



PRESS RELEASE

## ***MINT Income Fund Completes Merger with STaRS Income Fund***

Middlefield Group is pleased to announce the successful completion, effective September 25, 2009 (the “Effective Date”), of the previously announced merger of MINT *Income Fund* and STaRS *Income Fund* with MINT being the continuing fund.

As of the Effective Date, the combined total assets of the continuing fund are approximately \$185 million.

Pursuant to the merger each STaRS unit held by STaRS unitholders was automatically exchanged for 1.34864982 units of MINT, the continuing fund. This exchange ratio was based on the relative net asset values, on an unrounded basis, of MINT and STaRS as at the close of trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange on September 24, 2009 which were approximately \$8.77 per unit and approximately \$11.83 per unit, respectively. The merger was effected on a tax-deferred “rollover” basis.

Unitholders of STaRS are not required to take any action in order to be recognized as a unitholder of MINT and to be in a position to trade units of MINT on the TSX. Former unitholders of STaRS who wish to participate in the distribution reinvestment plan of MINT will need to enroll in the MINT DRIP.

Unitholders of MINT are not required to take any action as they will automatically continue as unitholders of the continuing fund with each unit of MINT equal to one unit of the continuing fund.

**The units of MINT trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol MID.UN.**

For further information, please visit our website at [www.middlefield.com](http://www.middlefield.com) or contact Nancy Tham, Senior Vice-President, at 416.847.5349 or toll-free at 1.888.890.1868.

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