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Management Discussion of Fund Performance Portland Global Dividend Fund

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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.

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INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGIES

The investment objective of the Portland Global Dividend Fund (the Fund) is to provide income and long-term total returns by investing primarily in a high-quality portfolio of global dividend-paying equities. Its investment strategy is to invest primarily in a globally diversified portfolio of equities/American Depository Receipts (ADRs), income securities, preferred shares, options and exchange-traded funds (ETFs).

RISK

The overall risk level has not changed for the Fund and remains as discussed in the prospectus. Investors should be able to accept a medium level of risk and plan to hold for the medium to long term.

As at April 17, 2019, the risk rating of the Fund was changed from a medium level of risk to a low to medium level of risk.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

For the period September 30, 2017 to March 31, 2019 while the Series F units of the Fund had a return of (2.4%), the Fund's benchmark index, the MSCI World Total Return Index rose 0.6%. For the full period since the launch of the Fund on May 29, 2014 to March 31, 2019, the benchmark had an annualized return of 11.1%. For the same period the Fund's Series F units had an annualized return of 3.6%. Since the Fund does not necessarily invest in the same securities as the benchmark, the performance of the Fund may not be directly comparable to the benchmark. In addition, the Fund's performance reflects the use of currency hedging and unlike the benchmark, the Fund's return is after the deduction of its fees and expenses.

During the period, equity investors faced the volatile realities of a shift from quantitative easing (i.e. bond purchasing) and very low interest rates coupled with the backdrop of global trade tensions, political unrest and further uncertainties because of the Brexit saga. In fact, as the majority of developed economies are yet to adopt meaningful pro-growth measures, rising U.S. interest rates, the U.S. Federal Reserve shrinking its balance sheet and the European Central Bank ending its bond buying program stirred worries over a new era of 'quantitative tightening' that rattled markets. Over the last 3 months the Federal Reserve's approach has flip-flopped, effectively placing on hold its earlier resolve to raise rates. During this period, some sectors performed

poorly with the Fund's exposure to consumer non-cyclicals (i.e. Dignity PLC and Aryzta AG) and consumer staples (The Kraft Heinz Company) detracting the most while healthcare (i.e. Novartis AG), materials (i.e. BHP Group PLC) and utilities fared the best. Currently, the Fund hedges approximately 39% of its non-Canadian dollar exposure, predominantly reflecting its exposure to the Australian dollar, Swiss franc, Euro, British pound, and U.S. dollar.

The Fund has a target of approximately 5% distribution per annum per unit which it has met since inception. During the period, the Fund's paid distributions exceeded the Fund's earnings from dividends, derivatives and net realized gains. An indicator that the Fund may meet its 5% distribution target includes the dividend yield (a financial ratio that shows how much a company pays out in dividends relative to its share price) of the equities of the Fund. Sourced from Thomson Reuters, the equity component's trailing weighted average dividend yield as at March 31, 2019 was 4.6%, compared to the benchmark's 2.5%.

During the period, the Fund profitably sold its positions in JPMorgan Chase & Co., LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton SE, Newell Brands Inc. (bought and sold during the period), Novartis AG, Reckitt Benckiser Group PLC, Rentokil Initial PLC, Roche Holding AG, and Walmart Inc. The Fund also profitably reduced its positions in AusNet Services (electricity transmission), BHP Group PLC (global metals and mining), Compass Group PLC (global leader in food services), Nestlé SA (the world's largest food company), Novartis AG (health care product leader), NN Group NV (insurance) and reduced its holding in Oaktree Strategic Income Corporation. Also, the Fund exited its positions in Aryzta AG, Barclays PLC, Crescent Point Energy Corp. and WPP PLC to fund redemptions and increase stakes in Brookfield Property Partners LP, The Kraft Heinz Company, GEA Group AG (food processing), HSBC Holdings PLC (global bank) and South32 Ltd. (metals and mining).

During the period, the Fund's net assets decreased from \$5 million to \$3.3 million, primarily driven by redemptions initiated by a financial adviser in December whose clients comprised a concentrated portion of the Fund. Given the liquidity of the larger capitalized companies held in the Fund, the Manager does not believe the payouts had a material impact upon the management of the Fund and every effort is made to fund payouts in a manner that optimizes the Fund's composition and positions it for the future.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Signs of a late-cycle economy and unresolved Chinese-U.S. tension does not mean a recession lurks around the corner. However, the U.S. Treasury Yield curve, reflecting the difference between 2-year and 10-year Treasury yields has flattened to levels not seen in a decade. A negative yield is ordinarily an indicator of a recession. Global activity appears to be still expanding alongside company earnings whereas the recent lower/replicating in equities reflects an anticipated slower pace of growth and margin compression for companies from higher interest rates and wages.

Bond markets face rising rates for the first time in some four decades, which is already creating significant asset reallocations and liquidity issues leading to increased periods of volatility. While increased volatility may be unsettling, it is to be expected as rates rise and Central Banks wean their countries off support mechanisms and towards more normal rates and markets. Also as the U.S. proceeds towards trade 'wars' rather than an infrastructure agenda and the U.K.'s 'Brexit' negotiations with the E.U. remain protracted there is plenty of scope for turmoil. And markets remind us from time to time that they can veer from complacency to panic over a week-end.

A distinguishing feature of the Fund is focused investing, i.e. holding a limited number of investments. Portland Investment Counsel Inc. has long held that the key to wealth creation is owning a few high quality businesses. We employ this approach in the management of the Fund. Positions in the Fund will generally be those of mid to larger capitalization companies, which we believe have strong financial positions, robust dividend policies and are undervalued. At such times, we believe a pivot towards 'value' rather than 'growth' criteria is likely to predominate as investors seek businesses that are priced reasonably, particularly in a reflationary environment. Overall, we believe that the Fund is currently well positioned to meet its investment objective for the medium to long term. We will continue to evaluate opportunities that we believe may generate income, enhance returns and/or reduce risk wherever possible.

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Manager is responsible for the day-to-day operation of and for providing investment management services to the Fund. The Manager receives a fee for providing these services. This is calculated daily based on the net asset value of the Fund and paid monthly. During the period ended March 31, 2019, the Manager received \$31,552 in management fees from the Fund, net of applicable taxes (March 31, 2018: \$49,343).

Any administrative services paid for or provided by the Manager are charged to the Fund and are grouped and presented by expense type in the statements of comprehensive income. Depending on their nature, some expenditures are allocated to the Fund based upon the net asset value or actual costs incurred. During the period ended March 31, 2019, the Manager was reimbursed \$9,485 for operating expenses incurred on behalf of the Fund, including amounts paid to affiliates, net of applicable taxes (March 31, 2018: \$14,987). The Manager absorbed \$62,835 of operating expenses during the period ended March 31, 2019, net of applicable taxes (March 31, 2018: \$53,535).

Affiliates of the Manager provide administrative services associated with the day-to-day operations of the Fund. These affiliates of the Manager were reimbursed \$246 during the period ended March 31, 2019 by the Fund for such services (March 31, 2018: \$661).

The Manager and/or its affiliates and key management personnel of the Manager and their family (collectively referred to as Related Parties) may invest in units of the Fund from time to time in the normal course of business. Transactions to purchase or redeem units are made at net asset value per unit. Standing instructions from the independent review committee were not required or obtained for such transactions. As at March 31, 2019, the Manager and Related Parties held 498 and 3,881 shares, respectively, of the Fund (March 31, 2018: Manager: 527, Related Parties: 3,093).

The Board of Directors of the Manager is responsible for reviewing and approving the financial statements and overseeing management's performance of its financial reporting responsibilities.

Notes

Certain statements included in this Management Discussion of Fund Performance constitute forward-looking statements, including those identified by the expressions "anticipate," "believe," "plan," "estimate," "expect," "intend" and similar expressions to the extent they relate to the Fund. These forward-looking statements are not historical facts, but reflect the current expectations of the portfolio management team regarding future results or events of the Fund. These forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from current expectations. The portfolio management team has no specific intention of updating any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by securities legislation.

Certain research and information about specific holdings in the Fund, including any opinion, is based upon various sources believed to be reliable, but it cannot be guaranteed to be current, accurate or complete. It is for information only, and is subject to change without notice.

Summary of Investment Portfolio as at March 31, 2019

Top 25 Investments

	% of Net Asset Value
Long Positions	
Dufry AG	10.9%
Royal Dutch Shell PLC	10.1%
Cash	9.0%
Brookfield Property Partners L.P.	7.4%
GEA Group AG	6.3%
Amcor Limited	6.1%
Mondelez International Inc.	6.0%
Prudential PLC	5.7%
Dignity PLC	5.7%
BHP Group PLC	4.8%
South32 Limited	4.7%
Total SA	4.5%
NN Group NV	4.2%
Canada Government Bond 2.250% June 1, 2029	3.2%
Oaktree Strategic Income Corporation	3.2%
AusNet Services	3.0%
HSBC Holdings PLC	2.7%
Compass Group PLC	2.4%
Diageo PLC	1.3%
The Kraft Heinz Company	1.3%
Nestlé SA	0.4%
Technology Select Sector SPDR Fund ETF	0.1%
Total	103.0%
Short Positions	
BHP Group PLC, Call 50, 21/06/2019	-0.2%
Mondelez International Inc., Call 50, 17/05/2019	-0.1%
BHP Group PLC, Call 50, 18/04/2019	0.0%
The Kraft Heinz Company, Call 42.5, 17/05/2019	0.0%
ABB Ltd, Put 18, 21/06/2019	0.0%
Diageo PLC, Call 165, 19/07/2019	0.0%
BHP Group PLC, Call 55, 20/09/2019	0.0%
Total SA, Call 60, 17/05/2019	0.0%
Royal Dutch Shell PLC, Call 65, 18/04/2019	0.0%
Royal Dutch Shell PLC, Call 70, 19/07/2019	0.0%
Total	-0.3%
Total net asset value	\$3,335,811

The investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the investment fund. Quarterly updates are available within 60 days of each quarter end by visiting www.portlandic.com or contacting us at 1-888-710-4242.

Portfolio Composition

Sector	
Consumer Discretionary	19.0%
Materials	15.6%
Financials	15.8%
Energy	14.6%
Consumer Staples	9.0%
Real Estate	7.4%
Industrials	6.3%
Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	6.2%
Government Bonds	3.2%
Utilities	3.0%
Currency Forwards	0.1%
Exchange Traded Funds	0.1%
Short Positions - Derivatives	-0.3%
Geographic Region	
United Kingdom	32.3%
Australia	13.9%
Switzerland	11.3%
United States	10.6%
Bermuda	7.4%
Germany	6.3%
Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	6.2%
France	4.5%
Netherlands	4.2%
Canada	3.2%
Currency Forwards	0.1%

Other Net Assets (Liabilities) refers to cash on hand plus all other assets and liabilities in the Fund excluding portfolio investments.

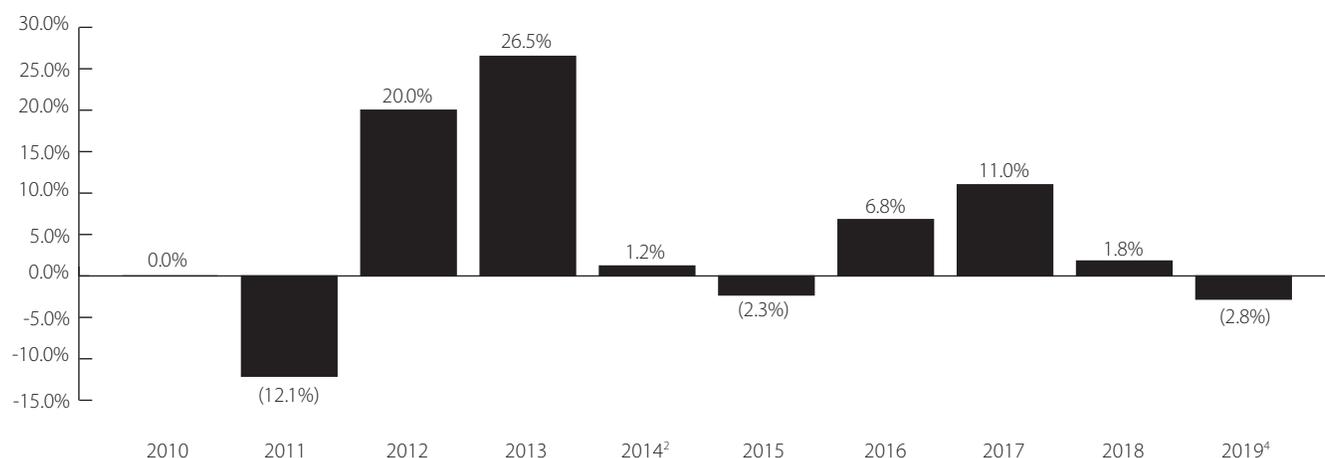
Past Performance

The past performance information shown in this section is calculated using the net asset value per unit and assumes that all distributions made by the investment fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional securities of the investment fund. The past performance information does not take into account sales, redemptions, distribution or other optional charges or income taxes payable by the unitholder that would have reduced returns or performance. Investment funds are not guaranteed, their values change frequently and past performance may not be repeated.

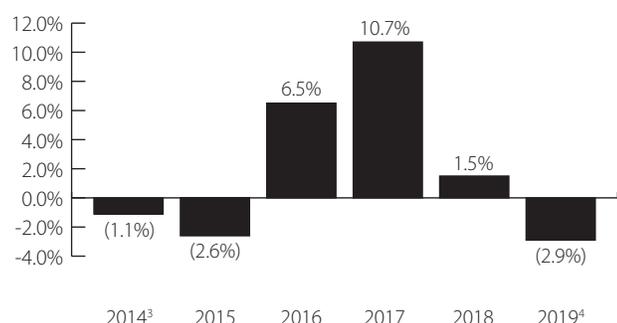
Year-By-Year Returns

The following bar charts show the performance of each series of the Fund for each of the financial years shown and for the six-month period ended March 31, 2019. The charts show in percentage terms how an investment made on the first day of each financial year would have increased or decreased by the last day of each financial year. Note the Fund changed its financial year end from December 31 to September 30 in 2014.

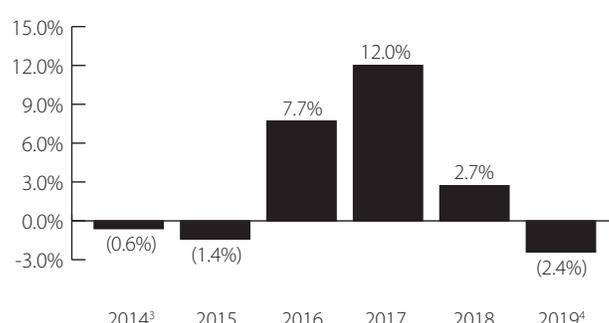
Series A2/Trust Units¹



Series A Units



Series F Units



1. Prior to May 23, 2014 the Fund operated as Copernican International Premium Dividend Fund, a closed-end fund listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol CPM.UN. On May 23, 2014 CPM.UN was re-structured, became a multi-class open end mutual fund, and changed its investment objectives and strategies. The Fund's simplified prospectus was authorized by securities regulators on May 29, 2014. If the re-structuring had not occurred and the investment objectives and strategies had remained the same, performance since then may have been different.

2. Return for 2014 represents a partial period starting January 1, 2014 to September 30, 2014.

3. Return for 2014 represents a partial period from May 29, 2014 to September 30, 2014.

4. Return for 2019 represents a partial period from October 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019.

Management Fees

The Manager is responsible for the day-to-day management and administration of the Fund. The Manager monitors and evaluates the performance of the Fund, pays for the investment management services of the portfolio manager and arranges for the administrative services required to be provided to the Fund. As compensation for its service, the Manager is entitled to receive a fee, payable monthly, calculated based on the daily net asset value of the Fund.

Series of Units	Management Fee (%)	Expenses Paid Out of the Management Fee (%)		
		Dealer compensation	General administration, investment advice and profit	Absorbed expenses
Series A	2.00%	28%	-	72%
Series A2	1.85%	54%	-	46%
Series F	1.00%	-	-	100%

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 for the past five years as applicable. Information for 2019 is presented for the six-month period ended March 31, 2019 and for all other periods, information is for the period of October 1 to September 30, or inception date to September 30.

Series A Units - Net Assets per unit^(a)

For the periods ended	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Net assets, beginning of the period	\$9.10	\$9.45	\$9.01	\$8.99	\$9.71	\$10.00 ^{(1)(b)}
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	0.17	0.31	0.28	0.33	0.34	0.09
Total expenses	(0.12)	(0.20)	(0.28)	(0.29)	(0.31)	(0.08)
Realized gains (losses)	(0.56)	1.10	0.76	0.12	0.20	0.38
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.25	(1.07)	0.14	0.37	(0.50)	(0.43)
Total increase (decrease) from operations ²	(0.26)	0.14	0.90	0.53	(0.27)	(0.04)
Distributions to unitholders:						
From income	-	(0.08)	(0.07)	(0.20)	-	-
From dividends	(0.04)	-	(0.01)	(0.02)	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-	-	-	-
Return of capital	(0.21)	(0.42)	(0.42)	(0.32)	(0.50)	(0.21)
Total annual distributions ³	(0.25)	(0.50)	(0.50)	(0.54)	(0.50)	(0.21)
Net assets, end of period ⁴	\$8.58	\$9.10	\$9.45	\$9.01	\$8.99	\$9.71

Series A Units - Ratios/Supplemental Data

For the periods ended	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total net asset value	\$121,077	\$141,509	\$141,388	\$120,767	\$111,996	\$113,665
Number of units outstanding	14,118	15,550	14,964	13,402	12,464	11,712
Management expense ratio ⁵	2.84%	2.83%	2.83%	2.83%	2.84%	3.10% *
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions ⁵	6.45%	4.83%	4.65%	4.40%	3.70%	3.10% *
Trading expense ratio ⁶	0.21%	0.11%	0.05%	0.13%	0.14%	0.24% *
Portfolio turnover rate ⁷	14.20%	17.40%	6.97%	18.60%	44.92%	41.12%
Net asset value per unit	\$8.58	\$9.10	\$9.45	\$9.01	\$8.99	\$9.71

Series A2 Units - Net Assets per unit^(a)

For the periods ended	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Net assets, beginning of the period	\$9.17	\$9.49	\$9.03	\$9.01	\$9.71	\$6.31 ^{(1)(b)}
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	0.17	0.31	0.31	0.33	0.34	0.31
Total expenses	(0.12)	(0.16)	(0.26)	(0.27)	(0.29)	(0.24)
Realized gains (losses)	(0.56)	1.07	0.81	0.07	0.16	2.31
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.17	(0.94)	0.09	0.39	(0.28)	(2.31)
Total increase (decrease) from operations ²	(0.34)	0.28	0.95	0.52	(0.07)	0.07
Distributions to unitholders:						
From income	-	(0.09)	(0.04)	(0.26)	-	-
From dividends	(0.05)	-	(0.01)	(0.02)	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-	-	-	-
Return of capital	(0.20)	(0.41)	(0.45)	(0.29)	(0.50)	(0.26)
Total annual distributions ³	(0.25)	(0.50)	(0.50)	(0.57)	(0.50)	(0.26)
Net assets, end of period ⁴	\$8.66	\$9.17	\$9.49	\$9.03	\$9.01	\$9.71

Series A2 Units - Ratios/Supplemental Data

For the periods ended	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total net asset value	\$2,657,430	\$3,416,588	\$4,777,254	\$5,357,629	\$6,886,194	\$9,453,820
Number of units outstanding	306,966	372,533	503,264	593,551	763,877	973,880
Management expense ratio ⁵	2.56%	2.55%	2.55%	2.56%	2.55%	2.85% *
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions ⁵	6.17%	4.55%	4.38%	4.13%	3.41%	2.85% *
Trading expense ratio ⁶	0.21%	0.11%	0.05%	0.13%	0.14%	0.24% *
Portfolio turnover rate ⁷	14.20%	17.40%	6.97%	18.60%	44.92%	41.12%
Net asset value per unit	\$8.66	\$9.17	\$9.49	\$9.03	\$9.01	\$9.71

Series F Units - Net Assets per unit^(a)

For the periods ended	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Net assets, beginning of the period	\$9.45	\$9.69	\$9.12	\$9.14	\$9.75	\$10.00 ^{(1)(b)}
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	0.14	0.33	0.30	0.33	0.35	0.10
Total expenses	(0.08)	(0.09)	(0.16)	(0.18)	(0.19)	(0.04)
Realized gains (losses)	(0.10)	1.18	0.81	0.05	0.26	0.31
Unrealized gains (losses)	(1.13)	(1.30)	0.14	0.35	(0.10)	(0.44)
Total increase (decrease) from operations ²	(1.17)	0.12	1.09	0.55	0.32	(0.07)
Distributions to unitholders:						
From income	-	(0.16)	(0.12)	(0.39)	-	-
From dividends	(0.09)	-	-	(0.04)	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-	-	-	-
Return of capital	(0.16)	(0.34)	(0.38)	(0.25)	(0.50)	(0.21)
Total annual distributions ³	(0.25)	(0.50)	(0.50)	(0.68)	(0.50)	(0.21)
Net assets, end of period ⁴	\$8.97	\$9.45	\$9.69	\$9.12	\$9.14	\$9.75

Series F Units - Ratios/Supplemental Data

For the periods ended	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total net asset value	\$557,304	\$1,522,520	\$1,230,810	\$1,641,894	\$2,272,210	\$1,903,634
Number of units outstanding	62,146	161,106	127,077	179,954	248,627	195,275
Management expense ratio ⁵	1.69%	1.69%	1.69%	1.70%	1.71%	2.00% *
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions ⁵	5.31%	3.69%	3.52%	3.27%	2.57%	2.00% *
Trading expense ratio ⁶	0.21%	0.11%	0.05%	0.13%	0.14%	0.24% *
Portfolio turnover rate ⁷	14.20%	17.40%	6.97%	18.60%	44.92%	41.12%
Net asset value per unit	\$8.97	\$9.45	\$9.69	\$9.12	\$9.14	\$9.75

† Initial offering price

* Annualized

Explanatory Notes

- The information for March 31, 2019 is derived from the Fund's unaudited interim financial statements. For the remaining periods, the information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.
 - Copernican International Premium Dividend Fund was restructured on May 23, 2014, became a multi-class open-end mutual fund and changed its name to Portland Global Dividend Fund. As part of the restructuring, existing holders of trust units received 0.638457 series A2 units valued at \$10.00 per unit for each trust unit held. If that had occurred at the beginning of the period, the opening net asset value per unit above would have been \$9.87.

Series A and F Units were formed on May 23, 2014 with an inception date of operations on May 29, 2014. In 2014, the year end of the Fund was changed from December 31 to September 30.

Per unit information in 2014 relates to the following period of each series:

Series A Units	May 23, 2014 - September 30, 2014
Series A2 Units	January 1, 2014 - September 30, 2014
Series F Units	May 23, 2014 - September 30, 2014

- Net assets 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 daily average number of units outstanding over the financial period.
- Distributions are paid out in cash/reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both.
- This is not a reconciliation of the beginning and ending net assets per unit.

- The management expense ratio (MER) is based on total expenses (excluding foreign withholding taxes, commissions and other portfolio transaction costs but including management fee distributions paid to certain unitholders in the form of additional units) for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period. The Manager may absorb certain expenses otherwise payable by the Fund. The amount of expenses absorbed is determined annually at the discretion of the Manager.

The Fund may hold investments in other investment funds and exchange-traded funds (ETFs). The MER is calculated taking into consideration the expenses of the Fund allocated to the series including expenses indirectly attributable to its investment in other investment funds and ETFs divided by the average daily net asset value of the series of the Fund during the period.

- The trading expense ratio (TER) represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of the daily average net asset value of the Fund.

The TER is calculated taking into consideration the costs attributable to its investment in other investment funds and ETFs.

- The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio advisor manages its 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 period. The higher a fund's portfolio turnover rate in a period, the greater the trading costs payable by the fund in the period, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the period. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a fund.

Portfolio turnover rate is calculated based on the lesser of the cumulative cost of purchases or cumulative proceeds of sales divided by the average market value of the portfolio, excluding short-term investments.



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