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MIDDLEFIELD ANNOUNCES UNITHOLDER APPROVAL OF SHORT DURATION BOND PLUS FUND

Middlefield Limited (the "Manager"), the manager of INDEXPLUS Income Fund ("the Fund"), is pleased to announce that at the reconvened Special Meeting of Unitholders held on January 30, 2026, unitholders voted in favour of the proposed amendments to the Fund, including changing the Fund's name to Middlefield Short Duration Bond Plus Fund and revising the Fund's investment objectives and strategies to reposition the Fund as a fixed income focused strategy, providing exposure to a diversified range of short duration fixed income instruments, including cash equivalents, government bonds, corporate bonds, syndicated corporate loans, convertible bonds and related derivatives.

The Manager believes that the current fixed income environment, characterized by elevated interest rates and attractive yields across credit tiers, presents a favourable opportunity for income generation and risk adjusted returns. The Amendments are intended to enhance capital preservation, support consistent distributions and provide the potential for capital appreciation while maintaining a low volatility profile. In connection with these changes, the management fee for the Fund's Series A Units will be reduced from 1.50% to 1.00%, with no change to the management fee for Series F Units. The Amendments are expected to be implemented concurrently with, or soon after, the launch of the Middlefield Short Duration Bond Plus ETF on or about February 3, 2026.

About Middlefield

Founded in 1979, Middlefield is an income focused asset manager with offices in Toronto, Canada and London, England. Our investment team has developed a disciplined investment process over many years that seeks to identify attractive opportunities while evaluating the risks that impact returns. Our specialized suite of innovative investment solutions for both individual and institutional investors include Exchange-Traded Funds trading in Canada, the UK, Italy and Germany as well as Canadian Mutual Funds, Split Share Corporations, Closed-End Funds and Flow-through LPs. Our core business currently includes seven income mandates: Real Estate, Healthcare, Innovation, Infrastructure, Energy, Diversified Income and Fixed Income, all of which incorporate our focus on diversification in market sectors and companies which have the ability to generate growing levels of cash flows.

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