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Management Discussion of Fund Performance **Portland Global Banks 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 Banks Fund (the Fund) is to provide positive long-term total returns consisting of both income and capital gain by investing primarily in a portfolio of global bank equities. The investment strategies are to provide income and capital growth while moderating the volatility of equities by investing primarily in a globally diversified portfolio of equities/American Depository Receipts (ADRs), income securities, preferred shares, options and exchange traded funds (ETFs) of, or that provide exposure to, banks located anywhere in the world.

RISK

As at April 18, 2019, the risk rating of the Fund was changed from a high level of risk to a medium to high level of risk. Investors should be able to accept a medium to high level of risk and plan to hold for the medium to long term.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

For the six months ended March 31, 2020, the Fund's Series F units had a return of (17.6%). For the same period, the Fund's benchmark, the MSCI World Banks Total Return Index (the Index), had a return of (26.6%). For the full period since inception of the Fund on December 17, 2013 to March 31, 2020, the Fund's Series F units had an annualized return of 2.0%. For the same period, the Index had an annualized return of 2.2%. Unlike the Index, the Fund's return is after the deduction of its fees and expenses.

The Fund's net asset value at March 31, 2020 was \$2.7 million. The top five sector holdings as at March 31, 2020 was cash and other net assets (liabilities), 53.0%; diversified banks, 38.0%; investment banking & brokerage, 3.6%; asset management & custody banks, 2.8%; and multi-sector holdings, 2.0%. By geography, assets were invested in securities of issuers based in United States, 19.9%; United Kingdom, 16.7%; Norway, 4.1%; France, 3.9%; Netherlands, 3.4%; forward currency contracts, (1.0%); and cash and cash and other net assets (liabilities), 53.0%.

The top three contributors to the Fund's performance during the six months ended March 31, 2020 were U.S. Treasury Bill, Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC and Bank of America Corporation. The bottom three contributors to the Fund's performance during the six months ended March 31, 2020 were ING Group N.V., Barclays PLC and BNP Paribas S.A.

During the period, the Fund sold and reduced a significant number of equity positions and gradually tilted its portfolio to being more invested in cash and cash equivalents. The Fund began the period on September 30, 2019 with 11.7% invested in cash and cash equivalents and ended the period on March 31, 2020 with 52.8% invested in cash and cash equivalents. By January 31, 2020, the Fund had 38.5% in cash and cash equivalents heading into a volatile February and March of 2020.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

A special meeting of unitholders held on March 26, 2020, resulted in unitholders voting in favour of the Fund converting into an alternative mutual fund and renamed Portland Global Alternative Fund, effective on the close of business day on April 17, 2020.

The Portland Global Alternative Fund's objective is to provide positive long-term total returns consisting of both income and capital gains by investing primarily in a portfolio of global equities and debt-like securities. The Fund may also engage in borrowing for investment purposes.

Alternative mutual funds are permitted to use strategies generally prohibited for conventional mutual funds, such as the ability to invest more than 10% of its net asset value in securities of a single issuer; the ability to invest up to 100% or more of its net asset value in physical commodities either directly or through the use of specified derivatives; borrow cash, up to 50% of its net asset value, to use for investment purposes; sell, up to 50% of its net asset value, securities short (the combined level of cash borrowing and short selling is limited to 50% in aggregate); and aggregate exposure up to 300% of its net asset value; among other things.

The mandate of the Portland Global Banks Fund was set up to be a fund that provided access to primarily, the Financials sector and more particularly banks across developed markets. The Portland Global Alternative Fund will seek to hold some of the best ideas across the globe that may include select core holdings from the Portland Global Banks Fund. Primarily, it will seek out what we identify as the best global investment ideas that may have a history of growing dividends and/or share buybacks over the long-term, will focus on principles espoused by Warren Buffett and will target returns that will limit a reasonable amount of volatility. We will tend to have a bias towards low beta securities that are within defensive sectors including the utilities and consumer staples sectors. Beta is a measure of the volatility, or systematic risk, of an individual stock in comparison to the unsystematic risk of the entire market. In statistical terms, beta represents the slope of the line through a regression of data points from an individual stock's returns against those of the market. We believe these securities have the best opportunity to minimize portfolio volatility and benefit from low interest rates. We will focus on producing a concentrated, diversified portfolio between 20 to 30 businesses. We believe the current market volatility and disruption due to the COVID-19 pandemic will present

an opportunity for substantial outsized long-term returns for those investors who choose to join the Portland Global Alternative Fund at inception. The 5 Laws of Wealth Creation will continue to resonate through the portfolio. We seek to own a few high-quality businesses, that we thoroughly understand, that are domiciled in strong, long-term growth industries; that use other people's money, prudently, and that are bought at attractive valuations and held as long as the company remains high quality and at a reasonable valuation.

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, 2020, the Manager received \$32,028 in management fees from the Fund, net of applicable taxes (March 31, 2019: \$40,449).

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 on a variety of methods including net asset value or actual costs incurred. During the period ended March 31, 2020, the Manager was reimbursed \$9,289 for operating expenses incurred on behalf of the Fund, including amounts paid to affiliates, net of applicable taxes (March 31, 2019: \$11,665). The Manager absorbed \$69,405 of operating expenses during the period ended March 31, 2020, net of applicable taxes (March 31, 2019: \$67,640). Affiliates of the Manager provide administrative services associated with the day-to-day operations of the Fund. These affiliates of the Manager were reimbursed \$614 during the period ended March 31, 2020 by the Fund for such services (March 31, 2019: \$246).

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, 2020, Related Parties owned 2,126 shares of the Fund (March 31, 2019: 14,010).

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, 2020

Top 25 Investments*

	% of Net Asset Value
Cash & Cash Equivalents	52.8%
Standard Chartered PLC	6.5%
Barclays PLC	6.3%
Citigroup Inc.	5.3%
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	4.7%
HSBC Holdings PLC	4.6%
DNB ASA	4.2%
BNP Paribas SA	4.1%
Morgan Stanley	3.6%
ING Groep N.V.	3.4%
State Street Corporation	2.8%
Berkshire Hathaway Inc.	2.0%
Fifth Third Bancorp	1.6%
Total	101.9%
Total net asset value	\$2,675,125

* Where the Fund holds less than 25 holdings, all investments have been disclosed. There may be other assets and liabilities which are not included, and therefore the summary may not add up to 100%.

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

Cash and Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	53.0%
Diversified Banks	38.0%
Investment Banking & Brokerage	3.6%
Asset Management & Custody Banks	2.8%
Multi-Sector Holdings	2.0%
Regional Banks	1.6%
Forward Currency Contracts	(1.0%)

Geographic Region

Cash and Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	53.0%
United States	19.9%
United Kingdom	16.7%
Norway	4.1%
France	3.9%
Netherlands	3.4%
Forward Currency Contracts	(1.0%)

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

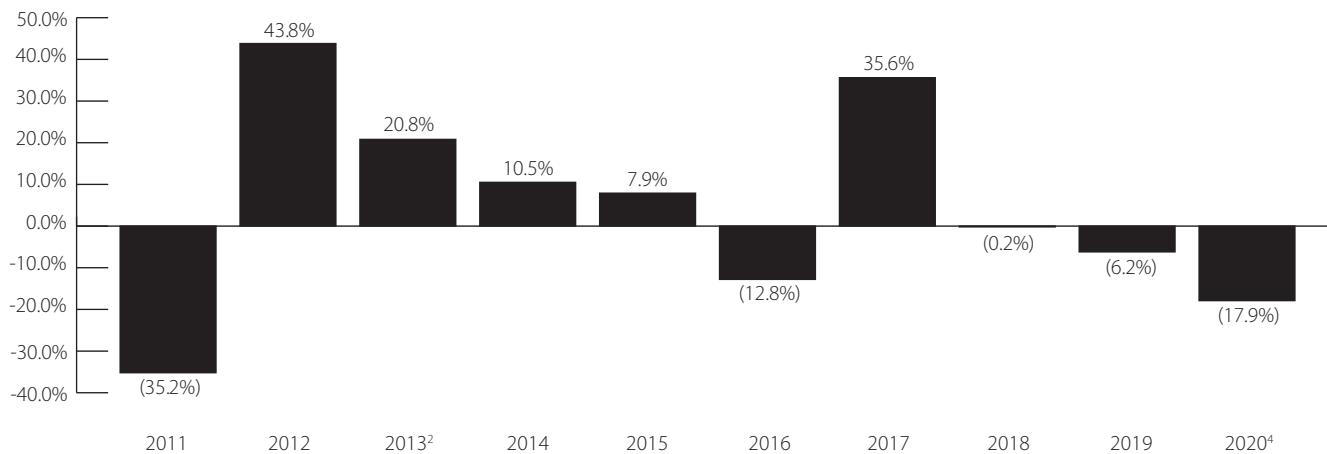
Past Performance

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 Fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional securities of the 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.

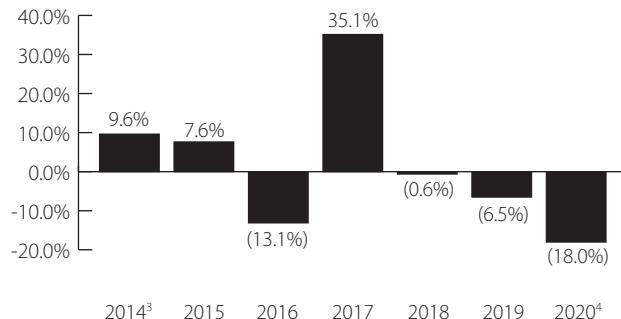
Year-By-Year Returns

The following bar charts show the performance of each series of the Fund for each of the financial years shown and illustrates how the investment fund's performance has changed from year to year. 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 2013.

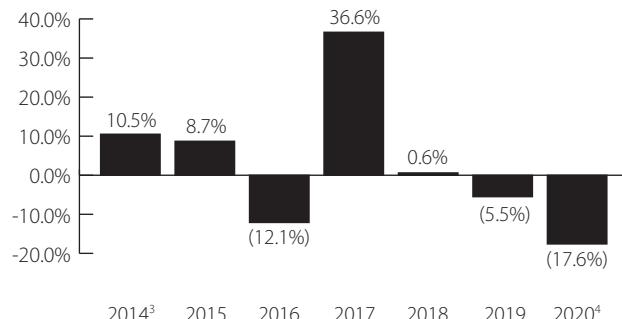
Series A2/Trust Units¹



Series A Units



Series F Units



1. Prior to December 13, 2013 the Fund operated as Copernican British Banks Fund, a closed-end fund listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol CBB.UN. On December 13, 2013 CBB.UN was Restructured, became a multi-class open end mutual fund, and changed its investment objectives and strategies. If the Restructuring had not occurred and the investment objectives and strategies had remained the same, performance since then may have been different.

2. Return for 2013 represents a partial year starting January 1, 2013 to September 30, 2013.

3. Return for 2014 represents a partial year starting December 17, 2013 to September 30, 2014.

4. Return for 2020 represents a partial year starting October 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020.

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 adviser 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%	4%	-	96%
Series A2	1.75%	10%	-	90%
Series F	1.00%	0%	-	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. Information for 2020 is presented for the six-month period ended March 31, 2020 and for all other periods, information is as at September 30 of the year shown.

Series A Units - Net Assets per unit¹

For the periods ended	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Net assets, beginning of the period	\$9.49	\$10.75	\$11.37	\$8.84	\$10.78	\$10.48
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	0.13	0.38	0.27	0.22	0.20	0.25
Total expenses	(0.15)	(0.31)	(0.33)	(0.35)	(0.28)	(0.36)
Realized gains (losses)	0.98	(1.24)	1.79	1.34	0.15	(0.13)
Unrealized gains (losses)	(2.59)	0.27	(1.75)	1.62	(1.72)	(0.65)
Total increase (decrease) from operations ²	(1.63)	(0.90)	(0.02)	2.83	(1.65)	(0.89)
Distributions to unitholders:						
From income	0.00	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends	0.00	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	0.00	-	-	-	-	-
Return of capital	(0.27)	(0.56)	(0.59)	(0.54)	(0.53)	(0.50)
Total annual distributions ³	(0.27)	(0.56)	(0.59)	(0.54)	(0.53)	(0.50)
Net assets, end of period ⁴	\$7.56	\$9.49	\$10.75	\$11.37	\$8.84	\$10.78

Series A Units - Ratios/Supplemental Data

For the periods ended	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Total net asset value	\$194,087	\$252,589	\$428,314	\$504,601	\$316,018	\$150,723
Number of units outstanding	25,676	26,623	39,834	44,370	35,744	13,981
Management expense ratio ⁵	2.84%	2.83%	2.83%	2.83%	2.83%	2.83%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions ⁵	6.90%	6.04%	4.90%	4.66%	5.22%	4.24%
Trading expense ratio ⁶	0.11%	0.09%	0.04%	0.07%	0.11%	0.08%
Portfolio turnover rate ⁷	3.26%	3.75%	5.00%	10.83%	16.83%	13.82%
Net asset value per unit	\$7.56	\$9.49	\$10.75	\$11.37	\$8.84	\$10.78

Series A2 Units - Net Assets per unit¹

For the periods ended	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Net assets, beginning of the period	\$9.70	\$10.94	\$11.51	\$8.91	\$10.82	\$10.49
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	0.13	0.39	0.27	0.22	0.20	0.22
Total expenses	(0.14)	(0.28)	(0.29)	(0.31)	(0.26)	(0.31)
Realized gains (losses)	1.02	(1.14)	1.78	1.34	0.19	(0.44)
Unrealized gains (losses)	(2.52)	0.24	(1.61)	2.03	(1.59)	1.45
Total increase (decrease) from operations ²	(1.51)	(0.79)	0.15	3.28	(1.46)	0.92
Distributions to unitholders:						
From income	0.00	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends	0.00	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	0.00	-	-	-	-	-
Return of capital	(0.27)	(0.56)	(0.59)	(0.54)	(0.53)	(0.50)
Total annual distributions ³	(0.27)	(0.56)	(0.59)	(0.54)	(0.53)	(0.50)
Net assets, end of period ⁴	\$7.75	\$9.70	\$10.94	\$11.51	\$8.91	\$10.82

Series A2 Units - Ratios/Supplemental Data

For the periods ended	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Total net asset value	\$2,365,585	\$3,369,570	\$4,796,771	\$6,396,290	\$5,660,292	\$8,712,264
Number of units outstanding	305,402	347,473	438,627	555,479	634,956	804,849
Management expense ratio ⁵	2.43%	2.45%	2.45%	2.46%	2.45%	2.48%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions ⁵	6.49%	5.66%	4.53%	4.29%	4.84%	3.87%
Trading expense ratio ⁶	0.11%	0.09%	0.04%	0.07%	0.11%	0.08%
Portfolio turnover rate ⁷	3.26%	3.75%	5.00%	10.83%	16.83%	13.82%
Net asset value per unit	\$7.75	\$9.70	\$10.94	\$11.51	\$8.91	\$10.82

Series F Units - Net Assets per unit¹

For the periods ended	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Net assets, beginning of the period	\$10.21	\$11.40	\$11.89	\$9.12	\$10.98	\$10.56
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	0.14	0.42	0.29	0.23	0.20	0.22
Total expenses	(0.10)	(0.21)	(0.21)	(0.23)	(0.19)	(0.22)
Realized gains (losses)	1.09	(1.09)	1.99	1.31	0.19	(0.34)
Unrealized gains (losses)	(2.66)	0.28	(2.33)	2.13	(1.56)	1.04
Total increase (decrease) from operations ²	(1.53)	(0.60)	(0.26)	3.44	(1.36)	0.70
Distributions to unitholders:						
From income	0.00	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends	0.00	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	0.00	-	-	-	-	-
Return of capital	(0.27)	(0.56)	(0.59)	(0.54)	(0.53)	(0.50)
Total annual distributions ³	(0.27)	(0.56)	(0.59)	(0.54)	(0.53)	(0.50)
Net assets, end of period ⁴	\$8.20	\$10.21	\$11.40	\$11.89	\$9.12	\$10.98

Series F Units - Ratios/Supplemental Data

For the periods ended	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Total net asset value	\$129,979	\$195,549	\$244,470	\$174,414	\$196,398	\$232,358
Number of units outstanding	15,857	19,155	21,452	14,672	21,532	21,156
Management expense ratio ⁵	1.64%	1.70%	1.69%	1.70%	1.69%	1.71%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions ⁵	5.70%	4.90%	3.77%	3.53%	4.08%	3.11%
Trading expense ratio ⁶	0.11%	0.09%	0.04%	0.07%	0.11%	0.08%
Portfolio turnover rate ⁷	3.26%	3.75%	5.00%	10.83%	16.83%	13.82%
Net asset value per unit	\$8.20	\$10.21	\$11.40	\$11.89	\$9.12	\$10.98

Explanatory Notes

- The information for March 31, 2020 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.
- 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 ETFs and 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 investments funds and ETFs divided by the average daily NAV of the series of the Fund during the period.

6. 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 during the period.

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

7. 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 a 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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