

## PRESS RELEASE

## MINT announces November 2004 Distribution and Investment Update

Middlefield Group is pleased to announce that a distribution of \$0.07 per trust unit will be payable on December 15, 2004 to MINT *Income Fund* unitholders of record on November 30, 2004. MINT's total return for the one year ending September 30, 2004, based on its net asset value, was 35.1%.

The asset class weightings for the MINT Investment Portfolio as at October 31, 2004 were:

Asset Class	Portfolio Weighting
Business Trusts	40.0%
Oil and Gas Royalty Trusts	24.5%
Real Estate Investment Trusts	23.2%
Power and Pipeline Trusts	10.7%
Cash	1.6%

The Fund's Distribution Reinvestment Plan allows unitholders to automatically reinvest monthly distributions in additional units of the Fund. This feature provides unitholders with an excellent opportunity to benefit from compounding by investing distributions at a high reinvestment rate. Please contact your investment advisor or Middlefield to enroll in the Plan.

The trust units trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol MID.UN.

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