



MANAGED BY BLOOM INVESTMENT COUNSEL, INC.

## **BLOOM SELECT INCOME FUND**

### **INTERIM REPORT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

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#### **FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

*Some of the statements contained herein including, without limitation, financial and business prospects and financial outlook may be forward-looking statements which reflect management's expectations regarding future plans and intentions, growth, results of operations, performance and business prospects and opportunities. Words such as "may," "will," "should," "could," "anticipate," "believe," "expect," "intend," "plan," "potential," "continue" and similar expressions have been used to identify these forward-looking statements. These statements reflect management's current beliefs and are based on information currently available to management. Forward-looking statements involve significant risks and uncertainties. A number of factors could cause actual results to differ materially from the results discussed in the forward-looking statements including, but not limited to, changes in general economic and market conditions and other risk factors. Although the forward-looking statements contained herein are based on what management believes to be reasonable assumptions, we cannot assure that actual results will be consistent with these forward-looking statements. Investors should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are made as of the date hereof, unless otherwise indicated, and we assume no obligation to update or revise them to reflect new events or circumstances.*

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#### **MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE**

This interim management report of fund performance for Bloom Select Income Fund (the "Fund") contains financial information but does not contain the interim or audited annual financial statements of the Fund. The interim financial statements follow this report. You may obtain a copy of any of the Fund's annual or interim reports, at no cost, by calling 1-855-BLOOM18 or by sending a request to Investor Relations, Bloom Investment Counsel, Inc., Suite 1710, 150 York Street, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 3S5, or by visiting our website at [www.bloomfunds.ca](http://www.bloomfunds.ca) or SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). Unitholders may also contact us using one of these methods to request a copy of the Fund's proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record, Independent Review Committee's report, or quarterly portfolio disclosure.

*In accordance with investment fund industry practice, all figures presented in this management report of fund performance, unless otherwise noted, are based on the Fund's calculation of its Net Asset Value, which is in accordance with the terms of the Fund's declaration of trust and annual information form, and is based on closing market prices of investments. Figures presented in the financial statements and certain figures presented in the Financial Highlights section of this management report of fund performance are based on Net Assets calculated using International Financial Reporting Standards which require the use of a price between the last bid and ask prices for investment valuation, which may differ from the closing market price. The remaining figures presented in the Financial Highlights section are based on Net Assets calculated using previously applicable Canadian generally accepted accounting principles which required the use of the last bid price for investment valuation, which differed from the closing market price.*

## **MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE**

### **THE FUND**

Bloom Select Income Fund is a closed-end investment trust managed by Bloom Investment Counsel, Inc. (“Bloom” or the “Manager”). Bloom provides administrative services to the Fund and actively manages the Fund’s portfolio. The units of the Fund trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange (“TSX”) under the symbol BLB.UN. The units of the Fund are RRSP, DPSP, RRIIF, RESP, RDSP and TFSA eligible. This Fund has a distribution reinvestment plan (“DRIP”) allowing unitholders to automatically reinvest their monthly distributions in additional units of the Fund.

### **INVESTMENT MANAGER**



The manager was established in 1985 and specializes in the management of segregated investment portfolios for wealthy individuals, corporations, institutions and trusts. In addition to its conventional investment management business, the Manager currently manages specialty high-income equity portfolios comprised of dividend paying common equity securities, income trusts and real estate investment trusts.

### **RECENT DEVELOPMENTS**

#### **Investment Manager’s Report**

July 2, 2015

#### **The Canadian Economy**

Canadian GDP for the month of April, the most recent figure released, came in below consensus expectations, posting a decrease of 0.1%. This reflects the increase in wholesale activity and strength in the housing market being insufficient to offset manufacturing and retail weakness during the month. GDP growth in the second quarter is now on track to be flat to slightly negative, as the economy still lingers from the poor showing in the first quarter and as output from the oil and gas sector likely still has some downside owing to continual adjustments to a lower price environment. This leaves a significant risk that the Canadian economy will experience a technical recession with negative growth in two consecutive quarters. This is quite different from the Bank of Canada’s expectation back in April when second quarter growth was predicted at that time to be 1.8%. For Canada to achieve meaningful growth there is now significant reliance on the health of the U.S. economy and the corresponding lift through Canadian non-energy exports. However, while we do not currently believe Canada will go into a full recession, we remain somewhat cautious on this front and expect growth to remain subdued until later in the second half of the year.

We note that the consensus view for 2015 Canadian GDP growth among economists has likely slipped below 1.5% from 2% a few months ago. This is due to the expected negative impact from the decline in the oil price on Canadian employment, income and investment which has now been more fully incorporated into forecasts. While the Bank of Canada remains hopeful that the economy will rebound in the second half of the year, the soft April data could spark concerns that the energy impact is likely larger and more sustained than previously believed, and another interest rate cut could be more likely than not.

Headline inflation in the month of May, came in at just 0.9%, pulled down by a sharp 19% annual drop in gasoline prices. Core CPI inflation, the Bank of Canada’s operational target for monetary policy, came in higher at 2.2% in May, but down from the 2.3% observed in April. This is the tenth consecutive month that core inflation has been at or above the Bank of Canada’s 2% target. The outlook for inflation appears mixed, as the combination of the drop in gas prices and a weak Canadian dollar continue to drive a gap between headline consumer prices and the core measure of inflation.

Canadian housing starts increased sharply in May, rising 10.1% from April, and this continued the trend of volatile new homes data (although housing starts were up a modest 2.7% over May 2014). The increase in May reflected increases in Ontario, the Atlantic region, and Quebec. The slowdown in housing market activity in oil-producing provinces such as Alberta is expected to offset any increased activity in provinces that are seeing the positive impacts of low oil prices, such as Ontario.

After weak April results, May employment rose by 58,900, bringing the annualized job growth rate to just over 1.0%. While this is a healthy result, we would not be surprised to see the large decline in oil prices show up in the employment market as this year progresses. The May unemployment rate remained flat from April at 6.8%, but below a year ago, as more people have re-entered the workforce.

Oil prices have continued to fluctuate owing to concerns of oversupply. During the last quarter, the price of a barrel of oil, as measured by the one year forward strip for WTI in Canadian dollars, increased by 9.4% from \$67.98 to \$74.36. However, the Canadian AECO natural gas 12-month forward strip price increased very slightly from \$2.72 to \$2.73/GL for the quarter. Canadian spot oil and gas prices at quarter-end stood at \$71.76/barrel and \$2.45/GL respectively. A combination of a strong U.S. dollar, higher U.S. interest rates and subdued global growth may keep commodity prices in check in the second half of the year.

#### **Market Performance**

Valuations have become fairly expensive on a wide range of metrics. Further, financial markets have been impacted by the offsetting forces of improving activity in the U.S. and Europe on the one hand, and the Greek drama and lingering concerns over a slowing Chinese economy on the other. On the earnings front, S&P/TSX forward estimates have increased 4% in the last three months, but are still down 10% over the last year. The market, seems to have set fairly lofty expectations as consensus earnings growth for the next 12-18 months currently sits around 15-20%. Consequently, Canadian equities may be in for an uneven ride in the next few months, as earnings disappointments are traded off against an improving medium-term commodities outlook.

The S&P/TSX Composite Total Return Index for the last quarter returned negative 1.6%. The best performing sectors last quarter were Health Care (up 9.1%), Telecommunication Services (up 2.4%), and Consumer Discretionary (up 1.6%). The worst performing sectors for the quarter were Industrials (down 9.5%), Utilities (down 7.7%) and Information Technology (down 6.3%).

#### **Outlook**

Common equity income securities in which our firm and the Funds specialize, measured by the S&P/TSX High Dividend Total Return Index, provided a negative 3.3% rate of return, and was weaker than the broader market's negative 1.6% performance in the second quarter, measured by the S&P/TSX Composite Total Return Index. The High Dividend Index more closely benchmarks the type of securities we invest in for clients and its weakness derives from the continuing malaise in oil and natural gas securities that have a material weighting in the Index. There are also concerns about higher interest rates that would particularly affect Utilities and Infrastructure, REITS and Telecoms which also have a material weighting, but we believe that in Canada these concerns are premature at this time. While over the longer-term, we again expect to see common equity income securities resume their dominant performance position that they held over the broader market for most of the last twenty years or longer, we would not be surprised to see more of a flight-to-safety response away from common equities in general over the shorter-term.

### **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

#### **Distributions**

During the six months ended June 30, 2015 distributions totaled \$0.25 per unit. The 2015 distribution reflects a monthly rate per unit of \$0.041666, in accordance with the targeted distribution rate of 5% per annum on the subscription price of \$10 per unit as disclosed in the Fund's Prospectus. Since inception on April 20, 2012 the Fund has paid total cash and reinvested distributions of \$1.848606 per unit.

#### **Increase in Net Assets from Operations**

The Fund's net investment loss was \$0.2 million (\$0.08 per unit) for the six months ended June 30, 2015, arising from average portfolio investments during the year of \$24.0 million. The loss was comprised primarily of \$0.6 million in dividend and distribution income offset by \$0.7 million in net unrealized losses on investments arising during the period.

Expenses were \$0.3 million (\$0.13 per unit) for the year, the major components being management fees of \$225,498 and other administrative expenses of \$35,679.

#### **Net Asset Value**

The Net Asset Value per unit of the Fund was \$9.83 at June 30, 2015, down by 4.4% from \$10.28 at December 31, 2014. The aggregate Net Asset Value of the Fund decreased from \$25.9 million at December 31, 2014 to \$24.4 million as of June 30, 2015, primarily due to cash distributions to unitholders of \$0.6 million (net of reinvested distributions), the

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repurchase and cancellation of units under the normal course issuer bid of \$0.4 million, and investment loss net of expenses of \$0.5 million.

### Liquidity

To provide liquidity for unitholders, units of the Fund are listed on the TSX under the symbol BLB.UN.

The Fund received approval from the TSX on May 20, 2014 for a normal course issuer bid program from May 22, 2014 to May 21, 2015, allowing the Fund to purchase for cancellation up to 371,326 units on the TSX if they trade below Net Asset Value per unit. 26,900 units were purchased and cancelled by the Fund under this normal course issuer bid in the six months ended June 30, 2015 at a cost of \$267,363 or \$9.94 per unit.

The Fund received approval from the TSX on May 20, 2015 for a normal course issuer bid program from May 22, 2015 to May 21, 2016, allowing the Fund to purchase for cancellation up to 238,732 units on the TSX or alternative Canadian trading platforms if they trade below Net Asset Value per unit. 14,200 units were purchased and cancelled by the Fund under this normal course issuer bid in the six months ended June 30, 2015 at a cost of \$138,880 or \$9.78 per unit.

### Investment Portfolio

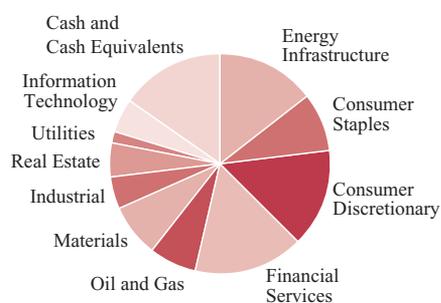
The Fund has established a portfolio comprised primarily of Canadian equities, income trusts and real estate investment trusts (REITs), each of which was selected to achieve the investment objectives of the Fund. The investment objectives of the Fund include the requirement that the Fund only invests in stocks with a Beta (measurement of volatility) of less than 1.0 at the time of purchase, which affects the selection of investments.

It should be noted that, as a percentage of the portfolio (equities and cash and cash equivalents), the investment in the energy infrastructure sector has fallen from 21.0% to 14.7%, resulting primarily from the sale of the Fund's position in Innergex Renewable Energy Inc. coupled with the significant decrease in valuations across oil related industries. The Fund's investment in the consumer discretionary sector has fallen from 19.1% to 14.4% due to the sale of two thirds of the Fund's holding in Transcontinental Inc. Conversely, the proportion of the market value of the portfolio invested in cash and cash equivalents has increased from 3.4% to 15.2% as the Fund seeks to appropriately reinvest funds from sales.

The Fund had unrealized appreciation of \$5.0 million in its portfolio as at June 30, 2015, with unrealized gains displayed in all sectors except materials and oil and gas. The financial services sector contributed unrealized gains of \$1.4 million and consumer discretionary contributed \$1.0 million.

The Fund also had net realized losses of \$0.1 million primarily from the sale of the Fund's position in Colabor Group Inc., offset by gains from the sale of holdings in Transcontinental Inc. and Innergex Renewable Energy Inc.

### Portfolio Sectors



| Sector                    | Value<br>(thousands) | % of<br>Total |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Energy Infrastructure     | \$ 3,587             | 14.7%         |
| Consumer Staples          | 2,114                | 8.6%          |
| Consumer Discretionary    | 3,513                | 14.4%         |
| Financial Services        | 3,945                | 16.1%         |
| Oil and Gas               | 1,695                | 6.9%          |
| Materials                 | 1,914                | 7.8%          |
| Industrial                | 1,130                | 4.6%          |
| Real Estate               | 1,236                | 5.1%          |
| Utilities                 | 388                  | 1.6%          |
| Information Technology    | 1,226                | 5.0%          |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | 3,730                | 15.2%         |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>\$ 24,478</b>     | <b>100.0%</b> |

**RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Related party transactions consist of administrative and investment management services provided by the Manager pursuant to the Fund’s Declaration of Trust, and Fund expenses paid by the Manager and recharged to the Fund.

**Administration and Investment Management Fees**

Pursuant to the Fund’s Declaration of Trust, the Manager provides investment management and administrative services to the Fund, for which it is paid an annual management fee aggregating to 1.75% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Fund. The management fee is comprised of 1.25% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Fund, calculated weekly and payable monthly in arrears, plus an amount to be paid by the Manager to registered dealers equal to the service fee of 0.50% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Fund, calculated quarterly and paid as soon as practicable after the end of each calendar quarter, plus applicable taxes.

The management fee is intended to compensate the Manager for providing portfolio advisory and certain administrative services to the Fund. A portion of this fee, equal to the service fee, is paid by the Manager to the registered investment dealers based on the proportionate number of units held by clients of each dealer at the end of each calendar quarter. During the six months ended June 30, 2015, management fees amounted to \$225,498 including service fees of \$62,846.

**Other expenses recharged to the Fund**

On an ongoing basis the Manager pays on behalf of the Fund, and subsequently recharges to the Fund, certain expenses of the Fund. For the six months ended June 30, 2015 the Fund expensed Independent Review Committee (“IRC”) fees of \$17,169, investor relations costs of \$7,865, audit fees of \$315 and insurance premiums of \$413 which were paid and recharged by the Manager.

The Fund pays for all other ordinary expenses incurred in connection with the operation and administration of the Fund, including: all costs of portfolio transactions, fees payable to third party services providers, custodial fees, legal, accounting, audit and valuation fees and expenses, expenses of the members of the IRC, expenses related to compliance with National Instrument 81-107 (“NI 81-107”), fees and expenses relating to the voting of proxies by a third party, costs of reporting to unitholders, registrar, transfer and distribution agency costs, printing and mailing costs, listing fees and expenses and other administrative expenses and costs incurred in connection with the continuous public filing requirements, taxes, brokerage commissions, costs and expenses relating to the issue of units of the Fund, costs and expenses of preparing financial and other reports, costs and expenses arising as a result of complying with all applicable laws, regulations and policies, extraordinary expenses that the Fund may incur and all amounts paid on account of indebtedness.

**INDEPENDENT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Prior to the Fund’s launch, the IRC for the Fund was established pursuant to NI 81-107 and became operational. The IRC provides independent oversight regarding actual and perceived conflicts of interest involving the Fund and performs all other functions required of an independent review committee under NI 81-107. Costs and expenses, including the remuneration of IRC members, the costs of legal and other advisors to, and legal and other services for, IRC members, and insurance costs are chargeable to the Fund. As at June 30, 2015 the IRC consisted of three members, all of whom are independent of the Manager.

The Manager has received two standing instruction from the IRC with respect to related party transactions:

**Allocation of Fund Expenses and Charging Expenses of Related Entities to the Funds**

The standing instruction requires that the Manager follow its policy regarding the charging of expenses of related parties to the Fund, which will, in the IRC’s opinion, result in a fair and reasonable result for the Fund. The Manager reports any instances of reliance on the standing instruction to the IRC and the IRC reviews the transactions to confirm compliance with the standing instruction. The Manager relies on the standing instruction on an ongoing basis in charging to the Fund expenses which are payable by the Fund as per the Fund’s Declaration of Trust and Annual Information Form, but which have been paid by the Manager. These expense charges are measured on an accrual basis at the monetary value of the expenses incurred.

**The Decision to Re-open a Fund**

The standing instruction requires that the Manager follow its policy and procedures concerning fund re-openings, which will, in the IRC’s opinion, result in a fair and reasonable result for the Fund. The Manager will report any instances of reliance on the standing instruction to the IRC, but has not yet relied on this standing instruction.

**PAST PERFORMANCE**

The following chart and table show the past performance of the Fund. Past performance does not necessarily indicate how the Fund will perform in the future. The information shown is based on Net Asset Value per unit and assumes that distributions made by the Fund in the period were reinvested at Net Asset Value per unit in additional units of the Fund.

**Annual Compound Returns**

The following table shows the Fund’s annual compound return for the one year and three year periods ended June 30, 2015 and the period since inception, compared with the S&P/TSX Composite Total Return Index (“Index”). The Index tracks the performance, on a market weight basis and a total return basis, of a broad index of large-capitalization issuers listed on the TSX, including common stocks, REITs and income trust units, and is an appropriate benchmark as the Fund invests in such common stocks, REITs and income trusts. Since the Fund is actively managed, the sector weightings differ from those of the Index. Also, the Fund’s portfolio contains predominantly low volatility, high dividend paying securities, whereas the Index does not necessarily focus on this type of investment. As well, the Fund may invest in issuers that are not included in the Index. For these reasons it is not expected that the Fund’s performance will mirror that of the Index. Further, the Index 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.

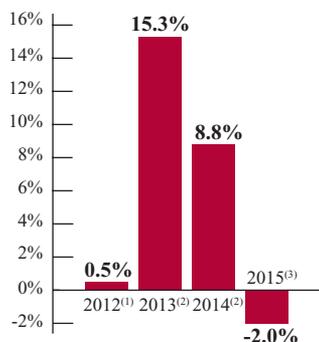
|  | <b>One year</b> | <b>Three year</b> | <b>Since inception<sup>(1)</sup></b> |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Bloom Select Income Fund (net of fees and expenses)</b> | -4.9%           | 8.7%              | 6.8%                                 |
| <b>S&amp;P/TSX Composite Total Return Index</b>            | -1.2%           | 11.1%             | 9.0%                                 |

<sup>(1)</sup> Period from April 20, 2012 (commencement of operations) to June 30, 2015

During both periods the Fund has underperformed relative to the Index, after taking into account the expenses of the Fund. In addition to the effect of the deduction of management fees and expenses inherent in the Fund’s performance figures, this reflects the differences in average sector weightings between the Fund’s portfolio and the Index over these periods; for example, over the year to June 30, 2015 the Fund was overweight compared to the Index in the cash and consumer staples sectors, and was underweight compared to the Index in the materials and financials sectors. It also reflects differences in individual portfolio selections between the Fund’s portfolio and the Index within each of the sectors, which result in different average sector returns.

**Year-by-Year Returns**

The bar chart shows the Fund’s performance for each fiscal period since inception. It shows, in percentage terms, how an investment held on the first day of the fiscal period would have changed by the last day of the fiscal period.



<sup>(1)</sup> Period from April 20, 2012 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2012

<sup>(2)</sup> Year from January 1 to December 31 of the year indicated

<sup>(3)</sup> Six months from January 1 to June 30, 2015

**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 fiscal periods indicated. *The information in the following tables is presented in accordance with National Instrument ("NI") 81-106 and, as a result, does not act as a continuity of opening and closing Net Assets per unit, because the increase in Net Assets from operations is based on weighted average units outstanding during the period, and all other numbers are based on actual units outstanding at the relevant point in time.*

**Net Assets Per Unit<sup>(1)</sup>**

|   | <b>Six months ended<br/>June 30, 2015</b> | <b>Year ended<br/>December 31,<br/>2014</b> | <b>Year ended<br/>December 31,<br/>2013</b> | <b>Period from<br/>April 20, 2012 to<br/>December 31, 2012</b> |
|---|---|---|---|--|
| <b>Net Assets per unit, beginning of period<sup>(1)(2)</sup></b>  | \$ 10.28                                  | \$ 9.91                                     | \$ 9.07                                     | \$ 10.00   |
| <b>Unit issue expense<sup>(3)</sup></b>                           | –   | –   | –   | (0.61)   |
| <b>Increase from operations:<sup>(2)</sup></b>                    |   |   |   |  |
| Total revenue   | 0.24                                      | 0.46  | 0.53  | 0.34   |
| Total expenses  | (0.13)                                    | (0.27)                                      | (0.23)                                      | (0.16)   |
| Net realized gains (losses)                                       | (0.04)                                    | 0.73  | (0.31)                                      | (0.03)   |
| Net unrealized gains (losses)                                     | (0.28)                                    | 0.05  | 1.24  | (0.15)   |
| <b>Total increase in Net Assets from operations<sup>(1)</sup></b> | \$ (0.21)                                 | \$ 0.97                                     | \$ 1.23                                     | \$ 0.00  |
| <b>Distributions to unitholders<sup>(2)(4)</sup></b>              |   |   |   |  |
| From net investment income  | –   | –   | (0.07)                                      | –  |
| From return of capital  | (0.25)                                    | (0.50)                                      | (0.43)                                      | (0.35)   |
| <b>Total distributions to unitholders</b>                         | \$ (0.25)                                 | \$ (0.50)                                   | \$ (0.50)                                   | \$ (0.35)  |
| <b>Net Assets per unit, end of period<sup>(1)(2)</sup></b>        | \$ 9.83                                   | \$ 10.28                                    | \$ 9.91                                     | \$ 9.04  |

<sup>(1)</sup> This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements. The Fund adopted International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) on January 1, 2014 and has applied IFRS to its comparative financial statements. Therefore the accounting principles applicable to the six months ended June 30, 2015 and the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 are IFRS, and those applicable to earlier periods are Canadian GAAP. Accordingly, the Net Assets per unit at December 31, 2012 was \$9.04 calculated under Canadian GAAP, while the Net Assets per unit at January 1, 2013 was \$9.07 calculated under IFRS. The Net Assets per unit presented prior to January 1, 2013 in the Canadian GAAP financial statements differs from the Net Asset Value per unit calculated for weekly Net Asset Value purposes, primarily due to investments being valued at bid prices for Canadian GAAP financial statement purposes and closing prices for weekly Net Asset Value purposes. Under IFRS, the Net Assets per unit present in the financial statements is generally the same as the Net Asset Value per unit calculated for weekly Net Asset Value purposes.

<sup>(2)</sup> Net Assets per unit and distributions per unit are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase in Net Assets from operations per unit is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the fiscal period.

<sup>(3)</sup> Unit issue expense of \$3,340,911 were incurred in connection with the issuance of Fund units. Unit issue expense per unit is based on the number of units issued at the time the expenses were incurred.

<sup>(4)</sup> \$69,045 (2014: \$186,465; 2013: \$235,014; 2012: \$98,622) of distributions were reinvested in units under the Fund's Distribution Reinvestment Plan. The remainder of the distributions were paid in cash.

**Ratios and Supplemental Data**

| <b>For the fiscal period ended</b>              | <b>June 30,<br/>2015</b> | <b>December 31,<br/>2014</b> | <b>December 31,<br/>2013</b> | <b>December 31,<br/>2012<sup>(1)</sup></b> |
|---|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Net Asset Value (000s) <sup>(2)</sup>           | \$ 24,377                | \$ 25,864                    | \$ 38,114                    | \$ 49,012                                  |
| Number of units outstanding <sup>(2)</sup>      | 2,480,569                | 2,514,948                    | 3,844,984                    | 5,404,932                                  |
| Management expense ratio (“MER”) <sup>(3)</sup> | 2.49%                    | 2.44%                        | 2.37%                        | 9.22%                                      |
| Trading expense ratio <sup>(4)</sup>            | 0.09%                    | 0.11%                        | 0.12%                        | 0.32%                                      |
| Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(5)</sup>          | 4.03%                    | 3.42%                        | 10.62%                       | 2.91%                                      |
| Net Asset Value per Unit <sup>(2)</sup>         | \$ 9.83                  | \$ 10.28                     | \$ 9.91                      | \$ 9.07                                    |
| Closing market price <sup>(2)</sup>             | \$ 9.80                  | \$ 9.62                      | \$ 9.58                      | \$ 8.87                                    |

<sup>(1)</sup> Period from inception on April 20, 2012 to December 31, 2012

<sup>(2)</sup> As at the period end date shown

<sup>(3)</sup> MER is based on the requirements of NI 81-106 and includes the total expenses (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) of the Fund for the period, including, in 2012, one-time unit issue expense relating to the Fund’s initial public offering (not annualized). Total expenses are expressed as an annualized percentage of the average Net Asset Value during the period.

<sup>(4)</sup> The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of the average Net Asset Value of the Fund during the period.

<sup>(5)</sup> The Fund’s portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the 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 the 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 a high turnover rate and the performance of the Fund. Portfolio turnover rate is calculated by dividing the lesser of the cost of purchases and the proceeds of sales of portfolio securities for the period, excluding cash and short-term investments maturing in less than one year, by the average market value of investments during the period.

**Management Expense Ratio**

The MER of the Fund was 2.49% for the six months ended June 30, 2015, slightly up from an MER of 2.44% in the year ended December 31, 2014. The increase is primarily due to the decrease in Net Asset Value through reduced valuations, which, when paired with fixed costs, caused the MER to increase.

**SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO**

As at June 30, 2015

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Total Net Assets (including Cash, Short Term Investments and Other Net Assets) | \$24,376,858 |
|--|--------------|

| <b>Portfolio Composition</b>            | <b>% of Portfolio</b> | <b>% of Total Net Assets</b> |
|---|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Financial Services                      | 16.1%                 | 16.2%                        |
| Energy Infrastructure                   | 14.7%                 | 14.7%                        |
| Consumer Discretionary                  | 14.4%                 | 14.4%                        |
| Consumer Staples                        | 8.6%                  | 8.7%                         |
| Materials                               | 7.8%                  | 7.9%                         |
| Oil and Gas                             | 6.9%                  | 6.9%                         |
| Real Estate                             | 5.1%                  | 5.1%                         |
| Information Technology                  | 5.0%                  | 5.0%                         |
| Industrial                              | 4.6%                  | 4.6%                         |
| Utilities                               | 1.6%                  | 1.6%                         |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents               | 15.2%                 | 15.3%                        |
| Total Investment Portfolio              | 100.0%                | 100.4%                       |
| Other Non-Debt Net Assets (Liabilities) |                       | (0.4%)                       |
| <b>Total Net Assets</b>                 |                       | <b>100.0%</b>                |

| <b>Top 25 Holdings*</b>             | <b>% of Portfolio</b> | <b>% of Total Net Assets</b> |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Cash and Cash Equivalents           | 15.2%                 | 15.3%                        |
| Premium Brands Holdings Corporation | 6.1%                  | 6.1%                         |
| EnerCare Inc.                       | 5.2%                  | 5.2%                         |
| InnVest REIT                        | 5.1%                  | 5.1%                         |
| DH Corporation                      | 5.0%                  | 5.0%                         |
| Altus Group Limited                 | 4.7%                  | 4.8%                         |
| Superior Plus Corp.                 | 4.6%                  | 4.6%                         |
| Chemtrade Logistics Income Fund     | 4.6%                  | 4.6%                         |
| Pizza Pizza Royalty Corp.           | 4.5%                  | 4.5%                         |
| TD Bank Group                       | 4.3%                  | 4.4%                         |
| Great-West Lifeco Inc.              | 4.2%                  | 4.2%                         |
| Keyera Corp.                        | 4.0%                  | 4.0%                         |
| Vermilion Energy Inc.               | 4.0%                  | 4.0%                         |
| Veresen Inc.                        | 3.9%                  | 3.9%                         |
| AltaGas Ltd.                        | 3.9%                  | 3.9%                         |
| Noranda Income Fund Priority Units  | 3.3%                  | 3.3%                         |
| Bonterra Energy Corp.               | 3.0%                  | 3.0%                         |
| Scotiabank                          | 2.9%                  | 2.9%                         |
| Gibson Energy Inc.                  | 2.9%                  | 2.9%                         |
| Thomson Reuters Corporation         | 2.7%                  | 2.7%                         |
| Loblaw Companies Limited            | 2.6%                  | 2.6%                         |
| Transcontinental Inc.               | 2.1%                  | 2.1%                         |
| Northland Power Inc.                | 1.6%                  | 1.6%                         |

*The investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the investment fund. Quarterly updates are available on the Fund's website at [www.bloomfunds.ca](http://www.bloomfunds.ca) within 60 days of each quarter end.*

\* Securities legislation requires the Fund's top 25 holdings to be presented. However, the Fund currently has less than 25 holdings.

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**NOTICE**

The accompanying unaudited financial statements of Bloom Select Income Fund (the “Fund”) have been prepared by Bloom Investment Counsel, Inc. (the “Manager” of the Fund) and approved by the Board of Directors of the Manager. The statements have not been reviewed by the external auditors of the Fund.

Signed



**M. Paul Bloom**  
*President and Chief Executive Officer*  
*Bloom Investment Counsel, Inc.*

Signed



**Fiona E. Mitra**  
*Chief Financial Officer*  
*Bloom Investment Counsel, Inc.*

August 6, 2015

**BLOOM SELECT INCOME FUND – INTERIM REPORT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

**STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION (unaudited)**

| As at  | June 30, 2015        | December 31, 2014    |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>                                      |                      |                      |
| <b>Current assets</b>                              |                      |                      |
| Investments  | \$ 20,748,152        | \$ 25,099,274        |
| Cash and cash equivalents (note 7)                 | 3,729,634            | 877,543              |
| Dividends and distributions receivable             | 98,701               | 127,770              |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets                  | 42,491               | 29,018               |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                                | <b>24,618,978</b>    | <b>26,133,605</b>    |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                                 |                      |                      |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>                         |                      |                      |
| Distributions payable to unitholders               | 103,355              | 104,808              |
| Accrued liabilities (note 12)                      | 138,765              | 165,264              |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>                           | <b>242,120</b>       | <b>270,072</b>       |
| <b>Unitholders' equity (note 8)</b>                |                      |                      |
| Unitholders' capital                               | 19,532,902           | 20,417,094           |
| Retained earnings                                  | 4,843,956            | 5,446,439            |
| <b>Net assets representing unitholders' equity</b> | <b>\$ 24,376,858</b> | <b>\$ 25,863,533</b> |
| <b>Net assets per unit</b>                         | <b>\$ 9.83</b>       | <b>\$ 10.28</b>      |

**STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (unaudited)**

| For the six months ended  | June 30, 2015       | June 30, 2014       |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Income</b>   |                     |                     |
| Net gain (loss) on investments  |                     |                     |
| Dividend and distribution income  | \$ 597,362          | \$ 915,036          |
| Interest for distribution purposes  | 324                 | 1,359               |
| Net realized gain (loss) on sale of investments                               | (100,076)           | 443,420             |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation on investments          | (697,678)           | 3,608,942           |
| <b>Total net gain (loss) on investment</b>                                    | <b>(200,068)</b>    | <b>4,968,757</b>    |
| Other income  |                     |                     |
| Securities lending income (note 14)   | 2,432               | 4,587               |
| <b>Total other income</b>   | <b>2,432</b>        | <b>4,587</b>        |
| <b>Total income (loss)</b>  | <b>(197,636)</b>    | <b>4,973,344</b>    |
| <b>Expenses (note 11)</b>   |                     |                     |
| Management fees (note 12)   | 225,498             | 375,477             |
| Independent Review Committee fees (note 12)                                   | 17,169              | 16,860              |
| Unitholder reporting costs  | 15,244              | 16,967              |
| Transaction costs (note 13)   | 11,186              | 8,740               |
| Audit fees  | 10,992              | 18,569              |
| Custody fees  | 6,345               | 6,460               |
| Legal fees  | 5,205               | 5,383               |
| Other administrative expenses   | 35,679              | 44,017              |
| <b>Total expenses</b>   | <b>327,318</b>      | <b>492,473</b>      |
| <b>Increase (decrease) in net assets from operations</b>                      | <b>\$ (524,954)</b> | <b>\$ 4,480,871</b> |
| <b>Weighted average units outstanding during the period</b>                   | <b>2,504,174</b>    | <b>3,832,306</b>    |
| <b>Increase (decrease) in net assets from operations per unit (note 3(i))</b> | <b>\$ (0.21)</b>    | <b>\$ 1.17</b>      |

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**BLOOM SELECT INCOME FUND – INTERIM REPORT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

**STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS (unaudited)**

| For the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014          | Unitholders'<br>capital | Contributed<br>surplus | Retained<br>earnings | Total                |
|--|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Balance at January 1, 2014                               | \$ 33,095,830           | \$ –                   | \$ 5,018,373         | \$ 38,114,203        |
| Increase in net assets from operations                   | –                       | –                      | 4,480,871            | 4,480,871            |
| Distributions to unitholders from income                 | (956,359)               | –                      | –                    | (956,359)            |
| Reinvestment of distributions                            | 101,820                 | –                      | –                    | 101,820              |
| Repurchase and cancellation of units                     | (375,505)               | –                      | (60,555)             | (436,060)            |
| <b>Balance at June 30, 2014</b>                          | <b>\$ 31,865,786</b>    | <b>\$ –</b>            | <b>\$ 9,438,689</b>  | <b>\$ 41,304,475</b> |
| <b>Balance at January 1, 2015</b>                        | <b>\$ 20,417,094</b>    | <b>\$ –</b>            | <b>\$ 5,446,439</b>  | <b>\$ 25,863,533</b> |
| <b>Increase (decrease) in net assets from operations</b> | <b>–</b>                | <b>–</b>               | <b>(524,954)</b>     | <b>(524,954)</b>     |
| <b>Distributions to unitholders from income</b>          | <b>(624,523)</b>        | <b>–</b>               | <b>–</b>             | <b>(624,523)</b>     |
| <b>Reinvestment of distributions</b>                     | <b>69,045</b>           | <b>–</b>               | <b>–</b>             | <b>69,045</b>        |
| <b>Repurchase and cancellation of units</b>              | <b>(328,714)</b>        | <b>–</b>               | <b>(77,529)</b>      | <b>(406,243)</b>     |
| <b>Balance at June 30, 2015</b>                          | <b>\$ 19,532,902</b>    | <b>\$ –</b>            | <b>\$ 4,843,956</b>  | <b>\$ 24,376,858</b> |

**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (unaudited)**

| For the six months ended 31   | June 30, 2015       | June 30, 2014       |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>                             |                     |                     |
| Increase (decrease) in net assets from operations                       | \$ (524,954)        | \$ 4,480,871        |
| Adjustment for:   |                     |                     |
| Net realized (gain) loss on sale of investments                         | 100,076             | (443,420)           |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation on investments    | 697,678             | (3,608,942)         |
| Decrease (increase) in dividends and distributions receivable           | 29,069              | (5,238)             |
| Increase in prepaid expenses and other assets                           | (13,473)            | (32,514)            |
| Decrease in accrued liabilities   | (26,499)            | (452)               |
| Operating cash flows:   |                     |                     |
| Purchases of investments  | (965,108)           | (749,763)           |
| Proceeds from sale of investments                                       | 4,506,679           | 3,780,685           |
| Return of capital received  | 4,123               | 109,277             |
| Capital gains distributions received                                    | 7,675               | 38,425              |
| <b>Net cash from operating activities</b>                               | <b>3,815,265</b>    | <b>3,568,929</b>    |
| <b>Cash flows used in financing activities</b>                          |                     |                     |
| Repurchase of units for cancellation                                    | (406,243)           | (436,060)           |
| Distributions paid to holders of redeemable units, net of reinvestments | (556,931)           | (855,994)           |
| <b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>                            | <b>(963,174)</b>    | <b>(1,292,054)</b>  |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents                               | 2,852,091           | 2,276,875           |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period (note 7)               | 877,543             | 593,368             |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period (note 7)</b>              | <b>\$ 3,729,634</b> | <b>\$ 2,870,243</b> |
| Interest received   | \$ –                | \$ 725              |
| Dividends and distributions received                                    | \$ 626,431          | \$ 1,057,500        |

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**SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO (unaudited)**

| As at June 30, 2015     |                                     | Cost                 | Fair Value           |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| No. of Units/<br>Shares |                                     |                      |                      |
|                         | <b>Canadian Equities</b>            |                      |                      |
|                         | <b>Consumer Discretionary</b>       |                      |                      |
| 95,000                  | EnerCare Inc.                       | \$ 924,134           | \$ 1,263,500         |
| 80,000                  | Pizza Pizza Royalty Corp.           | 798,793              | 1,088,800            |
| 13,700                  | Thomson Reuters Corporation         | 385,293              | 651,572              |
| 33,100                  | Transcontinental Inc.               | 371,925              | 509,409              |
|                         |                                     | <b>2,480,145</b>     | <b>3,513,281</b>     |
|                         | <b>Consumer Staples</b>             |                      |                      |
| 10,000                  | Loblaw Companies Limited            | 470,258              | 630,800              |
| 46,200                  | Premium Brands Holdings Corporation | 807,878              | 1,483,020            |
|                         |                                     | <b>1,278,136</b>     | <b>2,113,820</b>     |
|                         | <b>Energy Infrastructure</b>        |                      |                      |
| 25,000                  | AltaGas Ltd.                        | 759,624              | 951,000              |
| 30,900                  | Gibson Energy Inc.                  | 659,958              | 696,795              |
| 23,500                  | Keyera Corp.                        | 559,328              | 979,950              |
| 56,800                  | Veresen Inc.                        | 782,205              | 959,352              |
|                         |                                     | <b>2,761,115</b>     | <b>3,587,097</b>     |
|                         | <b>Financial Services</b>           |                      |                      |
| 65,000                  | Altus Group Limited                 | 490,026              | 1,157,000            |
| 28,000                  | Great-West Lifeco Inc.              | 675,201              | 1,018,080            |
| 11,000                  | Scotiabank                          | 572,000              | 709,170              |
| 20,000                  | TD Bank Group                       | 793,281              | 1,060,800            |
|                         |                                     | <b>2,530,508</b>     | <b>3,945,050</b>     |
|                         | <b>Industrial</b>                   |                      |                      |
| 90,000                  | Superior Plus Corp.                 | 678,983              | 1,130,400            |
|                         |                                     | <b>678,983</b>       | <b>1,130,400</b>     |
|                         | <b>Materials</b>                    |                      |                      |
| 55,000                  | Chemtrade Logistics Income Fund     | 868,878              | 1,116,500            |
| 250,000                 | Noranda Income Fund Priority Units  | 1,210,387            | 797,500              |
|                         |                                     | <b>2,079,265</b>     | <b>1,914,000</b>     |
|                         | <b>Oil and Gas</b>                  |                      |                      |
| 23,000                  | Bonterra Energy Corp.               | 1,062,725            | 724,270              |
| 18,000                  | Vermilion Energy Inc.               | 819,806              | 971,100              |
|                         |                                     | <b>1,882,531</b>     | <b>1,695,370</b>     |
|                         | <b>Real Estate</b>                  |                      |                      |
| 240,000                 | InnVest REIT                        | 1,106,158            | 1,236,000            |
|                         |                                     | <b>1,106,158</b>     | <b>1,236,000</b>     |
|                         | <b>Information Technology</b>       |                      |                      |
| 30,700                  | DH Corporation                      | 585,629              | 1,225,544            |
|                         |                                     | <b>585,629</b>       | <b>1,225,544</b>     |
|                         | <b>Utilities</b>                    |                      |                      |
| 24,500                  | Northland Power Inc.                | 381,817              | 387,590              |
|                         |                                     | <b>381,817</b>       | <b>387,590</b>       |
|                         | <b>Total Canadian Equities</b>      | <b>\$ 15,764,287</b> | <b>\$ 20,748,152</b> |
|                         | <b>Embedded commissions</b>         | <b>(29,684)</b>      |                      |
|                         | <b>Total portfolio</b>              | <b>15,734,603</b>    | <b>20,748,152</b>    |

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited)**

June 30, 2015

**1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

Bloom Select Income Fund (the “Fund”) is a closed-end investment trust established under the laws of the province of Ontario pursuant to a Declaration of Trust dated March 22, 2012. The Fund is listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (“TSX”) under the symbol BLB.UN and commenced operations on April 20, 2012. The address of the Fund’s principal place of business is 150 York Street, Toronto, Ontario. The Fund invests in equity securities of Canadian companies. The financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars.

The Fund’s investment objectives are to provide unitholders with an investment in an actively managed portfolio comprised primarily of Canadian equity securities that exhibit low volatility at the time of investment, monthly cash distributions that have a large component of Canadian eligible dividends, and the opportunity for capital appreciation.

The manager and trustee of the Fund is Bloom Investment Counsel, Inc. (the “Manager”). CIBC Mellon Trust Company is the custodian of the Fund and CIBC Mellon Global Securities Services Company is the administrator of the Fund.

These financial statements were authorized for issue by the Manager on August 6, 2015.

**2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF IFRS**

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) as published by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”) applicable to the preparation of interim financial statements, including IAS 34, *Interim Financial Reporting*. The Fund adopted this basis of accounting in 2014 as required by Canadian securities legislation and the Canadian Accounting Standards Board. Previously, the Fund prepared its statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles as defined in Part V of the CPA Canada Handbook (“Canadian GAAP”).

**3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**a) Financial instruments**

The Fund’s financial instruments include, where applicable, investments, cash and cash equivalents, dividends and distributions receivable, receivable for investments sold, payable for investments purchased, distributions payable to unitholders, accrued liabilities, and redemptions payable.

The Fund’s investments are designated as financial assets to be measured at fair value through profit and loss (“FVTPL”).

All other financial assets and liabilities of the Fund are measured at amortized cost. Under this method, financial assets and liabilities reflect the amount required to be received or paid, discounted where appropriate at the contract’s effective interest rate. The carrying values of financial assets and liabilities at amortized cost approximate their fair values due to their short-term nature.

The Fund recognizes financial instruments at fair value on initial recognition, plus transaction costs in the case of financial instruments measured at amortized cost.

**b) Fair value measurement**

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

The fair value of financial assets traded in active markets (which includes the Fund’s investments) is based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the reporting date. The Fund uses the last traded market price for investment valuation where that price falls between the latest bid and ask prices. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid-ask spread, the Manager determines the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value based on the specific facts and circumstances.

The Fund classifies fair value measurements within a hierarchy as described in note 15(h). The Fund recognizes transfers into and out of the fair value hierarchy levels as of the date of the event or change in circumstances giving rise to the transfer.

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**c) Impairment of financial assets at amortized cost**

At each reporting date, the Fund assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset at amortized cost is impaired. If such evidence exists, the Fund recognizes an impairment loss as the difference between the amortized cost of the financial asset and the present value of the estimated future cash flows, discounted using the instrument's original effective interest rate. Impairment losses on financial assets at amortized cost are reversed in subsequent periods if the amount of the loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognized.

**d) Derecognition of financial assets and liabilities**

The Fund derecognizes a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cash flows in a transaction in which substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership are transferred, or in which these risks and rewards are neither transferred nor retained but the Fund does not retain control of the asset. On derecognition of a financial asset, the difference between the carrying amount of the asset and the consideration received is included in the Statements of Comprehensive Income. The Fund derecognizes a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged, cancelled or expire.

The Fund enters into securities lending transactions in which it lends investments to counterparties, but since the Fund retains all of the risks and rewards of ownership, the investments are not derecognized. Non-cash collateral pledged by the counterparty to a securities lending transactions is not recognized as the Fund does not accept the risks and rewards of ownership of that collateral.

**e) Offsetting**

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the Statements of Financial Position only when the Fund has a legal right to offset the amounts and it intends to either settle on a net basis or realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Income and expenses are presented on a net basis only when permitted under IFRS, e.g. for gains and losses arising from a group of similar transactions, such as realized gains and losses on investments.

**f) Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents consist of deposits with financial institutions and short-term debt instruments with maturities of less than three months from the date of acquisition that are highly liquid, readily convertible to known amounts of cash and subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

**g) Investment transactions and income recognition**

Investment transactions are recorded on the trade date. Dividend and distribution income are recognized on the ex-dividend or ex-distribution date. Interest for distribution purposes shown on the Statements of Comprehensive Income represents the discount received by the Fund on its short-term debt instruments recognized on an accrual basis. Realized and unrealized gains and losses from investment transactions are calculated on an average cost basis.

**h) Foreign exchange**

The functional and presentation currency of the Fund is the Canadian dollar. Amounts received by the Fund on an offering of its units and amounts payable on redemption are received or paid in Canadian dollars. Any currency other than the Canadian dollar represents foreign currency to the Fund. Purchases and sales of investments in foreign currencies are translated into the Fund's functional currency using the exchange rate prevailing on the trade date. Income on foreign investments is translated at the prevailing exchange rate on the transaction date. The quoted fair value of investments and other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies is translated at the period-end exchange rate.

**i) Increase (decrease) in net assets from operations per unit**

Increase (decrease) in net assets from operations per unit represents the increase (decrease) in net assets from operations for the period divided by the weighted average number of units outstanding during the period.

**j) Distributions**

Income and net realized capital gains (reduced by loss carryforwards, if any) earned by the Fund are distributed to participants through a regular monthly distribution. Any excess income and net realized capital gains not so distributed

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during the year are distributed in December of each year to unitholders. Any excess of regular monthly distributions over actual income and net realized capital gains is characterized as a return of capital.

**k) Transaction costs on investment transactions**

Transaction costs on purchases and sales of investments are expensed and are included in ‘Transaction costs’ in the Statements of Comprehensive Income. Transaction costs are incremental costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, issue or disposal of an investment, which include fees and commissions paid to agents, advisors, brokers and dealers, levies by regulatory agencies and securities exchanges, and transfer taxes and duties.

**l) Classification of redeemable units**

The Manager is required by IAS 32, *Financial Instruments: Presentation* (“IAS 32”) to assess whether the redeemable units represents a liability of the Fund or equity of the Fund. The Fund does not have any obligation, other than on redemption of the units, to deliver cash or other financial instruments to the unitholders, since the Fund may pay its regular monthly distributions and any distributions it is required by its Declaration of Trust to make so that it does not become liable for income tax, in units rather than cash. Total expected cash flows attributable to the units over each of their lives are based substantially on net income, the change in net assets or the change in the fair value of assets over that time. As a result of these facts, the redeemable units meet the criteria of IAS 32 to be classified as equity.

**4. ACCOUNTING STANDARDS ISSUED BUT NOT YET ADOPTED**

The final version of IFRS 9, *Financial instruments* (“IFRS 9”) was issued by the IASB in July 2014 and will replace IAS 39 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement* (“IAS 39”). IFRS 9 is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018, however is available for early adoption. IFRS 9 has not yet been adopted by the Fund but is expected to be relevant to the Fund. The Fund has not yet begun the process of assessing the impact that the standard will have on its financial statements and has not yet determined when it will adopt the new standard.

IFRS 9 introduces a model for classification and measurement, a single, forward-looking ‘expected loss’ impairment model and a substantially reformed approach to hedge accounting. The new single, principle based approach for determining the classification of financial assets is driven by cash flow characteristics and the business model in which an asset is held. The new model also results in a single impairment model being applied to all financial instruments, which will require more timely recognition of expected credit losses. It also includes changes in respect of own credit risk in measuring liabilities elected to be measured at fair value, so that gains caused by the deterioration of an entity’s own credit risk on such liabilities are no longer recognized in profit or loss. In addition, the own credit risk changes can be early applied in isolation without otherwise changing the accounting for financial instruments.

**5. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGMENTS**

The preparation of financial statements requires management to use judgment in applying its accounting policies and to make estimates and assumptions about the future. The following discusses the most significant accounting judgments and estimates that the Fund has made in preparing the financial statements:

**Classification and measurement of investments and application of the fair value option**

In classifying and measuring the financial instruments held by the Fund, the Manager is required to make significant judgments about whether or not the business of the Fund is to invest on a total return basis for the purpose of applying the fair value option for financial assets under IAS 39. The most significant judgment made is the determination that the fair value option can be applied to the Fund’s investments.

**6. TAXATION**

The Fund qualifies as a mutual fund trust under the Income Tax Act (Canada) and accordingly is subject to income tax on its income, including net realized capital gains, which is not paid or payable to the Fund’s unitholders. The Fund’s taxation year end is December 31. No provision for income taxes has been recorded in the accompanying financial statements as all net income and net realized capital gains of the Fund for the year are distributed to the unitholders to the extent necessary to reduce income taxes payable to nil.

Since the Fund does not record income taxes, the tax benefit of capital and non-capital losses has not been reflected in the Statements of Financial Position as a deferred income tax asset.

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Non-capital loss carryforwards may be applied against future years' taxable income, and may be carried forward for 20 years from the year in which they are realized. As at June 30, 2015, the Fund had no non-capital losses carried forward (December 31, 2014 – nil). Capital losses incurred by the Fund may be carried forward indefinitely to apply against capital gains realized in future years. As at June 30, 2015, the Fund had \$1,663,003 in capital losses available for carryforward (December 31, 2014 – \$1,663,003).

**7. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

The Fund's cash and cash equivalents as at June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 comprised the following:

|                  | <b>June 30, 2015</b>    | December 31, 2014 |
|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Cash             | <b>1,534,282</b>        | 877,543           |
| Cash equivalents | <b>2,195,352</b>        | –                 |
|                  | <b><u>3,729,634</u></b> | <u>877,543</u>    |

Cash equivalents as at June 30, 2015 comprised:

| <b>Type</b>         | <b>Issuer</b>       | <b>DBRS credit rating of issuer</b> | <b>Par value \$</b> | <b>Maturity date</b> | <b>Yield</b> | <b>Fair Value \$</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Banker's acceptance | HSBC Bank<br>Canada | AA/R-1/Stable                       | <u>2,200,000</u>    | September 25, 2015   | 0.90%        | <u>2,195,352</u>     |

**8. UNITHOLDERS' EQUITY**

The Fund is authorized to issue an unlimited number of a single class of transferable and redeemable units each of which represents an equal, undivided interest in the net asset value ("NAV") of the Fund. Each unit entitles the holder to one vote and to participate equally with respect to any and all distributions made by the Fund.

Units may be surrendered for redemption annually at the option of the unitholder during the period from September 15 until 5.00 p.m. (Toronto time) on the last business day in September, subject to the Fund's right to suspend redemptions in certain circumstances. Units properly surrendered for redemption will be redeemed on the second last business day in October of each year (the Annual Redemption Date) and the redeeming unitholder will receive a redemption price per unit equal to 100% of the NAV per unit as determined on the Annual Redemption Date, less any costs and expenses incurred by the Fund in order to fund such redemption. For the purpose of calculating the NAV used in connection with the redemption of units, the value of the securities held by the Fund will be equal to the weighted average trading price of such securities over the last three business days preceding the Annual Redemption Date.

If a significant number of units are redeemed, the trading liquidity of the units could be significantly reduced. In addition, the expenses of the Fund would be spread among fewer units resulting in a potentially lower distribution per unit. The Manager has the ability to terminate the Fund if, in its opinion, it would be in the best interests of the unitholders to do so. The Manager may also suspend the redemption of units in certain circumstances.

The 2014 annual redemption took place on October 30, 2014 and consisted of 1,248,710 units for redemption proceeds of \$13,196,083 payable on November 20, 2014.

The Fund has received approval from the TSX for normal course issuer bid ("NCIB") programs between specified dates, allowing the Fund to purchase units for cancellation on the TSX if they trade below NAV per unit. The maximum number

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of units which can be purchased and cancelled is specified for each NCIB. Units purchased and cancelled by the Fund for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 were as follows:

| <b>Approval date</b> | <b>Start date</b> | <b>End date</b> | <b>Maximum units</b> | <b>Units purchased and cancelled</b> |               |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|
|                      |                   |                 |                      | <b>2015</b>                          | <b>2014</b>   |
| May 10, 2013         | May 14, 2013      | May 13, 2014    | 516,641              | –                                    | 34,400        |
| May 20, 2014         | May 22, 2014      | May 21, 2015    | 371,326              | 26,900                               | 9,800         |
| May 20, 2015         | May 22, 2015      | May 21, 2016    | 238,732              | 14,200                               | –             |
| <b>Total</b>         |                   |                 |                      | <b>41,100</b>                        | <b>44,200</b> |

When units of the Fund are redeemed or purchased for cancellation at a price per unit which is lower than the weighted average cost per unit, the difference is included in contributed surplus on the Statements of Financial Position. If the redemption or purchase price is greater than the weighted average cost per unit, the difference is first charged to contributed surplus until the entire account is eliminated, and the remaining amount is charged to retained earnings.

Unit transactions of the Fund for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 were as follows:

|  | <b>2015</b>      | 2014             |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Units outstanding at beginning of period | 2,514,948        | 3,844,984        |
| Reinvestment of distributions            | 6,721            | 10,011           |
| Repurchase and cancellation of units     | (41,100)         | (44,200)         |
| Units outstanding at end of period       | <b>2,480,569</b> | <b>3,810,795</b> |

**9. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT**

Units issued and outstanding are considered to be the capital of the Fund. The Fund’s capital therefore comprises net assets of \$24,376,858 (December 31, 2014 – \$25,863,533). The Fund’s objectives in managing its capital are to provide unitholders with monthly cash distributions and the opportunity to participate in gains in the value of the investment portfolio. The Fund manages its capital taking into consideration the risk characteristics of its holdings. In order to manage its capital structure, the Fund may adjust the amount of distributions paid to unitholders, return capital to unitholders, increase or decrease its level of borrowing if applicable, or purchase units for cancellation.

**10. DISTRIBUTIONS TO UNITHOLDERS**

Distributions, as declared on the Fund’s behalf by the Manager, are made on a monthly basis to unitholders of record on the last business day of each month, payable by the fifteenth business day of the following month. For the six month ended, June 30, 2015, the Fund declared total distributions of \$0.25 (2014 – \$0.25) per unit, which amounted to \$624,523 (2014 – \$956,359). Under the Fund’s distribution reinvestment plan (“DRIP”), unitholders may elect to reinvest monthly distributions in additional units of the Fund which are issued from treasury. In the six months ended June 30, 2015, distributions of \$69,045 were reinvested in 6,721 units of the Fund which were issued from treasury (six months ended June 30, 2014 – distributions of \$101,820 were reinvested in 10,011 units of the Fund which were issued from treasury).

**11. EXPENSES**

Management fees and other reasonable expenses incurred in the operations of the Fund are charged as expenses in the Statements of Comprehensive Income of the Fund, and include expenses paid by the manager on behalf of the Fund and subsequently recharged to the Fund as described in note 12.

The Fund pays for all other expenses incurred in connection with the operation and administration of the Fund, including: all costs of portfolio transactions, fees payable to third party services providers, custodial fees, legal, accounting, audit and valuation fees and expenses, expenses of the members of the Independent Review Committee (“IRC”), expenses related to compliance with National Instrument 81-107, fees and expenses relating to the voting of proxies by a third party, costs of reporting to unitholders, registrar, transfer and distribution agency costs, printing and mailing costs, listing fees and expenses and other administrative expenses and costs incurred in connection with the continuous public filing requirements, taxes, brokerage commissions, costs and expenses relating to the issue of units of the Fund, costs and

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expenses of preparing financial and other reports, costs and expenses arising as a result of complying with all applicable laws, regulations and policies and all amounts paid on account of indebtedness.

**12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

In accordance with the Declaration of Trust, the Manager is entitled to an annual management fee aggregating to 1.75% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Fund, comprised of 1.25% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Fund, calculated weekly and paid monthly in arrears, plus an amount to be paid by the Manager to registered dealers equal to the service fee of 0.50% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Fund, calculated quarterly and paid as soon as practicable after the end of each calendar quarter, plus applicable taxes.

For the six month ended June 30, 2015 the Fund expensed management fees of \$225,498 (2014 – \$375,477). As at June 30, 2015, the Fund had management fees payable of \$61,209 (December 31, 2014 – \$63,618) included in accrued liabilities.

On an ongoing basis, the Manager pays on behalf of the Fund, and subsequently recharges to the Fund, certain expenses of the Fund. For the six months ended June 30, 2015 the Fund expensed IRC fees of \$17,169 (2014 – \$16,860), audit fees of \$315 (2014 – nil), as well as investor relations costs of \$7,865 (2014 – \$10,616) and insurance premiums of \$413 (2014 – \$297) (both included in ‘other administrative expenses’) which were paid and recharged by the manager. As at June 30, 2015 the Fund owed the Manager \$780 for recharged expenses (December 31, 2014 – \$1,700) included in accrued liabilities.

Units held by the Manager and its affiliates represent 4.4% of the units outstanding at June 30, 2015 (December 31, 2014 – 4.4%).

**13. BROKERAGE COMMISSIONS ON SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS**

During the six months ended June 30, 2015 the Fund paid \$11,186 (2014 – \$8,740) in brokerage commissions and other transaction costs for portfolio transactions. There are no soft dollar commissions.

**14. SECURITIES LENDING**

The Fund has entered into a securities lending program with CIBC Mellon Global Securities Services Company, which has a DBRS credit rating of AA/R-1/Stable and a Moody’s credit rating of Aa3/P-1/Stable, as lending agent. Securities lending transactions involve the temporary exchange of securities for collateral with a commitment to deliver the same securities and collateral on a specified future date. Income is earned in the form of fees paid by the counterparty and is recognised on the accrual basis in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. The Fund retains the risks and rewards of ownership of the securities loaned, and therefore these securities do not qualify for derecognition and therefore remain on the Statements of Financial Position of the Fund during the loan period. The risks and rewards of ownership include any gains or losses in market value of the securities, the ability to sell the securities, and any dividends or distributions on the securities for which the ex-dividend dates fall within the loan period.

The Fund receives collateral of at least 102% of the value of securities on loan. Should a borrower default on a securities loan, the Fund is entitled to the associated collateral. The Fund is not exposed to the risks and rewards of ownership of the collateral therefore the collateral is not included on the Fund’s Statements of Financial Position. Collateral may comprise: cash; debt that is issued or guaranteed by the Government of Canada or a province thereof, by the Government of the United States of America or of one of the states of the United States of America or of a sovereign state of the G7 countries, or of Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Netherlands, Sweden or Switzerland, or a permitted supranational agency of Organisation for Economic Co-ordination and Development countries; debt that is issued or guaranteed by a financial institution whose short-term debt is rated A-1 or R-1 or equivalent and includes bankers acceptances, banker bearer deposit notes, or irrevocable letters of credit; corporate debt or corporate commercial paper; or convertible securities.

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The aggregate fair value of securities loaned (which equals their carrying amount) and the aggregate fair value of the collateral under securities lending transactions as at June 30, 2015 and 2014 are as follows:

| As at June 30, 2015             |                          | As at December 31, 2014         |                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Fair value of securities loaned | Fair value of collateral | Fair value of securities loaned | Fair value of collateral |
| \$ 2,882,945                    | \$ 3,028,907             | \$ 3,564,447                    | \$ 3,762,771             |

The collateral received consists of debt that is issued or fully and unconditionally guaranteed as to the principal and interest by the government of Canada or a province of Canada, debt that is issued or guaranteed by a financial institution whose short term debt is rated A-1 or R-1 or equivalent, and corporate debt.

**15. RISK ASSOCIATED WITH FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

**a) Risk factors**

The Fund's investment activities expose it to a variety of risks associated with financial instruments.

The Manager seeks to maximize the returns derived for the level of risk to which the Fund is exposed and to minimize potential adverse effects on the Fund's performance by employing professional and experienced portfolio managers, by daily monitoring of the Fund's positions and market events, and by diversifying the investment portfolio within the constraints of the investment objectives and restrictions. The Manager also maintains a governance structure that oversees the Fund's investment activities and monitors compliance with the Fund's stated investment objectives and restrictions, internal guidelines and securities regulations.

**b) Credit risk**

The Fund is exposed to credit risk, which is the risk that a counterparty to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation or commitment that it has entered into with the Fund. The carrying amount of the Fund's assets represents the maximum credit risk exposure as at June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

All transactions in listed securities are settled upon delivery using approved brokers. The trade will fail if either party fails to meet its obligations. The risk of default is considered minimal, as delivery of securities sold is only made once the broker has received payment. Payment is made on a purchase once the securities have been received by the broker.

The Fund enters into securities lending transactions with counterparties whereby the Fund temporarily exchanges securities for collateral with a commitment by the counterparty to deliver the same securities at a future date. All counterparties are subject to a stringent examination of creditworthiness which includes a financial assessment of the company, a review of qualitative factors including management and corporate governance, comparison to similar companies and consideration of ratings assigned by external ratings agencies, and the value of collateral must be at least 102% of the fair value of the securities loaned. Therefore credit risk associated with these transactions is considered minimal.

The Fund limits its exposure to credit loss by dealing with counterparties, including the lending agent and the issuers of short-term debt instruments, of high credit quality (see notes 7 and 14). To maximize the credit quality of its investments, the Fund's Manager performs ongoing credit evaluations based upon factors surrounding the credit risk of counterparties, historical trends and other information. Given that the Fund is primarily invested in equities, credit risk is not considered significant.

**c) Other price risk**

Other price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether caused by factors specific to an individual investment, its issuer, or all factors affecting all instruments traded in a market or market segment. All investments present a risk of loss of capital. The Manager aims to moderate this risk through a careful selection and diversification of securities and other financial instruments within the limits of the Fund's investment objectives and strategy. The Fund's investment objectives include the requirement that its portfolio securities must exhibit low price volatility at the time of purchase, which may further reduce other price risk. The maximum risk of loss resulting from financial instruments is equivalent to their fair value.

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The Fund is exposed to price risk from its investment in income trusts and equity securities. As at June 30, 2015, had the prices of these securities increased or decreased by 10%, with all other variables held constant, net assets would have increased or decreased by approximately \$2,074,815 (December 31, 2014 – \$2,509,927) or 8.5% (December 31, 2014 – 9.7%) of total net assets. In practice, the actual results may differ and the impact could be material.

**d) Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities and its redeemable units. The Fund is exposed to liquidity risk through the annual redemption of its units, because there may be insufficient trade volumes in the markets for the securities of the Fund or because the securities may be subject to legal or contractual restrictions on their resale. The Fund receives notice of at least 22 business days prior to the date of redemption of units and has up to 15 business days after the redemption date to settle the redemptions, which provides the Manager time to liquidate securities to fund the redemptions, although there remains a risk that the required funds cannot be obtained. All of the liabilities of the Fund mature in six months or less. Liquidity risk is managed by investing the majority of the Fund's assets in investments that are traded in an active market and can be readily disposed of. The Fund aims to retain sufficient cash and cash equivalent positions to maintain liquidity; therefore, the liquidity risk for the Fund is considered minimal.

**e) Interest rate risk**

Interest rate risk arises on interest-bearing financial instruments. The Fund is exposed to interest rate risk on its short-term debt instruments. Fluctuations in interest rates have a direct effect on the Fund's ability to earn interest income. As at June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the Fund had no significant exposure to interest rate risk due to the short term nature of its short-term debt instruments, which had maturities of less than three months.

**f) Currency risk**

Currency risk arises on financial instruments denominated in foreign currencies. Fluctuations in foreign exchange rates impact the valuation of assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies. As at June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the Fund had no direct exposure to currency risk since none of its financial instruments were denominated in foreign currencies.

**g) Concentration risk**

Concentration risk arises as a result of the concentration of exposures within the same category, whether it is geographical location, product type, industry sector or counterparty type. The following is a summary of the Fund's concentration risk, expressed in terms of percentage of net assets invested by sector, as at June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

| <b>Market Segment</b>  | <b>June 30, 2015</b> | <b>December 31, 2014</b> |
|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Financial Services     | <b>16.2%</b>         | 16.0%                    |
| Energy Infrastructure  | <b>14.7%</b>         | 21.0%                    |
| Consumer Discretionary | <b>14.4%</b>         | 19.2%                    |
| Consumer Staples       | <b>8.7%</b>          | 9.7%                     |
| Materials              | <b>7.9%</b>          | 7.0%                     |
| Oil and Gas            | <b>6.9%</b>          | 7.7%                     |
| Real Estate            | <b>5.1%</b>          | 5.5%                     |
| Information Technology | <b>5.0%</b>          | 5.4%                     |
| Industrial             | <b>4.6%</b>          | 4.2%                     |
| Utilities              | <b>1.6%</b>          | 1.4%                     |

**h) Fair value hierarchy**

The Fund classifies fair value measurements within a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three broad levels. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurement) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

- Level 1 Inputs that reflect unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Manager has the ability to access at the measurement date;

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Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly; and

Level 3 Inputs that are unobservable. The determination of fair value require significant management judgment or estimation.

If inputs of different levels are used to measure an asset’s or liability’s fair value, the classification within the hierarchy is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The following fair value hierarchy table presents information about the Fund’s financial instruments measured at fair value as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

**June 30, 2015**

|                 | <b>Level 1</b> |    | <b>Level 2</b> |    | <b>Level 3</b> |    | <b>Total</b>      |
|-----------------|----------------|----|----------------|----|----------------|----|-------------------|
| <b>Equities</b> | \$ 20,748,152  | \$ | –              | \$ | –              | \$ | <b>20,748,152</b> |
|                 | \$ 20,748,152  | \$ | –              | \$ | –              | \$ | <b>20,748,152</b> |

December 31, 2014

|          | Level 1       |    | Level 2 |    | Level 3 |    | Total      |
|----------|---------------|----|---------|----|---------|----|------------|
| Equities | \$ 25,099,274 | \$ | –       | \$ | –       | \$ | 25,099,274 |
|          | \$ 25,099,274 | \$ | –       | \$ | –       | \$ | 25,099,274 |

There were no transfers between the levels during the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014.

**16. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS BY CATEGORY**

All of the Fund’s assets and liabilities other than prepaid expenses and other assets are financial instruments. As at June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, all of the Fund’s financial instruments other than investments were carried at amortized cost, and investments were carried at FVTPL having been designated as such on transition to IFRS.

For the six months ended June 30, 2015, net gains on financial instruments designated at FVTPL were \$197,960 (2014 – \$4,968,757).

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