



# Ninepoint Royal Bank HighShares ETF

Ninepoint Corporate Fund Inc.

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ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

DECEMBER 31

2025

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Securityholders may also contact us using one of these methods to request a copy of the investment fund's proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record or quarterly portfolio disclosure.

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## Management Discussion of Fund Performance

### Investment Objective and Strategies

The objective of the Ninepoint Royal Bank HighShares ETF (the “Fund”) is to seek to provide securityholders with (i) long-term capital appreciation through purchasing and holding, on a levered basis, common stock of Royal Bank of Canada and (ii) high monthly cash distributions.

In order to achieve its investment objective, the Fund purchases and holds up to 100% of its of its total assets (including assets acquired with borrowings) in the common stock of Royal Bank of Canada and will write covered call options on shares of Royal Bank of Canada. The proportion of covered call options written will vary depending on market conditions and will be based on the Fund’s distribution policy, subject to a maximum write level of 50% of the common stock of Royal Bank of Canada held by the Fund. The Fund currently anticipates achieving its investment objective and creating leverage through the use of cash borrowing of up to, at least initially, approximately 25% of unlevered net asset value and it is anticipated that the Fund will maintain a leverage ratio within this range of its net asset value.

As part of its investment strategy, the Fund may:

- use derivative instruments to reduce transaction costs and increase the liquidity and efficiency of trading;
- use derivatives to hedge its exposure to the common stock of Royal Bank of Canada or to generate additional income;
- may invest in or use derivative instruments, including futures contracts and forward contracts in compliance with National Instrument 81-102 (“NI 81-102”) or the appropriate regulatory exemptions have been obtained and is consistent with the Fund’s investment objective and strategies; and
- may also hold cash, short-term money market instruments, fixed income securities or other equivalents at any time, including, in accordance with NI 81-102, other investment Funds managed by the Manager that invest all or substantially all of their assets in cash or cash equivalents, for cash management purposes.

### Risks

The risks of investing in the Fund are described in the Fund’s simplified prospectus. This Fund is suitable for investors with a medium tolerance of risk.

### Results of Operations

The Fund’s net asset value was \$6.2 million as at December 31, 2025.

The Fund utilized a covered call strategy combined with up to 25% leverage to generate enhanced yield from the Royal Bank of Canada stock which is a Canadian banking giant. By writing options on the stock, the Fund aimed to convert sector volatility into distributable cash flow while maintaining upside exposure. The Fund delivered consistent income throughout the period and kept monthly distributions steady, including a \$0.09/share payout for December 2025.

For the period from August 21 to December 31, 2025, the Fund delivered a total return tracking closely to the Royal Bank of Canada stock’s return of 23.6%. The Fund’s performance was driven by:

- **Efficient Rally Capture:** The Fund successfully captured the vast majority of the stock's aggressive year-end rally. The 25% leverage component effectively offset the drag typically caused by covered call caps during sharp uptrends, allowing the Fund to nearly match the unhedged stock performance; and
- **Volatility Income:** Increased realized volatility in the banking sector allowed the Fund to generate higher covered call yields. This option income supplemented the capital appreciation, ensuring the Fund delivered a competitive total return while maintaining its high monthly distribution.

Overall, the Fund demonstrated the efficacy of the strategy in a strong recovery scenario, successfully matching the Royal Bank of Canada stock's robust appreciation while layering on an incremental yield advantage.

## Recent Developments

There were no material changes to the investment strategy and features of the Fund since its inception from August 21, 2025, to December 31, 2025. The Manager actively monitors the positioning of the Fund's portfolio for changes in current market conditions and the economic environment.

## Related Party Transactions

### MANAGEMENT FEES

The Fund pays the Manager an annual management fee of 0.29%, plus applicable taxes, that is calculated and accrued daily and is paid monthly based on the daily net asset value of the ETF Shares.

At its discretion, the Manager may choose to waive all or a portion of the management fee resulting in a reduction of the management fee charged to the Fund. In the event all or a portion of a management fee is waived, the Manager reserves the right to discontinue such waiver at any time without notice to or the consent of applicable securityholders. Effective the inception date, management fees have been waived until February 28, 2026.

### OPERATING EXPENSES

The Fund pays its own operating expenses, which include, but are not limited to, audit, legal, custodial, filing and administrative expenses as well as shareholder reporting costs. The Manager may pay some of these expenses on behalf of the Fund and then is reimbursed by the Fund. At its sole discretion, the Manager may waive or absorb a portion of the operating expenses of the Fund and such waivers or absorptions can be terminated at any time without notice. Amount waived or absorbed by the Manager is reported in the Statement of Comprehensive Income (Loss). For the period from August 21, 2025 to December 31, 2025, the Manager did not waive or absorb any expenses.

### OTHER RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Fund relied on the approval, positive recommendation or standing instruction from the Fund's Independent Review Committee with respect to any related party transactions.

## Loan Payable

The leverage of the Fund is created through the use of cash borrowing. The Fund has entered into a margin agreement with its prime broker (a wholly owned Canadian chartered bank) in which cash is borrowed against collateral on deposit. All cash borrowing is repayable upon demand by the prime broker. Interest is calculated based on an interest rate equal to the current Bank of Canada overnight lending rate plus an interest rate spread.

During the period from August 21, 2025 to December 31, 2025, interest expense was \$6,447 and the range of variable interest was 2.80% to 3.30%.

As at December 31, 2025, the total amount borrowed was \$1,341,689 which was 21.74% of Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares and the market value of investments held as collateral at its prime broker was \$5,312,540.

During the period from August 21, 2025 to December 31, 2025, the minimum and maximum amounts borrowed are shown in the table below.

	<b>December 31, 2025 (\$)</b>
Minimum Borrowed	-
Maximum Borrowed	1,427,883

## Financial Highlights

The following table shows selected key financial information about the Fund and is intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the period from August 21, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

The Fund's Net Assets per Share<sup>1</sup>

	<b>Dec 31, 2025<sup>4</sup></b>
ETF Shares	<b>\$</b>
Net assets, beginning of period	<b>10.00</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>	
Total revenue	<b>0.11</b>
Total expenses	<b>(0.09)</b>
Realized gains (losses) for the period	<b>0.83</b>
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	<b>1.57</b>
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>2.42</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>	
From income	<b>(0.13)</b>
From capital gains	<b>(0.23)</b>
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>(0.36)</b>
<b>Net assets, end of period</b>	<b>11.87</b>

1 This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements.

2 The increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of shares outstanding over the financial period. Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of shares outstanding at the relevant time. This table is not intended to be a reconciliation of beginning to ending net assets per share.

3 Distributions were paid in cash.

4 Information provided is for the period from August 21, 2025 (launch date) for ETF shares to December 31, 2025.

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## Ratios and Supplemental Data

	<b>Dec 31, 2025</b>
ETF Shares	
Total net asset value (000s) <sup>1</sup>	<b>\$6,173</b>
Number of shares outstanding <sup>1</sup>	<b>520,000</b>
Management expense ratio <sup>2</sup>	<b>1.44%</b>
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>2</sup>	<b>1.76%</b>
Management expense ratio before leverage costs <sup>2</sup>	<b>1.03%</b>
Trading expense ratio <sup>3</sup>	<b>0.12%</b>
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>4</sup>	<b>112.75%</b>
Net asset value per share <sup>1</sup>	<b>\$11.87</b>
Closing market price <sup>5</sup>	<b>\$11.89</b>

1 The information is provided as at December 31, 2025.

2 Management expense ratio ("MER") is based on total expenses (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of the daily average net asset value during the period. The Manager may waive or absorb a portion of the operating expenses and/or management fees of the Fund. Waivers and absorption can be terminated at any time.

3 The trading expense ratio ("TER") represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period.

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

5 Last closing price as at December 31, 2025.

## Past Performance

In accordance with National Instrument 81-106, Investment Fund Continuous Disclosure, “PAST PERFORMANCE” disclosure consisting of “Year-by-Year Returns” is not required as the Fund has been a reporting issuer for less than a year.

## Summary of Investment Portfolio

As at December 31, 2025

### Portfolio Allocation

	% of Net Asset Value
<b>Long Positions</b>	
Canadian Equities	123.4
<b>Short Positions</b>	
Equity Call Options	(0.5)
<b>Total Positions</b>	<b>122.9</b>
Cash	0.0
Other Net Liabilities	(22.9)
<b>Total Net Asset Value</b>	<b>100.00</b>

### All Positions

Issuer	% of Net Asset Value
Royal Bank of Canada	123.4
Cash	0.0
<b>All positions as a percentage of Net Asset Value</b>	<b>123.4</b>

This summary of investment portfolio may change due to the ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund. Quarterly updates of the Fund's investment portfolio are available on the Internet at [www.ninepoint.com](http://www.ninepoint.com).

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