



2020 ANNUAL REPORT

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## MIDDLEFIELD CORPORATE PROFILE

The Middlefield Group was established in 1979 and has approximately \$4 billion in assets under management. Middlefield is a Specialty Investment Manager which creates investment products designed to balance risk and return to meet the demanding requirements of Financial Advisors and their clients. These financial products include Exchange-Traded Funds, Mutual Funds, Private and Public Resource Funds, Venture Capital Assets, TSX Publicly Traded Funds and Real Estate Investment Funds and Partnerships.

Many of Middlefield's investment products are designed and managed by our own professionals while some involve strategic partnerships with other "best-in-class" firms that bring unique value to our product offerings. Our investment team comprises portfolio managers, analysts and traders. In 2014, we entered into an exclusive arrangement with SSR, LLC, based in Stamford, Connecticut. They provide specialized research into sectors of the economy such as Healthcare and Innovation Technology. SSR is an independent investment firm whose analysts have been highly ranked and are recognized as leaders in their respective fields. Their fundamental company level research is often non-consensus and provides guidance on overall portfolio construction and security selection.

Looking ahead, Middlefield remains committed to managing and developing new and unique investment products to assist Financial Advisors in helping clients achieve their investment objectives.

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### A NOTE ON FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

This document may contain forward looking statements, including statements regarding: the Fund, its strategies, goals and objectives; prospects; future performance or condition; possible future actions to be taken by the Fund; and the performance of investments, securities, issuers or industries in which the Fund may from time to time invest. Forward looking statements include statements that are predictive in nature, that depend upon or refer to future results, events, circumstances, expectations and performance, or that include words such as "expects", "anticipates", "intends", "plans", "believes", "estimates" or negative versions thereof and other similar wording. Forward looking statements are not historical facts, but reflect the Fund's current beliefs as of the date of this document regarding future results, events, circumstances, expectations or performance and are inherently subject to, among other things, risks, uncertainties and assumptions about the Fund and economic factors. Forward looking statements are not guarantees of future performance, and actual results, events, circumstances, expectations or performance could differ materially from those expressed or implied in any forward looking statements contained in this document. Factors which could cause actual results, events, circumstances, expectations or performance to differ materially from those expressed or implied in forward looking statements include, but are not limited to: general economic, political, market and business factors and conditions; commodity price fluctuations; interest and foreign exchange rate fluctuations; global equity and capital markets; the financial condition of each issuer in which the Fund invests; the effects of competition in the industries or geographic areas in which the Fund may invest; statutory and regulatory developments; unexpected judicial or regulatory proceedings; and catastrophic events. Readers are cautioned that the foregoing list of factors is not exhaustive and to avoid placing undue reliance on forward looking statements due to the inherent uncertainty of such statements. The Fund does not undertake, and specifically disclaims, any obligation to update or revise any forward looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future developments, or otherwise.

# MIDDLEFIELD® RAISES OVER \$300 MILLION IN 2020



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**MIDDLEFIELD**  
**Global**  
**Real Estate Class**

FE/LL/DSC/Series F MID 600 | 649 | 650 | 601

**REFINITIV LIPPER**  
**FUND AWARDS**

2020 WINNER  
CANADA

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Initial Public Offering November 2020

**Real Estate & E-Commerce Split Corp.**

**\$40,000,000**

**Real Estate & E-Commerce Split Corp.**  
managed by Middlefield Group

Price: \$15 per Class A RS  
\$10 per Preferred Share RS.PRA

|                                     |                                 |                                     |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| CIBC Capital Markets                | Scotiabank                      | RBC Capital Markets                 |
| BMO Capital Markets                 | Canaccord Genuity Corp.         | TD Securities Inc.                  |
| Industrial Alliance Securities Inc. | National Bank Financial Inc.    |                                     |
| Manulife Securities Incorporated    | Raymond James Ltd.              | Richardson GMP                      |
| Echelon Wealth Partners Inc.        | Middlefield Capital Corporation | Mackie Research Capital Corporation |

Initial Public Offering September 2020

**Sustainable Innovation & Health Dividend Fund**

**\$92,000,000**

**Sustainable Innovation & Health Dividend Fund**  
managed by Middlefield Group

Price: \$10 per Unit SHLUN

|                                  |                                     |                     |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| CIBC Capital Markets             | Scotiabank                          | RBC Capital Markets |
| BMO Capital Markets              | Canaccord Genuity Corp.             | TD Securities Inc.  |
| Industrial Alliance Securities   | National Bank Financial Inc.        |                     |
| Manulife Securities Incorporated | Raymond James Ltd.                  | Richardson GMP      |
| Hampton Securities Limited       | Middlefield Capital Corporation     |                     |
| Echelon Wealth Partners Inc.     | Mackie Research Capital Corporation |                     |

Initial Public Offering March 2020

**Sustainable Infrastructure Dividend Fund**

**\$80,000,000**

**Sustainable Infrastructure Dividend Fund**  
managed by Middlefield Group

Price: \$10 per Unit INEUN

|                                     |                                 |                                     |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| CIBC Capital Markets                | Scotiabank                      | RBC Capital Markets                 |
| BMO Capital Markets                 | Canaccord Genuity Corp.         | TD Securities Inc.                  |
| Industrial Alliance Securities Inc. | National Bank Financial Inc.    |                                     |
| Manulife Securities Incorporated    | Raymond James Ltd.              | Stifel Nicolaus Canada Inc.         |
| Echelon Wealth Partners Inc.        | Middlefield Capital Corporation | Mackie Research Capital Corporation |

Re-Opening September 2020

**E SPLIT CORP.**

**\$32,600,000**

**E Split Corp.**  
managed by Middlefield Group

Price: \$11.75 per Class A ENS  
\$10 per Preferred Share ENS.PRA

|                            |                                  |                                     |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| CIBC Capital Markets       | Scotiabank                       | RBC Capital Markets                 |
| BMO Capital Markets        | National Bank Financial Inc.     | TD Securities Inc.                  |
| Canaccord Genuity Corp.    | Raymond James Ltd.               | Richardson GMP                      |
| Desjardins Securities Inc. | Hampton Securities               | Mackie Research Capital Corporation |
|                            | Manulife Securities Incorporated | Middlefield Capital Corporation     |

Re-Opening June 2020

**E SPLIT CORP.**

**\$27,300,000**

**E Split Corp.**  
managed by Middlefield Group

Price: \$12 per Class A ENS  
\$10 per Preferred Share ENS.PRA

|                            |                                  |                                     |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| CIBC Capital Markets       | Scotiabank                       | RBC Capital Markets                 |
| BMO Capital Markets        | National Bank Financial Inc.     | TD Securities Inc.                  |
| Canaccord Genuity Corp.    | Raymond James Ltd.               | Stifel GMP                          |
| Desjardins Securities Inc. | Hampton Securities               | Mackie Research Capital Corporation |
|                            | Manulife Securities Incorporated | Middlefield Capital Corporation     |

Initial Public Offering September 2020

**DISCOVERY SHORT DURATION LP**

**\$18,000,000**

**Discovery 2020 Short Duration LP**  
managed by Middlefield Group

Price: \$25 per Class A Unit  
\$25 per Class F Unit

|                              |                                     |                                 |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| RBC Capital Markets          | Scotiabank                          | CIBC Capital Markets            |
| BMO Capital Markets          | National Bank Financial Inc.        | TD Securities Inc.              |
| Richardson GMP               | Manulife Securities Incorporated    |                                 |
| Canaccord Genuity Corp.      | Industrial Alliance Securities Inc. | Middlefield Capital Corporation |
| Echelon Wealth Partners Inc. |                                     | Raymond James Ltd.              |

Initial Public Offering April 2020

**MIDDLEFIELD RESOURCE FUNDS**

**\$13,500,000**

**MRF 2020 Resource Limited Partnership**  
managed by Middlefield Group

Price: \$25 per Class A Unit  
\$25 per Class F Unit

|                              |                                     |                                 |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| CIBC Capital Markets         | Scotiabank                          | RBC Capital Markets             |
| BMO Capital Markets          | National Bank Financial Inc.        | TD Securities Inc.              |
| Richardson GMP               | Manulife Securities Incorporated    |                                 |
| Canaccord Genuity Corp.      | Industrial Alliance Securities Inc. | Middlefield Capital Corporation |
| Echelon Wealth Partners Inc. |                                     | Raymond James Ltd.              |



## 2020 REVIEW AND OUTLOOK

In a year beset by unprecedented health, economic and political challenges, global equities performed remarkably well in 2020. MSCI World, the S&P 500 and the TSX Composite generated total returns of 16.5%, 18.4% and 5.6%, respectively. While COVID-19 remains a major concern, we're encouraged by the ongoing rollout of approved vaccines and are looking forward to a recovery in economic activity in 2021 and beyond.

Joe Biden was elected President and the Democrats won a narrow control of the Senate, representing a significant shift in US politics. While Democrat control may increase the risk of tighter regulation and higher taxes, the actions of several independently minded senators on both sides of the aisle should reduce the risk of major policy and regulatory changes in 2021. We also note that given the current challenges experienced by consumers and businesses due to the pandemic, we believe President Biden will be primarily focused on lessening the severity and impact of COVID-19 and increasing economic activity and corresponding levels of employment. The Administration is currently pushing for a USD\$1.9 trillion plan which includes cheques to consumers, added unemployment benefits, money for states and municipalities and more funding for a national vaccination program. Biden is calling this the "first step in a two-step plan to build a bridge to the other side of the crises we face". The first step is referred to as the "rescue" package and the second step is being called the "recovery" package and will involve significant investments in infrastructure, including a particular focus on the clean energy sector.

In terms of risks, investors seem relatively complacent about the current elevated levels of equity market valuations. While investors have multiple reasons to be positive, a continued expansion of valuations increases the risk of an equity market correction. While it's difficult to predict the catalyst for such an event, any correction will provide an opportunity to add to our favourite names to drive further gains in 2021. With respect to interest rates, we do not expect central banks to tighten policy in the short-term. However, better-than-expected economic growth could lift longer-dated rates from relatively low levels, thereby undercutting equity multiples.

Healthcare stocks offer significant relative value against this backdrop. The S&P 500 Healthcare sector ended 2020 trading at a blended forward price to earnings multiple of 16.4x, well below the Index multiple of 22.6x. Valuations are particularly compelling since political risk has abated in recent months. We believe the probability of sweeping healthcare reform is very low since the Biden Administration's main priority will be to gain control of the pandemic by ensuring vaccinations ramp up in a timely fashion and leading biopharma companies such as Pfizer and AstraZeneca will continue to play an integral role in paving the path to normalcy. Given this, we think it unlikely the new Administration will spend its limited and valuable political capital on more controversial Democrat campaign proposals such as drug pricing reform or the establishment of a Public Option.

Middlefield Healthcare & Life Sciences ETF and Middlefield Health & Wellness ETF generated total returns of 10.7% and 9.0% in 2020, respectively. Both funds have exposure to dividend-paying biopharma companies with stable cash flows as well as innovative companies with attractive growth outlooks. We believe the Digital Health sector is supported by durable tailwinds and will be an area of focus for our strategies in 2021 and beyond. The pandemic has accelerated the convergence of healthcare and technology and we expect companies such as Teladoc and Dexcom, who can leverage this trend, to be very well positioned.

The pandemic accelerated secular growth trends and pulled forward demand for certain industries this year. Online advertising, streaming, e-commerce, gaming and cloud services were among the beneficiaries of stay-at-home orders. Middlefield's Digital Consumer Dividend Fund and Global Innovation Dividend Fund are exposed to these attractive themes and generated total returns of 33.6% and 46.5%, respectively. We are optimistic that key players in these areas will thrive as they continue to take market share from legacy incumbents. In the semiconductor industry, we expect Advanced Micro Devices (AMD) to continue growing in both personal computers and, more importantly, servers. We also still see significant potential in Alphabet with its Deep Mind subsidiary leading the way in Artificial Intelligence (AI), which has the potential to address challenges in both robotics and industrial systems. AI research will also prove critical for powering the ongoing development of Google's advertising ecosystem.

The Middlefield family of exchange-listed funds is currently comprised of 18 funds, 17 of which trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange and one of which is based in Jersey, Channel Islands and trades on the London Stock Exchange. The fund mandates differ by asset mix including both Canadian and International equity securities.

In contrast, the pandemic created an extremely challenging and unpredictable operating environment for property owners in 2020. Government mandated lockdowns, including forced store closures and work-from-home orders, have impacted the ability of many landlords to fill vacancies and collect rent in a timely fashion. These challenges were reflected in market performance, with the Canadian Real Estate sector generating a total return of -8.7% in 2020, making it the third worst performing sector in the Index. Looking ahead, we believe 2021 will be a much better year for REITs due to the availability of multiple highly effective vaccines, continued low interest rates as well as ongoing government stimulus.

Middlefield's Global Real Estate & E-Commerce Dividend Fund, which has a high concentration in Industrial REITs, generated a total return of 31.9% during the year. E-commerce sales grew by 32% in the U.S. and 28% globally, accelerating demand for modern warehousing space. Middlefield REIT IndexPlus ETF also outperformed the real estate benchmark in 2020, generating a total return of -3.4%. Outperformance was largely driven by the Fund's overweight positioning in industrial and data center REITs. Industrial REITs should continue to benefit from steady rent growth in 2021 and beyond as consumers and businesses adapt to new online methods of purchasing and delivering goods and services. Similarly, the use of cloud services has increased dramatically with companies such as Microsoft reporting millions of new users on its Teams platform, Netflix reaching new records in viewership and online gaming platforms growing exponentially. As a result, data center REITs, which provide the backbone infrastructure for budding cloud services, are well-positioned to benefit from these trends over the long-term. We believe industrial and data centers are must-own asset classes and our real estate portfolios maintain significant exposure to these sectors through positions in high-quality companies such as Granite REIT, WPT Industrial and Equinix.

### Outlook

Though valuations remain at the higher end of their historical range and equity market corrections are possible in the coming months, we remain bullish on stocks in 2021 for a number of reasons.

First, the world continues to make progress in the fight against COVID-19. Pfizer, Moderna and AstraZeneca each reported initial efficacy data exceeding 90% for their vaccines while Johnson & Johnson reported 85% efficacy against severe symptoms and hospitalizations. The J&J result is especially impressive since its trials are more reflective of the newer, highly transmissible strains in the U.K., South Africa and Brazil. Multiple countries are now implementing mass inoculation strategies, beginning with their most vulnerable citizens, and production of approved vaccines is accelerating.

Second, monetary and fiscal policy remain highly accommodative. The U.S. Federal Reserve is not expected to increase rates until at least 2023 and we expect other major central banks to follow suit. Regarding fiscal stimulus, governments around the world continue to spend in support of both consumers and businesses that have been most negatively impacted by the pandemic.

Third, as the global economy recovers, so should corporate earnings. While secular winners remain well positioned, we could see the biggest contributions from cyclical sectors such as financials and industrials.



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Middlefield Capital Corporation



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Managing Director and Deputy Chief Investment Officer  
Middlefield Capital Corporation

# ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

This annual management report of fund performance contains financial highlights and should be read in conjunction with the complete audited annual financial statements of the investment fund that follow this report.

Unitholders may contact us by calling 1-888-890-1868, by writing to us at Middlefield Group at one of the addresses on the back cover or by visiting our website at [www.middlefield.com](http://www.middlefield.com) to request a copy of the investment fund's annual financial statements, proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record or quarterly portfolio disclosure.

## Management's Discussion of Fund Performance

### Investment Objectives and Strategies

The investment objectives of MINT Income Fund (the "Fund") are to provide unitholders with: (i) a high level of sustainable income; and (ii) a cost effective method of minimizing the risk of investing in high income securities. The Fund invests in a diversified portfolio of securities consisting primarily of high yielding equity securities of issuers operating in various industries and geographic regions.

### Risk

The Fund is exposed to several risks that may affect its performance. The overall risk of the Fund is as described in its prospectus dated July 30, 2013. During the past year, the overall risk level of the Fund may have been impacted as follows:

### Market Risk

Market risk describes the Fund's exposure to volatility in the market value of its underlying securities. Equity markets continue to exhibit volatility due to macroeconomic uncertainties, ongoing global trade disputes, as well as the uncertain impact from the Coronavirus outbreak. The Fund seeks to mitigate risk through active management and portfolio diversification.

### Results of Operations

#### Investment Performance

During 2020, total equity decreased from \$100.6 million at December 31, 2019 to \$76.4 million at December 31, 2020. On a per unit basis, total equity of the Fund decreased from \$6.50 at December 31, 2019 to \$5.52 at December 31, 2020. The Fund recorded a net loss on its investment portfolio of approximately \$9.0 million or \$0.59 per unit in 2020.

#### Revenue and Expenses

Loss before expenses for the year ended December 31, 2020 amounted to \$6.3 million, down from revenue of \$21.1 million in 2019 due to the net loss on the investment portfolio. Expenses for 2020 totaled approximately \$1.6 million, down from \$2.2 million in 2019. The operating expenses contributed to the management expense ratio ("MER") of 1.80% in 2020, up from 1.70% in 2019. Excluding issuance and borrowing costs, the MER was 1.54% in 2020. During 2020, loss after tax decreased to \$8.1 million from a profit

of \$18.4 million in the prior year. On a per unit basis, the loss during 2020 was \$0.53, down from a profit of \$0.94 in 2019.

### Trends

In a year beset by unprecedented health, economic and political challenges, global equities performed remarkably well in 2020. MSCI World, the S&P 500 and the TSX Composite generated total returns of 16.5%, 18.4% and 5.6%, respectively.

### Credit Facility

The Fund has a revolving term credit facility that enables the Fund to borrow up to an amount not exceeding 30% of total assets. At December 31, 2020, the Fund did not have any loans payable. The minimum and maximum amounts borrowed during the year ended December 31, 2020 were \$nil and \$25 million, respectively. The loan proceeds were used primarily to purchase securities for the investment portfolio. The credit facility provides the lender with a security interest over the assets of the Fund.

### Related Party Transactions

Pursuant to a management agreement, Middlefield Limited (the "Manager") receives a management fee. For further details, please see the "Management Fees" section of this report. Middlefield Capital Corporation ("MCC" or the "Advisor"), the advisor to the Fund and a company under common control with the Manager, receives advisory fees from the Manager out of the management fee. MCC also receives brokerage commissions from the Fund in connection with securities transactions. All brokerage commissions paid by the Fund to MCC were at or below market rates. As at December 31, 2020, the Fund held investments in other investment funds managed by the Manager. All management fees charged by the underlying investment funds held by the Fund were rebated to the Fund. For further details, please see the notes to the financial statements.

### Management Fees

Management fees are calculated at 1% per annum of the net asset value of the Fund and are split between the Manager and the Advisor. The Manager receives fees for the general administration of the Fund, including maintaining the accounting records, executing securities trades, monitoring compliance with regulatory requirements, and negotiating contractual agreements, among other things. The Advisor receives fees from the Manager for providing investment advice in respect of the portfolio in accordance with the investment objectives and strategies of the Fund.

# ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

## Financial Highlights

Total Equity is calculated in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”).

“Net Asset Value” is calculated in accordance with section 14.2 of National Instrument 81-106 “Investment Fund Continuous Disclosure” (“NI 81-106”) and is used for transactional pricing purposes.

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund’s financial performance for the indicated periods. Ratios and Supplemental Data are derived from the Fund’s Net Asset Value

The Fund’s Total Equity per Unit<sup>(1)</sup>

|  | <b>2020</b>    | 2019    | 2018    | 2017    | 2016    |
|--|----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total Equity, Beginning of Year                                | <b>\$ 6.50</b> | \$ 5.98 | \$ 7.16 | \$ 7.65 | \$ 7.10 |
| <b>INCREASE (DECREASE) FROM OPERATIONS:</b>                    |                |         |         |         |         |
| Total Revenue  | <b>0.18</b>    | 0.29    | 0.33    | 0.31    | 0.30    |
| Total Expenses (excluding distributions)                       | <b>(0.10)</b>  | (0.12)  | (0.14)  | (0.13)  | (0.15)  |
| Realized (Losses) Gains for the Year                           | <b>(0.64)</b>  | 0.33    | -       | (0.24)  | (0.09)  |
| Unrealized Gains (Losses) for the Year                         | <b>0.05</b>    | 0.46    | (0.79)  | 0.46    | 0.91    |
| Transaction Costs on Purchase and Sale of Investments          | <b>(0.02)</b>  | (0.02)  | (0.03)  | (0.04)  | (0.05)  |
| <b>TOTAL (DECREASE) INCREASE FROM OPERATIONS<sup>(2)</sup></b> | <b>(0.50)</b>  | 1.00    | (0.70)  | (0.01)  | 1.03    |
| <b>DISTRIBUTIONS:</b>  |                |         |         |         |         |
| From Net Investment Income                                     | <b>0.09</b>    | 0.17    | 0.19    | 0.18    | 0.15    |
| From Capital Gains   | <b>-</b>       | 0.31    | -       | -       | -       |
| Return of Capital  | <b>0.39</b>    | -       | 0.29    | 0.30    | 0.33    |
| <b>TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS<sup>(3)</sup></b>                       | <b>0.48</b>    | 0.48    | 0.48    | 0.48    | 0.48    |
| Total Equity, End of Year                                      | <b>\$ 5.52</b> | \$ 6.50 | \$ 5.98 | \$ 7.16 | \$ 7.65 |

<sup>(1)</sup> This information is derived from the Fund’s audited annual financial statements.

<sup>(2)</sup> Total Equity and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase (decrease) from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the financial year. This schedule is not a reconciliation of Total Equity since it does not reflect unitholder transactions as shown on the Statements of Changes in Equity and accordingly columns may not add.

<sup>(3)</sup> Distributions were paid in cash/reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

## Ratios and Supplemental Data

|   | 2020       | 2019       | 2018       | 2017       | 2016      |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Total Assets (000s) <sup>(1)</sup>                                    | \$ 77,164  | \$ 126,521 | \$ 121,684 | \$ 197,292 | \$ 83,523 |
| Total Net Asset Value (000s) <sup>(1)</sup>                           | \$ 76,420  | \$ 100,612 | \$ 110,654 | \$ 161,019 | \$ 67,922 |
| Number of Units Outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>                            | 13,845,077 | 15,490,507 | 18,508,526 | 22,492,028 | 8,877,414 |
| Management Expense Ratio<br>("MER") <sup>(2)</sup>                    | 1.80%      | 1.70%      | 1.77%      | 1.81%      | 2.09%     |
| MER (excluding interest expense<br>and issuance costs) <sup>(2)</sup> | 1.54%      | 1.38%      | 1.38%      | 1.44%      | 1.68%     |
| Trading Expense Ratio <sup>(3)</sup>                                  | 0.45%      | 0.36%      | 0.40%      | 0.59%      | 0.73%     |
| Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>(4)</sup>                                | 121.69%    | 121.06%    | 109.03%    | 200.69%    | 215.25%   |
| Net Asset Value per Unit  | \$ 5.52    | \$ 6.50    | \$ 5.98    | \$ 7.16    | \$ 7.65   |

<sup>(1)</sup> This information is provided as at December 31 of the year shown.

<sup>(2)</sup> The MER is based on total expenses (excluding distributions, commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) for the stated year and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average Net Asset Value during the year. The MER excluding interest expense and issuance costs has been presented separately as it expresses only the ongoing management and administrative expenses of the Fund as a percentage of average Net Asset Value. Issuance costs are one-time costs incurred at inception, and the inclusion of interest expense does not consider the additional revenues that have been generated from the investment of the leverage in income-generating assets. Where a Fund invests in securities of another investment funds managed by the Manager, the total expenses include the pro-rata share of the expenses of the underlying funds.

<sup>(3)</sup> The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average Net Asset Value during the year. Where a Fund invests in securities of another investment funds managed by the Manager, the total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs include the pro-rata share of these costs from the underlying funds.

<sup>(4)</sup> The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio investments are managed. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the year. The higher the Fund's portfolio turnover rate in a year, the greater the trading costs payable by the Fund in the year, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a fund.



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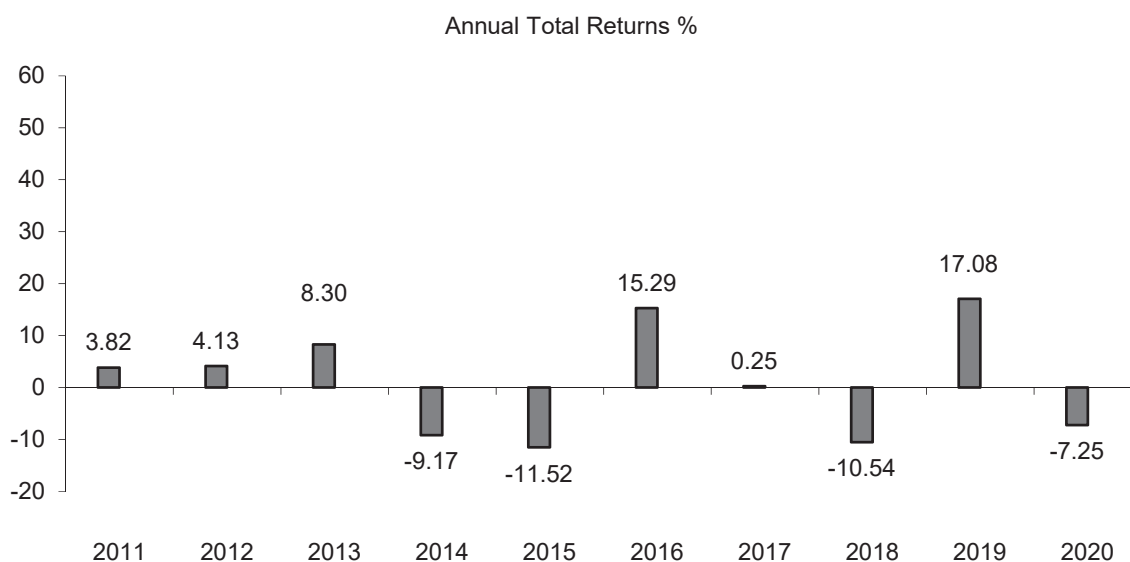
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

## Past Performance

The performance information shown, which is based on Net Asset Value, diluted where applicable, assumes that all distributions paid by the Fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional securities of the Fund. The performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges that would have reduced returns or performance. How the Fund has performed in the past does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.

## Year-By-Year Returns

The bar chart shows how the Fund's performance has varied from year to year for each of the years shown. The chart indicates, in percentage terms, how much an investment made the first day of each financial year would have grown or decreased by the last day of the financial year.



## Annual Compound Returns

|                                      | Periods Ended December 31, 2020 |             |            |           |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|------------|-----------|
|                                      | One Year                        | Three Years | Five Years | Ten Years |
| MINT Income Fund                     | -7.25%                          | -0.96%      | 2.34%      | 0.55%     |
| S&P/TSX Composite Total Return Index | 5.60%                           | 5.74%       | 9.33%      | 5.76%     |

The S&P/TSX Composite Total Return Index (the "Index") is comprised of Canadian stocks traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange and is designed to represent the Canadian equity market.

The Fund's total return of -7.25% underperformed the 5.60% return generated by the Index. The Fund's performance in 2020 was influenced by the relatively conservative positioning of the investment portfolio during the year.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

## Summary of Investment Portfolio

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2020

Top Twenty-Five Holdings

| DESCRIPTION                                    | % OF NET ASSET VALUE |
|--|----------------------|
| 1 Middlefield Health and Wellness ETF          | 5.6                  |
| 2 Middlefield Healthcare & Life Sciences ETF   | 5.5                  |
| 3 Boardwalk Real Estate Investment Trust       | 4.0                  |
| 4 Blackstone Property Partners L.P.            | 3.9                  |
| 5 H&R Real Estate Investment Trust             | 3.9                  |
| 6 Ally Financial Inc.                          | 3.9                  |
| 7 TransAlta Corp.                              | 3.8                  |
| 8 Enbridge Inc.                                | 3.7                  |
| 9 Boralex Inc.                                 | 3.7                  |
| 10 Microsoft Corporation                       | 3.7                  |
| 11 Keyera Corp.                                | 3.7                  |
| 12 Westshore Terminals Investment Corp.        | 3.6                  |
| 13 WPT Industrial Real Estate Investment Trust | 3.4                  |
| 14 Northland Power Inc.                        | 3.3                  |
| 15 SNC-Lavalin Group Inc.                      | 3.3                  |
| 16 Brookfield Renewable Partners LP            | 3.2                  |
| 17 Nutrien Ltd.                                | 3.2                  |
| 18 JPMorgan Chase & Co.                        | 3.2                  |
| 19 Granite Real Estate Investment Trust        | 3.1                  |
| 20 SmartCentres Real Estate Investment Trust   | 3.0                  |
| 21 Labrador Iron Ore Royalty Corporation       | 3.0                  |
| 22 Citizens Financial Group Inc.               | 3.0                  |
| 23 Cargojet Inc.                               | 2.8                  |
| 24 Algonquin Power & Utilities Corp.           | 2.7                  |
| 25 NextEra Energy Inc.                         | 2.6                  |

"Top Twenty-Five Holdings" excludes any temporary cash investments.

| ASSET CLASS                     | % OF NET ASSET VALUE |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Utilities                       | 21.8                 |
| Real Estate                     | 21.3                 |
| Financials                      | 12.6                 |
| Healthcare                      | 11.1                 |
| Industrials                     | 9.6                  |
| Pipelines                       | 7.4                  |
| Technology                      | 3.7                  |
| Materials                       | 3.2                  |
| Metals and Mining               | 3.0                  |
| Energy                          | 2.4                  |
| Preferred Shares                | 0.9                  |
| Cash and Short-Term Investments | 3.5                  |
| Other Net Liabilities           | (0.5)                |
|                                 | 100.0                |
| <b>TOTAL NET ASSET VALUE</b>    | <b>\$ 76,419,829</b> |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>             | <b>\$ 77,163,966</b> |

The Summary of Investment Portfolio may change over time due to ongoing portfolio transactions. The Prospectus of any investment funds owned by the Fund can be found online at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

Please visit [www.middlefield.com](http://www.middlefield.com) for the most recent quarter-end Summary of Investment Portfolio.

## MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

The financial statements of MINT Income Fund (the "Fund") have been prepared by Middlefield Limited (the "Manager"), the manager of Fund and approved by the Board of Directors. The Manager is responsible for the information and representations contained in these financial statements and other financial information contained in this report.

The Manager maintains appropriate procedures to ensure that relevant and reliable financial information is produced. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and include certain amounts that are based on estimates and judgments. The significant accounting policies applicable to the Fund are described in the notes to the financial statements.

The Board of Directors is responsible for ensuring that management fulfills its responsibilities for financial reporting and has reviewed and approved these financial statements.

Deloitte LLP is the external auditor of the Fund. They have audited the financial statements of the Fund in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards to enable them to express to unitholders their opinion on the financial statements.



Francisco Z. Ramirez  
President  
Middlefield Limited



Catherine E. Rebuldeia  
Chief Financial Officer  
Middlefield Limited

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF MINT INCOME FUND (THE "FUND")

### OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of the Fund, which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the statement of comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the years then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as at December 31, 2020 and 2019, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

### BASIS FOR OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards ("Canadian GAAS"). 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 are independent of the Fund in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### OTHER INFORMATION

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises:

- Management Report of Fund Performance
- The information, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon, in the Annual Report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not and will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. We obtained the Management Report of Fund Performance prior to the date of this auditor's report. If, based on the work we have performed on this other information, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact in this auditor's report. We have nothing to report in this regard. The Annual Report is expected to be made available to us after the date of the auditor's report. If, based on the work we will perform on this other information, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact to those charged with governance.

### 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 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.

### 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 GAAS 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 GAAS, 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. We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Erez Seiler.



Chartered Professional Accountants  
Licensed Public Accountants  
Toronto, Ontario  
March 31, 2021

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Statements of Financial Position

AS AT DECEMBER 31  
(In Canadian Dollars)

|  | 2020                 | 2019                  |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                    |                      |                       |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                            |                      |                       |
| Investments at Fair Value through Profit or Loss | \$ 74,114,141        | \$ 119,040,594        |
| Cash   | 2,715,236            | 6,491,464             |
| Income and Interest Receivable                   | 326,262              | 530,785               |
| Accounts Receivable from Broker                  | -                    | 403,385               |
| Accounts Receivable                              | 8,327                | 5,240                 |
| Prepaid Interest                                 | -                    | 49,416                |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                              | <b>77,163,966</b>    | <b>126,520,884</b>    |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                               |                      |                       |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>                       |                      |                       |
| Loan Payable (Note 8)                            | -                    | 25,000,000            |
| Distributions Payable                            | 556,205              | 621,017               |
| Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities         | 187,932              | 287,769               |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>                         | <b>744,137</b>       | <b>25,908,786</b>     |
| <b>Net Assets</b>                                | <b>\$ 76,419,829</b> | <b>\$ 100,612,098</b> |
| <b>EQUITY</b>                                    |                      |                       |
| Unitholders' Capital (Note 9)                    | \$ 99,947,244        | \$ 116,419,909        |
| Deficit  | (23,527,415)         | (15,807,811)          |
| <b>Total Equity</b>                              | <b>\$ 76,419,829</b> | <b>\$ 100,612,098</b> |
| <b>Units Issued and Outstanding</b>              | <b>13,845,077</b>    | <b>15,490,507</b>     |
| <b>Total Equity per Unit</b>                     | <b>\$ 5.52</b>       | <b>\$ 6.50</b>        |

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Board of Directors of Middlefield Limited, as Manager:



Director: Francisco Z. Ramirez



Director: Catherine E. Rebuldela

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Statements of Comprehensive Income

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31

(In Canadian Dollars)

|   | 2020                  | 2019                 |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>REVENUE (LOSS)</b>   |                       |                      |
| Income from Investments   | \$ 2,564,153          | \$ 5,279,280         |
| Interest Income for Distribution Purposes   | 169,624               | 359,157              |
| Securities Lending Income (Note 12)   | 4,019                 | 28,428               |
| Foreign Exchange Gain on Cash   | 36,397                | 141,453              |
| <b>Other Changes in Fair Value of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities at Fair Value through Profit or Loss</b> |                       |                      |
| Net Realized (Loss) Gain from Investment Transactions   | (9,827,150)           | 6,412,337            |
| Change in Net Unrealized Gain on Investments  | 760,098               | 8,990,375            |
| Change in Net Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Foreign Currency Transactions   | 23,101                | (62,997)             |
| <b>Total (Loss) Revenue</b>   | <b>(6,269,758)</b>    | <b>21,148,033</b>    |
| <b>OPERATING EXPENSES (Note 10)</b>   |                       |                      |
| Audit Fees  | 40,726                | 46,744               |
| Custodial Fees  | 7,357                 | 12,661               |
| Fund Administration Costs   | 136,707               | 155,718              |
| Independent Review Committee Fees and Expenses  | 54,274                | 52,908               |
| Legal Fees  | 59,589                | -                    |
| Management Fee  | 828,559               | 1,363,894            |
| Transaction Costs (Note 11)   | 366,204               | 445,796              |
| Unitholder Reporting Costs  | 60,075                | 84,909               |
| <b>Total Operating Expenses</b>   | <b>1,553,491</b>      | <b>2,162,630</b>     |
| Operating (Loss) Profit   | (7,823,249)           | 18,985,403           |
| Finance Costs (Note 8)  | 215,142               | 409,564              |
| <b>(Loss) Profit before Tax</b>   | <b>(8,038,391)</b>    | <b>\$18,575,839</b>  |
| Income Taxes  | -                     | 102                  |
| Withholding Taxes   | 74,707                | 212,984              |
| <b>(Loss) Profit after Tax</b>  | <b>\$ (8,113,098)</b> | <b>\$ 18,362,753</b> |
| <b>(Loss) Profit after Tax per Unit (Note 9)</b>  | <b>\$ (0.53)</b>      | <b>\$ 0.94</b>       |

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## Statements of Changes in Equity

| FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31<br>(In Canadian Dollars) | Unitholders'<br>Capital | Deficit         | Total          |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Balance at January 1, 2019</b>                        | \$ 146,600,055          | \$ (35,946,033) | \$ 110,654,022 |
| Profit after Tax   | -                       | 18,362,753      | 18,362,753     |
| Distributions to Unitholders                             | -                       | (9,277,552)     | (9,277,552)    |
| Repurchase of Trust Units                                | (686,000)               | 266,172         | (419,828)      |
| Proceeds from Issue of Trust Units                       | 15,954,408              | (5,879,518)     | 10,074,890     |
| Payment on Redemption of Trust Units                     | (45,448,554)            | 16,666,367      | (28,782,187)   |
| Balance at December 31, 2019                             | \$ 116,419,909          | \$ (15,807,811) | \$ 100,612,098 |
| <b>Balance at January 1, 2020</b>                        | \$ 116,419,909          | \$ (15,807,811) | \$ 100,612,098 |
| Profit after Tax   | -                       | (8,113,098)     | (8,113,098)    |
| Distributions to Unitholders                             | -                       | (7,291,659)     | (7,291,659)    |
| Repurchase of Trust Units                                | (3,207,000)             | 1,604,593       | (1,602,407)    |
| Proceeds from Issue of Trust Units                       | 639,335                 | (295,856)       | 343,479        |
| Payment on Redemption of Trust Units                     | (13,905,000)            | 6,376,416       | (7,528,584)    |
| <b>Balance at December 31, 2020</b>                      | \$ 99,947,244           | \$ (23,527,415) | \$ 76,419,829  |

## Statements of Cash Flows

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31  
(In Canadian Dollars)

|   | 2020           | 2019          |
|---|----------------|---------------|
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b> |                |               |
| Profit after Tax                                      | \$ (8,113,098) | \$ 18,362,753 |
| Adjustments:  |                |               |
| Purchases of Investments                              | (908,714,903)  | (660,593,872) |
| Proceeds from Sale of Investments                     | 944,977,689    | 668,453,780   |
| Foreign Exchange Gain                                 | (59,498)       | (78,456)      |
| Net Realized Loss (Gain) from Investment Transactions | 9,827,150      | (6,412,337)   |
| Change in Net Unrealized Gain on Investments          | (760,098)      | (8,990,375)   |
|   | 37,157,242     | 10,741,493    |
| Net Change in Non-Cash Working Capital                | 298,419        | (19,458)      |
| Net Cash from Operating Activities                    | 37,455,661     | 10,722,035    |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM (USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b> |                |               |
| Proceeds from Issue of Trust Units                    | 343,479        | 10,074,890    |
| Repurchase of Trust Units                             | (1,602,407)    | (419,828)     |
| Payment on Redemption of Trust Units                  | (7,528,584)    | (28,782,187)  |
| Proceeds from Loans                                   | 41,852,596     | 179,566,997   |
| Repayment of Loans                                    | (67,000,000)   | (165,000,000) |
| Distributions Paid to Unitholders                     | (7,356,471)    | (9,397,168)   |
| Net Cash used in Financing Activities                 | (41,291,387)   | (13,957,296)  |
| Net Decrease in Cash                                  | (3,835,726)    | (3,235,261)   |
| Foreign Exchange Gain                                 | 59,498         | 78,456        |
| Cash at Beginning of Year                             | 6,491,464      | 9,648,269     |
| Cash at End of Year                                   | \$ 2,715,236   | \$ 6,491,464  |

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of these financial statements.

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## Schedule of Investment Portfolio

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2020  
(In Canadian Dollars)

| Description                                       | No. of Securities /<br>Par Value | Cost                 | Fair Value           |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Algonquin Power & Utilities Corp.                 | 100,000                          | \$ 1,710,000         | \$ 2,095,000         |
| AltaGas Ltd.                                      | 100,000                          | 1,655,015            | 1,872,000            |
| Boralex Inc.                                      | 60,000                           | 1,986,000            | 2,834,401            |
| Brookfield Renewable Partners LP                  | 45,000                           | 1,564,021            | 2,473,787            |
| NextEra Energy Inc.                               | 20,000                           | 1,463,070            | 1,965,780            |
| Northland Power Inc.                              | 55,000                           | 1,342,767            | 2,511,850            |
| TransAlta Corp.                                   | 300,000                          | 2,113,532            | 2,901,000            |
| <b>UTILITIES: 21.6%</b>                           |                                  | <b>11,834,405</b>    | <b>16,653,818</b>    |
| Blackstone Property Partners L.P                  | 1,888                            | 3,284,283            | 3,015,707            |
| Boardwalk Real Estate Investment Trust            | 90,000                           | 2,804,778            | 3,036,601            |
| Granite Real Estate Investment Trust              | 30,000                           | 2,249,268            | 2,337,000            |
| H&R Real Estate Investment Trust                  | 225,000                          | 2,348,235            | 2,990,250            |
| SmartCentres Real Estate Investment Trust         | 100,000                          | 2,092,238            | 2,308,000            |
| WPT Industrial Real Estate Investment Trust       | 140,000                          | 2,357,987            | 2,577,300            |
| <b>REAL ESTATE: 21.2%</b>                         |                                  | <b>15,136,789</b>    | <b>16,264,858</b>    |
| Ally Financial Inc.                               | 65,000                           | 1,729,937            | 2,953,002            |
| Citigroup Inc.                                    | 25,000                           | 1,627,425            | 1,963,869            |
| Citizens Financial Group Inc.                     | 50,000                           | 1,735,735            | 2,277,910            |
| JPMorgan Chase & Co.                              | 15,000                           | 1,729,101            | 2,428,306            |
| <b>FINANCIALS: 12.5%</b>                          |                                  | <b>6,822,198</b>     | <b>9,623,087</b>     |
| Middlefield Health & Life Sciences ETF            | 380,000                          | 3,805,422            | 4,199,000            |
| Middlefield Healthcare and Wellness ETF           | 350,000                          | 3,928,130            | 4,278,750            |
| <b>HEALTHCARE: 11.1%</b>                          |                                  | <b>7,733,552</b>     | <b>8,477,750</b>     |
| Cargojet Inc.                                     | 10,000                           | 971,123              | 2,148,300            |
| SNC-Lavalin Group Inc.                            | 115,000                          | 2,303,487            | 2,498,950            |
| Westshore Terminals Investment Corp.              | 175,000                          | 3,849,434            | 2,728,250            |
| <b>INDUSTRIALS: 9.6%</b>                          |                                  | <b>7,124,044</b>     | <b>7,375,500</b>     |
| Enbridge Inc.                                     | 70,000                           | 2,911,168            | 2,849,700            |
| Keyera Corp.                                      | 125,000                          | 3,673,050            | 2,827,500            |
| <b>PIPELINES: 7.4%</b>                            |                                  | <b>6,584,218</b>     | <b>5,677,200</b>     |
| Microsoft Corporation                             | 10,000                           | 2,099,289            | 2,833,628            |
| <b>TECHNOLOGY: 3.7%</b>                           |                                  | <b>2,099,289</b>     | <b>2,833,628</b>     |
| Nutrien Ltd.                                      | 40,000                           | 2,004,640            | 2,449,600            |
| <b>MATERIALS: 3.2%</b>                            |                                  | <b>2,004,640</b>     | <b>2,449,600</b>     |
| Labrador Iron Ore Royalty Corporation             | 70,000                           | 1,133,844            | 2,282,700            |
| <b>METALS AND MINING: 3.0%</b>                    |                                  | <b>1,133,844</b>     | <b>2,282,700</b>     |
| Freehold Royalties Ltd.                           | 350,000                          | 1,853,075            | 1,823,500            |
| <b>ENERGY: 2.4%</b>                               |                                  | <b>1,853,075</b>     | <b>1,823,500</b>     |
| Birchcliff Energy Ltd. 8.00% Preferred            | 29,000                           | 733,773              | 652,500              |
| <b>PREFERRED SHARES: 0.8%</b>                     |                                  | <b>733,773</b>       | <b>652,500</b>       |
| TRANSACTION COSTS (Note 11)                       |                                  | (75,996)             | -                    |
| TOTAL INVESTMENTS: 96.5%                          |                                  | 62,983,831           | 74,114,141           |
| CASH: 3.5%  |                                  | 2,715,236            | 2,715,236            |
| <b>Total Investment Portfolio, Including Cash</b> |                                  | <b>\$ 65,699,067</b> | <b>\$ 76,829,377</b> |

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS





# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019

## 1. MINT Income Fund

MINT Income Fund (the "Fund") is a closed-end investment trust established under the laws of the Province of Alberta. Middlefield Limited, a company incorporated in Alberta, is the trustee and manager of the Fund (the "Manager") and Middlefield Capital Corporation ("MCC"), a company under common control with the Manager, is the advisor to the Fund. The Fund was listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange and effectively commenced operations on March 13, 1997, when it first issued units through an initial public offering. The address of the Fund's registered office is 812 Memorial Drive N.W., Calgary, Alberta. These financial statements, expressed in Canadian Dollars, were authorized for issuance by the board of directors of the Manager on March 31, 2021.

## 2. Investment Objectives and Strategy

The Fund's investment objectives are (i) to produce a high level of sustainable income and (ii) to minimize the risk of investing in high income securities on a cost effective basis. The Fund invests in a diversified portfolio of securities consisting primarily of high yielding equity securities of issuers operating in various industries and geographic regions.

## 3. Basis of Presentation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as published by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and as required by Canadian securities legislation and the Canadian Accounting Standards Board.

## 4. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

### A. Basis of Accounting

#### IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments* ("IFRS 9")

The Fund classifies and measures financial instruments in accordance with IFRS 9 which requires assets to be carried at amortized cost or fair value, with changes in fair value recognized in profit and loss or other comprehensive income, based on the entity's business model for managing financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. The Fund's financial assets and the liabilities are classified at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL") and amortized cost.

#### Classification, Measurement, Impairment and Hedge Accounting

The Fund classifies its investments in debt and equity securities based on its business model for managing those financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. These financial assets are managed and their performance is evaluated on a fair value basis. The Fund also manages these financial assets with the objective of realizing cash flows through sales. Further, an option to irrevocably designate any equity securities at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI") has not been taken. Consequently, these financial assets are mandatorily measured at FVTPL.

Financial assets or financial liabilities held for trading are those acquired principally for the purpose of selling or repurchasing in the near future or on initial recognition they are a part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that the Fund manages together and has a recent actual pattern of short term profit taking. All derivatives and short positions are included in this category and mandatorily measured at FVTPL. The financial assets and liabilities measured at amortized cost include cash collateral posted on derivative positions, accrued income, due to and from brokers and other short term receivables and payables.

IFRS 9 uses the expected credit loss model ("ECL") as the new impairment model for financial assets carried at amortized cost. The Fund's financial assets measured at amortized cost consist of trade receivables with no financing component and which have maturities of less than 12 months, as such, it has chosen to apply the simplified ECL approach, whereby any loss allowance is recognized based on the lifetime of ECLs. Given the short-term nature and high credit quality of the trade receivables, there are no expected credit losses associated with them and they are not considered impaired at the reporting dates.

The Fund does not apply general hedge accounting to any of its derivatives positions.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019

## 4. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

### B. Financial Instruments

The Fund's financial instruments may include: short-term investments, fixed income, equities, structured products, derivatives (collectively referred to as "investments"), cash, accounts receivable – portfolio securities sold, income and interest receivable, accounts receivable, subscriptions receivable, prepaid interest, prepaid expenses, loan payable, accounts payable – portfolio securities purchased, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, redemptions payable and distributions payable. The Fund recognizes financial instruments at fair value upon initial recognition, plus transaction costs in the case of financial instruments measured at amortized cost. Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognized at their trade date. The Fund's investments and derivative assets and liabilities are measured at fair value. All other financial assets and liabilities are measured at amortized cost. Under this method, financial assets and liabilities reflect the amount required to be received or paid, discounted, when appropriate, at the contract's effective interest rate. The Fund's accounting policies for measuring the fair value of its investments and derivatives are identical to those used in measuring its net asset value ("NAV") for transactions with unitholders.

The Fund only offsets financial assets and financial liabilities if the Fund has a legally enforceable right to offset recognized amounts and either intends to settle on a net basis or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

### C. Fair Value Measurement

The Fund's own credit risk and the credit risk of the counterparty are taken into account in determining the fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities, including derivative instruments. Investments and futures contracts are valued at fair value using the policies described below.

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets is based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the reporting date. The Fund uses the last traded market price for both financial assets and financial liabilities where the last traded price falls within that day's bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid-ask spread, the Manager determines the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value based on the specific facts and circumstances.

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market (for example, over-the-counter derivatives) is determined by using valuation techniques. The Fund uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each reporting date. Valuation techniques used include the use of comparable recent arm's length transactions, reference to other instruments that are substantially the same, discounted cash flow analysis, option pricing models and other valuation techniques commonly used by market participants making the maximum use of market inputs and relying as little as possible on entity specific inputs. Investments in other investment funds are valued based on the number of units held and their closing NAV per unit as provided by the investment funds' manager or general partner.

### D. Unitholders' Capital

The Fund's units are classified as equity as the Fund has full discretion with respect to the extent and timing of the repurchase of the units and in the determination of whether distributions will be made in cash or units. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue or redemption of units are recognized directly in equity as a deduction from the proceeds or part of the acquisition cost. Where the Fund repurchases its own units, the consideration paid, including any directly attributable incremental costs is deducted from equity attributable to the Fund's equity holders until the units are cancelled, re-issued or disposed of. Where such units are subsequently sold or reissued, any consideration received is included in equity attributable to the Fund's equity holders.

### E. Derivative Transactions

The Fund may use derivatives, such as forward currency contracts to hedge against losses caused by changes in exchange rates. The value of forward currency contracts is the gain or loss that would be realized, if on the valuation date, the positions were to be closed out. The change in value of forward currency contracts is included in the Statements of Comprehensive Income – Net Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments. Realized gains and losses from derivative instruments that are specific economic hedges are accounted for in the same manner as the underlying investments being hedged and are included in the Statements of Comprehensive Income – Net Realized Gain (Loss) from Investment Transactions.

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## 4. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

### F. Investment Transactions and Income Recognition

Investment transactions are accounted for as of the trade date and any realized gains or losses from such transactions are calculated 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. The change in the difference between fair value and average cost of the investments is recorded as unrealized gain (loss) on investments. Income from investments is recognized on the ex-dividend or ex-distribution date. Interest income for distribution purposes shown on the Statements of Comprehensive Income represents interest from bank deposits received by the Fund, and, if the Fund holds fixed income investments, coupon interest accounted for on an accrual basis. The Fund does not amortize premiums paid or discounts received on the purchase of fixed income securities except for zero coupon bonds which are amortized on a straight line basis. The interest income for distribution purposes is the tax basis of calculating interest received and which is subject to tax. Income distributions received are treated consistently with dividends and interest and recorded in income in the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

### G. Profit or Loss after Tax per Unit

Profit or loss after tax per unit in the Statements of Comprehensive Income represents the profit or loss after tax divided by the average units outstanding during the year.

### H. Taxation

The Fund qualifies as a mutual fund trust under the provisions of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada). Under the terms of the Declaration of Trust, any taxable income of the Fund is distributable monthly to unitholders of record date. The Fund is not subject to tax on the income distributed to unitholders. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes is required.

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 separately in the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

Distributions received from investments in trust units that are treated as a return of capital for tax purposes are used to reduce the average cost of the underlying investments on the Schedule of Investment Portfolio.

### I. Foreign Currency Translation

Foreign currency amounts are translated into Canadian dollars as follows: fair value of investments, forward currency contracts and other assets and liabilities, at the closing rate of exchange on each business day; income and expenses, and purchases, sales and settlements of investments, at the rate of exchange prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions.

### J. Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The preparation of financial statements requires management to use judgment in applying its accounting policies and to make estimates and assumptions about the future. The following discusses the most significant accounting judgments and estimates that the Fund has made in preparing the financial statements:

#### Determination of Functional Currency

'Functional currency' is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Fund operates. If indicators of the primary economic environment are mixed, then management uses its judgment to determine the functional currency that most faithfully represents the economic effect of the underlying transactions, events and conditions. The majority of the Fund's investments and transactions are denominated in Canadian dollars. Investor subscriptions and redemptions are also received and paid in Canadian dollars. Accordingly, management has determined that the functional currency of the Fund is Canadian dollars.

#### Fair Value Measurement of Derivatives and Securities Not Quoted in an Active Market

The Fund may hold 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 (such as pricing agencies) or indicative prices from market makers. Broker quotes as obtained from the pricing sources may be indicative and not executable or binding. 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 experienced personnel of 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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## 4. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

### J. Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments (continued)

#### Fair Value Measurement of Derivatives and Securities Not Quoted in an Active Market (continued)

Models use observable data, to the extent practicable. However, areas such as credit risk (both own and counterparty), 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. Refer to Note 5 for further information about the fair value measurement of the Fund's financial instruments.

### K. Securities Lending

The Fund may enter into securities lending transactions. These transactions involve the temporary exchange of securities as collateral with a commitment to deliver the same securities on a future date. Income is earned from these transactions in the form of fees paid by the counterparty and, in certain circumstances, interest paid on securities held as collateral. Income earned from these transactions is recognized on an accrual basis and is included in the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

## 5. Fair Value Disclosure

The Fund classifies fair value measurements within a hierarchy which gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3).

The tables below summarize the fair values of the Fund's financial instruments as at December 31, 2020 and 2019, using the following fair value hierarchy:

- Level 1 Inputs that reflect unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that are accessible at the measurement date.
- Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly, including inputs in markets that are not considered to be active.
- Level 3 Inputs that are unobservable and where there is little, if any, market activity. Inputs into the determination of fair value require significant management judgment or estimation.

As at December 31, 2020

| Description | Level 1       | Level 2 | Level 3      | Total         |
|-------------|---------------|---------|--------------|---------------|
| Equities    | \$ 71,098,434 | \$ -    | \$ 3,015,707 | \$ 74,114,141 |

As at December 31, 2019

| Description     | Level 1        | Level 2       | Level 3      | Total          |
|-----------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| Equities        | \$ 105,734,913 | \$ 6,199,103  | \$ 3,241,869 | \$ 115,175,885 |
| Debt Securities | -              | 3,864,709     | -            | 3,864,709      |
| Total           | \$ 105,734,913 | \$ 10,063,812 | \$ 3,241,869 | \$ 119,040,594 |

All fair value measurements above are recurring. The carrying values of cash, accounts receivable – portfolio securities sold, income and interest receivable, accounts receivable, subscriptions receivable, prepaid interest, loan payable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities and distributions payable, approximate their fair values due to their short-term nature. Fair values are classified as Level 1 when the related security 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.

### Equities and Warrants

The Fund's equity positions are classified as Level 1 when the securities are actively traded and a reliable price is observable.

Certain of the equities and warrants held by the Fund do not trade frequently and therefore observable prices may not be available. In such cases, fair value is determined using observable market data (e.g., transactions for similar securities of the same issuer) and the fair value is classified as Level 2, unless the determination of fair value requires significant unobservable data, in which case the measurement is classified as Level 3.

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## 5. Fair Value Disclosure (continued)

### Debt Securities

Debt securities include primarily government or corporate bonds and are classified as Level 1 when the securities are actively traded. Debt securities which are valued using models with inputs including interest rate curves, credit spreads and volatilities are generally observable and therefore these debt securities have been classified as Level 2, unless the determination of fair value requires significant unobservable data, in which case the measurement is classified as Level 3.

The Fund applies judgment in determining unobservable inputs to calculate the fair value of Level 3 financial instruments. As at December 31, 2020, the Fund held \$3,015,707 of Level 3 securities (December 31, 2019 – \$3,241,869). The unobservable inputs used in the valuation of these financial instruments primarily include key variables, current market conditions and recent financings by the issuer, if any. These securities are affected by market activity in their relevant sectors and therefore generally fluctuate similarly. The Fund's level 3 investment in Blackstone Property Partners L.P. represents 4.1% of the Fund's investment portfolio and is measured at the NAV of Blackstone Property Partners L.P. as at December 31, 2020. The Blackstone Property Partners L.P. primarily holds level 2 and level 3 investments and the inputs to the NAV require significant management judgement or estimation.

The Fund's policy is to recognize transfers in and out of the fair value hierarchy levels as at the end of the reporting period for transfers between Levels 1 and 2 and as at the date of the transfer for transfers in and out of Level 3. No transfers between levels have occurred during the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019.

The reconciliation of investments measured at fair value using unobservable inputs (Level 3) for the year ended December 31, 2020 is as follows:

| Year Ended December 31, 2020   |    | 2020      |
|--|----|-----------|
| Balance at January 1   | \$ | 3,241,869 |
| Investment Purchases during the Year   |    | -         |
| Investment Sales during the Year   |    | (8,660)   |
| Realized Loss  |    | (300)     |
| Unrealized Loss  |    | (217,202) |
| Balance at December 31   | \$ | 3,015,707 |
| Total Change in Unrealized Loss during the Year for Assets held at December 31 | \$ | -         |

|  |    | 2019      |
|--|----|-----------|
| Balance at January 1   | \$ | -         |
| Investment Purchases during the Year   |    | 3,293,244 |
| Investment Sales during the Year   |    | -         |
| Realized Loss  |    | -         |
| Unrealized Gain  |    | (51,375)  |
| Balance at December 31   | \$ | 3,241,869 |
| Total Change in Unrealized Loss during the Year for Assets held at December 31 | \$ | -         |

The use of reasonable possible alternative assumptions for valuing Level 3 financial instruments would not significantly affect the fair value of these instruments.

## 6. Financial Risk Management

In the normal course of business, the Fund is exposed to a variety of financial risks: price risk, interest rate risk, foreign exchange rate risk, liquidity risk, credit risk and concentration risk. The Fund's primary risk management objective is to protect earnings and cash flow and, ultimately, unitholder value. Risk management strategies, as discussed below, are designed and implemented to ensure the Fund's risks and related exposures are consistent with its objectives and risk tolerance.

Most of the Fund's risks are derived from its investments. The value of the investments within the Fund's portfolio can fluctuate on a daily basis as a result of changes in interest rates, economic conditions, commodity prices, the market and company news related to specific securities held by the Fund. The investments are made in accordance with the Fund's risk management policies. The policies establish investment objectives, strategies, criteria and restrictions. The objectives of these policies are to identify and mitigate investment risk through a disciplined investment process and the appropriate structuring of each transaction.

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## 6. Financial Risk Management (continued)

### A. Price Risk

Price risk is the risk that changes in the prices of the Fund's investments will affect the Fund's income or the value of its financial instruments. The Fund's price risk is driven primarily by volatility in commodity and equity prices. Rising commodity and equity prices may increase the price of an investment while declining commodity and equity prices may have the opposite effect. The Fund mitigates price risk by making investing decisions based upon various factors, including comprehensive fundamental analysis prepared by industry experts to forecast future commodity and equity price movements. The Fund's market positions are monitored on a daily basis by the portfolio manager and regular financial reviews of publicly available information related to the Fund's investments are performed to ensure that any risks are within established levels of risk tolerance. The Fund is exposed to price risk through the following financial instrument:

|                      | 2020          | 2019           |
|----------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Investments at FVTPL | \$ 74,114,141 | \$ 115,175,885 |

Based on the above exposure at December 31, 2020, a 10% increase or decrease in the prices of the Fund's investments would result in a \$7,411,414 (December 31, 2019 – \$11,517,589) increase or decrease in total equity of the Fund, with all other factors held constant.

### B. Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk describes the Fund's exposure to changes in the general level of interest rates. Interest rate risk arises when the Fund invests in interest-bearing financial assets such as cash and debt securities and utilizes financial liabilities such as loan payable. In respect of cash balances and loan payable, the Fund's interest income and expense are positively correlated to interest rates in that rising interest rates increase both interest income and expense while the reverse is true in a declining interest rate environment. The Fund is also exposed to the risk that the value of financial assets such as corporate and government debt will fluctuate due to changes in the prevailing levels of market interest rates. The value of such financial assets is negatively correlated to interest rates. The Fund has not hedged its exposure to interest rate movements. The Fund seeks to mitigate this risk through active management, which involves analysis of economic indicators to forecast Canadian and global interest rates. The tables below summarize the Fund's exposure to interest rate risk by remaining term to maturity:

| As at December 31, 2020 | Less than<br>1 Year | 1 to 5 Years | Greater<br>than<br>5 Years | Total        |
|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Cash                    | \$ 2,715,236        | -            | -                          | \$ 2,715,236 |

| As at December 31, 2019 | Less than<br>1 Year | 1 to 5 Years | Greater than<br>5 Years | Total           |
|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Debt Securities         | -                   | \$ 1,793,209 | \$ 2,071,500            | \$ 3,864,709    |
| Cash                    | 6,491,464           | -            | -                       | 6,491,464       |
| Loan Payable            | (25,000,000)        | -            | -                       | (25,000,000)    |
| Total Exposure          | \$ (18,508,536)     | \$ 1,793,209 | \$ 2,071,500            | \$ (14,643,827) |

Based on the above exposure at December 31, 2020, a 1% per annum increase or decrease in interest rates would result in a \$27,152 increase or decrease (December 31, 2019 – \$371,611 decrease or increase) in total equity of the Fund, with all other factors held constant.

### C. Foreign Exchange Rate Risk

Foreign exchange rate risk describes the impact on the underlying value of financial instruments due to foreign exchange rate movements. The Canadian dollar is the Fund's functional and reporting currency. Foreign investments, commodities, cash, receivables and payables denominated in foreign currencies are affected by changes in the value of the Canadian dollar compared to foreign currencies. As a result, financial assets may depreciate/appreciate in the short-term due to the strengthening/weakening of the Canadian dollar against other currencies, and the reverse would be true for financial liabilities. The Fund's exposure to foreign exchange rate risk relates primarily to its investment in securities, which are denominated in various foreign currencies. The Fund has not hedged its exposure to currency fluctuations; however, it closely monitors relevant foreign exchange currency movements. The Fund is exposed to foreign exchange rate risk through the following financial instruments:

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6. Financial Risk Management (continued)  
 C. Foreign Exchange Rate Risk (continued)

As at December 31, 2020

| Currency    | Investments<br>at FVTPL | Cash         | Income and<br>Interest<br>Receivable | Total Exposure |
|-------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| U.S. Dollar | \$ 22,489,291           | \$ 1,263,442 | \$ 53,982                            | \$ 23,806,715  |

As at December 31, 2019

| Currency      | Investments<br>at FVTPL | Cash         | Income and<br>Interest<br>Receivable | Accounts<br>Receivable<br>from Broker | Total Exposure |
|---------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| U.S. Dollar   | \$ 39,684,385           | \$ 2,319,840 | \$ 59,923                            | \$ 403,385                            | \$ 42,467,533  |
| European Euro | -                       | -            | 5,095                                | -                                     | 5,095          |
| Total         | \$ 39,684,385           | \$ 2,319,840 | \$ 65,018                            | \$ 403,385                            | \$ 42,472,628  |

Based on the above exposure at December 31, 2020, a 10% increase or decrease in the Canadian dollar against respective foreign currencies would result in a \$2,380,672 (2019 – \$4,247,263) decrease or increase in total equity of the Fund, with all other factors held constant.

### D. Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is defined as the risk that the Fund may not be able to settle or meet its obligations when due. The Fund is exposed to liquidity risk through its annual and monthly redemptions. The Fund receives 20 business days notice prior to the redemption date and has up to 15 business days after the redemption date to settle the redemption. This enables the Manager to sell securities held by the Fund to generate cash to settle the redemption, if necessary. The Fund's obligations are due within one year. The Fund has a revolving term credit facility with a maximum principal amount of \$10 million (December 31, 2019 – \$50 million) which is secured by a general security agreement. Borrowed amounts under the credit facility are usually due within 30 to 180 days. Liquidity risk is managed by investing the majority of the Fund's assets in investments that are traded in an active market and can be readily sold and by borrowing under its credit facility. The Fund retains sufficient cash to maintain liquidity and comply with liquidity requirements as outlined by securities legislation and its investment policies.

The Fund may invest in securities that are not traded on a public stock exchange or that may be illiquid. As a result, the Fund may not be able to dispose of these investments in a timely manner. The Fund mitigates this risk through active management, which includes detailed analysis of such entities to ensure they are financially sound and would be attractive to potential investors if a sale is necessary. The Fund's investment policies and securities legislation limit the amount invested in illiquid securities and these limits are monitored. The Fund's investment in Blackstone Property Partners L.P. is subject to a 24 month period redemption lock-up from the date of the initial capital contribution; however, the Fund has the ability to sell its units of Blackstone Property Partners L.P. to certain other purchasers prior to the expiration of the lock-up period. Subsequent to the redemption lock-up period, the Fund can redeem part or all of its investment on a quarterly basis.

The tables below present the Fund's financial liabilities based on the remaining period to the contractual maturity date. The amounts in the tables reflect the contractual undiscounted cash flows.

As at December 31, 2020

| Financial Liabilities                    | Less than 1<br>Month | 1 to 3<br>Months | 3 Months to<br>1 Year | Total      |
|--|----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Distributions Payable                    | \$ 556,205           | \$ -             | \$ -                  | \$ 556,205 |
| Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities | 187,932              | -                | -                     | 187,932    |
| Total                                    | \$ 744,137           | \$ -             | \$ -                  | \$ 744,137 |

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 6. Financial Risk Management (continued)

#### D. Liquidity Risk (continued)

As at December 31, 2019

| Financial Liabilities                    | Less than 1<br>Month | 1 to 3<br>Months | 3 Months to<br>1 Year | Total         |
|--|----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Loan Payable                             | \$ 10,000,000        | \$ 15,000,000    | \$ -                  | \$ 25,000,000 |
| Distributions Payable                    | 621,017              | -                | -                     | 621,017       |
| Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities | 287,769              | -                | -                     | 287,769       |
| Total                                    | \$ 10,908,786        | \$ 15,000,000    | \$ -                  | \$ 25,908,786 |

The Manager does not expect that the contractual maturity disclosed above will be representative of the actual cash outflows, as holders of these instruments, specifically Loan Payable, typically retain them for a longer period.

#### E. Credit Risk

Credit risk represents the financial loss that the Fund would experience if a counterparty to a financial instrument failed to meet its obligations to the Fund. The Fund is exposed to credit risk on its debt instruments, derivative assets, cash and cash equivalents and other short term trade receivables. The Fund measures credit risk and lifetime ECLs related to the trade receivables using historical analysis and forward looking information in determining the ECL. The carrying amounts of financial assets represent the maximum credit exposure. All transactions executed by the Fund in listed securities are settled upon delivery using approved brokers. The risk of default is considered minimal as delivery of securities sold is only made once the broker has received payment. Payment is made on a purchase only once the broker has received the securities. The trade will fail if either party fails to meet its obligations. There is no significant credit risk related to the Fund's receivables.

The Fund's credit risk is primarily attributable to its investment in debt instruments because the issuer of the instrument may be unable to make interest payments or repay the principal amount on maturity. The concentration of credit risk of investments in debt instruments is minimal since the Fund invests in a variety of debt instruments issued by numerous issuers.

The Fund has established various internal controls to help mitigate credit risk, including prior approval of all investments by the Advisor whose mandate includes conducting financial and other assessments of these investments on a regular basis. The Fund has also implemented policies which ensure that investments can only be made with counterparties that have a minimum acceptable credit rating.

As at December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Fund invested in debt instruments and preferred shares with the following credit ratings:

| Debt Instruments and Preferred Shares by Credit Rating | As a % of Total Equity |      |
|--|------------------------|------|
|  | 2020                   | 2019 |
| No Rating  | -                      | 5.9  |

#### F. Concentration Risk

The Fund is exposed to the possible risk inherent in the concentration of the investment portfolio in a small number of industries or investment sectors. The Manager moderates this risk through careful selection of securities in several investment sectors. At December 31, 2020 and 2019, the percentages of the Fund's total equity invested in each investment sector were as follows:



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6. Financial Risk Management (continued)  
F. Concentration Risk (continued)

| Sector                 | As a % of Total Equity |       |
|------------------------|------------------------|-------|
|                        | 2020                   | 2019  |
| Utilities              | 21.8                   | 5.9   |
| Real Estate            | 21.3                   | 23.5  |
| Financials             | 12.6                   | 9.6   |
| Healthcare             | 11.1                   | 8.5   |
| Industrials            | 9.6                    | 23.5  |
| Pipelines              | 7.4                    | 7.0   |
| Technology             | 3.7                    | 3.8   |
| Materials              | 3.2                    | -     |
| Metals and Mining      | 3.0                    | 3.1   |
| Energy                 | 2.4                    | 7.5   |
| Preferred Shares       | 0.9                    | 2.0   |
| Communication Services | -                      | 14.2  |
| Corporate Debt         | -                      | 3.9   |
| Consumer Discretionary | -                      | 3.1   |
| Consumer Staples       | -                      | 2.7   |
| Total                  | 97.0                   | 118.3 |

7. Capital Management

The Fund's capital is its total equity. The Fund's objective when managing capital is to safeguard the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for unitholders, maximize unitholder value and maintain financial strength. The Fund manages and adjusts its capital in response to general economic conditions, the risk characteristics of the underlying assets and working capital requirements. Generally speaking, the Fund will reduce leverage when investments are likely to decrease in value and will increase leverage when investment appreciation is anticipated. In order to maintain or adjust its capital structure, the Fund may borrow or repay debt under its credit facility or undertake other activities deemed appropriate under the specific circumstances.

The Fund is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements. However, the Fund is subject to bank covenants in respect of leverage and is in compliance with those covenants in both 2020 and 2019. The Fund's overall strategy with respect to capital risk management remains unchanged from the year ended December 31, 2019.

8. Loan Payable

The revolving term credit facility in the maximum principal amount of \$10 million (December 31, 2019 – \$50 million) is secured by a general security agreement. As at December 31, 2020, loans outstanding included bankers' acceptances with a face value of \$nil (December 31, 2019 – \$25 million). The minimum and maximum loans outstanding during 2020 were \$nil and \$25 million (December 31, 2019 – \$5 million and \$30 million), respectively. Finance costs primarily relate to loan interest expenses.

9. Unitholders' Equity

The Fund is authorized to issue an unlimited number of transferable, redeemable trust units, each of which represents an equal, undivided interest in the total equity of the Fund. All units have equal rights and privileges. Unitholders of the Fund can acquire additional units by participating in the Distribution Reinvestment Plan (the "Plan"). The Plan enables unitholders to reinvest their monthly distributions in additional units of the Fund thereby achieving the benefit of compounding returns.

The Fund issued 9.8 million units at \$10 per unit in 1997. During 2020, the Fund redeemed 1,390,500 units (2019 – 4,544,862), issued 61,900 units (2019 – 1,595,443) and purchased 215,000 units (2019 – 68,600) pursuant to a normal course issuer bid and purchased 105,700 units (2019 – nil) in the market in accordance with the Declaration of Trust. For the year ended December 31, 2020, 44,989 units (2019 – 42,425) were distributed under the Plan, of which 3,870 units (2019 – nil) were issued from treasury.

The average number of units outstanding during 2020 was 15,230,105 (2019 – 19,506,672). This number was used to calculate the Profit after Tax per unit.

10. Management Fee and Operating Expenses

The Manager provides investment and administrative services to the Fund. In consideration for such services, the Manager receives a management fee equal to 1% per annum of the NAV, calculated and paid monthly in arrears based on the average NAV of the preceding month. The Manager is reimbursed for reasonable costs related to maintaining the Fund and preparation and distribution of financial statements and other documents to unitholders. The Fund is responsible for the payment of all expenses relating to the operation of the Fund and the carrying on of its business.

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## 11. Transaction Costs

Brokerage commissions and other transaction costs paid in connection with securities transactions during the period ended December 31, 2020 amounted to \$366,204 (2019 – \$445,796). Included in this amount is \$166,298 (2019 – \$203,551) in brokerage commissions that were paid to MCC. All brokerage commissions paid by the Fund to MCC were at or below market rates. Brokerage commissions and other transaction costs are expensed and recorded in the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

## 12. Securities Lending

The Fund has entered into a securities lending program with its custodian, RBC Investor Services Trust, in order to earn additional revenue. The aggregate market value of all securities loaned by the Fund will not exceed 50% of the fair value of the assets of the Fund. The Fund will receive collateral of at least 105% of the fair value of the securities on loan. Collateral held is generally comprised of cash and securities of, or guaranteed by, the Government of Canada or a province thereof, or the United States government or its agencies. Securities lending income reported in the Statements of Comprehensive Income is net of a securities lending charge which the Fund's custodian, RBC Investor Services Trust, is entitled to receive.

For the periods ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, securities lending income was as follows:

|  | 2020     | 2019      |
|--|----------|-----------|
| Gross Securities Lending Income                    | \$ 6,388 | \$ 45,369 |
| Securities Lending Charges                         | (2,236)  | (15,879)  |
| Net Securities Lending Income                      | 4,152    | 29,490    |
| Withholding Taxes on Securities Lending Income     | (133)    | (1,062)   |
| Net Securities Lending Income Received by the Fund | \$ 4,019 | \$ 28,428 |

Securities lending charges represented 35% (2019– 35%) of the gross securities lending income, all of which was paid to the Fund's custodian.

The following table summarizes the securities loaned and collateral held as at December 31, 2020 and 2019.

|  | 2020      | 2019      |
|--|-----------|-----------|
|  | (\$000's) | (\$000's) |
| Securities Loaned                          | \$ -      | \$ 20,875 |
| Collateral Received                        | -         | 21,919    |
| Collateral Percentage of Securities Loaned | -         | 105%      |

## 13. Distributions

The Fund pays monthly distributions to unitholders in accordance with its investment objectives. Distributions of the Fund, at the discretion of the unitholder, are reinvested in additional units of the Fund under the Distribution Reinvestment Plan, without sales charge. For the year ended December 31, 2020, distributions amounted to \$0.48 per unit (2019 – \$0.48).

## 14. Loss Carryforwards

At December 31, 2020, the Fund had capital losses of \$7,516,886 (2019 - \$2,393,506) and had non-capital losses of \$3,307,152 (2019 – \$nil) available for carryforward for tax purposes. The capital losses can be carried forward indefinitely. The expiry dates of the non-capital losses are as follows:

| Expiry Date       | Amount       |
|-------------------|--------------|
| December 31, 2040 | \$ 3,307,152 |

15. The outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has led to governments around the world enacting emergency measures that resulted in business disruptions, volatility in markets and a global economic slowdown. The Manager uses judgment in assessing the impact from such events on assumptions and estimates applied in reporting the assets and liabilities in the Fund's financial statements at December 31, 2020. The duration and full extent of impact of the COVID-19 pandemic are unknown at the reporting date and it is therefore not possible to reliably estimate the entire impact on the financial results and position of the Fund in future periods.

## DISTRIBUTIONS (PER UNIT)

| 1997        |         | 1998   |         | 1999        |         | 2000   |         | 2001   |         | 2002   |         |
|-------------|---------|--------|---------|-------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| 30-Jun      | \$ 0.13 | 31-Mar | \$ 0.22 | 31-Mar      | \$ 0.20 | 31-Mar | \$ 0.17 | 31-Mar | \$ 0.17 | 31-Mar | \$ 0.18 |
| 30-Sep      | 0.17    | 30-Jun | 0.22    | 30-Jun      | 0.20    | 30-Jun | 0.17    | 30-Jun | 0.17    | 30-Jun | 0.18    |
| 31-Dec      | 0.20    | 30-Sep | 0.22    | 30-Sep      | 0.20    | 30-Sep | 0.17    | 30-Sep | 0.18    | 30-Sep | 0.18    |
|             |         | 31-Dec | 0.22    | 31-Dec      | 0.20    | 31-Dec | 0.17    | 31-Dec | 0.18    | 31-Dec | 0.18    |
| <b>2003</b> |         |        |         | <b>2004</b> |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |
| 31-Mar      | \$ 0.18 | 30-Sep | \$ 0.20 | 31-Mar      | \$ 0.20 | 31-Jul | \$ 0.07 | 30-Sep | \$ 0.07 | 30-Nov | \$ 0.07 |
| 30-Jun      | 0.18    | 31-Dec | 0.20    | 30-Jun      | 0.20    | 31-Aug | 0.07    | 31-Oct | 0.07    | 31-Dec | 0.07    |
| <b>2005</b> |         |        |         |             |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |
| 31-Jan      | \$ 0.07 | 31-Mar | \$ 0.07 | 31-May      | \$ 0.10 | 31-Jul | \$ 0.10 | 30-Sep | \$ 0.10 | 30-Nov | \$ 0.10 |
| 28-Feb      | 0.07    | 30-Apr | 0.10    | 30-Jun      | 0.10    | 31-Aug | 0.10    | 31-Oct | 0.10    | 31-Dec | 0.10    |
| <b>2006</b> |         |        |         |             |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |
| 31-Jan      | \$ 0.10 | 31-Mar | \$ 0.10 | 31-May      | \$ 0.10 | 31-Jul | \$ 0.10 | 30-Sep | \$ 0.10 | 30-Nov | \$ 0.10 |
| 28-Feb      | 0.10    | 30-Apr | 0.10    | 30-Jun      | 0.10    | 31-Aug | 0.10    | 31-Oct | 0.10    | 31-Dec | 0.10    |
| <b>2007</b> |         |        |         |             |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |
| 31-Jan      | \$ 0.10 | 31-Mar | \$ 0.10 | 31-May      | \$ 0.10 | 31-Jul | \$ 0.10 | 30-Sep | \$ 0.10 | 30-Nov | \$ 0.10 |
| 28-Feb      | 0.10    | 30-Apr | 0.10    | 30-Jun      | 0.10    | 31-Aug | 0.10    | 31-Oct | 0.10    | 31-Dec | 0.10    |
| <b>2008</b> |         |        |         |             |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |
| 31-Jan      | \$ 0.10 | 31-Mar | \$ 0.10 | 31-May      | \$ 0.10 | 31-Jul | \$ 0.10 | 30-Sep | \$ 0.10 | 30-Nov | \$ 0.10 |
| 28-Feb      | 0.10    | 30-Apr | 0.10    | 30-Jun      | 0.10    | 31-Aug | 0.10    | 31-Oct | 0.10    | 31-Dec | 0.10    |
| <b>2009</b> |         |        |         |             |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |
| 31-Jan      | \$ 0.07 | 31-Mar | \$ 0.07 | 31-May      | \$ 0.07 | 31-Jul | \$ 0.07 | 30-Sep | \$ 0.07 | 30-Nov | \$ 0.07 |
| 28-Feb      | 0.07    | 30-Apr | 0.07    | 30-Jun      | 0.07    | 31-Aug | 0.07    | 31-Oct | 0.07    | 31-Dec | 0.07    |
| <b>2010</b> |         |        |         |             |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |
| 31-Jan      | \$ 0.07 | 31-Mar | \$ 0.07 | 31-May      | \$ 0.07 | 31-Jul | \$ 0.07 | 30-Sep | \$ 0.07 | 30-Nov | \$ 0.07 |
| 28-Feb      | 0.07    | 30-Apr | 0.07    | 30-Jun      | 0.07    | 31-Aug | 0.07    | 31-Oct | 0.07    | 31-Dec | 0.07    |
| <b>2011</b> |         |        |         |             |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |
| 31-Jan      | \$ 0.06 | 31-Mar | \$ 0.06 | 31-May      | \$ 0.06 | 31-Jul | \$ 0.06 | 30-Sep | \$ 0.06 | 30-Nov | \$ 0.06 |
| 28-Feb      | 0.06    | 30-Apr | 0.06    | 30-Jun      | 0.06    | 31-Aug | 0.06    | 31-Oct | 0.06    | 31-Dec | 0.06    |
| <b>2012</b> |         |        |         |             |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |
| 31-Jan      | \$ 0.06 | 31-Mar | \$ 0.06 | 31-May      | \$ 0.06 | 31-Jul | \$ 0.06 | 30-Sep | \$ 0.06 | 30-Nov | \$ 0.06 |
| 28-Feb      | 0.06    | 30-Apr | 0.06    | 30-Jun      | 0.06    | 31-Aug | 0.06    | 31-Oct | 0.06    | 31-Dec | 0.06    |
| <b>2013</b> |         |        |         |             |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |
| 31-Jan      | \$ 0.06 | 31-Mar | \$ 0.06 | 31-May      | \$ 0.06 | 31-Jul | \$ 0.06 | 30-Sep | \$ 0.06 | 30-Nov | \$ 0.06 |
| 28-Feb      | 0.06    | 30-Apr | 0.06    | 30-Jun      | 0.06    | 31-Aug | 0.06    | 31-Oct | 0.06    | 31-Dec | 0.06    |
| <b>2014</b> |         |        |         |             |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |
| 31-Jan      | \$ 0.06 | 31-Mar | \$ 0.06 | 31-May      | \$ 0.06 | 31-Jul | \$ 0.06 | 30-Sep | \$ 0.06 | 30-Nov | \$ 0.06 |
| 28-Feb      | 0.06    | 30-Apr | 0.06    | 30-Jun      | 0.06    | 31-Aug | 0.06    | 31-Oct | 0.06    | 31-Dec | 0.06    |
| <b>2015</b> |         |        |         |             |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |
| 31-Jan      | \$ 0.06 | 31-Mar | \$ 0.06 | 31-May      | \$ 0.06 | 31-Jul | \$ 0.06 | 30-Sep | \$ 0.06 | 30-Nov | \$ 0.06 |
| 28-Feb      | 0.06    | 30-Apr | 0.06    | 30-Jun      | 0.06    | 31-Aug | 0.06    | 31-Oct | 0.06    | 31-Dec | 0.06    |
| <b>2016</b> |         |        |         |             |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |
| 31-Jan      | \$ 0.04 | 31-Mar | \$ 0.04 | 31-May      | \$ 0.04 | 31-Jul | \$ 0.04 | 30-Sep | \$ 0.04 | 30-Nov | \$ 0.04 |
| 28-Feb      | 0.04    | 30-Apr | 0.04    | 30-Jun      | 0.04    | 31-Aug | 0.04    | 31-Oct | 0.04    | 31-Dec | 0.04    |
| <b>2017</b> |         |        |         |             |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |
| 31-Jan      | \$ 0.04 | 31-Mar | \$ 0.04 | 31-May      | \$ 0.04 | 31-Jul | \$ 0.04 | 30-Sep | \$ 0.04 | 30-Nov | \$ 0.04 |
| 28-Feb      | 0.04    | 30-Apr | 0.04    | 30-Jun      | 0.04    | 31-Aug | 0.04    | 31-Oct | 0.04    | 31-Dec | 0.04    |

## DISTRIBUTIONS (PER UNIT)

### 2018

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|        |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |
|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| 31-Jan | \$ 0.04 | 31-Mar | \$ 0.04 | 31-May | \$ 0.04 | 31-Jul | \$ 0.04 | 30-Sep | \$ 0.04 | 30-Nov | \$ 0.04 |
| 28-Feb | 0.04    | 30-Apr | 0.04    | 30-Jun | 0.04    | 31-Aug | 0.04    | 31-Oct | 0.04    | 31-Dec | 0.04    |

### 2019

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|        |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |
|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| 31-Jan | \$ 0.04 | 31-Mar | \$ 0.04 | 31-May | \$ 0.04 | 31-Jul | \$ 0.04 | 30-Sep | \$ 0.04 | 30-Nov | \$ 0.04 |
| 28-Feb | 0.04    | 30-Apr | 0.04    | 30-Jun | 0.04    | 31-Aug | 0.04    | 31-Oct | 0.04    | 31-Dec | 0.04    |

### 2020

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|        |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |
|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| 31-Jan | \$ 0.04 | 31-Mar | \$ 0.04 | 31-May | \$ 0.04 | 31-Jul | \$ 0.04 | 30-Sep | \$ 0.04 | 30-Nov | \$ 0.04 |
| 29-Feb | 0.04    | 30-Apr | 0.04    | 30-Jun | 0.04    | 31-Aug | 0.04    | 31-Oct | 0.04    | 31-Dec | 0.04    |

### 2021

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|        |         |
|--------|---------|
| 31-Jan | \$ 0.04 |
| 28-Feb | 0.04    |

#### Distribution Reinvestment Plan:

For information regarding the Distribution Reinvestment Plan, please contact our Investor Relations department, our Transfer Agent or visit our website at [www.middlefield.com](http://www.middlefield.com).

You may voluntarily terminate your participation in the Plan and elect to receive cash instead of Plan units, by delivering to the Plan Agent (or, if you are beneficial owners of units, by having your broker or other nominee deliver to the Plan Agent (through CDS & Co., if applicable) on your behalf) a written notice of termination signed by you or your broker or other nominee, as applicable.

## 2020 TAX INFORMATION (PER UNIT)

MINT Income Fund will be issuing T3 Supplementary slips to registered unitholders by March 31, 2021. The following table outlines the allocation of the 2020 distribution for each Unit.

| Record Date        | Payable Date       | Allocation            |                   |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
|                    |                    | Distribution Per Unit | Return of Capital |
| January 31, 2020   | February 14, 2020  | \$ 0.040000           | \$ 0.040000       |
| February 29, 2020  | March 13, 2020     | 0.040000              | 0.040000          |
| March 31, 2020     | April 15, 2020     | 0.040000              | 0.040000          |
| April 30, 2020     | May 15, 2020       | 0.040000              | 0.040000          |
| May 31, 2020       | June 15, 2020      | 0.040000              | 0.040000          |
| June 30, 2020      | July 15, 2020      | 0.040000              | 0.040000          |
| July 31, 2020      | August 14, 2020    | 0.040000              | 0.040000          |
| August 31, 2020    | September 15, 2020 | 0.040000              | 0.040000          |
| September 30, 2020 | October 15, 2020   | 0.040000              | 0.040000          |
| October 31, 2020   | November 13, 2020  | 0.040000              | 0.040000          |
| November 30, 2020  | December 15, 2020  | 0.040000              | 0.040000          |
| December 31, 2020  | January 15, 2021   | 0.040000              | 0.040000          |
|                    | TOTAL              | \$ 0.480000           | \$ 0.480000       |
|                    |                    | 100.00%               | 39.89%            |

Holders of Units outside of an RRSP, RRIF or DPSP should have received a T3 tax slip from their investment dealer. T3 tax slips report Capital Gains in Box 21, Other Income in Box 26, Return of Capital in Box 42 and Eligible Dividends in Box 49. Eligible Dividends are subject to the gross-up and federal dividend tax credit rules. The Return of Capital component of the distribution is a non-taxable amount that should be deducted from the adjusted cost base of the Units.

| EXCHANGE - TRADED FUNDS (ETFs)               | TSX Stock Symbol |
|--|------------------|
| • Middlefield American Core Dividend ETF     | ACZ              |
| • Middlefield Healthcare & Life Sciences ETF | LS               |
| • Middlefield Health & Wellness ETF          | HWF              |
| • Middlefield REIT INDEXPLUS ETF             | IDR              |

**TSX-LISTED FUNDS**

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| • Digital Consumer Dividend Fund  | MDC.UN         |
| • E Split Corp.   | ENS   ENS.PR.A |
| • Global Dividend Growers Income Fund                                       | GDG.UN         |
| • Global Innovation Dividend Fund   | BL.UN          |
| • Global Real Estate & E-Commerce Dividend Fund                             | GEC.UN         |
| • International Clean Power Dividend Fund (commenced March 18, 2021)        | CLP.UN         |
| • MBN Corporation   | MBN            |
| • Middlefield Can-Global REIT Income Fund                                   | RCO.UN         |
| • Middlefield Global Real Asset Fund  | RA.UN          |
| • MINT Income Fund  | MID.UN         |
| • Real Estate & E-Commerce Split Corp. (commenced November 19, 2020)        | RS   RS.PR.A   |
| • Sustainable Infrastructure Dividend Fund                                  | INF.UN         |
| • Sustainable Innovation & Health Dividend Fund (commenced August 14, 2020) | SIH.UN         |

**MIDDLEFIELD MUTUAL FUNDS TRUST FUNDS**

|   | Fund Code        |
|---|------------------|
| <b>Series A Units</b>   | <b>FE/LL/DSC</b> |
| • ACTIVE Resources Income Fund (formerly ACTIVEnergy Income Fund) | MID 235/237/240  |
| • Global Healthcare Dividend Fund                                 | MID 325/327/330  |
| • INDEXPLUS Income Fund   | MID 435/437/440  |
| • Middlefield Global Infrastructure Fund                          | MID 510/519/520  |

**Series F Units**

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| • ACTIVE Resources Income Fund (formerly ACTIVEnergy Income Fund) | MID 236 |
| • Global Healthcare Dividend Fund                                 | MID 326 |
| • INDEXPLUS Income Fund   | MID 436 |
| • Middlefield Global Infrastructure Fund                          | MID 501 |

**MIDDLEFIELD MUTUAL FUNDS CORPORATE CLASS FUNDS**

|  | Fund Code        |
|--|------------------|
| <b>Series A Shares</b>   | <b>FE/LL/DSC</b> |
| • Middlefield Canadian Dividend Growers Class  | MID 148/449/450  |
| • Middlefield Global Agriculture Class   | MID 161/163/166  |
| • Middlefield Global Dividend Growers Class  | MID 181/183/186  |
| • Middlefield Global Real Estate Class   | MID 600/649/650  |
| • Middlefield Global Sustainable Energy Class (formerly Middlefield Global Energy Class) | MID 125/127/130  |
| • Middlefield High Interest Income Class (formerly Middlefield Short-Term Income Class)  | MID 400/424/425  |
| • Middlefield Income Plus Class  | MID 800/849/850  |
| • Middlefield U.S. Dividend Growers Class  | MID 710/719/720  |

**Series F Shares**

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| • Middlefield Canadian Dividend Growers Class  | MID 149 |
| • Middlefield Global Agriculture Class   | MID 162 |
| • Middlefield Global Dividend Growers Class  | MID 182 |
| • Middlefield Global Real Estate Class   | MID 601 |
| • Middlefield Global Sustainable Energy Class (formerly Middlefield Global Energy Class) | MID 126 |
| • Middlefield Income Plus Class  | MID 801 |
| • Middlefield U.S. Dividend Growers Class  | MID 701 |

**RESOURCE FUNDS**

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|---|
| • Discovery 2020 Short Duration LP (commenced September 25, 2020)     |
| • MRF 2021 Resource Limited Partnership (commenced February 18, 2021) |

**INTERNATIONAL FUNDS**

|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| • Middlefield Canadian Income PCC | London UK Stock Exchange (LSE) Symbol: MCT |
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