

Annual Financial Statements - December 31, 2017



Marret High Yield Strategies Fund

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Unitholders and Trustee of:
Marret High Yield Strategies Fund (the "Fund")

We have audited the accompanying December 31, 2017 financial statements of the Fund, which comprise the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the statements of comprehensive income, changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units and cash flows for the years then ended and the related notes, which comprise a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's responsibility for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained in our audits is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as at December 31, 2017 and 2016 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Toronto, Ontario
March 20, 2018

Chartered Professional Accountants,
Licensed Public Accountants

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Statements of Financial Position

as at December 31 (in \$ except for per unit amounts and units outstanding)

	2017	2016
Assets		
Current assets		
Investments	26,341,537	26,341,537
Cash	382,095	384,367
Receivable for investments sold	-	-
Receivable for unit subscriptions	-	-
Interest receivable	-	-
Dividends receivable	-	-
Other assets	43,634	44,336
Derivative assets	-	-
	26,767,266	26,770,240
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Bank overdraft	-	-
Payable for investments purchased	-	-
Payable for unit redemptions	-	-
Management fees payable	-	-
Other accrued expenses	85,762	62,213
Distributions payable to holders of redeemable units	-	-
Derivative liabilities	-	-
	85,762	62,213
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	26,681,504	26,708,027
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit:		
Class A	0.73	0.73
Number of redeemable units outstanding:		
Class A	36,729,002	36,729,002

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statements of Comprehensive Income

for the years ended December 31 (in \$ except for per unit amounts and number of units)

	2017	2016
Income		
Net gain (loss) on investments and derivatives		
Dividends	-	-
Interest for distribution purposes	4,741	2,402
Net realized gain (loss) on sale of investments and derivatives	67,162	34,947
Net realized foreign exchange gain (loss) on investments and derivatives	-	-
Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in value of investments and derivatives	-	-
Total net gain (loss) on investments and derivatives	71,903	37,349
Other income		
Foreign exchange gain (loss) on cash	-	-
Change in unrealized foreign exchange gain (loss) on cash	(27)	(13)
Other income	-	-
Total other income	(27)	(13)
Total income	71,876	37,336
Expenses		
Management fees (Note 5)	-	-
Operating fees	-	-
Fund administration expense	-	-
Audit fees	27,291	27,313
Legal fees	10,806	10,815
Trustee fees	5,405	5,409
Transfer agent fees	7,911	3,650
Custodial and administrative fees	14,528	14,539
Independent review committee fees	-	-
Unitholders reporting costs	-	-
Commissions and other portfolio transaction costs	-	-
Professional fees	-	-
Regulatory fees	32,423	32,449
Other expenses	35	-
Interest expense	-	-
Withholding taxes	-	-
Total expenses	98,399	94,175
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	(26,523)	(56,839)
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit:		
Class A	-	-
Weighted average number of units:		
Class A	36,729,002	36,729,002

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Statements of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units
for the years ended December 31 (in \$)

	2017	2016
Class A		
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units at the beginning of year	26,708,027	26,764,866
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	(26,523)	(56,839)
Distributions to holders of redeemable units		
From net investment income	-	-
From net realized gains	-	-
Return of capital	-	-
Total distributions to holders of redeemable units	-	-
Redeemable unit transactions		
Proceeds from redeemable units issued	-	-
Reinvestment of distributions to holders of redeemable units	-	-
Redemption of redeemable units	-	-
Net increase (decrease) from redeemable unit transactions	-	-
Net increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	(26,523)	(56,839)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units at the end of year	26,681,504	26,708,027

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Statements of Cash Flows

for the years ended December 31 (in \$)

	2017	2016
Cash flows from (used in) operating activities		
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	(26,523)	(56,839)
Adjustments for:		
Net realized (gain) loss on sale of investments and derivatives	(67,162)	(34,947)
Change in unrealized (appreciation) depreciation in value of investments and derivatives	-	-
Change in unrealized foreign exchange (gain) loss on cash	27	13
Proceeds from sale and maturity of investments and derivatives	1,790,050	684,563
Purchase of investments and derivatives	(1,722,888)	(649,616)
(Increase) decrease in interest receivable	-	1
(Increase) decrease in dividends receivable	-	-
(Increase) decrease in other assets	702	(43,022)
Increase (decrease) in other accrued expenses	23,549	16,108
Net cash from (used in) operating activities	(2,245)	(83,739)
Cash flows from (used in) financing activities		
Proceeds from issuance of redeemable units	-	-
Amounts paid on redemption of redeemable units	-	-
Distributions paid to holders of redeemable units, net of reinvested distributions	-	-
Net cash from (used in) financing activities	-	-
Change in unrealized foreign exchange gain (loss) on cash	(27)	(13)
Net increase (decrease) in cash	(2,245)	(83,739)
Cash (bank overdraft), beginning of year	384,367	468,119
Cash (bank overdraft), end of year	382,095	384,367
Supplementary Information:		
Dividends received, net of withholding tax*	-	-
Interest received, net of withholding tax*	4,741	2,402
Dividends paid*	-	-
Interest paid*	-	-

*Dividends and interest received as well as dividends and interest paid relate to operating activities of the Fund.
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Schedule of Investment Portfolio as at December 31, 2017

No. of Shares/ Par Value	Description	Average Cost (\$)	Fair Value (\$)
CANADIAN BONDS			
Canadian Corporate Bonds (98.73%)			
25,269,869	Cline Mining Corp., Floating Rate, 2022/07/08	25,269,869	24,189,708
2,247,916	Cline Mining Corp., Floating Rate, 2022/07/08	2,247,916	2,151,829
11,902,570	Data & Audio-Visual Enterprises Holdings Inc., Pay-In-Kind, Callable, 15.000%, 2018/09/25	-	-
	Total Canadian Bonds (98.73%)	27,517,785	26,341,537
CANADA EQUITIES			
Canadian Equities (0.00%)			
6,878,247	Cline Mining Corp., Convertible	1,768,969	-
267,717	Data & Audio-Visual Enterprises Holdings Inc., Class 'B', Warrants, 2018/09/25	-	-
114,142	Data & Audio-Visual Enterprises Holdings Inc., Warrants, 2018/09/25	-	-
	Total Canadian Equities (0.00%)	1,768,969	-
	Total Investments (98.73%)	29,286,754	26,341,537
	Other Assets, Less Liabilities (1.27%)		339,967
	Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units (100.00%)		26,681,504

Percentages shown in brackets relate investments at fair value to net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units of the Fund.

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Fund Specific Notes to Financial Statements

Financial Instruments by Category (Note 2)

The following tables present the carrying amounts of the Fund's financial instruments by category:

as at December 31, 2017

	Held for Trading (in \$)	Financial Assets/ Liabilities as FVTPL Designated at Inception (in \$)	Total (in \$)	Financial Assets/ Liabilities at Amortized Cost (in \$)	Total (in \$)
Assets					
Investments	-	26,341,537	26,341,537	-	26,341,537
Cash	-	-	-	382,095	382,095
Receivable for investments sold	-	-	-	-	-
Receivable for unit subscriptions	-	-	-	-	-
Interest receivable	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends receivable	-	-	-	-	-
Other assets	-	-	-	43,634	43,634
Derivative assets	-	-	-	-	-
	-	26,341,537	26,341,537	425,729	26,767,266
Liabilities					
Bank overdraft	-	-	-	-	-
Payable for investments purchased	-	-	-	-	-
Payable for unit redemptions	-	-	-	-	-
Management fees payable	-	-	-	-	-
Other accrued expenses	-	-	-	85,762	85,762
Distributions payable to holders of redeemable units	-	-	-	-	-
Derivative liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	85,762	85,762

as at December 31, 2016

	Held for Trading (in \$)	Financial Assets/ Liabilities as FVTPL Designated at Inception (in \$)	Total (in \$)	Financial Assets/ Liabilities at Amortized Cost (in \$)	Total (in \$)
Assets					
Investments	-	26,341,537	26,341,537	-	26,341,537
Cash	-	-	-	384,367	384,367
Receivable for investments sold	-	-	-	-	-
Receivable for unit subscriptions	-	-	-	-	-
Interest receivable	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends receivable	-	-	-	-	-
Other assets	-	-	-	44,336	44,336
Derivative assets	-	-	-	-	-
	-	26,341,537	26,341,537	428,703	26,770,240
Liabilities					
Bank overdraft	-	-	-	-	-
Payable for investments purchased	-	-	-	-	-
Payable for unit redemptions	-	-	-	-	-
Management fees payable	-	-	-	-	-
Other accrued expenses	-	-	-	62,213	62,213
Distributions payable to holders of redeemable units	-	-	-	-	-
Derivative liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	62,213	62,213

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Net Gain (Loss) on Financial Instruments (Note 2) for the years ended December 31 (in \$)

The following table presents the net gain (loss) on financial instruments at FVTPL by category.

	2017	2016
Financial Instruments at FVTPL		
Held for trading	-	-
Designated at fair value through profit or loss	71,903	37,349
Total	71,903	37,349

Redeemable Unit Transactions (Note 4) for the years ended December 31

	2017	2016
Class A		
Number of redeemable units at the beginning of year	36,729,002	36,729,002
Redeemable units issued for cash	-	-
Redeemable units issued for reinvested distributions	-	-
Redeemable units redeemed	-	-
Number of redeemable units at the end of year	36,729,002	36,729,002

Loss Carry Forwards (Note 6) as at December 31 (in \$)

	2017
Net capital loss carried forward:	-
Non-capital losses expiring:	
2027	-
2028	-
2029	-
2030	-
2031	-
2032	2,319,000
2033	1,030,508
2034	-
2035	-
2036	74,299
2037	60,076
Total Non-capital losses	3,483,883

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Fund Specific Notes to Financial Statements

Financial Instruments Risks (Note 7)

Concentration Risk

For Concentration Risk as at December 31, 2017, refer to the Schedule of Investment Portfolio.

The Fund's investments were concentrated in the following segments:

as at December 31, 2016

	% of Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units
Canadian Corporate Bonds	98.63
Total Bonds	98.63
Canadian Equities	-
Total Equities	-
Total Investments	98.63

Credit Risk

The Fund was invested in fixed income securities, preferred securities and derivative instruments, if any, with the following credit ratings, as per the tables below.

as at December 31, 2017

Credit Rating[^]	% of Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units		
	Long	Short	Net
Unrated	98.73	-	98.73
Total	98.73	-	98.73

as at December 31, 2016

Credit Rating[^]	% of Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units		
	Long	Short	Net
Unrated	98.63	-	98.63
Total	98.63	-	98.63

[^]Credit ratings are obtained from S&P Global Ratings, where available, otherwise ratings are obtained from: Moody's Investors Service or Dominion Bond Rating Service, respectively.

Other Price Risk

As at December 31, 2017 and 2016, the other price risk of the Fund was insignificant as the Fund was invested in fixed income securities.

Currency Risk

As at December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Fund had no significant exposure to currency risk as the Fund's investments were primarily denominated in Canadian dollars, the functional currency of the Fund.

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Interest Rate Risk

The tables below summarize the Fund's exposure to interest rate risk, categorized by the contractual maturity date.

as at December 31, 2017

Bonds	Long (in \$)	Short (in \$)	Net (in \$)
< 1 year	-	-	-
1-3 years	-	-	-
3-5 years	26,341,537	-	26,341,537
> 5 years	-	-	-
Total	26,341,537	-	26,341,537

as at December 31, 2016

Bonds	Long (in \$)	Short (in \$)	Net (in \$)
< 1 year	-	-	-
1-3 years	-	-	-
3-5 years	-	-	-
> 5 years	26,341,537	-	26,341,537
Total	26,341,537	-	26,341,537

As at December 31, 2017, had the prevailing interest rates increased or decreased by 1% (December 31, 2016 - 1%), with all other variables held constant, net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units of the Fund would have indirectly decreased or increased, respectively, by approximately \$64,952 (December 31, 2016 - \$64,952). In practice, the actual results may differ from this analysis and the difference may be material.

Fair Value Hierarchy

The tables below summarize the inputs used by the Fund in valuing the Fund's investments and derivatives carried at fair value.

as at December 31, 2017

	Level 1 (in \$)	Level 2 (in \$)	Level 3 (in \$)	Total (in \$)
Bonds	-	-	26,341,537	26,341,537
Equities	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	26,341,537	26,341,537

as at December 31, 2016

	Level 1 (in \$)	Level 2 (in \$)	Level 3 (in \$)	Total (in \$)
Bonds	-	-	26,341,537	26,341,537
Equities	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	26,341,537	26,341,537

There were no transfers between Level 1, 2 and 3 during the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016.

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Fund Specific Notes to Financial Statements

Level 3 Reconciliation

The tables below summarize the movement in financial instruments classified as Level 3.

for the year ended December 31, 2017

	Balance at Dec. 31, 2016 (in \$)	Purchases (in \$)	Sales (in \$)	Transfers In (in \$)	Transfers (Out) (in \$)	Realized Gain (Loss) (in \$)	Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) (in \$)	Balance at Dec. 31, 2017 (in \$)
Bonds	26,341,537	-	(67,161)	-	-	67,161	-	26,341,537
Equities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	26,341,537	-	(67,161)	-	-	67,161	-	26,341,537

for the year ended December 31, 2016

	Balance at Dec. 31, 2015 (in \$)	Purchases (in \$)	Sales (in \$)	Transfers In (in \$)	Transfers (Out) (in \$)	Realized Gain (Loss) (in \$)	Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)^ (in \$)	Balance at Dec. 31, 2016 (in \$)
Bonds	26,341,537	-	(34,947)	-	-	34,947	-	26,341,537
Equities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	26,341,537	-	(34,947)	-	-	34,947	-	26,341,537

^Total change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) related to investments still held at December 31, 2016 was \$2,980,430.

The tables below summarize the significant unobservable inputs used in fair value measurement of the Level 3 investments and the impact to the valuation of a reasonably possible change to the significant unobservable input. There is inherently significant measurement uncertainty associated with such investments. The actual results on realization of the positions could materially differ from the estimates of fair value on the reporting date.

for the year ended December 31, 2017

Description	Fair Value (in \$)	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Inputs	Value of Unobservable Inputs	Change in Valuation + (in \$)	Change in Valuation - (in \$)
Data & Audio-Visual Enterprises Holdings Inc., Pay-In-Kind, Callable, 15.000%, 2018/09/25	-	Estimated realized value	Probability of collection	-	-	-
Cline Mining Corp., Floating Rate, 2022/07/08	24,189,708	Discounted cash flow	Discount rate	12%	3,998,669	(9,177,659)
Cline Mining Corp., Floating Rate, 2022/07/08	2,151,829	Discounted cash flow	Discount rate	12%	355,707	(816,411)
Total	26,341,537				4,354,376	(9,994,070)

for the year ended December 31, 2016

Description	Fair Value (in \$)	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Inputs	Value of Unobservable Inputs	Change in Valuation + (in \$)	Change in Valuation - (in \$)
Data & Audio-Visual Enterprises Holdings Inc., Pay-In-Kind, Callable, 15.000%, 2018/09/25	-	Estimated realized value	Probability of collection	-	-	-
Cline Mining Corp., Floating Rate, 2022/07/08	24,189,708	Discounted cash flow	Discount rate	12%	3,998,669	(9,177,659)
Cline Mining Corp., Floating Rate, 2022/07/08	2,151,829	Discounted cash flow	Discount rate	12%	355,707	(816,411)
Total	26,341,537				4,354,376	(9,994,070)

Level 3 bonds consist of certain bond issues currently in distressed situations. The valuation for Cline Mining Corp. ("Cline") took into account the capital structure positioning and value relating to the expected cash flows of the company.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Marret High Yield Strategies Fund

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. THE FUND

Marret High Yield Strategies Fund (the "Fund") is a closed-end investment fund established under the laws of the Province of Ontario and is governed by a declaration of trust dated May 28, 2009. Marret Asset Management Inc. ("Marret" or the "Manager") is the manager of the Fund and provides all administrative services required by the Fund. CIBC Mellon Trust Company is the custodian (the "Custodian") of the Fund.

Units of the Fund commenced trading on June 17, 2009 on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX"). Net proceeds of \$214.6 million (net of issue costs of \$12.73 million) were raised in the initial public offering and exercise of the over-allotment option to brokers, on the issuance of 22,730,000 units.

The Fund made additional offerings of units in October 2010, September 2011 and February 2012. In October 2010, net proceeds of \$167.3 million (net of issue costs of \$7.4 million) were raised in an offering and exercise of the over-allotment option to brokers, on the issuance of 15,666,109 units. In September 2011, net proceeds of \$225.3 million (net of issue cost of \$9.8 million) were raised in an offering and exercise of the over-allotment option to brokers on the issuance of 21,275,000 units. In February 2012, net proceeds of \$215.2 million (net of issue cost of \$9.4 million) were raised in an offering and exercise of the over-allotment option to brokers on the issuance of 21,085,000 units. On February 28, 2013, the Fund completed a private placement for net proceeds of \$7.9 million (net of issue costs of \$0.3 million) on the issuance of 812,000 units.

In December 2013, CI Financial Corp. completed its acquisition of 65% of the issued and outstanding common shares of the Manager. The effective closing date of this transaction was November 29, 2013. CI Financial Corp. is a diversified wealth management company publicly traded on the TSX under the symbol CIX.

On June 13, 2016, the Manager of the Fund announced that the Fund applied to voluntarily delist its Class A units from the TSX. The Class A units were delisted from the TSX at the close of trading on June 24, 2016.

On June 27, 2016, the Class A Units commenced trading on the Canadian Securities Exchange ("CSE").

The address of the Fund's registered office is 2 Queen Street East, Twelfth Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5C 3G7. These financial statements are authorized for issue by the Manager on March 19, 2018.

The Fund is currently terminating pursuant to its Declaration of Trust which provides that, to the extent that the affairs of the Fund have not been completely wound up and all of the assets distributed to Unitholders on or prior to the May 30, 2014 ("Termination Date"), the Declaration of Trust shall continue in force and effect to the extent necessary or desirable to permit the Trustee to complete the winding up of the affairs of the Fund and distribute the remaining assets to Unitholders as soon as practicable and, in such event, the Trustee shall carry on no activities on behalf of the Fund except for the purpose of winding up the affairs of the Fund. The Manager is not actively investing the assets of the Fund which currently is made up primarily of one illiquid position: Cline Mining Corp. (the "Cline"). The Manager is seeking to liquidate the Cline position as soon as practicable and distribute the proceeds (net any amount necessary to provide for the liabilities of the Fund) to Unitholders.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with *International Financial Reporting Standards* ("IFRS") as published by the *International Accounting Standards Board* ("IASB"). The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies of the Fund:

a) Classification and recognition of financial instruments

The Fund recognizes financial instruments at fair value upon initial recognition, inclusive of transaction costs in the case of financial instruments not measured at fair value through profit or loss. Purchases and sales of financial assets are recognized at their trade date. The Fund's investments and derivative assets and liabilities are measured at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL"). The Fund's obligations for net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units are presented at the redemption amount, which approximates their fair value. All other financial assets and liabilities are measured at amortized cost, which approximates their fair value. Under this method, financial assets and liabilities reflect the amount required to be received or paid, discounted, when appropriate, at the effective rate of interest.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (cont'd)

b) Fair valuation of financial instruments

At the financial reporting date, listed securities are valued based on the last traded market price for financial assets and financial liabilities where the last traded price falls within the day's bid-ask spread. 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 existing market conditions. Unlisted securities are valued based on price quotations from recognized investment dealers, or failing that, their fair value is determined by the Manager on the basis of the latest reported information available. Fixed income securities, debentures and other debt instruments, including short-term investments, are valued at the quotation from recognized investment dealers.

The fair value of private placements is determined by using valuation models that may be based, in part, on assumptions that are not supported by observable market inputs. These methods and procedures may include, but are not limited to, performing comparisons with prices of comparable or similar securities, obtaining valuation related information from issuers and/or other analytical data relating to the investment and using other available indications of value. These values are independently assessed by the Manager to ensure that they are reasonable. However, because of the inherent uncertainty of valuation, the estimated fair values for these securities may be materially different from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the investment existed. The fair values of private placements are affected by the perceived credit risks of the issuer, predictability of cash flows and the length of time to maturity.

c) Financial assets and liabilities at fair value

The Fund classifies its investments in equity, fixed income securities and derivatives as financial assets or financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss.

This category has two sub-categories: financial assets or financial liabilities held for trading and those designated at fair value through profit or loss at inception.

Financial assets or financial liabilities held for trading

A financial asset or financial liability is classified as held for trading ("HFT") if it is acquired or incurred principally for the purpose of selling or repurchasing in the near term or if on initial recognition is part of a portfolio of identifiable financial investments that are managed together and for which there is evidence of a recent actual pattern of short-term profit taking. The Fund's warrants are categorized as HFT.

Financial assets or financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss at inception

Financial assets and financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss at inception are financial instruments that are not classified as HFT but are managed, and their performance is evaluated on a fair value basis in accordance with the Fund's documented investment strategy. The Fund's investments excluding warrants are designated as FVTPL.

d) Cash

Cash consists of demand deposits with financial institutions.

e) Cost of investments

Cost of investments represents the amount paid for each security and is determined on an average cost basis excluding commissions and transaction costs.

f) Investment transactions and income recognition

Investment transactions are recorded on the trade date – the date on which the Fund commits to purchase or sell the investment. The "Interest for distribution purposes" shown on the Statements of Comprehensive Income represents the coupon interest received by the Fund and is accounted for on an accrual basis. The Fund does not amortize premiums paid or discounts received on the purchase of fixed income securities except for zero coupon bonds which are amortized on a straight line basis.

Dividends and distributions from investments are recognized on the ex-dividend/ex-distribution date.

g) Functional currency

The Fund's subscriptions and redemptions are denominated in Canadian dollars, which is also the Fund's functional and presentation currency.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (cont'd)

h) Foreign exchange

Foreign currency amounts are translated into the functional currency as follows: fair value of investments, foreign currency forward contracts and other assets and liabilities at the closing rate of exchange on each business day; income and expenses, purchases and sales and settlements of investments at the rate of exchange prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions. Foreign exchange gains (losses) relating to cash are presented as "Foreign exchange gain (loss) on cash" and "Change in unrealized foreign exchange gain (loss) on cash" and those relating to investments and derivatives are presented within "Net realized gain (loss) on investments and derivatives" and "Change in appreciation (depreciation) in value of investments and derivatives" in the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

i) Unit valuation

The total net asset value ("NAV") is calculated by subtracting the aggregate amount of the liabilities from the total assets of the Fund. The net asset value per unit ("NAVPU") is calculated by dividing the total net asset value by the number of units outstanding at the end of the period.

As at December 31, 2017 and 2016 there were no differences between the NAV used for transactions with unitholders and the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units used for reporting purposes under IFRS.

j) Classification of units

The units of the Fund do not meet the criteria in IAS 32 for classification as equity and therefore, have been classified as liabilities. The Fund's units meet the classification as liability because the Fund has a fixed termination date.

k) Commissions and other portfolio transaction costs

Transaction costs, such as brokerage commissions, incurred in the purchase and sale of securities, are included in "Commissions and other portfolio transaction costs" in the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

l) Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit

"Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit" in the Statements of Comprehensive Income is calculated by dividing the increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units by the weighted average number of units outstanding during the period.

m) Return of capital

Distributions received as return of capital ("ROC") from investments reduce the adjusted cost base ("ACB") of the underlying investments. Distributions received from investments are allocated initially as dividends, interest, capital gains, or ROC based on estimates of the categorization of distributions received from the underlying issuers. These allocations may change once the final categorization of the distributions is received on an annual basis from the underlying issuers.

n) Withholding taxes

The Fund may, from time to time, incur withholding taxes imposed by certain countries on investment income and capital gains. Such income and gains are recorded on a gross basis and the related withholding taxes are shown separately in the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

o) Accounting standards issued but not yet adopted

IFRS 9, Financial Instruments

The final version of IFRS 9, *Financial Instruments*, was issued by the IASB in July 2014 and will replace IAS 39 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*. 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. The new standard is effective for the Fund for its fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018. The Manager has currently determined that the impact to the Fund may require additional disclosures related to changes to the classification of certain financial instruments to align with the classifications under IFRS 9. Adoption of the standard will not impact net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units.

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3. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGMENTS AND ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the reporting date and the reported amounts of income and expenses during the reporting period. The following discusses the most significant accounting judgments and estimates that the Fund has made in preparing its financial statements:

Fair value measurement of investments and derivatives not quoted in active market

The Fund may, from time to time, hold financial instruments that are not quoted in active markets, such as unlisted securities, private securities or derivatives. Unlisted securities are valued based on price quotations from recognized investment dealers, or failing that, their fair value is determined by the Manager on the basis of the latest reported information available. The fair value of private securities is determined by using valuation models that may be based, in part, on assumptions that are not supported by observable market inputs. These methods and procedures may include, but are not limited to, performing comparisons with prices of comparable or similar securities, obtaining valuation related information from issuers and/or other analytical data relating to the investment and using other available indications of value. These values are independently assessed by the Manager to ensure that they are reasonable. However, because of the inherent uncertainty of valuation, the estimated fair values for these securities may be materially different from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the investment existed. The fair values of private securities are affected by the perceived credit risks of the issuer, predictability of cash flows and the length of time to maturity.

Valuation models use observable data, to the extent practicable. However, areas such as credit risk (both own and counterparty); volatilities and correlations require the Manager to make estimates. Changes in assumptions about these factors could affect the reported fair values of financial instruments.

The Fund considers observable data to be market data that is readily available, regularly distributed and updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market.

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

In classifying and measuring 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 the financial assets under IAS 39, *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*. The most significant judgment made includes the determination that the fair value option can be applied to those investments that are not HFT.

4. REDEEMABLE UNITS

Units issued and outstanding represent the capital of the Fund.

The Manager is responsible for managing the Fund's investments in line with its mandate and the affairs of the Fund.

Prior to May 30, 2014, as set out in the declaration of trust, the Fund was authorized to issue an unlimited number of transferable, redeemable units of one class. On May 30, 2014, the Fund has reached its Termination Date and is in the process of terminating. There are currently no redemption rights for unitholders. All units have equal rights and privileges, each of which represents an equal, undivided interest in the net assets of the Fund. Each whole unit is entitled to one vote at all meetings of unitholders and is entitled to participate equally with respect to any and all distributions made by the Fund and distributions upon the termination of the Fund.

As at December 31, 2017, the fair value of the Fund's net assets based on the CSE closing market price was \$5,142,060 (December 31, 2016 - \$5,142,060 based on the CSE closing market price).

Redeemable unit transactions information appears in the Fund Specific Notes to Financial Statements.

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5. FEES AND EXPENSES

The Fund retained Marret Asset Management Inc., under an administration agreement (the "Administration Agreement") dated May 28, 2009 to administer all of the ongoing operations of the Fund. Prior to May 30, 2014, in consideration for the services provided by the Manager, the Fund paid a management fee equal to 0.25% per annum of the net asset value of the Fund. After May 30, 2014, the Fund no longer pays management fees.

All other reasonable expenses in connection with the administration of the Fund are paid by the Fund.

6. INCOME TAXES

The Fund qualifies as a mutual fund trust under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada). The Fund's net income for tax purposes and net capital gains realized in any period are required to be distributed to unitholders such that no income tax is payable by the Fund. As a result, the Fund does not record income taxes. 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. Income tax on net realized capital gains not paid or payable will generally be recoverable by virtue of refunding provisions contained in the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) and provincial income tax legislation, as redemptions occur. Occasionally, the Fund may distribute more than it earns. This excess distribution is a return of capital and is not taxable to unitholders.

Refer to Fund Specific Notes to Financial Statements for further information relating to Loss Carry Forwards.

7. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT RISK MANAGEMENT

In the normal course of business, the Fund is exposed to a variety of financial risks: credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk (including other price risk, currency risk and interest rate risk). The Fund's overall risk management program focuses on compliance and execution of the Fund's investment objectives.

The Manager seeks to minimize potential adverse effects of these risks on the Fund's performance by employing professional, experienced portfolio advisers, daily monitoring of the Fund's positions and market events. To assist in managing risks, the Manager also uses internal guidelines that identify the target exposure for each type of risk, maintains a governance structure that oversees the Fund's investment activities and monitors compliance with the Fund's stated investment strategy and securities regulations.

Concentration Risk

Concentration risk arises as a result of the concentration of exposures within the same category, whether it is a geographical allocation, product type, industry sector or counterparty.

Details of the Fund's exposure to concentration risk are available in the Fund Specific Notes to Financial Statements.

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that the counterparty to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation or commitment that it has entered into with the Fund. The main concentration of credit risk would be investments in debt instruments and derivatives. The fair value of debt instruments and derivatives includes consideration of the credit worthiness of the issuer and therefore represents the maximum credit exposure of the Fund.

Cash balances as disclosed in the Statements of Financial Position are maintained by the Custodian. The Manager monitors the credit worthiness of the Custodian on a regular basis. The credit rating of the Custodian as at December 31, 2017 was A+ (December 31, 2016 - A+).

Liquidity Risk

The Fund invests in investments that are illiquid. There can be no assurance that an adequate market for the Fund's investments will exist at all times, or that the prices at which the underlying investments trade, accurately reflect their net asset values. All liabilities are due in less than 3 months. Cline Mining Corporation bond positions owned by the Fund are considered illiquid and represent 98.73% of the Fund's net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units at December 31, 2017 (December 31, 2016 - 98.63%).

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Market Risk

The Fund's investments are subject to market risk which is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market conditions.

Other Price Risk

Other price risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices (other than those arising from currency risk or interest rate 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.

Currency Risk

Currency risk is the risk that the value of investments will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates. This risk arises when financial instruments (including cash and cash equivalents) are denominated in a currency other than Canadian dollars, which represents the Fund's functional currency.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk arises from changes in the prevailing levels of market interest rates, resulting in fluctuations in the value of interest bearing financial instruments.

Fair Value Hierarchy

The Fund classifies its financial instruments that are carried at fair value using a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three broad levels. Inputs may be based on independent market data ("observable inputs") or they may be internally developed ("unobservable inputs"). The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs.

The three levels of the hierarchy are as follows:

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

Changes in valuation methods may result in transfers into or out of an investment's assigned level.

The Fund's policy is to recognize 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.

Details of the Fund's exposure to financial instruments risks including concentration risk and the fair value hierarchy classification are available in the Fund Specific Notes to Financial Statements.

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