

THIRD QUARTER REPORT DECEMBER 31, 2017

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# THE PERIOD AT A GLANCE (Unaudited)

	As at Dec. 31 2017	As at March 31 2017
Net equity value per Common Share <sup>1</sup>	\$ 138.23	\$ 132.32
Net assets <sup>2</sup>	\$ 1,693,395	\$ 1,621,302
Number of Common Shares outstanding at period end	12,194,193	12,194,193

# Nine months ended December 31

	2017			
Net investment income per Common Share <sup>1</sup>	\$ 1.55	\$	1.51	
Dividends per Common Share				
Quarterly	\$ 0.90	\$	0.60	
Additional <sup>3</sup>	\$ 1.12	\$	1.33	
Net income per Common Share	\$ 7.93	\$	7.94	
Net investment income 1,2	\$ 19,187	\$	18,740	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Management's Discussion and Analysis for Use of Non-GAAP Measures.

The financial statements have been prepared under International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

# NOTICE OF NO AUDITOR REVIEW OF INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Company's external auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, have not performed a review of these interim financial statements of United Corporations Limited.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In thousands of Canadian dollars.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> This additional dividend represents the annual distribution of the prior year's annual net investment income after payment of Preferred Share dividends and quarterly Common Share dividends.

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The following Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") of the unaudited interim condensed financial performance and financial condition of United Corporations Limited ("United" or the "Company") for the third quarter of fiscal 2018 should be read in conjunction with: the March 31, 2017 Annual Report, including the MD&A, the Company's audited annual financial statements and the notes and supplementary financial information; the Company's MD&A and unaudited interim condensed financial statements and notes for the previous quarters of fiscal 2018; and the unaudited interim condensed financial statements and notes contained in this report. These unaudited interim condensed financial statements have been prepared in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), as set out in the Handbook of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada. The reporting currency for the Company is the Canadian dollar, and all amounts in the following discussion are in Canadian dollars.

This MD&A may contain certain forward-looking statements that are subject to risks and uncertainties that may cause the results or events mentioned in this discussion to differ materially from actual results or events. No assurance can be given that results, performance or achievement expressed in, or implied by, any forward-looking statements within this disclosure will occur, or if they do, that any benefits may be derived from them.

## The Company

United is a closed-end investment corporation that trades on the Toronto Stock Exchange. United is an investment vehicle for long-term growth through investments in common equities, as management believes that over long periods of time, common equities, as an asset class, will outperform fixed-income instruments or balanced funds. From time to time, however, assets of the Company may be invested in interest-bearing short-term securities pending the selection of suitable equity investments.

The Company has been a closed-end investment corporation since 1929 and has never bought back its Common Shares. The Common Shares have historically traded at a discount to their net asset value, ranging from a 40% discount to a 15% discount over the past 10 years. Management believes that shareholders who have invested in the Common Shares of the Company recognize that the Common Shares of the Company usually trade at a discount to their net asset value.

Closed-end investment corporations have the following benefits: they often allow investors the opportunity to purchase assets at a discounted price; they have management expense ratios which are generally much lower than those for actively-managed open-ended funds; and the management of a closed-end investment corporation's portfolio is not impacted by shareholder subscription or redemption activities.

United has no plans to become an open-ended investment fund.

The majority of the Company's investment portfolio is actively managed by Jarislowsky Fraser Limited ("Jarislowsky") and Valuelnvest Asset Management S.A. ("Valuelnvest"). Each of the managers has a global equity mandate. As of December 31, 2017, \$754,902,000 (March 31, 2017 - \$768,470,000) and \$821,328,000 (March 31, 2017 - \$859,612,000) of equity investments were managed by Jarislowsky and Valuelnvest, respectively.

Jarislowsky is a global investment manager whose head office is in Montreal, Quebec, with offices in Toronto, Calgary, Vancouver, and New York. Jarislowsky selects investments using a long-term bottom-up investment philosophy, which is to purchase good companies with strong economics and management, whose shares are selling below Jarislowsky's estimate of intrinsic value. The portfolio normally consists of 45 - 75 investments and includes publicly-traded equity securities of companies outside of Canada, with between 80% - 100% allocated to non-cyclical blue chip industry leaders with large capitalizations, and the balance allocated to cyclical smaller market capitalization companies. The target geographic mix expressed as a percentage of the portfolio are generally U.S. equities 30 - 70%; international equities 30 - 70%; and emerging markets 0 - 10%. On February 12, 2018, Scotiabank announced that it will acquire Jarislowsky. The transaction is expected to close during 2018, subject to regulatory approvals.

ValueInvest is a global investment manager whose head office is in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. ValueInvest provides portfolio advisory services to Canadian clients through Pier 21 Asset Management Inc., a registered portfolio manager based in Montreal, Quebec. ValueInvest's investment objective is to provide long-term growth primarily through capital appreciation, by investing in a portfolio of common stocks and equivalent securities of major companies around the world. The investment philosophy rests on its core conviction that long-term preservation and accumulation of wealth can best be achieved through a combination of attractive valuations and thorough assessment of the quality of the businesses. There is no target geographic mix for the portfolio. The portfolio normally consists of 30 - 80 companies.

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On September 29, 2017 United allocated approximately \$100 million of its assets to emerging markets mandates, \$50 million invested in LSV Emerging Markets Small Cap Equity Fund, LP and \$50 million in Burgundy Emerging Markets Equity Fund. The LSV mandate is managed by LSV Asset Management, a value equity manager whose head office is in Chicago, Illinois. The Burgundy mandate is managed by Burgundy Asset Management Ltd., a fundamental value-driven investment manager whose head office is in Toronto. The risks of foreign investments are generally higher in emerging markets. As of December 31, 2017 the top 5 largest country exposures represented 59% of these emerging market mandates. These countries included India (15%), China (14%), South Korea (12%), Brazil (9%) and Taiwan (9%). In addition, the Jarislowsky investment portfolio held two investments within emerging markets.

The Company also has a long-term investment in Algoma Central Corporation ("Algoma"), a public shipping company. Algoma is a related party and is a reporting issuer which trades on the Toronto Stock Exchange with a profile on SEDAR. The investment in Algoma is consistent with the Company's investment strategy and contributes to achieving the investment objective of the Company. Further related party information is provided in Note 11 to the financial statements in the March 31, 2017 Annual Report and in the schedule of investment portfolio in this interim report beginning on page 14.

# **Investment Strategy**

The objective of the Company is to earn an above-average rate of return, primarily through long-term capital appreciation and dividend income. Short-term volatility is expected and tolerated. Management remains confident that the Company's investment strategy will reward shareholders over the long-term.

The investment portfolio of the Company comprises primarily foreign equities. Net equity value and net investment income may vary significantly from period to period depending on the economic environment and market conditions.

## **Use of Non-GAAP Measures**

This MD&A contains references to "net equity value per Common Share" and "net investment income per Common Share". These terms do not have any standardized meanings in generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") and therefore may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies. Canadian GAAP is IFRS for these financial statements. The Company believes that these measures provide information useful to our shareholders in evaluating the Company's financial results.

Net equity value per Common Share is used by investors and management as a comparison to the market price of its Common Shares to determine the discount or premium at which the Company's Common Shares are trading, relative to the net equity value per Common Share. In order to determine its net equity value per Common Share, the Company deducts the cost of redemption of its Preferred Shares from its net assets.

Net investment income per Common Share is used by both investors and management to assess the approximate amount of dividends to be distributed on Common Shares. In order to determine its net investment income per Common Share, the Company deducts the dividends paid on its Preferred Shares.

Net equity value per Common Share is calculated as follows (in thousands of dollars, except number of Common Shares and per Common Share amounts):

		2017	 March 31 2017
Net assets	\$	1,693,395	\$ 1,621,302
Deduct: Cost of redemption First Preferred Shares 1959 and 1963 Series Second Preferred Shares		1,567 6,180	1,567 6,180
		7,747	7,747
Net equity value	\$	1,685,648	\$ 1,613,555
Common Shares outstanding		12,194,193	12,194,193
Net equity value per Common Share	\$	138.23	\$ 132.32

### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Net investment income per Common Share is calculated as follows (in thousands of dollars, except number of Common Shares and per Common Share amounts):

Three months ended December 31							
2017			2016		2017		2016
\$	98,944	\$	9,900	\$	97,009	\$	97,140
	(110,237) 14,548 376		(7,149) 948 —		(90,075) 11,877 376		(90,375) 11,975 —
	3,631		3,699		19,187		18,740
	95		95	_	284	_	284
\$	3,536	\$	3,604	\$	18,903	\$	18,456
1	12,194,193		12,194,193		12,194,193		12,194,193
\$	0.29	\$	0.29	\$	1.55	\$	1.51
	\$ =	Decemed 2017  \$ 98,944  (110,237)     14,548     376     3,631  95  \$ 3,536  12,194,193	December 2017 \$ 98,944 \$  (110,237)	December 31       2017     2016       \$ 98,944     \$ 9,900       (110,237)     (7,149)       14,548     948       376     —       3,631     3,699       \$ 3,536     \$ 95       \$ 3,536     \$ 3,604       12,194,193     12,194,193	December 31       2017     2016       \$ 98,944     \$ 9,900     \$       (110,237)     (7,149)     14,548     948       376     —     3,631     3,699       95     95       \$ 3,536     \$ 3,604     \$       12,194,193     \$ 12,194,193     \$	December 31         December 31           2017         2016           \$ 98,944         \$ 9,900           (110,237)         (7,149)           14,548         948           376         —           3,631         3,699           19,187           95         95           284           \$ 3,536         \$ 3,604           \$ 18,903           12,194,193         12,194,193	December 31         December 2017           \$ 98,944         \$ 9,900         \$ 97,009         \$           (110,237)         (7,149)         (90,075)         14,548         948         11,877         376         —         37

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> On an after-tax basis.

# **Net Equity Value per Common Share**

The Company's net equity value per Common Share increased to \$138.23 at December 31, 2017 compared to \$130.43 at September 30, 2017 and \$132.32 at March 31, 2017.

With dividends reinvested at month-end net equity values, the Company's net equity value return for the quarter was 6.2% (2017 - 0.6%) and 6.2% (2017 - 6.6%) year to date.

Investments managed by ValueInvest presented a pre-tax year-to-date total return of 4.2% (2017 – 4.9%), whereas investments managed by Jarislowsky had a total return of 8.8% (2017 – 11.8%).

As the Company is a taxable Canadian corporation, the Company's net equity value is net of a provision for income taxes on net investment income and net realized gains on investments, and net of a deferred income tax provision on its change in unrealized appreciation of investments.

In Canadian dollar terms, total returns (capital gains plus dividends) for United's net equity value and stock market indices, were as follows:

	Three months ended December 31	Nine months ended  December 31
	(%	
United net equity value	6.2	6.2
MSCI World Index	6.2	8.9
S&P 500 Index	7.2	8.3
S&P/TSX Composite Index	4.5	6.5

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

# **Growth in Net Equity Value ("NAV")**

Set out below is a table that shows annual growth in NAV in each of the past 10 fiscal years:

### Annual growth in NAV\*

<b>9</b>	NAV per Common Share	Annual Growth
		(%)
2008	\$ 77.18	(9.4)
2009	54.81	(28.1)
2010	67.33	24.4
2011	71.82	7.9
2012	72.32	1.9
2013	82.03	15.7
2014	99.50	23.2
2015	117.86	20.2
2016	120.66	4.0
2017	132.32	11.6
Compound annual growth	h*	
2008 - 2017 - 10 years		5.9

<sup>\*</sup>This chart was drawn from the individual annual reports and any NAV amounts prior to 2014 have not been restated for any subsequent changes in accounting policies.

# **Operating Results**

### Net income

The Company reported net income for the third quarter of fiscal 2018 of \$98,944,000 compared to net income of \$9,900,000 in fiscal 2017. On a year-to-date basis, net income was \$97,009,000 compared to net income of \$97,140,000 in fiscal 2017. Net income per Common Share for the third quarter of fiscal 2018 was \$8.10 compared to net income of \$0.80 for fiscal 2017. On a year-to-date basis, net income per share was \$7.93 compared to net income of \$7.94 per share in fiscal 2017.

The Company's fair value change in investments for the third quarter of fiscal 2018 was a gain of \$110,237,000 compared to a gain of \$7,149,000 for the same period in fiscal 2017. On a year-to-date basis, the fair value change in investments was a gain of \$90,075,000 compared to a gain of \$90,375,000 for the nine months ended December 31, 2016. During the quarter, positive performance of \$57,843,000 in the U.S., \$17,248,000 in Europe, \$14,285,000 in Canada, \$11,594,000 in Asia and \$8,994,000 in Emerging Markets contributed to the \$110,237,000 fair value gain in investments. On a year-to-date basis, the U.S. investments contributed \$28,264,000, Europe \$27,650,000, Canada \$12,436,000, Asia \$12,013,000 and Emerging Markets \$8,894,000 contributed to the \$90,075,000 fair value gain in investments.

The significant contributors to the year-to-date investment performance included Algoma Central Corporation, Microsoft Corporation, and L'Air Liquide with fair value investment gains of \$12,436,000, \$8,379,000 and \$6,685,000 respectively. The largest year-to-date detractors were Kimberly-Clark Corporation, KDDI Corporation, and ConAgra Brands, Inc. with fair value investment losses of \$6,052,000, \$3,589,000, and \$3,304,000 respectively.

The net realized gain was \$23,255,000 for the third quarter of fiscal 2018 compared to \$9,628,000 for the same period in the prior year. On a year-to-date basis, the net realized gain was \$94,245,000 compared to \$45,280,000 in fiscal 2017. The increase in the year-to-date gain occurred primarily as a result of Jarislowsky and ValueInvest selling equities in order to fund the Company's increased investment in emerging markets during the second fiscal quarter. The largest year-to-date contributors to the net realized gain in fiscal 2018 were from the sales of U.S. securities for a gain of \$57,684,000. European securities for \$20,219,000 and Asian securities for \$15,149,000.

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Net investment income

The Company's net investment income in the third quarter of fiscal 2018 decreased to \$3,631,000 compared to \$3,699,000 for the third quarter of fiscal 2017. On a year-to-date basis, net investment income increased to \$19,187,000 from \$18,740,000 for the same period in the prior year. On a per Common Share basis, net investment income for the quarter was \$0.29 in both fiscal 2017 and 2018 and on a year-to-date basis increased to \$1.55 in 2018 compared to \$1.51 in 2017.

Foreign dividend income in the third quarter decreased to \$6,239,000 from \$6,655,000 for the same quarter in the prior year and on a year-to-date basis increased to \$30,677,000 from \$30,018,000 in fiscal 2017. Foreign dividend income is impacted by changes in the composition of the investment portfolio, variability in foreign exchange rates and dividend yields.

The current quarter and year-to-date net investment income includes \$512,000 (2017 - \$nil) of pre-tax dividends from a limited partnership. This amount for accounting purposes is included in fair value change in investments in the statement of operations.

Canadian dividend income in the third quarter increased to \$327,000 from \$253,000 for the same quarter in the prior year and on a year-to-date basis increased to \$907,000 from \$761,000 in fiscal 2017. The increase in both periods occurred as a result of dividend increases by Algoma.

Expenses during the quarter increased to \$2,334,000 in fiscal 2018 compared to \$2,063,000 for the same period in the prior year, and on a year-to-date basis increased to \$6,786,000 compared to \$6,285,000 in the prior year. The majority of the increase relates to an increase in investment management and administrative costs resulting from a higher investment portfolio compared to the prior year, as well as increased management fees for the emerging markets mandates.

# **Quarterly Results**

The following table summarizes various financial results on a quarterly basis for the eight most recent quarters (in thousands of dollars, except per Common Share amounts):

	ı	Dec. 31 2017	(	Sept. 30 2017	·	June 30 2017	N	larch 31 2017	I	Dec. 31 2016	Sept. 30 2016			lune 30 2016	M	larch 31 2016
Investments	\$1	,741,035	\$1	,642,607	\$1	,672,747	\$1	,673,802	\$1	,589,654	\$1	,582,130	\$1	,525,816	\$1	,519,665
Net investment income <sup>1</sup>	\$	3,631	\$	3,941	\$	11,615	\$	5,196	\$	3,699	\$	3,897	\$	11,144	\$	4,837
Net income (loss)	\$	98,944	\$	(22,652)	\$	20,717	\$	75,146	\$	9,900	\$	57,675	\$	29,565	\$	(60,699)
Per Common Share: Net investment income <sup>1</sup>	\$	0.29	\$	0.32	\$	0.94	\$	0.41	\$	0.29	\$	0.31	\$	0.91	\$	0.39
Net income (loss)	\$	8.10	\$	(1.86)	\$	1.69	\$	6.15	\$	0.80	\$	4.72	\$	2.42	\$	(4.99)
NAV	\$	138.23	\$	130.43	\$	132.59	\$	132.32	\$	126.67	\$	126.07	\$	121.55	\$	120.66

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> On an after-tax basis.

Investment income is derived primarily from dividend income that is earned by the Company. While North American investments usually pay regular quarterly dividends, investments outside of North America often pay less frequently. In general, dividends earned on investments outside of North America peak in the first quarter of the fiscal year. From time to time, the Company receives additional one-time dividends arising from significant corporate transactions. There is no guarantee that the Company will receive dividend income on its investments at current dividend payout levels.

Overall returns are determined by the performance of the investment managers of the portfolio and may fluctuate significantly as illustrated by the past eight quarters. The returns generated by the investment managers may not correlate with benchmark returns.

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

#### **Share Data**

As at December 31, 2017, the following shares were issued and outstanding: 52,237 First Preferred Shares, 80,290 1959 Series Second Preferred Shares, 119,710 1963 Series Second Preferred Shares, and 12,194,193 Common Shares.

# **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

The Company's dividend policy is to distribute annual net investment income, after payment of Preferred Share dividends, in the form of Common Share dividends.

The Company pays quarterly dividends on its Common and Preferred Shares together with an additional Common Share dividend representing the balance of net investment income for the previous fiscal year. The quarterly dividend is \$0.30 (2017 - \$0.20) per Common Share and \$0.375 per Preferred Share.

During the first fiscal quarter, the Company paid an additional cash dividend of \$1.12 (2017 - \$1.33) per Common Share representing the balance of net investment income for the previous fiscal year.

The Company's dividend policy is established by the Board of Directors at its discretion and is subject to change.

# **Additional Information**

Additional information relating to United, including the Company's Annual Information Form, is available at www.sedar.com.

United's website, www.ucorp.ca, also provides further information on the Company, including historical information on the net equity value per Common Share which is updated weekly.

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February 13, 2018

# STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS (Unaudited)

	December 31 2017	March 31 2017		
	(000's)			
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 19,551	\$ 17,938		
Investments (Note 4)	1,741,035	1,673,802		
Receivable in respect of investments sold	3,957	_		
Dividends and interest receivable	1,426	2,763		
Other assets	3,083	2,667		
	1,769,052	1,697,170		
LIABILITIES				
Accrued expenses	1,309	964		
Income taxes payable	1,976	1,478		
Dividend payable	3,753	3,753		
Deferred tax liabilities	68,619	69,673		
	75,657	75,868		
NET ASSETS	\$ 1,693,395	\$ 1,621,302		
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Share capital	\$ 541,000	\$ 541,000		
Retained earnings	1,152,395	1,057,204		
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 1,693,395	\$ 1,621,302		

# STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited)

	Three months ended Dec. 31				Nine months ended Dec. 31					
	<b>2017</b> 2016			2017			2016			
				(00)	0's)					
INCOME										
Dividends										
Foreign	\$	6,239	\$	6,655	\$	30,677	\$	30,018		
Canadian		327		253		907		761		
		6,566		6,908		31,584		30,779		
Interest and securities lending income		160		126		642		505		
Fair value change in investments (Note 5)		110,237		7,149		90,075		90,375		
		116,963		14,183		122,301		121,659		
EXPENSES										
Investment management and administrative										
costs		2,073		1,776		5,853		5,245		
Transfer, registrar and custody fees		143		130		414		371		
Directors' and officer's remuneration		80		89		270		283		
Office and miscellaneous		23		51		200		326		
Professional fees		15		17		49		60		
		2,334		2,063		6,786		6,285		
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES		114,629		12,120		115,515		115,374		
Provision for income taxes		15,685		2,220		18,506		18,234		
NET INCOME	\$	98,944	\$	9,900	\$	97,009	\$	97,140		
EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE		<del></del>						<del></del>		
BASIC AND DILUTED	\$	8.10	\$	0.80	\$	7.93	\$	7.94		

# **STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY** (Unaudited)

	Share capital	Retained earnings	Total
		(000's)	
At April 1, 2017	\$ 541,000	\$ 1,080,302	\$ 1,621,302
Net income for the period	_	97,009	97,009
Dividends First Preferred Shares Second Preferred Shares Common Shares	=	(59) (225) (24,632)	(59) (225) (24,632)
At December 31, 2017	\$ 541,000	\$ 1,152,395	\$ 1,693,395
At April 1, 2016	\$ 541,000	\$ 938,121	\$ 1,479,121
Net income for the period	_	97,140	97,140
Dividends First Preferred Shares Second Preferred Shares Common Shares	_ _ _	(59) (225) (23,534)	(59) (225) (23,534)
At December 31, 2016	\$ 541,000	\$ 3 1,011,443	\$ 1,552,443

# STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOW (Unaudited)

	Nine months ended Dec. 31				
	2	017		2016	
Net inflow (outflow) of cash related to the following activites:	(000's)				
Operating					
Net income	\$	97,009	\$	97,140	
Adjustments for: Fair value change in investments Purchases of investments Proceeds from sale of investments Dividends and interest receivable Deferred taxes Net change in other assets and liabilities		(90,075) (308,716) 331,558 1,337 (1,054) (3,530) 26,529		(90,375) (141,968) 162,354 514 5,813 (7,691) 25,787	
Financing  Dividends a side as a second state of the second state		(04.040)		(00.040)	
Dividends paid to shareholders		(24,916)		(23,818)	
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		1,613		1,969	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period		17,938		17,187	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	\$	19,551	\$	19,156	
Additional information for operating activities:					
Interest received Dividends received, net of withholding taxes Income taxes paid Income tax refunds	\$	108 28,505 15,050 —	\$	45 26,946 15,800 29	

## **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

(Unaudited)

# 1. Description of Company and summary of operations

United Corporations Limited ("United" or the "Company") is a closed-end investment corporation. The head office, principal address and registered office of the Company is located at 165 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 3B8.

United trades on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbols UNC, UNC PR.A., UNC PR.B. and UNC PR.C. United is an investment vehicle for long-term growth through investments in common equities, as management believes that over long periods of time, common equities, as an asset class, will outperform fixed-income instruments or balanced funds. From time to time, however, assets of the Company may be invested in interest-bearing short-term securities pending the selection of suitable equity investments.

The interim condensed financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars which is the functional and presentation currency. These interim condensed financial statements were approved by the Company's Board of Directors on February 13, 2018.

# 2. Basis of presentation

These unaudited interim condensed financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 - Interim Financial Reporting as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board and follow the same accounting policies and methods as the most recent annual financial statements. These unaudited interim condensed financial statements do not include all of the disclosures required under International Financial Reporting Standards for annual financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the notes to the Company's audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2017.

# 3. 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 Company has made in preparing the financial statements:

# Classification and measurement of investments

In classifying and measuring financial instruments held by the Company, the Company is required to make significant judgments about whether or not the business of the Company is to invest on a total return basis for the purpose of applying the fair value option for financial assets. The most significant judgment made includes the determination that the Company can apply the fair value option to its investments.

## Deferred taxes

Estimates and assumptions are used primarily in the determination of the Company's deferred tax liabilities, as the income tax rates used in determining the liability are dependent on an assumption as to when a deferred tax liability is expected to be realized.

#### 4. Classification of fair value measurements

The Company classifies fair value measurements using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements. The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

- Quoted unadjusted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1);
- Inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly (Level 2); and
- Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs) (Level 3).

At December 31, 2017, \$1,634,386,000 (March 31, 2017 - \$1,673,802,000) of the Company's equity investments were Level 1 investments and \$106,649,000 (March 31, 2017 - \$nil) were Level 2 investments. There were no year-to-date transfers between Level 1, 2 or 3 equity investments.

The Company's Level 2 investments are represented by units in the Burgundy Emerging Markets Equity Fund and the LSV Emerging Markets Small Cap Fund, LP. The Company has the right to redeem its units in these investments within a 30-to-90-day period depending on the fund. The fair value of these investments is based on the net asset values provided by the administrators.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

# 5. Fair value change in investments

The fair value change in investments is comprised as follows:

	Three months ended December 31				Nine months ended December 31			
	<b>2017</b> 2016			2017		2016		
		(000's)						
Net realized gain Change in unrealized appreciation	\$ 23,255 86,982	\$	9,628 (2,479)	\$	94,245 (4,170)	\$	45,280 45,095	
	\$ 110,237	\$	7,149	\$	90,075	\$	90,375	

# 6. Related party transactions

Included in the Company's Schedule of Investment Portfolio is Algoma Central Corporation ("Algoma"), a related party, with a fair value at December 31, 2017 of \$58,156,000 (March 31, 2017 - \$45,720,000). Dividend income from Algoma for the three months and nine months ended December 31, 2017 amounted to \$327,000 (2017 - \$253,000) and \$907,000 (2017 - \$761,000), respectively.

E-L Financial holds a 51.9% (March 31, 2017 - 51.8%) interest in the Company. Included in investment management and administrative costs are fees for administrative services paid to E-L Financial. These fees are calculated at 0.1% per annum of the fair value of the investments managed by the external investment managers and are paid monthly. The total fees for the three months and nine months ended December 31, 2017 amounted to \$473,000 (2017 - \$435,000) and \$1,378,000 (2017 - \$1,287,000), respectively.

The ultimate controlling party of the Company and of these related parties is The Honourable Henry N.R. Jackman together with a trust created in 1969 by his father, Henry R. Jackman.

### 7. Subsequent event

Common Share dividends of \$0.30 per Common Share, and \$0.375 per Preferred Share for First Preferred Shares, Second Preferred Shares, 1959 Series and Second Preferred Shares, 1963 Series, were declared by the Board of Directors at its meeting on February 13, 2018, with a record and payable date of May 3, 2018 and May 15, 2018, respectively.

The Company's dividend policy is established by the Board of Directors at its discretion and is subject to change.

# SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2017 (Unaudited)

Number of Shares/Units		 Cost		Carrying value	% of Carrying value
		(000's)			
	United States				
50,600	3M Co	\$ 5,206	\$	14,941	
200,760	Abbott Laboratories	10,886		14,373	
7,694	Alphabet Inc. Class A	5,102		10,167	
16,399	Alphabet Inc. Class C	11,521		21,527	
66,400	Becton, Dickinson and Company	5,378		17,831	
79,210	Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Class B	16,419		19.697	
118,720	Bristol-Myers Squibb Company	8,951		9.126	
380,290	CA Inc	13,132		15.877	
233.100	Clorox Company (The)	26.239		43,495	
146.740	Colgate-Palmolive Company	8,119		13.889	
512,950	Comcast Corporation Class A	20,370		25.772	
685.100	ConAgra Brands, Inc	20.893		32.376	
55,990	Costco Wholesale Corporation.	11,167		13,073	
237,340	DaVita Inc	21,225		21,512	
88,860	EOG Resources, Inc.	5,889		12,029	
103.540	Fisery, Inc.	3,887		17,032	
503,100	General Mills, Inc.	23,529		37,420	
953,000	Hormel Foods Corporation	31,174		43,506	
113,912	IQVIA Holdings Inc.	10.673		13,990	
137,760		6.037		18,481	
249.900	JPMorgan Chase & Co	24.295		37.827	
125.366	Kimberly-Clark Corporation	3.080		8.878	
	Lamb Weston Holdings, Inc.				
87,540	MasterCard, Inc. Class A	11,053		16,622	
256,600	Merck & Co., Inc	16,385		18,114	
414,270	Microsoft Corporation	19,735		44,455	
117,200	Mondelez International Inc. Class A	4,552		6,293	
258,160	Noble Energy, Inc.	11,478		9,437	
310,960	Oracle Corporation	12,445		18,444	
88,450	PepsiCo, Inc.	6,248		13,306	
626,700	Pfizer Inc.	21,088		28,476	
_3,490	Priceline Group (The)	7,931		7,608	
79,500	TJX Companies, Inc	6,826		7,625	
61,160	UnitedHealth Group Incorporated	9,694		16,915	
199,410	US Bancorp	6,000		13,403	
129,320	Verisk Analytics Inc. Class A	7,109		15,574	
137,050	Walgreen Boots Alliance Inc.	5,985		12,486	
213,800	Waste Management Inc.	11,836		23,147	
231,851	Wells Fargo & Company	12,363		17,646	
		463,900		732,370	42.1

# SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2017 (Unaudited)

Number of Shares/Units		Cost		Carrying value	% of Carrying value
		(000's)			
	Europe, excluding United Kingdom				
49,268 93,318 391,209 1,022,772 69,358 1,005,968 394,439 153,289 1,418,314 323,602 40,831 448,248 42,520 530,100 263,464 1,205,728 407,866	Europe, excluding United Kingdom  Adidas AG  Anheuser-Busch Inbev SA ADR  AXA  Banco Santander Central Hispano S.A  Bayer AG  Davide Campari-Milano S.p.A.  Group Danone S.A.  Kerry Group plc  Koninklijke Ahold Delhaize NV  L'Air Liquide S.A.  LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton SA  Nestlé SA  Nestlé SA  Nestlé SA ADR  Nordea Bank AB  Novo Nordisk A/S  Orange S.A.  Publicis Groupe  Percha Holding A/S	\$ 7,60 10,52 10,17 9,20 6,52 3,94 32,04 12,46 23,89 40,32 7,68 32,91 1,46 9,15 14,83 20,88 34,87	3955558835750742	12,396 13,060 14,565 8,435 10,857 9,759 41,530 21,573 39,142 51,168 15,082 48,288 4,586 8,054 17,855 26,270 34,739	
139,295 122,276 892,818 80,751 29,790	Roche Holding AG. Schneider Electric S.A. Securitas AB Class B. Siemens AG. Swatch Group AG, The	41,91 9,66 11,04 9,06 11,57	9 0 0 1 — —	44,139 13,042 19,561 14,118 15,219	27.0
	lanen	361,77		483,477	27.8
177,700 50,500 112,300 1,064,400 22,236 267,200 182,500 148,500 382,900 87,700 362,800 66,100 296,000	Asahi Group Holdings Co Fanuc Corporation Kao Corporation KDDI Corporation Keyence Corporation Kirin Holdings Company, Limited Lawson Inc. Makita Corporation Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma Corporation Secom Co. Ltd. Seven & i Holdings Co., Ltd. Tsuruha Holdings Inc. Unicharm Corporation	5,88 8,75 4,65 31,09 2,78 3,83 15,93 6,07 5,15 19,27 9,81 6,77	2 2 7 4 5 8 9 8 8 0 6 6 9 4 —	11,066 15,223 9,532 33,254 15,635 8,455 15,228 7,833 9,947 8,311 18,927 11,281 9,663	10.0
287,230 223,938 8,850 5,935,886 295,140 130,240 290,100 260,780 525,310 292,310 2,912,500	United Kingdom  Compass Group plc  Diageo plc  Diageo plc ADR  G4S plc  GlaxoSmithKline plc  Intertek Group plc  Next plc  Nielsen Holdings plc  RELX plc  Royal Dutch Shell plc  Vodafone Group plc	8,76 7,41 66 23,90 7,48 9,97 20,12 15,29 12,84 11,20 12,25	666900333226622233	7,795 10,350 1,621 26,881 6,620 11,465 22,265 11,908 15,494 12,225 11,609	
		129,92		138,233	7.9

# SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2017 (Unaudited)

Number of Shares/Units		Cost	Carrying value	% of Carrying value
1,992,798	Emerging Markets Burgundy Emerging Markets Equity Fund	(0 \$ 50,204	00's) \$ 52,876	
56,270 207,484 34,900	Burgundy Emerging Markets Equity Fund Fomento Economico Mexicano, S.A. de C.V. ADR LSV Emerging Markets Small Cap Equity Fund, LP Naspers Limited	3,881 50,195 9,625	6,629 53,773 12,226	
		113,905	125,504	7.2
	Canada			
3,625,680	Algoma Central Corporation <sup>1</sup>	6,201	58,156	3.3
	Australia			
727,150 217,959	Amcor Limited Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited	11,153 5,946	10,990 6,139	
		17,099	17,129	1.0
1,103,900	Hong Kong AIA Group Limited	8,589	11,811	0.7
	Total investments	\$1,225,433	\$1,741,035	100.0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This company and United are related parties.

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### **NET EQUITY VALUE**

The Company's Net Equity Value per Common Share is published on the Company's website.

#### REPORTING PROCEDURE FOR ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING MATTERS

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