

## NEWS RELEASE

**For Immediate Release**

### **Harvest Sustainable Income Fund closes its \$33 million Initial Public Offering**

TORONTO, December 17, 2010 – Harvest Portfolios Group Inc.(the “Manager”) is pleased to announce that Harvest Sustainable Income Fund (the “Fund”) has completed today its initial public offering (the “Offering”) of 2,750,000 Units at a price of \$12.00 per Unit for aggregate gross proceeds of \$33,000,000. The Fund has granted the Agents an over-allotment option exercisable in whole or in part for a period of 30 days following the closing of the Offering.

The Units are now trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol HSI.UN.

The Fund’s investment objectives are:

- (i) to provide holders of Units (“Unitholders”) with monthly distributions; and
- (ii) to provide Unitholders with long-term capital preservation while reducing volatility.

The net proceeds of the Offering will be invested in a diversified portfolio of securities of primarily publicly-traded Canadian Sustainable Issuers in order to seek to provide investors with exposure to issuers that the Manager and Avenue Investment Management Inc. (the “Investment Manager”) believe offer sustainable income, capital preservation and reduced volatility.

The Investment Manager will be responsible for the execution of the Fund’s overall investment strategy, including managing the composition of the portfolio of the Fund.

The syndicate of agents is being co-led by BMO Capital Markets, CIBC and RBC Capital Markets and includes Scotia Capital Inc., HSBC Securities (Canada) Inc., National Bank Financial Inc., Canaccord Genuity Corp., Dundee Securities Corporation, Raymond James Ltd., Desjardins Securities Inc., Macquarie Private Wealth Inc., Wellington West Capital Markets Inc., Industrial Alliance Securities Inc. and Mackie Research Capital Corporation (collectively, the “Agents”).

Counsel on behalf of the Fund and the Manager is Borden Ladner Gervais LLP and counsel on behalf of the Agents is Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP.

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*future performance and, accordingly, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such statements due to the inherent uncertainty therein. The Fund, the Manager and/or the Investment Manager undertakes no obligation to update publicly or otherwise revise any forward-looking statement or information whether as a result of new information, future events or other such factors which affect this information, except as required by law.*

**All capitalized terms noted herein but not defined are as defined in the Fund's prospectus dated November 26, 2010.**

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