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## PROSPECTUS

*Continuous Offering*

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### **Horizons Gold Yield ETF (“Horizons HGY”) Horizons Natural Gas Yield ETF (“Horizons HNY”)**

**(together, the “ETFs” and each individually an “ETF”)**

The Horizons ETFs are exchange traded mutual fund trusts established under the laws of Ontario. The ETFs are alternative mutual funds within the meaning of National Instrument 81-102 Investment Funds (“NI 81-102”). Class E units (“Units”) of each ETF are being offered for sale on a continuous basis by this prospectus and there is no minimum number of Units of an ETF that may be issued. The Units of each ETF are offered for sale at a price equal to the net asset value of the Units next determined following the receipt of a subscription order.

The manager, investment manager and trustee of the ETFs is Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc. (“Horizons”, the “Manager” or the “Trustee”). See “Organization and Management Details of the ETFs.”

#### *Horizons HGY*

The investment objectives of Horizons HGY are to provide holders of Units (“Unitholders”) with: (i) exposure to the price of gold bullion hedged to the Canadian dollar, less the ETF’s fees and expenses; (ii) tax-efficient monthly distributions; and (iii) in order to mitigate downside risk and generate income, exposure to a covered call option writing strategy.

#### *Horizons HNY*

The investment objectives of Horizons HNY are to provide Unitholders with: (i) exposure to the price of natural gas futures hedged to the Canadian dollar, less the ETF’s fees and expenses; (ii) tax-efficient monthly distributions; and (iii) in order to mitigate downside risk and generate income, exposure to a covered call option writing strategy.

See “Investment Objectives”.

#### **Listing of Units**

Units of the ETFs are currently listed and trade on the TSX. Investors are able to buy or sell Units of an ETF on the TSX through registered brokers and dealers in the province or territory where the investor resides. Investors will incur customary brokerage commissions in buying or selling Units.

#### **Additional Considerations**

As an alternative mutual fund within the meaning of NI 81-102, each ETF may use certain investment strategies generally prohibited for conventional mutual funds, including obtaining substantial exposure to physical commodities and making substantial investments in other alternative mutual funds. While these strategies will only

be used in accordance with the ETF's investment objectives and strategies, during certain market conditions they may accelerate the risk that an investment in Units decreases in value.

The Manager, on behalf of each ETF, has entered into and may enter into agreements with registered dealers (each a "**Designated Broker**" or "**Dealer**") which, amongst other things, enables such Designated Broker and Dealers to purchase and redeem Units directly from the ETFs. Holders of Units of an ETF (the "**Unitholders**") will be able to redeem Units in any number for cash at a redemption price per Unit of 95% of the closing price for the Unit on the effective day of redemption. Unitholders are advised to consult their brokers or investment advisers before redeeming Units for cash. Each ETF will also offer additional redemption options which are available where a Dealer, Designated Broker, or Unitholder redeems a prescribed number of Units (a "**PNU**"). See "Redemption of Units".

Each ETF issues Units directly to the Designated Broker and Dealers. No Dealer or Designated Broker has been involved in the preparation of this prospectus or has performed any review of the contents of this prospectus and the Securities Regulatory Authorities (as defined herein) have provided the ETFs with a decision exempting the ETFs from the requirement to include a certificate of an underwriter in the prospectus. No Designated Broker or Dealer is an underwriter of the ETFs in connection with the distribution by the ETFs of their Units under this Prospectus.

**For a discussion of the risks associated with an investment in Units of the ETFs, see "Risk Factors".**

Registrations and transfers of Units will be effected only through the book-entry only system administered by CDS Clearing and Depository Services Inc. Beneficial owners will not have the right to receive physical certificates evidencing their ownership.

Additional information about each ETF is or will be available in its most recently filed annual financial statements together with the accompanying independent auditors' report, any interim financial statements of that ETF filed after these annual financial statements, its most recently filed annual and interim management reports of fund performance, and the most recently filed ETF Facts of that ETF. These documents are or will be incorporated by reference into this prospectus which means that they legally form part of this prospectus. For further details, see "Documents Incorporated by Reference".

You can get a copy of these documents at your request, and at no cost, by calling the Manager toll-free at 1-866-641-5739 or from your dealer. These documents are or will also be available on the Manager's website at [www.horizonsetfs.com](http://www.horizonsetfs.com), or by contacting the Manager by e-mail at [info@horizonsetfs.com](mailto:info@horizonsetfs.com). These documents and other information about the ETFs are also available on the website of SEDAR (the System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval) at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

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## PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

*The following is a summary of the principal features of this distribution and should be read together with the more detailed information, financial data and financial statements contained elsewhere in this prospectus or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. Capitalized terms not defined in this summary are defined in the Glossary.*

**The ETFs** The Horizons ETFs are open-end mutual fund trusts established under the laws of Ontario. Each ETF is an alternative mutual fund within the meaning of National Instrument 81-102. See “Overview of the Legal Structure of the ETFs”.

**Investment Objectives** Horizons HGY

The investment objectives of Horizons HGY are to provide Unitholders with: (i) exposure to the price of gold bullion hedged to the Canadian dollar, less the ETF’s fees and expenses; (ii) tax-efficient monthly distributions; and (iii) in order to mitigate downside risk and generate income, exposure to a covered call option writing strategy.

Horizons HNY

The investment objectives of Horizons HNY are to provide Unitholders with: (i) exposure to the price of natural gas futures hedged to the Canadian dollar, less the ETF’s fees and expenses; (ii) tax-efficient monthly distributions; and (iii) in order to mitigate downside risk and generate income, exposure to a covered call option writing strategy.

See “Investment Objectives”.

**Investment Strategies** Horizons HGY

Horizons HGY seeks to achieve its investment objectives by investing, either directly or indirectly, in a portfolio of securities and other instruments that provide exposure to the price of gold bullion (the “**Gold Portfolio**”). The Gold Portfolio is comprised primarily of exchange-traded funds, which may or may not be managed by the Manager or its affiliates, that are directly or indirectly, and only, exposed to gold bullion (“**Gold Bullion ETFs**”), but may include gold futures contracts from time to time. The Gold Portfolio is selected by the Manager. Horizons HGY seeks to be fully exposed to the price of gold bullion at all times, but does not replicate the performance of gold prices due to the covered call writing strategy and fees and expenses. The Manager will, depending on market conditions, write at-the-money or out-of-the-money covered call options on approximately, and not more than, 33% of the securities and other instruments in the Gold Portfolio.

Horizons HNY

Horizons HNY seeks to achieve its investment objectives by investing, either directly or indirectly, in a portfolio of securities and other instruments that provide exposure to the price of natural gas futures contracts, or exchange traded funds that are directly or indirectly only exposed to natural gas and/or natural gas options, forwards and futures contracts on natural gas (the “**Natural Gas Portfolio**”). The Natural Gas Portfolio is comprised primarily of exchange-traded funds, which may or may not be managed by the Manager or its affiliates, that are directly or indirectly, and only, exposed to natural gas or natural gas futures (“**Natural Gas Futures ETFs**”), and may include natural gas futures, financial swaps and total

return swaps from time to time. The Natural Gas Portfolio is selected by the Manager. Horizons HNY seeks to be fully exposed to the price of natural gas or natural gas futures at all times, but does not replicate the performance of natural gas futures due to the covered call writing strategy and fees and expenses. The Manager will, depending on market conditions, write at-the-money or out-of-the-money covered call options on approximately, and not more than, 33% of the securities and other instruments in the Natural Gas Portfolio.

#### General Investment Strategies

Each ETF invests, either directly or indirectly, in a portfolio of securities, commodities, and commodity futures and will generally write exchange traded or over-the-counter covered call options on 33% of these instruments. Under these call options, each ETF will sell the buyer of the option, for a premium, either the right to buy the instrument at an exercise price, or if the option is cash settled, the right to a payment equal to the difference between the value of the security and the option exercise price. Covered call options partially hedge against declines in the price of the instruments on which they are written to the extent of the premiums received by the ETF at the time the options are written by the ETF.

The use of call options may have the effect of limiting or reducing total returns in respect of each ETF, particularly in a rapidly rising market for the applicable commodity, since the premiums associated with writing covered call options may be offset by the cost of closing out outstanding options. However, the Manager believes that in a slightly rising, flat or downward trending market, a portfolio that is subject to covered call option writing will generally provide higher relative returns and lower volatility than one on which no options are written.

See “Investment Strategies”.

#### **Use of Leverage**

The ETFs do not borrow money, employ financial leverage or invest in any securities for the purposes of gaining leverage.

#### **Offering**

Each ETF offers Class E Units. Units of the ETFs are currently listed on the TSX.

Units are offered for sale on a continuous basis by this prospectus and there is no minimum number of Units that may be issued. The Units are offered for sale at a price equal to the net asset value of the Units next determined following the receipt of a subscription order. See “Plan of Distribution”.

#### **Special Considerations for Purchasers**

The provisions of the so-called “early warning” requirements set out in Canadian securities legislation do not apply in connection with the acquisition of Units of an ETF. In addition, each ETF is entitled to rely on exemptive relief from the Securities Regulatory Authorities to permit a Unitholder of that ETF to acquire more than 20% of the Units of that ETF through purchases on the TSX without regard to the takeover bid requirements of applicable Canadian securities legislation.

The ETFs are also entitled to rely on exemptive relief that permits each ETF to invest in Exchange Traded Products that issue Commodity Participation Units including Exchange Traded Products managed the Manager.

See “Attributes of the Securities - Description of the Securities Distributed”.

#### **Distributions and Automatic Reinvestment**

Each ETF does not have a fixed distribution but pays distributions monthly. Distribution rates are generally based on the average current volatility of the securities held by the ETF. The amount of monthly cash distributions is expected to

fluctuate from month to month and there can be no assurance that an ETF will make any distributions in any particular month or months. Each ETF may make additional distributions in any given year. Monthly distributions will be paid in cash, unless the investor has chosen to participate in the Reinvestment Plan.

The ETFs will ensure, prior to the end of each taxation year, that a sufficient amount of their income (including net realized capital gains) will be paid or made payable to Unitholders so that the ETFs will not be liable for non-refundable income tax thereon. Such year-end distributions, if any, will be automatically reinvested in additional Units available for that ETF or paid in Units of that ETF. Reinvested distributions of Units will be reinvested automatically in additional Units at a price, or Units will be distributed at a price, equal to the net asset value per Unit on such day and the Units will be immediately consolidated such that the number of outstanding Units held by each Unitholder on such day following the distribution will equal the number of Units held by the Unitholder prior to the distribution. If an investor is a non-resident, they may be required to pay any non-resident withholding tax from the account where the Units are held. Distributions are expected to be comprised of return of capital and capital gains.

See “Distribution Policy”.

### **Redemptions**

In addition to the ability to sell Units of the ETFs on the TSX, Unitholders of the ETFs may redeem Units for cash at a redemption price per Unit equal to 95% of the closing price for the Units on the TSX on the effective day of the redemption. Because Unitholders will generally be able to sell Units at the market price on the TSX through a registered broker or dealer, subject only to customary brokerage commissions, Unitholders are advised to consult their brokers, dealers or investment advisors before redeeming their Units for cash.

An ETF will also offer additional redemption options which are available where a Dealer, Designated Broker, or Unitholder redeems a PNU of that ETF.

See “Redemption of Units”.

### **Distribution Reinvestment**

At any time, a Unitholder of an ETF may elect to participate in the Reinvestment Plan by contacting the CDS Participant through which the Unitholder holds its Units. Under the Reinvestment Plan, cash distributions will be used to acquire additional Units of an ETF in the market and will be credited to the account of the Unitholder through CDS.

See “Distribution Policy – Distribution Reinvestment Plan”.

### **Income Tax Considerations**

A Unitholder of an ETF who is resident in Canada will generally be required to include, in computing income for a taxation year, the amount of income (including any taxable capital gains) that is paid or becomes payable to the Unitholder by that ETF in that year (including such income that is paid in Units or reinvested in additional Units of the ETF).

A Unitholder of an ETF who disposes of a Unit of that ETF that is held as capital property, including on a redemption or otherwise, will realize a capital gain (or capital loss) to the extent that the proceeds of disposition (other than any amount payable by that ETF which represents income or capital gains allocated and designated to the redeeming Unitholder), net of any reasonable costs of disposition, exceed (or are less than) the adjusted cost base of the Unit disposed of.

Pursuant to the Trust Declaration, each ETF may allocate and designate any income or capital gains realized by that ETF as a result of any disposition of property of that

ETF undertaken to permit or facilitate the redemption of Units of that ETF to a Unitholder whose Units are being redeemed. Each ETF also has the authority to distribute, allocate and designate any income or capital gains of that ETF to a Unitholder who has redeemed Units of that ETF during a year in an amount equal to the Unitholder's share, at the time of redemption, of that ETF's income and capital gains for the year or such other amount that is determined by that ETF to be reasonable. Any such allocations and designations will reduce the redemption price otherwise payable to the redeeming Unitholder, but, for greater certainty, will not reduce the amount of cash that the Unitholder will receive in respect of the redemption.

Certain proposed Tax Amendments that are applicable to trusts that are "mutual fund trusts" for purposes of the Tax Act throughout the taxation year would, effective for taxation years beginning on or after March 19, 2019, prohibit an ETF from deducting in the computation of the ETF's income, the portion of an amount paid to redeeming Unitholders of the ETF that is considered to be paid out of the income of the ETF and, effective for taxation years beginning on or after March 20, 2020, limit the ability of an ETF to deduct taxable capital gains allocated to redeeming Unitholders as described above. If such Tax Amendments are enacted in their current form, such income (including any taxable capital gains) may be made payable to non-redeeming Unitholders so that the ETF will not be liable for non-refundable income tax thereon. Accordingly, the amounts and taxable component of distributions to non-redeeming Unitholders of an ETF may be greater than would have been the case in the absence of such amendments.

Each investor should satisfy himself or herself as to the federal and provincial tax consequences of an investment in Units of an ETF by obtaining advice from his or her tax advisor.

See "Income Tax Considerations".

**Eligibility for Investment**

Provided that an ETF qualifies as a "mutual fund trust" within the meaning of the Tax Act, or the Units of the ETF are listed on a "designated stock exchange" within the meaning of the Tax Act, Units of that ETF, if issued on the date hereof, would be on such date qualified investments under the Tax Act for a trust governed by a registered retirement savings plan, a registered retirement income fund, a registered disability savings plan, a deferred profit sharing plan, a registered education savings plan or a tax-free savings account. See "Income Tax Considerations – Taxation of Registered Plans".

**Documents Incorporated by Reference**

Additional information about each ETF is or will be available in its most recently filed annual and interim financial statements, its most recently filed annual and interim management report of fund performance, and its most recently filed ETF Facts. These documents will be incorporated by reference into this prospectus. Documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus legally form part of this prospectus just as if they were printed as part of this prospectus. These documents are or will be publicly available on the website of the ETFs at [www.HorizonsETFs.com](http://www.HorizonsETFs.com) and may be obtained upon request, at no cost, by calling toll-free 1-866-641-5739 or by contacting your dealer. These documents and other information about the ETFs are also publicly available at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). See "Documents Incorporated by Reference".

**Termination**

The ETFs do not have a fixed termination date but may be terminated at the discretion of the Manager in accordance with the terms of the Trust Declaration. See "Termination of the ETFs".

**Risk Factors** An investment in Units will be subject to certain risks. Prospective investors should consider the risks particular to each ETF in which they are considering investing, among others, before subscribing for Units. See “Risk Factors”.

***Organization and Management of the ETFs***

**The Manager and Trustee** Horizons, a corporation incorporated under the laws of Canada, is the manager, investment manager and trustee of the ETFs. The Manager is responsible for providing or arranging for the provision of administrative services required by the ETFs. The principal office of Horizons is 55 University Avenue, Suite 800, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2H7.

Horizons is an innovative financial services organization distributing the Horizons family of leveraged, inverse leveraged, inverse, index and actively managed exchange traded funds. Horizons is a subsidiary of Mirae Asset Global Investments Co., Ltd. (“**Mirae Asset**”). Mirae Asset is the Korea-based asset management entity of Mirae Asset Financial Group, one of the world's largest investment managers in emerging market equities.

See “Organization and Management Details of the ETFs – Manager of the ETFs”.

**Custodian** CIBC Mellon Trust is the custodian of the ETFs and is independent of the Manager. CIBC Mellon Trust provides custodial services to the ETFs and is located in Toronto, Ontario.

See “Organization and Management Details of the ETFs – Custodian”.

**Valuation Agent** CIBC Mellon Global has been retained to provide accounting services in respect of the ETFs. CIBC Mellon Global is located in Toronto, Ontario.

See “Organization and Management Details of the ETFs – Valuation Agents”.

**Auditors** KPMG LLP is responsible for auditing the annual financial statements of the ETFs. The auditors are independent of the Manager. The head office of KPMG LLP is located in Toronto, Ontario.

See “Organization and Management Details of the ETFs – Auditors”.

**Registrar and Transfer Agent** TSX Trust Company, at its principal offices in Toronto, Ontario is the registrar and transfer agent for Units of the ETFs pursuant to registrar and transfer agency agreements. TSX Trust Company is independent of the Manager.

See “Organization and Management Details of the ETFs – Transfer Agent and Registrar”.

**Promoter** The Manager is also the promoter of the ETFs. The Manager took the initiative in founding and organizing the ETFs and is, accordingly, the promoter of the ETFs within the meaning of securities legislation of certain provinces and territories of Canada.

See “Organization and Management Details of the ETFs – Promoter”.

**Securities Lending Agent** Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (“**CIBC**”) is a securities lending agent for the ETFs. CIBC is located in Toronto, Ontario. CIBC is independent of the

Manager.

**Summary of Fees and Expenses**

The following table lists the fees and expenses payable by the ETFs, and the fees and expenses that Unitholders may have to pay if they invest in the ETFs. Unitholders may have to pay some of these fees and expenses directly. Alternatively, an ETF may have to pay some of these fees and expenses, which will therefore reduce the value of an investment in the ETF.

*Fees and Expenses Payable by the ETF*

<b>Type of Charge</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Management Fees</b>	Each ETF pays annual Management Fees, calculated and accrued daily and payable monthly in arrears, to the Manager equal to an annual percentage of the net asset value of the Units, plus applicable Sales Tax. The Management Fees of each ETF will be as follows:

<b>ETF</b>	<b>Management Fees</b>
Horizons HGY	0.60% of the net asset value of Horizons HGY's Units
Horizons HNY	0.85% of the net asset value of Horizons HNY's Units

*Management Fee Distributions*

The Manager may, at its discretion, agree to charge a reduced fee as compared to the fee it would otherwise be entitled to receive from an ETF with respect to large investments in that ETF by Unitholders. Such a reduction will be dependent upon a number of factors, including the amount invested, the total assets of the ETF under administration and the expected amount of account activity. In such cases, an amount equal to the difference between the fee otherwise chargeable and the reduced fee will be distributed by that ETF, at the discretion of the Manager, to the applicable Unitholders as Management Fee Distributions.

See "Fees and Expenses".

**Operating Expenses**

Unless otherwise waived or reimbursed by the Manager, an ETF pays all of its operating expenses, including but not limited to: audit fees; trustee and custodial expenses; valuation, accounting and record keeping costs; legal expenses; permitted prospectus preparation and filing expenses; stock exchange fees; index licensing fees, if applicable; CDS fees; bank related fees and interest charges; extraordinary expenses; Unitholder reports and servicing costs; income taxes; registrar and transfer agent fees; costs of the IRC; Sales Tax; brokerage expenses and commissions; costs associated with delivering documents to Unitholders; and withholding taxes.

Costs and expenses payable by the Manager include fees of a general administrative nature.

See "Fees and Expenses".

<b>Type of Charge</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Expenses of the Issue</b>	<p>Apart from the initial organizational cost of an ETF, all expenses related to the issuance of Units of an ETF are borne by the ETF unless otherwise waived or reimbursed by the Manager.</p> <p>See “Fees and Expenses”.</p>
<b>Underlying Exchange Traded Funds Fees</b>	<p>Each ETF may invest in exchange traded funds which may be managed by the Manager, its affiliates or independent fund managers. There are fees and expenses payable by these underlying exchange traded funds in addition to the fees and expenses payable by an ETF. With respect to such investments, no management fees or incentive fees are payable by each ETF that, to a reasonable person, would duplicate a fee payable by such underlying exchange traded funds for the same service. Further, no sales fees or redemption fees are payable by an ETF in relation to purchases or redemptions of the securities of the underlying exchange traded funds in which it invests if these underlying exchange traded funds are managed by the Manager or an affiliate or associate of the Manager.</p>
<i>Fees and Expenses Payable Directly by Unitholders</i>	
<b>Administration Charge</b>	<p>As may be agreed between the Manager and a Designated Broker or Dealer, the Manager may charge Unitholders of an ETF, at its discretion, an issue, exchange or redemption charge to offset certain transaction costs associated with the issuance, exchange or redemption of Units. The Manager will publish the current administrative charge, if any, on its website, <a href="http://www.HorizonsETFs.com">www.HorizonsETFs.com</a>. No fees or expenses will be paid by a Unitholder to the Manager or the ETFs in connection with selling Units on the TSX.</p> <p>See “Redemption of Units”.</p>

## GLOSSARY

The following terms have the following meaning:

“**Bank Holiday**” means any business day that deposit taking banks in the United States or Canada are not open for business;

“**Canadian securities legislation**” means the securities laws in force in each province and territory of Canada, all regulations, rules, orders and policies made thereunder and all multilateral and national instruments adopted by the Securities Regulatory Authorities in such jurisdictions;

“**CDS**” means CDS Clearing and Depository Services Inc.;

“**CDS Participant**” means a participant in CDS that holds security entitlements in Units on behalf of beneficial owners of those Units;

“**CIBC Mellon Global**” means CIBC Mellon Global Securities Services Company;

“**CIBC Mellon Trust**” means CIBC Mellon Trust Company;

“**Class E Units**” means the Class E units of the ETFs;

“**Commodity Participation Unit**” means a security that is issued by an issuer, the only purpose of which is to hold:

- (a) a physical commodity as defined in NI 81-102 (a “**Physical Commodity**”) or more than one Physical Commodity;
- (b) commodity futures that are widely quoted or used as the benchmark for pricing the future price of a Physical Commodity or more than one Physical Commodity; or
- (c) specified derivatives that replicate the performance of a Physical Commodity or more than one Physical Commodity, or commodity futures, referred to in subparagraphs (a) and (b).

“**CRA**” means the Canada Revenue Agency;

“**Custodian**” means CIBC Mellon Trust, in its capacity as custodian of the ETFs pursuant to the Custodian Agreement;

“**Custodian Agreement**” means the custodian agreement dated June 4, 2012, as amended from time to time, between the Manager, CIBC Mellon Global, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, the Bank of New York Mellon, the Custodian, and each of the ETFs;

“**Dealer**” means a registered dealer (that may or may not be a Designated Broker) that has entered into a Dealer Agreement with the Manager, on behalf of an ETF, pursuant to which the Dealer may subscribe for Units as described under “Purchases of Units”;

“**Dealer Agreement**” means an agreement between the Manager, on behalf of an ETF, and a Dealer;

“**Designated Broker**” means a registered dealer that has entered into a Designated Broker Agreement with the Manager, on behalf of an ETF, pursuant to which the Designated Broker agrees to perform certain duties in relation to that ETF;

“**Designated Broker Agreement**” means an agreement between the Manager, on behalf of an ETF, and the Designated Broker;

“**Distribution Record Date**” means a date determined by the Manager as a record date for the determination of Unitholders of an ETF entitled to receive a distribution from that ETF;

“**DPSP**” means a deferred profit sharing plan within the meaning of the Tax Act;

“**ETFs**” means, together, Horizons HGY and Horizons HNY and “**ETF**” means any one of them;

“**Exchange Traded Product**” means an exchange traded fund or an exchange traded note traded on a North American exchange;

“**Fund**” means Horizons Gold Yield Fund, prior to converting into Horizons HGY;

“**GAAP**” means the generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to publicly accountable enterprises and set out in the Handbook of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada, as amended from time to time;

“**Gold Bullion ETFs**” means exchange traded funds that are directly or indirectly, and only, exposed to gold bullion;

“**Gold Portfolio**” means a portfolio of securities and other instruments, including Gold Bullion ETFs, that provide exposure to the price of gold bullion held by Horizons HGY;

“**GST/HST**” means taxes exigible under Part IX of the *Excise Tax Act* (Canada) and the regulations made thereunder;

“**Holder**” shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in “Income Tax Considerations”;

“**Horizons**” means Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc.;

“**Horizons HGY**” means Horizons Gold Yield ETF;

“**Horizons HNY**” means Horizons Natural Gas Yield ETF;

“**Indemnified Persons**” means the Manager and its directors, officers and employees;

“**IRC**” means the independent review committee of the ETFs established under NI 81-107;

“**Management Fee**” means the annual management fees, calculated and accrued daily and payable monthly in arrears to the Manager equal to an annual percentage of the net asset value of the Units, plus applicable Sales Tax;

“**Management Fee Distribution**” means an amount equal to the difference between the Management Fee otherwise chargeable by the Manager and a reduced fee determined by the Manager, at its discretion, from time to time, and that is distributed quarterly in cash by an ETF to Unitholders who hold large investments in the ETF;

“**Manager**” means Horizons, in its capacity as manager of the ETFs pursuant to the Trust Declarations;

“**Mirae Asset**” means Mirae Asset Global Investments Co., Ltd.

“**Natural Gas Futures ETFs**” means exchange traded funds, which may or may not be managed by the Manager or its affiliates, that are directly or indirectly, and only, exposed to natural gas or natural gas futures;

“**Natural Gas Portfolio**” means a portfolio of securities and other instruments that provide exposure to the price of natural gas or natural futures contracts, or exchange traded funds, including Natural Gas Futures ETFs, that are directly or indirectly only exposed to natural gas and/or natural gas options, forwards and futures contracts on natural gas held by Horizons HNY;

“NAV” means the net asset value of an ETF as calculated on each Valuation Day in accordance with the Trust Declarations;

“NBF” means National Bank Financial Inc.;

“NI 81-102” means National Instrument 81-102 *Investment Funds*, as amended from time to time;

“NI 81-107” means National Instrument 81-107 *Independent Review Committee for Investment Funds*, as amended from time to time;

“OSC” means the Ontario Securities Commission;

“Payment Date” means the last business day of a month;

“Plan” means a trust governed by an RRSP, an RRIF, a DPSP, an RDSP, an RESP or a TFSA;

“Plan Agent” means the plan agent for the Reinvestment Plan which is TSX Trust Company;

“Plan Participant” has the meaning ascribed to such term under the heading “Distribution Policy – Distribution Reinvestment Plan”;

“Plan Units” has the meaning ascribed to such term under the heading “Distribution Policy – Distribution Reinvestment Plan”;

“PNU” means the prescribed number of Units of a class of an ETF as determined by the Manager from time to time for the purpose of subscription orders, redemptions or for such other purposes as the Manager may determine;

“Portfolios” means, together, the Gold Portfolio and the Natural Gas Portfolio, and “Portfolio” means any one of them;

“RDSP” means a registered disability savings plan within the meaning of the Tax Act;

“Registrar and Transfer Agent” means TSX Trust Company in its capacity as registrar and transfer agent of the ETFs;

“Reinvestment Plan” means the distribution reinvestment plan for the ETFs, as described under the heading “Distribution Policy – Distribution Reinvestment Plan”;

“RESP” means a registered education savings plan within the meaning of the Tax Act;

“RRIF” means a registered retirement income fund within the meaning of the Tax Act;

“RRSP” means a registered retirement savings plan within the meaning of the Tax Act;

“Sales Tax” means all applicable provincial and federal sales, use, value-added or goods and services taxes, including GST/HST;

“Securities Regulatory Authorities” means the securities commission or similar regulatory authority in each province and territory of Canada that is responsible for administering the Canadian securities legislation in force in such jurisdictions;

“Tax Act” means the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) and the regulations thereunder, as amended from time to time;

“Tax Amendment” means a proposed amendment to the Tax Act publicly announced by the Minister of Finance (Canada) prior to the date hereof;

“**TFSA**” means a tax-free savings account within the meaning of the Tax Act;

“**Trading Day**” means a day on which (i) a session of the TSX is held; (ii) the principal exchanges for the securities, commodities, commodity futures and call options held by the ETFs are open for trading; and (iii) it is not a Bank Holiday;

“**Trust Declaration**” means the amended and restated declaration of trust establishing the ETFs, as supplemented, amended, or amended and restated from time to time;

“**Trustee**” means Horizons, in its capacity as trustee of the ETFs pursuant to the Trust Declaration;

“**TSX**” means the Toronto Stock Exchange;

“**Unitholder**” means a holder of Units of an ETF;

“**Units**” means the Class E Units of the ETFs, and “**Unit**” means a Class E Unit of an ETF, as applicable;

“**Valuation Day**” for an ETF means a day upon which a session of the TSX is held and that is not a Bank Holiday, and any such other date determined appropriate by Horizons;

“**Valuation Time**” means 4:00 p.m. (EST) on a Valuation Day or such other time determined appropriate by Horizons, as applicable;

## OVERVIEW OF THE LEGAL STRUCTURE OF THE ETFs

The Horizons ETFs are exchange traded mutual fund trusts established under the laws of Ontario. Each ETF is an alternative mutual fund within the meaning of National Instrument 81-102. The manager, investment manager and trustee of the ETFs is Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc.

Units of the ETFs are currently listed on the TSX. The TSX ticker symbols for the ETFs are as follows:

<b>Name of ETF</b>	<b>Abbreviated Name</b>	<b>TSX Ticker Symbol</b>
Horizons Gold Yield ETF	Horizons HGY	HGY
Horizons Natural Gas Yield ETF	Horizons HNY	HNY

The head office of the Manager and the ETFs is 55 University Avenue, Suite 800, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2H7. While each ETF is a mutual fund under the securities legislation of certain provinces and territories of Canada, each ETF is entitled to rely on exemptive relief from certain provisions of Canadian securities legislation applicable to conventional mutual funds.

Please also see “Other Material Facts - Conversion of Horizons HGY into an Exchange Traded Fund” for details regarding the conversion of Horizons HGY into an exchange traded fund.

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES

The fundamental investment objective of each ETF is set out below. The fundamental investment objective of an ETF may not be changed except with the approval of Unitholders of that ETF. See “Unitholder Matters” for additional descriptions of the process for calling a meeting of Unitholders and the requirements of Unitholder approval.

Each ETF is an alternative mutual fund within the meaning of NI 81-102, and each ETF uses certain investment strategies generally prohibited for conventional mutual funds, including obtaining substantial exposure to physical commodities and making substantial investments in other alternative mutual funds.

### **Horizons HGY**

The investment objectives of Horizons HGY are to provide Unitholders with: (i) exposure to the price of gold bullion hedged to the Canadian dollar, less the ETF’s fees and expenses; (ii) tax-efficient monthly distributions; and (iii) in order to mitigate downside risk and generate income, exposure to a covered call option writing strategy.

### **Horizons HNY**

The investment objectives of Horizons HNY are to provide Unitholders with: (i) exposure to the price of natural gas futures hedged to the Canadian dollar, less the ETF’s fees and expenses; (ii) tax-efficient monthly distributions; and (iii) in order to mitigate downside risk and generate income, exposure to a covered call option writing strategy.

## INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

### *Horizons HGY*

Horizons HGY was created to provide Unitholders with low cost exposure to the price of gold bullion hedged to the Canadian dollar, while providing monthly tax-efficient distributions.

Horizons HGY seeks to achieve its investment objectives by holding the Gold Portfolio. The Gold Portfolio is comprised primarily of Gold Bullion ETFs, but may include gold futures contracts from time to time. The Gold Portfolio is selected by the Manager. Horizons HGY seeks to be fully exposed to the price of gold bullion at all times, but does not replicate the performance of gold prices due to the covered call writing strategy and fees and expenses. The Manager will, depending on market conditions, write at-the-money or out-of-the-money covered call options on approximately, and not more than, 33% of the securities and other instruments in the Gold Portfolio. The level of covered call option writing to which the Gold Portfolio is exposed may vary based on market volatility and other factors.

Positions in gold futures contracts are only maintained if Horizons HGY holds cash cover in an amount that, together with margin on account for the gold futures contracts, is not less than the underlying market exposure of the gold futures contracts. Call options written by the Manager generally involve writing next month call options and, based on the price movement of gold bullion, the Manager rolls those call options that are in-the-money prior to expiry to the next month and lets call options that are out-of-the-money expire. The Manager does not manage the call option writing strategy to achieve a specific target return, but manages it to generate attractive option premiums that temper the volatility associated with owning a portfolio of securities that provide exposure to the price of gold bullion. The Manager may decide, in its discretion, to reduce the percentage of, or not to sell, call options on securities in the Gold Portfolio in any month based on prevailing market conditions. There are fees and expenses associated with the underlying Gold Bullion ETFs that Horizons HGY invests in which are in addition to the fees and expenses payable by Horizons HGY. Gold Bullion ETFs may include Exchange Traded Products that are managed by an affiliate of the Manager.

#### *Horizons HNY*

Horizons HNY was created to provide Unitholders with low cost exposure to the price of natural gas or natural gas futures hedged to the Canadian dollar, while providing monthly tax-efficient distributions.

Horizons HNY seeks to achieve its investment objectives by holding the Natural Gas Portfolio. The Natural Gas Portfolio is comprised primarily of Natural Gas Futures ETFs, and may include natural gas futures, financial swaps and total return swaps from time to time. The Natural Gas Portfolio is selected by the Manager. Horizons HNY seeks to be fully exposed to the price of natural gas or natural gas futures at all times, but does not replicate the performance of natural gas futures due to the covered call writing strategy and fees and expenses. The Manager will, depending on market conditions, write at-the-money or out-of-the-money covered call options on approximately, and not more than, 33% of the securities and other instruments in the Natural Gas Portfolio. The level of covered call option writing to which the Natural Gas Portfolio is exposed may vary based on market volatility and other factors.

Positions in natural gas futures contracts are only maintained if the Natural Gas Portfolio holds cash cover in an amount that, together with margin on account for the natural gas futures contracts, is not less than the underlying market exposure of the natural gas futures contracts. Call options written by the Manager generally involve writing next month call options and, based on the price movement of natural gas futures, the Manager rolls those call options that are in-the-money prior to expiry to the next month and lets call options that are out-of-the-money expire. The Manager does not manage the call option writing strategy to achieve a specific target return, but manages it to generate attractive option premiums that temper the volatility associated with owning a portfolio of securities that provide exposure to the price of natural gas or natural gas futures. The Manager may decide, in its discretion, to reduce the percentage of, or not to sell, call options on securities in the Natural Gas Portfolio in any month based on prevailing market conditions. There are fees and expenses associated with the underlying Natural Gas Futures ETFs that the Natural Gas Portfolio invests in which are in addition to the fees and expenses payable by Horizons HNY. Natural Gas Futures ETFs may include Exchange Traded Products that are managed by an affiliate of the Manager.

#### **General Investment Strategies**

### *Covered Option Writing*

The writing of call options by the Manager involves the selling of call options in respect of approximately, and not more than, 33% of the securities and other instruments in a Portfolio. Such call options may be either exchange-traded options or over-the-counter options. Call options are only written in accordance with NI 81-102 which permits call options to be written only if a fund holds positions sufficient, without recourse to other assets of the fund, to enable the fund to satisfy its obligations to deliver the underlying interest of the option.

The holder of a call option purchased from an ETF has the option, exercisable during a specific time period or at the expiry, to purchase the security or futures contract underlying the option from such ETF at the strike price. By selling call options, an ETF receives option premiums, which are generally paid within one business day of writing the option. If at any time during the term of a call option or at expiry, the market price of the underlying futures contract or security is above the strike price, the holder of the option may exercise the option and the seller of such call option would be obligated to sell the futures contracts or securities to the holder at the strike price per futures contract or security. Alternatively, an ETF may repurchase a call option when the option's strike price is lower than the market price of the underlying futures contract or security (also known as the option being "in-the-money") by paying the market value of the call option. If, however, a call option's strike price is higher than the market price of the underlying futures contract or security (also known as the option being "out-of-the-money"), at expiration of the call option the holder of the option will likely not exercise the option and the option will expire. In each case, the ETF will retain the option premium. See "Call Option Pricing".

The amount of option premium depends upon, among other factors, the expected volatility of the price of the underlying futures contract or security. The higher the volatility, the higher the option premium. In addition, the amount of an option premium will depend upon the difference between the strike price of the option and the market price of the underlying futures contract or security at the time the option is written. The smaller the positive difference (or the larger the negative difference), the more likely it is that the option will become in-the-money during the term and, accordingly, the greater the option premium. The Manager intends that options sold by the ETFs will be sold at a strike price which is "at-the-money" (that is at or close to the current market price of futures contracts or securities in a Portfolio). See "Call Option Pricing".

If a call option is written on a futures contract or security in a Portfolio, the amounts that the applicable ETF will be able to realize on the futures contract or security during the term of the call option will be limited to an amount equal to the sum of the strike price and the premium received from writing the option. In essence, an ETF forgoes potential returns resulting from any price appreciation of the futures contract or security underlying the option above the strike price because the futures contract or security will be called away or the ETF will pay to close out the option by repurchasing the option at the then current market price of the option. The current market price of an in-the-money option may exceed the premium received when the at-the-money option was sold.

### *Call Option Pricing*

Many investors and financial market professionals price call options based on the Black-Scholes Model. In practice, however, actual option premiums are determined in the marketplace and there can be no assurance that the values generated by the Black-Scholes Model can be attained in the market.

Under the Black-Scholes Model (modified to include dividends and distributions), the primary factors that affect the option premium received by the seller of a call option are the following:

- (a) the volatility of the price of the underlying futures contract or security - the volatility of the price of a futures contract or security measures the tendency of the price of the instrument to vary during a specified period. The higher the price volatility, the more likely that the price of that instrument will fluctuate (either positively or negatively) and the greater the option premium. Price volatility is generally measured in percentage terms on an annualized basis, based on price changes during a period of time immediately prior to or "trailing" the date of calculation;

- (b) the difference between the strike price and the market price of the underlying futures contract or security at the time the option is written - the smaller the positive difference (or the larger the negative difference), the greater the option premium;
- (c) the term of the option - the longer the term, the greater the call option premium;
- (d) the “risk-free” or benchmark interest rate in the market in which the option is issued - the higher the risk-free interest rate, the greater the call option premium; and
- (e) the dividends and distributions expected to be paid on the underlying futures contract or security during the relevant term - the greater the dividends and distributions, the lower the call option premium.

### *Currency Hedging*

As most of the futures contracts or securities that make up the Portfolios are denominated in U.S. currency and the net asset value of the ETFs is calculated in Canadian currency, substantially all of the exposure to the U.S. dollar denominated securities in the Portfolios is hedged back to the Canadian dollar.

### *Securities Lending*

The ETFs may lend securities to brokers, dealers and other financial institutions and other borrowers desiring to borrow securities provided that such securities lending qualifies as a “securities lending arrangement” for the purposes of the Tax Act. Securities lending will allow the ETFs to earn additional income to offset its costs. All additional income earned by an ETF through securities lending will accrue to that ETF. The ETFs have obtained exemptive relief from the limitations in NI 81-102 so that an ETF may lend 100% of its investment portfolio to qualified borrowers.

In carrying out securities lending, the ETFs will engage a lending agent with experience and expertise in completing such transactions. Each ETF may engage affiliates of NBF as a lending agent.

Under applicable securities legislation, the collateral from securities lending is required to have an aggregate value of not less than 102% of the value of the loaned securities. Any cash collateral acquired by an ETF is permitted to be invested only in securities permitted under NI 81-102 and that have a remaining term to maturity of no longer than 90 days.

### *Derivatives*

The ETFs may use derivatives to gain exposure to asset classes in compliance with NI 81-102, subject any exemptive relief the ETFs have obtained from the Canadian Securities Regulatory Authorities. See “Exemptions and Approvals”.

Derivatives are instruments that derive their value from the market price, value or level of an underlying security, commodity, economic indicator, index or financial instrument and which enable investors to speculate on or hedge against future changes in the price or value of the underlying interest of the derivative. The underlying interests of derivatives include a wide variety of assets or financial instruments, such as agricultural products, energy products and base or precious metals (commonly called commodities), interest rates, currencies and stock indices.

### *Commodity Participation Units*

The ETFs have obtained exemptive relief that permits them to invest in Exchange Traded Products that issue Commodity Participation Units, including Exchange Traded Products managed by the Manager and advised by the Manager. The Manager believes that investing in Exchange Traded Products that issue Commodity Participation Units exposes an ETF to less risk than a direct investment in commodity futures as the ETF’s risk is limited to the

principal amount invested in such Exchange Traded Product while the notional exposure of an investment by an ETF in a commodity future could be significantly greater than the cash cover and margin on account.

### **Use of Leverage**

The ETFs do not borrow money, employ financial leverage or invest in any securities for the purposes of gaining leverage.

## **OVERVIEW OF THE SECTORS THAT THE ETFs INVEST IN**

### *Horizons HGY - Gold Bullion and Gold Futures*

Horizons HGY is exposed to the gold futures market. Gold is a popular precious metal for decorative and industrial purposes, as well as for use in currency or as an alternative to currencies. Gold bullion can represent a private and borderless store of wealth and is often held by central and reserve banks as a means of defending their currency and by individual investors as an alternative to any one country's currency, or as a hedge against currency fluctuations, devaluations, deflation and inflation.

The price of gold is determined through trading in the physical gold and gold derivatives markets. Although the spot price of gold is determined twice each business day on the London market by the five members of The London Gold Market Fixing Ltd., significant gold futures market activity occurs in the United States.

### *Horizons HNY - Natural Gas*

Horizons HNY is exposed to the natural gas futures market. Natural gas, a naturally occurring gas consisting primarily of methane and other hydrocarbon gases such as ethane, is important in the production of fertilizers and is a major global fuel source. Trade of natural gas futures happens on exchanges and over the counter throughout the world. While natural gas is an alternative fuel source to crude oil, the factors that affect the price of crude oil may not directly influence the price of natural gas or may affect it to a different degree.

## **INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS**

The ETFs are subject to certain restrictions and practices contained in securities legislation, including NI 81-102, which are designed in part to ensure that the investments of the ETFs are diversified and relatively liquid and to ensure the proper administration of the ETFs. The investment restrictions and practices applicable to the ETFs which are contained in securities legislation, including NI 81-102, may not be deviated from without the prior consent of the Securities Regulatory Authorities having jurisdiction over the ETFs.

Subject to the following, and the exemptive relief that has been obtained, has been, or is being applied for, the ETFs are managed in accordance with the investment restrictions and practices set out in applicable securities legislation, including NI 81-102.

### **Tax-Related Investment Restrictions**

No ETF will make an investment that would result in that ETF failing to qualify as a "unit trust" or "mutual fund trust" within the meaning of the Tax Act or that would result in that ETF becoming subject to the tax for "SIFT trusts" within the meaning of the Tax Act. In addition, no ETF will make or hold any investment in property that would be "taxable Canadian property" (if the definition of such term in the Tax Act were read without reference to paragraph (b) thereof) if more than 10% of that ETF's property consisted of such property.

## FEES AND EXPENSES

### Fees and Expenses Payable by the ETFs

#### *Management Fees*

Each ETF pays annual Management Fees, calculated and accrued daily and payable monthly in arrears, to the Manager equal to an annual percentage of the net asset value of the Units, plus applicable Sales Tax. The Management Fees of each ETF will be as follows:

ETF	Management Fees
Horizons HGY	0.60% of the net asset value of Horizons HGY's Units
Horizons HNY	0.85% of the net asset value of Horizons HNY's Units

The Management Fees are paid to the Manager in consideration for the services the Manager provides to the ETFs. Such services include, but are not limited to: negotiating contracts with certain third-party service providers, including, but not limited to, portfolio managers, custodians, registrars, transfer agents, auditors and printers; authorizing the payment of operating expenses incurred on behalf of the ETFs; arranging for the maintenance of accounting records for the ETFs; preparing the reports to Unitholders and to the applicable Securities Regulatory Authorities; calculating the amount and determining the frequency of distributions by the ETFs; preparing financial statements, income tax returns and financial and accounting information as required by the ETFs; ensuring that Unitholders are provided with financial statements and other reports as are required from time to time by applicable law; ensuring that an ETF complies with all other regulatory requirements, including the continuous disclosure obligations of the ETF under applicable securities laws; administering purchases, redemptions and other transactions in Units of an ETF; arranging for any payments required upon termination of an 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 ETFs. The Manager also monitors the investment strategies of the ETFs to ensure that each ETF complies with its investment objectives, investment strategies and investment restrictions and practices.

#### *Management Fee Distributions*

To encourage very large investments in an ETF and to ensure Management Fees are competitive for these investments, the Manager may, at its discretion, agree to charge a reduced fee as compared to the fee it would otherwise be entitled to receive from the ETF with respect to investments in the ETF by Unitholders that hold, on average during any period specified by the Manager from time to time (currently a quarter), Units of the ETF having a specified aggregate value. Such a reduction will be dependent upon a number of factors, including the amount invested, the total assets of the ETF under administration and the expected amount of account activity. An amount equal to the difference between the fee otherwise chargeable and the reduced fee of the applicable ETF will be distributed no less than quarterly in cash by the ETF, at the discretion of the Manager, to those Unitholders as Management Fee Distributions.

The availability and amount of Management Fee Distributions with respect to Units of an ETF will be determined by the Manager. Management Fee Distributions for an ETF will generally be calculated and applied based on the Unitholder's average holdings of Units of the ETF over each applicable period as specified by the Manager from time to time. Management Fee Distributions will be available only to beneficial owners of Units of an ETF and not to the holdings of Units of the ETF by dealers, brokers or other CDS Participants that hold Units of the ETF on behalf of beneficial owners. In order to receive a Management Fee Distribution for any applicable period, a beneficial owner of Units of an ETF must submit a claim for a Management Fee Distribution that is verified by a

CDS Participant on the beneficial owner's behalf and provide the Manager with such further information as the Manager may require in accordance with the terms and procedures established by the Manager from time to time.

The Manager reserves the right to discontinue or change Management Fee Distributions at any time. The tax consequences of Management Fee Distributions made by an ETF will generally be borne by the Unitholders of the ETF receiving these distributions from the Manager.

#### *Operating Expenses*

Unless otherwise waived or reimbursed by the Manager, an ETF pays all of its operating expenses, including: audit fees; trustee and custodial expenses; accounting and record keeping costs; legal expenses; permitted prospectus preparation and filing expenses; stock exchange fees; index licensing fees, if applicable; CDS fees; bank related fees and interest charges; extraordinary expenses; Unitholder reports and servicing costs; income taxes; registrar and transfer agent fees; costs of the IRC; Sales Tax; brokerage expenses and commissions; and withholding taxes.

Costs and expenses payable by the Manager include fees of a general administrative nature.

#### *Expenses of the Issue*

Apart from the initial organizational cost of the ETFs, all expenses related to the issuance of Units shall be borne by the ETFs unless otherwise waived or reimbursed by the Manager.

#### *Underlying Exchange Traded Funds Fees*

Each ETF may invest in exchange traded funds which may be managed by the Manager, its affiliates or independent fund managers. There are fees and expenses payable by these underlying exchange traded funds in addition to the fees and expenses payable by an ETF. With respect to such investments, no management fees or incentive fees are payable by an ETF that, to a reasonable person, would duplicate a fee payable by such underlying exchange traded funds for the same service. Further, no sales fees or redemption fees are payable by an ETF in relation to its purchases or redemptions of the securities of the underlying exchange traded funds in which it invests if these underlying exchange traded funds are managed by the Manager or an affiliate or associate of the Manager.

### **Fees and Expenses Payable Directly by the Unitholders**

#### *Administration Charge*

As may be agreed between the Manager and a Designated Broker or Dealer, the Manager may charge Unitholders of an ETF, at its discretion, an issue, exchange or redemption charge to offset certain transaction costs associated with the issuance, exchange or redemption of Units. The Manager will publish the current administrative charge, if any, on its website, [www.HorizonsETFs.com](http://www.HorizonsETFs.com). No fees or expenses will be paid by a Unitholder to the Manager or the ETFs in connection with selling Units on the TSX.

### **RISK FACTORS**

An investment in Units of the ETFs will be subject to certain risks. In particular, an investment in Units of an ETF can be speculative, can involve a high degree of risk and may only be suitable for persons who are able to assume the risk of losing their entire investment. Prospective investors should consider the risks particular to each ETF in which they are considering investing, among others, before subscribing for Units.

#### **General Risks**

There are certain risk factors that are common to an investment in the ETFs. These risks relate to the following factors:

### *Commodity Risk*

It can be expected that factors affecting the price of commodities will affect the NAV of an ETF. The price of commodities may be affected at any time by various unpredictable international, economic, monetary and political considerations including, as applicable:

- (a) global supply and demand, which is influenced by such factors as:
  - (i) forward selling by commodity producers;
  - (ii) purchases made by commodity producers to unwind hedge positions;
  - (iii) central bank purchases and sales;
  - (iv) the investment and trading activities of hedge funds and commodity funds; and
  - (v) production and cost levels in major commodity-producing countries;
- (b) investors' expectations with respect to future inflation rates;
- (c) interest rate volatility; and
- (d) unexpected global, or regional, political or economic events, including banking crises and international conflicts.

Changing tax, royalty and land and mineral, crude oil and natural gas rights ownership and leasing regulations under different political regimes can also impact market functions and expectations for future commodity supply.

### *Risks Relating to Use of Derivatives*

The Portfolios will include derivatives used for any purpose, including, among other things, as a substitute for taking a position in an underlying asset or as part of a strategy designed to reduce or increase exposure to other risks, such as commodity or currency risk, as applicable. An ETF's use of derivative instruments presents risks different from, and possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional investments. Derivatives are subject to a number of risks, such as liquidity risk, commodity risk, market risk, credit risk, leveraging risk, counterparty risk and management risk. They also involve the risk of mispricing or improper valuation and the risk that changes in the value of a derivative may not correlate perfectly with the underlying asset, rate or index. An ETF only invests in or uses futures contracts to gain exposure to the price of energy, metals, agricultural commodities, interest rate and currency sector futures as applicable and may use forward contracts or futures contracts for hedging purposes subject to its investment restrictions. Hedging with derivatives may not always work and it could restrict an ETF's ability to increase in value and adds to the risk of investing in Units of the ETFs. There is also no guarantee that an ETF will be able to obtain or close out a derivative contract when it needs to, which could prevent the ETF from making a profit or limiting a loss.

### *Concentration Risk*

Each ETF's Portfolio holdings are not diversified and are concentrated in securities that provide exposure to gold bullion, gold futures, or natural gas futures, as applicable. This concentrated focus may constrain the liquidity and the number of investments available to each ETF. Each ETF's holdings and the net asset value of such ETF may be more volatile than the value of a more broadly diversified portfolio and may fluctuate substantially over short periods of time. This may have a negative impact on the value of the Units of the ETFs.

### *Aggressive Investment Technique Risk*

The ETFs use investment techniques and financial instruments that may be considered aggressive, including the use of (as applicable) futures contracts, shorting, options on futures contracts, securities and indices, forward contracts, swap agreements and similar instruments. Such techniques, particularly when used to create leverage, may expose the ETFs to potentially dramatic changes or losses in the value of the instruments and imperfect correlation between the value of the instruments and the relevant security or index. An ETF's investment in financial instruments may involve a small investment relative to the amount of risk assumed. Financial instruments are subject to a number of risks described elsewhere in this prospectus, such as liquidity risk, credit risk and counterparty risk.

### *No Assurance of Meeting Investment Objectives*

There is no assurance that the ETFs will be able to achieve their respective investment objectives. Furthermore, there is no assurance that the NAV of the ETFs will appreciate or be preserved. Changes in the relative weightings between the various types of securities and instruments held by an ETF can affect the overall yield to Unitholders.

### *Market and Market Volatility Risk*

Each ETF is subject to market risks that will affect the value of its Units, including general economic and market conditions, as well as developments that impact specific economic sectors, industries or companies. Volatility is a concept that relates to the frequency or magnitude in the fluctuation of the market value of securities. Markets may experience significant volatility relative to historical levels in the foreseeable future.

### *Regulatory Risk*

Legal and regulatory changes may occur, including income tax laws relating to the treatment of mutual fund trusts under the Tax Act, which may adversely affect the ETFs and could make it more difficult, if not impossible, for the ETFs to operate or to achieve their investment objectives. To the extent possible, the Manager will attempt to monitor such changes to determine the impact such changes may have on the ETFs and what can be done, if anything, to try and limit such impact.

### *Corresponding Net Asset Value Risk*

The closing trading price of Units of an ETF may be different from the net asset value of that ETF. As a result, Dealers may be able to acquire or redeem a PNU at a discount or a premium to the closing trading price per Unit of an ETF. Such price differences may be due, in large part, to supply and demand factors in the secondary trading market for Units of an ETF being similar, but not identical, to the same forces influencing the price of the underlying securities of that ETF at any point in time. As Unitholders may redeem a PNU, the Manager expects that large discounts or premiums to the net asset value per Unit of an ETF will not be sustained.

The value of Units of an ETF may also be influenced by the non-concurrent trading hours between the exchange on which the Exchange Traded Products are traded and the futures exchange on which futures contracts are traded. For example, while Units of an Exchange Traded Product may trade on the TSX from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (EST), the futures contracts may be traded during a different time frame. Liquidity in the futures contracts will therefore be reduced after the close of trading of the commodities futures exchange. As a result, during the time when the securities exchange is open and the commodities futures exchange is closed, trading spreads and the resulting premium or discount on the Units of an ETF may widen. Such trading spreads may also increase the difference between the prices of Units of an ETF and the net asset value of such Units.

### *General Risk of Investing in Exchange Traded Funds*

Each ETF may hold Gold Bullion ETFs or Natural Gas Futures ETFs, as applicable. Exchange-traded funds are generally structured to invest in all or a representative sample of the securities that generally replicate the price and yield performance of an underlying market index or sector such as a commodity, commodity future, broad stock market, industry sector, domestic or international equity or fixed income, or U.S. or foreign government bond.

Exchange-traded fund securities are traded on stock exchanges and markets at open market prices that generally track the net asset value per security of the exchange-traded fund. Direct issuances and redemption of exchange traded fund securities at the exchange traded fund's net asset value per security only occur in large blocks (or creation units) transacted between the exchange-traded fund and authorized institutional purchasers. An exchange-traded sector fund may be adversely affected by the performance of that specific commodity, sector or group of industries on which it is based. International investments may involve risk of capital loss from unfavourable fluctuations in currency values, differences in generally accepted accounting principles, or economic or political instability in other nations. Although commodity and index-based exchange-traded funds are designed to provide investment results that generally correspond to the price and yield performance of their respective underlying commodity or index, exchange-traded funds may not be able to replicate exactly the performance of the commodity or index because of their expenses and other factors. Exchange-traded fund securities may trade at either a discount or premium to their underlying net asset value. The purchase or sale of exchange-traded fund securities in the secondary market involves the payment of brokerage commissions, and the purchase and redemption of creation units involves other transaction costs and brokerage commissions. Investors in exchange-traded funds also directly bear the exchange-traded fund's costs associated with its payment of investment manager fees and fees for administrative, custodial or other services and thus the securityholders will be charged an additional layer of fees and expenses.

#### *Exchange Risk*

In the event that the TSX closes early or unexpectedly on any day that it is normally open for trading, Unitholders will be unable to purchase or sell Units on the TSX until it reopens and there is a possibility that, at the same time and for the same reason, the redemption of Units may be suspended until the TSX reopens.

#### *Liquidity Risk*

In certain circumstances, such as the disruption of the orderly markets for the securities in which the ETFs invest, the ETFs may not be able to dispose of certain holdings quickly or at prices that represent true market value. Certain derivative instruments that are held by the ETFs may also be illiquid, which may prevent an ETF from being able to limit its losses or to realize gains.

#### *Designated Broker/Dealer Risk*

As each ETF will only issue Units directly to the Designated Broker and Dealers, in the event that the Designated Broker or a Dealer that is purchasing Units of an ETF is unable to meet its settlement obligations, the resulting costs and losses incurred will be borne by such ETF.

#### *Cease Trading of Securities Risk*

If the securities of a constituent issuer or component contracts are cease-traded by order of a Securities Regulatory Authority or are halted from trading by the relevant stock exchange, an ETF may halt trading in its securities. Accordingly, Units of an ETF bear the risk of cease-trading orders against all of the constituent issuers or component contracts, not just one. If securities of an ETF are cease-traded by order of a Securities Regulatory Authority, if normal trading is suspended on the relevant exchange, or if for any reason it is likely there will be no closing bid price for securities, the ETF may suspend the right to redeem Units for cash, subject to any required prior regulatory approval. If the right to redeem Units for cash is suspended, an ETF may return redemption requests to Unitholders who have submitted them.

### *Tax Risks*

Each of the ETFs currently meets all the requirements to qualify as a “mutual fund trust” for the purposes of the Tax Act. Each ETF has elected to be deemed to be a “mutual fund trust” from inception. For an ETF to qualify as a “mutual fund trust,” it must comply on a continuous basis with certain requirements relating to the qualification of its Units for distribution to the public, the number of Unitholders of the ETF and the dispersal of ownership of its Units. An ETF will be deemed not to be a mutual fund trust if it is established or maintained primarily for the benefit of non-residents of Canada unless, at that time, all or substantially all of its property is property other than property that would be “taxable Canadian property” as defined in the Tax Act (if the definition of such term in the Tax Act were read without reference to paragraph (b) thereof). The current law does not provide any means of rectifying a loss of mutual fund trust status if this requirement is not met. In the event an ETF were not to qualify as a mutual fund trust under the Tax Act at all times, the after-tax returns to Unitholders may be reduced and the income tax considerations described under the heading “Income Tax Considerations” would be materially and adversely different in certain respects.

There can be no assurance that tax laws and the administrative policies and assessing practices of the CRA or other applicable tax authority, including those respecting the treatment of mutual fund trusts, will not be changed in a manner that adversely affects the Unitholders or the ETFs. In addition, there can be no assurance that any applicable tax authority will agree with the tax treatment adopted by an ETF in filing its tax return (e.g., deduction of expenses or recognition of income) and such tax authority could reassess an ETF on a basis that results in tax being payable by the ETF or additional tax being paid by a Unitholder.

The Tax Act contains rules concerning the taxation of publicly traded Canadian trusts and partnerships that own certain types of property defined as “non-portfolio property”. A trust that is subject to these rules is subject to trust level taxation, at rates comparable to those that apply to corporations, on the trust’s income earned from and net realized gains from the disposition of “non-portfolio property” to the extent that such income or gains are distributed to its unitholders. These rules should not impose any tax on an ETF as long as the ETF adheres to its investment restriction in this regard. If these rules apply to an ETF, the after-tax return to its Unitholders could be reduced, particularly in the case of a Unitholder who is exempt from tax under the Tax Act or is a non-resident of Canada.

In determining its income for tax purposes, each ETF treats gains and losses on dispositions of securities in its Portfolio and option premiums received on the writing of covered call options and any gains or losses sustained on closing out such options as capital gains and capital losses. The CRA’s practice is not to grant advance income tax rulings on the characterization of items as capital or income and no advance income tax ruling has been applied for or received from the CRA. If some or all of the transactions undertaken by an ETF in respect of covered options and securities in the Portfolio were treated on income rather than capital account, the net income of the ETF for tax purposes and the taxable component of distributions to Unitholders could increase. Any such redetermination by the CRA may result in the ETF being liable for unremitted withholding taxes on prior distributions made to Unitholders who were not resident in Canada for the purposes of the Tax Act at the time of the distribution. Such potential liability may reduce the net asset value of, or trading prices of, the Units.

The Tax Act contains rules (the “**DFA Rules**”) that target financial arrangements (referred to as “derivative forward agreements”) that seek to reduce tax by converting, through the use of derivative contracts, the return on an investment that would have the character of ordinary income to capital gains. The DFA Rules are broad in scope and could apply to other agreements or transactions (including certain options contracts). If the DFA Rules were to apply in respect of derivatives utilized by an ETF, gains realized in respect of the property underlying such derivatives could be treated as ordinary income rather than capital gains. In general, the writing of a covered call option by an ETF in the manner described under the heading “Investment Strategies – Investment Strategies – Covered Option Writing” is not expected to be subject to the DFA Rules. It is not clear whether the writing of a covered call option, if coupled with certain other transactions, could be subject to the DFA Rules. The ETFs do not intend to write an option that would be subject to the DFA Rules.

Pursuant to rules in the Tax Act, an ETF that experiences a “loss restriction event” (“**LRE**”) (i) will be deemed to have a year-end for tax purposes (which would result in an unscheduled distribution of the ETF’s net income and net realized capital gains, if any, at such time to Unitholders so that the ETF is not liable for income tax on such amounts under Part I of the Tax Act), and (ii) will become subject to the LRE rules generally applicable to a

corporation that experiences an acquisition of control, including a deemed realization of any unrealized capital losses and restrictions on its ability to carry forward losses. Generally, an ETF will be subject to an LRE if a Unitholder of the ETF alone or together with affiliated persons or partnerships (or group of persons) acquires (or becomes a holder of) more than 50% of the fair market value of all the interests in the income or capital, as the case may be, of the ETF. Please see “Income Tax Considerations – Taxation of Unitholders” for the tax consequences of an unscheduled or other distribution to Unitholders. Trusts that qualify as “investment funds” as defined in the rules in the Tax Act relating to LREs are generally excepted from the application of such rules. An “investment fund” for this purpose includes a trust that meets certain conditions, including satisfying certain of the conditions necessary to qualify as a “mutual fund trust” for purposes of the Tax Act, not holding any property that it uses in the course of carrying on a business and complying with certain asset diversification requirements. If an ETF were not to qualify as an “investment fund”, it could potentially have an LRE and thereby become subject to the related tax consequences described above.

Certain ETFs may invest in global equity securities. Many foreign countries preserve their right under domestic tax laws and applicable tax conventions with respect to taxes on income and on capital (“**Tax Treaties**”) to impose tax on dividends and distributions paid or credited to persons who are not resident in such countries. While the ETFs intend to make investments in such a manner as to minimize the amount of foreign taxes incurred under foreign tax laws and subject to any applicable Tax Treaties, investments in global equity securities may subject the ETFs to foreign taxes on dividends and distributions paid or credited to them or any gains realized on the disposition of such securities. Any foreign taxes incurred by an ETF will generally reduce the value of its portfolio.

Pursuant to the Trust Declaration, an ETF may allocate and designate any income or capital gains realized by the ETF as a result of any disposition of property of the ETF undertaken to permit or facilitate the redemption of Units to a Unitholder whose Units are being redeemed. In addition, each ETF has the authority to distribute, allocate and designate any income or capital gains of the ETF to a Unitholder who has redeemed Units of the ETF during a year in an amount equal to the Unitholder’s share, at the time of redemption, of the ETF’s income and capital gains for the year or such other amount that is determined by the ETF to be reasonable. Any such allocations and designations will reduce the redemption price otherwise payable to the redeeming Unitholder, but, for greater certainty, will not reduce the amount of cash or the value of the property that the Unitholder will receive in respect of the redemption. However, certain proposed Tax Amendments that are applicable to trusts that are “mutual fund trusts” for purposes of the Tax Act throughout the taxation year would, effective for taxation years beginning on or after March 19, 2019, prohibit an ETF from deducting in the computation of the ETF’s income, the portion of an amount paid to redeeming Unitholders of the ETF that is considered to be paid out of the income of the ETF and, effective for tax years that begin on or after March 20, 2020, limit the ability of an ETF to deduct taxable capital gains allocated to redeeming Unitholders as described above. If such Tax Amendments are enacted in their current form, such income (including any taxable capital gains) may be made payable to non-redeeming Unitholders so that the ETF will not be liable for non-refundable income tax thereon. Accordingly, the amounts and taxable component of distributions to non-redeeming Unitholders of an ETF may be greater than would have been the case in the absence of such amendments.

The ETFs are generally required to pay GST/HST on any management fees and most of the other fees and expenses that it has to pay. There may be changes to the way that the GST/HST and provincial sales taxes apply to fees and expenses incurred by mutual funds such as the ETFs and there may be changes in the rates of such taxes, which, accordingly, may affect the costs borne by the ETFs and their Unitholders.

#### *Early Closing Risk*

Unanticipated early closings of a stock exchange on which securities held by an ETF are listed may result in the ETF being unable to sell or buy securities on that day. If that stock exchange closes early on a day when an ETF needs to execute a high volume of securities trades late in the trading day, the ETF may incur substantial trading losses.

### *Liability of Unitholders*

The Trust Declaration provides that no Unitholder of an ETF will be subject to any personal liability whatsoever for any wilful or negligent acts or omissions or otherwise to any party in connection with the assets of the ETF or the affairs of the ETF. The Trust Declaration also provides that an ETF must indemnify and hold each Unitholder of the ETF harmless from and against any and all claims and liabilities to which such Unitholder may become subject by reason of being, or having been, a Unitholder of the ETF and must reimburse such Unitholder for all legal and other expenses reasonably incurred in connection with any such claim or liability. Despite the foregoing, there can be no absolute certainty, outside of Ontario, that a claim will not be made against a Unitholder of an ETF for liabilities which cannot be satisfied out of the assets of the ETF.

### *Market for Units*

There can be no assurance that an active public market for Units of the ETFs will be sustained.

### *Securities Lending Risk*

The ETFs may enter into securities lending transactions, repurchase transactions and reverse repurchase transactions in order to earn additional income. There are risks associated with these kinds of transactions. Over time, the value of the securities loaned under a securities lending transaction or sold under a repurchase transaction might exceed the value of the cash or collateral held by the ETFs. If the third party defaults on its obligation to repay or resell the securities to an ETF, the cash or collateral may be insufficient to enable such ETF to purchase replacement securities and the ETF may suffer a loss for the difference. Likewise, over time, the value of the securities purchased by an ETF under a reverse repurchase transaction may decline below the amount of cash paid by such ETF to the third party. If the third party defaults on its obligation to repurchase the securities from an ETF, the ETF may need to sell the securities for a lower price and suffer a loss for the difference.

Each ETF has received exemptive relief from the Securities Regulatory Authorities to allow it to lend 100% of its investment portfolio to qualified borrowers.

### *No Ownership Interest*

An investment in Units of the ETFs does not constitute an investment by Unitholders in the securities held by the ETFs. Unitholders will not own the securities or other instruments held by the ETFs.

### *Redemption Price*

Unitholders will not know in advance of giving a notice of redemption the price at which the Units will be redeemed. In the period after a notice of redemption for Units of an ETF has been given and before the applicable redemption date, the NAV per Unit of the ETF and therefore the redemption amount which will be payable to the Unitholder in respect of the Units being redeemed may change substantially due to market movements. Unitholders are not entitled to withdraw a request for redemption unless a suspension of redemptions has been declared. In various circumstances, the redemption of Units and the payment of redemption proceeds may be suspended. In the event the value of the ETF decreases during this period, a greater proportion of funds may need to be redeemed by the ETF in order to fund the redemption and in such circumstances the value of the remaining Units of the ETF will be adversely affected.

### *Suspension of Redemptions*

Each ETF may suspend the redemption of Units or payment of redemption proceeds (a) during any period when normal trading is suspended on a stock exchange or other market on which securities owned by the ETF are listed and traded, if these securities represent more than 50% by value or underlying market exposure of the total assets of the ETF, without allowance for liabilities, and if these securities are not traded on any other exchange that represents a reasonably practical alternative for the ETF; or (b) for any period not exceeding 120 days during which the

Manager determines that conditions exist which render impractical the sale of assets of an ETF. If redemptions are suspended, Unitholders may experience reduced liquidity or no liquidity at all.

#### *Significant Redemptions*

If holders of a substantial number of Units exercise their redemption rights, the number of Units outstanding and the NAV of an ETF could be significantly reduced. If a substantial number of Units are redeemed, this could decrease the trading liquidity of the Units in the market and increase the MER of an ETF, resulting in a potentially lower distribution per Unit. In any such circumstance, the Manager may determine it appropriate to (i) suspend redemptions of Units; or (ii) terminate such ETF without the approval of the Unitholders if, in the opinion of the Manager, it is no longer economically feasible to continue the ETF or the Manager determines that it would be in the best interests of Unitholders to terminate the ETF.

#### *Price Limit Risk*

Some futures exchanges have regulations that limit the amount of fluctuation that may occur in futures contract prices during a single business day. The maximum or minimum price on a contract on any given day as a result of these limits is referred to as a "limit price". Once the limit price is reached on a contract, no trades may be made at a price beyond the limit. The limit price may preclude trading or force liquidation of a particular contract at potentially disadvantageous prices or times. Such circumstances could also adversely affect the value of a commodity based Exchange Traded Product, the NAV of an ETF, and could also disrupt subscription and redemption requests.

#### *General Economic, Political and Market Conditions*

The prices of securities held by an ETF, including any call options and swaps, may be affected by general economic, political and market conditions, such as interest rates, availability of credit, inflation rates, economic uncertainty, changing supply and demand relationships, trade, fiscal, monetary and exchange control programs and policies of governments, changes in laws, and national and international political circumstances. These factors may affect the level and volatility of the price of gold or natural gas and the liquidity of the assets of an ETF. Unexpected volatility or illiquidity could impair an ETF's returns. During periods of limited liquidity and higher price volatility, an ETF's ability to acquire or dispose of its investments at a price and time that the Manager deems advantageous may be impaired. An ETF's inability to dispose fully and promptly of positions in declining markets will conversely cause its net asset values to decline as the value of unsold positions is marked to lower prices. An ETF is also subject to the risk of the failure of any exchanges on which its positions trade or of its clearinghouses. Consequently, substantial losses could occur. Periods of illiquidity and volatility and the events that trigger them are difficult to predict and there can be no assurance that the Manager will be able to do so.

#### *No Guaranteed Return*

There is no guarantee that an investment in an ETF will earn any positive return. The value of the Units may increase or decrease depending on market, economic, political, regulatory and other conditions affecting an ETF's investments. An investment in Units is more volatile and riskier than some other forms of investments. All prospective Unitholders should consider an investment in an ETF within the overall context of their investment policies. Investment policy considerations include, but are not limited to, setting objectives, defining risk/return constraints and considering time horizons.

#### *No Replication of the Performance of the Price of Commodities*

Due to, among other things, the covered call writing program employed by the ETFs and the fees and expenses associated with the ETFs, an investment in an ETF will not replicate the performance of the spot prices of its commodity exposure.

### *Risks of Investing in Commodity-based Exchange Traded Funds*

The ETFs invest in securities of commodity-based exchange traded funds that seek to provide returns similar to the performance of an index related to an investment in a particular commodity or commodities. Commodity-based exchange traded funds may not achieve the same return as their corresponding commodity benchmark market indices due to differences in the actual investments of physical commodities held in a commodity-based exchange traded fund versus the investments in the applicable commodity benchmark index and due to the operating and management expenses of the commodity-based exchange traded funds.

### *Foreign Currency Risk*

Each ETF is exposed to securities and instruments priced in U.S. dollars. The net asset value of an ETF, when measured in Canadian dollars, will, to the extent the U.S. dollar exposure of an ETF has not been hedged against, be affected by changes in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to the Canadian dollar. While the ETFs intend to hedge substantially all of the value of their investments denominated in U.S. dollars to the Canadian dollar at all times, they may not be fully hedged at all times and, accordingly no assurance can be given that the ETFs will not be adversely impacted by changes in foreign exchange rates or other factors.

### *Foreign Security and Exchange Risk*

Investments in foreign securities may involve risks not typically associated with investing in Canada. Foreign exchanges may be open on days when an ETF does not price its Units and, therefore, the value of the securities held by an ETF may change on days when investors will not be able to purchase or sell Units. Also, some foreign securities markets may be volatile, lack liquidity, or have higher transaction and custody costs than those of the TSX. Also, securities of some Canadian issuers are inter-listed on a Canadian and a foreign exchange and may be traded on days when the foreign exchange is open and the TSX is not. In those circumstances changes in the value of those constituent securities in major North American equity markets or specific commodity sectors will not be reflected in the value of the ETF and the spread or difference between the value of the securities held by an ETF and the market price of a Unit of the applicable ETF on the TSX may increase. Also in the event that the TSX is open on a day that a foreign exchange is closed, the spread or difference between the value of the securities held by an ETF and the market price of a Unit of the ETF on the TSX may increase.

### *Failure of Futures Commission Merchant*

There is a risk that assets of the ETFs deposited on margin with a futures commission merchant may, in certain circumstances, be used to satisfy losses of other clients of the futures commission merchant which cannot be satisfied by such other clients or by the futures commission merchant. Under the terms of industry investor protection fund coverage in Canada and the United States (such as the Canadian Investor Protection Fund in Canada), assets of an insolvent futures commission investment are divided up, on a *pro rata* basis, among its clients.

### *Valuation*

To the extent that a Portfolio includes securities or instruments for which market quotations are not readily available, the valuation of such securities and instruments will be determined by the Manager in consultation with independent specialists, whose determination will be final and conclusive to all parties.

### *Reliance on Key Personnel*

Unitholders are dependent on the abilities of the Manager to effectively manage and implement the investment strategy of the ETFs in a manner consistent with the investment objectives, investment strategy and the investment restrictions of the ETFs. The officers of the Manager who are primarily responsible for the implementation of the investment strategy of the ETFs have extensive experience in managing investment portfolios. There is no certainty that the individuals who are principally responsible for providing administration and portfolio management services to an ETF will continue to be employed by the Manager.

### *Call Options Risk*

Each ETF is subject to the full risk of their investment position in the securities and derivatives that provide exposure to gold bullion or natural gas futures including outstanding call options written by the ETFs, should the market price of such gold bullion or natural gas futures decline. In addition, the ETFs will not participate in any gains on the securities in their Portfolios that are subject to outstanding call options above the strike price of the options unless the ETFs pay to repurchase the option at then current market price of the option.

The use of call options may have the effect of limiting or reducing the total returns of the ETFs (and therefore, the return to the Unitholders), particularly in a rapidly rising market since the premiums associated with writing covered call options may be offset by the cost of closing out outstanding options.

There can be no assurance that a liquid exchange or over-the-counter market will exist to permit the ETFs to write covered call options on desired terms or to close out option positions should they desire to do so. The ability of ETFs to close out their positions may also be affected by exchange-imposed daily trading limits on options or the lack of a liquid over-the-counter market. If an ETF is unable to repurchase a call option that is in-the-money, it will be unable to realize its profits or limit its losses until such time as the option becomes exercisable or expires.

### *Counterparty Risk*

Each ETF may enter into transactions in over-the-counter markets which will expose it to the creditworthiness and solvency of their counterparties and their ability to satisfy the terms of such contracts. For example, an ETF may enter into forward contracts, call options and swap arrangements. To the extent such ETF makes such investments, the ETF may take a credit risk with regard to parties with whom it trades and may also bear the risk of settlement default. The ability of an ETF to transact business with any one or number of counterparties, the lack of any meaningful and independent evaluation of such counterparties' financial capabilities and the absence of a regulated market to facilitate settlement may increase the potential for losses by an ETF.

### *Distributions Risk*

Distributions of income and gains by an ETF may be paid in Units of such ETF that may be automatically consolidated. Income or taxable capital gains distributed to a Unitholder in Units of an ETF are nevertheless required to be included in the Unitholder's income even though no cash will be distributed to fund any resulting tax payment.

### *Hedging Risk*

The use of hedges involves special risks, including illiquidity and the possible default by the other party to the transaction (whether a clearing corporation in the case of exchange-traded instruments or other third party in the case of over-the-counter instruments), in that it may be unable to meet its obligations. In addition, the ETFs' success in using hedge instruments is subject to the Manager's ability to predict correctly changes in the relationships of such hedge instruments to the Portfolios, and there can be no assurance that the Manager's judgment in this respect will be accurate with the risk that the use of hedges could result in losses greater than if the hedging had not been used. In addition, the costs associated with a hedging program may outweigh the benefits of the arrangements in such circumstances. There is no assurance that the hedging strategy of the ETFs in respect of the Portfolios will be effective or that such strategy will replicate the price of gold or natural gas futures. Consequently, the use of hedging techniques might result in a poorer overall performance for the ETFs (and therefore the return to the Unitholders), whether or not adjusted for risk, than if the ETFs had not hedged their Portfolio holdings.

### **Risk Ratings of the ETFs**

The investment risk level of each ETF is required to be determined in accordance with a standardized risk classification methodology that is based on the historical volatility of the ETF, as measured by the 10-year standard deviation of the returns of the ETF. As the ETFs are fewer than 10 years old, the Manager calculates the investment risk level of each ETF using a reference index that is expected to reasonably approximate the standard deviation of

the ETF. Once an ETF has 10 years of performance history, the methodology will calculate the standard deviation of the ETF using the return history of the ETF rather than that of the reference index. In each case, the ETFs are assigned an investment risk rating in one of the following categories: low, low to medium, medium, medium to high or high risk. The investment risk rating of each ETF is disclosed in its ETF Facts document. The risk rating set forth in the ETF Facts document does not necessarily correspond to an investor's risk tolerance assessment. Investors are advised to consult their financial advisor for advice regarding an individual investor's personal circumstances.

The following chart sets out a description of the reference index used for each ETF:

<b>ETF</b>	<b>Reference Index</b>
Horizons HGY	Gold Bullion Spot Price
Horizons HNY	1-Month Natural Gas Futures

In certain instances, the methodology described above may produce an investment risk level for an ETF which the Manager believes may be too low and not indicative of an ETF's future volatility. As a result, in addition to using the standardized risk classification methodology described above, the Manager may increase an ETF's investment risk level if it determines that to be reasonable in the circumstances by taking into account other qualitative factors including, but not limited to, economic climate, portfolio management styles, sector concentration and types of investments made by an ETF.

Unitholders should know that other types of risks, both measurable and non-measurable, exist. Also, just as historical performance may not be indicative of future returns, historical volatility may not be indicative of future volatility. The risk rating of each ETF is reviewed annually, and any time it is no longer reasonable in the circumstances. A more detailed explanation of the risk classification methodology used to identify the risk rating of the ETFs is available on request, at no cost, by calling toll-free 1-866-641-5739 or by writing to the Manager at 55 University Avenue, Suite 800, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2H7.

### **DISTRIBUTION POLICY**

The ETFs will not have a fixed distribution but will pay distributions monthly. Distribution rates will generally be based on the average current volatility of the securities in the Portfolios. The amount of monthly cash distributions will fluctuate from month to month and there can be no assurance that an ETF will make any distributions in any particular month or months. An ETF may make additional distributions in any given year. Monthly distributions will be paid in cash, unless a Unitholder has chosen to participate in the Reinvestment Plan.

The ETFs will ensure, prior to the end of each taxation year, that a sufficient amount of their income (including net realized capital gains) will be paid or made payable to Unitholders so that the ETFs will not be liable for non-refundable income tax thereon under the Tax Act. Such year-end distributions, if any, will be automatically reinvested in additional Units available for that ETF or paid in Units of that ETF. Reinvested distributions of Units of an ETF will be reinvested automatically in additional Units at a price, or Units will be distributed at a price, equal to the net asset value per Unit on such day and the Units will be immediately consolidated such that the number of outstanding Units held by each Unitholder on such day following the distribution will equal the number of Units held by the Unitholder prior to the distribution. If an investor is a non-resident, they may be required to pay any non-resident withholding tax from the account where the Units are held. Distributions are expected to be comprised of return of capital and capital gains.

#### **Distribution Reinvestment Plan**

At any time, Unitholders of an ETF may elect to participate in the Reinvestment Plan by contacting the CDS Participant(s) through which the Unitholder holds its Units. Under the Reinvestment Plan, cash distributions will be used to acquire additional Units of such ETF (the "**Plan Units**") in the market or from treasury and will be credited to the account of the Unitholder (the "**Plan Participant**") through CDS.

Eligible Unitholders of an ETF may elect to participate in, or withdraw from, the Reinvestment Plan by notifying CDS via the applicable CDS Participant(s) through which such Unitholder holds its Units of the Unitholder's intention to participate, or no longer participate, in the Reinvestment Plan. The CDS Participant must, on behalf of such Unitholder, provide a notice to CDS that the Unitholder wishes, or does not wish, to participate in the Reinvestment Plan by no later than 4:00 p.m. (Toronto time) at least two (2) business days immediately prior to the applicable distribution record date in respect of the next expected distribution in which the Unitholder would be entitled to receive a distribution (reinvested or in cash, as the case may be). CDS shall, in turn, notify the Plan Agent no later than 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on the applicable distribution record date that such Unitholder does, or does not, wish to participate in the Reinvestment Plan.

#### *Fractional Units*

No fractional Plan Units will be issued under the Reinvestment Plan. Payment in cash for any remaining uninvested funds will be made in lieu of fractional Plan Units by the Plan Agent to CDS or CDS Participant, on a monthly or quarterly basis, as the case may be. Where applicable, CDS will, in turn, credit the Plan Participant via the applicable CDS Participant(s).

#### *Amendments, Suspension or Termination of the Reinvestment Plan*

As indicated above, Plan Participants will be able to terminate their participation in the Reinvestment Plan as of a particular distribution record date by notifying their CDS Participant sufficiently in advance of that distribution record date to allow such CDS Participant to notify CDS and for CDS to notify the Plan Agent by 4:00 p.m. (Toronto time) at least two (2) business days immediately prior to that distribution record date. Beginning on the first distribution payment date after such notice is delivered, distributions to such Unitholders will be in cash. The form of termination notice will be available from CDS Participants and any expenses associated with the preparation and delivery of such termination notice will be for the account of the Plan Participant exercising its rights to terminate participation in the Reinvestment Plan.

The Manager will be able to terminate the Reinvestment Plan, in its sole discretion, upon not less than 30 days' notice to the Plan Participants and the Plan Agent, subject to any required regulatory approval. The Manager will also be able to amend, modify or suspend the Reinvestment Plan at any time in its sole discretion, provided that it complies with certain requirements, gives notice of that amendment, modification or suspension to the Plan Participants and the Plan Agent, subject to any required regulatory approval, which notice may be given by issuing a press release containing a summary description of the amendment or in any other manner the Manager determines to be appropriate.

The Manager may from time to time adopt rules and regulations to facilitate the administration of the Reinvestment Plan. The Manager reserves the right to regulate and interpret the Reinvestment Plan as it deems necessary or desirable to ensure the efficient and equitable operation of the Reinvestment Plan.

#### *Other Provisions*

Participation in the Reinvestment Plan is restricted to Unitholders who are residents of Canada for the purposes of the Tax Act. Partnerships (other than "Canadian partnerships" as defined in the Tax Act) are not eligible to participate in the Reinvestment Plan. Upon becoming a non-resident of Canada or a partnership (other than a Canadian partnership), a Plan Participant shall notify its CDS Participant(s) and terminate participation in the Reinvestment Plan immediately.

The automatic reinvestment of the distributions under the Reinvestment Plan will not relieve Plan Participants of any income tax applicable to such distributions. Each Plan Participant will be mailed the information necessary to enable such Unitholder to complete an income tax return with respect to amounts paid or payable by each ETF to the Unitholder in the preceding taxation year.

## PURCHASES OF UNITS

### Issuance of Units

#### *To the Designated Broker and Dealers*

All orders to purchase Units directly from an ETF must be placed by the Designated Broker and/or Dealers. The ETFs reserve the absolute right to reject any subscription order placed by the Designated Broker and/or a Dealer. No fees will be payable by an ETF to the Designated Broker or a Dealer in connection with the issuance of Units of the ETF. On the issuance of Units, the Manager may, at its discretion, charge an administrative fee to the Designated Broker or a Dealer to offset any expenses incurred in issuing the Units.

On any Trading Day, the Designated Broker or a Dealer may place a subscription order for the PNU or a whole multiple PNU of an ETF.

If a subscription order is received by an ETF at or before 9:30 a.m. on a Trading Day and accepted by the Manager, the ETF will generally issue the PNU (or integral multiple thereof) to the Designated Broker or Dealer within two (2) Trading Days from the Trading Day of the subscription. The Manager may, at its sole discretion, accept a subscription order after 9:30 a.m. on a Trading Day but in no circumstances will the Manager accept a subscription order after 3:00 p.m. on a Trading Day. The ETF must receive payment for the Units subscribed for generally within two (2) Trading Days from the Trading Day of the subscription order.

In any case in which a subscription order from a Dealer or Designated Broker is received by an ETF on or after the date of declaration of a distribution by the ETF payable in cash or before the ex-dividend date for that distribution (generally, the third Trading Day prior to the record date or such other date where the purchaser becomes entitled to rights connected to the Units subscribed for), an additional amount equal to the amount of cash per Unit of that distribution must be delivered in cash to the ETF in respect of each issued Unit.

Unless the Manager shall otherwise agree or the Trust Declaration otherwise provides, as payment for a PNU of an ETF, a Dealer or the Designated Broker must deliver cash in an amount equal to the net asset value of the applicable PNU of the ETF next determined following the receipt of the subscription order.

The Manager will usually publish the applicable PNU for the ETF following the close of business on each Trading Day on its website, [www.horizonsetfs.com](http://www.horizonsetfs.com). The Manager may, at its discretion, increase or decrease the applicable PNU from time to time.

#### *To Unitholders as Reinvested Distributions or Distributions Paid in Units*

Units of an ETF may be issued by an ETF to Unitholders on the automatic reinvestment of special distributions and other reinvested distributions or on a distribution paid in Units.

See "Distribution Policy".

### Buying and Selling Units

Investors may trade Units of an ETF in the same way as other securities traded on the TSX, including by using market orders and limit orders. An investor may buy or sell Units of an ETF on the TSX only through a registered broker or dealer in the province or territory where the investor resides. Investors may incur customary brokerage commissions when buying or selling Units of an ETF.

Units of the ETFs are, or will be, listed on the TSX under the following ticker symbols:

<b>Name of ETF</b>	<b>Abbreviated Name</b>	<b>TSX Ticker Symbol</b>
Horizons Gold Yield ETF	Horizons HGY	HGY
Horizons Natural Gas Yield ETF	Horizons HNY	HNY

*Special Considerations for Unitholders*

The provisions of the so-called “early warning” requirements set out in Canadian securities legislation do not apply in connection with the acquisition of Units of an ETF. In addition, each ETF is entitled to rely on exemptive relief from the Securities Regulatory Authorities to permit a Unitholder of that ETF to acquire more than 20% of the Units of that ETF through purchases on the TSX without regard to the takeover bid requirements of applicable Canadian securities legislation; provided that such Unitholder, and any person acting jointly or in concert with such Unitholder, undertakes to the Manager not to vote more than 20% of the Units of that ETF at any meeting of Unitholders of that ETF.

The ETFs are entitled to rely on exemptive relief that permits each ETF to invest in Exchange Traded Products that issue Commodity Participation Units including Exchange Traded Products managed by the Manager.

**REDEMPTION OF UNITS**

As described below under “Book-Entry Only System”, registration of interests in, and transfers of, Units of an ETF will be made only through the book-entry only system of CDS. The redemption rights described below must be exercised through the CDS Participant through which the owner holds Units of an ETF. Beneficial owners of Units of an ETF should ensure that they provide redemption instructions to the CDS Participant through which they hold such Units sufficiently in advance of the cut-off times described below to allow such CDS Participant to notify CDS and for CDS to notify the Manager prior to the relevant cut-off time.

*Redemption of Units*

On any Trading Day, Unitholders may redeem: (i) Units of an ETF for cash at a redemption price per Unit equal to 95% of the closing price for Units of that ETF on the TSX on the effective day of the redemption or (ii) less any applicable administration charge determined by the Manager, in its sole discretion from time to time, a PNU or a multiple PNU for cash equal to the net asset value of that number of Units of an ETF. Because Unitholders will generally be able to sell their Units at the market price on the TSX through a registered broker or dealer subject only to customary brokerage commissions, Unitholders are advised to consult their brokers, dealers or investment advisors before redeeming such Units for cash unless they are redeeming a PNU.

In order for a cash redemption to be effective on a Trading Day, a cash redemption request in the form prescribed by the Manager from time to time must be delivered to the Manager with respect to the applicable ETF at its head office by 9:30 a.m. (Toronto time) on that day. If a cash redemption request is not received by 9:30 a.m. (Toronto time) on a Trading Day, the cash redemption request will be effective only on the next Trading Day. Where possible, payment of the redemption price will be made by no later than the third Trading Day after the effective day of the redemption. The cash redemption request forms may be obtained from any registered broker or dealer.

Investors that redeem their Units prior to the Distribution Record Date for any distribution will not be entitled to receive that distribution.

In connection with the redemption of Units, the ETFs will generally dispose of securities or other financial instruments.

*Suspension of Redemptions*

The Manager may suspend the redemption of any Class of Units of an ETF or may postpone the date of payment upon redemption: (i) during any period when normal trading is suspended on a stock exchange or other market on

which securities owned by the ETF are listed and traded, if these securities represent more than 50% by value or underlying market exposure of the total assets of the ETF, without allowance for liabilities, and if these securities are not traded on any other exchange that represents a reasonably practical alternative for the ETF; (ii) with the consent of the securities regulatory authorities; or (iii) when required or permitted to do so under any exemptive relief granted by the securities regulatory authorities from Securities Legislation. The suspension may apply to all requests for redemption received prior to the suspension but as to which payment has not been made, as well as to all requests received while the suspension is in effect. All Unitholders making such requests shall be advised by the Manager of the suspension and that the redemption will be effected at a price determined on the first Valuation Day following the termination of the suspension. All such Unitholders shall have and shall be advised that they have the right to withdraw their requests for redemption. The suspension shall terminate in any event on the first day on which the condition giving rise to the suspension has ceased to exist, provided that no other condition under which a suspension is authorized then exists. To the extent not inconsistent with official rules and regulations promulgated by any government body having jurisdiction over the ETFs, any declaration of suspension made by the Manager shall be conclusive.

#### *Costs Associated with Redemptions*

As may be agreed between the Manager and a Designated Broker or Dealer, the Manager may charge Unitholders of an ETF, at its discretion, an issue, exchange or redemption charge to offset certain transaction costs associated with the issuance, exchange or redemption of Units. The Manager will publish the current administrative charge, if any, on its website, [www.HorizonsETFs.com](http://www.HorizonsETFs.com). No fees or expenses will be paid by a Unitholder to the Manager or the ETFs in connection with selling Units on the TSX.

#### *Allocations of Income and Capital Gains to Redeeming Unitholders*

Pursuant to the Trust Declaration, an ETF may allocate and designate any income or capital gains realized by the ETF as a result of any disposition of property of the ETF undertaken to permit or facilitate the redemption of Units to a Unitholder whose Units are being redeemed. In addition, each ETF has the authority to distribute, allocate and designate any income or capital gains of the ETF to a Unitholder who has redeemed Units during a year in an amount equal to the Unitholder's share, at the time of redemption, of the ETF's income and capital gains for the year or such other amount that is determined by the ETF to be reasonable. Any such allocations will reduce the redemption price otherwise payable to the redeeming Unitholder, but, for greater certainty, will not reduce the amount of cash that the Unitholder will receive in respect of the redemption.

However, certain proposed Tax Amendments that are applicable to trusts that are "mutual fund trusts" for purposes of the Tax Act throughout the taxation year would prohibit an ETF from deducting in the computation of the ETF's income, the portion of an amount paid to redeeming Unitholders of the ETF that is considered to be paid out of the income of the ETF, and limit the ability of an ETF to deduct taxable capital gains allocated to redeeming Unitholders as described above. If such Tax Amendments are enacted in their current form, such income (including any taxable capital gains) may be made payable to non-redeeming Unitholders so that the ETF will not be liable for non-refundable income tax thereon. Accordingly, the amounts and taxable component of distributions to non-redeeming Unitholders of an ETF may be greater than would have been the case in the absence of such amendments.

#### **Book-Entry Only System**

Registration of interests in, and transfers of, Units of an ETF will be made only through the book-entry only system of CDS. Units of an ETF must be purchased, transferred and surrendered for redemption only through a CDS Participant. All rights of an owner of Units of an ETF must be exercised through, and all payments or other property to which such owner is entitled will be made or delivered by CDS or the CDS Participant(s) through which the owner holds such Units of the ETF. Upon buying Units of an ETF, the owner will receive only the customary confirmation. References in this prospectus to a holder of Units of an ETF means, unless the context otherwise requires, the owner of the beneficial interest of such Units.

Neither an ETF nor the Manager will have any liability for: (i) records maintained by CDS relating to the beneficial interests in Units of the ETF or the book entry accounts maintained by CDS; (ii) maintaining, supervising or

reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests; or (iii) any advice or representation made or given by CDS and made or given with respect to the rules and regulations of CDS or any action taken by CDS or at the direction of the CDS Participants.

The ability of a beneficial owner of Units of an ETF to pledge such Units or otherwise take action with respect to such owner's interest in such Units (other than through a CDS Participant) may be limited due to the lack of a physical certificate. An ETF has the option to terminate registration of Units of the ETF through the book-entry only system in which case certificates for Units of the ETF in fully registered form will be issued to beneficial owners of such Units or to their nominees.

### Short-Term Trading

The Manager does not believe that it is necessary to impose any short-term trading restrictions on the ETFs at this time as: (i) the ETFs are exchange traded funds that are primarily traded in the secondary market; and (ii) the few transactions involving Units of the ETFs that do not occur on the secondary market involve the Designated Broker and Dealers, who can only purchase or redeem Units in a PNU and on whom the Manager may impose an administration charge.

## PRIOR SALES

### Trading Price and Volume

Information regarding the price ranges and volume of Units of each ETF on the TSX for the 12 months preceding the date of this prospectus is set forth in the tables that follow.

#### *Units of Horizons HGY*

<u>Month</u>	<u>Unit Price Range (\$)</u>	<u>Volume of Units Traded</u>
March 2019	4.62 - 4.75	20,056
April 2019	4.55 - 4.77	34,539
May 2019	4.54 - 4.63	300,203
June 2019	4.70 - 4.94	123,084
July 2019	4.85 - 4.97	177,989
August 2019	4.94 - 5.21	244,386
September 2019	4.98 - 5.19	147,364
October 2019	5.02 - 5.11	133,897
November 2019	4.91 - 5.09	120,679
December 2019	4.94 - 5.09	63,321
January 2020	5.09 - 5.24	135,661
February 2020	5.14 - 5.54	849,207

#### *Units of Horizons HNY*

<u>Month</u>	<u>Unit Price Range (\$)</u>	<u>Volume of Units Traded</u>
March 2019	12.15 - 12.73	9,708
April 2019	11.35 - 12.25	21,035
May 2019	11.17 - 11.80	5,557
June 2019	9.96 - 10.85	40,386
July 2019	9.84 - 10.90	44,854
August 2019	9.65 - 10.16	28,027
September 2019	10.09 - 11.18	30,388
October 2019	9.79 - 10.65	43,387
November 2019	9.67 - 11.11	88,361

December 2019	9.38 - 9.84	48,592
January 2020	8.57 - 9.42	76,166
February 2020	8.25 - 8.84	29,610

### INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The following is, as of the date hereof, a summary of the principal Canadian federal income tax considerations under the Tax Act that generally apply to the acquisition, holding and disposition of Units of an ETF by a Unitholder of the ETF who acquires Units of the ETF pursuant to this prospectus. This summary only applies to a prospective Unitholder of an ETF who is an individual (other than a trust) resident in Canada for purposes of the Tax Act, who deals at arm's length with the ETF, the Designated Brokers and the Dealers, who is not affiliated with the ETF, any Designated Broker or any Dealer, and who holds Units of the ETF as capital property, all within the meaning of the Tax Act (a "**Holder**").

Generally, Units of an ETF will be considered to be capital property of a Holder provided that the Holder does not hold such Units in the course of carrying on a business of buying and selling securities and has not acquired them in one or more transactions considered to be an adventure or concern in the nature of trade. Assuming that an ETF is a "mutual fund trust" for purposes of the Tax Act, certain Holders who might not otherwise be considered to hold Units of the ETF as capital property may, in certain circumstances, be entitled to have such Units and all other "Canadian securities" owned or subsequently acquired by them treated as capital property by making the irrevocable election permitted by subsection 39(4) of the Tax Act. This summary does not apply to a Holder who has entered or will enter into a "derivative forward agreement" within the meaning of the Tax Act with respect to Units.

This summary is based on the assumption that each ETF will qualify at all times as a "unit trust" and a "mutual fund trust" within the meaning of the Tax Act and will not be subject to the tax for "SIFT Trusts" within the meaning of the Tax Act. For an ETF to qualify as a "mutual fund trust," it must comply on a continuous basis with certain requirements relating to the qualification of its Units for distribution to the public, the number of Unitholders of the ETF and the dispersal of ownership of its Units. Each of the ETFs offered pursuant to this prospectus has made an election in its first tax return so that it qualified under the Tax Act as a mutual fund trust from the commencement of its first taxation year. There can be no assurance that an ETF will maintain its status as a "mutual fund trust". **In the event an ETF were not to qualify as a mutual fund trust under the Tax Act at all times, the income tax consequences described below would, in some respects, be materially different.**

This summary is also based on the assumptions that (i) none of the issuers of the securities in the portfolio of an ETF will be foreign affiliates of the ETF or of any Unitholder, or "SIFT trusts" or "SIFT partnerships" within the meaning of the Tax Act; (ii) none of the securities in the portfolio of an ETF will be a "tax shelter investment" within the meaning of section 143.2 of the Tax Act; (iii) none of the securities in the portfolio of an ETF will be an offshore investment fund property (or an interest in a partnership that holds such property) that would require an ETF to include significant amounts in the ETF's income pursuant to section 94.1 of the Tax Act or an interest in a trust (or a partnership which holds such an interest) which would require the ETF (or the partnership) to report significant amounts of income in connection with such interest pursuant to the rules in section 94.2 of the Tax Act, or an interest in a non-resident trust other than an "exempt foreign trust" (or a partnership which holds such interest) and (iv) none of the ETFs will enter into any arrangement (including the acquisition of securities for an ETF's portfolio) where the result is a "dividend rental arrangement" for purposes of the Tax Act. This summary further assumes that each ETF will comply with its investment restrictions.

This summary is based on the current provisions of the Tax Act and an understanding of the current published administrative and assessing practices and policies of the CRA made publicly available prior to the date hereof. This summary takes into account the Tax Amendments. This description is not exhaustive of all Canadian federal income tax consequences and does not take into account or anticipate changes in the law whether by legislative, governmental or judicial action other than the Tax Amendments in their present form, nor does it take into account provincial, territorial or foreign tax considerations which may differ significantly from those discussed herein. There can be no assurance that the Tax Amendments will be enacted in the form publicly announced, or at all.

**This summary is not exhaustive of all possible Canadian federal income tax considerations applicable to an investment in Units of an ETF. This summary does not address the deductibility of interest on any funds borrowed by a Unitholder to purchase Units of an ETF. The income and other tax consequences of investing in Units will vary depending on an investor's particular circumstances including the province or territory in which the investor resides or carries on business. Accordingly, this summary is of a general nature only and is not intended to be, nor should it be construed as, legal or tax advice to any holder of Units of an ETF. Prospective investors should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the income tax consequences to them of an acquisition of Units of an ETF based on their particular circumstances and review "Risk Factors – Tax Risks".**

### **Status of the ETFs**

As noted above, this summary assumes that each ETF will qualify at all times as a "mutual fund trust" for purposes of the Tax Act, and will not be subject to the tax for "SIFT trusts" for purposes of the Tax Act.

Provided the Units of an ETF are listed on a "designated stock exchange" (within the meaning of the Tax Act) or the ETF qualifies as a "mutual fund trust" within the meaning of the Tax Act, Units of that ETF will be qualified investments under the Tax Act for a trust governed by an RRSP, an RRIF, an RDSP, a DPSP, an RESP or a TFSA (the "**Plans**").

Units of an ETF are generally not prohibited investments for a "registered pension plan" under subsection 8514(1) of the regulations under the Tax Act unless that ETF is: (a) an employer who participates in the plan; (b) a person connected with such an employer for purposes of these rules; (c) a person or partnership that controls, directly or indirectly, in any manner whatsoever, such an employer or connected person; or (d) a person or partnership that does not deal at arm's length with a member of the plan or with any person or partnership described in (a), (b) or (c) above.

For certain tax consequences of holding Units in a Plan, see "Income Tax Considerations – Taxation of Registered Plans".

### **Taxation of the ETFs**

#### **(a) General**

Each ETF has elected to have a taxation year that ends on December 15 of each calendar year. An ETF must pay tax on its net income (including net realized taxable capital gains) for a taxation year, less the portion thereof that it deducts in respect of the amount paid or payable to its Unitholders in the year. An amount will be considered to be payable to a Unitholder of an ETF in a taxation year if it is paid to the Unitholder in that year by the ETF or if the Unitholder is entitled in that year to enforce payment of the amount. The Trust Declaration for the ETFs requires that sufficient amounts be paid or made payable each taxation year so that no ETF is liable for any non-refundable income tax under Part I of the Tax Act. Each ETF is required to compute all amounts in Canadian dollars for the purposes of the Tax Act.

Each ETF is entitled for each taxation year throughout which it is a mutual fund trust for purposes of the Tax Act to reduce (or receive a refund in respect of) its liability, if any, for tax on its net realized capital gains by an amount determined under the Tax Act based on the redemptions of Units during the year (a "**capital gains refund**"). The capital gains refund in a particular taxation year may not completely offset the tax liability of an ETF for such taxation year.

An ETF is also required to include in its income for each taxation year any dividends received (or deemed to be received) by it in such year on a security held in its portfolio.

A loss realized by an ETF on a disposition of capital property will be a suspended loss for purposes of the Tax Act if the ETF, or a person affiliated with the ETF, acquires a property (a "**substituted property**") that is the same as or identical to the property disposed of, within 30 days before and 30 days after the disposition and the ETF, or a

person affiliated with the ETF, owns the substituted property 30 days after the original disposition. If a loss is suspended, the ETF cannot deduct the loss from the ETF's capital gains until the substituted property is sold and is not reacquired within 30 days before and after the sale.

An ETF is entitled to deduct an amount equal to the reasonable expenses that it incurs in the course of issuing Units of the ETF that are not reimbursed. Such issue expenses will be deductible by the ETF rateably over a five-year period subject to reduction in any taxation year which is less than three hundred and sixty-five (365) days. In computing its income under the Tax Act, an ETF may deduct reasonable administrative and other expenses incurred to earn income from property or a business. An ETF may not deduct interest on borrowed funds that are used to fund redemptions of its Units.

Losses incurred by an ETF in a taxation year cannot be allocated to Unitholders, but may be deducted by the ETF in future years in accordance with the Tax Act. If an ETF does not qualify as a "mutual fund trust" under the Tax Act throughout a taxation year, among other things, the ETF may be liable to pay an alternative minimum tax under the Tax Act. If an ETF is not a "mutual fund trust" it may be subject to the "mark-to-market property" rules in the Tax Act if more than 50% of the fair market value of its units are held by "financial institutions", as defined for purposes of the "mark-to-market property" rules in the Tax Act.

Each ETF takes the position that gains and losses realized on the disposition of its Portfolio securities are capital gains and capital losses. Each ETF has made an election under subsection 39(4) of the Tax Act so that all securities held by the ETF that are "Canadian securities" (as defined in the Tax Act) will be deemed to be capital property of the ETF.

In general, an ETF will realize a capital gain (or capital loss) upon the actual or deemed disposition of a security included in its Portfolio, to the extent the proceeds of disposition net of any reasonable costs of disposition exceed (or are less than) the adjusted cost base of such security, unless the ETF were considered to be trading or dealing in securities or otherwise carrying on a business of buying and selling securities, or the ETF has acquired the security in a transaction or transactions considered to be an adventure or concern in the nature of trade.

Premiums received on covered call options written by an ETF that are not exercised prior to the end of a year will constitute capital gains of the ETF in the year received, unless such premiums are received by the ETF as income from a business of buying and selling securities or the ETF has engaged in a transaction or transactions considered to be an adventure or concern in the nature of trade. As mentioned above, the ETFs take the position that the securities in their Portfolios are capital property to the ETFs. Having regard to the foregoing, and in accordance with the CRA's published administrative policies, transactions undertaken by the ETFs in respect of options on securities in the Portfolios are treated and reported by the ETFs as arising on capital account. Premiums received by the ETFs on covered call options that are subsequently exercised will be added in computing the proceeds of disposition to the ETFs of the securities disposed of by the ETF upon the exercise of such call options. In addition, where the premium was in respect of an option granted in a previous year so that it constituted a capital gain of the ETF in the previous year, such capital gain will be reversed.

To the extent an ETF holds trust units issued by a trust resident in Canada that is not at any time in the relevant taxation year a "SIFT trust" and held as capital property for purposes of the Tax Act, the ETF will be required to include in the calculation of its income the net income, including net taxable capital gains, paid or payable to the ETF by such trust in the year, notwithstanding that certain of such amounts may be reinvested in additional units of the trust. Provided that appropriate designations are made by such trust, net taxable capital gains realized by the trust, foreign source income of the trust and taxable dividends from taxable Canadian corporations received by the trust that are paid or payable by the trust to the ETF will effectively retain their character in the hands of the ETF. The ETF will be required to reduce the adjusted cost base of units of such trust by any amount paid or payable by the trust to the ETF except to the extent that the amount was included in calculating the income of the ETF or was the ETF's share of the non-taxable portion of capital gains of the trust, the taxable portion of which was designated in respect of the ETF. If the adjusted cost base to the ETF of such units becomes a negative amount at any time in a taxation year of the ETF, that negative amount will be deemed to be a capital gain realized by the ETF in that taxation year and the ETF's adjusted cost base of such units will be increased by the amount of such deemed capital gain to zero.

With respect to an issuer structured as a trust that is not resident in Canada, the interests of which are included in the Portfolio of an ETF, the ETF will be required to include in the calculation of its income for a taxation year the net income for Canadian federal income tax purposes, including net taxable capital gains, paid or payable to the ETF by the issuer in the year, notwithstanding that certain of such amounts may be reinvested in additional units of the issuer. Provided the units of the issuer are held by the ETF as capital property for purposes of the Tax Act, the ETF will be required to reduce the adjusted cost base of units of the issuer by an amount paid or payable by the issuer to the ETF, except to the extent that the amount was included in calculating the income of the ETF or was the ETF's share of the non-taxable portion of capital gains of the trust, the taxable portion of which was designated in respect of the ETF. If the adjusted cost base to the ETF of such units becomes a negative amount at any time in a taxation year of the ETF, that negative amount will be deemed to be a capital gain realized by the ETF in that taxation year and the ETF's adjusted cost base of such units will be increased by the amount of such deemed capital gain to zero.

With respect to an issuer that is a limited partnership, the interests of which are included in the Portfolio of an ETF, and held as capital property for the purposes of the Tax Act, and that is not subject in a taxation year to the tax under the rules in the Tax Act applicable to SIFT trusts and SIFT partnerships, an ETF is required to include or, subject to certain restrictions, is entitled to deduct, in computing its income, its share of the net income or loss for tax purposes of the issuer allocated to the ETF for the fiscal period of the issuer ending in the ETF's taxation year, whether or not a distribution is received. In general, the adjusted cost base of such securities is the cost of such securities to the ETF plus the share of the income and capital gains of the issuer allocated to the ETF for fiscal years of the issuer ending before the particular time less the share of losses and capital losses of the issuer allocated to the ETF for fiscal years of the issuer ending before the particular time, and less the ETF's share of any distributions received from the issuer before the particular time. If the adjusted cost base to the ETF of the securities of such an issuer would otherwise be less than zero at the end of the fiscal year of the limited partnership, the negative amount is deemed to be a capital gain realized by the ETF and the ETF's adjusted cost base of such securities is increased by the amount of such deemed capital gain to zero.

In general, gains and losses realized by the ETFs from derivative transactions will be on income account except where such derivatives are used to hedge Portfolio securities held on capital account provided there is sufficient linkage, subject to the DFA Rules discussed below, and the ETFs will recognize such gains or losses for tax purposes at the time they are realized by the ETFs. An election to realize gains and losses on "eligible derivatives" (as defined in such Tax Amendments) of an ETF on a mark-to-market basis may be available. The Manager will consider whether such election, if available, would be advisable for the ETF. Consistent with the foregoing, to the extent that an ETF uses derivative securities to hedge against fluctuations in currency, gains or losses of the ETF in respect of such derivative securities will be reported on income account (except in the event that such derivative securities are used to hedge Portfolio securities of the ETF held as capital property, provided there is sufficient linkage and the ETF will recognize such gains and losses for tax purposes at the time they are realized). The Tax Act exempts the application of the DFA Rules to currency forward contracts and certain other derivatives entered into in order to hedge foreign exchange risk in respect of an investment held as capital property.

The Tax Act contains rules (the "**DFA Rules**") that target financial arrangements (referred to as "derivative forward agreements") that seek to reduce tax by converting, through the use of derivative contracts, the return on an investment that would have the character of ordinary income to capital gains. The DFA Rules are broad in scope and could apply to other agreements or transactions (including certain options contracts). If the DFA Rules were to apply in respect of derivatives utilized by an ETF, gains realized in respect of the property underlying such derivatives could be treated as ordinary income rather than capital gains. In general, the writing of a covered call option by an ETF in the manner described under the heading "Investment Strategies – Investment Strategies – Covered Option Writing" is not expected to be subject to the DFA Rules. It is not clear whether the writing of a covered call option, if coupled with certain other transactions, could be subject to the DFA Rules. The ETFs do not intend to write an option that would be subject to the DFA Rules.

An ETF may derive income or gains from investments in countries other than Canada, and as a result, may be liable to pay income or profits tax to such countries. To the extent that any such foreign tax paid by the ETF exceeds 15% of the amount included in the ETF's income from such investments, such excess may generally be deducted by the ETF in computing its net income for the purposes of the Tax Act. To the extent that any such foreign tax paid does not exceed 15% of such amount and has not been deducted in computing the ETF's income, the ETF may designate, in respect of a Holder, a portion of its foreign source income which can reasonably be considered to be part of the

ETF's income distributed to such Holder so that such income, and a portion of the foreign tax paid by the ETF, may be regarded as foreign source income of, and foreign tax paid by, the Holder for the purposes of the foreign tax credit provisions of the Tax Act.

An ETF will be required to compute all amounts in Canadian dollars for purposes of the Tax Act in accordance with the detailed rules in the Tax Act in that regard and accordingly may realize gains or losses by virtue of the fluctuation in the value of a security in the Portfolio denominated in a foreign currency (e.g., U.S. dollar) relative to the Canadian dollar.

### **Taxation of Holders**

A Holder will generally be required to include in computing income for a particular taxation year of the Holder such portion of the net income of the ETF for that particular taxation year, including the taxable portion of any net realized capital gains, as is paid or becomes payable to the Holder, including any Management Fee Distributions, (whether paid in cash or automatically reinvested in additional Units of the ETF or paid in Units of the ETF). Amounts paid or payable by an ETF to a Holder after December 15 and before the end of the calendar year are deemed to have been paid or become payable to the Holder on December 15. The non-taxable portion of an ETF's net realized capital gains, the taxable portion of which was designated in respect of a Holder in a taxation year, that is paid or becomes payable to the Holder in that taxation year will not be included in computing the Holder's income for the year. Any other amount in excess of a Holder's share of the net income of an ETF for a taxation year that is paid or becomes payable to the Holder in the year (i.e. returns of capital) will not generally be included in the Holder's income for the year, but will reduce the adjusted cost base of the Holder's Units of the ETF. To the extent that the adjusted cost base of a Unit of an ETF would become a negative amount, the negative amount will be deemed to be a capital gain and the adjusted cost base of the Unit to the Holder will be reset to zero.

Provided that appropriate designations are made by an ETF, such portion of the net realized taxable capital gains of the ETF, the foreign source income of the ETF and the taxable dividends received or deemed to be received by the ETF on shares of taxable Canadian corporations as is paid or becomes payable to a Holder, if any, will effectively retain its character and be treated as such in the hands of the Holder for purposes of the Tax Act. To the extent that amounts are designated as taxable dividends from taxable Canadian corporations, the gross-up and dividend tax credit rules will apply (including the rules in respect of "eligible dividends"). Where an ETF makes designations in respect of its foreign source income, for the purpose of computing any foreign tax credit that may be available to a Holder, the Holder will generally be deemed to have paid as tax to the government of a foreign country that portion of taxes paid by the ETF to that country that is equal to the Holder's share of the ETF's income from sources in that country.

Any loss of an ETF for purposes of the Tax Act cannot be allocated to, and cannot be treated as a loss of, a Holder.

Under the Tax Act, an ETF is permitted to deduct, in computing its income for a taxation year, an amount that is less than the amount of its distributions of income and net taxable capital gains for the year to the extent necessary to enable the ETF to use, in the taxation year, losses from prior years without affecting the ability of the ETF to distribute its income annually. In such circumstances, the amount distributed to a Holder of an ETF, but not deducted by the ETF, will not be included in the Holder's income. However, the adjusted cost base of a Holder's Units in the ETF will be reduced by such amount.

On the disposition or deemed disposition of a Unit of an ETF, including on a redemption, a Holder will realize a capital gain (or capital loss) to the extent that the Holder's proceeds of disposition (other than any amount payable by the ETF which represents income or capital gains allocated and designated to the redeeming Holder), net of any reasonable costs of disposition, exceed (or are less than) the adjusted cost base of the Unit of the ETF. For the purpose of determining the adjusted cost base of a particular class of a Holder's Units of an ETF, when additional Units of that class of the ETF are acquired by the Holder, the cost of the newly acquired Units of the ETF will be averaged with the adjusted cost base of all Units of the ETF of the same class owned by the Holder as capital property immediately before that time. For this purpose, the cost of Units of the ETF that have been issued on a distribution will generally be equal to the amount of the distribution. A consolidation of Units of an ETF as described under "Distribution Policy" following a reinvested distribution or a distribution paid in the form of additional Units of the ETF will not be regarded as a disposition of Units of the ETF and will not affect the

aggregate adjusted cost base to a Holder. Any additional Units acquired by a Holder on the reinvestment of distributions will generally have a cost equal to the amount reinvested. If a Holder participates in the Reinvestment Plan and the Holder acquires a Unit from the ETF at a price that is less than the then fair market value of the Unit, it is the administrative position of the CRA that the Holder must include the difference in income and that the cost of the Unit will be correspondingly increased. The redemption of any fraction of a Unit will result in a capital gain (or capital loss) for the redeeming Holder.

Pursuant to the Trust Declaration, an ETF may allocate and designate any income or capital gains realized by the ETF as a result of any disposition of property of the ETF undertaken to permit or facilitate the redemption of Units to a Unitholder whose Units are being redeemed. In addition, each ETF has the authority to distribute, allocate and designate any income or capital gains of the ETF to a Unitholder who has redeemed Units of the ETF during a year in an amount equal to the Unitholder's share, at the time of redemption, of the ETF's income and capital gains for the year or such other amount that is determined by the ETF to be reasonable. Any such allocations and designations will reduce the redemption price otherwise payable to the redeeming Unitholder, but, for greater certainty, will not reduce the amount of cash that the Unitholder will receive in respect of the redemption. However, certain proposed Tax Amendments that are applicable to trusts that are "mutual fund trusts" for purposes of the Tax Act throughout the taxation year would, effective for taxation years beginning on or after March 19, 2019, prohibit an ETF from deducting in the computation of the ETF's income, the portion of an amount paid to redeeming Unitholders of the ETF that is considered to be paid out of the income of the ETF and, effective for tax years that begin on or after March 20, 2020, limit the ability of an ETF to deduct taxable capital gains allocated to redeeming Unitholders as described above. If such Tax Amendments are enacted in their current form, such income (including any taxable capital gains) may be made payable to non-redeeming Unitholders so that the ETF will not be liable for non-refundable income tax thereon. Accordingly, the amounts and taxable component of distributions to non-redeeming Unitholders of an ETF may be greater than would have been the case in the absence of such amendments.

In general, one-half of any capital gain (a "**taxable capital gain**") realized by a Holder on the disposition of Units of an ETF, or designated by the ETF in respect of the Holder, in a taxation year will be included in computing the Holder's income for that year and one-half of any capital loss (an "**allowable capital loss**") realized by the Holder in a taxation year generally must be deducted from taxable capital gains realized by the Holder, or designated by the ETF in respect of the Holder, in accordance with the detailed provisions of the Tax Act. Allowable capital losses for a taxation year in excess of taxable capital gains for that taxation year may be carried back and deducted in any of the three preceding taxation years or carried forward and deducted in any subsequent taxation year against taxable capital gains in accordance with provisions of the Tax Act.

Amounts designated by an ETF to a Holder of the ETF as taxable capital gains or dividends from taxable Canadian corporations and taxable capital gains realized on the disposition of Units of an ETF may increase the Holder's liability for alternative minimum tax.

### **Taxation of Registered Plans**

Distributions received by Plans on Units and capital gains realized by Plans on the disposition of Units while the Units are a qualified investment for such Plans will be exempt from income tax in the plan. Withdrawals from Plans (other than a TFSA and certain withdrawals from a RESP or RDSP) are generally subject to tax under the Tax Act. Unitholders should consult their own advisors regarding the tax implications of establishing, amending, terminating or withdrawing amounts from a Plan.

If Units are "prohibited investments" for a TFSA, RRSP, RRIF, RESP or RDSP, a Unitholder who holds Units in such TFSA, RRSP, RRIF, RESP or RDSP will be subject to an additional tax as set out in the Tax Act. A "prohibited investment" includes a Unit of an ETF (i) which does not deal at arm's length with the holder, subscriber or annuitant, as applicable, or (ii) in which the holder, subscriber or annuitant, as applicable, has a significant interest. A significant interest, in general terms, means the ownership of 10% or more of the fair market value of an ETF's outstanding Units by the holder, subscriber or annuitant, as applicable, either alone or together with persons and partnerships with whom the holder, subscriber or annuitant, as applicable, does not deal at arm's length. In addition, the Units of an ETF will not be a prohibited investment if such Units are "excluded property" as defined in the Tax Act for trusts governed by a TFSA, RRSP, RRIF, RESP or RDSP. Unitholders are advised to consult their own tax advisors regarding whether their Units would be prohibited investments.

## Tax Implications of an ETF's Distribution Policy

The net asset value per Unit of an ETF will, in part, reflect any income and gains of the ETF that have accrued or been realized, but have not been made payable at the time Units of the ETF were acquired by a Holder. Accordingly, a Holder of an ETF who acquires Units of the ETF, including on a reinvestment of distributions or a distribution of Units, may become taxable on the Holder's share of such income and gains of the ETF. In particular, an investor who acquires Units of the ETF at any time in the year prior to a distribution being paid or made payable will have to pay tax on the entire distribution (to the extent it is a taxable distribution), regardless of the fact that the investor only recently acquired such Units. Further, where a Holder acquires Units in a calendar year after December 15 of such year, such Holder may become taxable on income earned or capital gains realized in the taxation year ending on December 15 of such calendar year but that had not been made payable before the Units were acquired.

## ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT DETAILS OF THE ETFs

### Manager of the ETFs

Horizons is the manager, investment manager and trustee of the ETFs and its principal office is at 55 University Avenue, Suite 800, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2H7. The Manager is an innovative financial services company and was primarily organized for the purpose of managing investment products, including exchange traded funds.

Horizons is an innovative financial services organization distributing the Horizons family of leveraged, inverse leveraged, inverse, index and actively managed exchange traded funds. Horizons is a subsidiary of Mirae Asset.

Mirae Asset is the asset management entity of the Mirae Asset Financial Group, a global financial group providing comprehensive services to clients worldwide – including asset management, wealth management, investment banking, life insurance and venture capital. With over 12,800 employees, the Mirae Asset Financial Group has a presence in America, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Mongolia, Singapore, the United Kingdom and Vietnam. Headquartered in Seoul, South Korea, the Mirae Asset Financial Group is one of the largest independent financial groups in Asia and manages approximately US\$369 billion in assets globally as of September 30, 2019.

The Manager will perform or arrange for the performance of management services for the ETFs, and is responsible for the administration of the ETFs. The Manager will be entitled to receive fees as compensation for management services rendered to the ETFs.

### Officers and Directors of the Manager

The name, municipality of residence, office and principal occupation of the officers and directors of the Manager are as follows:

<b>Name and Municipality of Residence</b>	<b>Date Individual became a Director</b>	<b>Position with Manager</b>	<b>Principal Occupation</b>
Thomas Park, New York, New York	November 14, 2011	Director and Chief Corporate Development Officer	Director, Horizons (since 2011); Chief Corporate Development Officer, Horizons (since 2015); Executive Managing Director, Mirae Asset MAPS Global Investments (since 2008); Associate, Goldman Sachs International (2006, 2007-2008); Senior Consultant, KPMG Consulting (Bearing Point) (2001-2005).
Wan Youn Cho, Toronto, Ontario	February 20, 2020	Director	Managing Director, Mirae Asset Global Investments (Hong Kong) Ltd. (since 2009).

<b>Name and Municipality of Residence</b>	<b>Date Individual became a Director</b>	<b>Position with Manager</b>	<b>Principal Occupation</b>
Jooyoung Yun, Tokyo, Japan	February 20, 2020	Director	Head of ETF Management Division, Mirae Asset (since 2011).
Steven J. Hawkins, Toronto, Ontario	February 8, 2016	Director, Chief Executive Officer, President and Ultimate Designated Person	Chief Executive Officer and President, Horizons (since 2009); Director, Horizons (since 2016).
Kevin S. Beatson, Oakville, Ontario	N/A	Chief Operating Officer and Chief Compliance Officer	Chief Operating Officer and Chief Compliance Officer, Horizons (since 2009).
Julie Stajan, Oakville, Ontario	N/A	Chief Financial Officer	Chief Financial Officer, Horizons (since 2015).
Jaime P.D. Purvis, Toronto, Ontario	N/A	Executive Vice President	Executive Vice President, Horizons (since 2006).
Jeff Lucyk, Toronto, Ontario	N/A	Senior Vice President, Head of Retail Sales	Senior Vice President, Head of Retail Sales, Horizons (since 2016); Senior Vice President, Vice President, National Sales Manager, Norrep Capital Management Ltd. (2009-2016).
McGregor Sainsbury, Toronto, Ontario	N/A	General Counsel and Secretary	General Counsel and Secretary, Horizons (since 2011).

Where a person has held multiple positions within a company, the above table generally sets out only the current or most recently held position or positions held at that company, and the start dates generally refer to the date of the first position held or the first of the listed positions held by the person at that company. Each director will hold his or her position until the next annual general meeting of the Manager at which time he/she may be re-elected.

### **Ownership of Securities of the Manager**

No securities of the Manager are owned of record or beneficially by any of the directors or executive officers of the Manager.

For a description of the compensation arrangements of the independent review committee of the ETF, see “Independent Review Committee”.

### **Duties and Services to be Provided by the Manager**

Pursuant to the Trust Declaration, the Manager has full authority and responsibility to manage and direct the business and affairs of the ETFs, to make all decisions regarding the business of the ETFs and to bind the ETFs. The Manager may delegate certain of its powers to third parties where, in the discretion of the Manager, it would be in the best interests of the ETFs to do so.

The Manager is entitled to the Management Fee in consideration of the services it provides to an ETF. Such services include, but are not limited to, negotiating contracts with certain third-party service providers, including investment managers, custodians, registrars, transfer agents, auditors and printers; authorizing the payment of operating expenses incurred on behalf of the ETFs; arranging for the maintenance of accounting records for the ETFs; preparing the reports to Unitholders of the ETFs and to the applicable Securities Regulatory Authorities; calculating the amount and determining the frequency of distributions by the ETFs; preparing financial statements, income tax returns and financial and accounting information as required by the ETFs; ensuring that Unitholders of the ETFs are provided with financial statements and other reports as are required from time to time by applicable law; ensuring that the ETFs comply with all other regulatory requirements including the continuous disclosure obligations of the ETFs under applicable securities laws; administering purchases, redemptions and other transactions in Units of the ETFs; arranging for any payments required upon termination of the ETFs; and dealing and communicating with Unitholders of the ETFs. The Manager will provide office facilities and personnel to carry out these services, if not otherwise furnished by any other service provider to the ETFs. The Manager will also monitor the investment strategy of each ETF to ensure that each ETF complies with its investment objective, investment strategies and investment restrictions and practices.

The Manager is required to exercise its powers and discharge its duties honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the Unitholders of the ETFs, and to exercise the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances. The Trust Declaration provides that the Manager will not be liable to an ETF, any Unitholder of the ETF or any other person for any loss or damage relating to any matter regarding the ETF, including any loss or diminution of value of the assets of the ETF, if it has satisfied its standard of care set forth above.

The Manager and each of its directors, officers, employees and agents may be indemnified out of the assets of an ETF from, and against, all claims whatsoever, including costs, charges and expenses in connection therewith, brought, commenced or prosecuted against it for, or in respect of, any act, deed, matter or thing whatsoever made, done or omitted in, or in relation to, the execution of its duties to the ETF as long as the person acted honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the ETF.

The Manager may resign upon 90 days' prior written notice to the Trustee or upon such lesser notice as the Trustee may accept. The Manager may also be removed by the Trustee on at least 90 days' written notice to the Manager. The Trustee shall make every effort to select and appoint a successor manager prior to the effective date of the Manager's resignation.

The Manager is entitled to fees for its services as manager under the Trust Declaration as described under "Fees and Expenses" and will be reimbursed for all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by the Manager on behalf of the ETFs. The Manager may, in its discretion, terminate each ETF without the approval of Unitholders of such ETF if, in its opinion, it is no longer economically feasible to continue the ETF and/or it would otherwise be in the best interests of Unitholders to terminate the ETF.

The administration and management services of the Manager under the Trust Declaration are not exclusive and nothing in the Trust Declaration prevents the Manager from providing similar administrative and management services to other investment funds and other clients (whether or not their investment objectives and policies are similar to those of the ETFs) or from engaging in other activities.

### **Investment Manager**

The Manager also serves as the investment manager to the ETFs. The Manager operates as a portfolio manager under the *Securities Act* (Ontario) and in certain other provinces pursuant to applicable legislation. The Manager also operates as a commodity trading manager under the *Commodity Futures Act* (Ontario). The principal office of the Manager is at 55 University Avenue, Suite 800, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2H7. The Manager provides investment advisory and portfolio management services to the ETFs. The senior officers of the Manager principally responsible for providing advice to the ETFs are as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position with the Manager</b>	<b>Principal Occupation</b>
Steven J. Hawkins	Chief Executive Officer, President, and Director	Chief Executive Officer and President, Horizons (since 2009); Director, Horizons (since 2016).
Nicolas Piquard	Vice President, Portfolio Manager and Options Strategist	Vice President, Portfolio Manager and Options Strategist, Horizons (since 2013).
Hans Albrecht	Vice President, Portfolio Manager and Options Strategist	Vice President, Portfolio Manager and Options Strategist, Horizons (since 2013).

Where a person has held multiple positions within a company, the above table sets out only the current or most recently held position or positions held at that company, and the start dates refer to the date of the first position held or the first of the listed positions held by the person at that company.

### **The Trustee**

Horizons is also the trustee of the ETFs pursuant to the Trust Declaration. The Trustee may resign and be discharged from all further duties under the Trust Declaration upon 90 days' prior written notice to the Manager or upon such lesser notice as the Manager may accept. The Manager shall make every effort to select and appoint a successor trustee prior to the effective date of the Trustee's resignation. If the Manager fails to appoint a successor trustee within 90 days after notice is given or a vacancy occurs, the Manager shall call a meeting of Unitholders within 60 days thereafter for the purpose of appointing a successor trustee. If there is no manager, the Unitholders may call a meeting of Unitholders of the ETFs within 31 days after notice is given or a vacancy occurs for the purpose of appointing a successor trustee. In each case, if, upon the expiry of a further 30 days, neither the Manager nor the Unitholders have appointed a successor trustee, the ETFs shall be terminated and the property of the ETFs shall be distributed in accordance with the terms of the Trust Declaration.

The Trustee is required to exercise its powers and discharge its duties honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the ETFs, and to exercise the degree of care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances. The Trust Declaration provides that the Trustee will not be liable in carrying out its duties under the Trust Declaration as long as the Trustee has adhered to its standard of care set out above. In addition, the Trust Declaration contains other customary provisions limiting the liability of the Trustee and indemnifying the Trustee in respect of certain liabilities incurred by it in carrying out its duties.

The Trustee will not receive any fees from the ETFs but will be reimbursed for all expenses and liabilities that it properly incurs in carrying out activities on behalf of the ETFs.

### **Designated Broker**

The Manager, on behalf of each ETF, has entered into a Designated Broker Agreement with the Designated Broker pursuant to which the Designated Broker agrees to perform certain duties relating to that ETF including, without limitation: (i) to subscribe for a sufficient number of Units of that ETF to satisfy the TSX's original listing requirements; (ii) to subscribe for Units of that ETF on an ongoing basis, and (iii) to post a liquid two way market for the trading of Units of that ETF on the TSX. Payment for Units of an ETF must be made by the Designated Broker and Units of the ETF will be issued by no later than the third Trading Day after the subscription notice has been delivered.

The Designated Broker may terminate the Designated Broker Agreement at any time by giving Horizons at least ninety (90) days' prior written notice of such termination. Horizons may terminate the Designated Broker Agreement by giving the Designated Broker at least ninety (90) days' prior written notice of such termination.

Units do not represent an interest in, or an obligation of, the Designated Broker or any Dealer or any affiliate thereof and a Unitholder will not have any recourse against any such parties in respect of amounts payable by the ETFs to the Unitholder.

### **Conflicts of Interest**

The Manager and its respective principals and affiliates (each an “**ETF Manager**”) do not devote their time exclusively to the management of the ETFs. The ETF Managers perform similar or different services for others and may sponsor or establish other investment funds (public and private) during the same period that they act on behalf of the ETFs. The ETF Managers therefore will have conflicts of interest in allocating management time, services and functions to the ETFs and the other persons for which they provide similar services.

The ETF Managers may trade and make investments for their own accounts, and such persons currently trade and manage and will continue to trade and manage accounts other than the ETF’s accounts utilizing trading and investment strategies which are the same as or different from the ones to be utilized in making investment decisions for the ETFs. In addition, in proprietary trading and investment, the ETF Managers may take positions the same as, different than or opposite to those of the ETFs. All of such trading and investment activities may also increase the level of competition experienced with respect to priorities of order entry and allocations of executed trades. See “Risk Factors”.

In evaluating these conflicts of interest, potential investors should be aware that the ETF Managers have a responsibility to the Unitholders to exercise good faith and fairness in all dealings affecting the ETFs. In the event that a Unitholder believes that one of the ETF Managers has violated its duty to such Unitholder, the Unitholder may seek relief for itself or on behalf of the ETFs to recover damages from or to require an accounting by the applicable ETF Manager. Unitholders should be aware that the performance by an ETF Manager of its responsibilities to the ETFs will be measured in accordance with (i) the provisions of the agreement by which the ETF Manager has been appointed to its position with the ETFs; and (ii) applicable laws.

The Manager is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mirae Asset. Affiliates of the Manager may earn fees and spreads, directly and indirectly, in connection with various services provided to, or transactions with, an ETF or its service providers, including in connection with brokerage transactions, prime brokerage services and securities lending transactions, subject always to approval by the IRC of the ETFs and compliance with applicable law (or exemptive relief therefrom), and applicable internal policies and procedures. In effecting ETF portfolio transactions, the Manager places brokerage business with various broker-dealers on the basis of best execution, which includes a number of considerations such as price, speed, certainty of execution and total transaction cost. The Manager uses the same criteria in selecting all of its broker-dealers, regardless of whether the broker-dealer is an affiliate of the Manager. Subject to compliance with NI 81-102 and in accordance with the terms of the standing instructions of the IRC, to the extent that an affiliate of the Manager provides advisory services to a securities lending agent of the ETFs, the Manager may receive a portion of the affiliate’s revenue that it receives for those services.

NBF acts or may act as a Designated Broker, a Dealer and/or a registered trader (market maker). These relationships may create actual or perceived conflicts of interest which investors should consider in relation to an investment in the ETFs. In particular, by virtue of these relationships, NBF may profit from the sale and trading of Units. NBF, as market maker of the ETFs in the secondary market, may therefore have economic interests which differ from, and may be adverse to, those of Unitholders.

NBF’s potential roles as a Designated Broker and a Dealer of the ETFs will not be as an underwriter of the ETFs in connection with the primary distribution of Units under this prospectus and the Securities Regulatory Authorities have provided the ETFs with a decision exempting the ETFs from the requirement to include a certificate of an underwriter in the prospectus. NBF has not been involved in the preparation of this prospectus nor has it performed any review of the contents of this prospectus.

NBF and its affiliates may, at present or in the future, engage in business with the ETFs, the issuers of securities making up the investment portfolio of the ETFs, or with the Manager or any funds sponsored by the Manager or its affiliates, including by making loans, entering into derivative transactions or providing advisory or agency services.

In addition, the relationship between NBF and its affiliates, and the Manager and its affiliates may extend to other activities, such as being part of a distribution syndicate for other funds sponsored by the Manager or its affiliates.

### **Independent Review Committee**

NI 81-107 requires that all publicly offered investment funds, such as the ETFs, establish an IRC. The Manager must refer all conflict of interest matters for review or approval to the IRC. NI 81-107 also requires the Manager to establish written policies and procedures for dealing with conflict of interest matters, to maintain records in respect of these matters and to provide the IRC with guidance and assistance in carrying out its functions and duties. According to NI 81-107, the IRC must be comprised of a minimum of three (3) independent members, and is subject to requirements to conduct regular assessments of its members and provide reports, at least annually, to the ETF and to its Unitholders in respect of those functions. The most recent report prepared by the IRC is available on the Manager's website ([www.horizonsetfs.com](http://www.horizonsetfs.com)), or at a Unitholder's request at no cost, by contacting the ETF at 55 University Avenue, Suite 800, Toronto, Ontario M5J 2H7; telephone: 416-933-5745; toll free: 1-866-641-5739; fax: 416-777-5181.

Warren Law, Sue Fawcett and Michael Gratch are the current members of the IRC.

The IRC:

- reviews and provides input on the Manager's written policies and procedures that deal with conflict of interest matters;
- reviews conflict of interest matters referred to it by the Manager and makes recommendations to the Manager regarding whether the Manager's proposed actions in connection with the conflict of interest matter achieves a fair and reasonable result for the ETFs;
- considers and, if deemed appropriate, approves the Manager's decision on a conflict of interest matter that the Manager refers to the IRC for approval; and
- performs such other duties as may be required of the IRC under applicable securities laws.

The ETFs compensate the IRC members for their participation on the IRC through member fees and, if applicable, meeting fees. Sue Fawcett and Michael Gratch receive \$12,500 per year in member fees, while Warren Law, as chairperson of the IRC, receives \$15,000 per year. The IRC's secretariat receives \$21,000 per year for administrative services. An additional fee of \$3,000 per meeting is charged by the IRC for each IRC meeting in excess of two per year. The total fees payable in respect of the IRC by a particular ETF is calculated by dividing the total net assets of the particular ETF by the total net assets of all of the mutual funds for which the IRC is responsible and then multiplying the resulting value by the total dollar value due to the IRC member by the ETF for that particular period.

### **Custodian**

CIBC Mellon Trust is the custodian of each ETF's assets pursuant to the Custodian Agreement. The Custodian is located in Toronto, Ontario. Pursuant to the Custodian Agreement, the Custodian is required to exercise its duties with the degree of care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in the same circumstances.

Under the Custodian Agreement, an ETF shall pay fees to the Custodian at such rate as determined by the parties from time to time and the Custodian shall be reimbursed for all reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of its duties under the Custodian Agreement. Each ETF shall also indemnify and hold harmless the Custodian, CIBC Mellon Global, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, and the Bank of New York Mellon from any direct loss, damage or expense, including reasonable counsel fees and expenses, arising in connection with the Custodian Agreement, except to the extent such direct loss, damage or expense, including reasonable counsel fees and

expenses is caused by a breach of the Standard of Care by the Custodian, CIBC Mellon Global, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, and the Bank of New York Mellon, or a permitted agent or assignee of the foregoing.

The parties to the Custodian Agreement may terminate the Custodian Agreement without any penalty upon at least ninety (90) days' written notice to the other parties, or immediately, if any party becomes insolvent, or makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or a petition in bankruptcy is filed by or against that party and is not discharged within thirty (30) days, or proceedings for the appointment of a receiver for that party are commenced and not discontinued within thirty (30) days. The Manager may terminate the Custodian Agreement immediately upon written notice to the other parties and without penalty if the Custodian no longer satisfies the requirements to act as a custodian of the ETFs, as such requirements are set out in NI 81-102 and National Instrument 41-101 – *General Prospectus Requirements*.

### **Valuation Agent**

The Manager has retained CIBC Mellon Global, to provide accounting services in respect of the ETFs pursuant to a valuation services agreement.

### **Auditors**

KPMG LLP is the auditor of the ETFs. The office of the auditors is located at 333 Bay Street, Suite 4600, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 2S5.

### **Transfer Agent and Registrar**

TSX Trust Company, at its principal offices in Toronto, Ontario is the registrar and transfer agent for Units of the ETFs pursuant to registrar and transfer agency agreements. TSX Trust Company is independent of the Manager.

### **Promoter**

The Manager took the initiative in founding and organizing the ETFs and is accordingly the promoter of the ETFs within the meaning of securities legislation of certain provinces and territories of Canada. The Manager, in its capacity as manager of the ETFs, receives compensation from the ETFs. See "Fees and Expenses".

### **Securities Lending Agents**

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce ("**CIBC**") is a securities lending agent for the ETFs pursuant to a securities lending agreement (the "**CIBC SLA**").

CIBC is located in Toronto, Ontario. CIBC is independent of the Manager. The CIBC SLA requires that the collateral delivered in connection with a securities loan have an aggregate value of not less than 102% of the value of the loaned securities (or, if higher, the percentage of the aggregate market value of loaned securities in accordance with prevailing best market practices). The CIBC SLA requires CIBC and certain CIBC affiliates to indemnify each ETF against, among other things, the failure of CIBC to perform its obligations under the CIBC SLA. A party to the CIBC SLA may terminate the CIBC SLA upon 30 days' notice.

### **Accounting and Reporting**

An ETF's fiscal year will be the calendar year or such other fiscal period permitted under the Tax Act as that ETF elects. The annual financial statements of an ETF shall be audited by that ETF's auditors in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. The auditors will be asked to report on the fair presentation of the annual financial statements in accordance with GAAP. The Manager will arrange for an ETF's compliance with all applicable reporting and administrative requirements.

The Manager will keep, or arrange for the keeping of, adequate books and records reflecting the activities of an ETF. A Unitholder or his or her duly authorized representative will have the right to examine the books and records

of an ETF during normal business hours at the offices of the Manager or such other location as the Manager shall determine. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Unitholder shall not have access to any information that, in the opinion of the Manager, should be kept confidential in the interests of an ETF.

### CALCULATION OF NET ASSET VALUE

The net asset value per unit of an ETF will be computed by adding up the cash, securities and other assets of the ETF, less the liabilities and dividing the value of the net assets of the ETF by the total number of Units of the ETF that are outstanding. The net asset value per Unit of an ETF so determined will be adjusted to the nearest cent per Unit and will remain in effect until the time as at which the next determination of the net asset value per Unit of the ETF is made. The net asset value per Unit of an ETF will be calculated on each Valuation Day.

Typically, the net asset value per Unit of an ETF will be calculated at its applicable Valuation Time. The net asset value per Unit of an ETF may be determined at an earlier Valuation Time if the TSX and/or the principal exchange for the securities held by the ETF closes earlier on that Valuation Day.

### Valuation Policies and Procedures of the ETFs

The Manager uses the following valuation procedures in determining an ETF's "**net asset value**" and "**net asset value per Unit**" on each Valuation Day:

1. The value of any cash on hand, on deposit or on call, bills and notes and accounts receivable, prepaid expenses, cash dividends to be received and interest accrued and not yet received, will be deemed to be the face amount thereof, unless the Manager determines that any such deposit, call loan, bill, note or account receivable is not worth the face amount thereof, in which event the value thereof will be deemed to be such value as the Manager determines, on such basis and in such manner as may be approved by the board of directors of the Manager to be the reasonable value thereof.
2. The value of any security, commodity or interest therein which is listed or dealt in upon a stock exchange will be determined by:
  - (a) in the case of securities which were traded on that Valuation Day, the price of such securities as determined at the applicable Valuation Time; and
  - (b) in the case of securities not traded on that Valuation Day, a price estimated to be the true value thereof by the Manager on such basis and in such manner as may be approved of by the board of directors of the Manager, such price being between the closing asked and bid prices for the securities or interest therein as reported by any report in common use or authorized as official by a stock exchange.
3. Long positions in clearing corporation options, options on futures, over-the-counter options, debt-like securities and listed warrants will be valued at the current market value thereof. Where a covered clearing corporation option, option on futures or over-the-counter option is written, the premium received shall be reflected as a deferred credit which shall be valued at an amount equal to the current market value of the clearing corporation option, option on futures or over-the-counter option that would have the effect of closing the position. Any difference resulting from any revaluation shall be treated as an unrealized gain or loss on investment. The deferred credit shall be deducted in arriving at the net asset value of such instrument. The securities, if any, which are the subject of a written clearing corporation option or over-the-counter option shall be valued at the current market value. The fair value of a futures contract, swap or forward contract is the gain or loss with respect thereto that would be realized if, on that Valuation Day, the position in the futures contract, swap or forward contract, as the case may be, were to be closed out unless, in the case of a futures contract or forward contract, "daily limits" are in effect, in which case fair value shall be based on the current market value of the underlying interest. Margin paid or deposited in respect of futures contracts and forward contracts are reflected as an account receivable and margin consisting of assets other than cash is noted as held as margin.

4. In the case of any security or property for which no price quotations are available as provided above, the value thereof will be determined from time to time by the Manager, where applicable, in accordance with the principles described in paragraph 2(b) above, except that the Manager may use, for the purpose of determining the sale price or the asked and bid price of such security or interest, any public quotations in common use which may be available, or where such principles are not applicable, in such manner as may be approved of by the board of directors of the Manager.
5. The liabilities of an ETF will include:
  - all bills, notes and accounts payable of which the ETF is an obligor;
  - all brokerage expenses of the ETF;
  - all Management Fees of the ETF;
  - all contractual obligations of the ETF for the payment of money or property, including the amount of any unpaid distribution credited to Unitholders of the ETF on or before that Valuation Day;
  - all allowances of the ETF authorized or approved by the Manager for taxes (if any) or contingencies; and
  - all other liabilities of the ETF of whatsoever kind and nature.
6. Each transaction of purchase or sale of a portfolio asset effected by an ETF shall be reflected by no later than the next time that the net asset value of the ETF and the net asset value per Unit of the ETF is calculated.

In calculating the net asset value of an ETF, the ETF will generally value its investments based on the market value of its investments at the time the net asset value of the ETF is calculated. If no market value is available for an investment of the ETF or if the Manager determines that such value is inappropriate in the circumstances (i.e. when the value of an investment of the ETF has been materially changed by effects occurring after the market closes), the Manager will value such investments using methods that have generally been adopted by the marketplace. Fair valuing the investments of an ETF may be appropriate if: (i) market quotations do not accurately reflect the fair value of an investment; (ii) an investment's value has been materially affected by events occurring after the close of the exchange or market on which the investment is principally traded; (iii) a trading halt closes an exchange or market early; or (iv) other events result in an exchange or market delaying its normal close. The risk in fair valuing an investment of an ETF is that the value of the investment may be higher or lower than the price that the ETF may be able to realize if the investment had to be sold.

In determining the net asset value of an ETF, Units of the ETF subscribed for will be deemed to be outstanding and an asset of the ETF as of the time a subscription for such Units is received by and accepted by the Manager. Units of an ETF that are being redeemed will only be deemed to be outstanding until (and not after) the close of business on the day on which such Units of the ETF are redeemed and the redemption proceeds thereafter, until paid, will be a liability of the ETF.

For the purposes of financial statement reporting, an ETF is required to calculate net asset value in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) and NI 81-106.

### **Reporting of Net Asset Value**

Persons or companies that wish to be provided with the most recent net asset value per Unit of an ETF may call the Manager at 416-933-5745 or at 1-866-641-5739, or check the Manager's website at [www.horizonsetfs.com](http://www.horizonsetfs.com).

## ATTRIBUTES OF THE SECURITIES

### Description of the Securities Distributed

Each ETF is authorized to issue an unlimited number of redeemable, transferable Units designated as Class E Units pursuant to this prospectus, each of which represents an equal, undivided interest in the net assets of the ETF.

On December 16, 2004, the *Trust Beneficiaries' Liability Act, 2004* (Ontario) came into force. This statute provides that holders of units of a trust are not, as beneficiaries, liable for any, default, obligation or liability of the trust if, when the default occurs or the liability arises: (i) the trust is a reporting issuer under the *Securities Act* (Ontario); and (ii) the trust is governed by the laws of Ontario. Each ETF is a reporting issuer under the *Securities Act* (Ontario) prior to the initial issuance of Units of each such ETF and each ETF is governed by the laws of Ontario by virtue of the provisions of the Trust Declaration.

Each Unit of an ETF entitles the owner to one vote at meetings of Unitholders of the ETF or of that class of Units. Each Unit of an ETF is entitled to participate equally with all other Units of the ETF with respect to all payments made to Unitholders of the ETF, other than Management Fee Distributions and income or capital gains allocated and designated as payable to a redeeming Unitholder, whether by way of income or capital gains 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, when issued, in accordance with the terms of the Trust Declaration. Unitholders of an ETF are entitled to require the ETF to redeem their Units of the ETF as outlined under the heading "Redemption of Units".

### Redemption of PNU(s) for Cash

Unitholders may redeem the applicable PNU (or a whole multiple thereof) of an ETF on any Trading Day for cash, subject to the requirement that a minimum PNU be redeemed. See "Redemption of Units".

### Redemptions of Units for Cash

On any Trading Day, Unitholders may redeem Units for cash at a redemption price per Unit equal to 95% of the closing price for the Units on the TSX on the effective day of the redemption. See "Redemption of Units".

### Stock Exchange Sponsored Net Asset Value Execution Program

Subject to regulatory and other necessary third party approvals, a stock exchange sponsored execution program may become available which would allow investors to purchase and sell Units of each ETF based on transaction prices calculated as at the end-of-day net asset value, plus any fee payable to the investor's Dealer for the Dealer's facilitation of the purchase or sale. The Manager will issue a news release announcing the details of any such stock exchange sponsored execution program.

### Modification of Terms

Any amendment to the Trust Declaration of the ETFs that creates a new class of units of the ETFs will not require notice to existing Unitholders of the ETFs unless such amendment in some way affects the existing Unitholders' rights or the value of their investment. An amendment such as the re-designation of a class of units of the ETFs, or the termination of a class of units of the ETFs, which has an effect on a Unitholder's holdings will only become effective after 30 days' notice to Unitholders of the applicable classes of units of the ETFs.

All other rights attached to the Units of the ETFs may only be modified, amended or varied in accordance with the terms of the Trust Declaration. See "Unitholder Matters – Amendments to the Trust Declaration".

### Voting Rights in the Portfolio Securities

Holders of Units will not have any voting rights in respect of the securities in an ETF's portfolio.

## UNITHOLDER MATTERS

### Meetings of Unitholders

A meeting of Unitholders of an ETF, other than Horizons HGY, may be convened by the Manager by a written requisition specifying the purpose of the meeting and must be convened if requisitioned by Unitholders of the ETF holding not less than 25% of the Units then outstanding by a written requisition specifying the purpose of the meeting. In the case of Horizons HGY, such a meeting may be convened if requisitioned by Unitholders holding not less than 10% of the Units then outstanding.

Not less than 21 days' and not more than 50 days' notice will be given of any meeting of Unitholders of an ETF. The quorum at any such meeting is at least two (2) Unitholders of such ETF present in person or by proxy except for the purpose of any meeting called to consider item (iv) below under "Matters Requiring Unitholder Approval" in which case the quorum shall be at least two (2) Unitholders of the ETF holding 15% of the outstanding Units of the ETF. If no quorum is present at such meeting when called, the meeting, if called on the requisition of Unitholders or for the purpose of item (iv), will be terminated and otherwise may be adjourned for not less than 48 hours and at the adjourned meeting the Unitholders of such ETF then present in person or represented by proxy will form the necessary quorum. At any meeting of Unitholders of an ETF, each Unitholder of the ETF will be entitled to one (1) vote for each whole unit registered in the Unitholder's name.

The ETFs do not intend to hold annual meetings of Unitholders.

### Matters Requiring Unitholder Approval

NI 81-102 requires a meeting of Unitholders of an ETF to be called to approve certain changes as follows:

- (i) the basis of the calculation of a fee or expense that is charged to the ETF or its Unitholders is changed in a way that could result in an increase in charges to the ETF or to its Unitholders, except where:
  - (A) the ETF is at arm's length with the person or company charging the fee; and
  - (B) the Unitholders have received at least 60 days' notice before the effective date of the change;
- (ii) a fee or expense, to be charged to an ETF or directly to its Unitholders by the ETF or the Manager in connection with the holding of Units of the ETF that could result in an increase in charges to the ETF or its Unitholders, is introduced;
- (iii) the Manager is changed, unless the new manager of the ETF is an affiliate of the Manager;
- (iv) the fundamental investment objective of the ETF is changed;
- (v) the ETF decreases the frequency of the calculation of its net asset value per Unit;
- (vi) the ETF undertakes a reorganization with, or transfers its assets to, another mutual fund, if the ETF ceases to continue after the reorganization or transfer of assets and the transaction results in the Unitholders of the ETF becoming securityholders in the other mutual fund, unless:
  - (A) the IRC of the ETF has approved the change in accordance with NI 81-107;
  - (B) the ETF is being reorganized with, or its assets are being transferred to, another mutual fund to which NI 81-102 and NI 81-107 apply, and that is managed by the Manager, or an affiliate of the Manager;

- (C) the Unitholders have received at least 60 days' notice before the effective date of the change; and
- (D) the transaction complies with certain other requirements of applicable securities legislation;
- (vii) the ETF undertakes a reorganization with, or acquires assets from, another mutual fund, if the ETF continues after the reorganization or acquisition of assets, the transaction results in the securityholders of the other mutual fund becoming Unitholders, and the transaction would be a material change to the ETF;
- (viii) the ETF implements a restructuring into a non-redeemable investment fund or a restructuring into an issuer that is not an investment fund; or
- (ix) any matter which is required by the constitutive documents of the ETF, by the laws applicable to the ETF or by any agreement to be submitted to a vote of the Unitholders.

In addition, the auditors of an ETF may not be changed unless:

- (i) the IRC of the ETF has approved the change; and
- (ii) Unitholders have received at least 60 days' notice before the effective date of the change.

Approval of Unitholders will be deemed to have been given if expressed by resolution passed at a meeting of Unitholders, duly called on at least 21 days' notice and held for the purpose of considering the same, by at least a majority of the votes cast.

#### **Amendments to the Trust Declaration**

If a Unitholder meeting is required to amend a provision of the Trust Declaration, no change proposed at a meeting of Unitholders of an ETF shall take effect until the Manager has obtained the prior approval of not less than a majority of the votes cast at a meeting of the Unitholders, or, if separate class meetings are required, at meetings of each class of Unitholders of the ETF.

Subject to any longer notice requirements imposed under securities legislation, the Trustee is entitled to amend the Trust Declaration by giving not less than 30 days' notice to Unitholders affected by the proposed amendment in circumstances where:

- (a) the securities legislation requires that written notice be given to Unitholders before the change takes effect;
- (b) the change would not be prohibited by the securities legislation; and
- (c) the Trustee reasonably believes that the proposed amendment has the potential to adversely impact the financial interests or rights of the Unitholders, so that it is equitable to give Unitholders advance notice of the proposed change.

All Unitholders of the ETFs shall be bound by an amendment affecting the ETFs from the effective date of the amendment.

The Trustee may amend the Trust Declaration, without the approval of or prior notice to any Unitholders of the ETFs, if the Trustee reasonably believes that the proposed amendment does not have the potential to adversely impact the financial interests or rights of Unitholders of the ETFs or that the proposed amendment is necessary:

- (a) to ensure compliance with applicable laws, regulations or policies of any governmental authority having jurisdiction over the ETFs or the distribution of Units;

- (b) to remove any conflicts or other inconsistencies which may exist between any terms of the Trust Declaration and any provisions of any applicable laws, regulations or policies affecting the ETFs, the Trustee or its agents;
- (c) to make any change or correction in the Trust Declaration which is a typographical correction or is required to cure or correct any ambiguity or defective or inconsistent provision, clerical omission or error contained therein;
- (d) to facilitate the administration of the ETFs as mutual fund trusts or make amendments or adjustments in response to any existing or proposed amendments to the Tax Act or its administration which might otherwise adversely affect the tax status of the ETFs or their Unitholders;
- (e) for the purposes of protecting the Unitholders;
- (f) from and after the effective date of the conversion of the Fund to an exchange traded fund, to delete any provisions which have application only prior to the effective date of such conversion; or
- (g) to make such modifications as may be necessary or desirable in connection with the termination of a forward agreement as a result of the termination of the applicable ETF pursuant to the terms of the Trust Declaration.

### **Reporting to Unitholders**

The Manager, on behalf of an ETF, will, in accordance with applicable laws, furnish to each Unitholder, unaudited semi-annual financial statements and an interim management report of fund performance for the ETF within 60 days of the end of each semi-annual period and audited annual financial statements and an annual management report of fund performance for the ETF within 90 days of the end of each financial year. Both the semi-annual and the annual financial statements of the ETF will contain a statement of net assets, a statement of operations, a statement of changes in net assets, a statement of cashflows (unless it is not required by GAAP) and a statement of investment portfolio.

Any tax information necessary for Unitholders to prepare their annual federal income tax returns in respect of their investment in Units will also be distributed to them within 90 days after the end of each taxation year of the ETFs or such other time as required by applicable law. Neither the Manager nor the Registrar and Transfer Agent are responsible for tracking the adjusted cost base of a Unitholder's Units. Unitholders should consult with their tax or investment adviser in respect of how to compute the adjusted cost base of their Units and in particular how designations made by the ETF to a Unitholder affect the Unitholder's tax position.

The net asset value per Unit of each ETF will be determined by the Manager on each Valuation Day and will usually be published daily in the financial press.

### ***Exchange of Tax Information***

Part XVIII of the Tax Act, which was enacted to implement the Canada-United States Enhanced Tax Information Exchange Act, imposes due diligence and reporting obligations on "reporting Canadian financial institutions" in respect of their "U.S. reportable accounts". Each ETF is a "reporting Canadian financial institution" but as long as Units are "regularly traded" on an "established securities market" (which currently includes the TSX), or are registered in the name of CDS, the ETFs should not have any "U.S. reportable accounts" and, as a result, should not be required to provide information to the CRA in respect of its Unitholders. However, dealers through which Unitholders hold their Units are subject to due diligence and reporting obligations with respect to financial accounts they maintain for their clients. Accordingly, Unitholders may be requested to provide information to their dealer to identify U.S. persons holding Units or otherwise identify "U.S. reportable accounts". If a Unitholder is a U.S. person (including a U.S. citizen), Units are otherwise "U.S. reportable accounts" or if a Unitholder does not provide the requested information, Part XVIII of the Tax Act will generally require information about the Unitholder's

investments held in the financial account maintained by the dealer to be reported to the CRA, unless the investments are held within a Plan. The CRA is expected to provide that information to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

Reporting obligations in Part XIX of the Tax Act have been enacted to implement the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development Common Reporting Standard (the “**CRS Rules**”). Pursuant to the CRS Rules, “Canadian financial institutions” (as defined in the CRS Rules) would be required to have procedures in place to identify accounts held by residents of foreign countries (other than the U.S.) or by certain entities the “controlling persons” of which are resident in a foreign country (other than the U.S.) and to report required information to the CRA. Such information would be exchanged on a reciprocal, bilateral basis with countries that have agreed to a bilateral information exchange with Canada under the Common Reporting Standard and in which the account holders or such controlling persons are resident. Under the CRS Rules, Unitholders are required to provide certain information regarding their investment in an ETF for the purpose of such information exchange unless the investment is held within a Plan.

### **TERMINATION OF THE ETFs**

Subject to complying with applicable securities law, the Manager may terminate an ETF or a class of an ETF at its discretion. In accordance with the terms of the Trust Declaration and applicable securities law, Unitholders of an ETF will be provided 60 days’ advance written notice of the termination.

If an ETF or a class of an ETF is terminated, the Trustee is empowered to take all steps necessary to effect the termination. Prior to terminating an ETF or a class, the Trustee may discharge all of the liabilities of the ETF or the class, as applicable, and distribute the net assets of the ETF or the class to the Unitholders.

Upon termination of an ETF or a class of an ETF, each Unitholder of the ETF or the class, as applicable, shall be entitled to receive, at the Valuation Time on the termination date, out of the assets of the ETF or the class: (i) payment for that Unitholder’s Units at the net asset value per Unit for that class of Units of the ETF determined at the Valuation Time on the termination date; plus (ii) where applicable, any net income and net realized capital gains that are owing to, or otherwise attributable to, such Unitholder’s Units that have not otherwise been paid to such Unitholder; less (iii) any applicable administration charges and any taxes that are required to be deducted. Payment shall be made by cheque or other means of payment payable to such Unitholder and drawn on the ETF’s bankers and may be mailed by ordinary post to such Unitholder’s last address appearing in the registers of Unitholders of that ETF or may be delivered by such other means of delivery acceptable to both the Manager and such Unitholder.

### **Procedure on Termination**

The Trustee shall be entitled to retain out of any assets of an ETF, at the date of termination of the ETF, full provision for all costs, charges, expenses, claims and demands incurred or believed by the Trustee to be due or to become due in connection with, or arising out of, the termination of the ETF and the distribution of its assets to the Unitholders of the ETF. Out of the moneys so retained, the Trustee is entitled to be indemnified and saved harmless against all costs, charges, expenses, claims and demands.

### **PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION**

Units of each ETF are being offered or will be offered for sale on a continuous basis by this prospectus and there is no minimum number of Units of an ETF that may be issued. The Units of each ETF shall be offered for sale at a price equal to the net asset value of such Units next determined following the receipt of a subscription order.

Units of the ETFs are currently listed on the TSX.

### **BROKERAGE ARRANGEMENTS**

The Manager is authorized to establish, maintain, change and close brokerage accounts on behalf of the ETFs. The Manager intends to use a number of clearing brokers to transact trades in futures contracts on behalf of the ETFs.

Once such brokerage accounts are established, the Manager negotiates commissions and fees to be paid on such brokerage transactions, subject to a continuing obligation to seek and obtain the best price, execution and overall terms.

### **RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ETFs AND DEALERS**

The Manager, on behalf of an ETF, may enter into various Dealer Agreements with registered dealers (that may or may not be the Designated Broker) pursuant to which the Dealers may subscribe for Units of the ETF as described under “Purchases of Units”. Such registered dealers may be related to the Manager. See “Organization and Management Details of the ETFs - Conflicts of Interest”.

A Dealer Agreement may be terminated by the registered dealer at any time by notice to Horizons, provided that, except in certain conditions, no such termination will be permitted after the registered dealer has subscribed for Units of the ETF and such subscription has been accepted by Horizons.

NBF acts or may act as a Designated Broker, a Dealer and/or a registered trader (market maker). NBF’s potential role as a Designated Broker and/or Dealer of an ETF will not be as an underwriter of the ETF in connection with the distribution of Units of the ETF under this prospectus. NBF has not been involved in the preparation of this prospectus nor has it performed any review of the contents of this prospectus. See “Organization and Management Details of the ETFs - Conflicts of Interest”.

### **PRINCIPAL HOLDERS OF UNITS OF THE ETFs**

CDS & Co., the nominee of CDS, is the registered owner of the Units the ETFs, which it holds for various brokers and other persons on behalf of their clients and others. From time to time, a designated broker, an ETF or another investment fund managed by the Manager or an affiliate thereof, may beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than 10% of the Units of an ETF.

### **PROXY VOTING DISCLOSURE FOR PORTFOLIO UNITS HELD**

The Manager is responsible for all securities voting in respect of securities held by the ETFs and exercising responsibility with the best economic interests of the ETFs and the Unitholders of the ETFs. The Manager has established proxy voting policies, procedures and guidelines (the “Proxy Voting Policy”) for securities held by the ETFs to which voting rights are attached. The Proxy Voting Policy is intended to provide for the exercise of such voting rights in accordance with the best interests of the ETFs and the Unitholders of the ETFs, while intending to defend, reflect and promote decisions or actions which meet generally accepted standards of Environmental, Social, and Governance (“ESG”) criteria established by the Manager, or are expected to move a company closer to these goals.

The Manager believes in taking an active role in the corporate governance of the underlying investments of the ETFs, through the corporate proxy and voting processes of those underlying investments. When voting the proxies relating to the companies that are the underlying investments of the ETFs, Horizons will, among other things, be focused on supporting and promoting the options that, in the Manager’s view, reflect the Manager’s pre-determined ESG standards and also achieve the best result for the ETFs and the Unitholders of the ETFs. ESG refers to the three central factors in measuring the sustainability and ethical impact of a company or business. As a general matter, the Proxy Voting Policies of the Manager promote companies that (i) engage in activities or changes that can result in a decrease in pollution and carbon footprint, sustaining biodiversity, improving waste disposal and forest management and more effective land management, (ii) implement employment practices and policies that promote women in management and on boards of directors, promote equality, inclusion and that protect members of the public regardless of age, sex, marital status, colour, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender or gender identity, religion or disability of any nature, and (iii) practice “good governance”, including through compliance, promotion of fair and impartial rules, consensus oriented management, principles of transparency, accountability, effective risk management and efficient management and processes.

The Proxy Voting Policy sets out the guidelines and procedures that the Manager will follow to determine whether and how to vote on any matter for which the ETF receives proxy materials. Issuers' proxies most frequently contain routine proposals to elect directors, to appoint independent auditors, establish independent compensation committees, to approve executive compensation and stock-based compensation plans and to amend the capitalization structure of the issuer. Specific details on the Manager's consideration of these routine matters are discussed in greater detail in the Proxy Voting Policy, which is available upon request at no cost by calling or emailing the Manager as further described below. Other issues, including those business issues specific to the issuer or those raised by shareholders of the issuer, are assessed by the Manager on a case-by-case basis with a focus on the potential impact of the vote on the Proxy Voting Policy's ESG objectives and the best interests of the ETFs and the Unitholders of the ETFs.

If the potential for conflict of interest arises in connection with proxy voting and if deemed advisable to maintain impartiality, the Proxy Voting Policy provides that the Manager may choose to seek out and follow the voting recommendation of an independent proxy search and voting service.

The Proxy Voting Policy is available on request, at no cost, by calling the Manager toll-free at 1-866-641-5739 or emailing the Manager at [info@HorizonsETFs.com](mailto:info@HorizonsETFs.com). The proxy voting record of the ETFs for the annual period from July 1 to June 30 will be available free of charge to any investor of the ETFs upon request at any time after August 31 following the end of that annual period. The proxy voting record of the ETFs will also be available on our Internet site at [www.HorizonsETFs.com](http://www.HorizonsETFs.com).

#### **MATERIAL CONTRACTS**

The only contracts material to the ETFs are the:

- (a) **Trust Declaration.** For additional disclosure related to the Trust Declaration, including relevant termination provisions and other key terms of the agreement, see "Organization and Management Details of the ETFs – The Trustee", "Attributes of the Securities – Modification of Terms" and "Unitholder Matters – Amendments to the Trust Declaration";
- (b) **Custodian Agreement.** For additional disclosure related to the Custodian Agreement, including relevant termination provisions and other key terms of the agreement, see "Organization and Management Details of the ETFs – Custodian".

Copies of these agreements may be examined at the head office of the Manager of the ETFs, 55 University Avenue, Suite 800, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2H7, during normal business hours.

#### **LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS**

The ETFs are not involved in any legal proceedings, nor is the Manager aware of existing or pending legal or arbitration proceedings involving the ETFs.

#### **EXPERTS**

KPMG LLP, the auditors of the ETFs, has consented to the use of their reports each dated March 13, 2019 to the Unitholders of the ETFs. KPMG LLP have confirmed that they are independent with respect to the ETFs within the meaning of the relevant rules and related interpretations prescribed by the relevant professional bodies in Canada and any applicable legislation or regulations.

## EXEMPTIONS AND APPROVALS

The ETFs are entitled to rely on exemptive relief from the Securities Regulatory Authorities to:

- (a) permit a Unitholder to acquire more than 20% of the Units through purchases on the TSX without regard to the takeover bid requirements of applicable Canadian securities legislation. See “Purchases of Units – Buying and Selling Units”;
- (b) relieve the ETFs from the requirement that the prospectus of the ETFs include an underwriter’s certificate;
- (c) relieve an ETF from the dealer registration requirement provided that the Manager complies with Part 15 of NI 81-102;
- (d) permit the ETF to lend up to 100% of its investment portfolio to qualified borrowers;
- (e) permit the ETFs to invest in Exchange Traded Products that issue Commodity Participation Units including Exchange Traded Products managed the Manager and advised by the Manager; and
- (f) permit an ETF to lend securities with a lending agent that is not the Custodian.

## OTHER MATERIAL FACTS

### Conversion of Horizons HGY into an Exchange Traded Fund

Horizons HGY was established as a closed-end fund named the “Horizons Gold Yield Fund”. Pursuant to the terms of the Trust Declaration, the class A units and class F units of the Fund converted into Class E Units of Horizons HGY on February 27, 2012.

## PURCHASERS’ STATUTORY RIGHTS OF WITHDRAWAL AND RESCISSION

Securities legislation in certain of the provinces and territories of Canada provides purchasers with the right to withdraw from an agreement to purchase ETF securities within 48 hours after the receipt of a confirmation of a purchase of such securities. In several of the provinces and territories, the securities legislation further provides a purchaser with remedies for rescission or, in some jurisdictions, revisions of the price or damages if the prospectus and any amendment contains a misrepresentation, or non-delivery of the ETF Facts, provided that the remedies for rescission, revisions of the price or damages are exercised by the purchaser within the time limit prescribed by the securities legislation of the purchaser’s province or territory.

The purchaser should refer to the applicable provisions of the securities legislation of the province or territory for the particulars of these rights or should consult with a legal adviser.

## DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Additional information about each ETF is or will be available in the following documents:

- (a) the most recently filed comparative annual financial statements of that ETF, together with the accompanying report of the auditor;
- (b) any interim financial statements of that ETF filed after the most recently filed annual financial statements of that ETF;
- (c) the most recently filed annual management report of fund performance of that ETF;
- (d) any interim management report of fund performance of that ETF filed after the most recently filed annual management report of fund performance of that ETF; and

- (e) the most recently filed ETF Facts of that ETF.

These documents are incorporated by reference into this prospectus, which means that they legally form part of this document just as if they were printed as part of this document. You can obtain a copy of these documents, at your request, and at no cost, by calling toll-free: 1-866-641-5739 or by contacting your dealer. These documents are available on the ETFs' Internet site at [www.HorizonsETFs.com](http://www.HorizonsETFs.com). These documents and other information about the ETFs are also available on the Internet at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

In addition to the documents listed above, any documents of the type described above that are filed on behalf of the ETFs after the date of this prospectus and before the termination of the distribution of the ETFs are deemed to be incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

**HORIZONS GOLD YIELD ETF  
HORIZONS NATURAL GAS YIELD ETF  
(THE “ETFs”)**

**CERTIFICATE OF THE ETFs, THE MANAGER AND PROMOTER**

Dated: March 9, 2020

This prospectus, together with the documents incorporated herein by reference, constitutes full, true and plain disclosure of all material facts relating to the securities offered by this prospectus as required by the securities legislation of all of the provinces and territories of Canada.

**HORIZONS ETFs MANAGEMENT (CANADA) INC.,  
AS TRUSTEE, MANAGER AND PROMOTER OF THE ETFs**

(signed) “*Steven J. Hawkins*”

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Steven J. Hawkins  
Chief Executive Officer

(signed) “*Julie Stajan*”

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Julie Stajan  
Chief Financial Officer

**ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF HORIZONS ETFs MANAGEMENT (CANADA) INC.**

(signed) “*Wan Youn Cho*”

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Wan Youn Cho  
Director

(signed) “*Thomas Park*”

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Thomas Park  
Director