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INDEXPLUS *Income Fund* COMPLETES CONVERSION TO A MUTUAL FUND

Middlefield Group, on behalf of INDEXPLUS *Income Fund* (MID 435/437/440/436) (the "Fund"), is pleased to announce the successful completion, effective today, of the previously announced conversion into an open-end mutual fund trust.

Unitholders of the Fund are not required to take any action in order to be recognized as Series F unitholders and will have access to their units on or before June 15, 2017. The mutual fund simplified prospectus will be filed in all of the provinces and territories of Canada tomorrow, which will allow unitholders to purchase, redeem and switch Series A & Series F units at no charge.

Investment Objective – the Fund will continue the successful low cost strategy of investing in a diversified portfolio of equity income securities of which a portion tracks the S&P/TSX Composite High Dividend Index with the remainder of the portfolio actively managed to enhance returns and reduce the risks associated with indexing.

Distribution – the Fund currently provides and intends to maintain a monthly distribution of \$0.05 per unit, representing an annualized distribution of \$0.60 per unit.

For further information on the Fund, please visit our website at <u>www.middlefield.com</u> or contact Nancy Tham or Michael Bury in our Sales and Marketing Department at 1.888.890.1868.

Commissions, trailing commissions, management fees and expenses all may be associated with mutual fund investments. Please read the prospectus before investing. The indicated rates of return are the historical annual compounded total returns including changes in unit value and reinvestment of all distributions and does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or optional charges or income taxes payable by any securityholder that would have reduced returns. Mutual funds are not guaranteed, their values change frequently and past performance may not be repeated.

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