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Highland/iBoxx Senior Loan ETF

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June 30, 2022

Highland/iBoxx Senior Loan ETF

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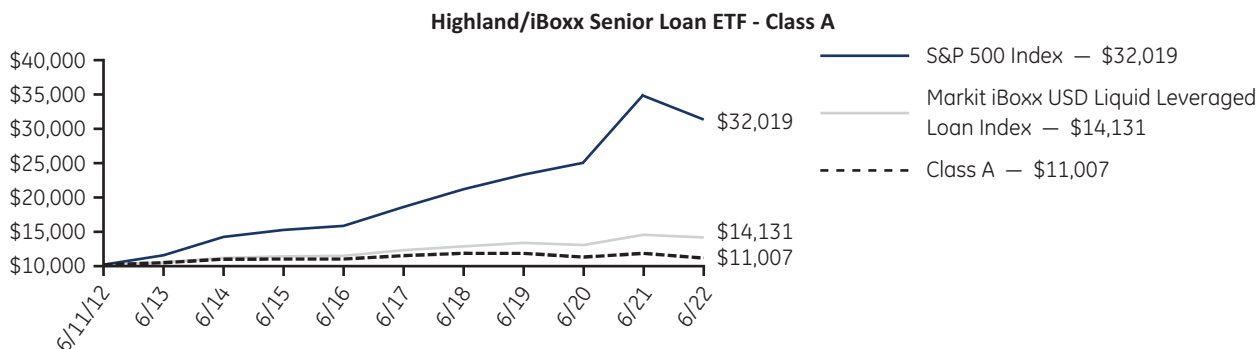
Economic and market conditions change frequently.
There is no assurance that the trends described in this report will continue or commence.

A prospectus must precede or accompany this report. Please read the prospectus carefully before you invest.

PORTFOLIO MANAGER COMMENTARY (unaudited)

June 30, 2022

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All dividends and capital gains are reinvested. The index is unmanaged and does not take into account fees, expenses or other costs.

Returns shown in the chart and table do not reflect taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or on the sale of the Fund shares.

The Fund is non-diversified and may invest a larger portion of its assets in the securities of fewer issuers than if the Fund were diversified. Senior loans are subject to risk of non-payment of scheduled interest and/or principal. Please refer to the financial statement's Note 7, Disclosure of Significant Risks and Contingencies, for more information.

| | Average Annual Total Returns | | | |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------|--------|------------------|
| | 1 Year | 3 Year | 5 Year | Since Inception* |
| Highland/iBoxx Senior Loan ETF | -6.07% | -2.70% | -0.66% | 1.00% |
| Markit iBoxx USD Liquid Leveraged Loan Index | -5.28% | -0.01% | 1.36% | 2.11% |

* Since November 6, 2012, returns have been annualized.

The performance data quoted represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that an investor's shares when redeemed may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. For performance data current to the most recent month-end, please visit our web site at www.highlandfunds.com.

The Fund's Investment Adviser has voluntarily agreed to waive a portion of its advisory fee or reimburse expenses. Such waivers and reimbursements may be terminated at any time. The performance quoted would have been lower if these waivers had not been in effect.

The total gross operating expenses can be found in the Financial Highlights. The Fund's Investment Adviser has contractually agreed to limit the total annual operating expenses (exclusive of taxes, brokerage commissions and other transaction costs, acquired fund fees and expenses and extraordinary expenses) of the Fund to 0.55% of average daily net assets of the Fund (the "Expense Cap"). The Expense Cap will continue through at least October 31, 2022, and may not be terminated prior to this date without the action or consent of the Fund's Board of Trustees.

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Portfolio Manager Commentary

The Highland/iBoxx Senior Loan ETF (the “Fund”) is a passively managed index fund that seeks to provide investment results that correspond (before fees and expenses) to the price and yield of the Markit iBoxx USD Liquid Leveraged Loan Index (the “Index”). For the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2022, the Fund’s net asset value returned -6.07% while the market price returned -5.76%. Over the same time period, the Fund’s benchmark, the Index, returned -5.28%. As of June 30, 2022, the Fund was invested in 84 holdings, with a weighted average maturity of 4.37 years, a yield to maturity of 4.81% and a 30-day SEC Yield of 5.79%

Manager’s Discussion

During the twelve months ended June 30, 2022, the leveraged credit markets outperformed investment grade and Treasuries thanks to record inflows and new collateralized loan obligation (“CLO”) issuance in 2021 and investors preference for floating rate debt as global yields accelerated their ascent in 2022. Compared to the -5.28% return for the Index during the reporting period, high yield bonds returned -12.81%, while investment grade corporate bonds and 10-year Treasuries returned -10.29% and -11.10%, respectively¹. The second half of 2021 brought new COVID-19 variants and continued supply chain issues, but life and markets were determined to get back to normal. Fiscal support from governments had dried up, and despite Central Banks’ signaling the end of easy monetary policy, their balance sheets continued to expand. While the most bubbly parts of the market continued to deflate from their highs earlier in the year, risk markets posted steady gains throughout the second half of 2021 despite cracks forming in equity market leadership and lowest quality credits as the 4th quarter progressed. The S&P 500 ended 2021 up 27.23% at an all-time high and loans gained 5.46%.

Right as we entered 2022, risk markets finally started to crack with the Fed turning more hawkish and under the realization that inflation might not be so transitory after all. Then to make matters worse, the Russian invasion of Ukraine sent commodities skyrocketing across the board and threw Europe into an energy crisis. And solidifying the sticky inflation was one of the tightest US labor markets in decades. Treasury yields accelerated their ascent from the prior year, with the 10y treasury yield more than doubling by mid-June to ~3.5% as the Fed moved to hike rates by 75bps for the first time since 1994. Loan prices performed best with mild losses of only -4.06%; while high yield, investment grade, 10y treasuries, and the S&P 500 all declined by more than 10% during the six months ended June 30, 2022.

Looking forward, with the Fed removing their forward guidance on the path of rate hikes, we await incoming inflation data to help anticipate their next move. While for now the market is anticipating an early pivot in policy providing a window for risk to rally, should the rate of inflation decline less than the market anticipates we expect volatility to return.

¹ Bloomberg Barclays Indexes.

The Markit iBoxx USD Liquid Leveraged Loan Index has been licensed for use by Highland Capital Management Fund Advisors, L.P. The Highland iBoxx Senior Loan ETF is not sponsored, endorsed, issued, sold, or promoted by the Markit iBoxx USD Liquid Leveraged Loan Index, nor does this company make any representations regarding the advisability of investing in the Highland/iBoxx Senior Loan ETF.

This material represents an assessment of the market environment at a specific point in time and is not intended to be a forecast of future events, or a guarantee of future results. This information should not be relied upon by the reader as research or investment advice.

The performance data quoted represents past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor’s shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost and current performance may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. For most recent performance figures, please call a representative at 1-855-799-4757 or visit our website at www.highlandfunds.com

FUND PROFILE (unaudited)

June 30, 2022

Highland/iBoxx Senior Loan ETF

Objective

Highland/iBoxx Senior Loan ETF seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the price and yield performance of the Markit iBoxx USD Liquid Leveraged Loan Index.

Net Assets as of June 30, 2022

\$33.8 million

Portfolio Data as of June 30, 2022

The information below provides a snapshot of the Highland/iBoxx Senior Loan ETF at the end of the reporting period.

| Quality Breakdown as of June 30, 2022 (%)* | |
|--------------------------------------------|-------|
| BBB | 1.2% |
| BBB- | 7.6% |
| BB+ | 11.1% |
| BB | 10.3% |
| BB- | 24.3% |
| B+ | 12.1% |
| B | 21.6% |
| B- | 0.9% |
| CCC+ | 5.1% |
| CCC | 3.6% |
| Not Rated | 2.2% |

| Top 5 Sectors as of 6/30/22 (%)* | |
|----------------------------------|------|
| Electronics/Electrical | 12.1 |
| Healthcare | 6.6 |
| Retailers (Except Food and Drug) | 5.7 |
| Media/Telecommunications | 5.4 |

| Top 10 Holdings as of 6/30/22 (%)* | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Lumen Technologies, Inc., Term B Loan, 1st Lien, 03/15/2027 LIBOR USD 1 Month + 2.250% | 2.5 |
| Zayo Group Holdings, Inc., Initial Dollar Term Loan, 1st Lien, 03/09/2027 LIBOR USD 1 Month + 3.000% | 2.4 |
| Misys Limited, Dollar Term Loan, 1st Lien, 06/13/2024 LIBOR USD 3 Month + 3.500% | 2.0 |
| RealPage, Inc., Initial Term Loan, 1st Lien, 04/24/2028 LIBOR USD 1 Month + 3.250% | 1.9 |
| Change Healthcare Holdings, Inc. (fka Emdeon, Inc.), Term Loan, 03/01/2024 LIBOR USD 1 Month + 2.500% | 1.7 |
| Hub International Ltd., B-3 Incremental Term Loan, 1st Lien, 04/25/2025 LIBOR USD 3 Month + 2.750% | 1.7 |
| Brookfield WEC Holdings, Inc., Initial Term Loan (2021), 1st Lien, 08/01/2025 LIBOR USD 1 Month + 2.750% | 1.7 |
| DIRECTV Financing, LLC, Closing Date Term Loan, 1st Lien, 08/02/2027 LIBOR USD 1 Month + 5.000% | 1.7 |
| Radiate Holdco, LLC, Amendment No. 6 Term Loan, 1st Lien, 09/25/2026 LIBOR USD 1 Month + 3.250% | 1.7 |
| Hub International Ltd., Initial Term Loan, 1st Lien, 04/25/2025 LIBOR USD 3 Month + 2.750% | 1.6 |

The Fund is non-diversified and may invest a larger portion of its assets in the securities of fewer issuers than if the Fund were diversified.

Please refer to the financial statement's Note 7, Disclosure of Significant Risks and Contingencies, for more information.

* Quality is calculated as a percentage of total senior loans. Sectors and holdings are calculated as a percentage of total net assets. The quality ratings reflected were issued by Standard & Poor's, a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. Ratings are measured on a scale that generally ranges from AAA (highest) to D (lowest). Quality ratings reflect the credit quality of the underlying bonds in the Fund's portfolio and not that of the Fund itself. Credit quality ratings assigned by a rating agency are subjective opinions, not statements of fact, and are subject to change, including daily. The ratings assigned by credit rating agencies are but one of the considerations that the Fund's investment adviser incorporates into its credit analysis process, along with such other issuer-specific factors as cash flows, capital structure and leverage ratios, ability to de-leverage through free cash flow, quality of management, market positioning and access to capital, as well as such security-specific factors as the terms of the security (e.g., interest rate, and time to maturity) and the amount of any collateral. Quality Ratings and holdings are subject to change, and may have changed since June 30, 2022.

† Excludes the Fund's investment in a cash equivalent.

A guide to understanding the Fund's financial statements

Investment Portfolio

The Investment Portfolio details the Fund's holdings and their market value as of the last day of the reporting period. Portfolio holdings are organized by type of asset and industry to demonstrate areas of concentration and diversification.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

This statement details the Fund's assets, liabilities, net assets and share price for each share class as of the last day of the reporting period. Net assets are calculated by subtracting all of a Fund's liabilities (including any unpaid expenses) from the total of the Fund's investment and non-investment assets. The net asset value per share for each class is calculated by dividing net assets allocated to that share class by the number of shares outstanding in that class as of the last day of the reporting period.

Statement of Operations

This statement reports income earned by the Fund and the expenses incurred by the Fund during the reporting period. The Statement of Operations also shows any net gain or loss the Fund realized on the sales of its holdings during the period as well as any unrealized gains or losses recognized over the period. The total of these results represents the Fund's net increase or decrease in net assets from operations.

Statements of Changes in Net Assets

This statement details how the Fund's net assets were affected by its operating results, distributions to shareholders and shareholder transactions (e.g., creations, redemptions and distribution reinvestments) during the reporting period. The Statements of Changes in Net Assets also details changes in the number of shares outstanding.

Financial Highlights

The Financial Highlights demonstrate how the Fund's net asset value per share was affected by the Fund's operating results. The Financial Highlights also disclose the class' performance and certain key ratios (e.g., net expenses and net investment income as a percentage of average net assets).

Notes to Financial Statements

These notes disclose the organizational background of the Fund, certain of their significant accounting policies (including those surrounding security valuation, income recognition and distributions to shareholders), federal tax information, fees and compensation paid to affiliates and significant risks and contingencies.

INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

June 30, 2022

Highland/iBoxx Senior Loan ETF

| Principal Amount (\$) | Value (\$) |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| US Senior Loans (a) - 85.1% | |
| AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE - 3.7% | |
| TransDigm, Inc., Tranche E Refinancing Term Loan, 1st Lien, LIBOR USD | |
| 562,544 1 Month + 2.250%, 05/30/25 | 536,011 |
| TransDigm, Inc., Tranche F Refinancing Term Loan, 1st Lien, LIBOR USD | |
| 485,473 1 Month + 2.250%, 12/09/25 | 461,605 |
| TransDigm, Inc., Tranche G Refinancing Term Loan, 1st Lien, LIBOR USD | |
| 242,488 1 Month + 2.250%, 08/22/24 | 234,544 |
| | <u>1,232,160</u> |
| BROADCASTING - 0.2% | |
| Diamond Sports Group, LLC, Term Loan, 1st Lien, LIBOR USD | |
| 297,716 1 Month + 3.250%, 08/24/26 | 70,707 |
| BROADCASTING AND ENTERTAINMENT - 1.4% | |
| Telenet Financing USD, LLC, Term Loan AR Facility, 1st Lien, LIBOR USD | |
| 500,000 1 Month + 2.000%, 04/30/28 | 464,165 |
| BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT - 2.5% | |
| Brookfield WEC Holdings, Inc., Initial Term Loan (2021), 1st Lien, LIBOR USD | |
| 596,970 1 Month + 2.750%, 08/01/25 | 566,035 |
| CP Atlas Buyer, Inc., Term B Loan, LIBOR USD 1 Month + 3.750%, 11/23/27 | 263,451 |
| | <u>829,486</u> |
| BUSINESS EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES - 5.3% | |
| Asplundh Tree Expert, Term Loan, 1st Lien, LIBOR USD | |
| 198,485 1 Month + 1.750%, 09/07/27 | 192,158 |
| Brand Energy & Infrastructure Services, Inc. (fka FR Brand Acquisition Corp.), Initial Term Loan, LIBOR USD | |
| 547,120 3 Month + 4.250%, 06/21/24 | 476,082 |
| Cengage Learning, Inc. Term B Loan, 1st Lien, LIBOR USD | |
| 298,496 3 Month + 4.750%, 07/14/26 | 270,139 |
| CHG Healthcare Services, Inc., Initial Term Loan, 1st Lien, LIBOR USD | |
| 298,496 3 Month + 3.500%, 09/29/28 | 283,124 |
| Intrado Corp., Initial Term B Loan, LIBOR USD | |
| 400,000 3 Month + 4.000%, 10/10/24 | 341,888 |
| William Morris Endeavor Entertainment, LLC (IMG Worldwide Holdings, LLC), Term B-1 Loan, 1st Lien, LIBOR USD | |
| 247,311 1 Month + 2.750%, 05/18/25 | 233,577 |
| | <u>1,796,968</u> |

| Principal Amount (\$) | Value (\$) |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| CABLE AND SATELLITE TELEVISION - 5.3% | |
| Charter Communications Operating, LLC, Term B-1 Loan, 1st Lien, LIBOR USD | |
| 397,917 1 Month + 1.750%, 04/30/25 | 388,673 |
| Charter Communications Operating, LLC, Term B-2 Loan, 1st Lien, LIBOR USD | |
| 398,974 1 Month + 1.750%, 02/01/27 | 381,377 |
| DIRECTV Financing, LLC, Closing Date Term Loan, 1st Lien, LIBOR USD | |
| 606,125 1 Month + 5.000%, 08/02/27 | 559,784 |
| Ziggo Financing Partnership, Term Loan I Facility, 1st Lien, LIBOR USD | |
| 500,000 1 Month + 2.500%, 04/30/28 | 467,695 |
| | <u>1,797,529</u> |
| CARGO TRANSPORT - 1.8% | |
| First Student Bidco Inc., Initial Term B Loan, 1st Lien, LIBOR USD | |
| 248,750 3 Month + 3.000%, 07/21/28 | 222,787 |
| Genesee & Wyoming, Inc., Term Loan, 1st Lien, LIBOR USD | |
| 396,954 3 Month + 2.000%, 12/30/26 | 382,293 |
| | <u>605,080</u> |
| COMPUTERS AND ELECTRONICS - 2.2% | |
| MH Sub I, LLC (Micro Holding Corp.), Amendment No. 2 Initial Term Loan, 1st Lien, LIBOR USD | |
| 294,588 3 Month + 3.500%, 09/13/24 | 278,201 |
| UKG, Inc., Initial Term Loan, 1st Lien, LIBOR USD | |
| 497,442 1 Month + 3.750%, 05/04/26 | 471,454 |
| | <u>749,655</u> |
| CONGLOMERATES - 0.7% | |
| MPH Acquisition Holdings, LLC, Initial Term Loan, 1st Lien, LIBOR USD | |
| 248,125 3 Month + 4.250%, 09/01/28 | 229,143 |
| CONSUMER PRODUCTS - 1.7% | |
| Berry Global, Inc., Term Z Loan, LIBOR USD | |
| 500,000 1 Month + 1.750%, 07/01/26 | 484,237 |
| Revlon Consumer Products Corp., 2016 Term Loan, 1st Lien, LIBOR USD | |
| 239,151 3 Month + 3.500%, 09/07/23 (b) | 102,039 |
| | <u>586,276</u> |
| CONTAINERS & GLASS PRODUCTS - 2.9% | |
| Clydesdale Acquisition Holdings, Inc. Term B Loan, 1st Lien, SOFR | |
| 500,000 3 Month + 4.250%, 04/13/29 | 468,750 |
| Graham Packaging Co., Inc., Initial Term Loan, LIBOR USD | |
| 249,369 3 Month + 3.000%, 08/04/27 | 234,562 |
| Pretium PKG Holdings, Inc., Initial Term Loan, 1st Lien, LIBOR USD | |
| 298,500 3 Month + 4.000%, 10/02/28 | 270,331 |
| | <u>973,643</u> |

INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO (continued)

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| Principal Amount (\$) | Value (\$) |
|----------------------------------------|------------------|
| US Senior Loans (continued) | |
| ELECTRONICS/ELECTRICAL - 10.1% | |
| 398,839 | 372,584 |
| 196,500 | 186,005 |
| 240,644 | 233,275 |
| 399,000 | 364,586 |
| 496,250 | 460,006 |
| 348,250 | 324,557 |
| 400,000 | 357,124 |
| 299,242 | 273,596 |
| 696,491 | 645,703 |
| 197,990 | 187,008 |
| | <u>3,404,444</u> |
| FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES - 3.1% | |
| 547,187 | 518,886 |
| 247,500 | 229,711 |
| 298,446 | 287,339 |
| | <u>1,035,936</u> |
| FOOD SERVICE - 2.6% | |
| 497,403 | 472,844 |
| 448,249 | 421,423 |
| | <u>894,267</u> |

| Principal Amount (\$) | Value (\$) |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| GAMING/LEISURE - 3.0% | |
| 439,835 | 280,487 |
| 298,455 | 281,625 |
| 499,956 | 467,209 |
| | <u>1,029,321</u> |
| HEALTHCARE - 6.6% | |
| 496,183 | 461,110 |
| 498,677 | 472,309 |
| 1,150,380 | 391,417 |
| 422,875 | 400,729 |
| 116,777 | 113,120 |
| 396,000 | 378,798 |
| | <u>2,217,483</u> |
| HEALTHCARE, EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE - 2.7% | |
| 468,702 | 454,023 |
| 198,492 | 186,831 |
| 297,750 | 278,545 |
| | <u>919,399</u> |
| HOME FURNISHINGS - 0.8% | |
| 275,622 | 265,662 |
| HOTELS, MOTELS, INNS AND GAMING - 0.8% | |
| 298,500 | 278,024 |
| INSURANCE - 4.0% | |
| 246,869 | 233,977 |

INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO (continued)

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| Principal Amount (\$) | Value (\$) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| US Senior Loans (continued) | |
| INSURANCE (continued) | |
| Hub International Ltd., B-3 Incremental Term Loan, 1st Lien, LIBOR USD | |
| 596,970 3 Month + 2.750%, 04/25/25 | 567,766 |
| Hub International Ltd., Initial Term Loan, 1st Lien, LIBOR USD | |
| 580,812 3 Month + 2.750%, 04/25/25 | 551,408 |
| | <u>1,353,151</u> |
| LEISURE GOODS/ACTIVITIES/MOVIES - 0.8% | |
| AMC Entertainment Holdings, Inc. (fka AMC Entertainment Inc.), Term B-1 Loan, LIBOR USD | |
| 334,876 1 Month + 3.000%, 04/22/26 | 283,221 |
| LODGING AND CASINOS - 1.8% | |
| Fertitta Entertainment, LLC, Initial B Term Loan, SOFR | |
| 399,000 3 Month + 4.000%, 01/27/29 | 369,077 |
| Playtika Holding Corp., Term B-1 Loan, 1st Lien, LIBOR USD | |
| 246,875 1 Month + 2.750%, 03/13/28 | 233,401 |
| | <u>602,478</u> |
| MEDIA/TELECOMMUNICATIONS - 5.4% | |
| Cogeco Communications Finance (USA) L.P., Term B Loan, LIBOR USD | |
| 298,412 1 Month + 2.000%, 01/03/25 | 284,983 |
| Lumen Technologies, Inc., Term B Loan, 1st Lien, LIBOR USD | |
| 897,698 1 Month + 2.250%, 03/15/27 | 827,844 |
| Nexstar Media, Inc., Term B-4 Loan, LIBOR USD | |
| 325,094 1 Month + 2.750%, 09/18/26 | 321,323 |
| SBA Senior Finance II, LLC, Initial Term Loan, 1st Lien, LIBOR USD | |
| 397,927 1 Month + 1.750%, 04/11/25 | 384,483 |
| | <u>1,818,633</u> |
| OIL AND GAS - 2.2% | |
| Buckeye Partners L.P., 2021 Tranche B-1 Term Loan, LIBOR USD | |
| 398,987 1 Month + 2.250%, 11/01/26 | 382,717 |
| CQP Holdco L.P., Initial Term Loan, 1st Lien, LIBOR USD | |
| 398,992 3 Month + 3.750%, 06/05/28 | 376,047 |
| | <u>758,764</u> |
| RETAILERS (EXCEPT FOOD AND DRUG) - 5.7% | |
| Allied Universal Holdco, LLC (fka USAGM Holdco, LLC), Initial U.S. Dollar Term Loan, 1st Lien, LIBOR USD | |
| 595,500 1 Month + 3.750%, 05/12/28 | 547,116 |
| Harbor Freight Tools USA, Inc., Initial Loan (2021), 1st Lien, LIBOR USD | |
| 547,100 1 Month + 2.750%, 10/19/27 | 486,454 |

| Principal Amount (\$) | Value (\$) |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| RETAILERS (EXCEPT FOOD AND DRUG) (continued) | |
| Michaels Companies, Inc. The, Term B Loan, 1st Lien, LIBOR USD | |
| 297,744 3 Month + 4.250%, 04/15/28 | 247,293 |
| Prime Security Services Borrower, LLC, 2021 Refinancing Term B-1 Loan, 1st Lien, LIBOR USD | |
| 395,990 3 Month + 2.750%, 09/23/26 | 370,664 |
| Staples, Inc., 2019 Refinancing New Term B-1 Loan, LIBOR USD | |
| 300,000 3 Month + 5.000%, 04/16/26 | 262,292 |
| | <u>1,913,819</u> |
| SERVICE - 1.7% | |
| Change Healthcare Holdings, Inc. (fka Emdeon, Inc.), Term Loan, LIBOR USD | |
| 600,000 1 Month + 2.500%, 03/01/24 | 585,528 |
| TELECOMMUNICATIONS - 4.1% | |
| Radiate Holdco, LLC, Amendment No. 6 Term Loan, 1st Lien, LIBOR USD | |
| 597,000 1 Month + 3.250%, 09/25/26 | 556,592 |
| Zayo Group Holdings, Inc., Initial Dollar Term Loan, 1st Lien, LIBOR USD | |
| 889,112 1 Month + 3.000%, 03/09/27 | 823,145 |
| | <u>1,379,737</u> |
| UTILITIES - 2.0% | |
| Calpine Corp., 2020 Term Loan, 1st Lien, LIBOR USD | |
| 198,489 1 Month + 2.500%, 12/16/27 | 189,308 |
| Calpine Corp., Term Loan B-10, LIBOR USD | |
| 248,721 1 Month + 2.250%, 08/12/26 | 236,596 |
| Lightstone Holdco, LLC, Extended Term B Loan, SOFR | |
| 265,959 3 Month + 5.750%, 02/01/27 | 238,983 |
| Lightstone Holdco, LLC, Extended Term C Loan, SOFR | |
| 15,042 3 Month + 5.750%, 02/01/27 | 13,517 |
| | <u>678,404</u> |
| Total US Senior Loans (Cost \$31,218,388) | <u>28,753,083</u> |
| Foreign Domiciled Senior Loans (a) - 5.3% | |
| CANADA - 0.8% | |
| USD | |
| Husky Injection Molding Systems Ltd., Initial Term Loan, LIBOR USD | |
| 299,219 3 Month + 3.000%, 03/28/25 | 275,344 |
| LUXEMBOURG - 1.4% | |
| USD | |
| Sunshine Luxembourg VII Sarl, Facility B3, LIBOR USD | |
| 498,737 3 Month + 3.750%, 10/01/26 | 463,290 |

INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO (concluded)

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| Principal Amount (\$) | Value (\$) |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Foreign Domiciled Senior Loans (a) (continued) | |
| NETHERLANDS - 1.1% | |
| USD | |
| Flutter Entertainment PLC, USD Term Loan, 1st Lien, LIBOR USD | |
| 397,000 3 Month + 2.250%, 07/21/26 | 378,710 |
| UNITED KINGDOM - 2.0% | |
| USD | |
| Misys Limited, Dollar Term Loan, 1st Lien, LIBOR USD | |
| 725,171 3 Month + 3.500%, 06/13/24 | 655,714 |
| Total Foreign Domiciled Senior Loans (Cost \$1,893,172) | 1,773,058 |
| Cash Equivalent (c) - 12.9% | |
| Dreyfus Treasury Obligations Cash Management, Institutional Shares, | |
| 4,363,475 1.320% | 4,363,475 |
| Total Cash Equivalents (Cost \$4,363,475) | 4,363,475 |
| Total Investments - 103.3% | 34,889,616 |
| (Cost \$37,475,035) | |
| Other Assets & Liabilities, Net - (3.3%) | (1,117,160) |
| Net Assets - 100.0% | 33,772,456 |

| Foreign Domiciled Senior Loans Industry Concentration Table: (% of Net Assets) | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| Conglomerates | 1.4% |
| Electronics/Electrical | 2.0% |
| Financial Intermediaries | 0.8% |
| Gaming/Leisure | 1.1% |
| | 5.3% |

- (a) Senior loans (also called bank loans, leveraged loans, or floating rate loans) in which the Highland/iBoxx Senior Loan ETF (the "Fund") invests generally pay interest at rates which are periodically determined by reference to a base lending rate plus a spread. (Unless otherwise denoted as a fixed rate loan, all senior loans carry a variable interest rate.) These base lending rates are generally (i) the Prime Rate offered by one or more major United States banks, (ii) the lending rate offered by one or more European banks such as the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") or (iii) the Certificate of Deposit rate. As of June 30, 2022, the LIBOR USD 1 Month, LIBOR USD 3 Month and LIBOR USD 6 Month rates were 1.787%, 2.285% and 2.935%, respectively. Senior loans, while exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act"), contain certain restrictions on resale and cannot be sold publicly. Senior secured floating rate loans often require prepayments from excess cash flow or permit the borrower to repay at its election. The degree to which borrowers repay, whether as a contractual requirement or at their election, cannot be predicted with accuracy and the actual remaining maturity may be substantially less than the stated maturity shown.
- (b) The issuer is, or is in danger of being, in default of its payment obligation. Full income is not being accrued, although adequate protection payments are being made in certain cases.
- (c) The rate reported is the 7-day effective yield as of June 30, 2022.

LLC — Limited Liability Company
L.P. — Limited Partnership
Ltd. — Limited
PLC — Public Limited Company
SOFR — Secured Overnight Financing Rate
USD — U.S. Dollar

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As of June 30, 2022

Highland/iBoxx Senior Loan ETF

| | (\$) |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Assets: | |
| Total Investments, at value (cost \$33,111,560) | 30,526,141 |
| Cash Equivalent (cost \$4,363,475) | 4,363,475 |
| Cash | 24,592 |
| Receivable for: | |
| Investments sold | 5,652,625 |
| Interest | 139,338 |
| Other assets | 14,764 |
| Total assets | <u>40,720,935</u> |
| Liabilities: | |
| Payable for: | |
| Investments purchased | 6,807,001 |
| Investment advisory fees (Note 4) | 26,580 |
| Legal fees | 7,504 |
| Administration fees (Note 4) | 4,921 |
| Expedited settlement facility fees (Note 4) | 4,372 |
| Transfer agent fees | 1,500 |
| Trustees' fees (Note 4) | 165 |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities | 96,436 |
| Total liabilities | <u>6,948,479</u> |
| Net Assets | <u>33,772,456</u> |
| Net Assets consist of: | |
| Paid-in capital | 93,016,327 |
| Total accumulated loss | (59,243,871) |
| Net Assets | <u>33,772,456</u> |
| Shares outstanding (unlimited authorization — no par value) | 2,300,000 |
| Net asset value, per share (Net assets/shares outstanding) | 14.68 |

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

Highland/iBoxx Senior Loan ETF

| | (\$) |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Investment Income: | |
| Interest income | 1,333,049 |
| Total investment income | <u>1,333,049</u> |
| Expenses: | |
| Investment advisory fees (Note 4) | 182,195 |
| Administration fees (Note 4) | 42,301 |
| Trustees' fees (Note 4) | 9,468 |
| Audit fees | 57,917 |
| Custodian fees | 22,585 |
| Registration fees | 16,211 |
| Insurance expense | 8,774 |
| Professional fees | 6,418 |
| Expedited settlement facility (Note 4) | 3,552 |
| Other | 15,205 |
| Legal fees | <u>(57,237)</u> |
| Total operating expenses | <u>307,389</u> |
| Fees and expenses waived by Investment Adviser (Note 4) | <u>(81,155)</u> |
| Net operating expenses | <u>226,234</u> |
| Net investment income | <u>1,106,815</u> |
| Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments | |
| Net realized loss on investments | (476,200) |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments | <u>(2,858,784)</u> |
| Net realized and unrealized loss on investments | <u>(3,334,984)</u> |
| Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations | <u>(2,228,169)</u> |

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

Highland/iBoxx Senior Loan ETF

| | Year Ended June 30, 2022 (\$) | Year Ended June 30, 2021 (\$) |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Increase (Decrease) In Net Assets: | | |
| Operations: | | |
| Net investment income | 1,106,815 | 1,646,975 |
| Net realized loss on investments | (476,200) | (1,778,543) |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments | (2,858,784) | 3,865,265 |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations | <u>(2,228,169)</u> | <u>3,733,697</u> |
| Distributions | (1,282,174) | (1,471,618) |
| Return of capital | (10,748) | — |
| Total distributions | <u>(1,292,922)</u> | <u>(1,471,618)</u> |
| Share Transactions | | |
| Creations | 35,681,184 | 123,371,390 |
| Redemptions | <u>(41,987,938)</u> | <u>(159,040,797)</u> |
| Net decrease from share transactions | <u>(6,306,754)</u> | <u>(35,669,407)</u> |
| Total decrease in net assets | <u>(9,827,845)</u> | <u>(33,407,328)</u> |
| Net Assets: | | |
| Beginning of year | 43,600,301 | 77,007,629 |
| End of year | <u>33,772,456</u> | <u>43,600,301</u> |
| Changes In Shares | | |
| Creations | 2,300,000 | 7,700,000 |
| Redemptions | <u>(2,700,000)</u> | <u>(9,900,000)</u> |
| Net decrease | <u>(400,000)</u> | <u>(2,200,000)</u> |

Amounts designated as “—” are \$0.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each year is as follows:

| | For the Years Ended June 30, | | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 |
| Net Asset Value, Beginning of Year | \$ 16.15 | \$ 15.72 | \$ 17.55 | \$ 18.10 | \$ 18.38 |
| Income from Investment Operations: | | | | | |
| Net investment income ^(a) | 0.43 | 0.43 | 0.71 | 0.89 | 0.83 |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) | <u>(1.38)</u> | <u>0.36</u> | <u>(1.85)</u> | <u>(0.55)</u> | <u>(0.27)</u> |
| Total from investment operations | (0.95) | 0.79 | (1.14) | 0.34 | 0.56 |
| Less Distributions Declared to Shareholders: | | | | | |
| From net investment income | (0.52) | (0.36) | (0.67) | (0.89) | (0.83) |
| From return of capital | <u>(0.00)^(b)</u> | <u>—</u> | <u>(0.02)</u> | <u>—</u> | <u>(0.01)</u> |
| Total distributions declared to shareholders | (0.52) | (0.36) | (0.69) | (0.89) | (0.84) |
| Net Asset Value, End of Year | \$ 14.68 | \$ 16.15 | \$ 15.72 | \$ 17.55 | \$ 18.10 |
| Market Price, end of year | \$ 14.72 | \$ 16.14 | \$ 15.75 | \$ 17.54 | \$ 18.09 |
| Total return ^(c) | (6.07)% | 5.08% | (6.69)% | 1.94% | 3.11% |
| Ratios to Average Net Assets/Supplemental Data: | | | | | |
| Net assets, end of year (000s) | \$33,772 | \$43,600 | \$77,008 | \$263,266 | \$599,254 |
| Gross operating expenses ^(d) | 0.76% | 1.36% | 1.12% | 0.82% | 0.73% |
| Net investment income | 2.73% | 2.68% | 4.13% | 4.98% | 4.56% |
| Portfolio turnover rate | 157% | 215% | 344% | 186% | 126% |

(a) Per share data was calculated using average shares outstanding for the period.

(b) Amount represents less than \$0.005 per share.

(c) Total return is at net asset value assuming all distributions are reinvested. For periods with waivers/reimbursements, had the Fund's Investment Adviser not waived or reimbursed a portion of expenses, total return would have been reduced.

(d) Supplemental expense ratios are shown below.

| | For the Years Ended June 30, | | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 |
| Net operating expenses (net of waiver/reimbursement, if applicable, but gross of all other operating expenses) | 0.56% | 0.66% | 0.75% | 0.61% | 0.55% |
| Excluded from Expense Cap: | | | | | |
| Expedited settlement facility and licensing fees | 0.01% | 0.11% | 0.19% | 0.06% | —% |

Amounts designated as "—" are \$0.

Note 1. Organization

Highland Funds I (the “Trust”) was organized as a Delaware statutory trust on February 28, 2006. The Trust is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”), as an open-end management investment company with three portfolios that are currently being offered, each of which is non-diversified. The financial statements herein are those of the Highland/iBoxx Senior Loan ETF (the “Fund”). The Fund is a non-diversified exchange-traded fund (“ETF”). The financial statements of the remaining funds of the Trust are presented separately.

Investment Objective

The investment objective of the Fund is to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the price and yield performance of the Markit iBoxx USD Liquid Leveraged Loan Index (the “Underlying Index”).

Fund Shares

Shares of the Fund are listed and traded on NASDAQ, Inc. Market prices for the shares of the Fund may be different from their net asset value (“NAV”). The Fund issues and redeems shares on a continuous basis at NAV only to authorized participants who have entered into agreements with the Fund’s distributor (“Authorized Participants”) in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a basket of assets (securities and/or cash) in large blocks, known as Creation Units, each of which comprises 100,000 shares for the Fund. Once created, shares will trade in a secondary market at market prices that change throughout the day in amounts less than a Creation Unit.

Creation Units

Except when aggregated in Creation Units, shares are not redeemable securities of the Fund. Creation Units of the Fund may only be purchased or redeemed directly from the Fund by Authorized Participants. An Authorized Participant is either (i) a broker-dealer or other participant in the clearing process through the Continuous Net Settlement System of the National Securities Clearing Corporation or (ii) a Depository Trust Company (“DTC”) participant and, in each case, must have executed an Authorized Participant Agreement with the Fund’s distributor. Most retail investors will not qualify as Authorized Participants or have the resources to buy and sell whole Creation Units. Therefore, they will be unable to purchase or redeem the shares directly from the Fund. Rather, most retail investors will purchase shares in the secondary market with the assistance of a broker and will be subject to customary brokerage commissions or fees.

Note 2. Significant Accounting Policies

The following summarizes the significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Fund in the preparation of its financial statements.

Use of Estimates

The Fund is an investment company that follows the investment company accounting and reporting guidance of Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) Topic 946 *Financial Services — Investment Companies* applicable to investment companies. The Fund’s financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”), which requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of increases and decreases in net assets from operations during the reporting period. Changes in the economic environment, financial markets and any other parameters used in determining these estimates could cause actual results to differ materially.

Valuation of Investments

In computing the Fund’s net assets attributable to shares, securities with readily available market quotations on the New York Stock Exchange, National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotation System (“NASDAQ”) or other nationally recognized exchange use the closing quotations on the respective exchange for valuation of those securities. Securities for which there are no readily available market quotations will be valued pursuant to policies and procedures adopted by the Fund’s Board of Trustees (the “Board”). Typically, such securities will be valued at the mean between the most recently quoted bid and ask prices provided by the principal market makers. If there is more than one such principal market maker, the value shall be the average of such means. Securities without a sale price or quotations from principal market makers on the valuation day may be priced by an independent pricing service. Investments in mutual funds are valued at their respective net asset values as determined by those mutual funds each business day. Generally, the Fund’s loan and bond positions are not traded on exchanges and consequently are valued based on a mean of the bid and ask price from the third-party pricing services or broker-dealer sources that Highland Capital Management Fund Advisors, L.P. (“HCMFA” or the “Investment Adviser”) has determined generally have the capability to provide appropriate pricing services and have been approved by the Board.

Securities for which market quotations are not readily available and for which the Fund has determined the price received from a pricing service or broker-dealer is “stale” or otherwise does not represent fair value (such as when events materially affecting the value of securities occur between the time when market price is determined and calculation of the Fund’s NAV), will be valued by the Fund at

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fair value, as determined by the Board or its designee in good faith in accordance with policies and procedures approved by the Board, taking into account factors reasonably determined to be relevant, including, among other things: (i) the fundamental analytical data relating to the investment; (ii) the nature and duration of restrictions on disposition of the securities; and (iii) an evaluation of the forces that influence the market in which these securities are purchased and sold. In these cases, the Fund's NAV will reflect the affected portfolio securities' fair value as determined by the Board or its designee in good faith as described above instead of being determined by the market. Determination of fair value is uncertain because it involves subjective judgments and estimates.

There can be no assurance that the Fund's valuation of a security will not differ from the amount that it realizes upon the sale of such security. Those differences could have a material impact on the Fund.

The NAV shown in the Fund's financial statements may vary from the NAV published by the Fund as of the end of the reporting period because portfolio securities transactions are accounted for on the trade date (rather than the day following the trade date) for financial statement purposes.

Fair Value Measurements

The Fund has performed an analysis of all existing investments to determine the significance and character of all inputs to their fair value determination. The levels of fair value inputs used to measure the Fund's investments are characterized into a fair value hierarchy. Where inputs for an asset or liability fall into more than one level in the fair value hierarchy, the investment is classified in its entirety based on the lowest level input that is significant to that investment's valuation. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

- Level 1* — Quoted unadjusted prices for identical instruments in active markets to which the Fund has access at the date of measurement;
- Level 2* — Quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active, but are valued based on executed trades; broker quotations that constitute an executable price; and alternative pricing sources supported by observable inputs are classified within Level 2. Level 2 inputs are either directly or indirectly observable for the asset in connection with market data at the measurement date; and
- Level 3* — Model derived valuations in which one or more significant inputs or significant value drivers are unobservable. In certain cases, investments

classified within Level 3 may include securities for which the Fund has obtained indicative quotes from broker-dealers that do not necessarily represent prices the broker may be willing to trade on, as such quotes can be subject to material management judgment. Unobservable inputs are those inputs that reflect the Fund's own assumptions that market participants would use to price the asset or liability based on the best available information.

The Investment Adviser has established policies and procedures, as described above and approved by the Board, to ensure that valuation methodologies for investments and financial instruments that are categorized within all levels of the fair value hierarchy are fair and consistent. A Pricing Committee has been established to provide oversight of the valuation policies, processes and procedures, and is comprised of personnel from the Investment Adviser and its affiliates. The Pricing Committee meets monthly to review the proposed valuations for investments and financial instruments and is responsible for evaluating the overall fairness and consistent application of established policies.

As of June 30, 2022, the Fund's investments consisted mainly of senior loans. The fair value of the Fund's loans is generally based on quotes received from brokers or independent pricing services. Loans with quotes that are based on actual trades with a sufficient level of activity on or near the measurement date are classified as Level 2 assets. Loans that are priced using quotes derived from implied values, indicative bids, or a limited number of actual trades are classified as Level 3 assets because the inputs used by the brokers and pricing services to derive the values are not readily observable.

At the end of each calendar quarter, management evaluates the Level 2 and 3 assets and liabilities for changes in liquidity, including but not limited to: whether a broker is willing to execute at the quoted price, the depth and consistency of prices from third party services, and the existence of contemporaneous, observable trades in the market. Additionally, management evaluates the Level 1 and 2 assets and liabilities on a quarterly basis for changes in listings or delistings on national exchanges.

Due to the inherent uncertainty of determining the fair value of investments that do not have a readily available market value, the fair value of the Fund's investments may fluctuate from period to period. Additionally, the fair value of investments may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market existed for such investments and may differ materially from the values the Fund may ultimately realize. Further, such investments may be subject to legal and other restrictions on resale or otherwise be less liquid than publicly traded securities.

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The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. A summary of the levels of inputs used to value the Fund's assets as of June 30, 2022 is as follows:

| | Total Fair Value at 06/30/22 | Level 1 Quoted Prices | Level 2 Other Significant Observable Inputs | Level 3 Significant Unobservable Inputs |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Highland/iBoxx Senior Loan ETF | | | | |
| Assets | | | | |
| US Senior Loans* | \$28,753,083 | \$ — | \$28,753,083 | \$ — |
| Foreign Domiciled Senior Loans* | 1,773,058 | — | 1,773,058 | — |
| Cash Equivalent* | 4,363,475 | 4,363,475 | — | — |
| Total | \$34,889,616 | \$4,363,475 | \$30,526,141 | \$ — |

* Please refer to the Investment Portfolio for industry/country breakout.

Amounts designated as “—” are \$0.

For the year ended June 30, 2022, there were no transfers in or out of Level 3.

Security Transactions

Security transactions are accounted for on the trade date. Realized gains (losses) on investments sold are recorded on the basis of the specific identification method for both financial statement and U.S. federal income tax purposes taking into account any foreign taxes withheld.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Fund considers liquid assets deposited with a bank, and certain short term debt instruments with original maturities of 3 months or less to be cash equivalents. The Fund also considers money market instruments that invest in cash equivalents to be cash equivalents. These investments represent amounts held with financial institutions that are readily accessible to pay Fund expenses or purchase investments. Cash and cash equivalents are valued at cost plus accrued interest, which approximates fair value. The value of cash equivalents denominated in foreign currencies is determined by converting to U.S. dollars on the date of the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. These balances may exceed the federally insured limits under the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (“FDIC”).

Foreign Currency

Accounting records of the Fund are maintained in U.S. dollars. Foreign currencies, investments and other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars at the exchange rates using the current 4:00 PM London Time Spot Rate. Fluctuations in the value of the foreign currencies and other assets and liabilities resulting from changes in exchange rates, between trade and settlement dates on securities transactions and between the accrual and payment dates on dividends, interest income and foreign withholding taxes, are recorded as unrealized

foreign currency gains (losses). Realized gains (losses) and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investment securities and income and expenses are translated on the respective dates of such transactions.

Income Recognition

Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis and includes accretion of discounts and amortization of premiums of debt instruments using the effective interest method.

U.S. Federal Income Tax Status

The Fund intends to continue to qualify each year as a “regulated investment company” under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and will distribute substantially all of its taxable income and gains, if any, for the tax year, and as such will not be subject to U.S. federal income taxes. In addition, the Fund intends to distribute, in each calendar year, all of its net investment income, capital gains and certain other amounts, if any, such that it should not be subject to U.S. federal excise tax. Therefore, no U.S. federal income or excise tax provisions are recorded.

As of, and during the year ended June 30, 2022, the Fund did not have a liability for any unrecognized tax benefits. The Fund recognizes interest and penalties, if any, related to unrecognized tax benefits as income tax expense in the Statement of Operations. During the year, the Fund did not incur any tax-related interest or penalties.

Investment Adviser has analyzed the Fund's tax positions taken on federal income tax returns for all open tax years (current and prior tax year), and has concluded that no provision for federal income tax is required in the Fund's

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financial statements. The Fund's federal and state income and federal excise tax returns for tax years for which the applicable statutes of limitations have not expired are subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service and state departments of revenue.

Distributions to Shareholders

The Fund intends to pay distributions from net investment income, if any, on a monthly basis. The Fund intends to pay net realized capital gains, if any, on an annual basis.

Note 3. U.S. Federal Tax Information

The timing and character of income and capital gain distributions are determined in accordance with income tax regulations, which may differ from GAAP. As a result, net investment income (loss) and net realized gain/(loss) on investment transactions for a reporting period may differ significantly from distributions during such period.

Reclassifications are made to the Fund's capital accounts for permanent tax differences to reflect income and gains available for distribution (or available capital loss carryforwards) under income tax regulations. There were no reclassifications during the period.

The tax character of distributions paid during the prior two fiscal years ended June 30, was as follows:

| | Distributions paid from: | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| | Ordinary Income* | Long-Term Capital Gains | Return of Capital |
| Highland/iBoxx Senior Loan ETF | | | |
| 2022 | \$1,282,174 | \$— | \$10,748 |
| 2021 | 1,471,618 | — | — |

* For tax purposes, short-term capital gains distributions, if any, are considered ordinary income distributions.

Amounts designated as "—" are \$0.

As of June 30, 2022, the Fund's most recent tax year end, the components of distributable earnings on a tax basis were as follows:

| | Capital Loss Carryforward | Net Unrealized Appreciation/ (Depreciation) | Ordinary Income | Other Temporary Differences |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| | Highland/iBoxx Senior Loan ETF | \$(56,635,008) | \$(2,608,862) | \$— |

At June 30, 2022, the Fund had capital loss carryover as indicated below. The capital loss carryover is available to offset future realized capital gain.

| | Short-Term Loss | Long-Term Loss | Total |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Highland/iBoxx Senior Loan ETF | \$31,306,476 | \$25,328,532 | \$56,635,008 |

For federal income tax purposes, the cost of securities owned at June 30, 2022, and the net realized gains or losses on securities sold for the period, were different from amounts reported for financial reporting purposes, primarily due to wash sales which cannot be used for federal income tax purposes in the current period and have been deferred for use in future periods.

Unrealized appreciation and depreciation at June 30, 2022, based on cost of investments, including cash equivalents, for U.S. federal income tax purposes was:

| | Gross Appreciation | Gross Depreciation | Net Appreciation/ (Depreciation) | Cost |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|
| | Highland/iBoxx Senior Loan ETF | \$26,106 | \$(2,634,968) | \$(2,608,862) |

Note 4. Advisory, Administration, Service and Distribution, Trustee, and Other Fees

Investment Advisory Fees

The Investment Adviser receives from the Fund monthly investment advisory fees, computed and accrued daily based on the Average Daily Managed Assets of the Fund, at the annual rate of 0.45%.

"Average Daily Managed Assets" of a Fund means the average daily value of the total assets of the Fund less all accrued liabilities of the Fund (other than the aggregate amount of any outstanding borrowings constituting financial leverage).

Administration Fees

SEI Investments Global Funds Services (the "Administrator") serves as the Fund's Administrator pursuant to an Administration Agreement. For its services under the Administration Agreement, the Administrator receives a monthly administration fee from the Fund, calculated and assessed in arrears based on the aggregate net assets of the Fund, subject to an annual minimum fee. For the year ended June 30, 2022, the Fund paid \$42,301 for these services.

Service and Distribution Fees

SEI Investments Distribution Co. (the "Distributor") serves as the Fund's underwriter and distributor of shares pursuant to a Distribution Agreement. Under the Distribution

Agreement, the Distributor, as agent, receives orders to create and redeem shares in Creation Unit Aggregations and transmits such orders to the Fund’s custodian and transfer agent. The Distributor has no obligation to sell any specific quantity of Fund shares. The Distributor bears the following costs and expenses relating to the distribution of shares: (i) the costs of processing and maintaining records of creations of Creation Units; (ii) all cost of maintaining the records required of a registered broker/dealer; (iii) the expenses of maintaining its registration or qualification as a dealer or broker under Federal or state laws; (iv) filing fees; and (v) all other expenses incurred in connection with the distribution services as contemplated in the Distribution Agreement. The Distributor does not maintain any secondary market in Fund shares.

Expense Limits and Fee Reimbursements

The Investment Adviser has contractually agreed to limit the total annual operating expenses (exclusive of taxes, brokerage commissions and other, transaction costs, acquired fund fees and expenses, dividend expense and extraordinary expenses (collectively, the “Excluded Expenses”)) of the Fund to 0.55% of average daily net assets of the Fund (the “Expense Cap”). The Expense Cap will continue through at least October 31, 2022, and may not be terminated prior to this date without the action or consent of the Board. Under the Expense Cap, the Investment Adviser may recoup waived and/or reimbursed amounts with respect to the Fund within thirty-six months of the date such amounts were waived or reimbursed, provided the Fund’s total annual operating expenses, including such recoupment, do not exceed the Expense Cap in effect at the time of such waiver/reimbursement.

As of June 30, 2022, pursuant to the above, fees previously waived and reimbursed by the Investment Adviser that may be subject to possible future reimbursement to the Investment Adviser were as follows:

| | Expiring Fiscal Years Ended June 30 | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
| Highland/iBoxx Senior Loan ETF | \$713,412 | \$428,153 | \$81,155 |

During the year ended June 30, 2022, \$971,981 of fees previously waived and or reimbursed by the Investment Adviser that were eligible for recoupment expired.

Fees Paid to Officers and Trustees

Each Trustee who oversees all of the funds in the Highland Fund Complex receives an annual retainer of \$150,000 payable in quarterly installments and allocated among each portfolio in the Highland Fund Complex based on relative net assets. The annual retainer for a Trustee who does not oversee all of the funds in the Highland Fund Complex is prorated

based on the portion of the \$150,000 annual retainer allocable to the funds overseen by such Trustee. The Chairman of the Audit Committee and the Chairman of the Board each receive an additional annual payment of \$10,000 payable in quarterly installments and allocated among each portfolio in the Highland Fund Complex based on relative net assets. Trustees are reimbursed for actual out-of-pocket expenses relating to attendance at meetings. The “Highland Fund Complex” consists of all of the registered investment companies advised by the Investment Adviser or its affiliated advisers as of the date of this report and NexPoint Capital, Inc., a closed-end management investment company that has elected to be treated as a business development company under the 1940 Act, which are each advised by the Investment Adviser or its affiliated advisers.

The Fund pays no compensation to its officers.

The Trustees do not receive any separate compensation in connection with service on Committees or for attending Board or Committee Meetings. The Trustees do not have any pension or retirement plan.

Other Matters

HCMFA has entered into a Services Agreement (the “Services Agreement”) with Skyview Group (“Skyview”), effective February 25, 2021, pursuant to which HCMFA will receive administrative and operational support services to enable it to provide the required advisory services to the Fund. The Investment Adviser, and not the Fund, compensates all Investment Adviser and Skyview personnel who provide services to the Fund.

Expedited Settlement Agreements

On June 15, 2017 and May 14, 2019, the Fund entered into Expedited Settlement Agreements with two major dealers in the floating rate loan market, pursuant to which the Fund has the right to designate certain loans it sells to the dealer to settle on or prior to three days from the trade date in exchange for a quarterly fee (the “Expedited Settlement Agreements”). The Expedited Settlement Agreements are designed to reduce settlement times from the standard seven days to three days for eligible loans. For the year ended June 30, 2022, the Fund paid \$3,552 to the dealer as part of the Expedited Settlement Agreements.

While the Expedited Settlement Agreements are intended to provide the Fund with additional liquidity with respect to such loans, and may not represent the exclusive method of expedited settlement of such loans, no assurance can be given that the Expedited Settlement Agreements or other methods for expediting settlements will provide the Fund with sufficient liquidity in the event of abnormally large redemptions.

Note 5. Portfolio Information

For the year ended June 30, 2022, the cost of purchases and the proceeds from sales of the Fund’s portfolio securities amounted to the following:

| | U.S. Government Securities* | | Other Securities | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------|------------------|--------------|
| | Purchases | Sales | Purchases | Sales |
| Highland/iBoxx Senior Loan ETF + | \$— | \$— | \$54,871,026 | \$56,422,238 |

* The Fund did not have any purchases or sales of U.S. Government Securities for the year ended June 30, 2022.

+ The Fund did not have any in-kind creations/redemptions for the year ended June 30, 2022.

Amounts designated as “—” are \$0.

Note 6. Indemnification

Under the Trust’s organizational documents, the officers and Trustees have been granted certain indemnification rights against certain liabilities that may rise out of performance of their duties to the Fund. Additionally, in the normal course of business, the Fund may enter into contracts with service providers that contain a variety of indemnification clauses. The Fund’s maximum exposure under these arrangements is dependent on future claims that may be made against the Fund and, therefore, cannot be estimated.

Note 7. Disclosure of Significant Risks and Contingencies

The Fund’s investments expose the Fund to various risks, certain of which are discussed below. Please refer to the Fund’s prospectus and statement of additional information for a full listing of risks associated with the Fund’s investments.

Asset Class Risk

Securities in the Underlying Index or in the Fund’s portfolio may underperform in comparison to the general securities markets or other asset classes.

Cash Transaction Risk

Unlike most exchange-traded funds (“ETFs”), the Fund currently intends to effect creations and redemptions principally for cash, rather than principally for in-kind securities, because of the nature of the Fund’s investments. As a result, investments in Fund shares may be less tax-efficient than investments in conventional ETFs. Paying redemption proceeds in cash rather than through in-kind delivery of portfolio securities may require the Fund to dispose of or sell portfolio investments to obtain the cash needed to distribute redemption proceeds at an inopportune time. This may cause the Fund to recognize gains or losses that it might not have incurred if it had made a redemption in-kind.

Commodities Risk

Commodities markets historically have been extremely volatile, and the performance of securities and other instruments that provide exposure to those markets therefore also may be highly volatile. The commodities markets may fluctuate widely based on a variety of factors. These include changes in overall market movements, domestic and foreign political and economic events and policies, war, acts of terrorism, changes in domestic or foreign interest rates and/or investor expectations concerning interest rates, domestic and foreign inflation rates and/or investor expectations concerning inflation rates and investment and trading activities of mutual funds, hedge funds and commodities funds. Commodity linked derivative instruments have a high degree of price variability and are subject to rapid and substantial price changes. Commodity-linked derivative instruments may employ leverage, which creates the possibility for losses greater than the amount invested.

Counterparty Risk

A counterparty (the other party to a transaction or an agreement or the party with whom the Fund executes transactions) to a transaction with the Fund may be unable or unwilling to make timely principal, interest or settlement payments, or otherwise honor its obligations.

Covenant-Lite Loans Risk

Loans in which the Fund invests include covenant-lite loans, which carry more risk to the lender than traditional loans as they may contain fewer or less restrictive covenants on the borrower than traditionally included in loan documentation or may contain other borrower-friendly characteristics. The Fund may experience relatively greater difficulty or delays in enforcing its rights on its holdings of certain covenant-lite loans and debt securities than its holdings of loans or securities with the usual covenants.

Credit Risk

The issuers of certain securities or the counterparties of a derivatives contract or repurchase contract might be unable or unwilling (or perceived as being unable or unwilling) to make interest and/or principal payments when due, or to otherwise honor its obligations. Debt securities are subject to the risk of non-payment of scheduled interest and/or principal. Non-payment would result in a reduction of income to the Fund, a reduction in the value of the obligation experiencing non-payment and a potential decrease in the Fund’s net asset value and the market price of the Fund’s shares.

Debt Securities and Leveraged Loans Risk

The value of debt securities typically changes in response to various factors, including, by way of example, market-related

factors (such as changes in interest rates or changes in the risk appetite of investors generally) and changes in the actual or perceived ability of the issuer (or of issuers generally) to meet its (or their) obligations. During periods of rising interest rates, debt securities generally decline in value. Conversely, during periods of falling interest rates, debt securities generally rise in value. This kind of market risk is generally greater for funds investing in debt securities with longer maturities. In addition, the interest rates of floating rate loans typically only adjust to changes in short-term interest rates; long-term interest rates can vary dramatically from short-term interest rates. Leveraged Loans are subject to the same risks typically associated with debt securities. In addition, Leveraged Loans, which typically hold a senior position in the capital structure of a borrower, are subject to the risk that a court could subordinate such loans to presently existing or future indebtedness or take other action detrimental to the holders of Leveraged Loans. Leveraged Loans are also especially subject to the risk that the value of the collateral, if any, securing a loan may decline, be insufficient to meet the obligations of the borrower or be difficult to liquidate.

Because loans are not ordinarily registered with the SEC or any state securities commission or listed on any securities exchange, there is usually less publicly available information about such instruments. In addition, loans may not be considered “securities” for purposes of the anti-fraud protections of the federal securities laws and, as a result, as a purchaser of these instruments, we may not be entitled to the anti-fraud protections of the federal securities laws. In the course of investing in such instruments, we may come into possession of material nonpublic information and, because of prohibitions on trading in securities of issuers while in possession of such information, we may be unable to enter into a transaction in a publicly-traded security of that issuer when it would otherwise be advantageous for us to do so. Alternatively, we may choose not to receive material nonpublic information about an issuer of such loans, with the result that we may have less information about such issuers than other investors who transact in such assets.

Derivatives Risk

Derivatives Risk is a combination of several risks, including the risks that: (1) an investment in a derivative instrument may not correlate well with the performance of the securities or asset class to which the Fund seeks exposure, (2) derivative contracts, including options, may expire worthless and the use of derivatives may result in losses to the Fund, (3) a derivative instrument entailing leverage may result in a loss greater than the principal amount invested, (4) derivatives not traded on an exchange may be subject to

credit risk, for example, if the counterparty does not meet its obligations (see also “Counterparty Risk”), and (5) derivatives not traded on an exchange may be subject to liquidity risk and the related risk that the instrument is difficult or impossible to value accurately. As a general matter, when the Fund establishes certain derivative instrument positions, such as certain futures, options and forward contract positions, it will segregate liquid assets (such as cash, U.S. Treasury bonds or commercial paper) equivalent to the Fund’s outstanding obligations under the contract or in connection with the position. In addition, recent legislation has called for a new regulatory framework for the derivatives market. The impact of the new regulations are still unknown, but has the potential to increase the costs of using derivatives, may limit the availability of some forms of derivatives or the Fund’s ability to use derivatives, and may adversely affect the performance of some derivative instruments used by the Fund as well as the Fund’s ability to pursue its investment objective through the use of such instruments.

Emerging Markets Risk

The risk of investing in securities of issuers tied economically to emerging markets, which entails all of the risks of investing in securities of non-U.S. issuers detailed below under “Foreign Securities Risk” to a heightened degree. These heightened risks include:

- (i) greater risks of expropriation, confiscatory taxation, nationalization, and less social, political and economic stability;
- (ii) the smaller size of the markets for such securities and a lower volume of trading, resulting in lack of liquidity and in price volatility;
- (iii) greater fluctuations in currency exchange rates; and
- (iv) certain national policies that may restrict the Fund’s investment opportunities, including restrictions on investing in issuers or industries deemed sensitive to relevant national interests.

Exchange-Traded Funds Risk

The price movement of an exchange-traded fund may not exactly track the underlying index and may result in a loss. In addition, shareholders bear both their proportionate share of the Fund’s expenses and indirectly bear similar expenses of the underlying investment company when the Fund invests in shares of another investment company.

Fixed Income Market Risk

Fixed income markets may, in response to governmental intervention, economic or market developments (including potentially a reduction in the number of broker-dealers willing to engage in market-making activity), or other factors, experience periods of increased volatility and reduced liquidity. During those periods, the Fund may experience increased levels of shareholder redemptions, and may have to sell securities at times when it would otherwise not do so, and at

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unfavorable prices. Fixed income securities may be difficult to value during such periods. As of the date of this Prospectus, market interest rates in the United States are at or near historic lows, which may increase the Fund's exposure to risks associated with rising market interest rates. Rising market interest rates could have unpredictable effects on the markets and may expose fixed-income and related markets to heightened volatility, which could reduce liquidity for certain investments, adversely affect values, and increase costs. Increased redemptions may cause the Fund to liquidate portfolio positions when it may not be advantageous to do so and may lower returns. If dealer capacity in fixed-income and related markets is insufficient for market conditions, it may further inhibit liquidity and increase volatility in the fixed-income and related markets. Further, recent and potential future changes in government policy may affect interest rates.

Focused Investment Risk

The Fund's investments in Senior Loans arranged through private negotiations between a Borrower and several financial institutions may expose the Fund to risks associated with the financial services industry. The financial services industry is subject to extensive government regulation, which can limit both the amounts and types of loans and other financial commitments financial services companies can make and the interest rates and fees they can charge. Profitability is largely dependent on the availability and cost of capital funds, and can fluctuate significantly when interest rates change. Because financial services companies are highly dependent on short-term interest rates, they can be adversely affected by downturns in the U.S. and foreign economies or changes in banking regulations. Losses resulting from financial difficulties of Borrowers can negatively affect financial services companies.

Foreign Securities Risk

Investments in securities of non-U.S. issuers involve certain risks not involved in domestic investments (for example, fluctuations in foreign exchange rates (for non-U.S. securities not denominated in U.S. dollars); future foreign economic, financial, political and social developments; nationalization; exploration or confiscatory taxation; smaller markets; different trading and settlement practices; less governmental supervision; and different accounting, auditing and financial recordkeeping standards and requirements) that may result in the Fund experiencing more rapid and extreme changes in value than a fund that invests exclusively in securities of U.S. companies. These risks are magnified for investments in issuers tied economically to emerging markets, the economies of which tend to be more volatile than the economies of developed markets. In addition, investments by the Fund in non-U.S. securities may be subject to withholding and

other taxes imposed by foreign countries on dividends, interest, capital gains, or other income or proceeds. Those taxes will reduce the Fund's yield on any such securities.

High-Yield Debt Securities Risk

Below investment grade securities or unrated securities of similar credit quality (commonly known as "high-yield securities" or "junk securities") are more likely to default than higher rated securities. The Fund's ability to invest in high-yield debt securities generally subjects the Fund to greater risk than securities with higher ratings. Such securities are regarded by the rating organizations as predominantly speculative with respect to capacity to pay interest and repay principal in accordance with the terms of the obligation. The market value of these securities is more sensitive to corporate developments and economic conditions and can be volatile. Market conditions can diminish liquidity and make accurate valuations difficult to obtain.

Illiquid and Restricted Securities Risk

The Investment Adviser may not be able to sell illiquid or restricted securities, such as securities issued pursuant to Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933, at the price it would like or may have to sell them at a loss. Securities of non-U.S. issuers and emerging or developing markets securities in particular, are subject to greater liquidity risk.

Industry Concentration Risk

Because the Fund may invest 25% or more of the value of its assets in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Underlying Index concentrates in an industry or group of industries, the Fund's performance largely depends on the overall condition of such industry or group of industries and the Fund is susceptible to economic, political and regulatory risks or other occurrences associated with that industry or group of industries.

Intellectual Property Risk

The Investment Adviser relies on a license, which may be terminated by the Index Provider, that permits the Fund to use the Underlying Index and associated trade names, trademarks and service marks (the "Intellectual Property") in connection with the name and investment strategies of the Fund. In the event the license is terminated or the Index Provider does not have rights to license the Intellectual Property, it may have a significant effect on the operation of the Fund.

Interest Rate Risk

Fixed income securities may decline in value because of changes in interest rates. When interest rates decline, the value of fixed rate securities already held by the Fund can be expected to rise. Conversely, when interest rates rise, the

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value of existing fixed rate portfolio securities can be expected to decline. A fund with a longer average portfolio duration will be more sensitive to changes in interest rates than a fund with a shorter average portfolio duration. In addition, the interest rates of floating rate loans typically only adjust to changes in short-term interest rates; long-term interest rates can vary dramatically from short-term interest rates.

Loans in which the Fund will invest generally pay interest at rates that are periodically redetermined by reference to a base lending rate plus a premium. These base lending rates generally are the London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR"), the prime rate offered by one or more major United States banks ("Prime Rate") or the certificate of deposit ("CD") rate or other base lending rates used by commercial Lenders. Due to manipulation allegations in 2012 and reduced activity in the financial markets that it measures, in July 2017, the FCA, the United Kingdom financial regulatory body, announced a desire to phase out the use of LIBOR by the end of 2021. Please refer to "LIBOR Transition and Associated Risk" for more information.

Lender Liability Risk

A number of judicial decisions have upheld the right of Borrowers to sue lending institutions on the basis of various evolving legal theories founded upon the premise that an institutional Lender has violated a duty of good faith and fair dealing owed to the Borrower or has assumed a degree of control over the Borrower resulting in a creation of a fiduciary duty owed to the Borrower or its other creditors or shareholders. Because of the nature of certain of the Fund's investments, the Fund or the Investment Adviser could be subject to such liability.

LIBOR Transition and Associated Risk

LIBOR is the average offered rate for various maturities of short-term loans between major international banks who are members of the British Bankers Association. LIBOR is the most common benchmark interest rate index used to make adjustments to variable-rate loans. It is used throughout global banking and financial industries to determine interest rates for a variety of financial instruments (such as debt instruments and derivatives) and borrowing arrangements. Due to manipulation allegations in 2012 and reduced activity in the financial markets that it measures, in July 2017, the Financial Conduct Authority (the "FCA"), the United Kingdom financial regulatory body, announced a desire to phase out the use of LIBOR by the end of 2021 that it will stop encouraging banks to provide the quotations needed to sustain LIBOR. The ICE Benchmark Administration Limited, the administrator of LIBOR, ceased publishing most LIBOR maturities, including some US LIBOR maturities, on December 31, 2021, and is expected to cease publishing the remaining and

most liquid US LIBOR maturities on June 30, 2023. It is expected that market participants will transition to the use of alternative reference or benchmark rates prior to the applicable LIBOR publication date. Additionally, although regulators have encouraged the development and adoption of alternative rates, such as the Secured Overnight Financing Rate ("SOFR"), the future utilization of LIBOR or of any particular replacement rate remains uncertain. Although the transition process away from LIBOR has become increasingly well defined in advance of the anticipated discontinuation dates, the impact on certain debt securities, derivatives and other financial instruments remains uncertain. It is expected that market participants will adopt alternative rates such as SOFR or otherwise amend financial instruments referencing LIBOR to include fallback provisions and other measures that contemplate the discontinuation of LIBOR or other similar market disruption events, but neither the effect of the transition process nor the viability of such measures is known. Further, uncertainty and risk remain regarding the willingness and ability of issuers and lenders to include alternative rates and revised provisions in new and existing contracts or instruments. To facilitate the transition of legacy derivatives contracts referencing LIBOR, the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. launched a protocol to incorporate fallback provisions. While the transition process away from LIBOR has become increasingly well-defined in advance of the expected LIBOR cessation dates, there are obstacles to converting certain longer term securities and transactions to a new benchmark or benchmarks and the effectiveness of one alternative reference rate versus multiple alternative reference rates in new or existing financial instruments and products has not been determined.

Furthermore, the risks associated with the cessation of LIBOR and transition to replacement rates may be exacerbated if an orderly transition to alternative reference rates is not completed in a timely manner. Certain proposed replacement rates to LIBOR, such as SOFR, which is a broad measure of secured overnight US Treasury repo rates, are materially different from LIBOR, and changes in the applicable spread for financial instruments transitioning away from LIBOR will need to be made to accommodate the differences. Furthermore, the risks associated with the expected discontinuation of LIBOR and transition to replacement rates may be exacerbated if an orderly transition to an alternative reference rate is not completed in a timely manner. As market participants transition away from LIBOR, LIBOR's usefulness may deteriorate and these effects could be experienced until the permanent cessation of the majority of U.S. LIBOR rates in 2023. The transition process may lead to increased volatility and illiquidity in markets that currently rely on LIBOR to determine interest rates. LIBOR's deterioration may adversely affect the liquidity and/or

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market value of securities that use LIBOR as a benchmark interest rate.

Limited Information Risk

The types of Senior Loans in which the Fund will invest historically may not have been rated by a NRSRO, have not been registered with the SEC or any state securities commission, and have not been listed on any national securities exchange. Although the Fund will generally have access to financial and other information made available to the Lenders in connection with Senior Loans, the amount of public information available with respect to Senior Loans will generally be less extensive than that available for rated, registered or exchange-listed securities.

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that low trading volume, lack of a market maker, large position size, or legal restrictions (including daily price fluctuation limits or “circuit breakers”) limits or prevents the Fund from selling particular securities or unwinding derivative positions at desirable prices. At times, a major portion of any portfolio security may be held by relatively few institutional purchasers. Even if the Fund considers such securities liquid because of the availability of an institutional market, such securities may become difficult to value or sell in adverse market or economic conditions. Because loan transactions often take longer to settle than transactions in other securities, the Fund may not receive the proceeds from the sale of a loan for a significant period of time. As a result, the Fund may maintain higher levels of cash and short-term investments than mutual funds that invest in securities with shorter settlement cycles and/or may enter into a line of credit to permit the Fund to finance redemptions pending settlement of the sale of portfolio securities, each of which may adversely affect the Fund’s performance. No assurance can be given that these measures will provide the Fund with sufficient liquidity in the event of abnormally large redemptions.

Loan Participation Risk

In addition to the risks typically associated with debt securities, Participations involve the risk that there may not be a readily available market for Participation interests and, in some cases, the Fund may have to dispose of such securities at a substantial discount from face value. Participations also involve the credit risk associated with the underlying corporate borrower.

Management Risk

Management risk is the risk associated with the fact that the Fund relies on the Investment Adviser’s ability to achieve its investment objective. The Investment Adviser may be incorrect in its assessment of the intrinsic value of

companies whose securities the Fund holds, which may result in a decline in the value of Fund shares and failure to achieve its investment objective. The Fund’s portfolio manager uses quantitative analyses and/or models. Any imperfections or limitations in such analyses and models could affect the ability of the portfolio manager to implement strategies.

Market Price Variance Risk

Fund shares will be listed for trading on NASDAQ, Inc. (the “Exchange”) and can be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The market prices of shares will fluctuate in response to changes in the NAV and supply and demand for shares. As a result, the trading prices of Shares may deviate significantly from NAV during periods of market volatility. The Investment Adviser cannot predict whether shares will trade above, below or at their NAV. Given the fact that shares can be created and redeemed in Creation Units, the Investment Adviser believes that large discounts or premiums to the NAV of shares should not be sustained in the long-term. In addition, the securities held by the Fund may be traded in markets that close at a different time than the Exchange. Liquidity in those securities may be reduced after the applicable closing times. Accordingly, during the time when the Exchange is open but after the applicable market closing, fixing or settlement times, bid-ask spreads and the resulting premium or discount to the Shares’ NAV may widen. Further, secondary markets may be subject to irregular trading activity, wide bid/ask spreads and extended trade settlement periods, which could cause a material decline in the Fund’s NAV. The bid/ask spread of the Fund may be wider in comparison to the bid/ask spread of other ETFs, given the liquidity of the Fund’s assets. The Fund’s investment results are measured based upon the daily NAV of the Fund. Investors purchasing and selling shares in the secondary market may not experience investment results consistent with those experienced by those purchasing and redeeming directly with the Fund.

Non-Diversification Risk

As a non-diversified fund for purposes of the 1940 Act, the Fund may invest a larger portion of its assets in the securities of fewer issuers than a diversified fund. The Fund’s investment in fewer issuers may result in the Fund’s shares being more sensitive to the economic results of those issuers. An investment in the Fund could fluctuate in value more than an investment in a diversified fund.

Non-Payment Risk

Debt securities are subject to the risk of non-payment of scheduled interest and/or principal. Non-payment would result in a reduction of income to the Fund, a reduction in the value of the obligation experiencing non-payment and a

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potential decrease in the Fund's NAV and the market price of the Fund's shares.

Ongoing Monitoring Risk

Ongoing monitoring risk is the risk associated with ongoing monitoring of the Agent. On behalf of the several Lenders, the Agent generally will be required to administer and manage the Senior Loans and, with respect to collateralized Senior Loans, to service or monitor the collateral. Financial difficulties of Agents can pose a risk to the Fund. Unless, under the terms of the loan, the Fund has direct recourse against the Borrower, the Fund may have to rely on the Agent or other financial intermediary to apply appropriate credit remedies against a Borrower.

Operational and Technology Risk

Cyber-attacks, disruptions, or failures that affect the Fund's service providers, counterparties, market participants, or issuers of securities held by the Fund may adversely affect the Fund and its shareholders, including by causing losses for the Fund or impairing Fund operations.

Options Risk

Options, such as covered calls and covered puts, are subject to the risk that significant differences between the securities and options markets that could result in an imperfect correlation between these markets.

Pandemics and Associated Economic Disruption

An outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus was first detected in China in late 2019 and subsequently spread globally ("COVID-19"). This coronavirus has and may continue to result in the closing of borders, enhanced health screenings, disruptions to healthcare service preparation and delivery, quarantines, cancellations, disruptions to supply chains and customer activity, as well as general anxiety and economic uncertainty. The impact of this coronavirus may be short-term or may last for an extended period of time and has resulted in a substantial economic downturn. Health crises caused by outbreaks of disease, such as the coronavirus, may exacerbate other pre-existing political, social and economic risks. The impact of this outbreak, and other epidemics and pandemics that may arise in the future, could continue to negatively affect the global economy, as well as the economies of individual countries, individual companies and the market in general in significant and unforeseen ways. For example, a widespread health crisis such as a global pandemic could cause substantial market volatility, exchange trading suspensions and closures, and impact the Fund's ability to complete repurchase requests. Any such impact could adversely affect the Fund's performance, the performance of the securities in which the Fund invests, lines of credit available to the Fund and may lead to

losses on your investment in the Fund. In addition, the increasing interconnectedness of markets around the world may result in many markets being affected by events or conditions in a single country or region or events affecting a single or small number of issuers.

The United States responded to the coronavirus pandemic and resulting economic distress with fiscal and monetary stimulus packages, including the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the "CARES Act") passed in late March 2020. The CARES ACT provides for over \$2.2 trillion in resources to small businesses, state and local governments, and individuals adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. In late December 2020, the government also passed a spending bill that included \$900 billion in stimulus relief for the COVID-19 pandemic. Further, in March 2021, the government passed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, a \$1.9 trillion stimulus bill to accelerate the United States' recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, in mid March 2020, the U.S. Federal Reserve (the "Fed") cut interest rates to historically low levels and announced a new round of quantitative easing, including purchases of corporate and municipal government bonds. The Fed also enacted various programs to support liquidity operations and funding in the financial markets, including expanding its reverse repurchase agreement operations, which added \$1.5 trillion of liquidity to the banking system; establishing swap lines with other major central banks to provide dollar funding; establishing a program to support money market funds; easing various bank capital buffers; providing funding backstops for businesses to provide bridging loans for up to four years; and providing funding to help credit flow in asset-backed securities markets. In addition, the Fed extended credit to small and medium-sized businesses. As the Fed "tapers" or reduces the amount of securities it purchases pursuant to quantitative easing, and/or if the Fed raises the federal funds rate, there is a risk that interest rates will rise, which could expose fixed-income and related markets to heightened volatility and could cause the value of a fund's investments, and the fund's NAV, to decline, potentially suddenly and significantly. As a result, the fund may experience high redemptions and, as a result, increased portfolio turnover, which could increase the costs that the Fund incurs and may negatively impact the fund's performance. There is no assurance that the U.S. government's support in response to COVID-19 economic distress will offset the adverse impact to securities in which the Fund may invest and future governmental support is not guaranteed.

Passive Investment Risk

The Fund is not actively managed and HCMFA does not attempt to take defensive positions under any market conditions, including during declining markets.

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Portfolio Turnover Risk

High portfolio turnover will increase the Fund's transaction costs and may result in increased realization of net short-term capital gains (which are taxable to shareholders as ordinary income when distributed to them), higher taxable distributions and lower after-tax performance.

Prepayment Risk

During periods of falling interest rates, issuers of debt securities may repay higher rate securities before their maturity dates. This may cause the Fund to lose potential price appreciation and to be forced to reinvest the unanticipated proceeds at lower interest rates. This may result in a decrease in the Fund's income.

Regulatory Risk

To the extent that legislation or state or federal regulators impose additional requirements or restrictions with respect to the ability of financial institutions to make loans in connection with highly leveraged transactions, the availability of Senior Loan interests for investment by the Fund may be adversely affected.

In addition, such requirements or restrictions may reduce or eliminate sources of financing for affected Borrowers. Further, to the extent that legislation or federal or state regulators require such institutions to dispose of Senior Loan interests relating to highly leveraged transactions or subject such Senior Loan interests to increased regulatory scrutiny, such financial institutions may determine to sell Senior Loan interests in a manner that results in a price that, in the opinion of the Adviser, is not indicative of fair value. Were the Fund to attempt to sell a Senior Loan interest at a time when a financial institution was engaging in such a sale with respect to the Senior Loan interest, the price at which the Fund could consummate such a sale might be adversely affected. See "Industry Concentration Risk" above.

Securities Market Risk

The value of securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably, due to factors affecting particular companies or the securities markets generally. A general downturn in the securities market may cause multiple asset classes to decline in value simultaneously. Many factors can affect this value and you may lose money by investing in the Fund.

Senior Loans Risk

The Fund's investments in Senior Loans are typically below investment grade and are considered speculative because of the credit risk of their issuers. As with any debt instrument, Senior Loans are generally subject to the risk of price declines and to increases in interest rates, particularly long-term rates. Senior loans are also subject to the risk that, as

interest rates rise, the cost of borrowing increases, which may increase the risk of default. In addition, the interest rates of floating rate loans typically only adjust to changes in short-term interest rates; long-term interest rates can vary dramatically from short-term interest rates. Therefore, Senior Loans may not mitigate price declines in a rising long-term interest rate environment. The secondary market for loans is generally less liquid than the market for higher grade debt. Less liquidity in the secondary trading market could adversely affect the price at which the Fund could sell a loan, and could adversely affect the Fund's income. The volume and frequency of secondary market trading in such loans varies significantly over time and among loans. Although Senior Loans in which the Fund will invest will often be secured by collateral, there can be no assurance that liquidation of such collateral would satisfy the Borrower's obligation in the event of a default or that such collateral could be readily liquidated.

LIBOR is the most common benchmark interest rate index used to make adjustments to variable-rate loans; however, due to manipulation allegations in 2012 and reduced activity in the financial markets that it measures, the FCA, the United Kingdom financial regulatory body, announced a desire to phase out the use of LIBOR by the end of 2021. Please refer to "LIBOR Transition and Associated Risk" for more information.

Stop Order Risk

During periods of high market volatility, a Fund share may trade at a significant discount to its NAV, and in these circumstances certain types of brokerage orders may expose an investor to an increased risk of loss. A "stop order," sometimes called a "stop-loss order," may cause a Fund share to be sold at the next prevailing market price once the "stop" level is reached, which during a period of high volatility can be at a price that is substantially below NAV. By including a "limit" criteria with a brokerage order, a shareholder may be able to limit the size of the loss resulting from the execution of an ill-timed stop order, although no assurance can be given that inclusion of limit criteria will benefit the shareholder.

Telecommunications Sector Risk

The Fund may be impacted by risks faced by companies in the telecommunications services industry, including: a telecommunications market characterized by increasing competition and regulation by the Federal Communications Commission and various state regulatory authorities; the need to commit substantial capital to meet increasing competition, particularly in formulating new products and new services using new technology; and technological innovations that may make various products and services obsolete.

Tracking Error Risk

The performance of the Fund may diverge from that of the Underlying Index. Because the Fund employs a representative sampling strategy, the Fund may experience tracking error to a greater extent than a fund that seeks to replicate an index. The Investment Adviser may not be able to cause the Fund's performance to correlate to that of the Fund's benchmark, either on a daily or aggregate basis. Because the Underlying Index rebalances monthly but the Fund is not obligated to do the same, the risk of tracking error may increase following the rebalancing of the Underlying Index.

An investment in the Fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the FDIC or any other government agency. As with any investment company, there is no guarantee that the Fund will achieve its goal.

Note 8. Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated the impact of all subsequent events on the Fund through the date the financial statements were issued, and has determined that there were two subsequent events.

Effective July 12, 2022, certain Skyview personnel became dual-employees of NexPoint Services, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Investment Adviser. The same services are being performed by the dual-employees. The Investment Adviser, and not the Funds, will compensate all Investment Adviser, Skyview, and dual-employee personnel who provide services to the Fund.

As required by Rule 18f-4(c)(4)(ii) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 the Fund adopted the Derivatives Risk Management Program on August 19, 2022.

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Shareholders and Board of Trustees of Highland/iBoxx Senior Loan ETF

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the investment portfolio, of Highland/iBoxx Senior Loan ETF (the “Fund”) as of June 30, 2022, the related statement of operations for the year then ended, the statements of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, the related notes, and the financial highlights for each of the three years in the period then ended (collectively referred to as the “financial statements”). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as of June 30, 2022, the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the three years in the period then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Fund’s financial highlights for the years ended June 30, 2019, and prior, were audited by other auditors whose report dated August 30, 2019, expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial highlights.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Fund’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Fund’s financial statements based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (“PCAOB”) and are required to be independent with respect to the Fund in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement whether due to error or fraud.

Our audit included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of June 30, 2022, by correspondence with the custodian and agent banks; when replies were not received from agent banks, we performed other auditing procedures. Our audit also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We have served as the Fund’s auditor since 2020.



COHEN & COMPANY, LTD.
Cleveland, Ohio
August 29, 2022

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (unaudited)

June 30, 2022

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Tax Information

For shareholders that do not have a June 30, 2022 tax year end, this notice is for informational purposes only. For shareholders with a June 30, 2022 tax year end, please consult your tax adviser as to the pertinence of this notice. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, the Fund is designating the following items with regard to distributions paid during the year.

| Return of Capital | Ordinary Income Distributions | Total Distribution | Qualifying for Corporate Dividends Receivable Deduction* | Qualifying Dividend Income (15% Tax Rate for QDI)** | Interest Related Dividends*** |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 0.83% | 99.17% | 100.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 96.12% |

* The percentage in this column represents the amount of "Qualifying for Corporate Receivable Deduction Dividends" and is reflected as a percentage of ordinary income distributions.

** The percentage in this column represents the amount of "Qualifying Dividend Income" and is reflected as a percentage of "Ordinary Income Distributions." It is the intention of the Fund to designate the maximum amount permitted by law. The information reported herein may differ from the information and distributions taxable to the shareholders for the calendar year ending June 30, 2022. Complete information will be computed and reported in conjunction with your 2022 Form 1099-DIV.

***The percentage in this column represents the amount of "Interest Related Dividends" and is reflected as a percentage of ordinary income distributions exempt from U.S. withholding tax when paid to foreign investors.

Additional Portfolio Information

Net asset value, or "NAV," is the price per share at which the Fund issues and redeems shares. It is calculated in accordance with the standard formula for valuing mutual fund shares. The "Market Price" of the Fund generally is determined using the midpoint between the bid and the ask on the stock exchange on which the shares of the Fund are listed for trading, as of the time that the Fund's NAV is calculated. The Fund's Market Price may be at, above or below its NAV. The NAV of the Fund will fluctuate with changes in the market value of its holdings. The Market Price of the Fund will fluctuate in accordance with changes in its NAV, as well as market supply and demand. Shareholders may pay more than NAV when they buy Fund shares and receive less than NAV when they sell those shares, because shares are bought and sold at current Market Prices. Premiums or discounts are the differences (expressed as a percentage) between the NAV and Market Price of the Fund on a given day, generally at the time NAV is calculated. A premium is the amount that a Fund is trading above the reported NAV, expressed as a percentage of the NAV. A discount is the amount that a Fund is trading below the reported NAV, expressed as a percentage of the NAV.

Further information regarding premiums and discounts for the Fund is available on the Fund's website at www.highlandfunds.com The Investment Adviser and its

affiliates manage other accounts, including private funds and individual accounts. Although investment decisions for the Fund are made independently from those of such other accounts, the Investment Adviser may, consistent with applicable law, make investment recommendations to other clients or accounts that may be the same or different from those made to the Fund, including investments in different levels of the capital structure of a company, such as equity versus senior loans, or that involve taking contradictory positions in multiple levels of the capital structure. The Investment Adviser has adopted policies and procedures that address the allocation of investment opportunities, execution of portfolio transactions, personal trading by employees and other potential conflicts of interest that are designed to ensure that all client accounts are treated equitably over time. Nevertheless, this may create situations where a client could be disadvantaged because of the investment activities conducted by the Investment Adviser for other client accounts. When the Fund and one or more other accounts is prepared to invest in, or desires to dispose of, the same security, available investments or opportunities for each are allocated in a manner believed by the Investment Adviser to be equitable over time. The Investment Adviser may aggregate orders, which may include orders for accounts in which the Investment Adviser or its affiliates have an interest, to purchase and sell securities to obtain favorable execution or lower brokerage commissions, to the extent permitted by applicable laws and regulations. Although the Investment Adviser believes that, over time, the potential benefits of participating in volume transactions and negotiating lower transaction costs should benefit all participating accounts, in some cases these activities may adversely affect the price paid or received or the size of the position obtained by or disposed of for the Fund. Where trades are aggregated, the investments or proceeds, as well as the expenses incurred, will be allocated by the Investment Adviser in a manner designed to be equitable and consistent with the Investment Adviser's fiduciary duty to the Fund and its other clients (including its duty to seek to obtain best execution of client trades).

Disclosure of Fund Expenses

As a shareholder of a Fund, you incur two types of costs: (1) transaction costs and (2) ongoing costs, including management fees, and other Fund expenses. This example is intended to help you understand the ongoing costs (in dollars) of investing in your Fund and to compare these costs with the ongoing costs of investing in other mutual funds.

The example is based on an investment of \$1,000 invested at the beginning of the period and held for the six-month period January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022, unless otherwise indicated. This table illustrates your Fund's costs in two ways:

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Actual Expenses: The first part of the table provides information about actual account values and actual expenses. You may use the information in this line, together with the amount you invested, to estimate the expenses that you paid over the period. Simply divide your account value by \$1,000 (for example, an \$8,600 account value divided by \$1,000 = 8.6), then multiply the result by the number in the first line under the heading entitled “Expenses Paid During Period” to estimate the expenses you paid on your account during this period.

Hypothetical Example for Comparison Purposes: The second part of the table provides information about hypothetical account values and hypothetical expenses based on your Fund’s actual expense ratio and an assumed rate of return of 5% per year before expenses, which is not your Fund’s actual return. The actual expense ratio includes voluntary fee waivers or expense reimbursements by the Fund’s investment adviser. The expense ratio would be higher had the fee waivers or expense reimbursements not been in effect. The hypothetical account values and expenses may not be used to estimate the actual ending account balance or expenses you paid for the period. You may use this information to compare the ongoing costs of investing in your Fund and other funds. To do so, compare this 5% hypothetical example with the 5% hypothetical examples that appear in the shareholder reports of the other funds.

Please note that the expenses shown in the table are meant to highlight your ongoing costs only and do not reflect any transactional costs. Therefore, the second part of the table is useful in comparing ongoing costs only, and will not help you determine the relative total costs of owning different funds. In addition, if these transactional costs were included, your costs would have been higher.

| | Beginning Account Value 1/1/22 | Ending Account Value 6/30/22 | Annualized Expense Ratios | Expenses Paid During Period* |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Highland/iBoxx Senior Loan ETF | | | | |
| Actual Fund Return | \$1,000.00 | \$ 936.80 | 0.56% | \$2.69 |
| Hypothetical | \$1,000.00 | \$1,022.02 | 0.56% | \$2.81 |

* Expenses are equal to the Fund’s annualized expense ratio multiplied by the average account value over the hypothetical six-month period, multiplied by 181/365 (to reflect the one-half year period).

Liquidity Risk Management Program

The Fund adopted and implemented a written liquidity risk management program (the “Program”) as required by Rule 22e-4 under the 1940 Act, as amended (the “Liquidity Rule”). As required by the Liquidity Rule, the Program is designed to reasonably assess and manage the Fund’s liquidity risk, taking into consideration the Fund’s investment strategy and the liquidity of its portfolio investments during

normal and reasonably foreseeable stressed conditions; its short and long-term cash flow projections; and its cash holdings and access to other funding sources.

The Board has appointed the Investment Adviser as the Program’s administrator, and the Investment Adviser has delegated oversight of the Program to the cross-functional Liquidity Risk Management Committee (the “Committee”). The Committee includes representatives from compliance, accounting, operations, valuations, trading, and portfolio management departments, as well as employees of the Funds’ service provider Skyview, and is responsible for the Program’s administration and reporting to the Board on at least an annual basis regarding the Program’s operation and effectiveness. The Committee executes the day-to-day investment management and security-level activities of the Funds in accordance with the requirements of the Program, subject to the supervision of the Investment Adviser and the Board.

The Committee: (1) reviews the day-to-day operations of the Program; (2) reviews and approve month-end liquidity classifications; (3) reviews quarterly testing and determinations, as applicable; and (4) review other Program related material. The Committee also conducts daily, monthly, quarterly, and annual quantitative and qualitative assessments of the Fund that is subject to the requirements of the Liquidity Rule and is a part of the Program to monitor investment performance issues, risks and trends. In addition, the Committee may conduct ad-hoc reviews and meetings as issues and trends are identified, including potential liquidity and valuation issues. The Committee also monitors global events, such as the COVID-19 coronavirus, that could impact the markets and liquidity of portfolio investments and their classifications.

In accordance with the Liquidity Rule, the Fund’s portfolio investments is classified into one of four liquidity categories described below based on a determination of a reasonable expectation for how long it would take to convert the investment to cash (or sell or dispose of the investment) without significantly changing its market value.

- Highly liquid investments — cash or convertible to cash within three business days or less
- Moderately liquid investments — convertible to cash in three to seven calendar days
- Less liquid investments — can be sold or disposed of, but not settled, within seven calendar days
- Illiquid investments — cannot be sold or disposed of within seven calendar days.

Liquidity classification determinations consider a variety of factors including various market, trading and investment specific considerations, as well as market depth, and generally utilize analysis from a third-party liquidity metrics service.

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The Liquidity Rule places a 15% limit on a fund's illiquid investments and requires funds that do not primarily hold assets that are highly liquid investments to determine and maintain a minimum percentage of the fund's net assets to be invested in highly liquid investments (highly liquid investment minimum or "HLIM"). The Program includes provisions reasonably designed to comply with the 15% limit on illiquid investments and for determining, periodically reviewing and complying with the HLIM requirement as applicable. The HLIM was set at greater than 10% highly liquid investments for the Fund. The Liquidity Rule and the Program also require reporting to the Board and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (on a non-public basis) if the Fund's holdings of illiquid investments exceed 15% of the Fund's assets.

At a meeting held on June 2, 2022, the Committee presented a report to the Board summarizing the results of its annual assessment of the adequacy and effectiveness of the Program's implementation (the "Report"). The Report covered the period from May 31, 2021 through May 31, 2022 (the "Period").

For the Trust, the Report stated, in relevant part, that during the Period:

- There were no material changes to the Program;
- The Fund's investment strategy remained appropriate for an open-end fund;
- The Fund was able to meet requests for redemption without significant dilution of remaining investors' interests in the Fund;
- The Fund did not breach the 15% limit on illiquid investments;
- The Fund routinely used the expedited settlement facilities to raise cash during periods of unusual market volatility with no issues;
- The Fund has been designated as a primarily Highly Liquid Fund and
- There were no material liquidity events which occurred during this period applicable to the Funds, or, if any, such events and the Committee's actions to address such matter were reported

Overall, the Report concluded that the Program, as adopted and implemented, remained reasonably designed to assess and manage the Fund's liquidity risk, and is operating in a manner that is adequate and effective to manage the liquidity risk of the Fund.

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Trustees and Officers

The Board provides broad oversight of the operations and affairs of the Fund and protects the interests of shareholders. The Board has overall responsibility to manage and control the business affairs of the Fund, including the complete and exclusive authority to establish policies regarding the management, conduct and operation of the Fund's business. The names and birthdates of the Trustees and officers of the Fund, the year each was first elected or appointed to office, their principal business occupations during the last five years, the number of funds overseen by each Trustee and other directorships or trusteeships they hold are shown below. The business address for each Trustee and officer of the Fund is c/o Highland Capital Management Fund Advisors, L.P., 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75201.

The "Highland Fund Complex," as referred to herein consists of: each series of Highland Funds I ("HFI"), each series of Highland Funds II ("HFII"), Highland Global Allocation Fund ("GAF"), Highland Income Fund ("HFRO"), NexPoint Real Estate Strategies Fund ("NRESF") and NexPoint Capital, Inc. (the "BDC"), a closed-end management investment company that has elected to be treated as a business development company under the 1940 Act.

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| <u>Name and Date of Birth</u> | <u>Position(s) with the Fund</u> | <u>Term of Office¹ and Length of Time Served</u> | <u>Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years</u> | <u>Number of Portfolios in the Highland Fund Complex Overseen by the Trustee</u> | <u>Other Directorships/ Trusteeships Held During the Past Five Years</u> | <u>Experience, Qualifications, Attributes, Skills for Board Membership</u> |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Independent Trustees | | | | | | |
| Dr. Bob Froehlich (4/28/1953) | Trustee | Trustee since December 2013; Indefinite Term | Retired. | 8 | Director of KC Concessions, Inc. (since January 2013); Director of American Sports Enterprise, Inc. (since January 2013); Chairman and owner, Kane County Cougars Baseball Club (since January 2013); Director of AXAR Acquisition Corp. (formerly AR Capital Acquisition Corp.) (from October 2014 to October 2017); Director of The Midwest League of Professional Baseball Clubs, Inc.; Director of Kane County Cougars Foundation, Inc.; Director of Galen Robotics, Inc.; Chairman and Director of FC Global Realty, Inc. (from May 2017 to June 2018); Chairman; Director of First Capital Investment Corp. (from March 2017 to March 2018); and Director and Special Advisor to Vault Data, LLC (since February 2018). | Significant experience in the financial industry; significant managerial and executive experience; significant experience on other boards of directors, including as a member of several audit committees. |

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| <u>Name and Date of Birth</u> | <u>Position(s) with the Fund</u> | <u>Term of Office¹ and Length of Time Served</u> | <u>Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years</u> | <u>Number of Portfolios in the Highland Fund Complex Overseen by the Trustee</u> | <u>Other Directorships/ Trusteeships Held During the Past Five Years</u> | <u>Experience, Qualifications, Attributes, Skills for Board Membership</u> |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Independent Trustees | | | | | | |
| Ethan Powell (6/20/1975) | Trustee; Chairman of the Board | Trustee since December 2013; Indefinite Term; Chairman of the Board since December 2013. | Principal and CIO of Brookmont Capital Management, LLC since May 2020; CEO, Chairman and Founder of Impact Shares LLC since December 2015; Trustee/ Director of the Highland Fund Complex from June 2012 until July 2013 and since December 2013; and Director of Kelly Strategic Management since August 2021. | 8 | Trustee of Impact Shares Funds I Trust | Significant experience in the financial industry; significant executive experience including past service as an officer of funds in the Highland Fund Complex; significant administrative and managerial experience. |
| Bryan A. Ward (2/4/1955) | Trustee | Trustee since inception in 2006; Indefinite Term. | Senior Advisor, CrossFirst Bank since April 2019; Private Investor, BW Consulting, LLC since 2014. | 8 | Director of Equity Metrix, LLC | Significant experience on this and/or other boards of directors/trustees; significant managerial and executive experience; significant experience as a management consultant. |

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|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Independent Trustees | | | | | | |
| Pamela Corrie (1/1/1958) | Trustee | Trustee since January 2022; Indefinite Term. | Managing Director of Carl Marks Advisors since February 2018; Vice President of Strategic Planning of BVSAcquisition Co.LLC (from September 2020 to December 2021); Independent Manager of YouFit Health Clubs (from May 2020 to October 2021); Chief Restructuring Officer of ABC Carpet and Home (from June 2017 to May 2019). | 8 | Director of Prescient Co Inc. since November 2021; Director of AM Castle since February 2021; Director of Katerra, Inc. (from September 2020 to October 2021); Director of Le Tote/Lord & Taylor (from March 2020 to March 2021); Director of Tempel Steel Company (from June 2020 to February 2021); Director of Pier 1 Imports, Inc. (from January 2020 to October 2020); Director of Sustainable Restaurant Group (from April 2020 to September 2020); and Director of Tristrata Group (from May 2019 to July 2019). | Significant experience on other boards of directors; significant managerial and executive experience; significant legal and restructuring experience. |

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| <u>Name and Date of Birth</u> | <u>Position(s) with the Fund</u> | <u>Term of Office¹ and Length of Time Served</u> | <u>Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years</u> | <u>Number of Portfolios in the Highland Fund Complex Overseen by the Trustee</u> | <u>Other Directorships/ Trusteeships Held During the Past Five Years</u> | <u>Experience, Qualifications, Attributes, Skills for Board Membership</u> |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Independent Trustees | | | | | | |
| Dorri McWhorter (6/30/1973) | Trustee | Trustee since May 2022; Indefinite Term. | President & CEO, YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago (2021-Present); Chief Executive Officer, YWCA Metropolitan Chicago (2013-2021). | 8 | Board Director of William Blair Funds (since 2019); Board Director of Skyway Concession Company, LLC (since 2018); Board Director of Illinois CPA Society (2017-2022); Board Director of Lifeway Foods, Inc. (since 2020); Board Director of Green Thumb Industries, Inc. (since 2022); Member of Financial Accounting Standards Advisory Council (since 2021). | Significant managerial and executive experience, including experience as president and chief executive officer; significant background and experience in financial accounting; significant experience on other boards of directors, including for other registered investment companies. |
| Interested Trustee | | | | | | |
| John Honis (6/16/1958) | Trustee | Trustee since July 2013; Indefinite Term. | President of Rand Advisors, LLC since August 2013. | 8 | Manager of Turtle Bay Resort, LLC (August 2011 to December 2018). | Significant experience in the financial industry; significant managerial and executive experience, including experience as president, chief executive officer or chief restructuring officer of five telecommunication firms; experience on other boards of directors. |

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- 1 On an annual basis, as a matter of Board policy, the Governance and Compliance Committee reviews each Trustee's performance and determines whether to extend each such Trustee's service for another year. The Board adopted a retirement policy wherein the Governance and Compliance Committee shall not recommend the continued service as a Trustee of a Board member who is older than 80 years of age at the time the Governance and Compliance Committee reports its findings to the Board.

| <u>Name and Date of Birth</u> | <u>Position(s) with the Fund</u> | <u>Term of Office and Length of Time Served</u> | <u>Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years</u> |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Officers | | | |
| Dustin Norris (1/6/1984) | Executive Vice President | Executive Vice President since April 2019; Indefinite Term | Head of Distribution and Chief Product Strategist at NexPoint since March 2019; President of NexPoint Securities, Inc. since April 2018; Head of Distribution at HCMFA from November 2017 until March 2019; Chief Product Strategist at HCMFA from September 2015 to March 2019; Officer of the Highland Fund Complex since November 2012. |
| Frank Waterhouse (4/14/1971) | Treasurer, Principal Accounting Officer, Principal Financial Officer and Principal Executive Officer | Treasurer since May 2015; Principal Accounting Officer since October 2017; Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer since April 2021; Indefinite Term | Chief Financial Officer of Skyview Group since February 2021; Chief Financial Officer and Partner of Highland Capital Management, L.P. ("HCMLP") from December 2011 and March 2015, respectively, to February 2021; Treasurer of the Highland Fund Complex since May 2015; Principal Financial Officer October 2017 to February 2021; Principal Executive Officer February 2018 to February 2021. |
| Will Mabry (7/2/1986) | Assistant Treasurer | Assistant Treasurer since April 2021; Indefinite Term | Director, Fund Analysis of Skyview Group, since February 2021. Prior to his current role at Skyview Group, Mr. Mabry served as Senior Manager – Fund Analysis, Manager – Fund Analysis, and Senior Fund Analyst for HCMLP. |
| Stephanie Vitiello (6/21/1983) | Secretary | Indefinite Term: Secretary since November 2021 | Chief Compliance Officer, Anti-Money Laundering Officer and Counsel of Skyview Group, since February 2021. Prior to her current role at Skyview Group, Ms. Vitiello served as Managing Director – Distressed, Assistant General Counsel, Associate General Counsel and In-House Counsel for HCMLP. |
| Rahim Ibrahim (8/17/1989) | Assistant Secretary | Assistant Secretary since November 2021; Indefinite Term | Counsel and Compliance Manager at Skyview Group since March 2022. Prior to his current role at Skyview Group, Mr. Ibrahim served as a Compliance Analyst for Skyview Group from May 2021 to March 2022; Compliance Associate for Loring, Wolcott & Collidge Trust, LLC from October 2019 to May 2021; Corporate Paralegal at Maples Group from April 2018 to October 2019; Associate Engagement Specialist-Compliance at Eze Software Group from June 2017 to April 2018. |

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THIS REPORT

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Fund Counsel

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This report has been prepared for shareholders of the Highland/iBoxx Senior Loan ETF (the "Fund"). As of January 1, 2021, paper copies of the Fund's shareholder reports will no longer be sent by mail. Instead, the reports will be made available on <https://www.highlandfunds.com/literature/>, and you will be notified and provided with a link each time a report is posted to the website. You may request to receive paper reports from the Fund or from your financial intermediary free of charge at any time. For additional information regarding how to access the Fund's shareholder reports, or to request paper copies by mail, please call shareholder services at 1-855-799-4757.

A description of the policies and procedures that the Fund uses to determine how to vote proxies relating to its portfolio securities, and the Fund's proxy voting records for the most recent 12-month period ended June 30th are available (i) without charge, upon request, by calling 1-855-799-4757 and (ii) on the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

The Fund files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year as an exhibit to its report on Form N-PORT. The Fund's Form N-PORT is available on the Commission's website at <http://www.sec.gov> and also may be reviewed and copied at the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. Information on the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling 1-800-SEC-0330. Shareholders may also obtain the Form N-PORT, upon request and without charge, by visiting the Fund's website at www.highlandfunds.com or by calling 1-855-799-4757.

The Statement of Additional Information includes additional information about the Fund's Trustees and is available upon request without charge by calling 1-855-799-4757.

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