, which creates opportunity for some players at the expense of being a headwind to others. The Medicare For All proposal by various Democratic presidential contenders seeks to replace private health insurance with a government-run plan that covers primary care, hospital stays and prescription drugs for all Americans. This would essentially shift private spending to the public sector, eliminating the cost of administering private health plans and insurers’ profits. The proposal would come with a hefty price tag, requiring new federal spending of more than \$32 trillion over 10 years. While we think that it is unlikely this proposal will become law, rhetoric around the plan continues to weigh on sentiment.

Overall, we believe the healthcare sector plays a defensive role in portfolios while offering solid return potential, and unlike more cyclical sectors tied to economic growth, increased spending on health care is likely to be secular in nature given the aging global population and increasingly longer life spans.

## Portfolio Review

The Fund returned 22.0% in 2019 versus 23.9% for the MSCI World Health Care Index.

The Fund benefitted from being overweight the Healthcare Equipment & Services subsector, which we believe is relatively defensive in light of the headline risks. Notable performance contributions include solid returns from holdings in Edwards Life Sciences (+52%), Danaher (+50%) and Steris (+44%).

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An underweight position in the Pharmaceuticals provided an incremental benefit to the Fund's performance. We believe our position weighting is prudent given the continued political attention on drug pricing. Holdings in our portfolio performed well, with top performers including Zoetis (+56%), AstraZeneca (+36%) and Novartis (+29%).

The Fund also benefited from an overweight exposure to the Life Sciences subsector with relative performance better than the benchmark. Top performing stocks include Thermo Fisher (+46%) and IQVIA (+33%).

The Fund held an above market weight in the Managed Care sub sector, which did not overly detract from performance relative to the benchmark. While policy proposals have created headline risk in this space, lack of congressional support for Medicare For All makes it less likely to be passed. We continue to own marquee companies like UnitedHealth Group, given its positioning as the #1 health insurer in the U.S., and Humana, given its exposure to strong trends in Medicare Advantage enrollment.

### Option Overlay Strategy

During 2019, our average level of overwrite was approximately 16.0% and the average strike level was approximately 105.8%. We gradually decreased the level of call writing activity in December as volatility levels normalized.

### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

*Some of the statements contained herein including, without limitation, financial and business prospects and financial outlook may be forward-looking statements which reflect management's expectations regarding future plans and intentions, growth, results of operations, performance and business prospects and opportunities. Words such as "may," "will," "should," "could," "anticipate," "believe," "expect," "intend," "plan," "potential," "continue" and similar expressions have been used to identify these forward-looking statements. These statements reflect management's current beliefs and are based on information currently available to management. Forward-looking statements involve significant risks and uncertainties. A number of factors could cause actual results to differ materially from the results discussed in the forward-looking statements including, but not limited to, changes in general economic and market conditions and other risk factors. Although the forward-looking statements contained herein are based on what management believes to be reasonable assumptions, we cannot assure that actual results will be consistent with these forward-looking statements. Investors should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are made as of the date hereof and we assume no obligation to update or revise them to reflect new events or circumstances, except as required by law.*

## MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

The financial statements of Brompton Global Healthcare Income & Growth ETF (the “Fund”) have been prepared by Brompton Funds Limited (the “Manager” of the Fund) and approved by the Board of Directors of the Manager. The Manager is responsible for the information and representations contained in these financial statements and the other sections of the annual report.

The Manager maintains appropriate procedures to ensure that relevant and reliable financial information is produced. Statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and include certain amounts that are based on estimates and judgements. The significant accounting policies applicable to the Fund are described in note 3 to the financial statements.

The Board of Directors of the Manager is responsible for ensuring that management fulfills its responsibilities for financial reporting and has reviewed and approved these financial statements. The Board carries out this responsibility through the Audit Committee, which is comprised of a majority of independent directors.

The Manager, with the approval of its Board of Directors, has appointed PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the auditor of the Fund. It has audited the financial statements of the Fund in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards to enable it to express to unitholders its opinion on the financial statements. The auditor has full and unrestricted access to the Audit Committee to discuss its findings.

(Signed) “Mark A. Caranci”

**Mark A. Caranci**

*Chief Executive Officer  
Brompton Funds Limited*

March 18, 2020

(Signed) “Craig T. Kikuchi”

**Craig T. Kikuchi**

*Chief Financial Officer  
Brompton Funds Limited*

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

**To the Unitholders and Trustee of Brompton Global Healthcare Income & Growth ETF (the Fund)**

### OUR OPINION

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as at December 31, 2019 and 2018 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IFRS).

### What we have audited

The Fund's financial statements comprise:

- the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2019 and 2018;
- the statements of comprehensive income for the years then ended;
- the statements of cash flows for the years then ended;
- the statements of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units for the years then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, which include a summary of significant accounting policies.

### BASIS FOR OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Independence

We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

### OTHER INFORMATION

Management is responsible for the other information of the Fund. The other information comprises the Management Report of Fund Performance and the information, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon, included in the annual report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements of the Fund, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements of the Fund or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

### RESPONSIBILITIES OF MANAGEMENT AND THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Fund's financial reporting process.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (cont'd)

### AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Derek Hatoum.

(Signed) "PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP"

**Chartered Professional Accountants,  
Licensed Public Accountants**

*Toronto, Ontario*

March 18, 2020

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## STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

| As at December 31                                                                           | 2019                 | 2018                 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>                                                                               |                      |                      |
| <b>Current assets</b>                                                                       |                      |                      |
| Investments                                                                                 | \$ 53,821,285        | \$ 47,390,999        |
| Cash                                                                                        | 548,126              | 93,756               |
| Broker margin (note 11)                                                                     | 8,500                | -                    |
| Unrealized gain on foreign currency forward contracts (note 10)                             | 886,108              | -                    |
| Income receivable                                                                           | 209,499              | 164,694              |
| Amounts receivable from issuance of redeemable units (note 4)                               | 47,287               | -                    |
| <b>Total assets</b>                                                                         | <b>55,520,805</b>    | <b>47,649,449</b>    |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                                                                          |                      |                      |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>                                                                  |                      |                      |
| Option contracts written, at fair value (note 11)                                           | 17,433               | 37,262               |
| Unrealized loss on foreign currency forward contracts (note 10)                             | 2,047                | 971,379              |
| Distributions payable to holders of redeemable units (note 7)                               | 281,826              | 272,745              |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities                                                    | 57,709               | 76,443               |
| <b>Total liabilities (excluding Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units)</b> | <b>359,015</b>       | <b>1,357,829</b>     |
| <b>Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units</b>                               | <b>\$ 55,161,790</b> | <b>\$ 46,291,620</b> |
| <b>Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units</b>                               |                      |                      |
| CAD Units (\$)                                                                              | 54,355,169           | 46,291,620           |
| USD Units (\$) (December 31, 2019 - US\$621,171)                                            | 806,621              | -                    |
| <b>Redeemable units outstanding (note 4)</b>                                                |                      |                      |
| CAD Units                                                                                   | 5,604,891            | 5,454,891            |
| USD Units                                                                                   | 62,500               | -                    |
| <b>Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit</b>                      |                      |                      |
| CAD Units (\$)                                                                              | 9.70                 | 8.49                 |
| USD Units (\$) (December 31, 2019 - US\$9.94)                                               | 12.91                | -                    |

Approved on behalf of Brompton Global Healthcare Income & Growth ETF by the Board of Directors of Brompton Funds Limited, the Manager.

(Signed) "Christopher. S.L. Hoffman"

**Christopher S.L. Hoffmann**  
Director

(Signed) "Mark A. Caranci"

**Mark A. Caranci**  
Director

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## STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

| For the years ended December 31                                                                | 2019                 | 2018                |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                                                                                  |                      |                     |
| Securities lending income (note 9)                                                             | \$ 702               | \$ 2,786            |
| Net gain (loss) on foreign exchange on cash                                                    | (10,631)             | 44,198              |
| <b>Net gain (loss) on investments and derivatives:</b>                                         |                      |                     |
| Dividend income                                                                                | 1,044,429            | 711,688             |
| Net realized gain (loss) on sale of investments (note 8)                                       | 3,937,688            | (279,265)           |
| Net change in unrealized gain (loss) on investments                                            | 3,903,053            | 6,644,373           |
| Net realized gain (loss) on options (note 8)                                                   | (221,544)            | 12,448              |
| Net change in unrealized gain (loss) on options (note 11)                                      | (14,749)             | (1,276)             |
| Net realized gain (loss) on foreign currency forward contracts (note 10)                       | 212,787              | (2,363,388)         |
| Net change in unrealized gain (loss) on foreign currency forward contracts (note 10)           | 1,855,440            | (2,085,898)         |
| <b>Total net gain (loss) on investments and derivatives</b>                                    | <b>10,717,104</b>    | <b>2,638,682</b>    |
| <b>Total income (loss), net</b>                                                                | <b>10,707,175</b>    | <b>2,685,666</b>    |
| <b>Expenses</b>                                                                                |                      |                     |
| Management fees (note 6)                                                                       | 424,301              | 385,246             |
| Audit fees                                                                                     | 26,530               | 35,163              |
| Trustee fees                                                                                   | 3,887                | 3,883               |
| Independent Review Committee fees (note 6)                                                     | 7,302                | 4,876               |
| Custodial fees                                                                                 | 726                  | 2,670               |
| Legal fees                                                                                     | 11,912               | 2,863               |
| Unitholder reporting costs                                                                     | 30,454               | 24,092              |
| Other administrative expenses                                                                  | 77,917               | 95,345              |
| Interest and bank charges                                                                      | 28                   | -                   |
| Transaction costs                                                                              | 44,566               | 42,407              |
| <b>Total expenses before recoveries from Manager and withholding taxes</b>                     | <b>627,623</b>       | <b>596,545</b>      |
| Expenses recovered from Manager (note 6)                                                       | (86,987)             | (83,292)            |
| <b>Total expenses before withholding taxes</b>                                                 | <b>540,636</b>       | <b>513,253</b>      |
| Withholding taxes                                                                              | 90,781               | 84,236              |
| <b>Increase (decrease) in Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units</b>           | <b>\$ 10,075,758</b> | <b>\$ 2,088,177</b> |
| <b>Increase (decrease) in Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units</b>           |                      |                     |
| CAD Units (\$)                                                                                 | 10,042,932           | 2,088,177           |
| USD Units (\$)¹                                                                                | 32,826               | -                   |
| <b>Increase (decrease) in Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit²</b> |                      |                     |
| CAD Units (\$)                                                                                 | 1.81                 | 0.40                |
| USD Units (\$) (December 31, 2019 - US\$0.34)¹                                                 | 0.45                 | -                   |

1 For the period from August 12, 2019 (commencement of USD units) to December 31, 2019.

2 Based on the weighted average number of redeemable units outstanding for the year (note 4).

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## STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

| For the years ended December 31                                                      | 2019               | 2018               |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>                                         |                    |                    |
| Increase (decrease) in Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units        | \$ 10,075,758      | \$ 2,088,177       |
| <b>Adjustments to reconcile net cash provided by (used in) operations:</b>           |                    |                    |
| Net (gain) loss on foreign exchange on cash                                          | 10,631             | (44,198)           |
| Net realized (gain) loss on sale of investments (note 8)                             | (3,937,688)        | 279,265            |
| Net change in unrealized (gain) loss on investments                                  | (3,903,053)        | (6,644,373)        |
| Net realized (gain) loss on options (note 8)                                         | 221,544            | (12,448)           |
| Net change in unrealized (gain) loss on options (note 11)                            | 14,749             | 1,276              |
| Net change in unrealized (gain) loss on foreign currency forward contracts (note 10) | (1,855,440)        | 2,085,898          |
| Decrease (increase) in broker margin                                                 | (8,500)            | -                  |
| Decrease (increase) in income receivable                                             | (44,805)           | (38,708)           |
| Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities                      | (18,734)           | 32,558             |
| Purchase of investments and options (note 8)                                         | (32,227,474)       | (25,179,321)       |
| Proceeds from sale of investments and options (note 8) <sup>1</sup>                  | 35,519,339         | 30,595,019         |
| <b>Cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>                               | <b>3,846,327</b>   | <b>3,163,145</b>   |
| <b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>                                         |                    |                    |
| Proceeds from issuance of redeemable units (note 4) <sup>1</sup>                     | 22,705             | 42,218             |
| Amounts paid for redemptions of redeemable units (note 4) <sup>1</sup>               | (60,797)           | -                  |
| Amounts paid for repurchase of redeemable units (note 4)                             | -                  | (191,312)          |
| Distributions paid to unitholders of redeemable units (note 7)                       | (3,343,234)        | (3,116,654)        |
| Proceeds from reinvestment of distributions to holders of redeemable units (note 7)  | -                  | 8,742              |
| <b>Cash provided by (used in) financing activities</b>                               | <b>(3,381,326)</b> | <b>(3,257,006)</b> |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash                                                      | 465,001            | (93,861)           |
| Net gain (loss) on foreign exchange on cash                                          | (10,631)           | 44,198             |
| Cash, beginning of year                                                              | 93,756             | 143,419            |
| <b>Cash, end of year</b>                                                             | <b>\$ 548,126</b>  | <b>\$ 93,756</b>   |
| <b>Supplemental information:<sup>2</sup></b>                                         |                    |                    |
| Dividends received, net of withholding taxes (\$)                                    | 908,843            | 588,744            |
| Interest paid (\$)                                                                   | 28                 | -                  |

1 Excludes in-kind transactions.

2 Included in cash flows from operating activities.

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## STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE UNITS

| For the year ended December 31                                                           | CAD Units |                    | USD Units <sup>1</sup> |                 | 2019<br>Total      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| <b>Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, beginning of year</b>         | \$        | 46,291,620         | \$                     | -               | \$ 46,291,620      |
| <b>Operations:</b>                                                                       |           |                    |                        |                 |                    |
| Increase (decrease) in Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units            |           | 10,042,932         |                        | 32,826          | 10,075,758         |
| <b>Distributions to holders of redeemable units (note 7):</b>                            |           |                    |                        |                 |                    |
| Return of capital                                                                        |           | (3,330,435)        |                        | (21,880)        | (3,352,315)        |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                             |           | <b>(3,330,435)</b> |                        | <b>(21,880)</b> | <b>(3,352,315)</b> |
| <b>Redeemable unit transactions:</b>                                                     |           |                    |                        |                 |                    |
| Proceeds from issuance of redeemable units (note 4)                                      |           | 2,768,837          |                        | 1,435,081       | 4,203,918          |
| Redemption of redeemable units (note 4)                                                  |           | (1,417,785)        |                        | (639,406)       | (2,057,191)        |
| Net increase (decrease) from redeemable unit transactions                                |           | 1,351,052          |                        | 795,675         | 2,146,727          |
| <b>Net increase (decrease) in Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units</b> |           | <b>8,063,549</b>   |                        | <b>806,621</b>  | <b>8,870,170</b>   |
| <b>Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, end of year</b>               | \$        | 54,355,169         | \$                     | 806,621         | \$ 55,161,790      |

1 For the period from August 12, 2019 (commencement of USD units) to December 31, 2019

| For the year ended December 31                                                           | 2018<br>CAD Units |                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, beginning of year</b>         | \$                | 44,341,144         |
| <b>Operations:</b>                                                                       |                   |                    |
| Increase (decrease) in Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units            |                   | 2,088,177          |
| <b>Distributions to holders of redeemable units (note 7):</b>                            |                   |                    |
| Return of capital                                                                        |                   | (3,133,121)        |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                             |                   | <b>(3,133,121)</b> |
| <b>Redeemable unit transactions:</b>                                                     |                   |                    |
| Proceeds from issuance of redeemable units (note 4)                                      |                   | 3,177,990          |
| Repurchase of redeemable units issued (note 4)                                           |                   | (191,312)          |
| Reinvestment of distributions to holders of redeemable units (note 7)                    |                   | 8,742              |
| Net increase (decrease) from redeemable unit transactions                                |                   | 2,995,420          |
| <b>Net increase (decrease) in Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units</b> |                   | <b>1,950,476</b>   |
| <b>Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, end of year</b>               | \$                | 46,291,620         |

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As at December 31, 2019

|                                         | Number of<br>Shares | Cost<br>\$        | Carrying Value<br>\$ | % of<br>Portfolio |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| <b>North America</b>                    |                     |                   |                      |                   |
| <b>United States</b>                    |                     |                   |                      |                   |
| <b>Biotechnology</b>                    |                     |                   |                      |                   |
| Abbvie Inc.                             | 18,754              | 2,053,059         | 2,156,215            |                   |
| Amgen Inc.                              | 7,121               | 2,037,628         | 2,229,168            |                   |
|                                         |                     | <b>4,090,687</b>  | <b>4,385,383</b>     | <b>8.2</b>        |
| <b>Healthcare Distributors</b>          |                     |                   |                      |                   |
| McKesson Corp.                          | 5,507               | 1,087,515         | 989,142              |                   |
|                                         |                     | <b>1,087,515</b>  | <b>989,142</b>       | <b>1.8</b>        |
| <b>Healthcare Equipment</b>             |                     |                   |                      |                   |
| Abbott Laboratories                     | 18,692              | 1,529,066         | 2,108,308            |                   |
| Becton Dickinson and Co.                | 5,971               | 1,261,707         | 2,108,758            |                   |
| Boston Scientific Corp.                 | 37,738              | 1,103,855         | 2,215,992            |                   |
| Danaher Corp.                           | 5,602               | 667,992           | 1,116,487            |                   |
| Edwards Lifesciences Corp.              | 7,727               | 1,238,542         | 2,340,808            |                   |
| Stryker Corp.                           | 7,545               | 1,121,311         | 2,056,900            |                   |
| Zimmer Biomet Holdings Inc.             | 11,326              | 2,068,546         | 2,201,400            |                   |
|                                         |                     | <b>8,991,019</b>  | <b>14,148,653</b>    | <b>26.3</b>       |
| <b>Healthcare Services</b>              |                     |                   |                      |                   |
| CVS Health Corp.                        | 22,864              | 2,046,142         | 2,205,674            |                   |
|                                         |                     | <b>2,046,142</b>  | <b>2,205,674</b>     | <b>4.1</b>        |
| <b>Life Sciences Tools and Services</b> |                     |                   |                      |                   |
| IQVIA Holdings Inc.                     | 5,088               | 718,398           | 1,020,851            |                   |
| Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.           | 5,086               | 1,110,322         | 2,145,580            |                   |
|                                         |                     | <b>1,828,720</b>  | <b>3,166,431</b>     | <b>5.9</b>        |
| <b>Managed Healthcare</b>               |                     |                   |                      |                   |
| Humana Inc.                             | 5,278               | 1,908,932         | 2,512,035            |                   |
| UnitedHealth Group Inc.                 | 6,209               | 1,502,141         | 2,370,272            |                   |
|                                         |                     | <b>3,411,073</b>  | <b>4,882,307</b>     | <b>9.1</b>        |
| <b>Pharmaceuticals</b>                  |                     |                   |                      |                   |
| Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.                | 27,377              | 2,054,277         | 2,281,980            |                   |
| Johnson & Johnson                       | 5,695               | 839,836           | 1,078,744            |                   |
| Merck & Co Inc.                         | 8,969               | 850,695           | 1,059,267            |                   |
| Zoetis Inc.                             | 12,369              | 1,442,131         | 2,125,775            |                   |
|                                         |                     | <b>5,186,939</b>  | <b>6,545,766</b>     | <b>12.2</b>       |
| <b>Total North America</b>              |                     | <b>26,642,095</b> | <b>36,323,356</b>    | <b>67.6</b>       |
| <b>Europe</b>                           |                     |                   |                      |                   |
| <b>Denmark</b>                          |                     |                   |                      |                   |
| <b>Pharmaceuticals</b>                  |                     |                   |                      |                   |
| Novo Nordisk A/S                        | 27,377              | 2,041,519         | 2,057,657            |                   |
|                                         |                     | <b>2,041,519</b>  | <b>2,057,657</b>     | <b>3.8</b>        |
| <b>France</b>                           |                     |                   |                      |                   |
| <b>Pharmaceuticals</b>                  |                     |                   |                      |                   |
| Sanofi SA                               | 33,596              | 2,037,629         | 2,190,030            |                   |
|                                         |                     | <b>2,037,629</b>  | <b>2,190,030</b>     | <b>4.1</b>        |
| <b>Germany</b>                          |                     |                   |                      |                   |
| <b>Pharmaceuticals</b>                  |                     |                   |                      |                   |
| Merck KGaA                              | 12,648              | 2,004,584         | 1,940,849            |                   |
|                                         |                     | <b>2,004,584</b>  | <b>1,940,849</b>     | <b>3.6</b>        |

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As at December 31, 2019

|                             | Number of<br>Shares | Cost<br>\$        | Carrying Value<br>\$ | % of<br>Portfolio |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Great Britain</b>        |                     |                   |                      |                   |
| <b>Pharmaceuticals</b>      |                     |                   |                      |                   |
| AstraZeneca PLC             | 32,040              | 1,395,143         | 2,074,452            |                   |
| GlaxoSmithKline PLC         | 34,197              | 2,036,458         | 2,086,662            |                   |
|                             |                     | <b>3,431,601</b>  | <b>4,161,114</b>     | <b>7.7</b>        |
| <b>Ireland</b>              |                     |                   |                      |                   |
| <b>Healthcare Equipment</b> |                     |                   |                      |                   |
| Steris PLC                  | 10,980              | 1,338,577         | 2,173,217            |                   |
| Medtronic PLC               | 14,263              | 1,826,384         | 2,101,232            |                   |
|                             |                     | <b>3,164,961</b>  | <b>4,274,449</b>     | <b>7.9</b>        |
| <b>Switzerland</b>          |                     |                   |                      |                   |
| <b>Pharmaceuticals</b>      |                     |                   |                      |                   |
| Roche Holding AG            | 5,040               | 2,002,640         | 2,123,407            |                   |
| Novartis AG                 | 6,103               | 652,744           | 750,423              |                   |
|                             |                     | <b>2,655,384</b>  | <b>2,873,830</b>     | <b>5.3</b>        |
| <b>Total Europe</b>         |                     | <b>15,335,678</b> | <b>17,497,929</b>    | <b>32.4</b>       |
| Embedded Broker Commission  |                     | (19,367)          |                      |                   |
| <b>Total Investments</b>    |                     | <b>41,958,406</b> | <b>53,821,285</b>    | <b>100.0</b>      |

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Brompton Global Healthcare Income & Growth ETF (the “Fund”), formerly Global Healthcare Income & Growth Fund, is an exchange-traded fund (“ETF”) created under the laws of the Province of Ontario on January 1, 2015, pursuant to an amended and restated declaration of trust. The Fund is listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange and commenced operations on September 24, 2015. The Fund converted from a closed-end investment fund into an ETF on April 3, 2018. Upon conversion, the Fund was renamed Global Healthcare Income & Growth ETF and subsequently changed to Brompton Global Healthcare Income & Growth ETF following an amendment to the declaration of trust on March 28, 2019. Global Healthcare Income & Growth Fund’s units were re-designated as units of the ETF on a 1:1 basis, and the stock symbol changed from HIG.UN to HIG (the “CAD units”). The investment strategies of the Fund remain substantially similar before and after the conversion. The Fund invests in an equal-weight portfolio of equity securities of large-capitalization global healthcare companies. On August 12, 2019, the Fund launched U.S. dollar denominated units (“USD units”) which commenced trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol HIG.U.

TSX Trust Company is the Trustee and Brompton Funds Limited (the “Manager”) is responsible for managing the affairs of the Fund and manages the Fund’s portfolio. CIBC Mellon Trust Company is the custodian of the Fund’s assets and prepares the daily valuations of the Fund. The address of the Fund’s registered office is Bay Wellington Tower, Brookfield Place, Suite 2930, 181 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2T3.

These financial statements were approved on behalf of Brompton Global Healthcare Income & Growth ETF by the Board of Directors of Brompton Funds Limited, the Manager, on March 10, 2020.

### 2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”). The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of financial assets and financial liabilities (including derivative financial instruments) at fair value through profit or loss.

### 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied.

#### a) Financial Instruments

The Fund’s portfolio of investments is managed and performance is evaluated on a fair value basis. The Fund is primarily focused on fair value information and uses that information to assess the assets’ performance and to make decisions. The Fund has not taken the option to irrevocably designate any equity securities as fair value through other comprehensive income (“FVOCI”). The contractual cash flows of the Fund’s debt securities that are solely principal and interest are neither held for the purpose of collecting contractual cash flows nor held both for collecting contractual cash flows and for sale. The collection of contractual cash flows is only incidental to achieving the Fund’s business model’s objective. Consequently, all investments are measured at fair value through profit or loss (“FVTPL”). Derivative assets and liabilities are also measured at FVTPL.

The Fund’s obligation for Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units is measured assuming the redemption of units at Net Asset Value on the valuation date. All other financial assets and liabilities are initially recognized at fair value and subsequently measured at amortized cost. Under this method, financial assets and liabilities reflect the amounts required to be received or paid, discounted when appropriate, at the financial instrument’s effective interest rate. The Fund’s accounting policies for measuring the fair value of its investments and derivatives are identical to those used in measuring its published Net Asset Value. The carrying values of the Fund’s financial assets and liabilities that are not carried at FVTPL approximate their fair values due to their short-term nature.

#### b) Offsetting Financial Instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the Statements of Financial Position when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognized amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. The legally enforceable right must not be contingent on future events and must be enforceable in the normal course of business and in the event of default, insolvency or bankruptcy of the Fund or the counterparty.

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### c) Fair Value Measurement

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets (such as publicly traded marketable securities) is based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the measurement date. The Fund uses the last traded market price for both financial assets and financial liabilities where the last traded price falls within that day's bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid-ask spread, the Manager determines the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value based on the specific facts and circumstances. The Fund's policy is to recognize transfers into and out of the fair value hierarchy levels as of the date of the event or change in circumstances giving rise to the transfer.

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market, including foreign currency forward contracts, is determined using valuation techniques. The Fund uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each measurement date. Valuation techniques include the use of comparable recent arm's length transactions, reference to other instruments that are substantially the same and others commonly used by market participants that make the maximum use of observable inputs. Refer to note 13 for further information about the Fund's fair value measurements.

### d) Cash

Cash is comprised of demand deposits with financial institutions.

### e) Investment Transactions and Income and Expense Recognition

Investment transactions are accounted for on the trade date. The interest for distribution purposes shown on the Statements of Comprehensive Income represents the coupon interest received by the Fund accounted for on an accrual basis. The Fund does not amortize premiums paid or discounts received on the purchase of fixed income securities except for zero coupon bonds, which are amortized on a straight line basis.

Net realized gain (loss) on sale of investments and net change in unrealized gain (loss) on investments are determined on an average cost basis. Average cost does not include amortization of premiums or discounts on fixed income securities with the exception of zero coupon bonds. Dividend income and dividend expense on securities sold short are recognized on the ex-dividend date. Investment transactions are accounted for as of the trade date and any realized gains or losses from such transactions are calculated on an average cost basis.

Option premiums paid or received by the Fund are, so long as the options are outstanding, reflected as an asset or liability, respectively, in the Statements of Financial Position and are valued at an amount equal to the current market value of an option that would have the effect of closing the position. Gains or losses realized upon expiration, repurchase or exercise of the options are included in net realized gains or losses on options.

### f) Transaction Costs

Transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition or disposal of an investment are expensed in the period incurred and disclosed as "Transaction costs" in the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

### g) Foreign Currency Translation

The Fund's subscriptions and redemptions are primarily denominated in Canadian dollars, which is also its functional and presentation currency. Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates that transactions occur. Foreign currency assets and liabilities denominated in a foreign currency are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rate prevailing at the measurement date. Foreign exchange gains and losses relating to cash are presented as "Net gain (loss) on foreign exchange on cash" and those relating to other financial assets and liabilities are presented within "Net realized gain (loss)" and "Net change in unrealized gain (loss)" in the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

### h) Income Taxes

The Fund qualifies as a mutual fund trust under the Income Tax Act (Canada). The Fund distributes to its unitholders sufficient net income and net capital gains so that it is not subject to income taxes and, in substance, is exempt from Canadian taxes on these sources of income. Accordingly, the Fund does not record any Canadian income taxes. Since the Fund does not record income taxes, the tax benefit of capital and non-capital losses has not been reflected in the Statements of Financial Position as a deferred income tax asset. The Fund currently incurs withholding taxes imposed by certain countries on investment income and capital gains. Such income and gains are recorded on a gross basis and the related withholding taxes are shown as a separate expense in the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

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### i) Securities Lending

The Fund may enter into securities lending transactions. These transactions involve the temporary exchange of securities as collateral with a commitment to deliver the same securities on a future date. Income is earned from these transactions in the form of fees paid by the counterparty and, in certain circumstances, interest paid on securities held as collateral. Income earned from these transactions is recognized on an accrual basis and included in the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

### j) Classification of Redeemable Units by the Fund

Under International Accounting Standard ("IAS") 32, *Financial Instruments: Presentation*, the Fund classifies its redeemable units as liabilities. The Fund's redeemable units do not meet the criteria in IAS 32 for classification as equity as the Fund has more than one contractual obligation to its unitholders.

## 4. REDEEMABLE UNITS

### Authorized

The Fund is authorized to issue an unlimited number of classes or series of redeemable, transferable Units each of which represents an equal, undivided interest in the Net Asset Value of the Fund. The Fund offers unlimited number of CAD units and USD units. The USD units of the Fund are identical to the CAD units of the Fund, except that (a) the USD units are denominated in U.S. dollars whereas the CAD units are denominated in Canadian dollars and (b) any exposure that the portion of the Fund's portfolio which is allocable to the USD units has to foreign currencies will not be hedged back to the Canadian dollar. Each unit entitles the holder to one vote and to participate equally with respect to any and all distributions made by the Fund. Unitholders may sell units on the TSX; in addition, unitholders may redeem (i) units of the Fund 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 (less any applicable Administration Fee determined by the Manager in its sole discretion) or (ii) a prescribed number of units for the constituent securities of the portfolio and cash or for cash only.

The Fund received approval from the Toronto Stock Exchange for a normal course issuer bid program for the period from October 17, 2017 to October 16, 2018. Pursuant to this bid program, the Fund was permitted to purchase up to 518,100 of its units for cancellation. The Fund could purchase units for cancellation at a price per unit not exceeding the most recently calculated Net Asset Value per unit immediately prior to the date of any such purchase of units. The Fund's issuer bid program was terminated as of the conversion date April 3, 2018.

### Issued

|                                                                  | CAD Units        | 2019<br>USD Units <sup>1</sup> | 2018<br>CAD Units |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Redeemable units, outstanding at January 1                       | 5,454,891        | -                              | 5,125,561         |
| Issuance of redeemable units                                     | 300,000          | 112,500                        | 350,000           |
| Redemption of redeemable units                                   | (150,000)        | (50,000)                       | -                 |
| Repurchase of redeemable units <sup>2</sup>                      | -                | -                              | (21,700)          |
| Redeemable units issued under the distribution reinvestment plan | -                | -                              | 1,030             |
| <b>Redeemable units, outstanding at December 31</b>              | <b>5,604,891</b> | <b>62,500</b>                  | <b>5,454,891</b>  |
| <b>Weighted average number of redeemable units outstanding</b>   | <b>5,546,398</b> | <b>73,592</b>                  | <b>5,208,696</b>  |

1 For the period from August 12, 2019 (commencement of USD units) to December 31, 2019

2 For the period January 1, 2018 to April 3, 2018

On August 12, 2019, the Fund issued 87,500 USD units for proceeds of \$1,099,538 CAD (\$831,250 USD).

During the year ended December 31, 2019, 300,000 (year ended December 31, 2018 – 350,000) CAD units were issued at an average price of \$9.23 (year ended December 31, 2018 – \$9.08) and 112,500 USD units were issued at an average price of US\$9.61.

During the year ended December 31, 2019, 150,000 (year ended December 31, 2018 – nil) CAD units were redeemed at an average price of \$9.45 and 50,000 USD units were redeemed at an average price of US\$9.64.

During the year ended December 31, 2019, no (year ended December 31, 2018 – 1,030) CAD units were issued pursuant to the distribution reinvestment plan to holders of redeemable units.

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During the year ended December 31, 2019, no CAD units (year ended December 31, 2018 – 21,700) were purchased for cancellation pursuant to the normal course issuer bid program.

On December 31, 2019, the Fund's closing market price was \$9.81 per CAD unit (December 31, 2018 - \$8.44) and US\$9.69 per USD unit.

### 5. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The Fund's capital is comprised of its Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units. The Fund's objectives in managing its capital are to provide unitholders with (i) stable monthly cash distributions, (ii) the opportunity for capital appreciation, and (iii) lower overall volatility of portfolio return than would otherwise be expected by owning securities of healthcare companies directly. The Fund manages its capital taking into consideration the risk characteristics of its holdings. In order to manage its capital structure, the Fund may adjust the amount of distributions paid to unitholders, return capital to unitholders, or purchase units for cancellation.

### 6. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

#### a) Management Fees

Pursuant to a management agreement, the Manager provides management and administrative services, including the provision of key management personnel, to the Fund. In consideration for these services, the Fund pays a management fee equal to 0.75% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Fund, plus applicable taxes. These fees are calculated and payable monthly.

Following the conversion from a closed-end investment fund into an ETF, the Manager has agreed to waive a portion of the management fees and/or to reimburse the Fund to ensure that the sum of management fees and certain normal-course operating expenses is limited to approximately 0.95% of Net Asset Value (inclusive of GST/HST).

For the year ended December 31, 2019, the management fee amounted to \$424,301 (year ended December 31, 2018 - \$385,246), of which, \$416 was payable as of December 31, 2019 (December 31, 2018 - \$2,347). For the year ended December 31, 2019, the Manager absorbed \$86,987 (year ended December 31, 2018 - \$83,292) of costs. As at December 31, 2019, there was nil receivable from the Manager (December 31, 2018 – nil). The Fund is responsible for the payment of all expenses relating to its operations and the carrying on of its business.

#### b) Independent Review Committee Fees

The total remuneration paid to members of the Independent Review Committee during the year ended December 31, 2019 was \$7,302 (year ended December 31, 2018 - \$4,876) and consisted only of fees. As at December 31, 2019 and 2018, there were respectively, nil and \$12 Independent Review Committee fees payable.

### 7. DISTRIBUTIONS TO UNITHOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE UNITS

Distributions, as declared by the Manager, are made on a monthly basis to unitholders of record on the last business day of each month. The distributions are payable by the tenth business day of the following month. For the year ended December 31, 2019, the Fund declared total monthly distributions of \$0.60 (year ended December 31, 2018 - \$0.60) per CAD unit, which amounted to \$3,330,435 (year ended December 31, 2018 - \$3,133,121). Also, for the period ended December 31, 2019, the Fund declared total distributions of US\$0.2323 per USD unit, which amounted to \$21,880. Prior to the Fund's ETF conversion date, April 3, 2018, under the Fund's distribution reinvestment plan, unitholders could elect to reinvest monthly distributions in additional units of the Fund, which could be issued from treasury or purchased on the open market. Following the Fund's conversion on April 3, 2018, the distribution reinvestment plan was amended such that the additional CAD units are purchased on the open market. For the year ended December 31, 2018, 1,030 CAD units were issued from treasury.

On January 23, 2020, the Fund declared \$0.05 per CAD unit and US\$0.05 per USD unit monthly distributions for record dates January 31, 2020, February 28, 2020, and March 31, 2020, respectively.

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### 8. INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS

Investment transactions for the years ended December 31 were as follows:

|                                                                        | 2019<br>\$        | 2018<br>\$        |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Proceeds from sale of investments and options <sup>1</sup>             | 37,515,733        | 30,595,019        |
| <b>Less cost of investments and options sold:</b>                      |                   |                   |
| Investments and options at cost, beginning of year                     | 39,381,867        | 41,928,610        |
| Investments purchased and options written during the year <sup>1</sup> | 36,361,400        | 28,315,093        |
| Investments and options at cost, end of year                           | (41,943,678)      | (39,381,867)      |
| <b>Cost of investments sold and options written during the year</b>    | <b>33,799,589</b> | <b>30,861,836</b> |
| <b>Net realized gain (loss) on sale of investments and options</b>     | <b>3,716,144</b>  | <b>(266,817)</b>  |

1 Includes in-kind transactions.

For the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, no soft dollar amounts were paid.

### 9. SECURITIES LENDING

The Fund has entered into a securities lending program with its custodian, CIBC Mellon Trust Company (and certain of its affiliates). The aggregate market value of all securities loaned by the Fund cannot exceed 50% of the assets of the Fund. The Fund will receive collateral of at least 102% of the value of the securities on loan. Collateral will generally be comprised of cash and obligations of, or guaranteed by, the Government of Canada or a province thereof, or the United States Government or its agencies, or a permitted supranational agency as defined in National Instrument 81-102. The market values of the securities on loan and the related collateral as at December 31, 2019 were nil (December 31, 2018 – \$1,050,021) and nil (December 31, 2018 – \$1,124,169), respectively.

Securities lending income reported in the Statements of Comprehensive Income is net of a securities lending charge which the Fund's custodian, CIBC Mellon Trust Company (and certain of its affiliates), is entitled to receive.

For the years ended December 31, securities lending income was as follows:

|                                                           | 2019<br>\$ | 2018<br>\$   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Gross securities lending income                           | 1,004      | 4,778        |
| Securities lending charges                                | (301)      | (1,193)      |
| <b>Net securities lending income</b>                      | <b>703</b> | <b>3,585</b> |
| Withholding taxes on securities lending income            | (1)        | (799)        |
| <b>Net securities lending income received by the Fund</b> | <b>702</b> | <b>2,786</b> |

During the year ended December 31, 2019, securities lending charges represented 30.0% (year ended December 31, 2018 – 25.0%) of the gross securities lending income.

### 10. FOREIGN CURRENCY FORWARD CONTRACTS

The Fund uses foreign currency forward contracts to hedge foreign exchange risks associated with its US dollar, Swiss franc, and Euro investment portfolio. During the year ended December 31, 2019, the Fund realized a gain in the amount of \$212,787 (year ended December 31, 2018 – loss of \$2,363,388) on the close-out of certain contracts.

The Fund had entered into the following foreign currency forward contracts with a Canadian chartered bank with a DBRS rating of AA:

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As at December 31, 2019:

| Canadian Dollars<br>Purchased (Sold) | US Dollars<br>Purchased (Sold) | Maturity Date | Forward Rate<br>(USD/CAD) | Fair Value<br>(CAD)<br>\$ |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 49,317,477                           | (37,310,000)                   | 15-Jan-20     | 0.75653                   | 871,711                   |

| Canadian Dollars<br>Purchased (Sold) | Swiss Francs<br>Purchased (Sold) | Maturity Date | Forward Rate<br>(CHF/CAD) | Fair Value<br>(CAD)<br>\$ |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2,045,810                            | (1,525,000)                      | 15-Jan-20     | 0.74543                   | (2,047)                   |

| Canadian Dollars<br>Purchased (Sold) | Euros<br>Purchased (Sold) | Maturity Date | Forward Rate<br>(EUR/CAD) | Fair Value<br>(CAD)<br>\$ |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1,928,240                            | (1,313,000)               | 15-Jan-20     | 0.68093                   | 14,397                    |

As at December 31, 2018:

| Canadian Dollars<br>Purchased (Sold) | US Dollars<br>Purchased (Sold) | Maturity Date | Forward Rate<br>(USD/CAD) | Fair Value<br>(CAD)<br>\$ |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 48,296,024                           | (36,100,000)                   | 15-Jan-19     | 0.74747                   | (971,379)                 |

## 11. OPTIONS CONTRACTS

The Fund may write covered call and cash-covered put options to generate additional income. Broker margin on the Statements of Financial Position represents cash collateral on European options. The Fund had the following call option contracts outstanding:

As at December 31, 2019:

| Underlying Interest           | No. of<br>Contracts <sup>1</sup> | Expiration<br>Date | Strike Price<br>per Contract<br>(USD)<br>\$ | Premium<br>Received<br>(CAD)<br>\$ | Fair Value<br>(CAD)<br>\$ |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| CVS Health Corp.              | 34                               | 17-Jan-20          | 75.00                                       | 4,323                              | (4,415)                   |
| McKesson Corp.                | 10                               | 17-Jan-20          | 145.00                                      | 1,237                              | (1,136)                   |
| Steris PLC                    | 15                               | 17-Jan-20          | 150.00                                      | 5,177                              | (7,986)                   |
| Steris PLC                    | 10                               | 17-Jan-20          | 160.00                                      | 1,436                              | (714)                     |
| Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc. | 10                               | 17-Jan-20          | 330.00                                      | 2,555                              | (3,182)                   |
|                               |                                  |                    |                                             | 14,728                             | (17,433)                  |

<sup>1</sup> Each contract was written for 100 shares of the underlying security.

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As at December 31, 2018:

| Underlying Interest              | No. of<br>Contracts <sup>1</sup> | Expiration<br>Date | Strike Price<br>per Contract<br>(USD)<br>\$ | Premium<br>Received<br>(CAD)<br>\$ | Fair Value<br>(CAD)<br>\$ |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Abbott Laboratories              | 40                               | 18-Jan-19          | 75.00                                       | 2,732                              | (3,385)                   |
| Amgen Inc.                       | 10                               | 18-Jan-19          | 200.00                                      | 2,151                              | (4,075)                   |
| Amgen Inc.                       | 10                               | 18-Jan-19          | 205.00                                      | 2,267                              | (2,123)                   |
| Boston Scientific Corporation    | 65                               | 18-Jan-19          | 36.50                                       | 2,832                              | (5,280)                   |
| Danaher Corporation              | 25                               | 18-Jan-19          | 105.00                                      | 3,029                              | (5,205)                   |
| Edwards Lifesciences Corporation | 15                               | 18-Jan-19          | 162.50                                      | 2,622                              | (2,969)                   |
| Eli Lilly and Company            | 20                               | 18-Jan-19          | 120.00                                      | 2,240                              | (3,167)                   |
| Illumina Inc.                    | 10                               | 18-Jan-19          | 340.00                                      | 4,641                              | (3,276)                   |
| IQVIA Holdings Inc.              | 10                               | 18-Jan-19          | 130.00                                      | 1,438                              | (172)                     |
| IQVIA Holdings Inc.              | 10                               | 18-Jan-19          | 135.00                                      | 1,427                              | (35)                      |
| Johnson & Johnson                | 22                               | 18-Jan-19          | 136.00                                      | 1,562                              | (1,472)                   |
| Medtronic PLC                    | 22                               | 18-Jan-19          | 95.50                                       | 1,472                              | (1,652)                   |
| Medtronic PLC                    | 24                               | 18-Jan-19          | 100.00                                      | 2,343                              | (328)                     |
| Pfizer Inc.                      | 36                               | 18-Jan-19          | 47.00                                       | 1,732                              | (393)                     |
| Stryker Corporation              | 10                               | 18-Jan-19          | 180.00                                      | 2,051                              | (23)                      |
| Stryker Corporation              | 15                               | 18-Jan-19          | 185.00                                      | 2,053                              | (7)                       |
| Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.    | 10                               | 18-Jan-19          | 250.00                                      | 3,392                              | (179)                     |
| Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.    | 10                               | 18-Jan-19          | 260.00                                      | 1,504                              | (24)                      |
| UnitedHealth Group Incorporated  | 11                               | 18-Jan-19          | 275.00                                      | 1,037                              | (961)                     |
| Zoetis Inc                       | 25                               | 18-Jan-19          | 90.00                                       | 2,015                              | (2,218)                   |
| Zoetis Inc.                      | 40                               | 18-Jan-19          | 95.00                                       | 4,766                              | (318)                     |
|                                  |                                  |                    |                                             | 49,306                             | (37,262)                  |

1 Each contract was written for 100 shares of the underlying security.

## 12. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Fund's investment activities expose it to a variety of financial risks. The Schedule of Investment Portfolio presents the securities held by the Fund as at December 31, 2019, and groups the securities by country and market segment. The following summary represents the investment sectors held by the Fund as at December 31, 2018. Significant risks that are relevant to the Fund are discussed below.

| As at                            | December 31, 2018 |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Investment Sector                | % of Portfolio    |
| Biotechnology                    | 3.6               |
| Healthcare equipment             | 37.5              |
| Life sciences tools and services | 12.1              |
| Managed healthcare               | 12.2              |
| Pharmaceuticals                  | 34.6              |
| Total                            | 100.0             |

The Manager attempts to minimize the potential adverse effects of these risks on the Fund's performance by employing a professional, experienced portfolio manager. These risks are managed by diversifying the investment portfolio within the constraints of the investment objectives. To assist in managing risks, the Manager also maintains a governance structure that oversees the Fund's investment activities and monitors compliance with the Fund's stated investment strategy and restrictions, internal guidelines, and securities regulations.

The investment portfolio is primarily comprised of North American exchange-listed equity securities.

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### a) Other Price Risk

Other price risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether caused by factors specific to an individual investment, its issuer, or all factors affecting all instruments traded in a market or market segment. All securities present a risk of loss of capital. The Portfolio Manager attempts to moderate this risk through the careful management of securities within the parameters of the investment strategy. Except for options written, the maximum risk of loss resulting from financial instruments is equivalent to their fair value. There were no cash covered put options outstanding as at December 31, 2019 and 2018. No additional risk is introduced by covered call options written.

The Fund is exposed to other price risk from its investment in equity securities. As at December 31, 2019, had the prices on the respective stock exchanges for these securities increased by 10%, with all other variables held constant, Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units would have increased by approximately \$5.3 million or 9.6% (December 31, 2018 – approximately \$4.5 million or 9.7%). Similarly, had the prices on the respective stock exchanges for these securities decreased by 10%, with all other variables held constant, Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units would have decreased by approximately \$5.4 million or 9.7% (December 31, 2018 – approximately \$4.7 million or 10.2%). In practice, the actual trading results may differ, and the difference could be material.

### b) Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation or commitment that it has entered into with the Fund. The Fund did not have significant credit risk exposure as at December 31, 2019 and 2018. The carrying amount of income receivable represents the maximum credit risk exposure as it will be settled in the short term.

All transactions in securities are settled/paid for upon delivery. The risk of default is considered minimal as delivery of securities sold is only made once the Fund has received payment. The trade will fail if either party fails to meet its obligation.

The Fund has entered into a securities lending program; see Note 9. Credit risk associated with these transactions is considered minimal as all counterparties have a sufficient, approved credit rating and the value of cash on securities held as collateral must be at least 102% of the fair value of the securities loaned.

The Fund is also exposed to credit risk for the amount of unrealized gains under the foreign currency forward contracts (note 10) with a Canadian chartered bank with a DBRS rating of AA.

The Fund generally transacts in exchange-traded options; therefore, credit risk is considered minimal.

### c) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund may not be able to settle or meet its obligations on time or at a reasonable price. The Fund is subject to the potential daily net redemptions of units. The Fund invests its Net Assets in securities that are traded on public exchanges and expects that the securities may be sold on a timely basis although there may not be sufficient time to sell the securities at a reasonable price. In addition, the Fund expects that most redemptions will be in-kind, which allows the Fund to deliver securities to meet its redemption obligations.

As at December 31, 2019 and 2018, all of the Fund's financial liabilities had maturities of less than three months.

### d) Currency Risk

Currency risk is the risk that financial instruments that are denominated in a currency other than the Canadian dollar, which is the Fund's reporting currency, will fluctuate due to changes in exchange rates. The investment portfolio is comprised of cash and equities that are primarily US-dollar denominated and to a lesser extent Euro and Swiss franc ("CHF") denominated. The Fund's currency risk of its CAD units is substantially hedged with the use of foreign currency forward contracts. The tables below indicate the foreign currency investment holdings in the fund's CAD units and the corresponding foreign currency hedges as at December 31, 2019 and 2018 in Canadian dollar terms. The tables also illustrate the potential impact to the Fund's Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, all other variables held constant, as a result of a 5% change in the foreign currency related to the Canadian dollar. In practice, the actual trading results may differ, and the difference could be material.

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As at December 31, 2019:

|              | Investments<br>and Options<br>\$ | Cash and<br>Other<br>Receivables<br>\$ | Foreign Currency<br>Forward Contracts<br>(note 10)<br>\$ | Total<br>Currency<br>Exposure<br>\$ | Impact on<br>Net Assets<br>\$ | Impact on<br>Net Assets<br>(%) |
|--------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| US dollars   | 49,012,263                       | 692,564                                | (48,445,767)                                             | 1,259,060                           | 62,953                        | 0.1                            |
| Euros        | 1,912,469                        | 15,069                                 | (1,913,843)                                              | 13,695                              | 685                           | 0.0                            |
| Swiss francs | 2,092,357                        | 27,868                                 | (2,047,857)                                              | 72,368                              | 3,618                         | 0.0                            |
|              | <b>53,017,089</b>                | <b>735,501</b>                         | <b>(52,407,467)</b>                                      | <b>1,345,123</b>                    | <b>67,256</b>                 | <b>0.1</b>                     |

As at December 31, 2018:

|              | Investments<br>and Options<br>\$ | Cash and<br>Other<br>Receivables<br>\$ | Foreign Currency<br>Forward Contracts<br>(note 10)<br>\$ | Total<br>Currency<br>Exposure<br>\$ | Impact on<br>Net Assets<br>\$ | Impact on<br>Net Assets<br>(%) |
|--------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| US dollars   | 47,353,736                       | 196,408                                | (49,267,403)                                             | (1,717,259)                         | (85,863)                      | (0.2)                          |
| Euros        | -                                | 7,295                                  | -                                                        | 7,295                               | 365                           | 0.0                            |
| Swiss francs | -                                | 44,127                                 | -                                                        | 44,127                              | 2,206                         | 0.0                            |
|              | <b>47,353,736</b>                | <b>247,830</b>                         | <b>(49,267,403)</b>                                      | <b>(1,665,837)</b>                  | <b>(83,292)</b>               | <b>(0.2)</b>                   |

The table below indicates the foreign currency investment holdings in the Fund's USD units and illustrates the potential impact of the Fund's Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, all other variables held constant, as a result of 5% change in the foreign currency related to the US dollar. In practice, the actual trading results may differ, and the difference could be material. The Fund's USD units are redeemable in US dollars, therefore they are not subject to the US dollar currency exposure. The USD units are exposed to the Euro and CHF currency exposure through the holdings of global securities.

As at December 31, 2019 - USD Class:

|              | Investments<br>and Options<br>USD\$ | Cash and<br>Other<br>Receivables<br>USD\$ | Foreign Currency<br>Forward Contracts<br>(note 10)<br>USD\$ | Total<br>Currency<br>Exposure<br>USD\$ | Impact on<br>Net Assets<br>USD\$ | Impact on<br>Net Assets<br>(%) |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Euros        | 21,856                              | 96                                        | -                                                           | 21,951                                 | 1,098                            | 0.2                            |
| Swiss francs | 23,911                              | -                                         | -                                                           | 23,911                                 | 1,196                            | 0.2                            |
|              | <b>45,767</b>                       | <b>96</b>                                 | <b>-</b>                                                    | <b>45,863</b>                          | <b>2,294</b>                     | <b>0.4</b>                     |

### 13. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT

The Fund's assets and liabilities recorded at fair value have been categorized within a hierarchy which gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are:

Level 1: Inputs that reflect unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Short-term notes included in cash and short-term investments are classified as level 1.

Level 2: Inputs, other than quoted prices, that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, including inputs in markets that are not considered to be active.

Level 3: Inputs that are unobservable. There is little if any market activity. Inputs into the determination of fair value require significant management judgement or estimation.

A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

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| <b>Assets and liabilities at fair value as at December 31, 2019</b> | <b>Level 1<br/>\$</b> | <b>Level 2<br/>\$</b> | <b>Level 3<br/>\$</b> | <b>Total<br/>\$</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Equities                                                            | 53,821,285            | -                     | -                     | 53,821,285          |
| Foreign currency forward contracts gain                             | -                     | 886,108               | -                     | 886,108             |
| Foreign currency forward contracts loss                             | -                     | (2,047)               | -                     | (2,047)             |
| Option contracts                                                    | (17,433)              | -                     | -                     | (17,433)            |
| <b>Total</b>                                                        | <b>53,803,852</b>     | <b>884,061</b>        | <b>-</b>              | <b>54,687,913</b>   |

| <b>Assets and liabilities at fair value as at December 31, 2018</b> | <b>Level 1<br/>\$</b> | <b>Level 2<br/>\$</b> | <b>Level 3<br/>\$</b> | <b>Total<br/>\$</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Equities                                                            | 47,390,999            | -                     | -                     | 47,390,999          |
| Foreign currency forward contracts loss                             | -                     | (971,379)             | -                     | (971,379)           |
| Option contracts                                                    | (37,262)              | -                     | -                     | (37,262)            |
| <b>Total</b>                                                        | <b>47,353,737</b>     | <b>(971,379)</b>      | <b>-</b>              | <b>46,382,358</b>   |

There were no transfers of financial assets and liabilities between the levels during the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018.

All fair value measurements above are recurring. The carrying values of cash, income receivable, broker margin, receivable for units issued, distributions payable and accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximate their fair values due to their short-term nature. Fair values are classified as level 1 when the related security or derivative is actively traded and a quoted price is available. If an instrument classified as level 1 subsequently ceases to be actively traded, it is transferred out of level 1. In such cases, the instrument is reclassified into level 2, unless the measurement of its fair value requires the use of significant unobservable inputs, in which case it is classified as level 3.

### a) Equities

The Fund's equity positions are classified as level 1 when the security is actively traded and a reliable price is observable. The net realized and change in unrealized gain from equity securities during the year ended December 31, 2019 was \$7,840,741 (year ended December 31, 2018 – gain of \$6,365,108).

### b) Foreign Currency Forward Contracts

The Fund may enter into foreign currency forward contracts, which are agreements between two parties to buy and sell currencies at a set price on a future date. The fair value of such contracts will fluctuate with changes in currency exchange rates. The forward contracts' value is the value that could be realized if the forward contracts were closed out on the financial reporting date and the change in fair value recorded as an unrealized gain or loss. When the contract is closed, the Fund records a realized gain or loss equal to the difference between the value of the contract on the date it was opened and the value on the date it was closed. Foreign currency forward contracts are classified as level 2. The net realized and change in unrealized gain from foreign currency forward contracts during the year ended December 31, 2019 was \$2,068,227 (year ended December 31, 2018 – loss of \$4,449,286).

### c) Options Contracts

The Fund's option contracts written are classified as level 1, as the options are based on unadjusted quoted prices in active markets. The net realized and change in unrealized loss from option contracts during the year ended December 31, 2019 was \$236,293 (year ended December 31, 2018 – gain of \$11,172).

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### 14. OFFSETTING OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Fund has a foreign exchange settlement and novation netting agreement in place for its foreign currency forward contracts that does not meet the criteria for offsetting in the Statements of Financial Position but still allows for the related amounts to be set off in certain circumstances, such as bankruptcy or termination of the contracts. The following tables present the Fund's financial assets and liabilities subject to offsetting, enforceable master netting arrangements and similar agreements. The tables are presented by type of financial instruments, as at December 31, 2019, and December 31, 2018.

As at December 31, 2019:

|                                  | Amounts eligible for offset                                       |                                                                                                              |                                                    |                |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------|
|                                  | Gross Amounts of<br>Recognized<br>Financial<br>Assets/Liabilities | Net Amounts of<br>Financial<br>Assets/ Liabilities<br>Presented in the<br>Statement of<br>Financial Position | Financial<br>Instruments<br>Eligible<br>for Offset | Net Amount     |
| Financial Assets and Liabilities | \$                                                                | \$                                                                                                           | \$                                                 | \$             |
| Derivative Assets                | 886,108                                                           | 886,108                                                                                                      | (2,047)                                            | 884,061        |
| Derivative Liabilities           | (2,047)                                                           | (2,047)                                                                                                      | 2,047                                              | -              |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>884,061</b>                                                    | <b>884,061</b>                                                                                               | <b>-</b>                                           | <b>884,061</b> |

As at December 31, 2018:

|                                  | Amounts eligible for offset                                       |                                                                                                              |                                                 |                  |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------|
|                                  | Gross Amounts of<br>Recognized<br>Financial<br>Assets/Liabilities | Net Amounts of<br>Financial<br>Assets/ Liabilities<br>Presented in the<br>Statement of<br>Financial Position | Financial<br>Instruments Eligible<br>for Offset | Net Amount       |
| Financial Assets and Liabilities | \$                                                                | \$                                                                                                           | \$                                              | \$               |
| Derivative Assets                | -                                                                 | -                                                                                                            | -                                               | -                |
| Derivative Liabilities           | (971,379)                                                         | (971,379)                                                                                                    | -                                               | (971,379)        |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>(971,379)</b>                                                  | <b>(971,379)</b>                                                                                             | <b>-</b>                                        | <b>(971,379)</b> |

### 15. INCOME TAXES

As at December 31, 2019, the Fund had \$5,424,428 (December 31, 2018 – \$5,424,428) of capital loss carry-forwards. The capital losses can be carried forward for an indefinite period.

The Fund also had non-capital loss carry-forwards for income tax purposes of \$2,425,342 at December 31, 2019 (December 31, 2018 – \$2,230,695). The non-capital loss carry-forwards will expire as follows:

|      | 2019<br>\$       |
|------|------------------|
| 2035 | 932,497          |
| 2036 | 625,612          |
| 2038 | 672,586          |
| 2039 | 194,647          |
|      | <b>2,425,342</b> |

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