



# Horizons China High Dividend Yield Index ETF (HCN:TSX)



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## Letter from the President and Co-CEO

The first half of 2018 has been remarkable for both the Canadian ETF industry and Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc. (“Horizons ETFs”). The industry reached new heights, surpassing \$156 billion in assets under management (“AUM”), as at June 30, 2018. Horizons ETFs reached a new pinnacle as well, surpassing more than \$10 billion in AUM as at the same date. In addition, we have added two new, innovative ETFs so far this year, giving us a total of 80 different investment tools available for our clients.

In February, we brought to market our second marijuana-focused ETF – the Horizons Emerging Marijuana Growers Index ETF (“HMJR”). HMJR is the first ETF in Canada to give investors direct exposure to blossoming small-cap marijuana cultivation and distribution companies. HMJR provides direct, often referred to as ‘pure-play’, global exposure to the sector, by focusing on the smaller, emerging producers. Our first marijuana ETF – the Horizons Marijuana Life Sciences Index ETF (“HMMJ”) – gives investors broad diversified exposure to the North American marijuana sector.

Speaking of HMMJ, futures on units of this ETF began trading on the Montreal Exchange in June. We view this listing as recognition by the Canadian investor marketplace that HMMJ is a key benchmark for marijuana investing in Canada.

In June, we launched yet another highly innovative ETF – the Horizons Blockchain Technology & Hardware Index ETF (“BKCH”). BKCH provides investors with diversified exposure to companies involved in the new, disruptive technology frontier: blockchain – a shareable digital ledger that logs and tracks valuable information such as transactions or assets, offering virtually endless applications. BKCH provides a diversified way to invest in the blockchain ecosystem and infrastructure without taking on a lot of the risks of buying unknown, early stage technology companies.

Regardless of market conditions, our extensive suite of ETFs gives investors the tools they need to help meet their financial objectives. For more information on all our strategies, please visit [www.HorizonsETFs.com](http://www.HorizonsETFs.com) where we offer a range of resources designed to inform and educate ETF investors.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Steven J. Hawkins, President & Co-CEO  
Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc.

P.S. On a personal note, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the fantastic team of professionals I work with at Horizons ETFs. They played a vital role in helping me win ‘CEO of the Year’ at the 2018 Wealth Professional Awards.

## MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

This interim management report of fund performance for Horizons China High Dividend Yield Index ETF (“HCN” or the “ETF”) contains financial highlights and is included with the unaudited interim financial statements for the investment fund. You may request a copy of the investment fund’s unaudited interim or audited annual financial statements, interim or annual management report of fund performance, current proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record or quarterly portfolio disclosures, at no cost, by calling (toll free) 1-866-641-5739, or (416) 933-5745, by writing to Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc. (“Horizons Management” or the “Manager”), at 55 University Avenue, Suite 800, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2H7, by visiting our website at [www.horizonsetfs.com](http://www.horizonsetfs.com) or through SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

This document may contain forward-looking statements relating to anticipated future events, results, circumstances, performance, or expectations that are not historical facts but instead represent our beliefs regarding future events. By their nature, forward-looking statements require us to make assumptions and are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties. There is significant risk that predictions and other forward-looking statements will not prove to be accurate. We caution readers of this document not to place undue reliance on our forward-looking statements as a number of factors could cause actual future results, conditions, actions or events to differ materially from the targets, expectations, estimates or intentions expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements.

Actual results may differ materially from management expectations as projected in such forward-looking statements for a variety of reasons, including but not limited to market and general economic conditions, interest rates, regulatory and statutory developments, the effects of competition in the geographic and business areas in which the ETF may invest and the risks detailed from time to time in the ETF’s simplified prospectus. New risk factors emerge from time to time and it is not possible for management to predict all such risk factors. We caution that the foregoing list of factors is not exhaustive, and that when relying on forward-looking statements to make decisions with respect to investing in the ETF, investors and others should carefully consider these factors, as well as other uncertainties and potential events, and the inherent uncertainty of forward-looking statements. Due to the potential impact of these factors, the Manager does not undertake, and specifically disclaims, any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, unless required by applicable law.

## Management Discussion of Fund Performance

### Investment Objective and Strategy

HCN seeks to replicate, to the extent possible, the performance of the Hang Seng High Dividend Yield Index (the “Underlying Index”, Bloomberg ticker: HSHDYI), net of expenses, by investing primarily in the Hang Seng High Dividend Yield ETF (the “Underlying ETF”). The Underlying Index is designed to measure the performance of Hong Kong listed equity securities characterized by high dividend yield.

The Underlying ETF seeks to provide investment results that, before deduction of fees and expenses, closely correspond to the performance of the Underlying Index. The Underlying ETF generally invests all, or substantially all, of its assets directly in the Hong Kong listed constituent securities of the Underlying Index in substantially the same weightings as these securities have in the Underlying Index. The Underlying ETF manager may, at its discretion, employ a “sampling” strategy. Under this sampling strategy, the Underlying ETF may not hold all of the securities that are included in the Underlying Index, but instead hold a representative sample of the constituent securities that make up the Underlying Index, selected by the ETF manager using quantitative analytical models to derive a portfolio sample.

The Underlying ETF does not invest in mainland China-listed “A-shares” of mainland China-based companies. “A-shares” is a term generally used to describe shares in mainland China-based companies that are listed on mainland China stock exchanges and are only quoted in Chinese renminbi. As noted above, the Underlying ETF instead invests in Hong Kong-listed equity securities of Hong Kong or mainland China-based companies or real estate investment trusts (REITs). HCN does not seek to hedge its foreign currency exposure.

## Management Discussion of Fund Performance (continued)

### Risk

The Manager performs a review of the ETF's risk rating at least annually, as well as when there is a material change in the ETF's investment objective or investment strategies. The current risk rating for the ETF is: high.

Risk ratings are determined based on the historical volatility of the ETF as measured by the standard deviation of its performance against its mean. The risk categorization of the ETF may change over time and historical volatility is not indicative of future volatility. Generally, a risk rating is assigned to the ETF based on a blend of the historical rolling 3-year and 5-year standard deviations of its return (or, generally, commencing with prospectus renewals after September 1, 2017, a rolling 10-year standard deviation), the return of an underlying index, or of an applicable proxy index. In cases where the Manager believes that this methodology produces a result that is not indicative of the ETF's future volatility, the risk rating may be determined by the ETF's category. Risk ratings are not intended for use as a substitute for undertaking a proper and complete suitability or financial assessment by an investment advisor.

The Manager, as a summary for existing investors, is providing the list below of the risks to which an investment in the ETF may be subject. Prospective investors should read the ETF's most recent prospectus and consider the full description of the risks contained therein before purchasing units.

The risks to which an investment in the ETF is subject are listed below and have not changed from the list of risks found in the ETF's most recent prospectus. A full description of each risk listed below may also be found in the most recent prospectus. The most recent prospectus is available at [www.horizonsetfs.com](http://www.horizonsetfs.com) or from [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com), or by calling Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc. at (toll free) 1-866-641-5739, or at (416) 933-5745.

- General risks of investments
- General risks of investing in an index fund and passive investment risk
- Reliance on foreign domiciled underlying ETF
- Foreign securities risk
- China risk
- Hong Kong risk
- Emerging markets risk
- Geographic risk
- High-dividend yield style risk
- Risks relating to index replication strategies
- Calculation of index level and termination of the Underlying Index
- The Underlying Index
- License to use the Underlying Index risk
- Risk that units will trade at prices other than net asset value per unit
- Issuer-specific risk
- Index adjustments
- Liquidity risk
- Borrowing risk
- Currency risk
- Real estate investment trust risk
- Risks relating to tax changes
- Regulatory and tax-related risks
- Cease trading of securities risk
- General risks of equity investments
- Voting of index securities risk
- Exchange risk
- Distributions risk
- No ownership interest
- Market for units
- Redemption price
- Net asset value fluctuation
- Liability of unitholders
- Limited operating history
- Restrictions on certain unitholders
- Reliance on key personnel
- Securities lending

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## Management Discussion of Fund Performance (continued)

### Results of Operations

For the six-month period ended June 30, 2018, units of the ETF returned 3.87%, when including distributions paid to unitholders. This compares to a return of 0.07% for the Underlying Index for the same period in local Hong Kong dollars (HKD) and 4.55% when presented in Canadian dollar (CAD) terms, both on a total return basis. The ETF does not hedge its currency exposure to HKD. The difference in performance between the ETF and the Underlying Index is due to the fluctuations in the foreign exchange rate of HKD relative to CAD, the expenses payable by any underlying ETF holdings in the ETF's portfolio and by the ETF, which include management fees plus applicable sales taxes.

The Underlying Index aims to reflect the overall performance of high-yield securities listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. It comprises 50 constituent issuers from its universe of mid and large capitalization equity securities, which can include stocks and real estate investment trusts that have their primary listings on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. The Underlying Index excludes stocks that are secondary listings, companies based outside of Hong Kong or China, preference shares, debt securities, mutual funds and other derivatives.

For the six-month period ended June 30, 2018, the top performers in the Underlying Index were China Petroleum & Chemical Corp., CNOOC Ltd. and SINOPEC Engineering (Group) Co., Ltd., gaining 71.62%, 33.80% and 27.39%, respectively. The worst performers in the Underlying Index for the period were Kingboard Chemical Holdings Ltd., Zhejiang Expressway Co., Ltd. and China Merchants Port Holdings Co. Ltd., returning -12.93%, -11.83% and -9.92%, respectively.

Horizons Management does not endeavour to predict market direction, changes that may occur in global fiscal and monetary policies, the effect of additional geopolitical concerns, or other unforeseen crises. Horizons Management and the ETF are agnostic as to their impact on global equity, fixed income, currency, and commodity markets generally, and the Hong Kong high dividend yield equity market specifically. They are only of concern to the ETF in so much as there is some minimal risk that could affect its ability to meet its investment objective. Please refer to the risk factors section in the ETF's prospectus for a more detailed discussion.

### *Presentation*

The attached financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). Any mention of total net assets, net assets, net asset value or increase (decrease) in net assets in the financial statements and/or management report of fund performance is referring to net assets or increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units as reported under IFRS.

### Recent Developments

There have been no recent market developments of particular note, aside from the normal fluctuations of the markets, that are expected to have an undue influence on the portfolio of the ETF when compared to its benchmark.

### Related Party Transactions

There were no related party portfolio transactions during the current reporting period. Certain services have been provided to the ETF by related parties, and those relationships are described below.

## Management Discussion of Fund Performance (continued)

### *Manager, Trustee and Investment Manager*

The manager, trustee and investment manager of the ETF is Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc., 55 University Avenue, Suite 800, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2H7, a corporation incorporated under the laws of Ontario. The Manager is a member of the Mirae Asset Financial Group based in Seoul, South Korea.

Any management fees paid to the Manager (described in detail on page 7) are related party transactions, as the Manager is considered to be a related party to the ETF. Fees paid to the Independent Review Committee are also considered to be related party transactions. Both the management fees and fees paid to the Independent Review Committee are disclosed in the statements of comprehensive income in the attached financial statements of the ETF. The management fees payable by the ETF as at June 30, 2018, and December 31, 2017, are disclosed in the statements of financial position.

## Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about the ETF and are intended to help you understand the ETF's financial performance since the effective start of its operations on January 11, 2016. This information is derived from the ETF's audited annual financial statements and the current unaudited interim financial statements. Please see the front page for information on how you may obtain the ETF's annual or interim financial statements.

### The ETF's Net Assets per Unit

Period <sup>(1)</sup>		2018	2017	2016
<b>Net assets, beginning of period</b>	\$	25.06	19.88	20.00
<b>Increase from operations:</b>				
Total revenue		0.17	1.05	1.08
Total expenses		(0.11)	(0.19)	(0.22)
Realized gains for the period		0.04	3.32	0.14
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period		0.88	1.89	(0.20)
<b>Total increase from operations <sup>(2)</sup></b>		0.98	6.07	0.80
<b>Distributions:</b>				
From income (excluding dividends)		(0.61)	(4.08)	(0.80)
From net realized capital gains		–	(0.97)	–
From return of capital		–	–	(0.12)
<b>Total distributions <sup>(3)</sup></b>		(0.61)	(5.05)	(0.92)
<b>Net assets, end of period <sup>(4)</sup></b>	\$	25.43	25.06	19.88

- This information is derived from the ETF's unaudited interim financial statements as at June 30, 2018, and the audited annual financial statements as at December 31 of the other years shown. The ETF effectively began operations on January 11, 2016. Information is presented in accordance with IFRS.
- Net assets per unit and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase (decrease) from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the financial period.
- Income, dividend and/or return of capital distributions, if any, are paid in cash, reinvested in additional units of the ETF, or both. Capital gains distributions, if any, may or may not be paid in cash. Non-cash capital gains distributions are reinvested in additional units of the ETF and subsequently consolidated. They are reported as taxable distributions and increase each unitholder's adjusted cost base for their units. Neither the number of units held by the unitholder, nor the net asset per unit of the ETF change as a result of any non-cash capital gains distributions. Distributions classified as return of capital, if any, decrease each unitholder's adjusted cost base for their units.
- The Financial Highlights are not intended to act as a continuity of the opening and closing net assets per unit.

**Financial Highlights** (continued)

**Ratios and Supplemental Data**

Year <sup>(1)</sup>		2018	2017	2016
Total net asset value (000's)	\$	6,551	6,453	5,120
Number of units outstanding (000's)		258	258	258
Management expense ratio <sup>(2)(4)</sup>		1.19%	1.26%	1.43%
Management expense ratio excluding proportion of expenses from underlying investment funds		0.79%	0.80%	0.99%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>(2)</sup>		2.83%	3.07%	3.13%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(3)(4)</sup>		0.01%	0.02%	0.13%
Trading Expense Ratio excluding proportion of costs from underlying investment funds		0.01%	0.02%	0.13%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(5)</sup>		0.00%	102.28%	1.19%
Net asset value per unit, end of period	\$	25.43	25.06	19.88
Closing market price	\$	25.52	25.29	20.07

1. This information is provided as at June 30, 2018, and December 31 of the other years shown. The ETF effectively began operations on January 11, 2016. Information is presented in accordance with IFRS.
2. Management expense ratio is based on total expenses, including sales tax, (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period. Out of its management fees, the Manager pays for such services as investment manager compensation, administration, service fees and marketing. The Manager, at its discretion, may waive and/or absorb a portion of the fees and/or expenses otherwise payable by the ETF. The waiving and/or absorption of such fees and/or expenses by the Manager may be terminated at any time, or continued indefinitely, at the discretion of the Manager.
3. The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period.
4. The ETF's management expense ratio (MER) and trading expense ratio (TER) include an estimated proportion of the MER and TER for any underlying investment funds held in the ETF's portfolio during the year.
5. The ETF's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the ETF trades its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the ETF buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of a year. The higher an ETF's portfolio turnover rate in a year, 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 an ETF.

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**Financial Highlights** (continued)**Management Fees**

The Manager provides, or oversees the provision of, administrative services required by the ETF including, but not limited to: negotiating contracts with certain third-party service providers, including, but not limited to, investment managers, counterparties, custodians, registrars, transfer agents, valuation agents, designated brokers, dealers, auditors and printers; authorizing the payment of operating expenses incurred on behalf of the ETF; ensuring the maintenance of accounting records for the ETF; preparing the reports to unitholders of the ETF and to the applicable securities regulatory authorities; calculating the amount and determining the frequency of distributions by the ETF; preparing financial statements, income tax returns and financial and accounting information as required by the ETF; ensuring that unitholders of the ETF are provided with financial statements and other reports as are required from time to time by applicable law; ensuring that the ETF complies with all other regulatory requirements including the continuous disclosure obligations of such ETF under applicable securities laws; administering purchases, redemptions and other transactions in units of the ETF; and dealing and communicating with unitholders of the ETFs. The Manager provides office facilities and personnel to carry out these services, if not otherwise furnished by any other service provider to the ETF. The Manager also monitors the investment strategy of the ETF to ensure that the ETF complies with its investment objective, investment strategies and investment restrictions and practices.

In consideration for the provision of these services, the Manager receives a monthly management fee at the annual rate of 0.70%, plus applicable sales taxes, of the net asset value of the ETF's units, calculated and accrued daily and payable monthly in arrears. Any expenses of the ETF which are waived or absorbed by the Manager are paid out of the management fees received by the Manager.

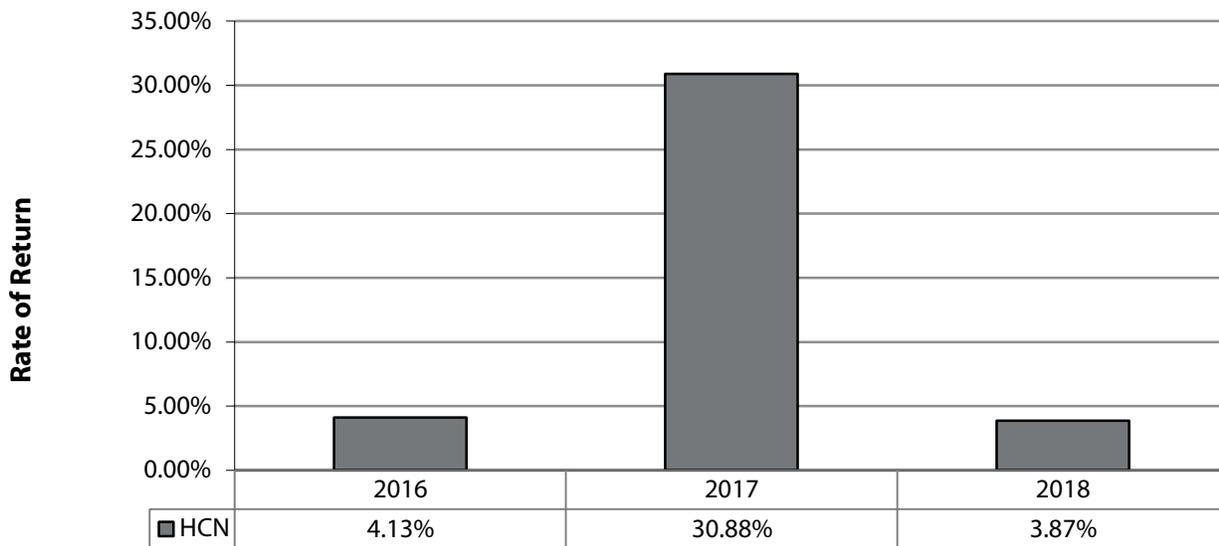
The Manager paid substantially more than 100% of the management fees it received from the ETF during the period towards marketing and promotional costs, and towards the fees associated with the managerial, portfolio management and portfolio advisory services provided to the ETF.

## Past Performance

Sales commissions, management fees, expenses and applicable sales taxes all may be associated with an investment in the ETF. Please read the prospectus before investing. The indicated rates of return are the historical returns including changes in unit value and reinvestment of all distributions and do not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or optional charges or income taxes payable by any investor that would have reduced returns. An investment in the ETF is not guaranteed. Its value changes frequently and past performance may not be repeated. The ETF's performance numbers assume that all distributions, if any, are reinvested in additional units of the ETF. If you hold this ETF outside of a registered plan, income and capital gains distributions that are paid to you increase your income for tax purposes whether paid to you in cash or reinvested in additional units. The amount of the reinvested taxable distributions is added to the adjusted cost base of the units that you own. This would decrease your capital gain or increase your capital loss when you later redeem from the ETF, thereby ensuring that you are not taxed on this amount again. Please consult your tax advisor regarding your personal tax situation.

### Year-by-Year Returns

The following chart presents the performance for the periods shown, and illustrates how the performance has changed from period to period. In percentage terms, the chart shows how much an investment made on the first day of each financial period (or, on the inception date, as the case may be) would have grown or decreased by the last day of the financial period.



The ETF effectively began operations on January 11, 2016.

## Summary of Investment Portfolio

As at June 30, 2018

<b>Asset Mix</b>	<b>Net Asset Value</b>	<b>% of ETF's Net Asset Value</b>
Global Equities	\$ 6,630,130	101.20%
Cash and Cash Equivalents	21,896	0.33%
Other Assets less Liabilities	(100,618)	-1.53%
	<b>\$ 6,551,408</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

<b>Sector Mix</b>	<b>Net Asset Value</b>	<b>% of ETF's Net Asset Value</b>
Hong Kong Broad Equity Index	\$ 6,630,130	101.20%
Cash and Cash Equivalents	21,896	0.33%
Other Assets less Liabilities	(100,618)	-1.53%
	<b>\$ 6,551,408</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

<b>Top Holdings</b>	<b>% of ETF's Net Asset Value</b>
Mirae Asset Horizons Hang Seng High Dividend Yield ETF	101.20%
Cash and Cash Equivalents	0.33%

**Summary of Investment Portfolio** (continued)

As at June 30, 2018

<b>Top 25 Securities In the Underlying Index*—Hang Seng High Dividend Yield Index</b>	<b>% Weighting in Underlying Index</b>
China Petroleum and Chemical Corp. (Sinopec)	3.35%
Lenovo Group Ltd.	2.99%
PCCW Ltd.	2.91%
Yue Yuen Industrial Holdings Ltd.	2.86%
Yuexiu REIT	2.66%
China Zhongwang Holdings Ltd.	2.56%
Shenzhen International Holdings Ltd.	2.48%
Fortune REIT	2.47%
Sinopec Shanghai Petrochemical Co. Ltd.	2.46%
VTech Holdings Ltd.	2.39%
Power Assets Holdings Ltd.	2.35%
Zhejiang Expressway Co. Ltd.	2.35%
HSBC Holdings PLC	2.32%
Haitong International Securities Group Ltd.	2.31%
China Cinda Asset Management Co. Ltd.	2.29%
China CITIC Bank Corp. Ltd.	2.28%
Bank of Communications Co. Ltd.	2.26%
China Shenhua Energy Co. Ltd.	2.12%
Shenzhen Investment Ltd.	2.11%
China Resources Power Holdings Co. Ltd.	2.11%
Bank of China Ltd.	2.05%
Agricultural Bank of China Ltd.	2.03%
Kingboard Chemical Holdings Ltd.	2.02%
China Everbright Bank Co. Ltd.	2.01%
Yuexiu Property Co. Ltd.	1.98%

\*These positions represent the top 25 constituents of the Underlying Index. The ETF is exposed to the performance of the Underlying Index through its holding of the Mirae Asset Horizons Hang Seng High Dividend Yield ETF

The summary of investment portfolio may change due to the ongoing portfolio transactions of the ETF. The most recent interim and annual reports are available at no cost by calling toll free 1-866-641-5739, or (416) 933-5745, by writing to us at Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc., 55 University Avenue, Suite 800, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2H7, or by visiting our website at [www.horizonsetfs.com](http://www.horizonsetfs.com) or through SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

### MANAGER'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

The accompanying unaudited interim financial statements of Horizons China High Dividend Yield Index ETF (the "ETF") are the responsibility of the manager and the trustee to the ETF, Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc. (the "Manager"). They have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards using information available and include certain amounts that are based on the Manager's best estimates and judgements.

The Manager has developed and maintains a system of internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that all assets are safeguarded and to produce relevant, reliable and timely financial information, including the accompanying financial statements.

These financial statements have been approved by the Board of Directors of the Manager.



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Steven J. Hawkins  
Director  
Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc.



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Taeyong Lee  
Director  
Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc.

### NOTICE TO UNITHOLDERS

#### **The Auditors of the ETF have not reviewed these Financial Statements.**

Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc., the Manager of the ETF, appoints an independent auditor to audit the ETF's annual financial statements.

The ETF's independent auditors have not performed a review of these interim financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards.

**Statements of Financial Position** (unaudited)

As at June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 21,896	\$ 45,746
Investments	6,630,130	6,469,950
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>6,652,026</b>	<b>6,515,696</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accrued management fees	4,434	4,330
Accrued operating expenses	553	345
Distribution payable	95,631	58,093
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>100,618</b>	<b>62,768</b>
<b>Total net assets (note 2)</b>	<b>\$ 6,551,408</b>	<b>\$ 6,452,928</b>
Number of redeemable units outstanding (note 9)	257,584	257,528
Total net assets per unit	\$ 25.43	\$ 25.06

(See accompanying notes to financial statements)

Approved on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Manager:



Steven J. Hawkins  
Director



Taeyong Lee  
Director

**Statements of Comprehensive Income** (unaudited)

For the Periods Ended June 30,

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Dividend income	\$ 43,962	\$ 43,697
Net realized gain on sale of investments and derivatives	9,699	5,534
Net realized gain (loss) on foreign exchange	424	(2)
Net change in unrealized appreciation of investments and derivatives	226,725	904,775
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of foreign exchange	335	(1,047)
	<b>281,145</b>	<b>952,957</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees (note 9)	26,919	22,967
Audit fees	4,562	4,566
Independent Review Committee fees	389	23
Custodial fees	1,216	589
Legal fees	24,828	16,950
Securityholder reporting costs	12,393	13,989
Administration fees	14,583	14,452
Transaction costs	289	351
Other expenses	–	6
	<b>85,179</b>	<b>73,893</b>
Amounts that were payable by the investment fund that were paid or absorbed by the Manager	(57,151)	(50,365)
	<b>28,028</b>	<b>23,528</b>
<b>Increase in net assets for the period</b>	<b>\$ 253,117</b>	<b>\$ 929,429</b>
Increase in net assets per unit	\$ 0.98	\$ 3.61

(See accompanying notes to financial statements)

**Statements of Changes in Financial Position** (unaudited)

For the Periods Ended June 30,

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Total net assets at the beginning of the period</b>	\$ 6,452,928	\$ 5,119,861
<b>Increase in net assets</b>	253,117	929,429
<b>Redeemable unit transactions</b>		
Securities issued on reinvestment of distributions	1,525	281
Distributions:		
From net investment income	(156,162)	(118,552)
<b>Total net assets at the end of the period</b>	<b>\$ 6,551,408</b>	<b>\$ 5,931,019</b>

(See accompanying notes to financial statements)

**Statements of Cash Flows** (unaudited)

For the Periods Ended June 30,

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Increase in net assets for the period	\$ 253,117	\$ 929,429
Adjustments for:		
Net realized gain on sale of investments and derivatives	(9,699)	(5,534)
Net change in unrealized appreciation of investments and derivatives	(226,725)	(904,775)
Net change in unrealized depreciation (appreciation) of foreign exchange	(335)	1,047
Proceeds from the sale of investments	76,244	76,090
Accrued expenses	312	(361)
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>	<b>92,914</b>	<b>95,896</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>		
Distributions paid to unitholders	(117,099)	(117,120)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(117,099)</b>	<b>(117,120)</b>
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents during the period</b>	<b>(24,185)</b>	<b>(21,224)</b>
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash and cash equivalents	335	(1,047)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period</b>	<b>45,746</b>	<b>36,862</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>\$ 21,896</b>	<b>\$ 14,591</b>
Dividends received	\$ 43,962	\$ 43,697

(See accompanying notes to financial statements)

**Schedule of Investments** (unaudited)

As at June 30, 2018

Security	Shares	Average Cost	Fair Value
<b>GLOBAL EQUITIES (101.20%)</b>			
<b>Hong Kong Broad Equity Index (101.20%)</b>			
Mirae Asset Horizons Hang Seng High Dividend Yield ETF	1,339,000	\$ 5,968,438	\$ 6,630,130
<b>TOTAL GLOBAL EQUITIES</b>		<b>5,968,438</b>	<b>6,630,130</b>
Transaction costs		-	
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO (101.20%)</b>		<b>\$ 5,968,438</b>	<b>\$ 6,630,130</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents (0.33%)</b>			21,896
<b>Other assets less liabilities (-1.53%)</b>			(100,618)
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS (100.00%)</b>			<b>\$ 6,551,408</b>

(See accompanying notes to financial statements)

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**1. REPORTING ENTITY**

Horizons China High Dividend Yield Index ETF (“HCN” or the “ETF”) is an investment trust established under the laws of the Province of Ontario by Declaration of Trust and effectively began operations on January 11, 2016. The address of the ETF’s registered office is: c/o Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc., 55 University Avenue, Suite 800, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2H7.

The ETF is offered for sale on a continuous basis by its prospectus in class A units which trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange (“TSX”) under the symbol HCN. An investor may buy or sell units of the ETF on the TSX only through a registered broker or dealer in the province or territory where the investor resides. Investors are able to trade units of the ETF in the same way as other securities traded on the TSX, including by using market orders and limit orders and may incur customary brokerage commissions when buying or selling units.

HCN seeks to replicate, to the extent possible, the performance of the Hang Seng High Dividend Yield Index (the “Underlying Index”, Bloomberg ticker: HSHDYI), net of expenses, by investing primarily in the Hang Seng High Dividend Yield ETF (the “Underlying ETF”). The Underlying Index is designed to measure the performance of Hong Kong listed equity securities characterized by high dividend yield.

Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc. (“Horizons Management” or the “Manager”, the “Investment Manager”, or the “Trustee”) is the manager, investment manager and trustee of the ETF. The Investment Manager is responsible for implementing the ETF’s investment strategies.

**2. BASIS OF PREPARATION*****(i) Statement of compliance***

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”). Any mention of total net assets, net assets, net asset value or increase (decrease) in net assets is referring to net assets or increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units as reported under IFRS.

These financial statements were authorized for issue on August 15, 2018, by the Board of Directors of the Manager.

***(ii) Basis of measurement***

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss, which are measured at fair value.

***(iii) Functional and presentation currency***

These financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars, which is the ETF’s functional currency.

**3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

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**(a) Financial instruments****(i) Recognition, initial measurement and classification**

For fiscal years beginning January 1, 2018, IFRS 9, Financial Instruments (“IFRS 9”) has replaced International Accounting Standard 39, Financial Instruments – Recognition and Measurement (“IAS 39”). IFRS 9 introduces new classification and measurement requirements for financial instruments, including impairment on financial assets and hedge accounting.

This new standard requires assets to be classified based on the ETF’s business model for managing the financial assets and contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. The standard includes three principal classification categories for financial assets: measured at amortized cost, fair value through other comprehensive income, and fair value through profit and loss (“FVTPL”). It eliminates the existing IAS 39 categories of held to maturity, loans and receivables and available for sale. IFRS 9 largely retains the existing requirements in IAS 39 for the classification of financial liabilities

There were no changes to the measurement basis of the ETF’s financial instruments as a result of adopting IFRS 9, and consequently, there was no impact to net assets.

Financial assets and financial liabilities at FVTPL are initially recognized on the trade date, at fair value (see below), with transaction costs recognized in the statements of comprehensive income. Other financial assets and financial liabilities are recognized on the date on which they are originated at fair value.

The ETF classifies financial assets and financial liabilities into the following categories:

- Financial assets mandatorily classified at fair value through profit or loss: debt securities, equity investments and derivative financial instruments
- Financial assets at amortized cost: All other financial assets are classified as loans and receivables
- Financial liabilities mandatorily classified at fair value through profit or loss: derivative financial instruments and securities sold short, if any
- Financial liabilities at amortized cost: all other financial liabilities are classified as other financial liabilities

**(ii) 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 in the principal or, in its absence, the most advantageous market to which the ETF has access at that date. The fair value of a liability reflects its non-performance risk.

Investments are valued at fair value as of the close of business on each day upon which a session of the TSX is held (“Valuation Date”) and based on external pricing sources to the extent possible. Investments held that are traded in an active market through recognized public stock exchanges, over-the-counter markets, or through recognized investment dealers, are valued at their closing sale price. However, such prices may be adjusted if a more accurate value can be obtained from recent trading activity or by incorporating other relevant information that may not have been reflected in pricing obtained from external sources. Short-term investments, including notes and money market instruments, are valued at amortized cost which approximates fair value.

Investments held that are not traded in an active market, including some derivative financial instruments, are valued using observable market inputs where possible, on such basis and in such manner as established by the Manager. Deriva-

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tive financial instruments are recorded in the statements of financial position according to the gain or loss that would be realized if the contracts were closed out on the Valuation Date. Margin deposits, if any, are included in the schedule of investments as margin deposits. See also the summary of fair value measurements in note 6.

Fair value policies used for financial reporting purposes are the same as those used to measure the net asset value ("NAV") for transactions with unitholders.

The fair value of other financial assets and liabilities approximates their carrying values due to the short-term nature of these instruments.

***(iii) Offsetting***

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount presented 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 to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Income and expenses are presented on a net basis for gains and losses from financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss and foreign exchange gains and losses.

***(iv) Specific instruments*****Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on deposit and short-term, interest bearing notes with a term to maturity of less than three months from the date of purchase.

**Forward foreign exchange contracts**

Forward foreign exchange contracts, if any, are valued at the current market value thereof on the Valuation Date. The value of these forward contracts is the gain or loss that would be realized if, on the Valuation Date, the positions were to be closed out and recorded as derivative assets and/or liabilities in the statements of financial position and as a net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments and derivatives in the statements of comprehensive income. When the forward contracts are closed out or mature, realized gains or losses on forward contracts are recognized and are included in the statements of comprehensive income in net realized gain (loss) on sale of investments and derivatives. The Canadian dollar value of forward foreign exchange contracts is determined using forward currency exchange rates supplied by an independent service provider.

**Redeemable units**

The redeemable units are measured at the present value of the redemption amounts and are considered a residual amount of the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units. They are classified as financial liabilities as a result of the ETF's requirement to distribute net income and capital gains to unitholders.

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**(b) Investment income**

Investment transactions are accounted for as of the trade date. Realized gains and losses from investment transactions are calculated on a weighted average cost basis. The difference between fair value and average cost, as recorded in the financial statements, is included in the statements of comprehensive income as part of the net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments and derivatives. Interest income for distribution purposes from investments in bonds and short-term investments, if any, represents the coupon interest received by the ETF accounted for on an accrual basis. The ETF does not amortize premiums paid or discounts received on the purchase of fixed income securities. The ETF does not use the effective interest method. Dividend income, if any, is recognized on the ex-dividend date. Distribution income from investments in other funds or ETFs, if any, is recognized when earned.

Income from derivatives is shown in the statements of comprehensive income as net realized gain (loss) on sale of investments and derivatives; net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments and derivatives; and, interest income for distribution purposes, in accordance with its nature.

Income from securities lending, if any, is included in "Securities lending income" on the statements of comprehensive income and is recognized when earned. Any securities on loan continue to be displayed in the schedule of investments and the market value of the securities loaned and collateral held is determined daily (see note 7).

If the ETF 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.

**(c) Foreign currency**

Transactions in foreign currencies, if any, are translated into the ETF's reporting currency using the exchange rate prevailing on the trade date. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the reporting date are translated at the period-end exchange rate. Foreign exchange gains and losses are presented as "Net realized gain (loss) on foreign exchange", except for those arising from financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss, which are recognized as a component within "Net realized gain (loss) on sale of investments and derivatives" and "Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments and derivatives" in the statements of comprehensive income.

**(d) Cost basis**

The cost of portfolio investments is determined on an average cost basis.

**(e) Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit**

The increase (decrease) in net assets per unit in the statements of comprehensive income represents the change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units from operations divided by the weighted average number of units of the ETF outstanding during the reporting period. For management fees please refer to note 9.

**(f) Unitholder transactions**

The value at which units are issued or redeemed is determined by dividing the net asset value of the ETF by the total number of units outstanding of the ETF on the Valuation Date. Amounts received on the issuance of units and amounts paid on the redemption of units are included in the statements of changes in financial position.

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**(g) Amounts receivable (payable) relating to portfolio assets sold (purchased)**

In accordance with the ETF's policy of trade date accounting for sale and purchase transactions, sales/purchase transactions awaiting settlement represent amounts receivable/payable for securities sold/purchased, but not yet settled as at the reporting date.

**(h) Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit**

Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit is calculated by dividing the ETF's net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units by the number of units of the ETF outstanding on the Valuation Date.

**(i) Transaction costs**

Transaction costs are incremental costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, issue or disposal of an investment, which include fees and commissions paid to agents, advisors, brokers and dealers, fees incurred in conjunction with the ETF's total return swap agreements, levies by regulatory agencies and securities exchanges, and transfer taxes and duties. Transaction costs are expensed and are included in "Transaction costs" in the statements of comprehensive income.

**4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS**

In preparing these financial statements, the Manager has made judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to estimates are recognized prospectively.

The ETF may hold financial instruments that are not quoted in active markets, including derivatives. The determination of the fair value of these instruments is the area with the most significant accounting judgements and estimates that the ETF has made in preparing the financial statements. See note 6 for more information on the fair value measurement of the ETF's financial instruments.

**5. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS RISK**

In the normal course of business, the ETF's investment activities expose it to a variety of financial risks. The Manager seeks to minimize potential adverse effects of these risks for the ETF's performance by employing professional, experienced portfolio advisors, by daily monitoring of the ETF's positions and market events, and periodically may use derivatives to hedge certain risk exposures. To assist in managing risks, the Manager maintains a governance structure that oversees the ETF's investment activities and monitors compliance with the ETF's stated investment strategies, internal guidelines and securities regulations.

Please refer to the most recent prospectus for a complete discussion of the risks attributed to an investment in the units of the ETF. Significant financial instrument risks that are relevant to the ETF and an analysis of how they are managed are presented below.

**(a) Market risk**

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as interest rates, equity prices, foreign exchange rates and credit spreads (not relating to changes in the obligor's/issuer's credit standing) will affect the ETF's income or the fair value of its

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holdings of financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimizing the return.

**(i) Currency risk**

Currency risk is the risk that financial instruments which are denominated in currencies other than the ETF's reporting currency, the Canadian dollar, will fluctuate due to changes in exchange rates and adversely impact the ETF's income, cash flows or fair values of its investment holdings. The following tables indicate the foreign currencies to which the ETF had significant exposure as at June 30, 2018, and December 31, 2017, in Canadian dollar terms and the potential impact on the ETF's net assets (including the underlying principal amount of future or forward currency contracts, if any), as a result of a 1% change in these currencies relative to the Canadian dollar:

<b>June 30, 2018</b>	<b>Financial Instruments</b>	<b>Currency Forward and/or Futures Contracts</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Impact on Net Asset Value</b>
<b>Currency</b>	(\$000's)	(\$000's)	(\$000's)	(\$000's)
Hong Kong Dollar	6,650	–	6,650	66
Total	6,650	–	6,650	66
As % of Net Asset Value	101.5%	–	101.5%	1.0%

<b>December 31, 2017</b>	<b>Financial Instruments</b>	<b>Currency Forward and/or Futures Contracts</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Impact on Net Asset Value</b>
<b>Currency</b>	(\$000's)	(\$000's)	(\$000's)	(\$000's)
Hong Kong Dollar	6,512	–	6,512	65
Total	6,512	–	6,512	65
As % of Net Asset Value	100.9%	–	100.9%	1.0%

**(ii) Interest rate risk**

The ETF may be exposed to the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of its financial instruments will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates. In general, the value of interest-bearing financial instruments will rise if interest rates fall, and conversely, will generally fall if interest rates rise. There is minimal sensitivity to interest rate fluctuation on cash and cash equivalents and other investments with less than one year to maturity invested at short-term market rates since those securities are usually held to maturity and are short term in nature. As at June 30, 2018, and December 31, 2017, the ETF did not hold any long-term debt instruments to which it would have interest rate risk exposure.

**(iii) Other market risk**

Other market 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.

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The ETF is subject to other market risks that will affect the value of its investments, including general economic and market conditions, as well as developments that impact specific economic sectors, industries or companies. The ETF will normally lose value on days when the securities comprising the Underlying Index declines. The ETF intends to remain fully invested regardless of market conditions.

For the six-month period ended June 30, 2018, units of the ETF returned 3.87%, when including distributions paid to unitholders. This compares to a return of 0.07% for the Underlying Index for the same period in local Hong Kong dollars (HKD) and 4.55% when presented in Canadian dollar (CAD) terms, both on a total return basis. The ETF does not hedge its currency exposure to HKD. The difference in performance between the ETF and the Underlying Index is due to the fluctuations in the foreign exchange rate of HKD relative to CAD, the expenses payable by any underlying ETF holdings in the ETF's portfolio and by the ETF, which include management fees plus applicable sales taxes.

**(b) Credit risk**

Credit risk on financial instruments is the risk of a financial loss occurring as a result of the default of a counterparty on its obligation to the ETF. It arises principally from debt securities held, and also from derivative financial assets, cash and cash equivalents, and other receivables.

The market value of debt instruments and derivatives, includes consideration of the credit worthiness of the issuer, and accordingly, represents the maximum credit exposure of the ETF. As at June 30, 2018, and December 31, 2017, due to the nature of its portfolio investments, the ETF did not have any material credit exposure.

**(c) Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the ETF will encounter difficulty in meeting the obligations associated with its financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset. The ETF's policy and the Investment Manager's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stress conditions, including estimated redemptions of shares, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the ETF's reputation. All financial liabilities are generally due within 90 days. Liquidity risk is managed by investing the majority of the ETF's assets in investments that are traded in an active market and can be readily disposed. The ETF aims to retain sufficient cash and cash equivalent positions to maintain liquidity; therefore, the liquidity risk for the ETF is considered minimal.

**6. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT**

Below is a classification of fair value measurements of the ETF's investments based on a three level fair value hierarchy and a reconciliation of transactions and transfers within that hierarchy. The hierarchy of fair valuation inputs is summarized as follows:

- Level 1: securities that are valued based on quoted prices in active markets.
- Level 2: securities that are valued based on inputs other than quoted prices that are observable, either directly as prices, or indirectly as derived from prices.
- Level 3: securities that are valued with significant unobservable market data.

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Changes in valuation methods may result in transfers into or out of an investment's assigned level. The following is a summary of the inputs used as at June 30, 2018, and December 31, 2017, in valuing the ETF's investments and derivatives carried at fair value:

	June 30, 2018			December 31, 2017		
	Level 1 (\$)	Level 2 (\$)	Level 3 (\$)	Level 1 (\$)	Level 2 (\$)	Level 3 (\$)
<b>Financial Assets</b>						
Exchange Traded Funds	6,630,130	–	–	6,469,950	–	–
<b>Total Financial Assets</b>	<b>6,630,130</b>	–	–	<b>6,469,950</b>	–	–
<b>Total Financial Liabilities</b>	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Net Financial Assets &amp; Liabilities</b>	<b>6,630,130</b>	–	–	<b>6,469,950</b>	–	–

There were no transfers made between Levels 1 and 2 as a result of changes in the availability of quoted market prices or observable market inputs during the period or year shown. In addition, there were no investments or transactions classified in Level 3 for the period ended June 30, 2018, and for the year ended December 31, 2017.

## 7. SECURITIES LENDING

In order to generate additional returns, the ETF is authorized to enter into securities lending agreements with borrowers deemed acceptable in accordance with National Instrument 81-102 – *Investment Funds* ("NI 81-102"). Under a securities lending agreement, the borrower must pay the ETF a negotiated securities lending fee, provide compensation to the ETF equal to any distributions received by the borrower on the securities borrowed, and the ETF must receive an acceptable form of collateral in excess of the value of the securities loaned. Although such collateral is marked to market, the ETF may be exposed to the risk of loss should a borrower default on its obligations to return the borrowed securities and the collateral is insufficient to reconstitute the portfolio of loaned securities. Revenue, if any, earned on securities lending transactions during the period is disclosed in the ETF's statements of comprehensive income.

As at June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, the ETF was not participating in any securities lending transactions. The ETF did not earn any income from securities lending transactions for the periods ended June 30, 2018 and 2017.

## 8. REDEEMABLE UNITS

The ETF is authorized to issue an unlimited number of redeemable, transferable Class A units each of which represents an equal, undivided interest in the net assets of the ETF. Each unit entitles the owner to one vote at meetings of unitholders. Each unit is entitled to participate equally with all other units with respect to all payments made to unitholders, other than management fee distributions, whether by way of income or capital distributions and, on liquidation, to participate equally in the net assets of the ETF remaining after satisfaction of any outstanding liabilities that are attributable to units of that class of the ETF. All units will be fully paid and non-assessable, with no liability for future assessments, when issued and will not be transferable except by operation of law.

The redeemable units issued by the ETF provide an investor with the right to require redemption for cash at a value proportionate to the investor's share in the ETF's net assets at each redemption date and are classified as liabilities as a result of the ETF's requirement to distribute net income and capital gains to unitholders. The ETF's objectives in managing the redeemable units are to meet the ETF's investment objective, and to manage liquidity risk arising from redemptions. The ETF's management of liquidity risk arising from redeemable units is discussed in note 5.

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On any trading day, which is defined as the day that a net asset value of the ETF is being struck, unitholders of the ETF may (i) redeem units of the ETF for cash at a redemption price per unit equal to 95% of the closing price for units of the ETF on the TSX on the effective day of the redemption, where the units being redeemed are not equal to a prescribed number of units ("PNU") or a multiple PNU; or (ii) redeem, less any applicable redemption charge as determined by the Manager in its sole discretion from time to time, a PNU or a multiple PNU of the ETF for cash equal to the net asset value of that number of units.

Units of the ETF are issued or redeemed on a daily basis at the net asset value per security that is determined as at 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) each business day. Purchase and redemption orders are subject to a 9:30 a.m. (Eastern Time) cut-off time.

The ETF is required to distribute all of its income (including net realized capital gains) that it has earned in the year to such an extent that the ETF will not be liable for ordinary income tax thereon. It is anticipated that the ETF will make distributions to its unitholders on a quarterly basis. Such distributions will be paid in cash, unless a unitholder is participating in the ETF's distribution reinvestment plan. Under the distribution reinvestment plan, the amount actually distributed by the ETF will be paid as a "reinvested distribution", whereby the cash distributions will be used to acquire additional units of the ETF to be credited to the account of the unitholder. Distributions paid to holders of redeemable units, if any, are recognized in the statements of changes in financial position.

Please consult the ETF's most recent prospectus for a full description of the subscription and redemption features of the ETF's units.

For the periods ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, the number of units issued by subscription, the number of units redeemed, the total and average number of units outstanding was as follows:

Period	Beginning Units Outstanding	Units Issued	Units Redeemed	Ending Units Outstanding	Average Units Outstanding
2018	257,528	56	–	257,584	257,555
2017	257,502	12	–	257,514	257,508

## 9. EXPENSES

### Management fees

The Manager provides, or oversees the provision of, administrative services required by the ETF including, but not limited to: negotiating contracts with certain third-party service providers, including, but not limited to, investment managers, counterparties, custodians, registrars, transfer agents, valuation agents, designated brokers, dealers, auditors and printers; authorizing the payment of operating expenses incurred on behalf of the ETF; ensuring the maintenance of accounting records for the ETF; preparing the reports to unitholders of the ETF and to the applicable securities regulatory authorities; calculating the amount and determining the frequency of distributions by the ETF; preparing financial statements, income tax returns and financial and accounting information as required by the ETF; ensuring that unitholders of the ETF are provided with financial statements and other reports as are required from time to time by applicable law; ensuring that the ETF complies with all other regulatory requirements including the continuous disclosure obligations of such ETF under applicable securities laws; administering purchases, redemptions and other transactions in units of the ETF; and dealing and communicating with unitholders of the ETFs. The Manager provides office facilities and personnel to carry out these services, if not otherwise furnished by any other service provider to the ETF. The Manager also monitors the

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investment strategy of the ETF to ensure that the ETF complies with its investment objective, investment strategies and investment restrictions and practices.

In consideration for the provision of these services, the Manager receives a monthly management fee at the annual rate of 0.70%, plus applicable sales taxes, of the net asset value of the ETF's units, calculated and accrued daily and payable monthly in arrears. Any expenses of the ETF which are waived or absorbed by the Manager are paid out of the management fees received by the Manager.

**Other expenses**

Unless otherwise waived or reimbursed by the Manager, the ETF pays all of its operating expenses, including but not limited to: management fees, audit fees; trustee and custodial expenses; valuation, accounting and record keeping costs; legal expenses; permitted prospectus preparation and filing expenses; costs associated with delivering documents to unitholders; listing and annual stock exchange fees; index licensing fees, if applicable; fees payable to CDS Clearing and Depository Services Inc.; bank related fees and interest charges; extraordinary expenses; unitholder reports and servicing costs; registrar and transfer agent fees; costs associated with the Independent Review Committee; income taxes; sales tax; brokerage expenses and commissions; and withholding taxes.

The Manager, at its discretion, may waive and/or absorb a portion of the fees and/or expenses otherwise payable by the ETF. The waiving and/or absorption of such fees and/or expenses by the Manager may be terminated at any time, or continued indefinitely, at the discretion of the Manager.

**10. BROKER COMMISSIONS, SOFT DOLLARS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Brokerage commissions paid on securities transactions may include amounts paid to related parties of the Manager for brokerage services provided to the ETF.

Research and system usage related services received in return for commissions generated with specific dealers are generally referred to as soft dollars.

Total brokerage commissions paid to dealers in connection with investment portfolio transactions, soft dollar transactions incurred and amounts paid to related parties of the Manager for the periods ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, were as follows:

<b>Period Ended</b>	<b>Brokerage Commissions Paid</b>	<b>Soft Dollar Transactions</b>	<b>Amount Paid to Related Parties</b>
June 30, 2018	\$158	\$nil	\$nil
June 30, 2017	\$158	\$nil	\$nil

In addition to the information contained in the table above, the management fees paid to the Manager described in note 9 are related party transactions, as the Manager is considered to be a related party to the ETF. Fees paid to the Independent Review Committee are also considered to be related party transactions. Both the management fees and fees paid to the Independent Review Committee are disclosed in the statements of comprehensive income. The management fees payable by the ETF as at June 30, 2018, and December 31, 2017, are disclosed in the statements of financial position.

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**11. INCOME TAX**

The ETF has qualified as a mutual fund trust under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) and accordingly, is not taxed on the portion of taxable income that is paid or allocated to unitholders. As well, tax refunds (based on redemptions and realized and unrealized gains during the period) may be available that would make it possible to retain some net capital gains in the ETF without incurring any income taxes.

**12. TAX LOSSES CARRIED FORWARD**

Capital losses for income tax purposes may be carried forward indefinitely and applied against capital gains realized in future years. Non-capital losses carried forwards may be applied against future years' taxable income. Non-capital losses that are realized in the current taxation year may be carried forward for 20 years. As at December 31, 2017, the ETF had no net capital losses or non-capital losses available.

**13. OFFSETTING OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

In the normal course of business, the ETF may enter into various master netting arrangements or other similar agreements that do not meet the criteria for offsetting in the statements of financial position but still allow for the related amounts to be set off in certain circumstances, such as bankruptcy or termination of the contracts. As at June 30, 2018, and December 31, 2017, the ETF did not have any financial instruments eligible for offsetting.

**14. INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES, ASSOCIATES AND UNCONSOLIDATED STRUCTURED ENTITIES**

The ETF may invest in units of other ETFs as part of its investment strategies ("Investee ETF(s)"). The nature and purpose of these Investee ETFs generally, is to manage assets on behalf of third party investors in accordance with their investment objectives, and are financed through the issue of units to investors.

In determining whether the ETF has control or significant influence over an Investee ETF, the ETF assesses voting rights, the exposure to variable returns, and its ability to use the voting rights to affect the amount of the returns. In instances where the ETF has control over an Investee ETF, the ETF qualifies as an investment entity under IFRS 10 – *Consolidated Financial Statements*, and therefore accounts for investments it controls at fair value through profit and loss. The ETF's primary purpose is defined by its investment objectives and uses the investment strategies available to it as defined in the ETF's prospectus to meet those objectives. The ETF also measures and evaluates the performance of any Investee ETFs on a fair value basis.

Investee ETFs over which the ETF has control or significant influence are categorized as subsidiaries and associates, respectively. All other Investee ETFs are categorized as unconsolidated structured entities. Investee ETFs may be managed by the Manager, its affiliates, or by third-party managers.

Investments in Investee ETFs are susceptible to market price risk arising from uncertainty about future values of those Investee ETFs. The maximum exposure to loss from interests in Investee ETFs is equal to the total fair value of the investment in those respective Investee ETFs at any given point in time. The fair value of Investee ETFs, if any, are disclosed in investments in the statements of financial position and listed in the schedule of investments.

**Notes to Financial Statements** (unaudited) (continued)

June 30, 2018

As at June 30, 2018, and December 31, 2017, the ETF had material investments in the subsidiaries (Sub), associates (Assc) and unconsolidated structured entities (SE) listed below:

<b>Investee ETF as at June 30, 2018</b>	<b>Place of Business</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Ownership %</b>	<b>Carrying Amount</b>
Mirae Asset Horizons Hang Seng High Dividend Yield ETF	Hong Kong	SE	26.78%	\$6,630,130

<b>Investee ETF as at December 31, 2017</b>	<b>Place of Business</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Ownership %</b>	<b>Carrying Amount</b>
Mirae Asset Horizons Hang Seng High Dividend Yield ETF	Hong Kong	SE	27.08%	\$6,469,950

**15. COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Certain information in the comparative financial statements and/or notes to the financial statements for 2017 has been reclassified to conform to the financial statement presentation adopted for 2018.

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