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## **FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Certain statements contained in this annual information form constitute forward-looking statements. The use of any of the words “anticipate”, “continue”, “estimate”, “expect”, “may”, “will”, “project”, “should”, “believe” and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results or events to differ materially from those anticipated in such forward-looking statements. The Manager believes the expectations reflected in forward-looking statements are reasonable but no assurance can be given that these expectations will prove to be correct and such forward-looking statements included in this annual information form should not be unduly relied upon. These statements speak only as of the date of this annual information form.

In particular, this annual information form may contain forward-looking statements pertaining to distributable cash and Distributions. The actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of, among other things, the risk factors set out in this annual information form. The Manager does not undertake any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements.

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## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

In this Annual Information Form, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below, unless otherwise indicated.

“**Additional Distributable Amount**” means, with respect to any taxation year of the Fund, the amount, if any, by which the aggregate of the Net Income and Net Capital Gains, less any Net Capital Gains the tax on which would be refundable to the Fund in the current year under Part 1 of the Income Tax Act, for such taxation year exceeds the aggregate distributable cash paid or payable by the Fund for such taxation year.

“**Advisor**” means Brompton Capital Advisors Inc., or such other Advisor as may be appointed from time to time by the Manager on behalf of the Fund.

“**Advisory Agreement**” means the advisory agreement dated as of October 4, 2004 among the Fund, the Manager and the Advisor, as it may be amended from time to time.

“**Brompton**” means the Brompton Group of Companies operating out of its offices in Toronto.

“**Brompton Funds**” means Brompton Funds LP and its general partner, BFGP Limited.

“**Business Day**” means any day except Saturday, Sunday, a statutory holiday in Toronto, Ontario or any other day on which the TSX is not open for trading.

“**CDS**” means The Canadian Depository for Securities Limited and includes any successor corporation or any other depository subsequently appointed by the Fund as the depository in respect of the book-entry-only units.

“**CDS Participant**” means a broker, dealer, bank or other financial institution or other person for whom, from time to time, CDS effects book entries for the book-entry-only units deposited with CDS.

“**CRA**” means the Canada Revenue Agency.

“**Custodian**” means RBC Dexia Investor Services Trust in its capacity as custodian under the Custodian Agreement, as appointed from time to time by the Manager.

“**Custodian Agreement**” means the custodian agreement entered into by the Manager, on behalf of the Fund, and The Royal Trust Company dated as of October 4, 2004, and assigned by The Royal Trust Company to the Custodian as of December 23, 2005, as it may be amended from time to time.

“**Declaration of Trust**” means the declaration of trust governing the Fund as amended and restated as of November 9, 2005, as it may be amended from time to time, which is described in section 1.2 of this Annual Information Form.

“**Distribution(s)**” means the cash and *in specie* distributions which are paid by the Fund to Unitholders.

“**Extraordinary Resolution**” means a resolution passed by the affirmative vote of at least 66<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% of the votes cast, either in person or by proxy, at a meeting of Unitholders called for the purpose of approving such resolution.

“**Fund**” means Brompton Equal Weight Oil & Gas Income Fund.

**“Fund Investment”** means an investment acquired and adjusted by the Fund in accordance with the Investment Guidelines and Rebalancing Criteria and subject to the Investment Restrictions, and **“Fund Investments”** means more than one Fund Investment taken collectively.

**“Fund Property”** means the property and assets of the Fund.

**“Income Fund”** means a trust, limited partnership or other entity structured to own, directly or indirectly: (i) debt and/or equity of an underlying company or other entity which carries on an active business; (ii) income producing real estate assets; or (iii) a royalty on revenues generated by an underlying business activity, including consumer funds, industrial funds, oil and gas funds, power and pipeline funds, real estate investment trusts and resource funds.

**“Income Tax Act”** means the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), as now or hereafter amended, or successor statutes, and shall include regulations promulgated thereunder.

**“Investment Guidelines”** means the investment guidelines of the Fund as set forth in the Declaration of Trust described in section 1.2.2 of this Annual Information Form.

**“Investment Objectives”** means the investment objectives of the Fund as set forth in the Declaration of Trust described in section 1.2.1 of this Annual Information Form.

**“Investment Restrictions”** means the investment restrictions of the Fund as set forth in the Declaration of Trust, including without limitation those described in section 2.0 of this Annual Information Form.

**“Loan Facility”** means the loan facility described in section 14.1 of this Annual Information Form.

**“Management Agreement”** means the management agreement dated as of September 28, 2004 between the Manager and the Trustee, on behalf of the Fund, as it may be amended from time to time.

**“Management Fee”** means the management fee payable to the Manager pursuant to the Management Agreement and the Declaration of Trust described in section 8.1.1 of this Annual Information Form.

**“Manager”** means the manager and administrator of the Fund, namely Brompton Energy Trust Management Limited, or if applicable its successor.

**“Net Asset Value”** means the net asset value of the Fund, as determined in accordance with the Declaration of Trust as described in section 5.0 of this Annual Information Form.

**“Net Asset Value per Unit”** means the Net Asset Value divided by the total number of Units outstanding on any Valuation Date.

**“Net Capital Gains”** of the Fund for a taxation year means the amount, if any, by which:

- (i) the capital gains realized by the Fund in the taxation year;

exceeds the aggregate of

- (ii) the capital losses incurred by the Fund in the taxation year;

- (iii) the unapplied capital losses uncured by the Fund in the preceding taxation years, to the extent that they may be, and are applied against capital gains realized by the Fund in the taxation year; and
- (iv) any Net Loss of the Fund for the year and, if the Trustee so determines, any unapplied non-capital losses (as defined in the Income Tax Act) of the Fund for preceding years of the Fund, in each case multiplied by the reciprocal of the applicable fraction in paragraph 38(a) of the Income Tax Act.

For this purpose, “capital gains” and “capital losses” shall be computed in accordance with the provisions of the Income Tax Act.

“**Net Income**” or “**Net Loss**” of the Fund for a taxation year means the amount, if any, by which the income or loss of the Fund for such taxation year computed in accordance with the provisions of the Income Tax Act, other than paragraph 82(1)(b) and subsection 104(6) thereof and disregarding any designations made by the Fund under subsection 104(19) of the Income Tax Act, without reference to the Fund’s “capital gains” or “capital losses” (as those terms are defined in the Income Tax Act) for the taxation year, exceeds the non-capital losses of the Fund (as defined in the Income Tax Act) for any preceding taxation years of the Fund, to the extent that they may be, and are deducted in computing taxable income of the Fund for such taxation year for the purposes of the Income Tax Act.

“**Oil & Gas Income Trust**” means an Income Fund where the principal underlying business is the conventional production and sale of oil and/or natural gas.

“**Ordinary Resolution**” means a resolution passed by the affirmative vote of at least 50% of the votes cast, either in person or by proxy, at a meeting of Unitholders called for the purpose of approving such resolution.

“**Rebalancing Criteria**” means the rebalancing criteria set forth in the Declaration of Trust, described in section 1.2.3 of this Annual Information Form.

“**Redemption Date**” means the second last Business Day of November of each year.

“**Redemption Payment Date**” means the date on or before the tenth Business Day of the month following the Redemption Date.

“**Service Fee**” means the fee required to be paid by the Fund to the Manager, who is in turn required to pay such fee in an equivalent amount to dealers, all in accordance with the Declaration of Trust, as described in section 8.1.2 of this Annual Information Form.

“**Tax Proposals**” means all specific proposals to amend the Income Tax Act publicly announced by or on behalf of the Minister of Finance (Canada) prior to the date hereof.

“**Termination Date**” means the date the Fund is terminated in accordance with the Declaration of Trust, as described in section 3.4 of this Annual Information Form.

“**Total Assets**” means the aggregate value of the assets of the Fund determined in accordance with the Declaration of Trust as described in section 4.0 of this Annual Information Form.

“**Trustee**” means Computershare Trust Company of Canada, in its capacity as trustee under the Declaration of Trust.

“**TSX**” means the Toronto Stock Exchange.

“**Unitholder(s)**” means holder(s) of the Units.

“**Unit**” means one transferable, redeemable trust unit of the Fund, representing an equal, fractional and undivided beneficial interest in the Fund Property net of all liabilities of the Fund. “**Units**” represents more than one transferable, redeemable trust unit of the Fund.

“**Valuation Date**” means, at a minimum, Thursday of each week, or if any Thursday is not a Business Day, the immediately preceding Business Day, and the last Business Day of each month, and includes any other date on which the Manager elects, in its discretion, to calculate the Net Asset Value per Unit.

## **1.0 NAME, FORMATION AND HISTORY**

### **1.1 General**

Brompton Equal Weight Oil & Gas Income Fund is a closed-end investment trust with a registered office located at Suite 2930, Bay Wellington Tower, BCE Place, 181 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario M5J 2T3. The Fund was established under the laws of the Province of Ontario pursuant a declaration of trust dated as of September 28, 2004. The Declaration of Trust was amended and restated as of October 24, 2005 and further amended and restated as of November 9, 2005, to implement certain administrative changes as well as changes to certain redemption features and certain Investment Guidelines and Investment Restrictions of the Fund, all of which were approved by Unitholders at a special meeting of the Fund held on October 26, 2005 and adjourned to and reconvened on November 9, 2005.

The Fund closed its initial public offering on October 7, 2004 with the placement of 40 million transferable, redeemable trust Units of the Fund at \$10.00 per Unit for gross proceeds of \$400 million. On October 18, 2004, the Fund closed an over-allotment option of 1.7 million Units at \$10.00 per Unit for gross proceeds of \$17 million.

### **1.2 Declaration of Trust**

#### **1.2.1 Investment Objectives**

The Declaration of Trust provides that the Investment Objectives of the Fund are to provide Unitholders with the benefits of high monthly cash Distributions and low management fees together with the opportunity for capital appreciation by investing in an equally weighted diversified portfolio of Oil & Gas Income Trusts on a passive basis. The Fund will seek to achieve its Investment Objectives by investing the Fund Property in a portfolio comprising an approximate equal dollar amount of securities of each Oil & Gas Income Trust listed on the TSX that satisfies the Investment Guidelines and Investment Restrictions and by rebalancing the portfolio in accordance with the Rebalancing Criteria.

#### **1.2.2 Investment Guidelines**

- (a) Each Oil & Gas Income Fund included in the portfolio will:
- (i) operate principally as a conventional producer of oil and/or gas;
  - (ii) have a minimum market capitalization of at least \$500 million at the time of investment, subject to the Rebalancing Criteria;
  - (iii) currently pay a regular distribution; and
  - (iv) be listed for trading on the TSX.

During temporary periods when the Fund Property may not be fully invested, the Fund Property or any portion thereof may be invested in cash or cash equivalents.

- (b) To the extent practicable, the portfolio will at the time of acquisition, be equally weighted based on the Total Assets of the Fund divided by the number of Oil & Gas Income Funds included in the portfolio.

- (c) Notwithstanding (a) and (b) above, the portfolio shall at all times comprise, at a minimum, the 15 largest Oil & Gas Income Funds measured on the basis of market capitalization.
- (d) In exceptional circumstances, the Manager may exercise its discretion to exclude or remove from the portfolio any Oil & Gas Income Fund where the Manager considers that facts unrelated to the business of such Fund may have a material adverse effect on the market price or value of such Oil & Gas Income Fund's securities.

### **1.2.3 Rebalancing Criteria**

The Declaration of Trust provides that the portfolio will be rebalanced quarterly to adjust for changes in the market value of investments, to add any Oil & Gas Income Funds which at the time of rebalancing newly qualify for inclusion and to remove any Oil & Gas Income Funds having a market capitalization of less than \$350 million or that otherwise no longer meet the Investment Guidelines or Investment Restrictions. Between rebalancing dates, the Fund, at the discretion of the Manager, may invest amounts available for working capital purposes under the Loan Facility in public offerings of new Oil & Gas Income Funds that qualify for inclusion in the portfolio. In order to rebalance the portfolio or to determine the maximum amount that may be invested in any public offerings of new Oil & Gas Income Funds that qualify for inclusion in the portfolio in between rebalancing dates, the Manager will calculate the market value of the portfolio as at the applicable rebalancing date and divide such market value by the number of Oil & Gas Income Funds which are then eligible to be included in the portfolio. Rebalancing transactions will be completed as soon as practicable thereafter.

### **1.2.4 General**

The Declaration of Trust also provides for the administration of the Fund and governs matters including, without limitation, the powers of the Trustee, the issue and sale of Units, the form and content of Unit certificates, the registration and the transfer of Units, the redemption and repurchase of Units, Distributions to Unitholders, the provision of management and administration, portfolio advisory and custodial services to the Fund, the limitation on the liability of the Unitholders, the Trustee and other parties and the termination of the Fund.

Pursuant to the Declaration of Trust, the Trustee has retained Brompton Energy Trust Management Limited as the Manager of the Fund and the Manager, on behalf of the Fund, has retained Brompton Capital Advisors Inc. as the Advisor and RBC Dexia Investor Services Trust as the Custodian of the Fund Property.

## **2.0 INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS**

The Fund is not considered to be a mutual fund under the securities legislation of the provinces and territories of Canada. Consequently, the Fund is not subject to the various policies and regulations that apply to mutual funds under such legislation. However, the Fund is subject to certain other requirements and restrictions contained in securities legislation, including National Instrument 81-106 *Investment Fund Continuous Disclosure*, which governs the continuous disclosure obligations of investment funds, such as the Fund.

The Declaration of Trust sets out the Investment Restrictions to which the Fund is subject. The following Investment Restrictions relate to certain matters arising out of the Income Tax Act and provide that the Fund will not:

- (a) purchase the securities of an issuer for the purpose of exercising control over management of that issuer;
- (b) make or hold any investment that would result in the Fund failing to qualify as a “unit trust” within the meaning of paragraph 108(2)(b) of the Income Tax Act. In order for the Fund to so qualify:
  - (i) at all times at least 80% of the property of the Fund must consist of a combination of: shares; property that, under the terms or conditions of which or under an agreement, is convertible into, exchangeable for, or confers a right to acquire shares; bonds, debentures, mortgages, hypothecary claims, notes and other similar obligations; marketable securities; cash; real property situated in Canada and interests in real property situated in Canada; or rights to and interests in any rental or royalty computed by reference to the amount or value of production from a natural accumulation of petroleum or natural gas in Canada, from an oil or gas well in Canada or from a mineral resource in Canada;
  - (ii) not less than 95% of the Fund’s income for each year must be derived from, or from the disposition of, investments described in (i) above; and
  - (iii) at no time may more than 10% of the Fund’s property consist of bonds, securities or shares in the capital stock of any one corporation or debtor other than Her Majesty in right of Canada or a province or a Canadian municipality;
- (c) make or hold any investment that would result in the Fund failing to qualify as a “mutual fund trust” within the meaning of the Income Tax Act; or
- (d) invest in the securities of any non-resident corporation or trust or other non-resident entity if the Fund would be required to mark its investment in such securities to market in accordance with proposed section 94.2 of the Income Tax Act or to include any significant amounts in income pursuant to proposed sections 94.1 or 94.3 of the Income Tax Act, as set forth in the proposed amendments to the Income Tax Act dealing with foreign investment entities released on July 18, 2005 (or amendments to such proposals, provisions as enacted into law or successor provisions thereto).

The Units are qualified investments under the Income Tax Act for trusts governed by registered retirement savings plans, registered retirement income funds, deferred profit sharing plans and registered education savings plans.

During the year-ended December 31, 2005, the Fund has not deviated from the rules under the Income Tax Act that apply to the status of the Units qualifying for inclusion in registered retirement savings plans, registered retirement income funds, deferred profit sharing plans and registered education savings plans registered under the Income Tax Act.

### **3.0 DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES**

#### **3.1 The Units**

The Fund is authorized to issue an unlimited number of a single class of transferable, redeemable units of beneficial interest, each of which represents an equal undivided interest in the net assets of the Fund. Each Unit entitles the holder to the same rights and obligations as a holder of any other Unit and no holder of Units is entitled to any privilege, priority or preference in relation to any other holder of Units.

Each holder of Units is entitled to one vote for each whole Unit held and is entitled to participate equally with respect to any and all Distributions made by the Fund, including distributions of Net Income and Net Capital Gains, if any. On termination or liquidation of the Fund, the holders of outstanding Units of record are entitled to receive on a *pro rata* basis all of the assets of the Fund remaining after payment of all debts, liabilities and liquidation expenses of the Fund. The Declaration of Trust permits fractions of Units to be issued which have the same rights, restrictions, conditions and limitations attaching to whole Units in the proportion which they bear to a whole Unit, except that fractional Units do not have the right to vote.

On December 16, 2004, the *Trust Beneficiaries' Liability Act, 2004* (Ontario) came into force. This statute provides that holders of units of a trust are not, as beneficiaries, liable for any act, default, obligation or liability of the trust if, when the act or default occurs or the liability arises, (i) the trust is a reporting issuer under the *Securities Act* (Ontario), and (ii) the trust is governed by the laws of Ontario. The Fund is a reporting issuer in each of the provinces and territories of Canada, and it is governed by the laws of Ontario by virtue of the provisions of the Declaration of Trust.

### **3.2 Distributions**

Distributions are payable to Unitholders of record on the last Business Day of each month, to be paid no later than the tenth Business Day of the subsequent month. Monthly cash Distributions are primarily derived from distributions received from the Fund Investments, less estimated expenses and estimated taxes payable by the Fund, if any. The Fund includes in each monthly Distribution one-third of the quarterly distribution expected to be received from those Fund Investments which pay distributions on a quarterly basis.

The level of Distributions paid by the Fund to Unitholders depends upon the distributions received from the Fund Investments and as such is expected to fluctuate from month to month. There can be no assurance that the Fund will make any Distribution in any particular month or months.

The Fund has also adopted a distribution reinvestment plan pursuant to which Distributions paid to Unitholders may be reinvested, automatically on each Unitholders' behalf at the option of such Unitholder, to purchase additional Units in accordance with the plan. Notwithstanding the availability of the plan, all Distributions to non-resident Unitholders are paid in cash and may not be reinvested.

Many of the issuers of the securities in which the Fund invests are entitled to tax deductions relating to the nature of their assets, with the result that their cash Distributions exceed the amount required to be included in the income of the recipients. As a result, cash Distributions received by Unitholders from the Fund in a year can exceed the amount required to be included in their income for tax purposes. The proportion of the Distributions characterized as a return of capital will be affected by Net Capital Gains realized by the Fund. To the extent that the Fund has received distributions from Oil & Gas Income Trusts included in the portfolio as a return of capital that reduced the adjusted cost base of such securities to the Fund, the Fund may realize a capital gain if such securities are sold, including on rebalancing. In addition, the Fund may realize a capital gain on sales, including rebalancing, if the securities of the Oil & Gas Income Trusts sold have appreciated in value. Such capital gains will reduce the proportion of the Distributions characterized as a return of capital.

The Fund is subject to tax under Part I of the Income Tax Act on the amount of its income for tax purposes for the year, including net realized taxable capital gains, less the portion thereof that it claims in respect of the amounts paid or payable to Unitholders in the year. Provided the Fund makes Distributions in each year of its Net Income and Net Capital Gains, and provided the Fund deducts in computing its income the full amount available for deduction in each year, the Fund will not generally be liable for

income tax under Part I of the Income Tax Act. In order to ensure this result, the Declaration of Trust provides that, if necessary, an Additional Distributable Amount will be automatically payable in each year to Unitholders of record on December 31. The Additional Distributable Amount may be necessary where the Fund realizes income for tax purposes which is in excess of the monthly Distributions paid or made payable to Unitholders during the year. In the event that the Fund does not have cash in an amount sufficient to pay the full amount of the Additional Distributable Amount, the Additional Distributable Amount may, at the option of the Trustee, be satisfied by the issuance of additional Units having a value equal to the cash shortfall. Following such issue of additional Units, the outstanding Units of the Fund will be automatically consolidated on a basis such that the number of consolidated Units (before giving effect to any redemption of Units on such date) is equal to the number of Units outstanding immediately preceding payment of such Additional Distributable Amount, except in the case of a non-resident Unitholder if tax was required to be withheld in respect of the Distribution. Additional information regarding tax matters is set out in section 11.0.

### **3.3 Amendment of the Declaration of Trust**

The Declaration of Trust provides that except as otherwise required by the Declaration of Trust (which exceptions are summarized below), the Declaration of Trust may be amended by an Ordinary Resolution of the Unitholders. In addition, the Declaration of Trust can be amended provided that Unitholders holding at least 10% of the Units outstanding on the record date of the meeting vote in favour of such Ordinary Resolution for the following:

- (i) any termination of the Management Agreement other than termination in circumstances where the Manager has been removed by the Trustee pursuant to the Declaration of Trust or the Management Agreement or the Manager has resigned;
- (ii) any liquidation, dissolution or termination of the Fund;
- (iii) the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Fund other than in the ordinary course of business; and
- (iv) any amendment to the above provisions except as permitted by the Declaration of Trust.

The Declaration of Trust provides that the following may only be undertaken with the approval of Unitholders by an Extraordinary Resolution:

- (i) the termination of the Trustee or any one of its affiliates as the trustee of the Fund;
- (ii) any change in the Investment Guidelines, Rebalancing Criteria or Investment Restrictions, unless such changes are necessary to ensure compliance with applicable laws, regulations or other requirements imposed by applicable regulatory authorities from time to time;
- (iii) any material change in the Management Agreement, other than its termination;
- (iv) any increase in the fee paid to the Manager;
- (v) any amendment, modification or variation in the provisions or rights attaching to the Units;

- (vi) any issue of Units for net proceeds per Unit less than the most recently calculated Net Asset Value per Unit prior to the date of the setting of the subscription price by the Fund;
- (vii) any change in the frequency of calculating Net Asset Value per Unit to less often than weekly; and
- (viii) any amendment to the above provisions , except as permitted by the Declaration of Trust.

The Declaration of Trust also provides that holders of not less than 10% of the then outstanding Units are entitled to requisition the Trustee to call a meeting of Unitholders for the purpose stated in the requisition. Unitholders are also entitled to redeem Units pursuant to the terms of the Declaration of Trust, which redemption rights are set out in further detail in section 7.0.

### **3.4 Termination of the Fund**

Pursuant to the Declaration of Trust, the Fund does not have a fixed termination date but may be terminated at any time upon not less than 90 days written notice to the Manager from the Trustee with the approval of Unitholders by an Ordinary Resolution, provided that Unitholders holding at least 10% of the Units outstanding on the record date of the meeting vote in favour of such Ordinary Resolution. In addition to such termination upon the approval of the Unitholders, the Declaration of Trust also provides that the Fund may be terminated in the following circumstances:

- In the event that the Manager resigns and no new Manager is appointed by the Trustee within 120 days of the Manager giving notice to the Trustee of such resignation, the Fund will automatically terminate on the date which is 60 days following the end of such 120 day period.
- The Manager may, in its discretion, terminate the Fund without the approval of Unitholders if, in its opinion, it would be in the best interests of the Unitholders.

The Declaration of Trust further provides that prior to a Termination Date, the Manager will instruct the Advisor to convert the Fund Investments to cash to the extent practicable and will satisfy or make appropriate provision for all liabilities of the Fund. The Declaration of Trust permits that the Manager may, in its discretion and upon not less than 30 days notice to the Unitholders, postpone the Termination Date by a period of up to 180 days if the Advisor advises the Manager that it will be unable to convert all of the Fund Investments to cash prior to the original Termination Date and the Manager determines that it would be in the best interests of the Unitholders to do so. Upon termination, the Declaration of Trust provides that the Fund will distribute to Unitholders their *pro rata* portions of the remaining assets of the Fund which will include cash and, to the extent liquidation of certain assets is not practicable or the Manager considers such liquidation not to be appropriate prior to the Termination Date, such unliquidated assets *in specie* rather than in cash.

### **4.0 VALUATION OF PORTFOLIO SECURITIES**

Under the Declaration of Trust, the calculation of Total Assets on a Valuation Date is to be determined as follows:

- (a) the value of any cash on hand or on deposit, bill, demand note, account receivable, prepaid expense, distribution, dividend or other amount received (or declared to holders of record of securities owned by the Fund on a date before the Valuation Date as of which the Total Assets are being determined, and to be received) and interest accrued and not yet received shall be deemed to be the full amount thereof provided that if the Manager has determined that any such deposit, bill, demand note, account receivable, prepaid expense, distribution, dividend or other amount received (or declared to holders of record of securities owned by the Fund on a date before the Valuation Date as of which the Total Assets are being determined, and to be received) or interest accrued and not yet received is not otherwise worth the full amount thereof, the value thereof shall be deemed to be such value as the Manager determines to be the fair market value thereof;
- (b) the value of any bonds, debentures, and other debt obligations shall be valued by taking the average of the bid and ask prices on a Valuation Date at such times as the Manager, in its discretion, deems appropriate. Short-term investments including notes and money market instruments shall be valued at cost plus accrued interest;
- (c) the value of any security which is listed or traded upon a stock exchange (or if more than one, on the principal stock exchange for the security, as determined by the Manager) shall be determined by taking the latest available sale price of recent date, or lacking any recent sales or any record thereof, the simple average of the latest available offer price and the latest available bid price (unless in the opinion of the Manager such value does not reflect the value thereof and in which case the latest offer price or bid price shall be used), as at the Valuation Date on which the Total Assets are being determined, all as reported by any means in common use, provided that for the purpose of calculating the redemption amount of the Units, the value of any such listed security will be equal to the weighted average trading price over the last three Business Days of the month in which the Redemption Date occurs;
- (d) the value of any security which is traded over-the-counter will be priced at the average of the last bid and asked prices quoted by a major dealer in such securities;
- (e) the value of any security or other asset for which a market quotation is not readily available will be its fair market value on the Valuation Date on which the Total Assets are being determined as determined by the Manager (generally the Manager will value such security at cost until there is a clear indication of an increase or decrease in value);
- (f) any market price reported in currency other than Canadian dollars shall be translated into Canadian currency at the rate of exchange available to the Fund from the Custodian on the Valuation Date on which the Total Assets are being determined;
- (g) listed securities subject to a hold period will be valued as described above with an appropriate discount as determined by the Manager and investments in private companies and other assets for which no published market exists will be valued at the lesser of cost and the most recent value at which such securities have been exchanged in an arm's length transaction which approximates a trade effected in a published market, unless a different fair market value is determined to be appropriate by the Manager; and
- (h) the value of any security or property to which, in the opinion of the Manager, the above principles cannot be applied (whether because no price or yield equivalent quotations are available as above provided, or for any other reason) shall be the fair market value thereof determined in good faith in such manner as the Manager from time to time adopts.

## **5.0 CALCULATION OF NET ASSET VALUE**

Pursuant to the Declaration of Trust, the Net Asset Value per Unit on any Valuation Date is to be calculated by dividing the Net Asset Value on such Valuation Date (calculated by subtracting the aggregate amount of the Fund's liabilities from the Total Assets) by the total number of Units outstanding on such Valuation Date. The Net Asset Value per Unit is calculated as at the close of business on each Valuation Date which is to be, at a minimum, Thursday of each week (or if any Thursday is not a Business Day, the immediately preceding Business Day) and the last Business Day of each month, and includes any other date on which the Manager elects, in its discretion, to calculate the Net Asset Value per Unit.

The Net Asset Value per Unit is calculated in Canadian dollars.

## **6.0 PURCHASES OF FUND UNITS**

### **6.1 General**

The issued and outstanding Units were initially issued to Unitholders under the initial public offering of the Fund. The Units are listed for trading on the TSX under the symbol OGF.UN and may be purchased through the facilities of the TSX. Units are freely transferable except that at no time may non-residents of Canada be the beneficial owners of a majority of the Units. Registration of interests in and transfers of the Units are made only through the book-entry only system operated by CDS and the Units must be purchased, transferred and surrendered for redemption through a CDS Participant. All rights of Unitholders must be exercised through, and all payments or other property to which such Unitholders are entitled are made or delivered by, CDS or the CDS Participant through which the Unitholder holds such Units. Upon purchase of any Units, Unitholders receive only a customer confirmation from the registered dealer which is a CDS Participant and from or through which the Units are purchased. Units may also be purchased by Unitholders under the distribution reinvestment plan as described in Section 3.2 above.

### **6.2 Issuer Bid**

The Declaration of Trust provides that, subject to applicable law, the Fund may, in its sole discretion, from time to time purchase (in the open market or by invitation for tenders) Units for cancellation up to a maximum in any 12-month period of 10% of the number of Units outstanding at the beginning of such period, in all cases at a price per Unit not exceeding the most recently calculated Net Asset Value per Unit immediately prior to the date of any such purchase of Units. The Fund also may not purchase more than 2% of the outstanding Units at the beginning of such period in any 30 day period. These purchases are made as normal course issuer bids through the facilities and under the rules of the TSX or such other exchange or market on which the Units are then listed.

## **7.0 REDEMPTION OF SECURITIES**

Subject to the Fund's right to suspend redemptions as discussed below, Unitholders are entitled to surrender Units for redemption in accordance with the Declaration of Trust in November of each year, provided the Units are surrendered at least 20 Business Days prior to the Redemption Date. The Declaration of Trust provides that Units surrendered for redemption will be redeemed on the Redemption Date at a redemption price per Unit equal to 100% of the Net Asset Value per Unit on the Redemption Date (less any costs of funding the redemption, including commissions). For the purposes of calculating this Net Asset Value per Unit, the value of the listed securities will be equal to the weighted average trading price of such listed securities over the last three Business Days of the month of November. Payment of the redemption price will be made on or before the tenth Business Day following such Redemption Date.

A Unitholder who desires to exercise redemption privileges must do so by causing the CDS Participant through which he or she holds Units to deliver to CDS at its office in the City of Toronto on behalf of the Unitholder, a written notice of the Unitholder's intention to redeem Units by no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day which is at least 20 Business Days prior to a Redemption Date. A Unitholder who desires to redeem Units should ensure that the CDS Participant is provided with notice of his or her intention to exercise the redemption right sufficiently in advance of the Redemption Date deadline so as to permit the CDS Participant to deliver a notice to CDS by 5:00 p.m. on the day which is at least 20 Business Days prior to the Redemption Date.

By causing a CDS Participant to deliver to CDS a notice of the Unitholder's intention to redeem Units, the Unitholder shall be deemed to have irrevocably surrendered his or her Units for redemption and appointed such CDS Participant to act as his or her exclusive settlement agent with respect to the exercise of such redemption privilege and the receipt of payment in connection with the settlement of obligations arising from such exercise.

Any redemption notice that CDS determines to be incomplete, not in proper form or not duly executed shall, for all purposes, be void and of no effect and the redemption privilege to which it relates shall be considered, for all purposes, not to have been exercised. A failure by a CDS Participant to exercise redemption privileges or to give effect to the settlement thereof in accordance with a Unitholder's instructions will not give rise to any obligations or liability on the part of the Fund or the Trustee to the CDS Participant or the Unitholder.

The Declaration of Trust permits the Manager to direct the Trustee to suspend the redemption of Units or payment of redemption proceeds (a) for the whole or any part of a period during which normal trading is suspended on one or more stock exchanges, options exchanges or futures exchanges on which more than 50% of the Oil & Gas Income Trusts included in the Fund Investments (by value) are listed and traded; or (b) for any period not exceeding 120 days during which the Manager determines that conditions exist which render impractical the sale of assets of the Fund or which impair the ability of the Manager to determine the value of the assets of the Fund. The suspension may apply to all requests for redemption received prior to the suspension, but for which payment has not been made, as well as to all requests received while the suspension is in effect. In such circumstances all Unitholders shall have, and shall be advised that they have, the right to withdraw their requests for redemption. The suspension shall terminate in any event on the first Business Day on which the condition giving rise to the suspension has ceased to exist provided that no other condition under which a suspension is authorized then exists. To the extent not inconsistent with official rules and regulations announced by any government body having jurisdiction over the Fund, any declaration of suspension made by the Manager shall be conclusive.

## **8.0 RESPONSIBILITY FOR OPERATIONS**

### **8.1 Manager**

Brompton Energy Trust Management Limited was incorporated pursuant to the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario) on August 17, 2004. Its head office is at Suite 2930, Bay Wellington Tower, BCE Place, 181 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario M5J 2T3. Its telephone number is (416) 642-6000 and its e-mail address is info@bromptongroup.com. The Manager was organized for the purpose of managing and administering closed-end investment funds, including the Fund and is a member of the Brompton Group of Companies.

The Declaration of Trust provides that that Trustee shall appoint or retain a manager to manage the business and affairs of the Fund. The Trustee has appointed the Manager pursuant to the terms of the Declaration of Trust and the Management Agreement. Pursuant to the Management Agreement, the

Manager is responsible for providing, or causing to be provided, management and administrative services and facilities to the Fund, and may delegate certain of its powers to third parties at no additional cost to the Fund where, in the discretion of the Manager, it would be in the best interests of the Fund and the Unitholders to do so.

### **8.1.1 Management Fee**

In consideration for these services, the Fund pays the Manager a Management Fee and reimburses the Manager for all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by the Manager on behalf of the Fund. The Manager receives a Management Fee equal to 0.45% per annum of Net Asset Value of the Fund, calculated and payable monthly in arrears, plus applicable taxes. The Manager is responsible for paying the fees payable to the Advisor out of the Management Fee.

The Management Fee may be paid in cash or Units at the option of the Manager. To the extent that the Units are issued from treasury for this purpose, Units will be issued at their Net Asset Value per Unit. The Fund reserved 2 million Units for issuance from Treasury to the Manager as payment of the Management Fee for a period of ten years from the date of closing of the initial public offering of Units. At the end of the ten year period or upon issuance of all of the Units reserved for payment to the Manager, the TSX may require that a meeting of Unitholders to be held to approve a further allotment of Units for this purpose. During 2005, all fees were paid in Units.

### **8.1.2 Service Fee**

The Manager is paid a Service Fee by the Fund for paying the fees payable to dealers based on the number of Units held by clients of such dealers at the end of each relevant quarter. The Service Fee (calculated quarterly and paid as soon as practicable after the end of each calendar quarter) is equal to 0.30% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Fund represented by the Units held at the end of the relevant quarter by clients of dealers, plus applicable taxes.

### **8.1.3 Termination of the Management Agreement**

The Management Agreement may be terminated at any time by the Fund on 90 days written notice with the approval of the Unitholders by an Ordinary Resolution passed at a duly convened meeting of Unitholders called for the purpose of considering such Ordinary Resolution, provided that Unitholders holding at least 10% of the Units outstanding on the record date of the meeting vote in favour of such Ordinary Resolution. The Management Agreement may also be terminated:

- by the Fund at any time on 30 days written notice to the Manager in the event of the persistent failure of the Manager to perform its duties and discharge its obligations under the Management Agreement, or the continuing malfeasance or misfeasance of the Manager in the performance of its duties under the Management Agreement;
- on 10 days written notice to the Manager for an uncured breach of the Management Agreement following written notice of such breach by the Trustee;
- by the Fund immediately in the event of the commission by the Manager of any fraudulent act; and
- automatically, if the Manager becomes bankrupt, insolvent or makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors.

The Manager may resign upon 120 days notice to the Trustee and may assign the Management Agreement to an affiliate of the Manager at any time.

#### **8.1.4 Directors and Officers of the Manager**

The name, municipality of residence, position with the Manager and principal occupation of each of the directors and officers of the Manager are set out:

<b><u>Name and Municipality of Residence and Position with the Manager</u></b>	<b><u>Principal Occupation and Positions Held During the Last 5 Years, including Positions held with Affiliated Entities of the Manager</u></b>
DONALD L. LENZ Toronto, Ontario Director	Managing Director, Newport Partners LP since July 2005; Managing Director, Newport Partners Inc. from October 2001 to July 2005; Private Consulting, SELDM Limited from 1999 to October 2001; Vice-President and Director of the Corporate and Investment Banking Division of RBC Dominion Securities Inc. from 1986 to 1999.
PETER A. BRAATEN Toronto, Ontario Chairman and Director	Chairman, Brompton Limited since November 2000.
JAMES W. DAVIE <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup> Toronto, Ontario Chairman of the Audit Committee and Director	Corporate Director since June 2002; Managing Director, RBC Dominion Securities Inc. from June 1999 to June 2002; Head of Equity Capital Markets, RBC Dominion Securities Inc. from 1987 to June 1999.
ARTHUR R.A. SCACE <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup> Toronto, Ontario Chairman of the Corporate Governance Committee and Director	Corporate Director since March 2006; Counsel, McCarthy Tétrault LLP from November 2003 to February 2006; Partner, McCarthy Tétrault LLP from 1972 to November 2003.
KEN S. WOOLNER <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup> Calgary, Alberta Lead Director	Corporate Director since February 2006; Executive Chairman, White Fire Energy Ltd. from April 2005 to February 2006; President & Chief Executive Officer, Lightning Energy Ltd. from December 2001 to April 2005; President & CEO, Velvet Exploration Ltd. from April 1997 to July 2001.
RAYMOND R. PETHER Toronto, Ontario Chief Executive Officer	President and Chief Executive Officer, Brompton Limited since April 2001; President & CEO of Western Facilities Fund from June 1998 to April 2001.
MARK A. CARANCI Toronto, Ontario President	President, Brompton Funds since February 2006; Chief Financial Officer, Brompton Limited from November 2000 to January 2006.
CRAIG T. KIKUCHI Toronto, Ontario Chief Financial Officer	Chief Financial Officer, Brompton Funds since February 2006; Vice-President, Brompton Limited from August 2004 to January 2006; Controller, Brompton Limited from February 2002 to August 2004; Various Positions including Manager in Assurance and Business Advisory Services and Taxation and Legal Services; PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP from September 1996 to January 2002.

<u>Name and Municipality of Residence and Position with the Manager</u>	<u>Principal Occupation and Positions Held During the Last 5 Years, including Positions held with Affiliated Entities of the Manager</u>
DAVID E. ROODE Toronto, Ontario Senior Vice President	Senior Vice-President, Brompton Funds since February 2006, Senior Vice President Brompton Limited from May 2005 to January 2006; Vice President, Brompton Limited from September 2002 to May 2005; Analyst, Middlefield Group from 1998 to 2001.
MOYRA E. MACKAY Toronto, Ontario Vice-President and Secretary	Vice-President & Corporate Secretary, Brompton Funds since February 2006; Vice President & Corporate Secretary, Brompton Limited from May 2000 to January 2006.
LORNE ZEILER Toronto, Ontario Vice-President	Vice-President, Brompton Funds since February 2006; Vice President, Brompton Limited from September 2004 to January 2006; Senior Financial Analyst, Assante Advisory Services from 2003 to 2004; Senior Relationship Manager, Scotiabank from 1998 to 2003.
JESSICA LEUNG Toronto, Ontario Controller	Controller, Brompton Funds, since February 2006; Controller, Brompton Limited from February 2005 to January 2006; Manager, Ernst & Young LLP from October 2000 to January 2005.
ANN WONG Toronto, Ontario Controller	Controller, Brompton Funds since February 2006; Controller, Brompton Limited from September 2005 to January 2006; Senior Manager, Treasury Finance Group Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce from June 2004 to September 2005, Manager, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP from September 2001 to June 2004.
DEBBIE CHIN Toronto, Ontario Assistant Vice President	Assistant Vice President, Brompton Funds since February 2006; Assistant Vice President, Brompton Limited from May 2005 to January 2006; Private Consulting from June 2003 to April 2005; Associate Portfolio Manager, Hillsdale Investment Management Inc. from October 2001 to May 2003; Analyst, AGF Funds Inc. from 1998 to 2001.
CHRISTOPHER CULLEN Toronto, Ontario Assistant Vice President	Assistant Vice President, Brompton Funds since March 2006; Manager Commercial Banking, CIBC Commercial Banking from September 2003 to February 2006; Associate, CIBC Commercial Banking from October 2002 to August 2003; Research Associate, UBS Securities (Canada) from May 2001 to August 2002.

Notes:

- (1) Independent director.
- (2) Member of the Corporate Governance Committee.
- (3) Member of the Audit Committee.

## 8.2 Advisor

The Declaration of Trust provides that the Manager shall, on behalf of the Trust, retain an Advisor to make investment decisions with respect to the Fund Property, in accordance with the Investment Guidelines and the Rebalancing Criteria and subject to the Investment Restrictions. The Manager has retained the Advisor pursuant to an Advisory Agreement entered into between the Manager, the Fund and the Advisor dated as of October 4, 2004 to provide such services to the Fund, in accordance with the terms of the Declaration of Trust. The Advisor's principal office is located at Suite 2930, Bay Wellington Tower, BCE Place, 181 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario. The Advisor is registered in Ontario as a limited market dealer and an investment counsel and portfolio manager. The Advisor may, pursuant to the terms of the Advisory Agreement, delegate any of its functions, powers, responsibilities and duties to any of its affiliates.

### **8.2.1 Advisory Fee**

Pursuant to the terms of the Advisory Agreement the Manager pays the Advisor an advisory fee and the Fund reimburses the Advisor for all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by the Advisor on behalf of the Fund.

### **8.2.3 Termination of the Advisory Agreement**

The Advisory Agreement will automatically terminate on the Termination Date set out in the Declaration of Trust. The Manager, on behalf of the Fund, may also terminate the Advisory Agreement:

- at any time on 90 days written notice to the Advisor;
- on 10 days written notice to the Advisor for an uncured breach of the Advisory Agreement by the Advisor following written notice of such breach by the Manager on behalf of the Fund;
- on 30 days written notice to the Advisor in the event of a persistent failure by the Advisor to perform its obligations and covenants and discharge its obligations and covenants under the Advisory Agreement;
- immediately in the event of insolvency or liquidation of the Advisor or if the Advisor becomes bankrupt or passes a resolution approving its liquidation, winding-up, dissolution or deemed dissolution or makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors or if the Advisor ceases to be registered as an advisor in the category of investment counsel/portfolio manager under the *Securities Act* (Ontario); or
- immediately in the event of the commission by the Advisor of any fraudulent act in the performance of its duties under the Advisory Agreement or if there has been any misrepresentation by the Advisor in the Advisory Agreement.

The Advisory Agreement may be terminated by the Advisor:

- at any time on 90 days written notice to the Manager;
- on 10 days written notice to the Manager and the Fund for an uncured breach of the Advisory Agreement by the Manager or the Fund following written notice of such breach by the Advisor to the Manager and the Fund;
- on 30 days written notice to the Manager in the event of a persistent failure by the Manager to perform its obligations and covenants and discharge its obligations and covenants under the Advisory Agreement; or
- immediately in the events of insolvency or liquidation of the Fund or if the Fund becomes bankrupt or passes a resolution approving its winding-up or dissolution or deemed dissolution or makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors.

### **8.3 Trustee**

Computershare Trust Company of Canada is the Trustee of the Fund and is responsible for certain aspects of the administration of the Fund as described in the Declaration of Trust. The address of the Trustee is 100 University Avenue, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Toronto Ontario M5J 2Y1.

### **8.4 Custodian**

The Declaration of Trust provides that the Manager shall, on behalf of the Fund, appoint a Canadian chartered bank or trust company to act as custodian of the Fund Property and authorizes the Custodian, pursuant to the terms of a Custodian Agreement, to provide various safekeeping and custodial services relating to the Fund Property. The Manager has appointed RBC Dexia Investor Services Trust as Custodian of the Fund Property pursuant to the terms of a Custodian Agreement entered into by the Manager, on behalf of the Fund, and The Royal Trust Company dated as of October 4, 2004, as assigned by The Royal Trust Company to the Custodian as of December 23, 2005. The address of the Custodian is 77 King Street West, Toronto, Ontario M5W 1P9.

#### **8.4.1 Fees**

In consideration for its services, the Fund pays to the Custodian such compensation as agreed upon in writing between the Manager and the Custodian from time to time and reimburses the Custodian for all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by the Custodian on behalf of the Fund.

#### **8.4.2 Termination of the Custodian Agreement**

The Custodian Agreement may be terminated by either party without penalty at any time on 60 days prior written notice. Prior notice is not required and termination will be immediate if:

- either party is declared bankrupt or shall be insolvent;
- the assets or the business of either party shall become liable to seizure or confiscation by any public or governmental authority; or
- the Manager's powers and authorities to act on behalf of or represent the Fund have been revoked or terminated.

### **8.5 Valuation Services**

The Manager, on behalf of the Fund, has appointed RBC Dexia Investor Services Trust to provide the Fund with valuation services. Such services include the calculation of the Fund's weekly Net Asset Value, calculated in accordance with the Fund's valuation parameters described in section 4.0.

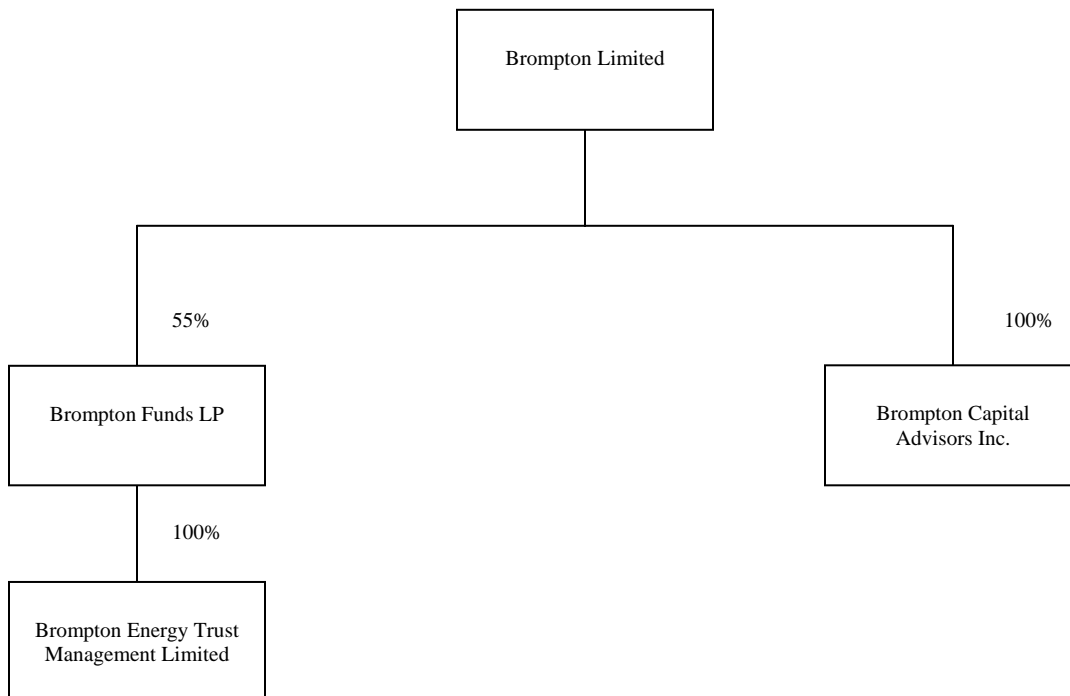
### **8.6 Auditor, Registrar, Transfer Agent and Distribution Agent**

The auditors of the Fund are PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Chartered Accountants, Suite 3000, Royal Trust Tower, Toronto-Dominion Centre, 77 King Street West, Toronto, Ontario M5K 1G8. Computershare Trust Company of Canada is the registrar, transfer agent and distribution agent for the Units. The register and transfer ledger for the Units is kept by the Trustee at its principal stock and bond transfer offices located in Toronto.

## 9.0 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

### 9.1 Principal Holders of Securities and Affiliated Entities

The Manager is an affiliated entity of the Advisor as set forth in the following diagram:



Notes:

- (1) Brompton Funds owns 100% of the voting securities of the Manager. By reason of indirectly holding a controlling interest in Brompton Limited, it is indirectly deemed to be beneficially controlled by Mr. Braaten.
- (2) By reason of indirectly holding a controlling interest in Brompton Limited, directors and officers of the Manager are indirectly deemed to beneficially own (a) 100 % of the voting securities of the Advisor and (b) through the 55% voting interest owned by Brompton Limited in Brompton Funds, 100% of the voting securities of the Manager.
- (3) The remaining 45% voting interest in Brompton Funds is directly owned by Newport Partners Holdings LP.

The amount of fees received by the Manager including the advisory fee, is contained in the audited financial statements of the Fund. More information on remuneration of the Manager and the Advisor is set out in sections 8.1.1 and 8.2.1.

The Declaration of Trust acknowledges that the Trustee may provide services to the Fund in other capacities, provided that the terms of any such arrangements are no less favourable to the Fund than those which would be obtained from parties which are at arm's length for comparable services. The services of the Custodian and the officers and directors of the Custodian are not exclusive to the Fund. The Custodian and its affiliates and associates (as defined in the *Securities Act* (Ontario)) may, at any time, engage in any other activity.

The Manager and the Advisor and their directors and officers engage in the promotion, management or investment management of one or more funds or trusts which invest primarily in income funds. The Advisor acts as the investment advisor or administrator for other funds and may in the future act as the investment advisor to other funds which invest in Income Funds and which are considered competitors of the Fund. The services of the Manager are not exclusive to the Fund.

In addition, the directors and officers of the Manager and the Advisor may be directors, officers, shareholders or unitholders of one or more issuers in which the Fund may acquire securities. The Manager, the Advisor or their affiliates may be a manager of one or more issuers in which the Fund may acquire securities and may be managers or administrators of funds that invest in the same securities as the Fund. Although none of the directors or officers of the Manager or the Advisor will devote his or her full time to the business and affairs of the Fund, each director and officer of the Manager or the Advisor will devote as much time as is necessary to supervise the management of (in the case of the directors) or to manage the business and affairs of (in the case of officers) the Fund, the Manager and the Advisor, as applicable.

## **10.0 FUND GOVERNANCE**

Brompton supports good governance practices for its funds. The Fund is managed by the Manager and consequently, the Board of Directors and committees referred to are the Board and committees of the Manager.

The Board is responsible for the overall stewardship of the business and affairs of the Fund. The Fund has Investment Objectives and Investment Guidelines which are set out in the Declaration of Trust.

The Board consists of 5 directors, 3 of whom are independent of management. The Board believes that the number of directors is appropriate and only non-management directors are compensated. Amounts paid as compensation to the directors are reviewed annually to ensure they realistically reflect the responsibilities and risk involved in being an effective director. The Board has appointed a Governance Committee which is responsible for making recommendations to the Board with respect to developments in the area of governance and practices of the Board. Individual directors may engage an outside advisor at the expense of the Fund subject to the approval of the Governance Committee.

To assist the Board in monitoring the Fund's financial reporting and disclosure, the Board has established an Audit Committee. The Audit Committee consists of 3 members, all of whom are independent. The responsibilities of the Audit Committee include, but are not limited to, review of the Fund's financial statements and the annual audit performed by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP ("PWC"), the auditor of the Fund; oversight of internal control and of the Fund's compliance with tax and securities laws and regulations. PWC reports to the Audit Committee and the Audit Committee and PWC have direct communication channels to discuss and review specific issues as appropriate.

The Board is responsible for developing the Fund's approach to governance issues and, together with the Manager, is evolving a best practices governance procedure. The Board of Directors has adopted policies, procedures and guidelines concerning the governance of the Fund and to ensure the proper management of the Fund. These policies, procedures and guidelines aim to monitor and manage the business, risks and internal conflicts of interest relating to the Fund and to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements. The policies include a Code of Business Ethics, Insider Trading Policy, Disclosure Policy, Whistleblower Policy, Privacy Policy and Proxy Voting Policy.

The Manager maintains a website for the Fund. The mandates of the Board, Audit Committee and Governance Committee are available on the website. The Fund has an Investor Relations line to respond to inquiries from Unitholders.

### **Proxy Voting Policy**

The Fund has delegated to the Advisor responsibility to exercise the voting rights attached to the securities held by the Fund and it is the Advisor's policy to seek to ensure that proxies for securities held by the Fund are voted consistently and in the best interests of the Fund.

The Fund, through the Advisor, has engaged the services of Institutional Shareholder Services ("ISS") to vote the proxies related to the securities held by the Fund and to provide information relating to such voting for the purpose of providing the necessary reporting by the Fund. The Advisor has adopted the ISS 2006 Canadian Proxy Voting Guidelines ("Policy"). In the case of routine matters, which includes ratification of auditors and financial reporting, the Policy generally allows for voting in favour of management's recommendation unless ISS believes it would be in the best interests of the Unitholders to vote against the resolution. In respect of non-routine matters such as mergers and corporate restructurings, capital restructuring, executive and director compensation, matters are dealt with on a case-by-case basis with the best interests of the Unitholders in mind at all times. The Policy also provides for procedures for recordkeeping. A copy of the Proxy Voting Policy including the Policy is available on request from the Manager.

Applicable securities laws require that commencing with the annual period beginning July 1, 2005, the Fund must prepare a proxy voting record for the annual period ending June 30 of each year, which must be made available on its website as of August 31 of each year. Accordingly, the Fund intends to make its proxy voting record available on its website commencing August 31, 2006.

### **10.1 Securities Lending**

In order to generate additional returns, the Declaration of Trust allows the Fund to lend Fund Investments to securities borrowers acceptable to the Fund pursuant to the terms of a securities lending agreement between the Fund and such borrower (a "Securities Lending Agreement"). Under a Securities Lending Agreement: (i) the borrower will be required pay to the Fund a negotiated securities lending fee and will make compensation payments to the Fund equal to any distributions received by the borrower on the securities borrowed; (ii) the securities loans are required to qualify as "securities lending arrangements" for the purposes of the Income Tax Act; and (iii) the Fund will receive collateral security. To date the Fund has not entered into any Securities Lending Agreements.

### **11.0 INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS**

The following is a summary of the principal Canadian federal income tax considerations under the Income Tax Act with respect to the acquisition, ownership and disposition of Units generally applicable as at the date of this annual information form to you if you are an individual (other than a trust) and, for the purposes of the Income Tax Act, are resident in Canada, deal at arm's length with the Fund and hold Units as capital property.

Generally, Units will be considered to be capital property to a Unitholder provided that the Unitholder does not hold Units in the course of carrying on a business of buying and selling securities and has not acquired Units in one or more transactions considered to be an adventure in the nature of trade. Certain Unitholders who might not otherwise be considered to hold their Units as capital property may, in certain circumstances, be entitled to have Units treated as capital property by making the irrevocable election permitted by subsection 39(4) of the Income Tax Act.

This summary is based upon the current provisions of the Income Tax Act, the Tax Proposals and the current administrative practices of CRA. This summary assumes that the Tax Proposals will be enacted as proposed. Except for the Tax Proposals, this summary does not take into account or anticipate any changes in the law, whether by way of legislative, governmental or judicial decision or action, nor does it take into account provincial, territorial or foreign tax legislation or considerations. There is no assurance that the Tax Proposals will be enacted in the form proposed or at all.

This summary is not exhaustive of all possible Canadian federal income tax considerations applicable to an investment in Units and does not describe the income tax considerations relating to the deductibility of interest on money borrowed to acquire Units. Moreover, the income and other tax consequences of acquiring, holding or disposing of Units will vary according to the status of the Unitholder, the province or provinces in which the Unitholder resides or carries on business and, generally, the Unitholder's own particular circumstances. Accordingly, the following description of income tax matters is of a general nature only and is not intended to constitute advice to any particular Unitholder. Prospective Unitholders should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the income tax consequences of investing in Units, based upon the Unitholder's particular circumstances.

This summary is based on the assumption that the Fund will qualify at all times as a "unit trust" and a "mutual fund trust" within the meaning of the Income Tax Act. In order to so qualify, the Fund must comply on a continuous basis with the Investment Restrictions, and certain minimum distribution requirements relating to the Units. In the event the Fund were not to qualify as a mutual fund trust at all times, the income tax consequences described below would in some respects be materially different.

This summary is also based on the assumption that none of the issuers of the securities comprising the portfolio will be foreign affiliates of the Fund or of any Unitholder and that none of the securities comprising the portfolio will be tax shelter investments or tracked interests or participating interests, other than exempt interests, in foreign investment entities under the proposals to amend the Income Tax Act released on July 18, 2005 (or such proposals as amended or enacted or successor provisions thereto).

### **11.1 Taxation of the Fund**

The Fund is subject to tax under Part I of the Income Tax Act on the amount of its income for the year, including the taxable portion of Net Capital Gains, less the portion thereof that it claims in respect of the amounts paid or payable to Unitholders in the year. Provided the Fund makes Distributions in each year of its Net Income and Net Capital Gains, and provided the Fund deducts in computing its income the full amount available for deduction in each year, the Fund will not generally be liable for income tax under Part I of the Income Tax Act.

With respect to an issuer included in the portfolio that is a trust, the Fund will be required to include in its income such portion of the Net Income and the taxable portion of Net Capital Gains of such issuer as is paid or becomes payable to the Fund in the year, notwithstanding that certain of such amounts may be reinvested in additional units of the issuer. Provided appropriate designations are made by the issuer, any net taxable capital gains realized by the issuer and taxable dividends received by the issuer from taxable Canadian corporations that are paid or become payable to the Fund and are designated by the issuer in respect of the Fund will effectively retain their character as such in the hands of the Fund.

The Fund will generally be required to reduce the adjusted cost base of the units of such issuer to the extent that all amounts paid or payable in a year by the issuer to the Fund exceed the sum of the amounts included in the income of the Fund for the year and the Fund's share of the non-taxable portion of capital gains of such issuer for the year. To the extent that the adjusted cost base to the Fund of the unit of such an issuer would otherwise be less than zero, the negative amount will be deemed to be a capital gain realized by the Fund and the Fund's adjusted cost base of such unit will be increased by the amount of such deemed capital gain.

With respect to an issuer included in the portfolio that is a limited partnership, the Fund will be required to include or, subject to certain restrictions, will be entitled to deduct, in computing its income, its share of the Net Income or loss for tax purposes of the issuer allocated to the Fund for the fiscal period of the issuer ending in the Fund's taxation year, whether or not a distribution is received. In general, the adjusted cost base to the Fund of the interest in such an issuer at a particular time will be equal to the actual cost of such interest plus the share of the income and capital gains of the issuer allocated to the Fund for fiscal periods of the issuer ending before the particular time less the share of losses and capital losses of the issuer allocated to the Fund for fiscal periods of the issuer ending before the particular time, and less the Fund's share of any distributions received from the issuer before the particular time. If the adjusted cost base to the Fund of the interest in such an issuer would otherwise be less than zero, the negative amount will be deemed to be a capital gain realized by the Fund and the Fund's adjusted cost base of such interest will be increased by the amount of such deemed capital gain.

The Fund will also be required to include in its income for each taxation year, all interest that accrues to it to the end of the year, or becomes receivable or is received by it before the end of the year, except to the extent that such interest was included in computing its income for a preceding taxation year.

In computing its income for tax purposes, the Fund may deduct reasonable administrative and other expenses incurred to earn income, generally including interest on borrowed funds used to purchase securities to be included in the portfolio.

Upon the actual or deemed disposition of a security included in the portfolio, the Fund will realize a capital gain (or capital loss) to the extent that the proceeds of disposition, net of any reasonable costs of disposition, exceed (or are less than) the adjusted cost base of such security provided such security is capital property to the Fund. The Fund had made an election under subsection 39(4) of the Income Tax Act so that all securities included in the portfolio that are Canadian securities (as defined in the Income Tax Act) will be deemed to be capital property to the Fund.

## **11.2 Taxation of Unitholders**

A Unitholder will generally be required to include in income for a particular taxation year of the Unitholder such portion of the Net Income, including the taxable portion of the Net Capital Gains, of the Fund for a taxation year as is paid or becomes payable to the Unitholder in that particular taxation year, whether received in cash or reinvested in additional Units. Provided that appropriate designations are made by the Fund, such portion of the net realized taxable capital gains of the Fund and the taxable dividends received or deemed received by the Fund on shares of taxable Canadian corporations as is paid or becomes payable to a Unitholder will effectively retain its character and be treated as such in the hands of the Unitholder. To the extent that amounts are designated as taxable dividends from taxable Canadian corporations, the normal gross-up and dividend tax credit rules will apply. Any loss of the Fund for purposes of the Income Tax Act cannot be allocated to, and cannot be treated as a loss of, the Unitholders.

The non-taxable portion of Net Capital Gains of the Fund that are paid or become payable to a Unitholder in a year will not be included in computing the Unitholder's income for the year. Any other amount in excess of a Unitholder's share of the Net Income of the Fund for a taxation year that is paid or becomes payable to the Unitholder in such year will not generally be included in computing the Unitholder's income for the year but will reduce the adjusted cost base of Units to the Unitholder. To the extent that the adjusted cost base of a Unit would otherwise be less than zero, the negative amount will be deemed to be a capital gain realized by the Unitholder from the disposition of the Unit and the Unitholder's adjusted cost base will be increased by the amount of such deemed capital gain.

The Net Asset Value per Unit will reflect any income and gains of the Fund that have accrued or been realized but have not been made payable at the time Units are acquired. A Unitholder who acquires Units may become taxable on the Unitholder's share of such income and gains of the Fund.

Any additional Units acquired by a Unitholder on a reinvestment of Distributions from the Fund will have an initial cost to the Unitholder equal to the amount of the Distribution so reinvested. In computing the adjusted cost base of a Unit so acquired, the cost of such Unit must be averaged with the adjusted cost base of any other Units then held by that Unitholder as capital property. If a Unitholder participates in the distribution reinvestment plan and the Unitholder acquires a Unit from the Fund at a price that is less than the then fair market value of the Unit, it is the administrative position of the CRA that the Unitholder must include the difference in income and that the cost of the Unit will be correspondingly increased.

Upon the disposition or deemed disposition by a Unitholder of a Unit, whether on a sale, redemption, repurchase or otherwise, a capital gain (or capital loss) will be realized by the Unitholder to the extent that the proceeds of disposition, net of any reasonable costs of disposition, exceed (or are less than) the adjusted cost base of the Unit to the Unitholder immediately before the disposition.

One-half of any capital gain ("taxable capital gain") realized by a Unitholder or designated by the Fund in respect of the Unitholder in a taxation year must be included in computing the income of the Unitholder for that year and one-half of any capital loss ("allowable capital loss") realized by a Unitholder in a taxation year may be deducted from taxable capital gains realized by the Unitholder or designated by the Fund in respect of the Unitholder in that year. Allowable capital losses for a taxation year in excess of taxable capital gains for that year generally may be carried back and deducted in any of the three preceding taxation years or carried forward and deducted in any subsequent taxation year, against taxable capital gains realized in such year, to the extent and under the circumstances provided for in the Income Tax Act.

Capital gains realized on the disposition of Units or amounts designated by the Fund to a Unitholder as taxable capital gains or as dividends from taxable Canadian corporations may give rise to a liability for alternative minimum tax.

## **12.0 REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, and TRUSTEES**

The Manager is paid the Management Fee as disclosed in section 8.1.1. The Fund pays director fees to the non-management directors as well as expenses incurred by directors on behalf of the Fund. In addition the Fund pays the expenses of any action, suit or other proceedings in which or in relation to which the Manager, the Advisor, the Custodian or the Trustee and/or any of their respective officers, directors, employees, consultants or agents is entitled to indemnity by the Fund.

For the year ended December 31, 2005, the Trustee was paid an aggregate amount of \$22,816, on account of its fees and expenses incurred in its capacity as Trustee of the Fund.

## **13.0 MATERIAL CONTRACTS**

The Fund and/or the Manager, on behalf of the Fund, are party to the Declaration of Trust, the Management Agreement, the Advisory Agreement and the Custodian Agreement. Copies of these material contracts may be accessed by prospective or existing Unitholders at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) under the Fund's profile. They are also available at the Fund's office during normal business hours. Details regarding each of these contracts are provided in section 1.2 in the case of the Declaration of Trust and in sections 8.1, 8.2 and 8.4 in the case of the other contracts.

## **14.0 OTHER MATERIAL INFORMATION**

### **14.1 Loan Facility**

The Fund entered into a Loan Facility with a Canadian chartered bank (the "Lender") in order to provide the Fund with the ability to utilize leverage to enhance the total return the portfolio. The Lender is at arm's length to the Fund, the Trustee, the Manager and the Advisor and their respective affiliates and associates.

A portion of the Loan Facility, not to exceed 10% of the Total Assets, determined at the time of borrowing, may be used by the Fund to purchase additional securities of Oil & Gas Income Trusts to be included in the Fund Investments. In the event that the total amount borrowed by the Fund under this portion of the Loan Facility at any time exceeds 20% of the Total Assets, the Manager will sell securities of Oil & Gas Income Trusts held by the Fund in an orderly manner and use the proceeds thereof to reduce indebtedness so that the amount borrowed by the Fund under this portion of the Loan Facility does not exceed 20% of the Total Assets.

In addition, the Fund may borrow up to 5% of the Total Assets determined at the time of borrowing for working capital purposes and to invest in public offerings of Oil & Gas Income Trusts that qualify for inclusion in the Fund Investments.

### **14.2 Risk Factors**

There are many risks associated with an investment in the Units, some of which are outlined below.

#### *Volatility of Oil & Gas Prices*

The operational results and financial condition of the Oil & Gas Income Trusts comprising the portfolio will be dependent upon the prices received for oil and gas production. Oil and gas prices have fluctuated widely during recent years and are affected by supply and demand factors, political events, weather and general economic conditions, among other things. Any decline in oil and gas prices could have an adverse effect on the distributions received from the Oil & Gas Income Trusts comprising the portfolio and the value of such Oil & Gas Income Trusts.

#### *Reserve Estimates*

The reserve and recovery estimates for the Oil & Gas Income Trusts comprising the portfolio are only estimates and the actual production and ultimate reserves may be more or less than the estimates provided.

### *Fluctuations in Distributions and the Value of the Oil & Gas Income Trusts*

The value of the Units will vary according to the value of the Oil & Gas Income Trusts included in the portfolio, which will depend, in part, upon the performance of such Oil & Gas Income Trusts. The amount of Distributions available for payment to Unitholders will depend on the amount of distributions paid by the Oil & Gas Income Trusts included in the portfolio. Some of the issuers included in the portfolio have limited operating histories or limited histories as operating as an Income Fund. The amounts which such issuers have been distributing may not be sustainable and the forecast distributions of such issuers may not be realized. The value of the portfolio will be influenced by factors which are not within the control of the Fund, including the financial performance of the respective issuers, operational risks relating to the specific business activities of respective issuers, the quality of assets owned by respective issuers, commodity prices, risks associated with issuers operating outside of Canada, exchange rates, interest rates, the use of leverage, environmental risks, political risks, issues relating to government regulation and other financial market conditions. A number of Oil & Gas Income Trusts will be impacted by commodity prices, which may vary and are determined by supply and demand factors including weather and general economic and political conditions. A decline in commodity prices could have an adverse effect on the operations and financial condition of certain Oil & Gas Income Trusts held by the portfolio and the amount of distributions paid on such Oil & Gas Income Trusts. In addition, certain commodity prices are based on a U.S. dollar market price. Accordingly, a decrease in the value of the U.S. dollar against the Canadian dollar could reduce the amount of distributions paid on such Oil & Gas Income Trusts.

### *Interest Rate Fluctuations*

It is anticipated that the market price for the Units at any given time will be affected by the level of interest rates prevailing at such time. A rise in interest rates may have a negative effect on the market price of the Units. Unitholders who wish to redeem or sell their Units may, therefore, be exposed to the risk that the redemption price of the Units will be negatively affected by interest rate fluctuations.

### *Trading Levels*

Units may trade in the market at a discount to the Net Asset Value per Unit and there can be no assurance that the Units will trade at a price equal to the Net Asset Value per Unit.

### *Illiquid Securities*

There is no assurance that an adequate market will exist for the Oil & Gas Income Trusts included in the portfolio to permit purchases and sales in accordance with the Rebalancing Criteria in a short time frame. Further, if the market for a specific Oil & Gas Income Trust held or required to be in the portfolio pursuant to the Investment Guidelines or which the Fund must dispose of pursuant to the Rebalancing Criteria is particularly illiquid, the Fund may be unable to acquire or sell the required amount of securities of such Oil & Gas Income Trust without affecting the market price of such securities in a manner that is disadvantageous to the Fund. The Fund cannot predict whether the Oil & Gas Income Trusts held by it will trade at a discount to, a premium to, or at their respective net asset values. In addition, if the Manager is unable, or determines that it is inappropriate to dispose of some or all of the Oil & Gas Income Trusts held by the Fund prior to a termination of the Fund, Unitholders may, subject to applicable laws, receive distributions of securities *in specie* upon the termination of the Fund, for which there may be an illiquid market or which may be subject to resale restrictions of indefinite duration.

### *Taxation of the Fund*

While the Fund intends to operate so that it will generally not be liable to pay income tax, the information available to the Fund relating to the characterization, for tax purposes, of the distributions received by the Fund in any year from issuers of securities held in the portfolio may be insufficient as at December 31 of that year to ensure that the Fund will make sufficient distributions to ensure that it will not be liable to pay income tax in respect of that year.

If the Fund ceases to qualify as a “mutual fund trust” under the Income Tax Act, the income tax considerations described in section 11.0 would be materially and adversely different in certain respects. There can be no assurance that Canadian federal income tax laws respecting the treatment of mutual fund trusts will not be changed in a manner that adversely affects the Unitholders. Currently, a trust will be deemed not to be a mutual fund trust if it is established or maintained primarily for the benefit of non-residents unless all or substantially all of its property is property other than taxable Canadian property as defined in the Income Tax Act. On September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2004, the Minister of Finance (Canada) released Tax Proposals (the “September 16<sup>th</sup> Tax Proposals”) which propose that a trust would lose its status as a mutual fund trust if the aggregate fair market value of all units issued by the trust held by one or more non-resident persons or partnerships that are not Canadian partnerships, or any combination thereof, is more than 50% of the aggregate fair market value of all units issued by the trust where, at that time or any previous time, more than 10% (based on fair market value) of the trust’s property is taxable Canadian property or certain other types of property. If the September 16<sup>th</sup> Tax Proposals are enacted as proposed, and if these circumstances applied to the Fund, the Fund would thereafter cease to be a mutual fund trust and the income tax considerations as described in section 11.0 would be materially and adversely different in certain respects. The September 16<sup>th</sup> Tax Proposals do not currently provide any means of rectifying a loss of mutual fund trust status. On December 6, 2004, the Minister of Finance (Canada) indicated that the September 16<sup>th</sup> Tax Proposals are being further considered.

CRA has expressed a view that, in certain circumstances, the interest on money borrowed to invest in an Income Fund that may be deducted may be reduced on a pro rata basis in respect of distributions from the Income Fund that are a return of capital and which are not reinvested for an income earning purpose. While the ability to deduct interest depends on the facts, based on the jurisprudence, CRA’s view should not affect the Fund’s ability to deduct interest on money borrowed to acquire units of Income Funds included in the Portfolio. If CRA’s view were to apply to the Fund, part of the interest payable by the Fund in connection with money borrowed to acquire certain securities held in the Portfolio could be non-deductible, increasing the net income of the Fund for tax purposes and the taxable component of distributions to Unitholders. Income of the Fund which is not distributed to Unitholders would be subject to non-refundable income tax in the Fund.

### *Changes in Legislation*

There can be no assurance that certain laws applicable to the Fund, including income tax laws, government incentive programs and the treatment of mutual fund trusts under the Tax Act will not be changed in a manner which adversely affects the distributions received by the Fund.

### *Use of Leverage*

The Fund is utilizing leverage in order to increase its monthly distributions to Unitholders. The use of leverage may result in capital losses or a decrease in distributions to Unitholders. The interest expense and banking fees incurred in respect of the Loan Facility may exceed the incremental capital gains, if any, and income generated by the incremental investment in Oil & Gas Income Trusts to be included in the portfolio with the borrowed funds. There can be no assurance that the borrowing strategy employed by the Fund will enhance returns. In addition, the Loan Facility may impose additional restrictions on the Fund and the Fund may not be able to renew the Loan Facility on acceptable terms.

### *Loss of Investment*

An investment in the Fund is appropriate only for investors who have the capacity to absorb a loss of some or all of their investment and who can withstand the effect of a Distribution not being made in any period.

### *Securities Lending*

The Fund may engage in securities lending. Although the Fund will receive collateral for the loans and such collateral will be marked-to-market, the Fund will be exposed to the risk of loss should the borrower default on its obligation to return the borrowed securities and the collateral be insufficient to reconstitute the portfolio of loaned securities.

### *Conflicts of Interest*

The Manager and the Advisor and their directors and officers engage in the promotion, management or investment management of one or more funds or trusts which invest primarily in Income Funds. Although none of the directors or officers of the Manager or the Advisor will devote his or her full time to the business and affairs of the Fund, each director and officer of the Manager or the Advisor will devote as much time as is necessary to supervise the management of (in the case of the directors) or to manage the business and affairs of (in the case of officers) the Fund, the Manager and the Advisor, as applicable.

### *Status of the Fund*

As the Fund is not a mutual fund as defined under Canadian securities laws, the Fund is not subject to the Canadian policies and regulations that apply to open-end mutual funds. It is intended that the Fund will, however, be a mutual fund trust for purposes of the Tax Act.

### *Significant Redemptions*

Units are redeemably annually at 100% of Net Asset Value as described under section 7.0 of this Annual Information Form. The purpose of the annual redemption right is to prevent the Units from trading at a substantial discount to the Net Asset Value per Unit and to provide Unitholders with the right to realize their investment once per year without any trading discount to the Fund's Net Asset Value. While the redemption right provides Unitholders the option of annual liquidity at Net Asset Value, there can be no assurance that it will reduce trading discounts. 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 lower distribution per Unit. Pursuant to the Declaration of Trust the Manager has the ability to terminate the Fund if, in the opinion of the independent directors of the Manager, the Net Asset Value of the Funds is reduced as the result of redemptions or otherwise so that it is no longer economically feasible to continue the Fund and would be in the best interests of Unitholders to do so. The Manager could cause such termination as a result of significant redemptions.

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

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Copies of these documents and other information about the Fund, such as information circulars and material contracts, are also available on the Fund's website at [www.bromptongroup.com](http://www.bromptongroup.com) or at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).