

Evolve Canadian Utilities Enhanced Yield Index Fund

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Annual Management Report of Fund Performance

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Investment Objective and Strategies

The Evolve Canadian Utilities Enhanced Yield Index Fund (the "Fund") seeks to provide exposure to an equal-weighted portfolio of primarily Canadian utilities services companies while generating enhanced income through a covered call strategy. The Fund aims to replicate, to the extent reasonably possible and before fees and expenses, up to a 1.25 times multiple of the performance of the Solactive Canada Utility Index (the "Index"), or a successor index. To enhance yield and manage risk, 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 conditions.

Risk

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

Results of Operations

For the year ended December 31, 2025, Unhedged ETF Units returned 18.6% versus the Index return of 17.3%. The Unhedged Class A Mutual Fund Units returned 17.3% and the Unhedged Class F Mutual Fund Units returned 18.6% versus the Index return of 17.3%. For a discussion of the relative performance of the Fund as compared to the respective Index, please refer to the "Annual Compound Return" section in the "Management Discussion of Fund Performance". The Fund's net assets were \$277.1MM 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 \$22,978,216. This compares to (\$3,635,396) for the period ended December 31, 2024. The Fund distributed \$28,356,737 to unitholders during the year (2024 - \$2,561,610). 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.

Leverage

The table below shows the minimum and maximum leverage levels of the Fund for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, as well as the leverage at the end of the reporting period and as a percentage of the Fund's net assets.

The Fund is classified as an "alternative mutual fund" as defined in National Instrument 81-102, Investment Funds ("NI 81-102"). As an alternative mutual fund, the Fund is permitted to lever its assets per the restrictions outlined in NI 81-102. The Fund currently anticipates achieving its investment objectives and creating leverage through the use of cash borrowing. The maximum aggregate exposure of the funds to cash borrowing will not exceed approximately 25% of NAV. In order to ensure that unitholders' risk is limited to the capital invested, the funds' leverage will be rebalanced back to 25% of the funds' NAV within two business days of the funds' leverage exceeding 2% above its target leverage ratio of 25% of NAV.

Leverage Calculation (Investments Market Value/Net Asset Value)

Period Ended	Minimum Leverage	Maximum Leverage	Leverage at the end of the Reporting Period	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
December 31, 2025	1.221 : 1	1.267 : 1	1.236 : 1	123.60
December 31, 2024	1.188 : 1	1.267 : 1	1.247 : 1	124.70

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Portfolio Manager Commentary

The Canadian utilities sector demonstrated notable resilience in 2025, navigating a volatile macroeconomic backdrop defined by shifting interest rates, geopolitical uncertainty, and accelerating demand linked to digital infrastructure. The year began under pressure from elevated borrowing costs, but sentiment improved materially following four interest rate cuts from the Bank of Canada, which lowered the overnight lending rate by a cumulative 100 basis points.¹ These moves supported valuations across capital-intensive sectors such as utilities and reinforced their appeal to income-oriented investors.

Trade policy and tariff uncertainty from the White House emerged as a dominant theme during the year. Utilities, telecommunications, and pipeline companies proved relatively insulated, given their predominantly domestic revenue bases, a factor that helped attract investor capital toward these defensive and resilient sectors.

Structural demand growth remained a defining trend, driven by the rapid expansion of artificial intelligence (AI), cloud computing, and hyperscale data centers across Canada.² Electricity demand from these applications has increased sharply, with data centers now consuming power on the scale of small cities.³ Utilities with access to reliable baseload generation, particularly natural gas, experienced renewed demand from industrial and digital customers.

Looking ahead, the Canadian utilities sector appears well positioned. The potential for further monetary easing, combined with sustained electricity demand from AI and data center development, supports a constructive outlook for the period ahead.

Performance Attribution

For the twelve-month period ending December 31, 2025, Hydro One Limited made the biggest contribution to the Fund, followed by Emera Inc. By weight, the Fund's largest holdings were TC Energy Corporation, Hydro One Limited, and AltaGas Limited.

(1) <https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/business/economics/2025/12/10/bank-of-canada-holds-key-interest-rate-at-225/>

(2) https://ehrc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/EHRC-Powering_Intelligence-2025.pdf

(3) <https://www.iea.org/reports/energy-and-ai/energy-demand-from-ai>

Recent Developments

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

Related Party Transactions

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.

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Management Fees

The Manager is entitled to an annual management fee of 0.60% of the net asset value of the Unhedged ETF Units and the Unhedged Class F Mutual Fund Units and 1.60% of the net asset value of the Unhedged 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 \$1,045,501 in management fees. These management fees were received by the Manager for the day-to-day operations of the fund, including managing the portfolio, maintaining portfolio systems used to manage the Fund, maintaining the www.evolveetfs.com website, and providing all other services including marketing and promotion

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 \$253,507 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.

Financial Highlights

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

The Fund's Net Assets Per Unit¹

	December 31, 2025 (\$)	December 31, 2024 (\$)
For the periods ended:		
Unhedged ETF Units - Net Assets per Unit		
Net Assets per Unit, beginning of period	9.11	10.06
Increase (decrease) from operations:		
Total revenue	0.60	0.29
Total expenses	(0.17)	(0.07)
Realized gains (losses)	0.06	(0.08)
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.93	(1.09)
Total increase (decrease) from operations²	1.42	(0.95)
Distributions:		
From dividends	(0.27)	(0.01)
From capital gains	(0.07)	(0.03)
Return of capital	(1.32)	(0.51)
Total annual distributions³	(1.66)	(0.55)
Net Assets per Unit, end of period	9.05	9.11

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The Fund's Net Assets Per Unit¹ (cont'd)

	December 31, 2025 (\$)	December 31, 2024 (\$)
For the periods ended:		
Unhedged Class A - Net Assets per Unit		
Net Assets per Unit, beginning of period	9.23	9.99
Increase (decrease) from operations:		
Total revenue	0.62	0.25
Total expenses	(0.27)	(0.07)
Realized gains (losses)	0.07	(0.06)
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.87	(1.17)
Total increase (decrease) from operations²	1.29	(1.05)
Distributions:		
From dividends	(0.12)	(0.01)
From capital gains	(0.08)	(0.01)
Return of capital	(1.46)	(0.26)
Total annual distributions³	(1.66)	(0.28)
Net Assets per Unit, end of period	9.07	9.23
Unhedged Class F - Net Assets per Unit		
Net Assets per Unit, beginning of period	9.25	9.99
Increase (decrease) from operations:		
Total revenue	0.60	0.22
Total expenses	(0.17)	(0.05)
Realized gains (losses)	0.04	(0.04)
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.96	(0.76)
Total increase (decrease) from operations²	1.43	(0.63)
Distributions:		
From dividends	(0.31)	(0.01)
From capital gains	(0.07)	(0.01)
Return of capital	(1.28)	(0.26)
Total annual distributions³	(1.66)	(0.28)
Net Assets per Unit, end of period	9.20	9.25

- 1 This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements as at December 31, 2025 and 2024. The Unhedged ETF Units effectively began operations on September 4, 2024 and the Unhedged Class A and F Mutual Fund Units effectively began operations on October 11, 2024.
- 2 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.
- 3 Distributions were paid in cash or reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both. Actual distributions may vary slightly owing to rounding.

The Fund's Ratios/Supplemental Data

	December 31, 2025	December 31, 2024
For the periods ended:		
Unhedged ETF Units - Ratios/Supplemental Data		
Total Net Asset Value (\$) ⁴	253,294,362	71,536,606
Number of units outstanding ⁴	28,000,000	7,850,000
Management expense ratio ⁵	0.85%	0.84%
Trading expense ratio ⁶	0.98%	0.30%
Portfolio turnover rate ⁷	36.64%	12.69%
Net Asset Value per unit (\$)	9.05	9.11
Closing market price (\$)	9.05	9.12

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

	December 31, 2025	December 31, 2024
For the periods ended:		
Unhedged Class A - Ratios/Supplemental Data		
Total Net Asset Value (\$)⁴	5,927,697	345,692
Number of units outstanding⁴	653,773	37,471
Management expense ratio⁵	1.97%	1.93%
Trading expense ratio⁶	0.98%	0.30%
Portfolio turnover rate⁷	36.64%	12.69%
Net Asset Value per unit (\$)	9.07	9.23
Unhedged Class F - Ratios/Supplemental Data		
Total Net Asset Value (\$)⁴	17,924,556	6,064,834
Number of units outstanding⁴	1,947,468	655,877
Management expense ratio⁵	0.85%	0.83%
Trading expense ratio⁶	0.98%	0.30%
Portfolio turnover rate⁷	36.64%	12.69%
Net Asset Value per unit (\$)	9.20	9.25

4 This information is provided as at December 31, 2025 and 2024.

5 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.

6 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. The trading expense ratio includes the cost of financing.

7 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.

Past Performance

The performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution, income taxes payable by any unitholder or other optional charges that, if applicable, would have reduced returns or performance. The performance information shown assumes that all distributions made by the investment Fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional securities of the investment fund. How the Fund has performed in the past does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.

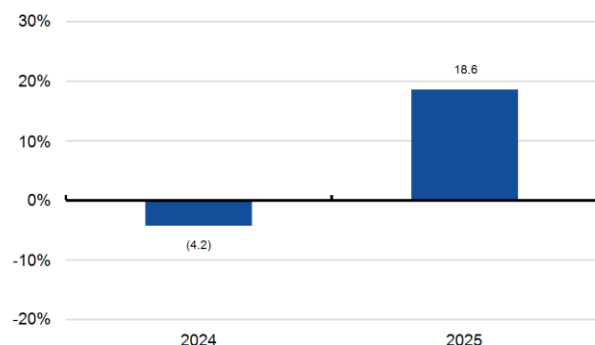
Year-by-Year Returns

The bar chart below shows the Unhedged ETF Units' and the Unhedged Class A and F Mutual Fund Units' performance for each of the financial years shown. The chart shows, in percentage terms, how much an investment made in the Fund on the first day of each financial period would have grown or decreased by the last day of that financial period.

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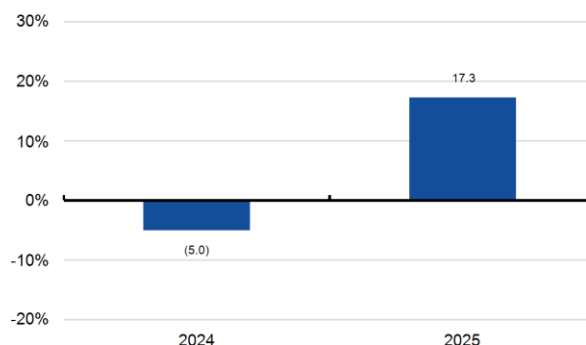
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UTES Unhedged ETF Units¹



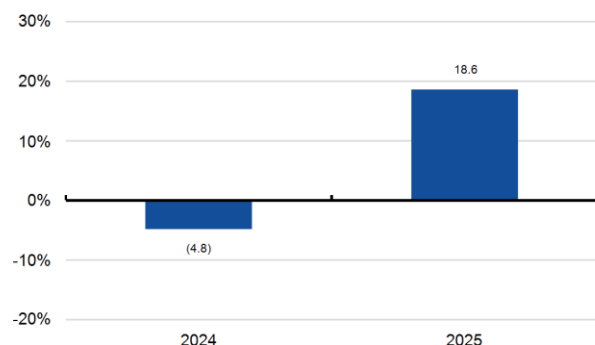
1 The Unhedged ETF Units of the Fund effectively began operations on September 4, 2024.

Unhedged Class A Mutual Fund Units²



2 The Unhedged Class A Mutual Fund Units of the Fund effectively began operations on October 11, 2024.

Unhedged Class F Mutual Fund Units³



3 The Unhedged Class F Mutual Fund Units of the Fund effectively began operations on October 11, 2024.

Annual Compound Return

The table below shows the historical annual compound total return of the Unhedged ETF Units and the Unhedged Class A and F Mutual Fund Units. The returns are for the period ended December 31, 2025. The difference in performance of the Unhedged ETF Units and the Unhedged Class A and F Mutual Fund Units relative to the Index can be attributed primarily to management and administration fees plus applicable sales taxes, portfolio trading, and due to the fact that the Fund is permitted to leverage its assets through the use of cash borrowing, which can magnify the performance of the Fund up to 1.25 times the performance of the Index. Furthermore, the difference in performance of the Unhedged ETF Units and the Unhedged Class A and F Mutual Fund Units relative to the Index can also be attributed to the implementation of the call writing strategy where the Fund tends to outperform in flat or down markets and underperform during sharp market advances. This performance difference can be seen over the period the calls are written, typically with one to two months to expiry, and then resets when new option positions are established.

	Since Inception ¹ (%)	1 Year (%)
Unhedged ETF Units	10.2	18.6
Solactive Canada Utility Index ²	10.4	17.3
Unhedged Class A Mutual Fund Units	9.2	17.3
Solactive Canada Utility Index ²	10.5	17.3
Unhedged Class F Mutual Fund Units	10.5	18.6

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	Since Inception ¹ (%)	1 Year (%)
Solactive Canada Utility Index ²	10.5	17.3

- 1 From inception date of September 4, 2024 for the Unhedged ETF Units and from inception date of October 11, 2024 for the Unhedged Class A and F Mutual Fund Units.
- 2 The Index is an Index of Solactive AG and is calculated and distributed by Solactive AG. The Index tracks the performance of the largest actively traded stocks in the Utilities, Pipelines, and Telecommunications sectors, that are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange. The Index is calculated as a net total return index, is rebalanced quarterly and is denominated in Canadian Dollars.

Summary of Investment Portfolio

All Positions

	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
Security	
TC Energy Corporation	13.2
Hydro One Limited	13.0
AltaGas Limited	12.7
BCE Inc.	12.7
Emera Inc.	12.4
Enbridge Inc.	12.4
Fortis Inc.	12.2
Pembina Pipeline Corporation	12.1
Rogers Communications Inc., Class 'B'	12.1
TELUS Corporation	10.8
Total	123.6

Industry Allocation

	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
Portfolio by Category	
Equities	
Communication Services	35.5
Energy	37.7
Utilities	50.4
Derivative Liabilities	(0.2)
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2.5
Other Assets, less Liabilities	(25.9)
Total	100.0

The summary of Investment Portfolio may change due to the ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund. Updates are available quarterly by visiting our website at www.evolveetfs.com.



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