

# Evolve Enhanced Yield Mid Term Bond Fund

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Annual Management Report of Fund Performance

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## Investment Objective and Strategies

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The Evolve Enhanced Yield Mid Term Bond Fund (the "Fund") seeks to provide Unitholders with attractive monthly income and long-term capital appreciation by targeting a medium duration fixed income portfolio by investing primarily in fixed income ETFs or fixed income securities issued in either the United States or Canada. To enhance yield, as well as to mitigate risk and reduce volatility, the Fund will employ a covered call option writing program at the discretion of the Manager. The level of covered call option writing may vary based on market volatility and other factors.

## Risk

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There were no changes to the Fund over the period of this report that materially affected the level of risk associated with an investment in the Fund. Prospective investors should read the Fund's most recent prospectus and consider the description of risks contained therein.

## Results of Operations

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Since the Hedged, Unhedged and US Dollar Unhedged ETF Units of the Fund effectively began operations on March 27, 2025, and the Hedged Class A and F Mutual Fund Units of the Fund effectively began operations on April 9, 2025, no performance data can be shown. The Fund's net assets were \$16.7MM as at December 31, 2025.

For the period ended December 31, 2025, the Fund generated an increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units from operations of \$1,164,414. The Fund distributed \$1,910,486 to unitholders during the year. The decision to make distributions exceeding earnings was made by Evolve Funds Group Inc. (the "Manager"), due to the following factors:

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

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

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

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

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

## Portfolio Manager Commentary

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U.S. Treasuries delivered a strong performance in 2025, though the year was marked by periods of heightened volatility and policy-driven uncertainty.

After a strong start to the year, markets reached a major inflection point in early April following the White House's announcement of sweeping reciprocal tariffs on what became known as "Liberation Day." The move triggered a sharp steepening of the yield curve, as longer-dated Treasuries absorbed the bulk of the selloff amid concerns around growth, inflation, and fiscal sustainability.<sup>1</sup>

In May, Moody's downgraded the U.S. sovereign credit rating by one notch, citing the continued rise in government debt and interest costs. While the immediate market reaction was muted given prior downgrades by Fitch in 2023 and S&P in 2011, the decision was symbolically significant, ending more than a century of uninterrupted top-tier credit status.<sup>2</sup> Additional fiscal concerns emerged with the introduction of President Donald Trump's new U.S. tax bill, reinforcing expectations for wider deficits and sustained debt growth.<sup>3</sup>

By early summer, sentiment began to improve. Inflation readings surprised to the downside for a fourth consecutive month, strengthening confidence in a sustained disinflationary trend and increasing expectations for monetary easing.<sup>4</sup> Although the Federal Reserve held rates steady through the first half of the year, it signalled growing flexibility by updating its projections to reflect potential rate cuts later in the year.<sup>5</sup>

That shift materialized in the second half. The Federal Reserve began easing policy in September, followed by additional cuts in October and December, ending the year with a policy rate of 3.75%.<sup>6</sup> As rate cuts took hold and macroeconomic indicators became more supportive, U.S. Treasuries recovered strongly, turning early-year volatility into a tailwind.

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(1) <https://theweek.com/business/economy/us-treasuries-investors-liberation-day>

(2) <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c4ge0xk4ld1o>

(3) <https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/investing/2025/05/22/trump-big-beautiful-tax-bill-bond-investors/83787425007/>

(4) <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2025-06-11/us-core-inflation-rises-less-than-forecast-for-fourth-month>

(5) <https://www.cnbc.com/2025/06/18/fed-rate-decision-june-2025-.html>

(6) <https://www.reuters.com/business/fed-expected-cut-rates-may-signal-coming-pause-2025-12-10/>

## Recent Developments

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

## Related Party Transactions

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

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

## Management Fees

The Manager is entitled to an annual management fee of 0.45% of the net asset value of the Hedged, Unhedged, and US Dollar Unhedged ETF Units and the Hedged Class F Mutual Fund Units of the Fund, accrued daily and generally paid monthly in arrears. The Manager is entitled to an annual management fee of 1.20% of the net asset value of the Hedged Class A Mutual Fund Units of the Fund, accrued daily and generally paid monthly in arrears. For the year ended December 31, 2025, the Fund incurred \$10,318 in management fees. These management fees were received by the Manager for the day-to-day operations of the fund, including managing the portfolio, maintaining portfolio systems used to manage the Fund, maintaining the [www.evolveetfs.com](http://www.evolveetfs.com) website, and providing all other services including marketing and promotion.

## Administration Fees

The administration fees are calculated based on 0.15% per annum of the average daily net asset value of the Fund. The fees are accrued daily and are generally paid monthly. For the year ended December 31, 2025, the Fund incurred \$32,714 in administration fees. These administration fees were received by the Manager for the following operating expenses of the Fund including but not limited to: mailing and printing expenses for periodic reports to unitholders; Registrar and Transfer Agent and Custodian; any reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred by the Manager or its agents in connection with their ongoing obligations to the Fund; IRC committee member fees and expenses in connection with the IRC; expenses related to compliance with NI 81-107; fees and expenses relating to voting of proxies by a third party; insurance coverage for the members of the IRC; fees payable to the auditors and legal advisors of the Fund; regulatory filing, stock exchange and licensing fees and CDS fees; costs and expenses of complying with all applicable laws, regulations and policies, including expenses and costs incurred in connection with the continuous public filing requirements such as permitted prospectus preparation and filing expenses; and legal, accounting and audit fees and fees and expenses of the Trustee, Custodian and Manager which are incurred in respect of matters not in the normal course of the Fund's activities. The administration fee paid to the Manager by the Fund may, in any particular period, be less than or exceed the operating expenses that the Manager incurs for the Fund.

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## Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help readers understand the Fund's financial performance for the period indicated.

### The Fund's Net Assets Per Unit<sup>1</sup>

|                                                                       | December 31,<br>2025<br>(\$) |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| For the periods ended:                                                |                              |
| <b>Unhedged ETF Units - Net Assets per Unit</b>                       |                              |
| Net Assets per Unit, beginning of period <sup>2</sup>                 | 19.98                        |
| <b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>                           |                              |
| Total revenue                                                         | 1.30                         |
| Total expenses                                                        | (0.05)                       |
| Realized gains (losses)                                               | (0.47)                       |
| Unrealized gains (losses)                                             | 0.09                         |
| <b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>3</sup></b>          | <b>0.87</b>                  |
| <b>Distributions:</b>                                                 |                              |
| Return of capital                                                     | (1.49)                       |
| <b>Total annual distributions<sup>4</sup></b>                         | <b>(1.49)</b>                |
| <b>Net Assets per Unit, end of period</b>                             | <b>18.18</b>                 |
| <b>Hedged ETF Units - Net Assets per Unit</b>                         |                              |
| Net Assets per Unit, beginning of period <sup>2</sup>                 | 19.94                        |
| <b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>                           |                              |
| Total revenue                                                         | 0.34                         |
| Total expenses                                                        | (0.05)                       |
| Realized gains (losses)                                               | 0.02                         |
| Unrealized gains (losses)                                             | 0.27                         |
| <b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>3</sup></b>          | <b>0.58</b>                  |
| <b>Distributions:</b>                                                 |                              |
| Return of capital                                                     | (1.49)                       |
| <b>Total annual distributions<sup>4</sup></b>                         | <b>(1.49)</b>                |
| <b>Net Assets per Unit, end of period</b>                             | <b>18.71</b>                 |
| <b>US Dollar Unhedged ETF Units - Net Assets per Unit<sup>5</sup></b> |                              |
| Net Assets per Unit, beginning of period <sup>2</sup>                 | 28.53                        |
| <b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>                           |                              |
| Total revenue                                                         | 0.85                         |
| Total expenses                                                        | (0.07)                       |
| Realized gains (losses)                                               | (0.54)                       |
| Unrealized gains (losses)                                             | 2.25                         |
| <b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>3</sup></b>          | <b>2.49</b>                  |
| <b>Distributions:</b>                                                 |                              |
| Return of capital                                                     | (2.05)                       |
| <b>Total annual distributions<sup>4</sup></b>                         | <b>(2.05)</b>                |
| <b>Net Assets per Unit, end of period</b>                             | <b>26.02</b>                 |

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## The Fund's Net Assets Per Unit<sup>1</sup> (cont'd)

|                                                              | December 31,<br>2025<br>(\$) |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| For the periods ended:                                       |                              |
| <b>Hedged Class A - Net Assets per Unit</b>                  |                              |
| Net Assets per Unit, beginning of period <sup>2</sup>        | 19.59                        |
| <b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>                  |                              |
| Total revenue                                                | 0.71                         |
| Total expenses                                               | (0.17)                       |
| Realized gains (losses)                                      | (0.18)                       |
| Unrealized gains (losses)                                    | 0.11                         |
| <b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>3</sup></b> | <b>0.47</b>                  |
| <b>Distributions:</b>                                        |                              |
| Return of capital                                            | (1.49)                       |
| <b>Total annual distributions<sup>4</sup></b>                | <b>(1.49)</b>                |
| <b>Net Assets per Unit, end of period</b>                    | <b>18.52</b>                 |
| <b>Hedged Class F - Net Assets per Unit</b>                  |                              |
| Net Assets per Unit, beginning of period <sup>2</sup>        | 19.60                        |
| <b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>                  |                              |
| Total revenue                                                | 0.85                         |
| Total expenses                                               | (0.05)                       |
| Realized gains (losses)                                      | (0.31)                       |
| Unrealized gains (losses)                                    | 0.04                         |
| <b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>3</sup></b> | <b>0.53</b>                  |
| <b>Distributions:</b>                                        |                              |
| Return of capital                                            | (1.49)                       |
| <b>Total annual distributions<sup>4</sup></b>                | <b>(1.49)</b>                |
| <b>Net Assets per Unit, end of period</b>                    | <b>18.52</b>                 |

- 1 This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements as at December 31, 2025. The Hedged, Unhedged and US Dollar Unhedged ETF Units effectively began operations on March 27, 2025. The Hedged Class A and F Mutual Fund Units effectively began operations on April 9, 2025.
- 2 This amount represents the initial launch price.
- 3 Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase (decrease) from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the period.
- 4 Distributions were paid in cash or reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both. Actual distributions may vary slightly owing to rounding.
- 5 Per unit figures are stated in CAD equivalent.

## The Fund's Ratios/Supplemental Data

|                                                                                                         | December 31,<br>2025 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| For the periods ended:                                                                                  |                      |
| <b>Unhedged ETF Units - Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>                                                    |                      |
| Total Net Asset Value (\$) <sup>6</sup>                                                                 | 737,433              |
| Number of units outstanding <sup>6</sup>                                                                | 40,553               |
| Management expense ratio excluding proportion of expenses from underlying investment funds <sup>7</sup> | 0.20%                |
| Management expense ratio <sup>8,11</sup>                                                                | 0.75%                |
| Trading expense ratio <sup>9</sup>                                                                      | 0.14%                |
| Portfolio turnover rate <sup>10</sup>                                                                   | 183.18%              |
| Net Asset Value per unit (\$)                                                                           | 18.18                |
| Closing market price (\$)                                                                               | 18.13                |

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

|                                                                                                         | December 31,<br>2025 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| For the periods ended:                                                                                  |                      |
| <b>Hedged ETF Units - Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>                                                      |                      |
| Total Net Asset Value (\$) <sup>6</sup>                                                                 | 14,517,408           |
| Number of units outstanding <sup>6</sup>                                                                | 775,733              |
| Management expense ratio excluding proportion of expenses from underlying investment funds <sup>7</sup> | 0.21%                |
| Management expense ratio <sup>8,11</sup>                                                                | 0.75%                |
| Trading expense ratio <sup>9</sup>                                                                      | 0.14%                |
| Portfolio turnover rate <sup>10</sup>                                                                   | 183.18%              |
| Net Asset Value per unit (\$)                                                                           | 18.71                |
| Closing market price (\$)                                                                               | 18.72                |
| <b>US Dollar Unhedged ETF Units - Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>                                          |                      |
| Total Net Asset Value (\$) <sup>6</sup>                                                                 | 650,477              |
| Number of units outstanding <sup>6</sup>                                                                | 25,000               |
| Management expense ratio excluding proportion of expenses from underlying investment funds <sup>7</sup> | 0.22%                |
| Management expense ratio <sup>8,11</sup>                                                                | 0.76%                |
| Trading expense ratio <sup>9</sup>                                                                      | 0.14%                |
| Portfolio turnover rate <sup>10</sup>                                                                   | 183.18%              |
| Net Asset Value per unit (\$)                                                                           | 26.02                |
| Closing market price (\$)                                                                               | 26.00                |
| <b>Hedged Class A - Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>                                                        |                      |
| Total Net Asset Value (\$) <sup>6</sup>                                                                 | 493,947              |
| Number of units outstanding <sup>6</sup>                                                                | 26,676               |
| Management expense ratio excluding proportion of expenses from underlying investment funds <sup>7</sup> | 1.04%                |
| Management expense ratio <sup>8,11</sup>                                                                | 1.59%                |
| Trading expense ratio <sup>9</sup>                                                                      | 0.14%                |
| Portfolio turnover rate <sup>10</sup>                                                                   | 183.18%              |
| Net Asset Value per unit (\$)                                                                           | 18.52                |
| <b>Hedged Class F - Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>                                                        |                      |
| Total Net Asset Value (\$) <sup>6</sup>                                                                 | 295,840              |
| Number of units outstanding <sup>6</sup>                                                                | 15,970               |
| Management expense ratio excluding proportion of expenses from underlying investment funds <sup>7</sup> | 0.20%                |
| Management expense ratio <sup>8,11</sup>                                                                | 0.74%                |
| Trading expense ratio <sup>9</sup>                                                                      | 0.14%                |
| Portfolio turnover rate <sup>10</sup>                                                                   | 183.18%              |
| Net Asset Value per unit (\$)                                                                           | 18.52                |

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

7 Management expense ratio excluding proportion of expenses from underlying investment funds is based on total expenses plus harmonized sales tax (excluding distributions, commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period.

8 Management expense ratio ("MER") is based on total expenses plus harmonized sales tax (excluding distributions, commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period.

9 The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of average daily net assets during the period.

10 The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio manager trades its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the period. The higher the Fund's portfolio turnover rate in a period, the greater the trading costs payable by the Fund in the period, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the period. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a fund.

11 The Fund's MER includes an estimated proportion of the MER for any underlying investment funds held in the Fund's portfolio during the period.

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## Past Performance

Since the Hedged, Unhedged and US Dollar Unhedged ETF Units of the Fund are reporting issuers for less than one year, with inception date March 27, 2025, and the Hedged Class A and F Mutual Fund Units are reporting issuers for less than one year, with inception date April 9, 2025, providing performance data for the period is not permitted.

## Summary of Investment Portfolio

### All Positions

|                                 | Percentage of Net<br>Asset Value<br>(%) |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Security                        |                                         |
| Evolve Enhanced Yield Bond Fund | 94.0                                    |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>94.0</b>                             |

### Industry Allocation

| Portfolio by Category             | Percentage of Net<br>Asset Value<br>(%) |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <b>Equities</b>                   |                                         |
| ETFs - United States Fixed Income | 94.0                                    |
| Derivative Assets                 | 0.1                                     |
| Derivative Liabilities            | (0.0)                                   |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents         | 2.5                                     |
| Other Assets, less Liabilities    | 3.4                                     |
| <b>Total</b>                      | <b>100.0</b>                            |

The summary of Investment Portfolio may change due to the ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund. Updates are available quarterly by visiting our website at [www.evolveetfs.com](http://www.evolveetfs.com).



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