

# Annual Management Report of Fund Performance

for the year ended December 31, 2017



## First Asset Active Credit ETF

**Fund:**

First Asset Active Credit ETF

**Securities:**

Common Units - Listed Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX"): FAO

Advisor Class Units - Listed TSX: FAO.A (On July 14, 2017, the Advisor Class Units were converted into Common Units.)

US\$ Common Units - Listed TSX: FAO.U

US\$ Advisor Class Units - Listed TSX: FAO.V (On July 14, 2017, the US\$ Advisor Class Units were converted into US\$ Common Units.)

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This annual management report of fund performance contains financial highlights but does not contain the complete annual financial statements of the investment fund. You can get a copy of the annual financial statements at your request, and at no cost, by calling 1-877-642-1289, by writing to us at First Asset Investment Management Inc., 2 Queen Street East, Suite 1200, Toronto, ON, M5C 3G7 or by visiting our website at [www.firstasset.com](http://www.firstasset.com) or SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

Securityholders may also contact us using one of these methods to request a copy of the investment fund's proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record, or quarterly portfolio disclosure.

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES

The investment objective of the First Asset Active Credit ETF (the "Fund") is to maximize long term risk-adjusted total returns, delivered through cash distributions and long term capital appreciation, in a manner consistent with preservation of capital and prudent risk management by actively investing primarily in Credit Securities of North American issuers, including high yield bonds (senior secured and senior unsecured), investment grade bonds, senior floating rate loans of varying maturities and other floating rate fixed income securities.

## RISKS

There were no changes to the Fund over the period of this report that materially affected the overall level of risk associated with an investment in the Fund. Holders should still refer to the prospectus of the Fund as it contains a detailed discussion of risk and other considerations relating to an investment in the Fund. The prospectus is available free of charge on our website at [www.firstasset.com](http://www.firstasset.com) and on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The Fund's net assets increased by \$16.8 million to \$37.2 million from December 31, 2016 to December 31, 2017. The Fund had net sales of \$17.2 million for the year. The Fund paid distributions totalling \$1.7 million while the portfolio's performance increased assets by \$1.3 million. Common Units returned 5.3%, after fees and expenses for the one-year period ended December 31, 2017. The Fund's benchmark returned 4.2%. The Fund's benchmark is the Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index. Please refer to the "Past Performance" section which outlines the performance of the Fund's other classes of securities.

The global economic environment was strong for the year ended December 31, 2017. In the U.S., there was solid gross domestic product growth, strong jobs reports coupled with reduced unemployment rates, and a high level of consumer confidence. U.S. credit markets experienced high pricing, tightening yield spreads and narrowing yields.

Investment selection was the primary driver of the Fund's performance during the period. Eight of the Fund's top performers were new to the portfolio. A focus on senior secured debt of high-quality, stable businesses contributed to the Fund's performance. In many cases, the Portfolio Manager has followed or invested in these companies for several years. Top individual contributors to performance included KB Home and Valeant Pharmaceuticals International Inc.

One of the top individual detractors from the Fund's performance was PetSmart Inc., which was impacted by broader concerns around retail businesses. However, the Portfolio Manager continues to believe in the company's future operations and sustainability. Other individual detractors from performance included American Commercial Lines Inc.

During the period, there were no notable transactions that impacted the Fund's performance.

## RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

The Fund is invested in strong, stable businesses that are expected to withstand a changing market environment, while the Portfolio Manager remains focused on individual credit selection. Given the Fund's partial focus on floating-rate leveraged loans, it should be well positioned to minimize duration (interest rate sensitivity) risk should interest rates increase in the near term.

On July 14, 2017, the Advisor Class Units and US\$ Advisor Class Units were converted into the corresponding Common Units and US\$ Common Units of the Fund based on the respective net asset values of the classes as of July 13, 2017. As a result of the conversion, each securityholder of the Advisor Class Units and US\$ Advisor Class Units received 1.0045 Common Units and 1.0035 US\$ Common Units of the Fund, respectively.

## RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

First Asset is deemed to be a related party to the Fund. Please refer to the "Management Fee" section below which outlines fees paid to these parties. F.A. Administration Services Inc., an affiliate of First Asset, administers the Fund's relationship with the Fund's Independent Review Committee ("IRC") on behalf of First Asset, however, it receives no compensation for doing so.

The Fund has received standing instructions from its IRC with respect to the certain related party transactions: (a) trades in securities of CI Financial Corp. (referred to as "Related Issuer Trades"), which indirectly owns and controls First Asset; (b) purchases or sales of securities of an issuer from or to another investment fund managed by First Asset (referred to as "Inter-Fund Trades"); (c) purchases or sales by the Fund of securities of another investment fund managed by First Asset (referred to as "Related Fund Trades"); and (d) mergers of funds with another fund that is subject to National Instrument 81-102 ("Fund Mergers").

The applicable standing instructions require that related party transactions be conducted in accordance with First Asset's policies and procedures. First Asset is required to advise the IRC of any material breach of a condition of the standing instructions. The standing instructions require, among other things, that the investment decision in respect to related party transactions (a) are made by First Asset free from any influence by any entities related to First Asset and without taking into account any consideration to any affiliate of First Asset; (b) represent the business judgment of First Asset uninfluenced by considerations other than the best interests of the Fund; and (c) are made in compliance

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with First Asset's policies and procedures. Transactions made by First Asset in respect of the Fund under the standing instructions are subsequently reviewed by the IRC on a semi-annual basis to monitor compliance.

Except as otherwise noted below, First Asset, the Portfolio Manager and the Fund were not party to any related party transactions during the year ended December 31, 2017.

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## Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance since inception.

### THE FUND'S NET ASSETS PER SECURITY <sup>(1) \*</sup>

Common Units	Year Ended Dec. 31, 2017	Year Ended Dec. 31, 2016	Period from Inception to Dec. 31, 2015
	\$	\$	\$
Commencement of operations January 12, 2015			
<b>Net assets, beginning of year</b>	9.88	9.16	10.00
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations</b>			
Total revenue	0.59	0.64	0.56
Total expenses	(0.12)	(0.12)	(0.11)
Realized gains (losses) for the year	0.54	(0.09)	0.44
Unrealized gains (losses) for the year	(0.53)	0.81	(1.26)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>0.48</b>	<b>1.24</b>	<b>(0.37)</b>
<b>Distributions</b>			
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.48)	(0.53)	(0.43)
From dividends	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-
Return of capital	(0.06)	(0.02)	(0.10)
<b>Total distributions <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>(0.54)</b>	<b>(0.55)</b>	<b>(0.53)</b>
<b>Net assets, end of the year <sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>9.85</b>	<b>9.88</b>	<b>9.16</b>

### RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

Total net asset value (\$000's) <sup>(5)</sup>	33,375	17,411	16,146
Number of securities outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	3,387,565	1,762,453	1,762,454
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	1.15	1.30	1.16
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	1.56	1.83	1.27
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	77.27	36.48	58.15
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	0.01	0.01	0.02
Net asset value per security (\$)	9.85	9.88	9.16
Closing market price (\$) <sup>(9)</sup>	9.88	9.87	9.22

\*Footnotes for the tables are found at the end of the Financial Highlights section.

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## Financial Highlights (cont'd)

### THE FUND'S NET ASSETS PER SECURITY <sup>(1) \*</sup>

Advisor Class Units	Year Ended Dec. 31, 2017 <sup>^</sup>	Year Ended Dec. 31, 2016	Period from Inception to Dec. 31, 2015
Commencement of operations January 12, 2015	\$	\$	\$
<b>Net assets, beginning of year</b>	9.92	9.20	10.00
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations</b>			
Total revenue	0.60	0.64	0.56
Total expenses	(0.09)	(0.17)	(0.16)
Realized gains (losses) for the year	2.03	(0.09)	0.34
Unrealized gains (losses) for the year	(2.14)	0.84	(1.16)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>0.40</b>	<b>1.22</b>	<b>(0.42)</b>
<b>Distributions</b>			
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.25)	(0.47)	(0.38)
From dividends	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	(0.03)	(0.05)
<b>Total distributions <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>(0.25)</b>	<b>(0.50)</b>	<b>(0.43)</b>
<b>Net assets, end of the year <sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9.92</b>	<b>9.20</b>

### RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

Total net asset value (\$000's) <sup>(5)</sup>	-	248	230
Number of securities outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	-	25,000	25,000
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	1.73	1.81	1.72
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	1.73	2.33	1.83
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	77.27	36.48	58.15
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	0.01	0.01	0.02
Net asset value per security (\$)	-	9.92	9.20
Closing market price (\$) <sup>(9)</sup>	-	9.95	9.25

<sup>^</sup>There were no Advisor Class units outstanding as at December 31, 2017.

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## Financial Highlights (cont'd)

### THE FUND'S NET ASSETS PER SECURITY <sup>(1) \*</sup>

US\$ Common Units	Year Ended Dec. 31, 2017	Year Ended Dec. 31, 2016	Period from Inception to Dec. 31, 2015
Commencement of operations January 12, 2015	\$	\$	\$
<b>Net assets, beginning of year</b>	US\$ 9.74	US\$ 9.16	US\$ 10.00
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations</b>			
Total revenue	US\$ 0.61	US\$ 0.63	US\$ 0.57
Total expenses	(0.12)	(0.11)	(0.11)
Realized gains (losses) for the year	(0.07)	(0.06)	0.32
Unrealized gains (losses) for the year	(0.57)	(0.18)	0.07
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>US\$ (0.15)</b>	<b>US\$ 0.28</b>	<b>US\$ 0.85</b>
<b>Distributions</b>			
From income (excluding dividends)	US\$ (0.49)	US\$ (0.55)	US\$ (0.42)
From dividends	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-
Return of capital	(0.07)	-	(0.10)
<b>Total distributions <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>US\$ (0.56)</b>	<b>US\$ (0.55)</b>	<b>US\$ (0.52)</b>
<b>Net assets, end of the year <sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>US\$ 9.82</b>	<b>US\$ 9.74</b>	<b>US\$ 9.16</b>

### RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

Total net asset value (\$000's) <sup>(5)</sup>	3,791	2,396	5,457
Number of securities outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	308,236	183,150	433,151
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	1.15	1.26	1.16
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	1.56	1.79	1.28
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	77.27	36.48	58.15
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	0.01	0.01	0.02
Net asset value per security (\$)	US\$ 9.82	US\$ 9.74	US\$ 9.11
Closing market price (\$) <sup>(9)</sup>	US\$ 9.78	US\$ 9.74	US\$ 9.10

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## Financial Highlights (cont'd)

### THE FUND'S NET ASSETS PER SECURITY <sup>(1)</sup>

US\$ Advisor Class Units	Year Ended Dec. 31, 2017 <sup>^</sup>	Year Ended Dec. 31, 2016	Period from Inception to Dec. 31, 2015
Commencement of operations January 12, 2015	\$	\$	\$
<b>Net assets, beginning of year</b>	US\$ 9.78	US\$ 9.15	US\$ 10.00
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations</b>			
Total revenue	US\$ 0.62	US\$ 0.63	US\$ 0.56
Total expenses	(0.10)	(0.16)	(0.16)
Realized gains (losses) for the year	1.22	(0.09)	0.34
Unrealized gains (losses) for the year	(1.92)	0.47	0.11
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup></b>	US\$ (0.18)	US\$ 0.85	US\$ 0.85
<b>Distributions</b>			
From income (excluding dividends)	US\$ (0.26)	US\$ (0.47)	US\$ (0.38)
From dividends	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	(0.03)	(0.05)
<b>Total distributions <sup>(3)</sup></b>	US\$ (0.26)	US\$ (0.50)	US\$ (0.43)
<b>Net assets, end of the year <sup>(4)</sup></b>	US\$ -	US\$ 9.78	US\$ 9.15

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Total net asset value (\$000's) <sup>(5)</sup>	-	328	316
Number of securities outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	-	25,000	25,000
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	1.70	1.81	1.72
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	1.70	2.34	1.84
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	77.27	36.48	58.15
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	0.01	0.01	0.02
Net asset value per security (\$)	US\$ -	US\$ 9.78	US\$ 9.15
Closing market price (\$) <sup>(9)</sup>	US\$ -	US\$ 9.84	US\$ 10.05

#### Notes:

(1) This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements. The term "net assets" used in this report and the term "net assets attributable to holders of redeemable securities" used in the Fund's financial statements are interchangeable.

(2) Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of securities outstanding at the relevant time. The increase (decrease) from operations is based on the weighted average number of securities outstanding over the financial year.

(3) Distributions were paid in cash.

(4) This is not a reconciliation of the beginning and ending net assets per security.

(5) This information is provided as at December 31 of the year shown.

(6) Management expense ratio is based on total expenses (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) for the stated year, including the Fund's proportionate share of such expenses of any underlying fund in which the Fund has invested and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the year.

(7) The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Portfolio Manager manages the Fund's portfolio investments. 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 a 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 high turnover rate and the performance of a fund.

(8) 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, including the Fund's proportionate share of such expenses of any underlying fund in which the Fund has invested.

(9) Closing market price.

<sup>^</sup>There were no Advisor Class units outstanding as at December 31, 2017.

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## Management Fee

First Asset manages and administers the business operations and affairs of the Fund. First Asset has retained the Portfolio Manager to provide portfolio management services required by the Fund. As compensation for the services it provides to the Fund, the Fund pays First Asset an annual management fee on the Common Units and US\$ Common Units at the maximum annual rate set out below. The fee is based on the net asset value of the relevant class, and is calculated daily and paid monthly in arrears. First Asset pays the Portfolio Manager out of its management fee. The services provided by First Asset to the Fund include, without limitation, the proper oversight to ensure implementation of the Fund's investment strategies, negotiating contracts with certain third party service providers, authorizing the payment of operating expenses incurred on behalf of the Fund, maintaining certain accounting and financial records, calculating the amount and determining the frequency of distributions by the Fund, ensuring that securityholders are provided with financial statements and other reports as are required from time to time by applicable law, ensuring that the Fund complies with all other regulatory requirements including continuous disclosure obligations under applicable securities law and administering redemptions and other transactions in securities. Where the Fund invests in other investment funds, in accordance with the provisions of National Instrument 81-102, First Asset ensures that there is no duplication of management fees charged by the Fund and any other underlying investment fund for the same service.

	Maximum annual management fee rate	As a percentage of management fee	
		Dealer compensation	General administration and profit
Common Units	0.85%	-	100%
US\$ Common Units	0.85%	-	100%

On July 14, 2017, Advisor Class Units and US\$ Advisor Class Units converted into Common Units and US\$ Common Units, respectively. Prior to the conversion, Advisor Class Units and US\$ Advisor Class Units paid First Asset 1.35% and 1.35% in annual management fees, inclusive of dealer service fees, respectively.

For the year ended December 31, 2017, First Asset waived and absorbed expenses of the Fund totalling \$125,455.

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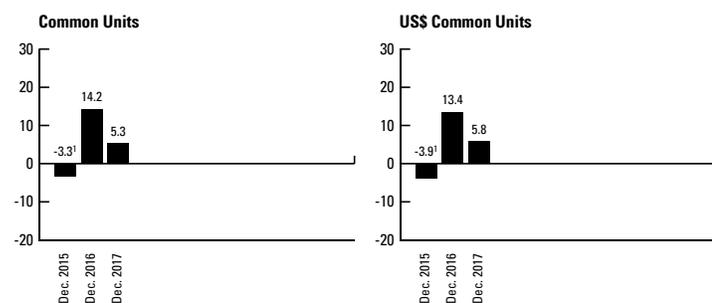
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## Past Performance

Please note that the performance information shown in this section assumes that all distributions made by the Fund in the years shown were reinvested in additional securities of the Fund. Also note that the performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges that would have reduced returns on performance. The performance of the Fund in the past does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.

## YEAR-BY-YEAR RETURNS <sup>(1)</sup>

The following bar charts show annual performance for each class of the Fund's securities for the financial years shown and illustrate how the Fund's performance has changed from year to year. The bar charts show, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of each financial year would have grown or decreased by the last day of each financial year.



<sup>1</sup> 2015 return is for the period from January 12, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

## ANNUAL COMPOUND RETURNS

The table below summarizes the Fund's annual compound total returns for the years ended December 31 as indicated. As a basis for comparison we have provided the performance of the Credit Suisse High Yield Index ("Index A") and the Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index ("Index B"). The Credit Suisse High Yield Index is designed to mirror the investable universe of the \$US-denominated high yield debt market and the Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan is an index designed to mirror the investable universe of the \$US-denominated leveraged loan market. As the criteria for determining the constituents of the Fund and the indices differ, it is not expected that the Fund's performance will mirror that of the indices. A discussion on the relative performance of the Fund as compared to its benchmark index can be found under the Results of Operations section of this report. Further, the return of the indices is calculated without the deduction of management fees and fund expenses whereas the performance of the Fund is calculated after deducting such fees and expenses.

	One Year (%)	Three Years (%)	Five Years (%)	Ten Years (%)	Since Inception (%)
<b>Common Units</b>	5.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	5.2
Index A	7.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	6.5
Index B	4.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	4.6
<b>USS Common Units</b>	5.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	4.9
Index A	7.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	6.5
Index B	4.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	4.6

(1) Returns based on net asset value per security.

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## Summary of Investment Portfolio as at December 31, 2017

Category	% of Net Asset Value	Category	% of Net Asset Value	Top 25 Holdings	% of Net Asset Value
<b>Country allocation</b>		<b>Sector allocation</b>			
United States .....	88.6	Industrials .....	17.0	SPDR Bloomberg Barclays High Yield Bond ETF .....	8.1
Cash and Cash Equivalents .....	4.4	Investment Fund.....	15.2	iShares iBoxx \$ High Yield Corporate Bond ETF .....	7.2
Luxembourg.....	3.8	Information Technology .....	15.1	Cash and Cash Equivalents .....	4.4
Canada .....	3.3	Financials .....	10.5	KB Home, 7.63%, May 15, 2023 .....	1.9
Ireland .....	1.7	Consumer Discretionary.....	10.5	Citgo Holding Inc., 10.75%, February 15, 2020 .....	1.8
Other assets, net of liabilities .....	(1.8)	Health Care .....	7.6	American Axle & Manufacturing Inc., 6.25%, April 1, 2025 .....	1.8
		Energy.....	7.0	Sprint Capital Corp., 6.90%, May 1, 2019 .....	1.8
		Utilities.....	6.0	Gartner Inc., 5.13%, April 1, 2025 .....	1.8
		Cash and Cash Equivalents .....	4.4	Zayo Group LLC / Zayo Capital Inc., 6.00%, April 1, 2023 .....	1.8
		Consumer Staples.....	4.3	BWAY Holding Co., 5.50%, April 15, 2024 .....	1.8
		Telecommunication Services.....	4.2	Peabody Energy Corp., 6.00%, March 31, 2022 .....	1.8
		Other assets, net of liabilities .....	(1.8)	Infor (US) Inc., 6.50%, May 15, 2022 .....	1.8
				PBF Logistics LP / PBF Logistics Finance Corp., 6.88%, May 15, 2023 .....	1.7
				Sinclair Television Group Inc., 6.13%, October 1, 2022 .....	1.7
				Hilton Worldwide Finance LLC / Hilton Worldwide Finance Corp., 4.63%, April 1, 2025 .....	1.7
				Select Medical Corp., 6.38%, June 1, 2021 .....	1.7
				LPL Holdings Inc., 5.75%, September 15, 2025 .....	1.7
				FTS International Inc., 9.21%, June 15, 2020 .....	1.7
				Pike Corp. ....	1.7
				Endo Dac / Endo Finance LLC / Endo Finco Inc., 5.88%, October 15, 2024 .....	1.7
				USIS Merger Sub Inc., 6.88%, May 1, 2025 .....	1.7
				1011778 B.C. ULC / New Red Finance Inc., 5.00%, October 15, 2025 .....	1.7
				Change Healthcare Holdings LLC / Change Healthcare Finance Inc., 5.75%, March 1, 2025 .....	1.7
				CommScope Technologies LLC, 5.00%, March 15, 2027 .....	1.7
				Sterling Infosystems Inc. ....	1.7
				<b>Total Net Asset Value</b>	<b>\$37,165,558</b>

This is a summary only and will change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund. A quarterly update is available on [www.firstasset.com](http://www.firstasset.com).

## A NOTE ON FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This report may contain forward-looking statements about the Fund, its future performance, strategies or prospects, and possible future Fund action. The words "may," "could," "should," "would," "suspect," "outlook," "believe," "plan," "anticipate," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "forecast," "objective," and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance. Forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties, both about the Fund and general economic factors, so it is possible that predictions, forecasts, projections and other forward-looking statements will not be achieved. We caution you not to place undue reliance on these statements as a number of important factors could cause actual events or results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in any

forward-looking statement made by the Fund. These factors include, but are not limited to, general economic, political and market factors in Canada, the United States and internationally, interest and foreign exchanges rates, global equity and capital markets, business competition, technological changes, changes in laws and regulations, judicial or regulatory judgments, legal proceedings and catastrophic events.

The above list of important factors that may affect future results is not exhaustive. Before making any investment decisions, we encourage you to consider these and other factors carefully. All opinions contained in forward-looking statements are subject to change without notice and are provided in good faith but without legal responsibility.