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## CONFIDENTIAL OFFERING MEMORANDUM

Continuous Offering

June 29, 2019



### The Issuer

## VERTEX ARBITRAGE FUND

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### CLASS B AND F TRUST UNITS

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The Vertex Arbitrage Fund is an open-end investment fund established under the laws of British Columbia as a trust. **These securities do not trade on any exchange or market.** The Fund is not a reporting issuer under applicable securities laws and does not file documents electronically via SEDAR.

### The Offering

The following information is a summary only and is qualified in its entirety by the more detailed information appearing elsewhere in this Offering Memorandum.

This Offering Memorandum constitutes a private offering of these securities only in those jurisdictions and to those persons where and to whom they may be lawfully sold and therein only by those entities permitted to sell such securities. This Offering Memorandum is not, and under no circumstances is it to be construed as a prospectus, advertisement or public offering of the securities referred to herein.

<b>Securities Offered:</b>	An unlimited number of Class B and F trust units of the Fund (each, a “Unit” and collectively, “Units”) are being offered hereby on a continuous basis. See “Securities Offered – Terms of Securities”. Each Unit within a particular class will be of equal value, however, the value of a Unit in one class may differ from the value of a Unit in another class. Each class shall have the attributes and characteristics as set out under the heading “Securities Offered – Summary of Trust Agreement”.
<b>Price Per Security:</b>	The subscription price per Unit will be the applicable net asset value of the Units as at the last business day of the month in which the subscription is accepted and may vary from class to class. The Fund will be valued on the last business day of each month. A business day means any day or part of a day on which the Toronto Stock Exchange is open for business. The net asset value of each class of Units is determined in accordance with the Fund’s Trust Agreement (as defined below under the heading “Business of the Fund – Structure”), and is calculated by subtracting the aggregate amount of the total liabilities of the Fund attributable to each class, including accruing fees or liabilities as determined from time to time by Vertex One Asset Management Inc. (“Vertex One” or the “Manager”), including any performance fee (see “Management of Fund – Fees – Performance Fee”) accruing in favour of the Manager, from the total assets of the Fund attributable to each class. The net asset value per Unit for each class on a valuation date is determined by dividing the net asset value of each class of Units by the number of Units outstanding (before Unit redemptions and subscriptions) at the close of business on the valuation date. See “Securities Offered – Summary of Trust Agreement”.
<b>Minimum/Maximum Offering:</b>	<b>There is no minimum. You may be the only purchaser.</b> There is also no maximum. <b>Funds available under the offering may not be sufficient to accomplish the Fund’s proposed objectives.</b>
<b>Minimum Subscription Amount:</b>	The minimum subscription price for Units is \$25,000 for Class B Units and \$25,000 for Class F Units, or in each case such lesser amount as the Manager, in its sole discretion, may accept.
<b>Payment Terms:</b>	The subscription price is payable upon subscription, by cheque or by bank draft. No financing of the subscription price will be provided by the Manager.
<b>Proposed Closing Date(s):</b>	Units may be purchased on the last business day of each month.
<b>Income Tax Consequences:</b>	There are important tax consequences associated with an investment in these securities. See “Certain Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations”.
<b>Selling Agent:</b>	No

### **Resale Restrictions**

You will be restricted from selling your securities for an indefinite period. As there is no market for these securities, it may be difficult or even impossible for an investor to sell them. The Units are subject to resale restrictions. See “Resale Restrictions”. However, an investor may generally elect to redeem any or all of his Units on the last business day of any month. See “Securities Offered – Summary of Trust Agreement – Redemption Price and Payment”.

### **Purchasers’ Rights**

You have two business days to cancel your agreement to purchase these securities. If there is a misrepresentation in this Offering Memorandum, you have the right to sue either for damages or to cancel the agreement. See “Purchasers’ Rights”.

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## FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

This Offering Memorandum includes forward-looking information with respect to the Fund. In particular, the information contained in the section called “Business of the Fund – Investment Objectives, Strategies, Policies and Restrictions” may constitute “forward-looking information” for the purpose of securities legislation, as it contains statements of the intended course of conduct and future operations of the Fund. These statements are based on assumptions made by the Manager about the success of the Fund’s investment strategies in certain market conditions, relying on the experience of the Manager’s officers and employees and their knowledge of historical economic and market trends. Investors are cautioned that the assumptions we make and the success of the Fund’s investment strategies are subject to a number of mitigating factors. Economic and market conditions may change, which may materially impact the success of our intended strategies as well as the Fund’s actual course of conduct. Investors are urged to read the section called “Risk Factors” for a discussion of other factors that will impact the Fund.

## USE OF AVAILABLE FUNDS

The Fund sells Units on a continuous basis, with closings of this offering occurring on the last business day of each month. There is no maximum and no minimum number of Units that will be sold as part of this offering. The money the Fund receives from the sale of Units will be used to invest in securities in the manner described below in the section called “Business of the Fund – Investment Objective, Strategies, Policies and Restrictions”, and to pay the fees described below in the section called “Business of the Fund – Management of the Fund – Fees” and the operating expenses of the Fund described below in the section called “Business of the Fund – Fees and Expenses”.

No selling commissions or fees will be paid by the Fund or us in connection with the sale of Units; however, we will pay approved qualified dealers and brokers a service fee for on-going advice and service provided by the dealers and brokers to their clients who have invested in the Fund. See the section below called “Compensation Paid to Sellers and Finders”.

## BUSINESS OF THE FUND

### Structure

The Vertex Arbitrage Fund (defined above as the “**Fund**”) is an unincorporated open end investment trust which was formed on October 31, 2013 under the laws of British Columbia, and is governed by a pooled fund trust agreement made as of October 24, 2013 (the “**Trust Agreement**”) between Vertex One Asset Management Inc. as manager (defined above as “**Vertex One**” or the “**Manager**”) and CIBC Mellon Trust Company as trustee (in such capacity, the “**Trustee**”). The Fund was formed for the purposes of investing in securities in Canada and in the United States and other foreign jurisdictions, and seeks to achieve the investment objectives described under “Our Business”. The Fund qualifies as a “mutual fund trust” as defined by the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), and is expected to continue to so qualify at all times in the future. See “Certain Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations”.

CIBC Mellon Trust Company (in such capacity, the “**Custodian**”) acts as the custodian of the Fund’s assets pursuant to a custodial services agreement made as of October 31, 2013 (the “**Custodial Services Agreement**”) among the Manager, the Custodian, CIBC Mellon Global Securities Services Company (“**CIBC Mellon Global**”), Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and Bank of New York Mellon. The Manager will not hold custody of the assets of the Fund. CIBC Mellon Global also acts as the recordkeeper and fund administrator of the Fund pursuant to a fund administration services agreement dated October 31, 2013 (the “**Fund Administration Services Agreement**”) among the Fund, the Manager and CIBC Mellon Global. TD Securities Inc. (“**TDI**”) acts as the prime broker of the Fund pursuant to an institutional prime brokerage service agreement made as of October 31, 2013 (the “**Prime Brokerage Agreement**”) between the Fund and TDI. The auditor of the Fund is PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.

Beneficial interests in the Fund are divided into trust units (each defined above as a “**Unit**” and collectively as “**Units**”) of multiple classes. There is no limit to the number of Units or the number of classes that may be issued subject to any determination to the contrary made by the Manager. Each Unit within a particular class will be of equal value,

however, the value of a Unit in one class may differ from the value of a Unit in another class. There are two classes of Units being offered for sale by the Fund pursuant to this Offering Memorandum – Class B and Class F. The attributes and characteristics of each class of Units are described under the heading “Securities Offered – Summary of Trust Agreement”. In addition to the Units described in this Offering Memorandum, the Fund may create additional classes of Units with such attributes and characteristics as the Manager may determine, and which may be offered for sale to such persons as the Manager may determine.

The Trust Agreement sets out the rights, duties and obligations of the Manager in relation to the Fund. Under the terms of the Trust Agreement, the Manager is responsible for managing the business and affairs of the Fund, including providing the Fund with all necessary administrative and portfolio advisory services.

The head office and principal business address of the Fund and the Manager is 3200-1021 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6E 0C3. The fiscal year end of the Fund is December 31<sup>st</sup> in each year and the taxation year end is December 15<sup>th</sup> in each year.

## **Management of the Fund**

### ***Manager and Portfolio Adviser***

Vertex One Asset Management Inc. (defined above as “**Vertex One**” or the “**Manager**”) is the manager and portfolio adviser of the Fund. The Manager was incorporated under the laws of Canada on October 24, 1997. The head office and principal business address of the Manager is 3200-1021 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6E 0C3. The registered office of the Manager is located at 1200 Waterfront Centre, 200 Burrard Street, P.O. Box 48600, Vancouver, British Columbia, V7X 1T2. The Manager is principally owned by Mr. John Thiessen and Mr. Jeffrey McCord, each of whom is a director of the Manager. The Manager was the initial unitholder of the Fund (“**Unitholder**”). The Manager is currently registered as a portfolio manager and an exempt market dealer with securities regulators in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, and as an investment fund manager with securities regulators in British Columbia and Ontario. The Manager may also be considered to be a “promoter” of the Fund within the meaning of applicable securities laws because the Manager took the initiative in organizing the Fund.

### ***Prime Broker***

TDI Securities Inc. (defined above as “**TDI**”) is the prime broker of the Fund. Pursuant to the terms of Prime Brokerage Agreement, TDI is to provide margin financing, clearing, settlement, stock borrowing, options, cash sweeps into accounts and foreign exchange facilities. The Fund may also utilize other brokers and dealers for the purpose of executing transactions for the Fund.

## ***Fees***

### ***Management Fee***

In consideration of the services provided by the Manager, the Fund pays the Manager a monthly management fee calculated as a percentage of the net asset value of each applicable class of Units on the last business day of the month. The management fee may vary from class to class and will be deducted as an expense of the Fund in the calculation of the net profits of the Fund. The management fee is subject to applicable taxes, such as HST. The management fee for each applicable class of Units is as follows:

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| Class B: | 1/12 of 1.5 % per month (1.5% per annum) of the net asset value of the Class B Units of the Fund on the last business day of the month. |
| Class F: | 1/12 of 1% per month (1% per annum) of the net asset value of the Class F Units of the Fund on the last business day of the month.      |

### *Performance Fee*

The Manager is entitled to a performance fee from the Fund equal to 15% of the amount by which the performance of the Fund exceeds the previous high water mark for each applicable class of Units. The performance fee is accrued monthly and is payable for each calendar quarter, provided that the high water mark is exceeded, as referred to below. The performance fee will be payable by the Fund within 10 business days from the quarter-end. Upon the redemption of Units of a particular class, the accrued portion of the performance fee allocated to the redeemed Units for that class will be payable by the Fund within 10 business days of the end of the month in which the Units were redeemed.

The highest quarter-end net asset value per Unit for each class of Units from time to time establishes a high water mark for each class of Units which must be exceeded in subsequent quarters for the performance fee applicable to each class of Units to be payable. The performance fee is subject to applicable taxes, such as HST.

### **Investment Objective, Strategies, Policies and Restrictions**

#### *Investment Objective*

The Fund was formed on October 31, 2013 for the purpose of investing in securities in Canada, the United States and in other foreign jurisdictions. The principal investment objective of the Fund is to generate consistent, positive returns, with low volatility and low correlation to equity markets.

The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by:

- (a) trading or investing in securities and financial instruments pursuant to the Fund's investment objectives and strategies, subject to the Fund's investment policies and restrictions (as those investment policies and restrictions are defined or described below); and
- (b) doing all acts and things necessary or advisable to effect the Fund's business as described in the Trust Agreement.

#### *Investment Strategies*

In attempting to achieve its investment objectives, the Manager plans to focus the Fund on using a risk arbitrage strategy, which is a highly specialized investment approach designed to profit from the successful completion of mergers, take-overs, tender offers, leveraged buyouts, spin-offs, liquidations and other corporate reorganizations.

There are a number of risk arbitrage techniques that may be used depending on the characteristics of the individual transaction being arbitrated. The most commonly employed risk arbitrage activity involves purchasing the shares of an announced acquisition target company at a discount to their expected value upon completion of the acquisition. When a take-over bid, amalgamation or arrangement involving cash consideration or securities of the acquiring company is announced, the value of the securities and/or cash to be received may be higher or lower than the market price of the securities of the target company for which they are to be exchanged. If the Manager believes that it is probable that the proposed transaction or a higher value transaction will be consummated, the Fund may purchase shares of the target company.

The Manager intends to use investment strategies designed to minimize market exposure, including short selling and purchasing and selling options. In particular, the Manager may engage in selling securities short when the terms of a proposed acquisition call for the exchange of common shares and/or other securities. If the transaction is consummated, the Fund will then exchange the securities of the target company which it has accumulated for the securities issued by the acquiring company and may cover its short position, if any, with the securities so received. Alternatively, where cash is being offered as consideration, shares of the target company purchased in the open market will normally be tendered as cash to the acquiring company. Transactions in listed stock options may also be used to hedge long and short positions. These hedging transactions are intended to reduce the risk of loss to the Fund in certain exchange offers and mergers. If, after the Fund has established a position, it appears that the transaction is proceeding contrary to expectations, the Fund may take its profits or losses or attempt to minimize potential losses,

by liquidating its long positions and covering any short positions. Additionally, the Fund may engage in short selling of the target company's shares if the Manager determines that there is a likelihood that the merger or other transaction will fail to be consummated. A portion of the Fund's holdings may be in the form of cash or cash equivalents, and from time to time the Fund may invest the majority of its assets in cash or cash equivalents.

In seeking to achieve its investment objective, the Manager may also employ a variety of additional investment strategies to take advantage of profitable opportunities in the capital markets. These additional strategies are discussed below.

#### *Put and Call Options*

The Fund may purchase and sell options on fixed instruments, commodities and common shares and may also use them for hedging purposes. The use of puts and calls implies the use of leverage through the use of margin.

#### *Leverage*

Leverage will be used in accordance with the rules of Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada ("IIROC") but in any event will be limited to no more than 30% of the net asset value of the Fund.

#### *Other Investments*

The Fund may invest in fixed income securities, including preferred shares, convertible securities, and corporate and sovereign debt securities.

#### ***Investment Policies and Restrictions***

The Manager intends to adhere to the following investment policies and restrictions in implementing the investment objectives and strategies of the Fund:

1. The Fund will not purchase private securities. Some mergers include a spin-out equity, contingent value right, or other form of consideration that is unlisted at the time of the announcement but is intended to become listed shortly following the consummation of the merger. The Fund may transact in these types of securities when an active non-listed "grey" market exists.
2. No investment in a single issuer will exceed 15% of the net asset value of the Fund. This limit does not apply to holdings of cash or cash equivalents, which may exceed this limit where the Manager considers it desirable due to market conditions or otherwise.
3. Unhedged foreign currency investments will be limited to no more than 10% of the net asset value of the Fund.
4. The use of leverage will be limited to no more than 30% of the net asset value of the Fund.

#### **Investment Risk Rating**

The Manager has identified the investment risk level of the Fund as an additional guide to help prospective investors decide whether the Fund is suitable for the investor.

The Manager's determination of the risk rating for the Fund is guided by the Canadian Securities Administrators (CSA) *Mutual Fund Risk Classification Methodology for Use in Fund Facts*. The methodology uses Standard Deviation as the indicator of risk as it is the predominant indicator currently in use by the industry. The use of standard deviation as a measurement tool allows for a reliable and consistent quantitative comparison of a fund's relative volatility and related risk. Standard deviation is widely used to measure volatility of return. A fund's risk is measured using a prescribed five-category scale that is calculated based on the standard deviation of the most recent 10 years of



a fund using the monthly total returns, assuming reinvestment of income and capital gains distributions. The five-category scale as prescribed in Appendix F of National Instrument 81-102 is as follows:

Standard Deviation Range	Investment Risk Level
0 to less than 6	Low
6 to less than 11	Low to medium
11 to less than 16	Medium
16 to less than 20	Medium to High
20 or greater	High

Funds with less than 10 years of performance history (without an appropriate proxy fund) must use a reference index to complete the remainder of the 10-year. However, prospective investors should be aware that other types of risk, both measurable and non-measurable, may exist. Additionally, just as historical performance may not be indicative of future returns, a fund's historical volatility may not be indicative of its future volatility.

The core merger arbitrage strategy utilized by the Fund's portfolio managers has a history of producing returns with low volatility. The Manager has selected the Hedge Fund Research (HFRI) Merger Arbitrage Index as the reference index for this fund because it represents a large basket of funds deploying similar merger arbitrage strategies. The 10-year standard deviation based on monthly returns for the HRFI Merger Arbitrage Index is 2.69%. The Manager has also considered qualitative factors such as the Fund's ability to short securities, use of derivatives and use of leverage up to 160% of the NAV. In accordance with the methodology described above including consideration of these qualitative factors, the Manager has rated the Fund's investment risk as "Medium".

### **Material Agreements**

The following material agreements have been entered into by the Fund since its formation, other than agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business:

- (a) the Trust Agreement (see "Business of the Fund – Structure");
- (b) the Custodial Services Agreement (see "Business of the Fund – Structure");
- (c) the Fund Administration Services Agreement (see "Business of the Fund – Structure"); and
- (d) the Prime Brokerage Services Agreement (see "Business of the Fund – Structure").

Copies of the agreements referred to above may be inspected during normal business hours at the office of the Manager at Suite 3200-1021 West Hastings Street Vancouver, British Columbia, V6E 0C3).

### **Fees and Expenses**

The Fund is responsible for the payment of all fees and expenses relating to its operation, including our management fees and any performance fees, legal and audit fees, bookkeeping charges, accounting, transfer agency services, custodial charges, all services required in connection with the provision of information to Unitholders, brokerage fees and other fees and disbursements directly relating to transactions respecting the purchase, sale or other dealings in the securities or property comprising the investment portfolio of the Fund, any taxes or other governmental levies, charges and assessments imposed upon or against the Trustee in connection with the Fund or the property of the Fund, reasonable expenses associated with meetings of Unitholders and interest expenses (if any).

The Manager uses certain brokerage fees otherwise payable as soft dollars to purchase research to support its investment decision-making process. The Manager does not use soft dollars for any purpose other than for research services which are determined to be in the best interests of the Unitholders of the Fund. Soft dollars represent a very modest amount of the Manager's overall trading commissions, and the annual soft dollar budget is reviewed and

approved by the Manager's compliance officer. The Manager monitors trade executions to ensure that all commissions, including soft dollar arrangements, are at competitive levels to satisfy its requirement to seek the best execution for all trades.

Expenses associated with the creation and formation of the Fund, including related legal, audit, and accounting expenses, and expenses associated with the preparation of the initial Offering Memorandum of the Fund, were absorbed by the Manager.

### Sales Charges for Class B Units

Investors in Class B Units can elect to purchase Class B Units pursuant to the Sales Charge Option (as defined below). Class F Units are not subject to any sales charges.

#### *Purchases under the Sales Charge Option*

Under the sales charge option (the "**Sales Charge Option**"), a sales charge is deducted from the amount of the subscription and paid to the investor's registered dealer. The remaining amount is divided by the net asset value per Unit for the class of Units subscribed for, as described under "Securities Offered – Subscription Procedure", to determine the number of Units purchased. Sales charges are negotiable between investors and their registered dealers. The maximum sales charge for the Fund is 2% of the total amount invested. No sales charge applies to additional Units issued through the automatic reinvestment of distributions.

## DIRECTORS, MANAGEMENT, PROMOTERS AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS

### Compensation and Securities Held

The table below outlines certain information regarding the Manager, each director and officer of the Manager, and each person who as at June 28, 2019 directly or indirectly, beneficially owned or controlled 10% or more of the Units of the Fund.

Name and municipality of principal residence	Position held / Date of obtaining that position	Compensation paid by the Fund in the year ended December 31, 2018	Number / % of units held as at June 28, 2019	Number / % of units expected to be held after this Offering
VERTEX ONE ASSET MANAGEMENT INC.	Manager, Portfolio Adviser and Promoter / November 1997	\$1,579,079 <sup>(1)</sup>	Nil	_(2)
JOHN THIESSEN West Vancouver, BC	Director / November 1997	Nil <sup>(3)</sup>	Nil	_(2)
JEFFREY MCCORD West Vancouver, BC	Director / January 1998	Nil <sup>(3)</sup>	Nil	_(2)

(1) This amount is comprised of the management fee and performance fee paid to the Manager for its services. See "Business of the Fund – Management of the Fund – Fees".

(2) The Manager and the directors and officers of the Manager may acquire Units under this Offering Memorandum; however, the number of Units, if any, which may be acquired is not known.

(3) This individual is a director and shareholder of the Manager. Although he does not receive compensation from the Fund, the Manager does receive a management fee and performance fee for its services. See "Business of the Fund – Management of the Fund – Fees".

### Management Experience

The senior management of the Manager have a broad background of investment and capital market experience which will be brought to bear on the activities undertaken by the Manager on behalf of the Fund. The following table

discloses the principal occupations of the directors, senior officers and portfolio managers of the Manager for the past five years.

<u>Name and Municipality of Principal Residence</u>	<u>Principal Occupations and Related Experience</u>
CRAIG CHILTON Vancouver, BC	<p>Portfolio Manager of Vertex One Asset Management Inc. since January 2010.</p> <p>Together with Tom Savage, Mr. Chilton has overall responsibility for the investment and trading decisions affecting the Fund's investment portfolio.</p> <p>Mr. Chilton joined the Manager in January 2010. He has an extensive background in event-driven arbitrage strategies. He began his finance career in 1991 in investment banking with Lancaster Financial, and subsequently, Richardson Greenshields. As a managing director with CIBC World Markets, Mr. Chilton spent fifteen years as a proprietary trader in Toronto, New York, and Vancouver. Mr. Chilton holds a Bachelor of Applied Science (Electrical Engineering) from the University of Toronto and holds the professional designation of Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA). He is also a member of the Vancouver Society of Financial Analysts.</p>
TOM SAVAGE Vancouver, BC	<p>Portfolio Manager of Vertex One Asset Management Inc. since January 2010.</p> <p>Together with Craig Chilton, Mr. Savage has overall responsibility for the investment and trading decisions affecting the Fund's investment portfolio.</p> <p>Mr. Savage specializes in merger arbitrage, event-driven arbitrage and special situations strategies. He previously worked as a proprietary trader with CIBC World Markets in Vancouver and Dublin, Ireland, where he was responsible for equity and derivatives arbitrage, and special situations strategies. Mr. Savage received a Bachelor of Commerce degree from Queen's University and holds a Masters of Business Administration from Harvard Business School. He also holds the professional designation of Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) and is a member of the Vancouver Society of Financial Analysts.</p>
JOHN THIESSEN Vancouver, BC	<p>Director of Vertex One Asset Management Inc. since November 1997.</p> <p>Mr. Thiessen is a founder and a director of the Manager. Mr. Thiessen has significant experience in the investment field with equity, fixed income and arbitrage experience. He began his career with the Alberta Treasury Investment Management Division, moving on to a position as an investment officer with National Trust. He was a portfolio manager with HSBC Asset Management before forming the Manager. Mr. Thiessen holds the professional designation of Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) and is a member of the Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts.</p>
JEFFREY MCCORD West Vancouver, BC	<p>Director of Vertex One Asset Management Inc. since January 1998.</p> <p>Mr. Jeff McCord is a founder and a director of the Manager. He is responsible for business development and the operation of the Manager.</p>

**Name and Municipality  
of Principal Residence**

**Principal Occupations and Related Experience**

He began his investment career as a financial advisor with Canada Trust and subsequently became responsible for managing high net-worth clients at HSBC Asset Management. Mr. McCord has extensive investment and business experience. He is a graduate of the University of Manitoba.

**Penalties, Sanctions, and Bankruptcy**

There are no penalties, sanctions, declarations of bankruptcy, voluntary assignments in bankruptcy, proposals under any bankruptcy or insolvency legislation or proceedings, arrangements or compromises with creditors, appointments of a receiver, receiver manager or trustee to hold assets, that have been in effect during the last 10 years against or in connection with any of the directors, senior officers or control persons of the Fund or the Manager, or any issuer of which any director, senior officer or control person of the Fund or the Manager was a director, senior officer or control person.

**Loans**

The Fund has not made or issued loans or debentures to, or received loans or debentures, from the Manager, any directors, officers or shareholders of the Manager, any Unitholders, or to any persons considered to be promoters of the Fund, and does not intend to make, issue or receive such loans or debentures in the future.

**CAPITAL STRUCTURE**

**Share Capital**

<b>Description of security<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Number authorized to be issued</b>	<b>Number outstanding as at June 28, 2019<sup>(2)</sup></b>
Class B Units	Unlimited	604,773.471
Class F Units	Unlimited	6,246,194.627

<sup>(1)</sup> The attributes and characteristics of each class of Units are set forth under the heading “Securities Offered – Summary of the Trust Agreement”. The Fund may offer additional classes or series of Units in the future.

<sup>(2)</sup> As of June 28, 2019, the issued and outstanding Units had the following net asset values: Class B – \$10.8801 per Unit; Class F – \$10.8900 per Unit.

**Prior Sales**

The table below discloses information regarding the Units that were issued at the month-end of the last 12 months from July 1, 2018 to June 28, 2019.

<b>Description of Security</b>	<b>Number of Units Issued</b>	<b>Price per Unit</b>
Class B Units	Nil	Nil
Class F Units	1,171,508.44	\$10.7909

Within the 12 months from July 1, 2018 to June 28, 2019, an aggregate of 363,063.40 Class B Units, and 3,257,472.87 Class F Units have been redeemed for an aggregated gross redemption amount of \$39,089,381.25.

## SECURITIES OFFERED

### Terms of Securities

An unlimited number of Class B and F Units of the Fund are being offered hereby on a continuous basis to investors in each of the provinces and territories of Canada pursuant to exemptions from the prospectus requirements contained in the securities legislation of those provinces and territories, and in the United States pursuant to exemptions from the registration requirements of the United States *Securities Act of 1933* (the “**U.S. Securities Act**”) and the securities laws, rules and regulations of the various states. See “Subscription Procedure”. Each Unit within a particular class will be of equal value, however, the value of a Unit in one class may differ from the value of a Unit in another class. The subscription price per Unit will be based upon the applicable net asset value of the Units as at the last business day of the month in which the subscription is received may vary from class to class. **Units may generally be redeemed at the end of any month. Redemption amounts will be paid out within five business days of the redemption date.** See “Summary of Trust Agreement”.

The net asset value of each class of Units is determined in accordance with the Fund’s Trust Agreement and is calculated by subtracting the aggregate amount of the total liabilities of the Fund attributable to each class, including accruing fees or liabilities as are to be taken into account as determined from time to time by the Manager (including any performance fee accruing in favour of the Manager) from the total assets of the Fund attributable to each class. The net asset value of each class of Units is divided by the number of Units outstanding (before Unit redemptions and subscriptions) at the close of business on a valuation date to determine the net asset value per Unit for each class.

### Summary of Trust Agreement

The rights and obligations of the Manager are governed by the Trust Agreement. The following is a summary only of certain provisions of the Trust Agreement and does not purport to be complete. A copy of the Trust Agreement may be inspected during normal business hours at the office of the Manager. See “Business of the Fund – Material Agreements” above.

#### *Head Office*

The head office and the principal office of the administration of the Fund will be in Vancouver, British Columbia at the address of the Manager or at such other place as the Manager may designate from time to time.

#### *Division of Fund into Units*

The beneficial interests in the Fund are divided into an unlimited number of Units. Each Unit is identical in all respects with every other Unit and represents an undivided interest in the assets of the Fund without distinction, preference or priority. Units are issued as fully paid and non-assessable. There are no limits to the number of Units of the Fund that may be issued, subject to any determination to the contrary made by the Manager. The interest of each Unitholder in the Fund is expressed by the number of Units of the Fund owned by that Unitholder.

Fractions of Units of up to four decimal places may be issued. Fractional Units have the same rights, restrictions, conditions and limitations that otherwise attach to whole Units in the proportion that they bear to a whole Unit, including rights, restrictions, conditions and limitations with respect to receipt of distributions, redemption of Units, and liquidation of the Fund. Units of the Fund may be consolidated or subdivided by the Trustee, acting on the direction of the Manager upon the Manager giving at least 90 days prior written notice to the Trustee of its determination to do so, and provided that the proportionate interest of each Unitholder in the Fund is not thereby changed.

#### *Class or Series of Units*

The Trustee may, at the direction of the Manager, designate and divide the Units of the Fund into two or more classes or series of Units, and the number of Units of each class or series that may be issued is unlimited, subject to any determination to the contrary made by the Manager. The Manager may classify or reclassify any unissued Units or any Units previously issued of any class or series into one or more class or series that may be established and

designated from time to time. The Manager may cancel any Units of any class or series required by the Fund. Please contact us or your dealer to confirm the classes of Units you are eligible to purchase.

#### *Voting*

Each Unitholder is entitled to one vote for each whole Unit of the Fund held by him or her. As such, no holder of a fraction of a Unit only is entitled to notice of, or to attend or to vote at, a meeting of Unitholders.

#### *Net Asset Value Per Unit*

The net asset value of each class of Units that comprise the Fund will be the fair market value of the assets of the Fund attributable to each class of Units at the time the calculation is made less the aggregate amount of the liabilities of the Fund attributable to that class, including accruing fees or liabilities as are to be taken into account as determined from time to time by the Manager (including any performance fee accruing in favour of the Manager, at that time). The net asset value per Unit will be the quotient obtained by dividing the amount equal to the net asset value of each class of Units that comprise the Fund by the total number of Units of each class outstanding, including fractions of Units.

#### *Price of Units*

Upon the establishment of the Fund and its division into Units, the Manager will determine the initial offering price of the Units. Thereafter, the subscription price per Unit of such Units purchased pursuant to a subscription form will be the net asset value per Unit determined on the valuation date following the date on which the subscription is accepted by the Manager. No certificates evidencing ownership of Units will be issued to any Unitholder.

#### *Right to Redeem*

A Unitholder will be entitled to require payment of the net asset value of all or any of his Units by giving written notice to the Manager, which notice must contain a clear request that a specified number of Units of a specified class are to be redeemed or the dollar amount with the Unitholder is required to be paid, and the signature on the redemption notice must be guaranteed by a Canadian chartered bank, a trust company or a registered broker or securities dealer acceptable to the Manager. A redemption request must reach the Manager at its offices not later than the close of business twenty business days prior to the valuation date on which the Units are intended to be redeemed.

The Manager reserves the right to withhold requests received within 60 days prior to the valuation date on which the units are intended to be redeemed. In the event that the Manager elects to exercise this right, the Manager will, within two business days of receipt of a properly completed redemption request, advise the Unitholder of the valuation date on which the Units will be redeemed, provided that such valuation date shall not be later than the redemption date next following the 60<sup>th</sup> day after the properly completed redemption request was received. The Manager may exercise this right where a Unitholder is requesting the redemption of Units that represent a significant portion of the outstanding Units of the Fund or in other circumstances where the Manager determines for any reason that it is in the best interests of the Fund to withhold a redemption request.

#### *Redemption Price and Payment*

The proceeds payable on redemption of Units of the Fund will be the net asset value per Unit of the Fund multiplied by the number of Units to be redeemed as determined on the valuation date coinciding with or next following the expiration of the redemption notice period provided above.

Any payment, unless not honoured, will discharge the Fund, the Trustee and the Manager from all liability to such Unitholder in respect of the amount thereof and in respect of the Units redeemed. In no event will the Fund, the Trustee or the Manager be liable to the Unitholder for interest or income on proceeds of any redemption pending the payment thereof.

### *Suspension of Redemption Right*

The Trustee, at the direction of the Manager, may suspend or postpone the valuation of the net asset value or net asset value per Unit, or the right of the Unitholder to require the Fund to redeem Units for any period when normal trading is suspended on any stock exchange on which securities are listed and traded representing more than 50% by value of the total assets of the Fund without allowance for liabilities.

At the discretion of the Manager, such suspensions may apply to all requests for redemption received prior to the suspension where payment has not been made, as well as to all requests received while the suspension is in effect. Unless the suspension lasts less than 48 hours, all Unitholders making such requests will be advised by the Manager of the suspension and that their redemption will be affected on the basis of the net asset value per Unit determined on the first valuation date following the termination of the suspension. In such circumstances, Unitholders will have the right to withdraw their requests for redemption (and will be advised as such, unless the suspension lasts for less than 48 hours).

Suspensions will terminate on the first day on which the condition giving rise to the suspension ceases to exist, provided that no other condition under which suspension is authorized then exists. Subscriptions for additional Units shall not be accepted during any period when the obligation of the Fund to redeem Units is suspended.

### *Transfer of Units*

Units of the Fund are not transferable without prior written consent of the Manager. Such consent may be withheld by the Manager at its discretion, and in any case will be withheld if such a transfer is not permitted by applicable laws. Any purported transfer without prior written consent of the Manager is void and of no effect, and the Trustee and the Manager of the Fund are not required to recognize any legal, equitable or other claim or interest in the Fund on the part of such purported transferee, regardless of whether either the Trustee or Manager has express or other notice of such a claim or interest. The Trustee will be notified within a reasonable time of any transfer.

### *Powers and Duties of the Trustee*

The Trustee, subject to the specific limitations contained in the Trust Agreement, has full, absolute, and exclusive power, control and authority over the assets of the Fund and over the business and affairs of the Fund to the same extent as if the Trustee was the sole owner thereof in its own right as a natural person. The Trustee has no responsibility for the investment management of the securities or other property of each Fund, for any investment decisions, or for compliance with any investment policy or principle.

### *Powers and Duties of the Manager*

The Trust Agreement grants the Manager with the exclusive power and sole responsibility to manage and direct the investment of the assets of the Fund, including the powers to execute documents on behalf of the Fund, the exclusive power and sole responsibility to make decisions which conform to general policies, objectives, restrictions and principles of the Fund, and the powers necessary to perform its duties set forth in the Trust Agreement. The Manager has the power to appoint one or more sub-advisors, including affiliates of the Manager, and to grant them any or all of the powers of the Manager, provided that the Manager remains responsible for any advice provided by such sub-advisors.

### *Trustee, Custodian, Recordkeeper and Administrator Fees and Expenses*

The Trustee, CIBC Mellon Trust Company (in its capacities as trustee and custodian) and CIBC Mellon Global (in its capacity as recordkeeper and fund administrator) will each be remunerated by the Fund at market rates for services provided to the Fund, and will be reimbursed by the Fund for expenses incurred in discharging their duties, in accordance with the applicable agreement.

Except as provided otherwise in the Trust Agreement, all expenses attributable to the Fund will be paid by the Fund.

### *Removal of Trustee*

The Manager may remove the Trustee at any time, and such removal of the Trustee will be effective upon the later of 90 days' written notice and the appointment of a successor trustee.

### *Status of Unitholders*

The ownership of all property of the Fund of every description, and the right to conduct the affairs of the Fund, are vested exclusively in the Trustee. The Unitholders have no interest in the property of the Fund other than their beneficial interest in the Fund conferred by their Units.

### *Liability of Unitholders*

Under the terms of the Trust Agreement, no Unitholder of the Fund will be held to have any personal liability for any obligation or claim arising out of, or in connection with, any contract or obligation of the Fund, the Manager or the Trustee.

### *Unitholder Meetings*

The Trustee or the Manager will convene a meeting of the Unitholders of the Fund upon the written request of Unitholders holding not less than 50% of the aggregate outstanding Units of the Fund, and upon receiving payment to its reasonable satisfaction for associated fees and costs.

### *Distribution of Income and Capital Gains to Unitholders*

It is intended that sufficient net income and sufficient net taxable capital gains for the Fund will be distributed to Unitholders in each year such that the Fund is not liable for income tax under Part I of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

Each distribution period, the Fund will normally distribute to Unitholders all of the net income of the Fund for such distribution period. The Manager may, however, upon providing written notice of no less than 10 business days to the Trustee, direct an amount less than all of the net income of the Fund to be distributed to Unitholders. The distributions of the net income of each distribution period are payable on the distribution date for the period to Unitholders of record on the valuation date immediately prior to that distribution date.

Each fiscal year, the Manager will cause the Fund to distribute to Unitholders such portion of the net taxable capital gains of the Fund for the fiscal year as will result in the Fund paying zero tax under Part I of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada). The distribution of the net taxable capital gains of the Fund for each fiscal year are payable on the last distribution date in the fiscal year to Unitholders of record on the valuation date immediately prior to the distribution date.

### *Manner of Payment*

On and after each distribution date, such amount, if any, of net income and net realized capital gains payable to each Unitholder will be reinvested in additional Units or fractions of Units of the Fund of the same class as the Units held by the Unitholder, at the net asset value per Unit for that class calculated on the distribution date.

### *Investment by the Fund*

The Trustee will from time to time set any or all of such investments and reinvest the proceeds thereof or exchange any or all of such investments for other investments, always only in accordance with the express written directions of the Manager.

It is the sole responsibility of the Manager to ensure that all investments of the assets of the Fund are made in such a way as to comply with any statement made in this Offering Memorandum and to the investment policies, practices



and objectives, and any corresponding investment restrictions. The Manager will pay for any investment manager or advisor it appoints with respect to the Fund out of its management fees.

### **Subscription Procedure**

Investors may purchase Units of the Fund through the Manager or through qualified dealers or brokers. Qualified dealers or brokers will send orders to the Manager at its principal office by courier or telecommunication facilities without charge to the investor on the day on which investor orders are placed.

The subscription price is payable upon subscription, by cheque or by bank draft. No financing of the subscription price will be provided by the Manager. As of the date of this Offering Memorandum, the minimum subscription price for initial investments is \$25,000. We may in our discretion waive these minimum investment amounts established by us, accept investments in other minimum amounts permitted under applicable securities laws, or require higher minimum investment amounts.

Each prospective and qualified investor who desires to subscribe for Units must:

- (a) complete and sign the form of subscription agreement in substantially the form provided by the Manager, specifying the number of Units being subscribed for;
- (b) if the subscriber is a U.S. Person as that term is defined in Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act, complete and sign the U.S. Certificate; and
- (c) deliver to the Manager, in trust, a cheque or bank draft for the subscription price payable for the Units subscribed for, made payable to “CIBC Mellon Global Securities Services Company, in trust” (all such funds will be transferred to a Fund account on closing).

Subscriptions will be received subject to prior sale and acceptance of the investor’s subscription, in whole or in part (subject to compliance with applicable securities laws), by the Manager on behalf of the Fund.

The purchase price per Unit will be an amount equal to the net asset value per Unit subscribed for and may vary from class to class. The net asset value per Unit for subscriptions which are received and accepted by the Manager before the close of business on a valuation date will be calculated as of that valuation date. The net asset value per Unit for subscriptions received and accepted after the close of business will be calculated on the next valuation date.

**The subscription funds, subscription agreements and other documents received by the Manager will be held in trust and released upon closing. Where required pursuant to National Instrument 45-106 *Prospectus Exemptions* (“NI 45-106”), the subscription amount will be held in trust until the earlier of: (i) the time the purchase is processed; or (ii) midnight on the second business day after the investor signs a subscription agreement. Closings will occur on a continuous basis at the end of each month in which subscriptions are received.**

### ***Qualified Investors***

The Manager is offering for sale an unlimited number of Units on a continuous basis in each of the provinces and territories of Canada, by way of private placement.

The offering is being conducted:

- (a) in the provinces of British Columbia, and Newfoundland and Labrador pursuant to the exemptions from the prospectus requirements afforded by Sections 2.3, 2.9 and 2.10 of NI 45-106; and
- (b) in the provinces of Alberta, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Quebec and Saskatchewan, and in the Northwest Territories, Yukon and Nunavut, pursuant to the exemptions from the prospectus requirements afforded by Sections 2.3 and 2.10 of NI 45-106.

The exemption pursuant to Section 2.3 of NI 45-106 is available for distributions to investors purchasing as principal and who are “accredited investors” as defined in NI 45-106.

The exemption pursuant to Section 2.9 of NI 45-106 is available for distributions only to investors in British Columbia, and Newfoundland and Labrador purchasing as principals, who receive this Offering Memorandum prior to signing the subscription agreement and who sign a risk acknowledgement in the prescribed form.

The exemption pursuant to Section 2.10 of NI 45-106 is available for distributions to investors, who are not individuals, purchasing as principals where the trade is made in a security that has an aggregate acquisition cost to the investor of not less than \$150,000, paid in cash at the time of acquisition.

The foregoing exemptions relieve the Fund from the provisions of the applicable securities laws of each of the provinces and territories of Canada, which otherwise would require the Fund to file and obtain a receipt for a prospectus. Accordingly, prospective investors for Units will not receive the benefits associated with a subscription for securities issued pursuant to a filed prospectus, including the review of material by securities regulatory authorities.

The Fund may also use qualified dealers or brokers to sell Units of the Fund and may enter into non-exclusive agency agreements with such brokers or dealers in connection with such sales.

### ***Acceptance of Subscriptions***

Subscriptions received are subject to rejection or allotment in whole or in part by the Manager on behalf of the Fund within 30 days of their receipt by the Manager. The Manager reserves the right to close the subscription books at any time without notice. Confirmation of the acceptance of a subscription will be forwarded by the Manager to the investor. The Manager is not obligated to accept any subscriptions, and will reject any subscription which the Manager considers to be not in compliance with applicable securities laws and regulations. If any subscription is rejected, the Manager will return to the investor within 30 days after making the decision to reject the subscription, the subscription agreement, any other documentation delivered by the investor, and the subscription funds comprising such subscription.

Subject to the contractual rights of action and a two day right of withdrawal for certain investors described herein, and subject to applicable securities laws, an investor’s subscription may not be withdrawn, cancelled, terminated or revoked by the investor for a period of 30 days from the date of receipt of the subscription by the Manager, unless previously accepted by the Manager.

Units of the Fund will be issued to an investor if a subscription agreement substantially in the form prescribed by the Manager from time to time is received by the Fund and accepted by the Manager, and if payment of the subscription price is made by cheque or bank draft. Units will be issued at a price per Unit equal to the net asset value per Unit as at the last business day of the month in which the subscription is received, subject in all cases to the minimum investment levels described above. An investor who subscribes for Units by executing and delivering a subscription agreement will become a Unitholder after the Manager accepts such subscription and the Fund has received the subscription price.

### ***Additional Investments***

Additional investments in the Fund are generally permitted, provided that the Unitholder’s initial investment was equal to a minimum of \$150,000 and the additional investment is for the same class as the initial investment and the Unitholder, as at the date of the subsequent trade, holds securities of the Fund that have an acquisition cost of not less than \$150,000 or a net asset value of not less than \$150,000. The minimum additional subscription is \$1,000 or such greater amount as may be otherwise required to comply with applicable securities laws or as may be prescribed by the Manager.

### *Unit Certificates*

No certificates evidencing ownership of the Units will be issued to a Unitholder. Following each purchase or redemption of Units, Unitholders will receive a written confirmation from the Trustee indicating details of the transaction including the class, number and dollar value of the Units purchased or redeemed, the net asset value per Unit and the class, number and dollar value of Units held by the Unitholder following such purchase or redemption.

### *Certain United States Securities Law Matters*

The following is a summary only and is not intended to be exhaustive. Subscribers are advised to consult with their legal advisors concerning restrictions on resale, and are further advised against attempting to resell their Units until they have determined that any such resale is in compliance with the requirements of applicable legislation.

The Units offered hereby have not been and will not be registered under the United States *Securities Act of 1933*, as amended (defined above as the “**U.S. Securities Act**”). The Units will not be offered or sold in the United States, except that Units may be offered and sold to a limited number of “accredited investors” within the meaning of Rule 501 of Regulation D under the U.S. Securities Act and applicable United States securities laws, who execute and deliver to the Fund a subscription agreement, including a completed Accredited Investor Questionnaire and a U.S. Certificate, pursuant to the exemption from registration provided by Rule 506 of Regulation D under the U.S. Securities Act.

Each purchaser of Units that is a U.S. Person is required to represent that the Units are being acquired for its own account, for investment, and not with a view to resale or distribution. The Units are suitable investments only for sophisticated investors for whom an investment in the Fund does not constitute a complete investment program and who fully understand, are willing to assume, and who have the financial resources necessary to withstand, the risks involved in the Fund’s specialized investment program and to bear the risk of potential loss of a substantial portion of their investment in the Units. Each prospective purchaser is urged to consult with its own advisers to determine the suitability of an investment in the Units, and the relationship of such an investment to the purchaser’s overall investment program and financial and tax position. Each purchaser of Units that is a U.S. Person is required to further represent that, after all necessary advice and analysis, its investment in Units is suitable and appropriate in light of the foregoing considerations.

The term “U.S. Person” as used in this Offering Memorandum is defined in Rule 902 of Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act, which definition generally includes a natural person resident in the United States, an estate or trust of which any executor or administrator or trustee, respectively, is a U.S. Person and any partnership or corporation organized or incorporated under the laws of the United States.

### *Subscribers Resident in Other Jurisdictions*

The Units offered pursuant to this Offering Memorandum may be offered in jurisdictions outside of Canada and the United States where permitted under applicable laws. The Manager reserves the right to reject subscriptions from persons resident in any jurisdiction on the basis that it is impossible or impractical to comply with the securities or other laws of such jurisdiction.

### **Trading and Resale Restrictions**

#### *General*

This offering of Units is made only on a private placement basis to investors who are eligible to purchase on an exempt basis under, and subject to compliance with, applicable securities laws. **There is no market for the Units**, and you will not be able to trade or transfer your Units unless you comply with an exemption from the requirements of applicable securities legislation. **However, we note that securities legislation in Canada does contain exemptions that will permit you to redeem your Units.**

**The transferability of the Units will also be subject to resale restrictions under applicable securities laws.**

The Fund is not a reporting issuer in any of the provinces or territories of Canada, and does not intend to become reporting in any province or territory of Canada. The Units will be subject to an indefinite hold period.

Notwithstanding such indefinite hold period, and subject to approval by the Fund as referred to above, investors may be able to transfer between certain classes of Units, and to transfer Units to another person pursuant to another exemption from the prospectus requirements of applicable securities laws or pursuant to an order permitting such transfer granted by applicable securities regulatory authorities. Units of the Fund are not transferable without prior written consent of the Manager. Such consent may be withheld by the Manager at its discretion, and in any case will be withheld if such a transfer is not permitted by applicable laws. The Fund will be entitled to require and may require, as a condition of allowing any transfer of any Unit, the transferor or transferee, at their expense, to furnish to the Fund evidence satisfactory to it in form and substance (which may include an opinion of counsel satisfactory to the Fund) in order to establish that such transfer will not constitute a violation of the securities laws of any jurisdiction whose securities laws are applicable thereto.

### ***Restrictions on Resales to U.S. Persons***

No Unitholder may assign or transfer, or offer to sell, assign, or transfer all or any of its Units to a U.S. Person without the prior written consent of the Fund (which consent may be withheld for any reason) other than by will or the laws of intestacy and distribution. No U.S. Person transferee of Units will be admitted to the Fund without agreeing to the terms of the Trust Agreement and receiving the consent of the Fund, which consent may be withheld in the Fund's sole and absolute discretion. No purported transferee shall have any right to any profits, losses or distributions of the Fund. **Any attempt by a Unitholder to make any assignment or transfer in violation of the terms described in this section shall be null and void *ab initio* and of no legal force or effect whatsoever.**

The term "U.S. Person," as used in this Offering Memorandum, is defined in Rule 902 of Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act, which definition generally includes a natural person resident in the United States, an estate or trust of which any executor or administrator or trustee, respectively, is a U.S. Person and any partnership or corporation organized or incorporated under the laws of the United States.

## **CERTAIN CANADIAN FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS**

The following summary describes the principal Canadian federal income tax considerations pursuant to the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) (the "**Tax Act**") and the regulations thereunder generally applicable to a Unitholder who is an individual (other than a trust) resident in Canada who holds the Units as capital property and deals at arm's length with the Fund. Certain Unitholders who might not otherwise be considered to hold their Units as capital property may, in certain circumstances, be entitled to have them treated as capital property by making the irrevocable election permitted by subsection 39(4) of the Tax Act.

This summary is based upon the provisions of the Tax Act, and any regulations thereunder in force at the date hereof and the understanding of the current published administrative and assessing practices of the Canada Revenue Agency ("**CRA**") and takes into account all specific proposals to amend the Tax Act and the regulations thereunder publicly announced by or on behalf of the Minister of Finance (Canada) (the "**Tax Proposals**"). There can be no assurance that the Tax Proposals will be implemented in their current form or at all. No advance income tax ruling has been requested in respect of this offering. This summary does not otherwise take into account or anticipate any changes in the law, whether by legislative, governmental or judicial action, nor does it take into account provincial, territorial or foreign tax considerations, which may differ significantly from those discussed herein.

**This summary is not exhaustive of all possible Canadian federal tax considerations applicable to an investment in Units. Moreover, the income and other tax consequences of acquiring, holding or disposing of Units will vary depending on the Unitholders' particular circumstances, including the province or provinces in which the Unitholder resides or carries on business. Accordingly, this summary is of a general nature only and is not intended to be legal or tax advice to any prospective purchaser of Units of the Fund or any Unitholder. You should consult your own professional advisors to obtain advice on the income tax consequences that may apply to you.**

## **Status of the Fund**

### ***Mutual Fund Trust***

The Fund qualifies as a “mutual fund trust” as defined in the Tax Act, and is expected to continue to so qualify effective at all material times. For the purposes of this summary, it is assumed that the Fund will continue to qualify as a “mutual fund trust” at all material times. In the event that the Fund did not qualify as a “mutual fund trust” at all material times, the income tax considerations would in some respects be materially different from those described below.

Provided that the Fund qualifies as a mutual fund trust as described above, the Units will be “qualified investments” as defined in the Tax Act for tax-deferred plans such as registered retirement savings plans (“RRSPs”), registered retirement income funds (“RRIFs”), registered education savings plans (“RESPs”), deferred profit savings plans (“DPSPs”), registered disability savings plans (“RDSPs”) and tax free savings accounts (“TFSA”). Investors should consult with their own tax advisors as to whether Units would be a “prohibited investment” as defined in the Tax Act, if held in their RRSP, RRIF, TFSA, RDSP or RESP.

## **Taxation of the Fund**

### ***Part I Tax***

The Fund is subject to taxation in each taxation year on its net income for the year, including net realized capital gains, less the portion thereof that is paid or payable in the year to Unitholders and which is deducted by the Fund in computing its income for purposes of the Tax Act. An amount will be considered to be payable to a Unitholder in a taxation year if it is paid in the year by the Fund or the Unitholder is entitled in that year to enforce payment of the amount. The Fund intends to distribute a sufficient part of its income and capital gains, if any, so that the Fund will not be subject to tax under Part I of the Tax Act. In certain circumstances, losses of the Fund may be suspended or restricted and therefore will not be available to shelter income or capital gains.

## **Taxation of Unitholders**

### ***For Units Held Outside a Registered Tax Plan***

#### ***Fund Distributions***

Unitholders who are not exempt from tax under Part I of the Tax Act will generally be required to include in their income for a particular taxation year such part of the Fund’s net income and the taxable portion of the Fund’s net realized capital gains for tax purposes for the year as was paid or has become payable to them in that particular taxation year, notwithstanding that any such amount is reinvested in additional Units of the Fund (see “Summary of Trust Agreement – Distribution of Income and Capital and Capital Gains to Unitholders” and “Manner of Payment”). In certain cases, the Fund may apply net capital losses or non-capital losses from prior taxation years to reduce its income or capital gains. In certain circumstances, losses in the Fund could be restricted, and therefore would be unavailable to shelter capital gains and income.

Where the Fund has received taxable dividends from a taxable Canadian corporation in the year, it may designate a pro rata share of such dividends to be taxable dividends received by the Unitholder from a taxable Canadian corporation in the year. To the extent that amounts are designated as taxable dividends, the applicable gross-up and dividend tax credit provisions will be applicable in respect of Unitholders who are individuals.

The Fund may make designations in respect of net taxable capital gains realized by it in the year, and foreign source income received in the year and foreign taxes paid in the year. Where applicable, Unitholders may apply capital losses against such capital gains and may claim the foreign tax credit in calculating tax payable.

### *Disposition of Units*

A Unitholder's gain or loss from the disposition of a Unit (including a disposition by way of redemption) will generally be treated as a capital gain or loss. One-half of any capital gain realized by a Unitholder and the amount of any net taxable capital gains designated by the Fund in respect of a Unitholder will be included in the Unitholder's income under the Tax Act for the year of disposition as a taxable capital gain. Subject to certain specific rules in the Tax Act, one-half of any capital loss realized by a Unitholder may be deducted against any taxable capital gains realized by the Unitholder in the year of disposition, in the three preceding taxation years or in any subsequent taxation years.

To calculate a Unitholder's capital gain or loss for tax purposes, a Unitholder needs to know the adjusted cost base of a Unit. In general, a Unitholder's adjusted cost base of a Unit is determined by:

total amount the Unitholder paid for the units, plus

any reinvested distributions, minus

return of capital through distributions, minus

adjusted cost base of redeemed units, divided by

number of units held by Unitholder

### *Alternative Minimum Tax*

Canadian dividends and taxable capital gains distributed by the Fund to, and taxable capital gains realized by, a Unitholder that is an individual may give rise to alternative minimum tax depending on the Unitholder's circumstances.

### *For Funds Held in a Registered Plan*

Unitholders who hold Units in a registered plan generally do not need to pay tax on distributions paid by the Fund. Similarly, such Unitholders generally are not subject to tax on capital gains from redeeming Units.

Unitholders will be taxed at their personal tax rate upon withdrawal of monies from the registered tax plan (other than a TSFA or in certain circumstances, an RESP or RDSP).

Unitholders are responsible for determining the income tax consequences of acquiring Units of the Fund through a registered plan. Unitholders should consult their own professional advisors regarding the tax treatment of contributions to, withdrawals from and acquisitions of property by a registered plan.

### *Tax Information Reporting*

Pursuant to the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Enhanced Exchange of Tax Information under the Canada-United States Tax Convention entered into between Canada and the U.S. on February 5, 2014 (the "IGA"), and related Canadian legislation, the Fund and/or registered dealers are required to report certain information (including certain financial information) with respect to unitholders who are U.S. tax residents and/or U.S. citizens (including U.S. citizens who are residents or citizens of Canada), and certain other "U.S. Persons" as defined under the IGA (excluding registered plans such as RRSPs), to the Canada Revenue Agency ("CRA"). It is expected that the CRA will then exchange the information with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. In addition, to meet the objectives of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development Common Reporting Standard (the "CRS"), the Fund and/or registered dealers are required under Canadian legislation to identify and report to the CRA details and certain financial information relating to Unitholders in the Fund who are tax residents in a country outstanding of Canada and the U.S. which has adopted the CRS (excluding registered plans such as RRSPs). The CRA is expected to provide that information to the authorities of the relevant jurisdiction that has adopted the CRS.

## COMPENSATION PAID TO SELLERS AND FINDERS

### Service Fee

No selling commissions or fees will be paid by the Fund or us in connection with the sale of Units under this Offering Memorandum, however, a service fee will be paid to qualified dealers and brokers for on-going advice and service provided by the dealers or brokers to their clients who have invested in the Fund. This service fee is a portion of the Manager's management fee that is shared with a qualified dealer or broker. The service fee is payable by the Manager for as long as such broker's or dealer's clients' investments remain in the Fund. Qualified brokers or dealers will not charge the investor a commission or fee on the redemption of Units.

Service fees will be calculated and payable by the Manager at least semi-annually to qualified dealers or brokers for salespersons of the qualified dealer or broker with client assets invested in the Fund having an aggregate net asset value of not less than \$100,000. Service fees will be based on the aggregate value of the clients' investments in the Fund at the end of each month equal to 1/12 of 0.75% (0.75% per annum) of the net asset value of the Class B Units held by the clients on the last business day of that month. No service fees are paid for Class F Units. Service fees may be modified or discontinued by the Manager at any time.

### Other Fees

In addition, the Manager may from time to time elect to share up to 10% of its performance fee with approved dealers in respect of Units of the Fund held by clients of certain approved salespersons. This portion of the performance fee would be paid annually or quarterly, in the discretion of the Manager, on or before the end of the month following the year or quarter-end, as applicable, in respect of the aggregate value of such clients' investments in the Fund as of the last valuation date of the preceding calendar year or quarter, as applicable.

## RISK FACTORS

**Investment in Units involves a number of significant risks. There is no guarantee that an investment in Units of the Fund will earn a positive return in the short or long term. Investors should be able to bear the risk of a substantial loss of their investment.** The following risks should be carefully evaluated by prospective investors.

**Business Risk.** While the Manager believes that the Fund's investment policies will be successful over the long term, there can be no guarantee against losses resulting from an investment in Units of the Fund and there can be no assurance that the Fund's investment approach will be successful or that its investment objectives will be attained. The Fund could realize substantial losses, rather than gains, from some or all of the investments described herein.

**Liquidity.** An investment in the Fund provides limited liquidity. The Units are subject to indefinite resale restrictions under applicable securities laws. Unitholders may redeem their Units on the last day of each month. The Manager may take up to five business days after month-end to pay out any such redemption.

**Arbitrage Risk.** Investments may be purchased pursuant to a risk arbitrage strategy in order to take advantage of the difference between the current market values of securities and their anticipated values in the event of a merger, restructuring, acquisition, or other corporate transaction (see "Business of the Fund – Investment Objective, Strategies, Policies and Restrictions"). Securities purchased or sold short pursuant to the Fund's risk arbitrage strategy may not perform as intended, which may result in a loss to the Fund. Additionally, predicted corporate events may not proceed as expected or may fail, which may result in significant losses.

**SPAC Risk.** The Funds may invest a portion of its assets in the stock, warrants, and other securities of special purpose acquisition companies ("SPACs") or similar special purpose entities that raise funds for the sole purpose of seeking potential acquisition opportunities. All assets (net of operating expenses) of the SPAC are invested in U.S. Government securities, money market fund securities and/or cash until an acquisition is completed. Once the SPAC identifies a transaction, common holders have the right to vote on the transaction and also to decide whether to roll their equity in the transaction or redeem shares for their pro rata share of the escrow account holdings. Should the SPAC be unable

to complete an acquisition that meets its defined requirements within a pre-established period of time, the invested funds are returned to the entity's shareholders. SPACs may have specific risks, including increased volatility, associated with the regions or industries for which they pursue an acquisition. Since a SPAC is a new entity created for the purpose of acquiring another company or entity, it may have limited or no business operating history; this makes the pricing and liquidity of the security dependent on management's ability to source and complete a profitable acquisition. Furthermore, these securities may trade in the over-the-counter market which may have associated issues with price sourcing and illiquidity.

**Net Asset Value.** The net asset value of Units will fluctuate with changes in the market value of the investments. Such changes in market value may occur as a result of various factors, including those factors identified above with respect to international investments and emerging market securities and material changes in the intrinsic value of an issuer whose securities are held by the Fund.

**Concentration Risk.** The pursuit of the Fund's investment strategies, as described above under "Business of the Fund – Investment Objective, Strategies, Policies and Restrictions", may require investments to be concentrated in a particular sub-set of issuers. Unlike many mutual funds, the Fund is not subject to applicable securities laws that require them to diversify portfolio holdings so that no more than a fixed percentage of their assets are invested in any one industry or group of industries. The value of a more concentrated fund may be more volatile than the value of a more diversified investment fund because a concentrated fund is more affected by individual issuers and securities.

**Derivatives.** Derivatives for hedging and other investment purposes will be used by the Fund only to the extent that the Manager considers appropriate and as described above under "Business of the Fund – Investment Objective, Strategies, Policies and Restrictions". Hedging involves special risks including the possible default by the other party to the transaction, illiquidity and, to the extent the Manager's assessment of certain market movements is incorrect, the risk that the use of hedging could result in losses greater than if hedging had not been used. The use of currency hedging could result in the Fund incurring losses as a result of the imposition of exchange controls, suspension of settlements, or the inability to deliver or receipt a specified currency.

Hedging against changes in the value of currency does not eliminate fluctuations in the prices of portfolio securities and does not prevent losses if the prices of such securities decline. Hedging may also limit the opportunity for gain if the value of the hedged currency should rise. Moreover, it may not be possible for the Fund to enter into transactions which hedge against generally anticipated changes in currencies. The use of currency hedging could result in the Fund incurring losses as a result of the imposition of exchange controls, suspension of settlements, or the inability to deliver or receipt a specified currency.

The use of options entails certain special risks. Call options will not protect the Fund from declines in the value of the underlying security and may limit the Fund's potential to realize a gain on the value of the underlying security. The Fund may also forego potential returns resulting from any price appreciation of the security underlying the option above the exercise price in favour of the certainty of receiving the option premium. Purchasing call options may expose the Fund to losses if the value of the underlying security has decreased compared to the transaction price at which the Fund may purchase the security. Selling put options may expose the Fund to losses if the value of the underlying security has decreased when compared to the transaction price that the Fund must purchase the security. Purchasing put options on securities exposes the Fund to losses if the value of the underlying security has increased in value when compared to the transaction price at which the Fund may sell the security. Options markets could be illiquid in some circumstances and certain over-the counter options could have no markets. There can be no assurance that a market will exist to permit the Fund to realize its profits or limit its losses by closing out certain positions. If the Fund is unable to close out a position, it will be unable to realize its profits or limit its losses until such time as the option becomes exercisable or expires or the forward contract terminates, as the case may be. The ability of the Fund to close out a position may be affected by exchange imposed daily trading limits on options. The change in volatility of an option may change the value associated with the option and the proceeds that the Fund may receive from the sale of that option.

**Illiquid Securities.** A portion of the Fund's assets may from time to time be invested in securities and other financial instruments or obligations for which no market exists and/or which are restricted as to their transferability under local



governmental securities laws or practices. The sale of any such investments may be subject to delays and additional costs and may be possible only at substantial discounts.

**Short Sale Equity Positions.** The Fund may take short sale positions without maintaining an equivalent quantity, or a right to acquire an equivalent quantity, of the underlying securities in its portfolio. While the Manager will engage in these transactions predominantly for hedging purposes, there can be no assurance that the security will experience declines in market value and this could result in the Fund incurring unlimited losses if it has agreed to deliver securities at a price which is lower than the market price at which such securities may be acquired at the time the transaction is to be completed. The Manager may selectively engage in transactions which limit the potential liability of the Fund for unanticipated shifts in the market value of these securities. The use of short sales requires the use of margin which will only be used in accordance with the rules of IROC.

**Risks of Leverage.** The Fund may leverage its investment positions by borrowing funds. Leverage increases both the potential return and the risk of loss on any investment position.

**Portfolio Turnover.** The operation of the Fund may result in a high annual portfolio turnover rate. The Fund has not placed any limit on the rate of portfolio turnover and portfolio securities may be sold without regard to the time they have been held when, in the opinion of the Manager, investment considerations warrant such action. A high rate of portfolio turnover involves correspondingly greater expenses than a lower rate (e.g., greater transaction costs such as brokerage fees).

**Counterparty Risk.** The Fund bears the risk of loss of the amount expected to be received under options, forward contracts or securities lending agreements in the event of the default or bankruptcy of a counterparty to such contracts or agreements.

**Interest Rate Fluctuations.** In the case of interest rate sensitive securities, the value of a security may change as the general level of interest rates fluctuates. When interest rates decline, the value of such securities can be expected to rise. Conversely, when interest rates rise, the value of such securities can be expected to decline.

**Low Rated or Unrated Debt Obligations.** A portion of the Fund's portfolio may consist of instruments that have a credit quality rated below investment grade by internationally recognized credit rating organizations or may be unrated. These securities involve significant risk exposure as there is uncertainty regarding the issuer's capacity to pay interest and repay principal in accordance with the terms of the obligations. Low rated and unrated debt instruments generally offer a higher current yield than that available from higher grade issuers, but typically involve greater risk.

**Conflicts of Interest.** The Fund may be subject to various conflicts of interest due to the fact that the Manager is engaged in a wide variety of management, advisory and other business activities. The Manager's investment decisions for the Fund will be made independently of those made for the other clients of the Manager and independently of its own investments. However, on occasion, the Manager may make the same investment for the Fund and one or more of its other clients. Where the Fund and one or more of the other clients of the Manager are engaged in the purchase or sale of the same security, the transaction will be effected on an equitable basis. The Manager will allocate opportunities to make and dispose of investments equitably among clients with similar investment objectives having regard to whether the security is currently held in any of the relevant investment portfolios, the relative size and rate of growth of the Fund and the other funds under common management and such other factors as the Manager considers relevant in the circumstances.

**Involvement in Other and Competing Activities.** The Manager, its respective officers, directors, employees, or shareholders and their respective affiliates and associates are not limited or affected in their ability to carry on other business ventures for their own account, or for the account of others, and may be engaged in the development of, investment in, or management of businesses that may compete with the business of the Fund. Investment in the Fund will not carry with it the right of the Fund or of any Unitholder to invest in any other venture of the Manager or its affiliates or associates or to any profit therefrom or to any interest therein. The Manager may have a conflict of interest in carrying out its obligations to the Fund as a result of its involvement in competing activities.

**Competition for Services.** The Fund will not have independent management and will rely upon the Manager to manage the business of the Fund and to provide managerial skill. The directors and officers of the Manager may have a conflict of interest in allocating their time between the business of the Manager and the Fund, and other businesses or projects in which they may become involved. The directors and officers of the Manager have, however, agreed to devote as much time to the Fund as is required for the effective management of the Fund.

**Reliance on Management.** The success of the Fund will be entirely dependent upon the efforts of the Manager.

**No Assurance of Return.** There is no assurance that the Fund will be able to achieve its investment objective or that the Fund will earn a positive return.

**Investment Eligibility.** There can be no assurance that Canadian federal income tax laws respecting the treatment of mutual fund trusts will not be changed in a manner which adversely affects the holders of Units. If the Fund ceases to qualify as a “mutual fund trust”, the Units will cease to be qualified investments for trusts governed by RRSPs, RRIFFs, RESPs, DPSPs, RDSPs and TFSAs under the Tax Act. The Tax Act imposes penalties for the acquisition or holding of non-qualified investments.

**Investments in Unsecured Indebtedness.** The Fund may invest, from time to time, in unsecured debt obligations of small capitalization companies. In the event of a default in the repayment of these obligations, the Fund’s investment in such indebtedness may be lost in whole or in part.

**Lack of Separate Counsel.** Counsel for the Fund in connection with this offering is also counsel to the Manager. The Unitholders, as a group, have not been represented by separate counsel and counsel for the Fund and the Manager does not purport to have acted for the Unitholders or to have conducted any investigation or review on their behalf.

**International Investment.** The risk of loss on foreign investments may be greater than risks associated with Canadian investments as there is often less information available about foreign companies than about domestic companies due to the fact that many foreign companies are not subject to the uniform and extensive accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and practices, government supervision and regulation and other disclosure requirements which apply to companies in Canada. Additionally, the Fund’s foreign investment may be subject to foreign investment and exchange control laws, foreign withholding tax, or the risk of possible expropriation or imposition of confiscatory taxation. In addition, foreign stock markets may be less liquid and more volatile than the North American stock markets, trade and settlement practices are often not as developed and corporate actions are often not as controlled. Any foreign investments will have risks associated with changes in foreign exchange rates and, possibly, restriction on the repatriation of funds or dividends.

**Limited U.S. Regulation.** The offering and sale of the Units has not been registered under the U.S. Securities Act or any similar United States state law, in reliance upon various exemptions therefrom. In addition, the Fund is not registered under the United States *Investment Company Act of 1940*, as amended (the “**U.S. Investment Company Act**”). Accordingly, Unitholders will not have the benefits afforded generally by the provisions of the U.S. Investment Company Act (which, among other matters, require investment companies to have a majority of disinterested directors, require securities held in custody at all times to be individually segregated from the securities of any other person and marked to clearly identify such securities as the property of such investment company and regulate the relationship between the adviser and the investment company). The Manager is exempt from registration with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the United States *Investment Advisers Act of 1940*, as amended, and is not subject to the recordkeeping and other requirements thereunder.

**U.S. Tax Implications.** An investment in the Fund by a person subject to taxation under the United States *Internal Revenue Code of 1986*, as amended, may have United States tax consequences not discussed in the summary of “Certain Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations” contained herein. Such taxpayers should consult their tax advisors about the income tax consequences of acquiring or holding Units.

**Limited Resources of Manager.** The Manager has no obligation to fund any operating deficits resulting from the business of the Fund or to advance funds to continue the business operations of the Fund. Even if the Manager should elect to do so voluntarily or be held individually accountable by Fund creditors, its available assets will likely not be

adequate to satisfy the capital needs of continuing business operations. The Manager has no equity and, consequently no capital resources. If Fund revenues are insufficient to pay Fund expenses after expending the funds obtained from this offering and if the Manager does not advance such additional funds as may be needed by the Fund, the Fund may not be able to continue its business operations in the absence of an alternative source of financing, and there can be no assurance that such financing will be available to the Fund.

**Loss Restrictions.** If the Fund experiences a “loss restriction event” (i) the Fund will be deemed to have a year-end for tax purposes (which could result in the Fund being subject to tax unless it distributes its income and capital gains prior to such year-end), and (ii) the Fund will become subject to the loss restriction rules generally applicable to corporations that experience an acquisition of control, including a deemed realization of any unrealized capital losses and restrictions on their ability to carry forward losses. Generally, the Fund will be subject to a loss restriction event when a person becomes a “majority-interest beneficiary” of the Fund, or a group of persons becomes a “majority-interest group of beneficiaries” of the Fund, as those terms are defined in the affiliated persons rules contained in the Tax Act, with appropriate modifications. Generally, a majority-interest beneficiary of the Fund will be a beneficiary who, together with the beneficial interests of persons and partnerships with whom the beneficiary is affiliated, has a fair market value that is greater than 50% of the fair market value of all the interests in the income or capital, respectively, in the Fund. Generally, a person is deemed not to become a majority-interest beneficiary, and a group of persons is deemed not to become a majority-interest group of beneficiaries, of the Fund if the Fund qualifies as an “investment fund” under the rules including that it meets certain investment requirements.

**Cyber Security Risk.** As the use of technology has become more prevalent in the course of business, the Fund has become potentially more susceptible to operational risks through breaches in cyber security. A breach in cyber security refers to both intentional and unintentional events that may cause the Fund to lose proprietary information or other information subject to privacy laws, suffer data corruption, or lose operational capacity. This in turn could cause the Fund to incur regulatory penalties, reputational damage, additional compliance costs associated with corrective measures, and/or financial loss. Cyber security breaches may involve unauthorized access to the Fund’s digital information systems (e.g., through “hacking” or malicious software coding), but may also result from outside attacks such as denial-of-service attacks (i.e., efforts to make network services unavailable to intended users). In addition, cyber security breaches of the Fund’s third party service providers (e.g., administrators, transfer agents, custodians and sub-advisers) or of issuers the Fund invests in can also subject the Fund to many of the same risks associated with direct cyber security breaches. Like with operational risk in general, the Fund has established risk management systems designed to reduce the risks associated with cyber security. However, there is no guarantee that such efforts will succeed, especially since the Fund does not directly control the cyber security systems of issuers or third party service providers.

## REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

As a Unitholder of the Fund you will be entitled to receive copies of the Fund’s audited financial statements and interim financial statements for the first six months of each fiscal year of the Fund. The Fund is not a reporting issuer in any of the provinces or territories of Canada and does not intend to become reporting in any province or territory of Canada.

## RESALE RESTRICTIONS

These securities will be subject to a number of resale restrictions, including a restriction on trading. Until the restriction on trading expires, you will not be able to trade the securities unless you comply with an exemption from the prospectus and registration requirements under securities legislation. **However, we note that securities legislation in Canada does contain exemptions that will permit you to redeem your Units.** See “Securities Offered – Summary of Trust Agreement – Redemption Price and Payment”.

Unless permitted under securities legislation, you cannot trade the securities before the date that is four months and a day after the date the Fund becomes a reporting issuer in any Canadian province or territory. The Fund is not currently

a reporting issuer in any of the provinces or territories of Canada and does not intend to become reporting in any province or territories of Canada.

Unless permitted under securities legislation, you must not trade the securities without the prior written consent of the regulator in Manitoba unless: (a) the Fund has filed a prospectus with the regulator in Manitoba with respect to the securities you have purchased and the regulator in Manitoba has issued a receipt for that prospectus; or (b) you have held the securities for at least 12 months. The regulator in Manitoba will consent to your trade if the regulator is of the opinion that to do so is not prejudicial to the public interest.

## **PURCHASERS' RIGHTS**

The securities laws in your jurisdiction may provide you with the right, in certain circumstances, to seek damages or to cancel your agreement to buy Units. Most often, these rights are available if we make a misrepresentation in this Offering Memorandum, but in some jurisdictions, you may have these rights in other circumstances including if we fail to deliver the Offering Memorandum to you within the required time or if we make a misrepresentation in any advertisements or sales literature regarding units. Generally, a “misrepresentation” means an untrue statement about a material fact or the failure to disclose a material fact that is required to be stated or that is necessary in order to make a statement not misleading in light of the circumstances in which it was made. The meaning of “misrepresentation” may differ slightly depending on the law in your jurisdiction. In most jurisdictions there are defences available to the persons or companies that you may have a right to sue. In particular, in many jurisdictions, the person or company that you sue, will not be liable if you knew of the misrepresentation when you purchased the securities.

If you purchase units, you will have certain rights, some of which are described below. For information about your rights, you should consult a lawyer.

### **Two Day Cancellation Right for Investors**

You can cancel your agreement to purchase these securities. To do so, you must send a notice to the Fund by midnight on the second business day after you sign the agreement to buy the securities.

### **Investors in British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia**

#### ***Statutory rights in the event of a misrepresentation***

In addition to any other right or remedy available to you at law, if there is a misrepresentation in this Offering Memorandum, you have a statutory right to sue:

- (a) to cancel your agreement to buy these Units; or
- (b) for damages against the Fund and for damages against the Manager, every person who was a director of the Manager at the date of this Offering Memorandum, and any other person who signed this Offering Memorandum.

This statutory right to sue is available to you whether or not you relied on the misrepresentation. If you choose to rescind your purchase, you cannot then sue for damages. In addition, in an action for damages, the defendant will not be liable for all or any portion of damages that it proves do not represent the depreciation in value of your Units as a result of the misrepresentation. Furthermore, the amount recoverable in an action for damages will not exceed the price at which the Units were offered. There are various defences available to the persons or companies that you have a right to sue. For example, they have a defence if you knew of the misrepresentation when you purchased the Units.

### ***Forward-looking information***

In each jurisdiction, defendants will not be liable for a misrepresentation in forward-looking information if the Fund proves that:

- (a) this Offering Memorandum contains reasonable cautionary language identifying the forward-looking information as such, and identifying material factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from a conclusion, forecast or projection in the forward-looking information, and a statement of material factors or assumptions that were applied in drawing a conclusion or making a forecast or projection set out in the forward-looking information; and
- (b) the Fund has a reasonable basis for drawing the conclusion or making the forecasts and projections set out in the forward-looking information.

### ***Time limitations***

If you intend to rely on the rights described above, you must do so within strict time limitations.

In British Columbia, Alberta, and Prince Edward Island, you must commence your action to cancel the agreement within 180 days after the transaction or commence your action for damages within the earlier of: (i) 180 days after learning of the misrepresentation, or (ii) three years after the transaction.

In Manitoba, you must commence your action to cancel the agreement within 180 days after the transaction or commence your action for damages within the earlier of: (i) 180 days after learning of the misrepresentation, or (ii) two years after the day of the transaction.

In Nova Scotia, you must commence your action to cancel your agreement within 120 days after the transaction.

### **Investors in Ontario and New Brunswick**

#### ***Statutory rights in the event of a misrepresentation***

In addition to any other right or remedy available to you at law, if there is a misrepresentation in this Offering Memorandum, you have a statutory right to:

- (a) cancel your agreement to buy these Units; or
- (b) sue for damages against the Fund and a selling security holder on whose behalf the distribution is made.

This statutory right to sue is available to you whether or not you relied on the misrepresentation. If you choose to rescind your purchase, you cannot then sue for damages. In addition, in an action for damages, the defendant will not be liable for all or any portion of damages that it proves do not represent the depreciation in value of your Units as a result of the misrepresentation. Furthermore, the amount recoverable in an action for damages will not exceed the price at which the Units were offered. There are various defences available to the persons or companies that you have a right to sue. For example, they have a defence if they prove that you knew of the misrepresentation when you purchased the Units.

In both jurisdictions, the defendant will not be liable for a misrepresentation in forward-looking information if the Fund proves that:

- (a) this Offering Memorandum contains, proximate to the forward-looking information, reasonable cautionary language identifying the forward-looking information as such, and identifying material factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from a conclusion, forecast or projection in the forward-looking information, and a statement of material factors or assumptions that were applied in drawing a conclusion or making a forecast or projection set out in the forward-looking information; and

- (b) the Fund has a reasonable basis for drawing the conclusion or making the forecasts and projections set out in the forward-looking information.

***Time limitations***

If you intend to rely on the rights described above, you must do so within strict time limitations.

In New Brunswick, you must commence your action to cancel the agreement within 180 days after the transaction or commence your action for damages within the earlier of: (i) one year after you knew of the misrepresentation, or (ii) six years after the transaction.

In Ontario, you must commence your action to cancel the agreement to purchase Units within 180 days after you signed the agreement to purchase the Units or commence your action for damages within the earlier of: (i) 180 days after learning of the misrepresentation, or (ii) three years after you signed the agreement to purchase the Units.

**Investors in Newfoundland and Labrador, Northwest Territories, Nunavut and the Yukon**

***Statutory rights in the event of a misrepresentation***

In addition to any other right or remedy available to you at law, if there is a misrepresentation in this Offering Memorandum, you have a statutory right to sue:

- (a) to cancel your agreement to buy these Units; or
- (b) for damages against the Fund, the Manager, every person who was a director of the Manager at the date of this Offering Memorandum, any other person who signed this Offering Memorandum and a selling security holder on whose behalf the distribution is made.

This statutory right to sue is available to you whether or not you relied on the misrepresentation. If you choose to rescind your purchase, you cannot then sue for damages. In addition, in an action for damages, the defendant will not be liable for all or any portion of damages that it proves do not represent the depreciation in value of your Units as a result of the misrepresentation. Furthermore, the amount recoverable in an action for damages will not exceed the price at which the Units were offered. There are various defences available to the Fund should you exercise a right to sue. For example, it has a defence if you knew of the misrepresentation when you purchased the Units.

***Forward-looking information***

Defendants will not be liable for a misrepresentation in forward-looking information if the Fund proves that:

- (a) this Offering Memorandum contains, proximate to the forward-looking information, reasonable cautionary language identifying the forward-looking information as such, and identifying material factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from a conclusion, forecast or projection in the forward-looking information, and a statement of material factors or assumptions that were applied in drawing a conclusion or making a forecast or projection set out in the forward-looking information; and
- (b) the Fund has a reasonable basis for drawing the conclusion or making the forecasts and projections set out in the forward-looking information.

***Time limitations***

If you intend to rely on the rights described above, you must do so within strict time limitations.

In each Newfoundland & Labrador, the Northwest Territories, Nunavut, and the Yukon, you must commence your action to rescind your agreement to purchase Units within 180 days after you signed the agreement to purchase the

Units or commence your action for damages within the earlier of: (i) 180 days after learning of the misrepresentation, or (ii) three years after the transaction.

## **Investors in Saskatchewan**

### ***Statutory rights in the event of a misrepresentation***

In addition to any other right or remedy available to you at law, if there is a misrepresentation in this Offering Memorandum together with any amendments to the Offering Memorandum, you have a statutory right to:

- (a) to cancel your agreement to buy these Units; or
- (b) sue for damages against the Fund, the Manager (or any other “promoter” of the Fund), any director of the Manager (who was a director at the time the Offering Memorandum was delivered to you), any person who signed the Offering Memorandum, any person or company that sold Units to you under this Offering Memorandum on behalf of the Fund or any selling security holder on whose behalf the distribution is made.

This statutory right to sue is available to you whether or not you relied on the misrepresentation. If you choose to rescind your purchase, you cannot then sue for damages. In addition, in an action for damages, the defendant will not be liable for all or any portion of damages that it proves do not represent the depreciation in value of your Units as a result of the misrepresentation. Furthermore, the amount recoverable in an action for damages will not exceed the price at which the Units were offered. There are various defences available to the Fund should you exercise a right to sue. For example, it has a defence if you knew of the misrepresentation when you purchased the Units.

### ***Statutory rights regarding advertising and sales literature***

If there is a misrepresentation in any “advertising” or “sales literature” (as defined in *The Securities Act, 1988* (Saskatchewan)) that is disseminated in connection with your purchase of Units and it was a misrepresentation at the time you purchased your Units, you will have a right to sue for damages, regardless of whether you relied on the misrepresentation or not, against the Fund, the Manager (or any other “promoter” of the Fund), any director of the Manager (who was a director at the time the advertisement or sales literature was disseminated) and any person who, at the time the advertisement or sales literature was disseminated, was selling Units on behalf of the Fund, or, if you still own your Units, and you purchased your Units directly from the Fund, you can elect to cancel your agreement instead of suing for damages.

If there is a misrepresentation in a verbal statement made to you about Units of the Fund either before or at the time that you purchased your Units and it was a misrepresentation at the time you purchased your Units, you will have a right to sue the person who made the statement to you for damages, regardless of whether you relied on the misrepresentation in making the purchase.

There are various defences available to the persons or companies that you have a right to sue. For example, they have a defence if you knew of the misrepresentation when you purchased the Units.

### ***Statutory rights for failure to deliver the Offering Memorandum***

If you reside in Saskatchewan and you do not receive a copy of this Offering Memorandum before you sign your subscription agreement, you have a right to sue for damages, or if you still own your Units, you can choose to cancel your agreement instead of suing for damages.

### ***Statutory rights if vendor not entitled to trade***

If you reside in Saskatchewan and the person or company who sells you your Units is selling in contravention of securities laws of Saskatchewan or in contravention of an order of the Saskatchewan Financial Services Commission, you may choose to void your contract or to recover all the money paid by you for your Units.

### ***Time limitations***

If you intend to rely on the rights described above paragraph (a) or (b), you must do so within strict time limitations.

In Saskatchewan, you must commence an action to cancel your agreement not more than 180 days after the day you purchased your Units or commence your action for damages within the earlier of: (i) one year from the date that you had knowledge of the facts giving rise to the cause of action; and (ii) six years after the transaction.

### **Investors in Quebec**

In addition to any other right or remedy available to you at law, if there is a misrepresentation in this Offering Memorandum together with any amendments to the Offering Memorandum, and regardless of whether you relied on this misrepresentation in making your purchase decision, you have a statutory right to:

- (i) a right of action against the Fund to cancel the purchase contract or revision of the price at which the Units were sold to you; or
- (ii) a right of action for damages against the Fund, every officer and director of the Manager, the dealer (if any) under contract to the Fund and any expert whose opinion, containing a misrepresentation, appeared with the expert's consent in this Offering Memorandum.

This statutory right to sue is available to you whether or not you relied on the misrepresentation. If you choose to rescind your purchase, such a choice is not prejudicial to any claim of damages. There are also various defences available to the Fund and other defendant parties should you exercise a right to sue. Specifically, no person or company will be liable to you if it proves that you purchased the Units with knowledge of the misrepresentation, nor if that person or company acted prudently and diligently (except in an action brought against the Fund).

### ***Forward-looking information***

Defendants will not be liable for a misrepresentation in forward-looking information if the Fund proves that:

- (a) this Offering Memorandum contains, proximate to the forward-looking information, reasonable cautionary language identifying the forward-looking information as such, and identifying material factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from a conclusion, forecast or projection in the forward-looking information, and a statement of material factors or assumptions that were applied in drawing a conclusion or making a forecast or projection set out in the forward-looking information; and
- (b) the Fund has a reasonable basis for drawing the conclusion or making the forecasts and projections set out in the forward-looking information.

### ***Limitation Periods***

If you intend to rely on the rights described above, you must do so within strict time limitations.

In Quebec, no action may be commenced to enforce such a right of action:

1. for rescission or revision of price, more than three years after the date of the purchase; or
2. for damages, the later of: (i) three years after you first had knowledge of the facts giving rise to the cause of action, except on proof of tardy knowledge is imputable to your negligence, or (ii) five years from the filing of the Offering Memorandum with the *Autorité des marchés financiers*, if applicable

### **Investors in the U.S. and Other Jurisdictions outside Canada**

The distribution of this Offering Memorandum and the offering or sale of the Units in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons into whose possession this Offering Memorandum comes are required by the Fund to



inform themselves about and to observe any such restrictions. This Offering Memorandum does not constitute an offer or solicitation to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy, nor will there be any offer, solicitation or sale of the Units in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale is not authorized or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make any such offer, solicitation or sale. This Offering Memorandum is not, and under no circumstances is it to be construed as, a prospectus or advertisement, and the offering contemplated in this Offering Memorandum is not, and under no circumstances is it to be construed as, a public offering of the Units in the United States.

The information in this Offering Memorandum is as of the date hereof and is subject to change or amendment. The delivery of this Offering Memorandum as of any subsequent date does not imply that there has been no change or amendment in the contents hereof.

The Fund will make available to any prospective purchaser of the Units such additional information as it may possess, or as it can acquire without unreasonable effort or expense, to verify or supplement the information set forth herein.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF  
VERTEX ARBITRAGE FUND**

# **Vertex Arbitrage Fund**

Annual Financial Statements  
**December 31, 2018**



## *Independent auditor's report*

To the Unitholders and Trustee of  
Vertex Arbitrage Fund (the Fund)

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### *Our opinion*

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as at December 31, 2018 and 2017 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IFRS).

#### **What we have audited**

The Fund's financial statements comprise:

- the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2018 and 2017;
- the statements of comprehensive income for the years then ended;
- the statements of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units for the years then ended;
- the statements of cash flows for the years then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, which include a summary of significant accounting policies.

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### *Basis for opinion*

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Independence**

We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

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### *Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the financial statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the

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preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Fund's financial reporting process.

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### *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements*

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.



- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

*PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP*

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Toronto, Ontario

April 4, 2019

## Vertex Arbitrage Fund

Statements of Financial Position

As at December 31

	2018	2017
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Investments	\$ 59,384,409	\$ 51,676,350
Investments, pledged as collateral	7,669,256	22,100,109
Cash	87,856,796	96,770,086
Due from broker	-	1,335,684
Accrued interest	69,350	24,087
Dividends receivable	98,440	114,519
Subscriptions receivable	2,052,875	16,488,401
Derivative financial instruments		
Options	165,301	106,276
	<u>157,296,427</u>	<u>188,615,512</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Securities sold short	\$ 5,515,032	\$ 20,618,295
Management fees payable (Note 9)	86,262	139,222
Accrued performance fees (Note 9)	72,689	-
Interest payable on securities sold short	-	356
Dividends payable on securities sold short	21,819	49,801
Loan payable (Note 3)	56,707,977	45,742,017
Redemptions payable	2,677,728	3,393,242
Due to broker	-	1,746,075
Derivative financial instruments		
Written Options	30,437	433,755
	<u>65,111,944</u>	<u>72,122,763</u>
<b>Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units</b>	<u>\$ 92,184,483</u>	<u>\$ 116,492,749</u>
<b>Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per Class</b>		
Class B	\$ 7,024,174	\$ 12,267,302
Class F	<u>\$ 85,160,309</u>	<u>\$ 104,225,447</u>
<b>Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit</b>		
Class B	\$ 10.78	\$ 10.48
Class F	<u>\$ 10.77</u>	<u>\$ 10.41</u>

Approved on behalf of the Board of Directors of Vertex One Asset Management Inc., the Investment Manager

"Signed" \_\_\_\_\_  
John W. Thiessen  
Director

"Signed" \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeffrey McCord  
Director

(The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.)

## Vertex Arbitrage Fund

Statements of Comprehensive Income

For the years ended December 31

	2018	2017
<b>Investment income</b>		
Foreign exchange gain (loss) on cash	\$ (2,885,630)	\$ 2,524,214
Change in unrealized foreign exchange gain (loss) on cash	8,045	(3,360)
Change in unrealized foreign exchange gain (loss) on loan payable	(1,972,501)	798,163
Net gain (loss) on investments and derivatives		
Dividends	937,407	1,347,576
Dividends, paid on shorts	(680,642)	(892,596)
Interest for distribution purposes	1,257,181	1,169,039
Interest, paid on shorts	(5,364)	(20,871)
Net realized gain	6,801,184	5,851,299
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	3,492,180	(3,305,603)
<b>Net gains/losses on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss</b>	<b>6,951,860</b>	<b>7,467,861</b>
<b>Expenses (Note 9)</b>		
Management fees	1,149,600	1,417,968
Securities borrowing fees	245,725	334,923
Performance fees	429,479	863,856
Securityholder reporting costs	63,055	73,961
Other administrative expenses	56,712	27,237
Audit fees	33,619	33,193
Custody fees	-	7,680
Legal fees	1,965	5,913
Trustee fees	5,746	4,468
Interest expense on loan payable	1,206,341	863,921
Transaction costs (Note 3)	309,815	440,437
Withholding tax	66,463	(5,818)
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>3,568,520</b>	<b>4,067,739</b>
<b>Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units</b>	<b>3,383,340</b>	<b>3,400,122</b>
<b>Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per Class</b>		
Class B	\$ 264,928	\$ 284,837
Class F	\$ 3,118,412	\$ 3,115,285
<b>Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per Class per unit</b>		
Class B	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.23
Class F	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.30

(The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.)



## Vertex Arbitrage Fund

Statements of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units  
For the years ended December 31

	Class B			
	2018	2017		
Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, beginning of the year	\$ 12,267,302	\$ 13,245,894		
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	264,928	284,837		
<b>Capital transactions (Note 8)</b>				
Proceeds from issuance of redeemable units	-	3,308,650		
Redemption of redeemable units	(5,508,056)	(4,572,079)		
Reinvestment of distributions to holders of redeemable units	-	446,243		
	<u>(5,508,056)</u>	<u>(817,186)</u>		
<b>Distributions to holders of redeemable units (Note 3)</b>				
From net realized gains	-	(446,243)		
	<u>-</u>	<u>(446,243)</u>		
Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, end of the year	\$ 7,024,174	\$ 12,267,302		
	Class F		Total	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, beginning of the year	\$ 104,225,447	\$ 109,756,002	\$ 116,492,749	\$ 123,001,896
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	3,118,412	3,115,285	3,383,340	3,400,122
<b>Capital transactions (Note 8)</b>				
Proceeds from issuance of redeemable units	21,014,004	60,715,298	21,014,004	64,023,948
Redemption of redeemable units	(43,197,554)	(69,361,138)	(48,705,610)	(73,933,217)
Reinvestment of distributions to holders of redeemable units	-	3,712,202	-	4,158,445
	<u>(22,183,550)</u>	<u>(4,933,638)</u>	<u>(27,691,606)</u>	<u>(5,750,824)</u>
<b>Distributions to holders of redeemable units (Note 3)</b>				
From net realized gains	-	(3,712,202)	-	(4,158,445)
	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,712,202)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,158,445)</u>
Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, end of the year	\$ 85,160,309	\$ 104,225,447	\$ 92,184,483	\$ 116,492,749

(The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.)

## Vertex Arbitrage Fund

Statements of Cash Flows

For the years ended December 31

	2018	2017
<b>Operating activities</b>		
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	\$ 3,383,340	\$ 3,400,122
Adjustment for non-cash items:		
Net change in unrealized (appreciation) depreciation on investments and derivatives	(3,492,180)	3,305,603
Net realized gain on investments and derivatives	(6,801,184)	(5,851,299)
Change in unrealized foreign exchange (gain) loss on cash	(8,045)	3,360
Change in unrealized foreign exchange (gain) loss on loan payable	1,972,501	(798,163)
	<u>(4,945,568)</u>	<u>59,623</u>
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Decrease (increase) in accrued interest	(45,263)	167,538
Decrease (increase) in dividends receivable	16,079	(44,690)
Increase (decrease) in management fee payable	(52,960)	34,856
Increase (decrease) in interest payable on securities sold short	(356)	356
Decrease in dividends payable on securities sold short	(27,982)	(138,835)
Increase (decrease) in accrued performance fees	72,689	(362,100)
	<u>(37,793)</u>	<u>(342,875)</u>
Proceeds on disposition of investments and derivatives, including proceeds received on shorts	546,888,357	735,232,265
Purchase of investments and derivatives, including cover for shorts	<u>(545,848,196)</u>	<u>(718,473,222)</u>
	<u>1,040,161</u>	<u>16,759,043</u>
<b>Net cash provided to (from) operating activities</b>	<u>(3,943,200)</u>	<u>16,475,791</u>
<b>Financing activities</b>		
Proceeds from issuance of redeemable units**	35,219,060	52,058,770
Redemption of redeemable units**	(49,190,654)	(70,651,494)
Loan Payable	<u>8,993,459</u>	<u>(15,484,735)</u>
<b>Net cash provided to financing activities</b>	<u>(4,978,135)</u>	<u>(34,077,459)</u>
<b>Decrease in Cash</b>	(8,921,335)	(17,601,668)
<b>Change in unrealized foreign exchange (gain) loss on cash</b>	8,045	(3,360)
<b>Cash, Beginning of period</b>	<u>96,770,086</u>	<u>114,375,114</u>
<b>Cash, End of period</b>	<u>\$ 87,856,796</u>	<u>\$ 96,770,086</u>
<b>Supplemental Information (included in operating activities)</b>		
Cash interest expense paid on loan	1,206,341	863,921
Cash interest paid on short positions	5,720	(20,871)
Cash dividend paid on short positions	708,624	1,031,431
Cash received from interest, net of withholding taxes	1,211,918	1,336,577
Cash received from dividends, net of withholding taxes	887,023	1,308,704

\*\* The amounts of proceeds and redemptions exclude non cash items such as switches and exchanges between classes for the year ending December 31, 2018 amounting to \$230,470 (December 31, 2017 -\$2,333,938 )

(The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.)

## Vertex Arbitrage Fund

Schedule of Investments

As at December 31, 2018

Number of Shares/ Par Value	Description	Coupon Rate %	Maturity Date	Average Cost \$	Fair Value \$	% of Total
<b>LONG</b>						
<b>BONDS</b>						
<b>Corporate Bonds</b>						
470,500	Hydro One Ltd., Convertible	4.000%	30-Sep-27	48,532	150,090	
1,260,000	Resolute Energy Corp., Callable	8.500%	1-May-20	1,687,060	1,696,500	
450,000	Travelport Corporate Finance PLC, Callable	6.000%	15-Mar-26	609,582	622,019	
920,000	Tribune Media Co., Callable	5.875%	15-Jul-22	1,254,030	1,268,544	
<b>Total Corporate Bonds</b>				<b>3,599,204</b>	<b>3,737,153</b>	<b>4.05</b>
<b>TOTAL BONDS</b>				<b>3,599,204</b>	<b>3,737,153</b>	<b>4.05</b>
<b>STOCKS</b>						
<b>CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY</b>						
53,300	LF Capital Acquisition Corp.			709,663	732,381	
45,900	MTech Acquisition Corp., Warrants, (01Jan24)			-	37,566	
23,700	Opes Acquisition Corp.			306,879	323,067	
86,100	Pandora Media Inc.			971,861	950,929	
20,600	Tribune Media Co., Class 'A'			1,209,803	1,276,227	
44,500	Trinity Merger Corp.			572,582	620,576	
<b>TOTAL CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY</b>				<b>3,770,788</b>	<b>3,940,746</b>	<b>4.28</b>
<b>CONSUMER STAPLES</b>						
4,900	SodaStream International Ltd.			909,202	961,144	
<b>TOTAL CONSUMER STAPLES</b>				<b>909,202</b>	<b>961,144</b>	<b>1.04</b>
<b>ENERGY</b>						
157,200	MEG Energy Corp.			1,562,083	1,212,012	
17,892	TransMontaigne Partners L.P.			976,045	991,214	
43,385	Valero Energy Partners L.P.			2,397,313	2,497,695	
<b>TOTAL ENERGY</b>				<b>4,935,441</b>	<b>4,700,921</b>	<b>5.10</b>
<b>FINANCIALS</b>						
64,000	Acasta Enterprises Inc., Warrants, (30Jul23)			1,610	960	
154,800	Agellan Commercial REIT			2,203,995	2,184,229	
23,000	Alberton Acquisition Corp.			300,104	316,822	
53,100	Alignvest Acquisition II Corp., Class 'A'			524,873	531,000	
33,000	Allegro Merger Corp.			433,538	464,933	
13,166	Altus Midstream Co., Class 'A', Warrants, (12Nov23)			-	11,863	
58,000	AMCI Acquisition Corp.			763,106	787,857	
17,200	ARYA Sciences Acquisition Corp.			222,671	242,798	
35,500	Big Rock Partners Acquisition Corp.			454,666	512,513	
2,900	Black Ridge Acquisition Corp.			39,118	39,749	
26,100	Boxwood Merger Corp.			343,398	353,823	
32,500	Cannabis Strategies Acquisition Corp., Rights, (21Dec25)			1,950	39,000	
11,248	Cannabis Strategies Acquisition Corp., Warrants, (21Dec25)			47,764	42,180	
43,600	Capitol Investment Corp. IV			553,829	615,465	
27,600	CF Finance Acquisition Corp.			368,488	376,795	
20,700	Chardan Healthcare Acquisition Corp.			276,956	284,575	
23,000	ChaSerg Technology Acquisition Corp.			297,758	313,682	
41,400	Churchill Capital Corp.			546,064	571,975	
4,600	CM Seven Star Acquisition Corp., Rights			2,967	2,512	
34,500	Collier Creek Holdings			455,984	473,349	
37,000	DD3 Acquisition Corp.			482,332	506,134	
47,400	DFB Healthcare Acquisitions Corp.			595,060	660,047	
23,000	Edtechx Holdings Acquisition Corp.			297,758	313,682	
35,500	Far Point Acquisition Corp.			462,175	489,008	
59,700	Federal Street Acquisition Corp.			727,518	833,770	
14,200	Federal Street Acquisition Corp., Class 'A', Warrants, (24Jul22)			52,221	15,509	
39,150	FinTech Acquisition Corp. III			516,298	536,079	
26,000	Forum Merger II Corp.			341,107	359,034	
32,500	GigCapital Inc.			418,210	468,980	
33,200	Gordon Pointe Acquisition Corp.			410,551	470,447	
24,000	Gores Holdings III Inc.			316,308	329,286	
46,000	Graf Industrial Corp.			595,562	627,992	
23,800	GS Acquisition Holdings Corp.			307,805	333,041	
151,000	Haymaker Acquisition Corp.			1,932,497	2,063,513	
9,350	Haymaker Acquisition Corp., Class 'A', Warrants, (16Nov22)			22,315	10,468	
14,000	HL Acquisitions Corp.			185,710	197,817	
52,200	Legacy Acquisition Corp.			668,552	725,462	
23,700	Leisure Acquisition Corp.			300,895	327,759	
47,400	Leo Holdings Corp.			596,956	661,341	
26,000	Megalith Financial Acquisition Corp.			338,702	357,792	
29,600	Mosaic Acquisition Corp.			369,423	408,948	
52,400	MTech Acquisition Corp.			680,728	720,372	
23,700	Mudrick Capital Acquisition Corp.			298,833	333,259	
12,042	Navigators Group Inc. (The)			1,132,722	1,142,397	
35,500	Nebula Acquisition Corp.			445,277	489,977	
23,700	New Frontier Corp.			314,381	328,406	
58,700	One Madison Corp.			790,806	803,777	
20,725	One Madison Corp., Class 'A', Warrants, (22Jan25)			-	22,066	
29,100	Pensare Acquisition Corp.			364,041	419,123	
24,400	Platinum Eagle Acquisition Corp.			279,661	335,774	
6,300	Platinum Eagle Acquisition Corp., Warrants, (05Mar25)			32,045	11,181	
80,800	Pure Acquisition Corp.			1,018,565	1,147,205	

(The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.)

**Vertex Arbitrage Fund**

Schedule of Investments

As at December 31, 2018 (continued)

Number of Shares/ Par Value	Description	Average Cost \$	Fair Value \$	% of Total
47,400	Regalwood Global Energy Ltd.	601,790	659,400	
27,600	Schultze Special Purpose Acquisition Corp.	369,674	375,853	
49,800	Sentinel Energy Services INC	636,968	700,266	
21,850	Social Capital Hedosophia Holdings Corp.	294,237	298,296	
72,500	Social Capital Hedosophia Holdings Corp.	928,083	1,012,535	
78,600	Spartan Energy Acquisition Corp.	1,031,664	1,073,047	
56,000	Thunder Bridge Acquisition Ltd.	743,988	753,044	
54,500	Tiberius Acquisition Corp.	713,623	753,334	
40,500	TKK Symphony Acquisition Corp.	533,021	557,882	
47,300	TPG Pace Holdings Corp.	617,975	681,255	
23,500	Trident Acquisitions Corp.	302,657	325,314	
49,600	Twelve Seas Investment Co.	660,399	694,251	
13,821	U.S. Well Services Inc., Warrants, (09Nov23)	12,559	11,321	
20,600	Vantage Energy Acquisition Corp.	274,938	289,668	
47,400	VectrolQ Acquisition Corp.	606,530	652,282	
	<b>TOTAL FINANCIALS</b>	<b>31,461,959</b>	<b>33,453,474</b>	<b>36.29</b>
	<b>HEALTH CARE</b>			
12,217	athenahealth Inc.	2,153,593	2,200,413	
2	Cigna Corp.	493	519	
1,665	Shire PLC, ADR	357,000	395,603	
18,200	Tesaro Inc.	1,796,176	1,844,863	
	<b>TOTAL HEALTH CARE</b>	<b>4,307,262</b>	<b>4,441,398</b>	<b>4.82</b>
	<b>INDUSTRIALS</b>			
11	Enbridge Inc.	462	467	
77	L3 Technologies Inc.	18,420	18,255	
19,847	Randgold Resources Ltd., ADR	2,211,883	2,320,426	
	<b>TOTAL INDUSTRIALS</b>	<b>2,230,765</b>	<b>2,339,148</b>	<b>2.54</b>
	<b>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b>			
13,310	Apptio Inc.	673,133	689,764	
38,000	ARRIS International PLC	1,539,830	1,585,898	
10,910	Imperva Inc.	809,182	829,465	
9,200	Integrated Device Technology Inc.	596,718	608,273	
2,983	Orbotech Ltd.	237,390	230,253	
18,400	Red Hat Inc.	4,233,520	4,412,021	
15,393	SendGrid Inc.	878,123	907,197	
	<b>TOTAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b>	<b>8,967,896</b>	<b>9,262,871</b>	<b>10.05</b>
	<b>MATERIALS</b>			
14,912	Havilah Mining Corp.	8,947	4,324	
11,500	Neo Performance Materials Inc.	182,634	177,022	
176,748	Sirios Resources Inc.	51,257	24,745	
	<b>TOTAL MATERIALS</b>	<b>242,838</b>	<b>206,091</b>	<b>0.22</b>
	<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>			
25,000	Kew Media Group Inc., Warrants, (20Mar22)	2,500	12,500	
25,150	Twenty-First Century Fox Inc., Class 'A'	1,572,265	1,652,190	
	<b>TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS</b>	<b>1,574,765</b>	<b>1,664,690</b>	<b>1.81</b>
	<b>UTILITIES</b>			
23,874	Vectren Corp.	2,274,124	2,346,029	
	<b>TOTAL UTILITIES</b>	<b>2,274,124</b>	<b>2,346,029</b>	<b>2.55</b>
	<b>TOTAL STOCKS</b>	<b>60,675,040</b>	<b>63,316,512</b>	<b>68.69</b>
	<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>64,274,244</b>	<b>67,053,665</b>	<b>72.74</b>
	<b>OPTIONS</b>			
	<b>Call Options</b>			
230	Encana Corp., January 2019, \$10.00 USD	13,018	785	
24	WestRock Co., January 2019, \$70.00 USD	329	1,638	
	<b>Total Call Options</b>	<b>13,347</b>	<b>2,423</b>	<b>0.00</b>
	<b>Put Options</b>			
87	ARRIS Group Inc., May 2019, \$27.50 USD	8,310	7,719	
4	Aspen Insurance Holdings Ltd., March 2019, \$35.00 USD	77	27	
55	athenahealth Inc., March 2019, \$125.00 USD	4,359	17,458	
69	CVS Health Corp., January 2019, \$190.00 USD	33,527	1,743	
57	Endocyte Inc., April 2019, \$23.00 USD	2,284	195	
23	Integrated Device Technology Inc., May 2019, \$40.00 USD	1,824	314	
690	MEG Energy Corp., January 2019, \$8.00 CAD	37,270	63,480	
52	Red Hat Inc., January 2020, \$165.00 USD	66,153	53,953	
146	Tesaro Inc., March 2019, \$65.00 USD	14,785	12,956	
10	Tesaro Inc., March 2019, \$70.00 USD	945	887	
2	Tribune Media Co., Class 'A', January 2020, \$40.00 USD	107	143	
250	Twenty-First Century Fox Inc., Class 'A', January 2019, \$40.00 USD	28,356	1,707	
126	Twenty-First Century Fox Inc., Class 'A', January 2019, \$45.00 USD	22,660	1,720	
2	United Technologies Corp., January 2019, \$135.00 USD	991	576	
	<b>Total Put Options</b>	<b>221,648</b>	<b>162,878</b>	<b>0.18</b>
	<b>TOTAL OPTIONS</b>	<b>234,995</b>	<b>165,301</b>	<b>0.18</b>
	<b>TOTAL LONG</b>	<b>64,509,239</b>	<b>67,218,966</b>	<b>72.92</b>

(The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.)

**Vertex Arbitrage Fund**

Schedule of Investments

As at December 31, 2018 (continued)

Number of Shares/ Par Value	Description	Average Cost \$	Fair Value \$	% of Total
	TOTAL SHORT (Schedule 1)	(5,646,256)	(5,545,469)	(6.02)
	TOTAL INVESTMENTS BEFORE TRANSACTION COSTS	58,862,983	61,673,497	66.90
	Transaction Costs (Note 2)	(19,578)		
	TOTAL INVESTMENTS	58,843,405	61,673,497	66.90
	CASH		87,856,796	95.31
	LOAN PAYABLE		(56,707,977)	(61.52)
	OTHER ASSETS, LESS LIABILITIES		(637,833)	(0.69)
	TOTAL NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE UNITS		92,184,483	100.00

(The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.)

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Schedule of Investments

As at December 31, 2018 (continued)

Schedule 1

Number of Shares	Description	Proceeds \$	Fair Value \$	% of Total
<b>SHORT</b>				
<b>STOCKS</b>				
<b>ENERGY</b>				
(30,403)	Husky Energy Inc.	(560,567)	(428,986)	
	<b>TOTAL ENERGY</b>	<b>(560,567)</b>	<b>(428,986)</b>	<b>(0.47)</b>
<b>HEALTH CARE</b>				
(8,399)	Takeda Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd., ADR	(222,079)	(192,863)	
	<b>TOTAL HEALTH CARE</b>	<b>(222,079)</b>	<b>(192,863)</b>	<b>(0.21)</b>
<b>INDUSTRIALS</b>				
(4,540)	Luxfer Holdings PLC	(109,104)	(109,271)	
	<b>TOTAL INDUSTRIALS</b>	<b>(109,104)</b>	<b>(109,271)</b>	<b>(0.12)</b>
<b>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b>				
(100)	Harris Corp.	(18,677)	(18,382)	
(745)	KLA-Tencor Corp.	(104,925)	(91,018)	
(7,466)	Twilio Inc.	(884,816)	(910,198)	
	<b>TOTAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b>	<b>(1,008,418)</b>	<b>(1,019,598)</b>	<b>(1.11)</b>
<b>MATERIALS</b>				
(121,637)	Barrick Gold Corp.	(2,161,196)	(2,248,437)	
	<b>TOTAL MATERIALS</b>	<b>(2,161,196)</b>	<b>(2,248,437)</b>	<b>(2.44)</b>
<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>				
(123,985)	Sirius XM Holdings Inc.	(990,317)	(966,499)	
(3,670)	Walt Disney Co. (The)	(525,970)	(549,378)	
	<b>TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS</b>	<b>(1,516,287)</b>	<b>(1,515,877)</b>	<b>(1.64)</b>
	<b>TOTAL STOCKS</b>	<b>(5,577,651)</b>	<b>(5,515,032)</b>	<b>(5.99)</b>
<b>OPTIONS</b>				
<b>Call Options</b>				
	ARRIS Group Inc., February 2019, \$30.00 USD	(11,308)	(11,775)	
	ARRIS Group Inc., February 2019, \$32.50 USD	(1,663)	(3,771)	
	MEG Energy Corp., January 2019, \$11.00 CAD	(27,300)	(3,850)	
	Red Hat Inc., January 2109, \$175.00 USD	(9,708)	(6,963)	
	Tesaro Inc., March 2019, \$75.00 USD	(4,578)	(2,648)	
	Twenty-First Century Fox Inc., Class 'A', January 2019, \$50.00 USD	(2,166)	(287)	
	<b>Total Call Options</b>	<b>(56,723)</b>	<b>(29,294)</b>	<b>(0.03)</b>
<b>Put Options</b>				
	Red Hat Inc., January 2019, \$170.00 USD	(11,882)	(1,143)	
	<b>Total Put Options</b>	<b>(11,882)</b>	<b>(1,143)</b>	
	<b>TOTAL OPTIONS</b>	<b>(68,605)</b>	<b>(30,437)</b>	<b>(0.03)</b>
	<b>TOTAL SHORT</b>	<b>(5,646,256)</b>	<b>(5,545,469)</b>	<b>(6.02)</b>

(The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.)

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#### **1. Establishment of the Fund**

Vertex Arbitrage Fund (the "Fund") was created on October 31, 2013 under the laws of British Columbia. The address of the Fund's registered office is 1200 Waterfront Centre, 200 Burrard Street, PO Box 48600, Vancouver, BC, V7X 1T2. Vertex One Asset Management Inc. is the Manager, CIBC Mellon is the Trustee and Co-Custodian of the Fund. The Fund commenced operations on October 31, 2013. The Fund offers an unlimited number of Class B and Class F Units.

The Fund invests in securities in Canada, the United States and in other foreign jurisdictions. The investment objective of the Fund is to generate consistent, positive returns, with low volatility and low correlation to equity markets. The Fund attempts to achieve its investment objective by using risk arbitrage strategies, short selling and trading in options. Leveraging is restricted to 30% of the net asset value of the Fund.

#### **2. Basis of accounting**

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"). The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of financial assets and financial liabilities (including derivative financial instruments) at fair value through profit and loss.

The annual financial statements were authorized for issue by the Manager on April 4, 2019.

#### **3. Significant accounting policies**

##### **Financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss**

###### *a) Classification*

###### *i. Assets*

The Fund classifies its investments based on both Fund's business model for managing those financial assets and contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. The portfolio of financial assets is managed and performance is evaluated on a fair value basis. The Fund is primarily focused on fair value information and uses that information to assess the assets' performance and to make decisions. The Fund has not taken the option to irrevocably designate any equity securities as fair value through other comprehensive income. The contractual cash flows of the Fund's debt securities are solely principal and interest, however, these securities are neither held for the purpose of collecting contractual cash flows nor held both for collecting contractual cash flows and for sale. The collection of contractual cash flows is only incidental to achieving the Fund's business model's objective. Consequently, all investment are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

###### *ii. Liabilities*

The fund makes short sales in which borrowed security is sold on anticipation of a decline in the market value of that security, or it may use short sales for various arbitrage transactions. Short sales are held for trading and are consequently classified as financial liabilities at fair value

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through profit or loss. Derivative contracts that have a negative fair value are presented as liabilities at fair value through profit or loss.

#### *iii. Other financial assets and other financial liabilities*

Other financial assets (held for collection) and other financial liabilities are measured at amortized cost. Under this method, financial assets and liabilities reflect the amount required to be received or paid, discounted, where appropriate at the contract's effective interest rate. Due to their short-term nature, the fair value of other financial assets and financial liabilities carried at amortized cost approximates their carrying amount

As such, the Fund classifies all of its investment portfolio as financial assets or liabilities as fair value through profit or loss.

The Fund's policy requires the Manager and the Board of Directors to evaluate the information about these financial assets and liabilities on a fair value basis together with other related financial information.

#### *b) Recognition, derecognition and measurement*

Regular purchases and sales of investments are recognized on the trade date – the date on which the Fund commits to purchase or sell the investment. Financial assets and financial liabilities are initially recognized at fair value. Transaction costs related to financial instruments at FVTPL are expensed as incurred in the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

Financial assets are derecognized when the rights to receive cash flows from the investments have expired or the Fund has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

When the Fund purchases an option, an amount equal to fair value which is based on the premium paid is recorded as an asset. When the Fund writes an option, an amount equal to fair value which is based on the premium received by the Fund is recorded as a liability. When options are closed, the difference between the premium and the amount paid or received, net of brokerage commissions, or the full amount of the premium if the option expires worthless, is recognized as a gain or loss and is presented in the Statements of Comprehensive Income within net realized gain (loss) on investments and derivatives.

Subsequent to initial recognition, all financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value. Gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of the 'financial assets or financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss' category are presented in the Statements of Comprehensive Income within changes in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in value of investments and derivatives in the period in which they arise.

All other financial assets and liabilities are measured at amortized cost due to their short term nature.

#### *c) Revenue Recognition*

Dividend income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is recognized in the Statements of Comprehensive Income within dividend income when the Fund's right to receive



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payments is established. Interest on debt securities at fair value through profit or loss is recognized in the Statements of Comprehensive Income as interest income for distribution purposes which represents the coupon interest on debt instruments held by the Fund determined on an accrual basis. The Fund does not amortize premiums paid or discounts received on the purchase of fixed income securities. Net realized gain (loss) and net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments are determined on an average cost basis. Average cost does not include amortization of premiums or discounts on fixed income securities with the exception of zero coupon bonds. Transaction costs are costs incurred to acquire financial assets or liabilities at fair value through profit or loss. They include fees and commissions paid to agents, advisers, brokers and dealers. Transaction costs, when incurred, are immediately recognized in profit or loss as an expense.

#### **Fair value measurement**

For financial statement purposes, investments traded on a recognized exchange, are recorded at fair value, established by last traded market price where the last traded market price falls within the day's bid ask spread. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within that day's bid-ask spread, the Manager determines the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value based on specific facts and circumstances.

The value of any security which is not listed or traded on an exchange, but which is listed or traded on another market, including an over-the-counter market, being a marketplace other than an exchange where securities are normally purchased and sold and quotations are in common use in respect thereof, shall be determined in the same manner as a listed security by reference to prices on that market.

Warrants if listed on a recognized exchange are valued at the latest available close price. If the warrants are not listed, but a secondary market exists then the independent broker prices (if available), who trade in such market will be used. If no secondary market exists, the warrants will be valued using the Black Scholes option pricing model.

The value of any security or property for which, in the opinion of the Manager the published market quotations are not readily available shall be the fair value as determined by the Manager based on valuation techniques. The fair value of certain securities are determined by using valuation models that are based, in part, on assumptions that are not supported by observable market inputs. These methods and procedures may include, but are not limited to, performing comparisons with prices of comparable or similar securities, discounted cash flow analysis, obtaining valuation related information from issuers and/or other analytical data relating to the investment and using other available indicators of value. These values are independently assessed internally to ensure that they are reasonable. However, because of the inherent uncertainty of valuation, the estimated fair values for the aforementioned securities and interests may be materially different from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the investment existed. The fair values of such securities are affected by the perceived credit risks of the issuer, predictability of cash flows and the length of time to maturity.

#### **Cash**

Cash is comprised of cash on deposit.

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#### **Collateral**

Cash collateral provided by the Fund is identified in the Statements of Financial Position as ‘cash, pledged as collateral’, if any. For collateral other than cash, if the party to whom the collateral is provided has the right by contract or custom to sell or re-pledge the collateral, the Fund classifies that asset in its Statements of Financial Position separately from other assets and identifies the asset as pledged collateral. Where the party to whom the collateral is provided does not have the right to sell or re-pledge, the collateral provided is disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

#### **Options**

Option premiums paid or received by the Fund are, so long as the options are outstanding, reflected in the Schedule of Investments. Exchange traded options are valued at their last traded market price where the last traded market price falls within the day’s bid-ask spread. In cases where the last traded price is not within the day’s bid-ask spread, the Manager determines the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value based on specific facts and circumstances. Over the counter options are valued using industry-accepted modeling techniques on each valuation day.

Unlisted options are valued using the Black Scholes model.

Realized gains and losses relating to purchased options may arise from:

- i) Expiration of purchased options – realized losses will arise equal to the premium paid;
- ii) Exercise of the purchased options – for put options, realized gains will arise up to the intrinsic value of the option net of premiums paid and for call options, the premium will be added to the cost base of the security purchased; or
- iii) Closing of the purchased options – realized gains or losses will arise equal to the proceeds from selling the options to close the position, net of any premium paid.

Realized gains and losses relating to written options may arise from:

- i) Expiration of the written options – realized gains will arise equal to the premium received;
- ii) Exercise of the written options – for call option, realized gains or losses will arise equal to the sum of the premium received and the realized gain or loss from the disposition of the related portfolio investment at the exercise price of the option and for put option, the premium will be deducted from the cost base of the security purchased; or
- iii) Closing of the written options – realized gains or losses will arise equal to the cost of purchasing options to close the position net of any premium received.

Realized gains and losses related to options are included in “Net realized gain (loss) on investments and derivatives” in the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

#### **Foreign currency translation**

The Fund’s subscriptions and redemptions are denominated in Canadian dollars which is also its functional and presentation currency. Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into Canadian dollars at the rate of exchange prevailing at the year end. Purchases and sales of investments

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and income and expenses are translated into Canadian dollars at the rate of exchange prevailing at the transaction date. Foreign exchange gains and losses relating to cash are presented as ‘foreign exchange gain (loss) on cash’ and those related to investments and derivatives are included in ‘net realized gain (loss) on investments and derivatives’ and ‘change in unrealized (depreciation) appreciation in value investments and derivatives’.

#### **Securities sold short**

The Fund may sell a security it does not own in anticipation of a decline in the fair value of that security. It may also enter short positions to hedge against long positions. When the Fund sells a security short, it must deliver the security sold short to the purchaser at a future date. A gain, limited to the proceeds received on the security sold short, or a loss, unlimited in size, will be realized when the securities to cover the short sale obligation are acquired by the Fund. Securities sold short are reported in the financial statements as a liability at fair value through profit or loss as described above under recognition. Dividends and interest on these securities sold short are payable to the purchaser and are recognized as ‘Dividends, paid on shorts’ and ‘Interest, paid on shorts’, respectively. Withholding taxes, if applicable, are shown separately.

Under the terms of the prime brokerage service level agreement with Toronto Dominion Securities Inc. (TDSI), the margin for the investments sold short can be represented by a combination of cash, government debt securities and high quality common shares. To the extent that the Fund is indebted to TDSI, an equivalent amount on securities is desegregated. Desegregated assets can be used by TDSI in the regular course of its business, including rehypothecation.

#### **Loan Payable**

Pursuant to an agreement with TDSI, the Fund maintains a 365-day revolving loan facility. The loan facility provides for borrowing at the US Federal Credit Union (U.S FED) funds effective rate, plus 0.25%. The U.S. FED effective rate fluctuates and is marked daily, ranging between 2.25% to 2.50% (December 31, 2017 – 1.25% to 1.50%) for the year ending December 31, 2018. The loan was made in accordance with Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada (“IIROC”) guidelines associated with margin borrowing purposes where qualifying principal cash and security borrowing and lending agreements are subject to margin requirements that reflect the risk of loss associated with such arrangements. The securities held with TDSI form collateral for the loan facility. The amounts due to TDSI are payable on demand. During the year ended December 31, 2018, the Fund borrowed a minimum of US\$33,193,961 (CAD\$41,248,476) and a maximum of US\$53,397,933 (CAD\$68,894,013) [December 31, 2017 – minimum US\$36,273,800 (CAD\$45,860,965) and a maximum of US\$66,162,042 (CAD\$86,913,767)] under this loan facility. As at December 31, 2018, there were US\$41,538,219 (CAD\$56,707,977) borrowings [December 31, 2017 – US\$36,389,830 (CAD\$45,742,017)]. During the year ended December 31, 2018, the Fund paid US\$929,775 (CAD\$1,206,341) [December 31, 2017 – US \$225,880 (CAD \$299,453)] of interest.

#### **Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units for each Class**

Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit in the Statements of Comprehensive Income represents the increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of

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redeemable units for the year per class, divided by the weighted average units outstanding during the year for that class.

#### **Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units and related per unit amounts**

The Fund issues two classes of redeemable units, which are redeemable at the holder's option and do not have identical rights. Such units are classified as financial liabilities. Redeemable units can be put back to the Fund at any dealing date for cash equal to a proportionate share of the Fund's net asset value attributable to the unit class. Units are redeemable at the end of any month. The redeemable units are carried at the redemption amount that is payable at the Statements of Financial Position date if the holder exercises the right to put the share back to the Fund. Redeemable units are issued and redeemed at the holder's option at prices based on the Fund's net asset value per share at the time of issue or redemption. The Fund's net asset value per share is calculated by dividing the net assets attributable to the holders of each class of redeemable units with the total number of outstanding redeemable units for each respective class. Investment positions are valued based on the last traded market price for the purpose of determining the net asset value per share (NAV) for transactions with unitholders. As at December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, there were no differences between the Fund's net asset value per security and its net assets per security calculated in accordance with IFRS.

A separate NAV is calculated for each Class of units of the Fund by taking the Class' proportionate share of the Fund's common assets less that Class' proportionate share of the Fund's common liabilities and deducting from this amount all liabilities that relate solely to a specific Class. The NAV per unit for each Class is determined by dividing the NAV of each Class by the number of units of that Class outstanding on the valuation date.

#### **Classification of redeemable units issued by the Fund**

Under IFRS, IAS 32 requires that units or shares of an entity which include a contractual obligation for the issuer to repurchase or redeem them for cash or another financial asset be classified as financial liability. The Fund's units do not meet the criteria in IAS32 for classification as equity and therefore, have been classified as financial liabilities.

#### **Taxation**

The Fund qualifies as a mutual fund trust under the Income Tax Act (Canada). All of the Fund's net income for tax purposes and sufficient net capital gains realized in any period are required to be distributed to unitholders such that no income tax is payable by the Fund. As a result, the Fund has determined that it is in substance not taxable and therefore does not record income taxes in the Statements of Comprehensive Income nor does it recognize any deferred tax assets or liabilities in the Statements of Financial Position. As at December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, the Fund had \$nil of unused capital losses which have no expiry and \$nil of non-capital losses.

The Fund currently incurs withholding taxes imposed by certain countries on investment income and capital gains. Such income and gains are recorded on a gross basis and the related withholding taxes are shown as a separate expense in the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

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#### **4. Adoption of IFRS 9**

##### **IFRS 9, Financial Instruments**

IFRS 9 'Financial Instruments' became effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018. It addresses the classification, measurement and derecognition of financial assets and liabilities and replaces the multiple classification and measurement models in IAS 39.

Classification and measurement of debt assets is driven by the entity's business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. A debt instrument is measured at amortized cost if the objective of the business model is to hold the financial asset for the collection of the contractual cash flows and contractual cash flows under the instrument solely represent payments of principal and interest (SPPI). A debt instrument is measured at fair value through other comprehensive income if the objective of the business model is to hold the financial asset both to collect contractual cash flows from SPPI and to sell. All other debt instruments must be recognized at fair value through profit or loss. An entity may however, at initial recognition, irrevocably designate a financial asset as measured at fair value through profit or loss if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency. Derivative and equity instruments are measured at fair value through profit or loss unless, for equity instruments not held for trading, an irrevocable option is taken to measure at fair value through other comprehensive income. IFRS 9 also introduces a new expected credit loss (ECL) impairment model.

IFRS 9 has been applied retrospectively by the Fund and did not result in a change to measurement of financial instruments as outlined in note 3. The Fund's investment portfolio previously designated as FVTPL or held for trading are now classified as fair value through profit or loss and other financial assets held for collection previously classified as loans and receivables are now classified at amortized cost. There were no material impact on the adoption from application of the new impairment model. There were no other standards, amendment to standards or interpretations that are effective for annual periods beginning January 1, 2018 that have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund.

#### **5. Critical accounting estimates and judgments**

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgments in applying its accounting policies and to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Actual amounts could differ from those estimates.

##### **Fair value measurement of derivatives and securities not quoted in an active market**

The Fund holds financial instruments that are not quoted in active markets, including derivatives. Fair values of such instruments are determined using valuation techniques and may be determined using reputable pricing sources. Broker quotes as obtained from the pricing sources may be indicative and not executable. Where no market data is available, the Fund may value positions using its own models, which are usually based on valuation methods and techniques generally recognized as standard within the industry. The models used to determine fair values are validated and periodically reviewed by the Manager, independent of the party that created them. The models used for private equity securities are based mainly on earnings multiples adjusted for a lack of marketability as appropriate.

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Models use observable data, to the extent practicable. However, areas such as credit risk, volatilities and correlations require the Manager to make estimates. Changes in assumptions about these factors could affect the reported fair values of financial instruments. The Fund considers observable data to be market data that is readily available, regularly distributed and updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market. See Note 6 for more information on the fair value measurement of the Fund’s financial statements.

**6. Fair value disclosure**

The Fund classifies fair value measurements within a hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurement) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows.

Level 1- quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date.

Level 2- inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3- unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The Fund’s financial instruments which are recorded at fair value have been categorized based upon this fair value hierarchy. The following fair value hierarchy table presents information about the Fund’s financial instruments measured at fair value as at December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017.

<b>Financial Assets at fair value as at December 31, 2018</b>				
	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
Stocks - Long	\$ 63,099,385	-	-	\$ 63,099,385
Bonds - Long	-	3,737,153	-	3,737,153
Rights	41,512	-	-	41,512
Warrants	175,615	-	-	175,615
Options	165,301	-	-	165,301
	<b>\$ 63,481,813</b>	<b>\$ 3,737,153</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 67,218,966</b>

<b>Financial Liabilities at fair value as at December 31, 2018</b>				
	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
Stocks - Short	\$ (5,515,032)	-	-	\$ (5,515,032)
Options	(30,437)	-	-	(30,437)
	<b>\$ (5,545,469)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (5,545,469)</b>

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<b>Financial Assets at fair value as at December 31, 2017</b>				
	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
Stocks - Long	\$ 71,511,825	127,125	-	\$ 71,638,950
Bonds - Long	-	1,887,983	-	1,887,983
Warrants	249,525	-	-	249,525
Options	106,276	-	-	106,276
	<u>\$ 71,867,626</u>	<u>\$ 2,015,108</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 73,882,734</u>
<b>Financial Liabilities at fair value as at December 31, 2017</b>				
	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
Stocks - Short	\$ (20,122,791)	-	-	\$ (20,122,791)
Bonds - Short	-	(495,504)	-	(495,504)
Options	(433,755)	-	-	(433,755)
	<u>\$ (20,556,546)</u>	<u>\$ (495,504)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (21,052,050)</u>

All fair value measurements above are recurring. Fair values are classified as Level 1 when the related security or derivative is actively traded and a quoted price is available. If an instrument classified as Level 1 subsequently ceases to be actively traded, it is transferred out of Level 1. In such cases, instruments are reclassified into Level 2, unless the measurement of its fair value requires the use of significant unobservable inputs, in which case it is classified as Level 3.

The Fund uses the following techniques to determine the Level 2 fair value measurements:

Equities - The fair value of equities are determined using inputs other than quoted prices included in level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability directly or indirectly. This includes transaction prices in markets that are not active for identical instruments, quoted prices in markets for similar, but not identical, instruments and transaction prices in markets that are not active for similar, but not identical, instruments.

Bonds - The fair value of bonds are determined by obtaining the quoted market prices or executable dealer quotes for identical or similar instruments in inactive markets, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data. In addition, the Fund also values these instruments using the net present value of estimated future cash flows.

Forward contracts - The fair value of forward foreign exchange contracts is determined using the forward exchange rates at the measurement date, with the resulting value discounted back to present value.

Options and other over-the-counter derivatives - Options and other over-the-counter derivatives are classified as level 1 when they are exchange traded and prices are readily available on the market. Where they are not traded, the Fund uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each at each end date. Valuation techniques used for these non-standardized financial instruments such as options and other over-the-counter derivatives, include the use of comparable recent arm's length transactions, reference to other instruments that are substantially the same, option pricing models and other valuation techniques commonly used by market participants

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making the maximum use of market inputs and relying as little as possible on entity-specific inputs. Where the inputs are observable, the options and other over-the-counter derivatives are classified into level 2. Where the inputs are not observable, they are classified into level 3.

Warrants - The fair value of warrants are valued using the Black Scholes options pricing model. The warrants are classified as Level 2 where the underlying security is listed and the other inputs are observable.

### **Level 3 fair value measurements and sensitivity analysis**

There were no level 3 securities held for assets and liabilities as at December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017.

#### **Reconciliation of Level 3 fair value measurements**

There were no level 3 securities held for assets and liabilities as at December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017.

There were no transfers between levels 1 and 2 for assets and liabilities held at December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017.

### **7. Interest in unconsolidated structured entities**

The Fund has determined that its investments in underlying funds, securitizations, asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities, if any, are unconsolidated structured entities. The determination is based on the fact that decision making about the underlying funds, securitizations, asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities is not governed by the voting right or other similar right held by the Fund.

The Fund may invest in underlying funds whose investment objectives range from achieving short-term to long-term income and capital growth potential. Underlying funds may use leverage in a manner consistent with their respective investment objectives and as permitted by Canadian securities regulatory authorities. Underlying funds finance their operations by issuing redeemable units which are puttable at the holders' option and entitles the holder to a proportionate value in the respective fund's Net Assets. The change in fair value of each of the underlying funds during the periods is included in "Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

The Fund does not provide and has not committed to providing any additional significant financial or other support to the unconsolidated structured entities other than its investments in the unconsolidated structured entities. There were no investments in unconsolidated structured entities as at December 31, 2018.

The tables below set out interests held by the Fund in unconsolidated structured entities as at December 31, 2017. The maximum exposure to loss is the carrying amount of the financial assets held:



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<b>Holding</b>	<b>% of Net Assets</b>	<b>Country of Establishment &amp; Principal Place of Business</b>	<b>% of Ownership Interest</b>
iShares Silver Trust	-0.65%	United States	-0.01%
SPDR Gold Trust	-1.11%	United States	0.00%

### Investment Entity

The fund has determined that it meets the definition of an "investment entity" and as a result, it measures subsidiaries, if any, at FVTPL. An investment entity is an entity that: obtains funds from one or more investors for the purposes of providing them with investment management services, commits to its investors that its business purpose is to invest funds solely for returns from capital appreciation, investment income, or both, and measures and evaluates the performance of substantially all of its investments on a fair value basis. The most significant judgement that the Fund has made in determining that it meets this definition is that fair value is the primary measurement attribute used to measure and evaluate the performance of substantially all of its investments.

### 8. Redeemable units

Redeemable units transactions include amounts representing unit subscriptions, unit redemptions, and units reinvested. Units are redeemable monthly. The Fund generally has no restrictions or specific capital requirements on the subscription and redemptions of units. In accordance with the objectives and the risk management policies outlined in note 11, the Fund endeavours to invest the subscriptions received in appropriate investments while maintaining sufficient liquidity to meet redemptions, such liquidity being managed by investing the majority of assets in investments that can be readily disposed. The following table summarizes the changes in the number of redeemable units during the year:

	<b>December 31, 2018</b>		<b>December 31, 2017</b>	
	<b>Class B</b>	<b>Class F</b>	<b>Class B</b>	<b>Class F</b>
Units - Beginning of year	<b>1,170,646</b>	<b>10,007,958</b>	1,242,684	10,362,438
Redeemable units issued	-	<b>1,989,945</b>	309,552	5,686,485
Redeemable units reinvested	-	-	42,624	356,953
Redeemable units redeemed	<b>(519,072)</b>	<b>(4,087,507)</b>	(424,214)	(6,397,918)
Units - End of year	<b>651,574</b>	<b>7,910,396</b>	1,170,646	10,007,958

Certain directors and/or related parties of the Fund held 0.24% of the Fund units at December 31, 2018 (December 31, 2017 - 0.18%).

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#### 9. Fees and expenses

##### a) *Management fees*

Pursuant to the terms of the management agreement, the Fund pays the Manager a monthly management fee for services, including the provision of key management personnel, calculated as a percentage of the Net Asset Value (NAV) of each class of units that comprise the Fund on the last business day of the month. The management fee may vary from class to class and will be deducted as an expense of the Fund in the calculation of the net profits of the Fund. The management fee for each of the classes of units is as follows:

Class B: 1/12 of 1.5% (1.5% per annum) of the NAV of Class B Units of the Fund on the last business day of the month plus applicable taxes.

Class F: 1/12 of 1% (1% per annum) of the NAV of Class F Units of the Fund on the last business day of the month plus applicable taxes.

Management fees amounting to \$1,149,600 were incurred for the year ended December 31, 2018 (December 31, 2017 - \$ 1,417,968) of which \$86,262 (December 31, 2017 - \$139,222) were outstanding at year end.

##### b) *Performance fees*

The Manager is entitled to a performance fee equal to 15% of the amount by which the performance of the Fund exceeds the previous high-water mark for each class of units. The performance fee is accrued monthly and is payable for each calendar quarter, provided that the high-water mark is exceeded, as referred to below. The performance fee plus applicable taxes will be payable by the Fund within 10 business days from the quarter-end. Upon the redemption of units of a particular class, the accrued portion of the performance fee allocated to the redeemed units for that class will be payable by the Fund within 10 business days of the end of the month in which the units were redeemed.

The highest quarter-end NAV per unit for each class of units from time to time establishes a high-water mark for each class of units which must be exceeded in subsequent quarters for the performance fee applicable to each class of units to be payable.

No change in the Manager's performance fee payment policy will be made without at least 60 days' notice to the unitholders. The Manager has reserved the right to change the period for which any performance fee may be paid by the Fund to the Manager.

Performance fees amounting to \$429,479 were incurred for the period ended December 31, 2018 (December 31, 2017 - \$863,856) of which \$72,689 (December 31, 2017 - \$nil) were outstanding at year end.

##### c) *Other fees and expenses*

The Fund is responsible for the payment of all fees and expenses relating to its operation, including the fees and expenses of the recordkeeper, audit, accounting, administration (other than advertising and

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promotional expenses which are paid for by the Manager), record keeping and legal fees and expenses, custody and safekeeping charges, all costs and expenses associated with the qualification for sale of units, providing financial and other reports to Unitholders and convening and conducting meetings of Unitholders, all taxes, assessments or other governmental charges levied against the Fund, interest and all brokerage and other fees relating to the purchase and sale of the assets of the Fund. The Manager will pay for all expenses associated with the identification and management of the Fund's investments (other than direct expenses such as interest charges on margin borrowings and brokerage fees, which are the responsibility of the Fund).

At the discretion of the Manager, certain expenses were absorbed during the year in the amount of \$nil (December 31, 2017 – \$nil).

#### **10. Soft dollar commissions**

Soft dollar commissions relate to amounts paid to brokers in exchange for research or other services provided to the manager. The Fund paid \$7,061 (December 31, 2017 – \$6,853) in soft dollar commissions during the year.

#### **11. Financial risk management**

The Fund's financial instruments consist of investments, investments pledged as collateral, cash, accrued interest and dividends receivable, subscriptions receivable, other assets, accrued performance fees, accrued management fees, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, due to/from broker, redemptions payable and loan payable. The Fund is exposed to various types of risks that are associated with its investment strategies, financial instruments and markets in which it invests. The Manager maintains a risk management practice that includes quarterly monitoring of the returns based risk profile of the Fund. The purpose of such practices is to minimize the potential adverse effect of each risk on the Fund's financial performance while being consistent with the Fund's investment objective. The risks include market risk (including interest rate risk, other price risk, and currency risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. These risks and related risk management practices employed by the Fund are discussed below:

##### ***a) Other price risk***

Other price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The investments of the Fund are subject to normal market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in financial markets. The maximum risk resulting from financial instruments held by the Fund is determined by the fair value of the financial instruments. The Manager moderates this risk through a careful selection of securities within specified limits and the Fund's other price risk is managed through diversification of the investment portfolio. The Manager monitors the Fund's overall market positions on a daily basis and positions are maintained within established ranges. As at December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, the overall market exposures were as follows:

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	<b>At December 31 2018</b>		<b>At December 31, 2017</b>	
	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>% Net Assets</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>% Net Assets</b>
Equity securities (Long)	\$ 63,316,512	68.69%	\$ 71,888,476	61.71%
Derivative assets				
Option contracts	165,301	0.18%	106,276	0.09%
<b>Total market exposure</b>	<b>\$ 63,481,813</b>	<b>68.87%</b>	<b>\$ 71,994,752</b>	<b>61.80%</b>

  

	<b>At December 31 2018</b>		<b>At December 31, 2017</b>	
	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>% Net Assets</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>% Net Assets</b>
Equity securities (Short)	\$ (5,515,032)	(5.99%)	\$ (20,122,791)	(17.27%)
Derivative liabilities				
Option contracts	(30,437)	(0.03%)	(433,755)	(0.37%)
<b>Total market exposure</b>	<b>\$ (5,545,469)</b>	<b>(6.03%)</b>	<b>\$ (20,556,546)</b>	<b>(17.64%)</b>

Short selling risk is the risk of loss related to short selling transactions. The Fund will profit from a short sale transaction if the value of the borrowed security declines in value from the time the Fund sells the stock to the time the Fund closes out its short position. There is no certainty that the security price will decline, and unlike long positions, where the risk of loss is limited to the amount of the initial investment, short positions may be closed out at a price that would result in a significant loss for the Fund. The Fund's discretion may be limited in an open short sale transaction. For example, the lender may recall the security unexpectedly, or go bankrupt thereby jeopardizing the recoverability of collateral. As well, the Fund may encounter difficulty repurchasing the security should that security's liquidity become compromised in the marketplace. The Fund mitigates such risk by shorting only liquid securities, and by depositing the appropriate collateral against the short positions.

As of December 31, 2018, if the Fund's net equity position and option investments had increased or decreased by 5%, with all other variables held constant, this would have approximately increased or decreased net assets by \$2,896,817 (December 31, 2017 – \$2,571,910). Actual results may differ from this sensitivity analysis and those results could be material.

**b) Interest rate risk**

As at December 31, 2018, 4.05% (December 31, 2017 – 1.19%) of the Fund's investment portfolio includes interest bearing corporate bonds and foreign bonds, as well as cash. As a result, the Fund is subject to interest rate risk due to fluctuations in the prevailing level of market interest rates which could impact the Fund's cash flows.

The table below summarizes the Fund's exposure to interest rate risk. It includes the Fund's financial assets and liabilities at fair value, categorized by the earlier of contractual re-pricing or maturity dates.

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	Less than 1 year	1 - 5 years	More than 5 years	Total
<b>As at December 31, 2018</b>				
<b>Financial Assets</b>				
Bonds*	\$ -	\$ 2,965,044	\$ 772,109	\$ 3,737,153
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>				
Loan payable	\$(56,707,977)	\$ -	\$ -	\$(56,707,977)
<b>As at December 31, 2017</b>				
<b>Financial Assets</b>				
Bonds*	\$ -	\$ 1,392,479	\$ -	\$ 1,392,479
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>				
Loan payable	\$ (45,742,017)	\$ -	\$ -	\$(45,742,017)

\* The amount of bonds is net of short securities, if any

At December 31, 2018, should interest rates have increased or decreased by 25 basis points with all other variables remaining constant, the increase or decrease in net assets for the year would amount to approximately \$25,253 (December 31, 2017 - \$14,275). Actual results may differ from this sensitivity analysis and those results could be material. The Fund's managers review the interest rate exposure on a regular basis.

**c) Currency risk**

Currency risk is the risk that the value of net investments denominated in currencies, other than Canadian Dollars, the functional currency of the Fund, will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates. The Fund holds assets and liabilities, including cash, short-term investments, equities, options and loans that are denominated in currencies other than the Canadian Dollar. It is therefore exposed to currency risk, as the value of and cash flows associated with the securities denominated in other currencies fluctuate due to changes in exchange rates. The Fund's manager reviews the currency positions of the Fund on a regular basis and the Fund may enter into foreign exchange forward contracts for hedging purposes to reduce its foreign currency exposure or to establish exposure to foreign currencies.

The currency risk reflects the net impact after taking into consideration the forward contracts. Actual results may differ from this sensitivity analysis and those results could be material. As at December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, if the Canadian dollar strengthened or weakened by 5% in relation to all other currencies, with all other variables held constant the decrease or increase respectively in net assets would approximately amount to values as disclosed in the tables below:

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<b>As at December 31, 2018</b>					
	<b>Monetary exposure</b>	<b>Non-monetary exposure *</b>	<b>Net currency exposure</b>	<b>% of Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units</b>	<b>5% Decrease /increase</b>
US Dollar	\$ (52,980,071)	\$ 54,254,752	\$ 1,274,681	1.38%	\$ 63,734
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ (52,980,071)</b>	<b>\$ 54,254,752</b>	<b>\$ 1,274,681</b>	<b>1.38%</b>	<b>\$ 63,734</b>

<b>As at December 31, 2017</b>					
	<b>Monetary exposure</b>	<b>Non-monetary exposure *</b>	<b>Net currency exposure</b>	<b>% of Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units</b>	<b>5% Decrease /increase</b>
US Dollar	\$ (44,386,128)	\$ 45,434,452	\$ 1,048,325	0.90%	\$ 52,416
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ (44,386,128)</b>	<b>\$ 45,434,452</b>	<b>\$ 1,048,325</b>	<b>0.90%</b>	<b>\$ 52,416</b>

\* The non-monetary exposure is net of short securities, if any.

\* The monetary exposure is net of loan payable, if any.

**d) Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that a fund may not be able to settle or meet its obligations on time or at a reasonable price. Fund's exposure to liquidity risk is concentrated in the cash redemptions of units, loan payable and securities sold short at the monthly valuation date. The Fund invests primarily in securities that are traded in active markets and can be readily disposed. The Fund may, from time to time, invest in derivative contracts traded over the counter or in unlisted securities, which are not traded in an organized market and may be illiquid. As a result, the Fund may not be able to quickly liquidate its investments in these instruments at an amount close to their fair value to meet its liquidity requirements or to respond to specific events such as deterioration in the creditworthiness of any particular issuer. Investments held as at December 31, 2018 that may be subject to liquidity risk have been identified on the Schedule of Investments. In addition, the Fund retains sufficient cash to maintain liquidity.

The tables below analyze the Fund's financial liabilities as at December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017 into relevant groupings based on contractual maturity dates. The amounts are contractual undiscounted cash flows. Balances due within 12 months equal their carrying balances, as the impact of discounting is not significant. The net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units are

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redeemable on demand. However, the Manager does not expect that the contractual maturity disclosed below will be representative of the actual cash outflows as holders of the redeemable units typically retain them for a longer period.

	On demand	Less than 3 months	3 - 12 months	More than 12 months	Total
<b>As at December 31, 2018</b>					
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Financial liabilities at fair value					
Securities sold short	\$ -	\$ 5,515,032	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,515,032
Written options	-	30,437	-	-	30,437
Management fees payable	-	86,262	-	-	86,262
Accrued performance fees	-	72,689	-	-	72,689
Dividends payable on securities sold short	-	21,819	-	-	21,819
Loan payable	56,707,977	-	-	-	56,707,977
Redemptions payable	-	2,677,728	-	-	2,677,728
Redeemable units	92,184,483	-	-	-	92,184,483

	On demand	Less than 3 months	3 - 12 months	More than 12 months	Total
<b>As at December 31, 2017</b>					
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Financial liabilities at fair value					
Securities sold short	\$ -	\$ 20,618,295	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,618,295
Written options	-	433,755	-	-	433,755
Management fees payable	-	139,222	-	-	139,222
Interest payable on securities sold short	-	356	-	-	356
Dividends payable on securities sold short	-	49,801	-	-	49,801
Loan payable	45,742,017	-	-	-	45,742,017
Due to broker	-	1,746,075	-	-	1,746,075
Redemptions payable	-	3,393,242	-	-	3,393,242
Redeemable units	116,492,749	-	-	-	116,492,749

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*e) Credit risk*

Credit risk is the risk that a loss could arise when a security issuer or counterparty to a financial instrument is unable to meet its financial obligations. The Fund’s main credit risk is from corporate bonds, and derivative contracts. To maximize the credit quality of its investments, the Fund’s managers perform ongoing credit evaluations based upon factors surrounding the credit risk of customers, historical trends and other information. Cash and collateral are held with a prime broker bearing a credit rating of Aa3 or better.

The Fund invests in debt securities, which have an investment grade as rated primarily by Dominion Bond Rating Service and Standard & Poor’s. Ratings for securities that subject the Fund to credit risk at December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017 are noted below:

<b>Rating</b>	<b>Percentage of net assets</b>	
	<b>December 31, 2018</b>	<b>December 31, 2017</b>
A/A	0.16%	-0.43%
BBB/Bbb	0.00%	0.00%
Below BBB	3.89%	0.00%
N/R	0.00%	1.62%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.05%</b>	<b>1.19%</b>

All transactions in listed securities are settled for upon delivery using approved brokers. The risk of default is considered minimal, as delivery of securities sold/lent is only made once the broker has received/made payment. Payment is made/received on securities purchased/borrowed once the securities have been received by the broker. The trade will fail if either party fails to meet its obligation.

*(f) Concentration risk*

Concentration risk arises as a result of the concentration of exposures within the same category, whether it is geographical location, product type, industry sector or counterparty type. The following is a summary of the Fund’s concentration risk:



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Portfolio by Category	Percentage of Net Assets (%)	
	December 31, 2018	December 31, 2017
Long - Bonds - Corporate Bonds	4.05	1.62
Long - Stocks - Consumer Discretionary	4.28	9.70
Long - Stocks - Consumer Staples	1.04	-
Long - Stocks - Energy	5.10	4.33
Long - Stocks - Financials	36.29	20.94
Long - Stocks - Health Care	4.82	3.12
Long - Stocks - Industrials	2.54	6.45
Long - Stocks - Information Technology	10.05	10.55
Long - Stocks - Materials	0.22	2.20
Long - Stocks - Telecommunications Services	1.81	0.34
Long - Stocks - Utilities	2.55	4.08
Long - Call Options	-	0.01
Long - Put Options	0.18	0.08
Short - Bonds - Corporate Bonds	-	(0.43)
Short - Stocks - Consumer Discretionary	-	(4.76)
Short - Stocks - Energy	(0.47)	(3.95)
Short - Stocks - Health Care	(0.21)	(1.08)
Short - Stocks - Industrials	(0.12)	(0.93)
Short - Stocks - Information Technology	(1.11)	(2.63)
Short - Stocks - Materials	(2.44)	(0.76)
Short - Stocks - Telecommunications Services	(1.64)	(0.60)
Short - Stocks - Utilities	-	(1.45)
Short - Mutual Funds	-	(1.11)
Short - Call Options	(0.03)	(0.37)
Cash	95.31	83.07
Other Assets, Less Liabilities excluding Loan Payable	(0.69)	10.85
Loan Payable	(61.52)	(39.27)
	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.00</u>

**12. Exemption from regulatory filing**

In accordance with section 2.11 (c) of National Instrument 81-106 ("NI 81-106"), Vertex One Asset Management Inc., as manager to the Fund, has provided notice to the securities regulatory authority that it is relying on the exemption granted by section 2.11 of NI 81-106 whereby Vertex One Asset Management Inc. will not be filing the annual financial statements for the Fund with the regulator.

**13. Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit**

The increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit for the years ended December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017 is calculated as follows:

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<b>Class B</b>	<b>December 31, 2018</b>	<b>December 31, 2017</b>
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	\$ 264,928	\$ 284,837
Weighted average units outstanding during the year	887,822	1,239,076
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.23

<b>Class F</b>	<b>December 31, 2018</b>	<b>December 31, 2017</b>
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	\$ 3,118,412	\$ 3,115,285
Weighted average units outstanding during the year	8,853,120	10,326,046
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.30

**CERTIFICATE**

DATED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.

This Offering Memorandum does not contain a misrepresentation.

**Vertex Arbitrage Fund**  
by its investment manager, Vertex One Asset Management Inc.

*(Signed) John Thiessen*  
John Thiessen, Director, President and CEO

*(Signed) Jeffrey McCord*  
Jeffrey McCord, Managing Director

**Vertex One Asset Management Inc.**  
promoter of the Vertex Arbitrage Fund

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