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## **FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

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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.

“**Advisory Services Agreement**” means the advisory services agreement dated as of December 15, 2004 between the Fund and the Manager, as it may be amended from time to time.

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

“**Brompton**” means the Brompton Group of companies.

“**Brompton Funds**” means Brompton Corp. and its wholly owned subsidiary Brompton Funds Limited, which acts as manager of the Fund. Brompton Corp. is in the business of managing investment funds.

“**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.

“**Cash and Cash Equivalents**” means:

- a) obligations issued or guaranteed by the Government of Canada or any province of Canada or the Government of the United States or any U.S. State or any agency or instrumentality thereof with less than twelve months to maturity;
- b) term deposits, guaranteed investment certificates, certificates of deposit or bankers' acceptances of or guaranteed by any chartered bank or other financial institution, the short-term debt or deposits of which have been rated at least Investment Grade; and
- c) commercial paper rated at least Investment Grade;

in each case either maturing within 365 days after the date of acquisition or for which the Manager or Flaherty & Crumrine believes that there will be a liquid market for the resale thereof within such 365-day period.

“**CDS**” means CDS Clearing and Depository Services Inc.

“**CDS Participant**” means a participant in CDS.

“**Closing Market Price**” means the closing price of the Units on the TSX (or such other stock exchange on which the Units are listed, if the Units are no longer listed on the TSX) or, if there was no trade on the relevant Monthly Redemption Date, the average of the last bid and last asking prices of the Units on the TSX (or such other stock exchange on which the Units are listed, if the Units are no longer listed on the TSX).

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

“**Custodial Services Agreement**” means the custodial services agreement entered into by the Fund and the Custodian dated as of September 15, 2016, as it may be amended from time to time.

“**Custodian**” means CIBC Mellon Trust Company in its capacity as custodian under the Custodial Services Agreement, as appointed from time to time by the Manager.

“**Declaration of Trust**” means the declaration of trust governing the Fund, as it may be amended and amended and restated from time to time, as described in section 1.1 of this Annual Information Form.

“**Distributions**” means the cash and *in specie* distributions which are paid by the Fund to Unitholders.

“**Distribution Date**” means the date on which cash Distributions are paid by the Fund, such date to be no later than the tenth Business Day after the applicable Record Date.

“**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 considering such resolution.

“**Flaherty & Crumrine**” means Flaherty & Crumrine Incorporated, or such other sub-advisor appointed from time to time by the Manager on behalf of the Fund to make investment decisions concerning Fund Investments.

“**Fund**” means Flaherty & Crumrine Investment Grade Preferred Income Fund.

“**Fund Investment**” means an investment then held by, or a derivative or other instrument then entered into by, the Fund and “**Fund Investments**” means more than one Fund Investment taken collectively.

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

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

“**Investment Grade**” in respect of a security means a security, which has at least one of the following ratings: (i) at least BBB- by S&P; (ii) at least Baa3 by Moody’s Investor Services, Inc.; (iii) at least BBB- by Fitch Ratings; or (iv) the equivalent rating by another nationally recognized credit rating organization.

“**Investment Objectives**” means the investment objectives of the Fund as set forth in the Declaration of Trust as described in section 1.1.1 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.

“**Investment Strategies**” means the investment strategies of the Fund as set forth in the Declaration of Trust as described in section 1.1.2 of this Annual Information Form.

“**IRC**” means the independent review committee established by the Manager for the Fund pursuant to NI 81-107.

“**Loan Facility**” means any loan facility entered into between the Manager, on behalf of the Fund, and any lender, for purposes of the Fund, as described in section 14.1 of this Annual Information Form.

“**Management Agreement**” means the management agreement dated as of November 25, 2004 between the Manager and the Fund, as amended and 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 as described in section 8.1.1 of this Annual Information Form.

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

“**Market Price**” means the weighted average trading price of the Units on the TSX (or such other stock exchange on which the Units are listed, if the Units are no longer listed on the TSX) for the 10 trading days immediately preceding the relevant Distribution Date or Monthly Redemption Date, as applicable.

“**Monthly Redemption Date**” means the second last Business Day of any month, excluding the month of November in any year.

“**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:

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

exceeds the aggregate of:

- b) the capital losses incurred by the Fund in the taxation year;
- c) the unapplied capital losses incurred 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
- d) 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 the 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.

“**NI 81-107**” means National Instrument 81-107 – *Independent Review Committee for Investment Funds* of the Canadian Securities Administrators (or any successor policy, rule or national instrument), as it may be amended from time to time.

“**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 considering such resolution.

“**Portfolio**” means the portfolio of Fund Investments held by the Fund.

“**Portfolio Management Agreement**” means the portfolio management agreement dated as of December 15, 2004 between the Fund, the Manager and Flaherty & Crumrine respecting the management of Fund Investments, as it may be amended from time to time.

“**Record Date**” means the last Business Day of each calendar month prior to the Termination Date.

“**Redemption Date**” means an Annual Redemption Date or a Monthly Redemption Date, as the case may be.

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

“**SIFT Rules**” means specified investment flow-through rules under the Income Tax Act.

“**S&P**” means Standard & Poor’s, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies Inc.

“**Special Distribution**” 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 I of the Income Tax Act for such taxation year exceeds the aggregate of the Distributions paid or payable by the Fund to Unitholders for such taxation year.

“**Sub-Advisor**” means Flaherty & Crumrine Incorporated, or such other sub-advisor appointed from time to time by the Manager on behalf of the Fund to make investment decisions concerning Fund Investments.

“**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 3.5 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 or, if applicable, its successor.

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

“**Unit**” means one transferable, redeemable 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.

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

**“Valuation Date”** means, at a minimum, Friday of each week or, if any Friday 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 and Net Asset Value per Unit.



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

Flaherty & Crumrine Investment Grade Preferred Income Fund is a closed-end investment trust with a registered office located at Suite 2930, Bay Wellington Tower, Brookfield Place, 181 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario M5J 2T3. The Fund was established under the laws of the Province of Alberta pursuant to a declaration of trust dated October 29, 2004, and is governed by an amended and restated declaration of trust dated November 25, 2004, as amended by amendments to the Declaration of Trust dated November 8, 2006, December 20, 2006 and June 8, 2009. The Declaration of Trust was further amended and restated as of September 5, 2018.

On August 29, 2018, the Fund received approval at a special meeting of Unitholders to: change the name of the Fund from Flaherty & Crumrine Investment Grade Fixed Income Fund to Flaherty & Crumrine Investment Grade Preferred Income Fund, implement amendments to the Investment Objectives, Investment Strategies, and Investment Restrictions; and to update and modernize the Fund's constating documents.

### **1.1 Declaration of Trust**

#### **1.1.1 Investment Objectives**

The Declaration of Trust provides that the Investment Objectives are:

- a) to provide Unitholders with a stable stream of monthly Distributions;
- b) to preserve the Net Asset Value per Unit; and
- c) to enhance the total return per Unit by actively managing the Portfolio.

#### **1.1.2 Investment Strategy**

The Declaration of Trust provides that the Fund will seek to achieve its Investment Objectives by pursuing investment strategies of:

- a) investing the Trust Property in an actively managed portfolio consisting primarily of various corporate debt securities and "hybrid preferred securities" of primarily North American issuers (being securities typically issued by corporations, generally in the form of interest bearing notes or preferred securities, or by an affiliated business trust of a corporation, generally in the form of beneficial interests in subordinated debentures or similarly structured securities);
- b) hedging substantially all of the Portfolio to the Canadian dollar; and
- c) investing or using derivative instruments for hedging, investment or leverage purposes, including buying or selling credit derivatives and borrowing or employing other forms of leverage, including securities lending and repurchase agreements, to enhance the returns of the Portfolio.

In addition to, or instead of, investing in a portfolio consisting primarily of various corporate debt instruments and "hybrid preferred securities" directly, at the Manager's sole discretion, the Trust may invest a portion of the portfolio's assets in exchange-traded funds that provide exposure to such corporate debt securities and "hybrid preferred securities" of North American issuers (including exchange-traded funds managed by the Manager, provided that there will be no duplication of management fees payable by the Trust in connection with any investment by the Trust in exchange-traded funds managed by the Manager).

### 1.1.3 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, the Manager and other parties and the termination of the Fund.

The Declaration of Trust was amended as of November 8, 2006 to permit the Manager to allow for the withdrawal of redemption notices prior to a redemption date. The Declaration of Trust was further amended as of December 20, 2006 to permit the Fund to designate as part of the redemption price any capital gains realized by the Fund during the year in which the redemption occurs. The Declaration of Trust was further amended as of June 8, 2009 to permit the Fund to register and issue Units through the Book-Entry Only System (as such term is defined in the Declaration of Trust).

Pursuant to the Declaration of Trust, the Trustee has retained Brompton Funds Limited as the Manager of the Fund. Brompton Funds Limited also acts as the principal investment advisor of the Fund. The Fund retained CIBC Mellon Trust Company as the Custodian of the Fund Property and Flaherty & Crumrine as sub-advisor of the Fund to make investment decisions concerning Fund Investments.

## 2.0 INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS

The Fund is a non-redeemable investment fund and is not considered to be a mutual fund under the securities legislation of the provinces and territories of Canada. While the Fund is subject to National Instrument 81-102 – *Investment Funds* (“NI 81-102”), it is not subject to all of the investment restrictions and operating policies that apply to mutual funds under such legislation. The Fund is managed in accordance with such applicable requirements and restrictions and the Investment Restrictions set out in the Declaration of Trust.

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, registered disability savings plans, tax-free savings accounts and registered education savings plans. During 2020, the Fund did not deviate from the rules under the Income Tax Act that apply to the status of the Units qualifying for inclusion in such plans.

The Units will generally not be a “prohibited investment” for trusts governed by a tax-free savings account, registered retirement savings plan, registered disability savings plan, registered education savings plan or registered retirement income fund unless the holder of a tax-free savings account or registered disability savings plan, the subscriber of a registered education savings plan, or the annuitant under a registered retirement savings plan or registered retirement income fund, as applicable, (i) does not deal at arm’s length with the Fund for purposes of the Income Tax Act or (ii) has a “significant interest” as defined in the Income Tax Act in the Fund. Generally, a holder, subscriber, or annuitant, as the case may be, will not have a significant interest in the Fund unless the holder, subscriber, or annuitant, as the case may be, owns interests as a beneficiary under the Fund that have a fair market value of 10% or more of the fair market value of the interests of all beneficiaries under the Fund, either alone or together with persons and partnerships with which the holder, subscriber, or annuitant, as the case may be, does not deal at arm’s length. In addition, the Units will generally not be a “prohibited investment” if the Units are “excluded property” as defined in the Income Tax Act for trusts governed by a tax-free savings account, registered retirement savings plan, registered disability savings plan, registered education savings plan, or registered retirement income fund.

Holders, subscribers, or annuitants should consult their own tax advisors with respect to whether Units would be prohibited investments, including with respect to whether the Units would be “excluded property”.

### **3.0 DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES**

#### **3.1 The Units**

The Fund is authorized to issue an unlimited number of one or more classes 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. On the redemption of Units, however, the Fund may, in its sole discretion, and subject to the Tax Proposal relating to the allocation of income and capital gains to redeeming Unitholders discussed below, designate payable to the redeeming Unitholder, as part of the redemption price, any capital gain realized by the Fund in the taxation year of the Fund in which the redemption occurred. 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. 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.

The Units are rated P-2(low)f by S&P. A security rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to revision or withdrawal at any time by S&P.

Draft legislation released on July 30, 2019 contained a Tax Proposal that denies a mutual fund trust a deduction in respect of (i) the portion of an allocation of a capital gain made to a unitholder on a redemption of a unit of the mutual fund trust that is greater than the capital gain that would otherwise have been realized by the unitholder on the redemption, and (ii) an allocation of ordinary income made to a unitholder on a redemption, in each case, if the unitholder’s redemption proceeds are reduced by the allocation. If enacted as proposed, the amendments will be effective for taxation years of mutual fund trust that begin on or after March 19, 2019.

On July 1, 2004, the *Income Trust Liability Act* (Alberta) came into force. This statute provides that notwithstanding any express or implied indemnity of a trustee by a unitholder, a unitholder will not be, as a beneficiary, liable for any act, default, obligation or liability of the trustee that arises after the legislation came into force provided that (i) the trust is governed by the laws of Alberta and (ii) the trust is a reporting issuer as defined in the *Securities Act* (Alberta). The Fund is a reporting issuer in each of the provinces and territories of Canada and it is governed by the laws of Alberta 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 calendar month, to be paid no later than 10 Business Days after the applicable Record Date. There can be no assurance that the Fund will be able to achieve its monthly Distribution objective or make such payments in any particular month or months.

The Fund has also adopted a distribution reinvestment plan (the “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.

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, a Special Distribution will be automatically payable in each year to Unitholders of record on December 31. The Special Distribution 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. The Special Distribution may, at the option of the Manager, and subject to compliance with securities laws and the requirements of other regulatory authorities, be satisfied by the issuance of additional Units having a value equal to the amount of the Special Distribution not being satisfied in cash. Unless the Manager otherwise determines, all Special Distributions will be paid in Units. Following such issue of additional Units, the outstanding Units 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 the Special Distribution, 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 of this Annual Information Form.

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

#### **3.3.1 Amending of the Declaration of Trust by the Trustee**

The Declaration of Trust provides that the Trustee is entitled to amend the Declaration of Trust without consent of, or notice to, the Unitholders to:

- a) remove any conflicts or other inconsistencies which may exist between any terms of the Declaration of Trust and any provisions of any law, regulation or requirements of any governmental authority applicable to or affecting the Fund;
- b) make any change or correction in this Declaration of Trust which is of a typographical nature or is required to cure or correct any ambiguity or defective or inconsistent provision, clerical omission, mistake or manifest error contained herein;
- c) bring the Declaration of Trust into conformity with applicable laws, rules and policies of Canadian securities regulators or with current practice within the securities or investment fund industries (including making all such amendments and taking all such actions so as to allow the Fund to qualify as an “alternative fund” or similar fund under the Proposed Amendments), provided such amendments do not, in the opinion of the Manager, adversely affect the pecuniary value of the interest of the Unitholders or restrict any protection for the Trustee or the Manager or increase their respective responsibilities;
- d) maintain the status of the Fund as a “mutual fund trust” or, if applicable, a “registered investment” for the purposes of the Income Tax Act, or to respond to amendments to the Income Tax Act or to the interpretation or administration thereof;
- e) add additional classes of Units in accordance with this Declaration of Trust; or
- f) provide added protection or benefit to Unitholders.

### **3.3.2 Amending of the Declaration of Trust by Unitholders**

The Declaration of Trust provides that except as otherwise required by the Declaration of Trust, the Declaration of Trust may be amended by an Ordinary Resolution of the Unitholders.

Pursuant to any additional requirements set out in section 5.1(1) of NI 81-102, the Declaration of Trust provides that the following may only be undertaken with the approval of Unitholders by an Extraordinary Resolution:

- a) any liquidation, dissolution or termination of the Fund except if it is determined by the Manager, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interests of the Unitholders or otherwise in accordance with the terms of the Declaration of Trust;
- b) any merger, arrangement or similar transaction or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Fund other than in the ordinary course of business (except as contemplated in the Declaration of Trust);
- c) removal of the Trustee or any of its affiliates as the trustee of the Trust;
- d) any material change in the Management Agreement, other than a change in the Manager;
- e) any change in the Investment Objectives 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;
- f) any increase in the fees payable to the Manager, the Portfolio Manager or the Principal Investment Advisor;
- g) any amendment, modification or variation in the provisions or rights attaching to the Units;
- h) any issue of Units other than as expressly permitted pursuant to the Declaration of Trust;
- i) any termination of the Portfolio Manager (other than in certain circumstances specified in the Portfolio Management Agreement as not requiring any approval of Unitholders such as the insolvency or wilful misconduct of the Portfolio Manager) provided that Unitholders holding at least 10% of the Units outstanding on the record date of the meeting vote in favour of such Extraordinary Resolution;
- j) any change in frequency of calculating Net Asset Value per Unit to less often than weekly; and
- k) any amendment to the above provisions of the Declaration of Trust except as otherwise permitted in the Declaration of Trust.

### **3.4 Permitted Merger**

Subject to applicable law, the Manager may, without obtaining Unitholder approval, merge the Fund (a “Permitted Merger”) with another fund or funds, provided that:

- a) the fund(s) with which the Fund is merged must be managed by the Manager or an affiliate of the Manager;

- b) Unitholders are permitted to redeem their Units at a redemption price equal to the Net Asset Value per Unit retracted of the applicable class, less any costs of funding the redemption, including commissions on or prior to the effective date of the merger;
- c) the funds being merged have substantially similar investment objectives, valuation procedures and fee structures as set forth in their respective declarations of trust, as determined in good faith by the Manager in its sole discretion;
- d) the merger of the funds is completed on the basis of an exchange ratio determined with reference to the net asset value per unit of each fund; and
- e) the merger of the funds must be accomplished on a tax-deferred rollover basis for Unitholders.

If the Manager determines that a merger is appropriate and desirable and will constitute a Permitted Merger, the Manager can effect the merger, and this Declaration of Trust may be amended, without seeking Unitholder approval for the merger or such amendments. If a decision is made to merge, the Manager shall provide notice to Unitholders by press release or as otherwise required by NI 81-102 at least 60 days prior to the proposed effective date thereof.

### **3.5 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 Extraordinary Resolution, provided that Unitholders holding at least 10% of the Units outstanding on the record date of the meeting vote in favour of such Extraordinary 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:

- a) 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.
- b) The Manager may, in its discretion, terminate the Fund without the approval of Unitholders if, in the opinion of the independent directors of the Manager, the Net Asset Value is reduced as a result of redemptions or otherwise so that it is no longer economically feasible to continue the Fund and it would be in the best interests of the Unitholders to terminate the Fund.

In each case the Fund must first file a news release that discloses the termination and the Fund may not terminate earlier than 15 days or later than 90 days after the filing of such release, unless the Fund undertakes a reorganization of, or transfers assets to, another investment fund, if (i) the Fund ceases to continue after the reorganization or transfer of assets and (ii) the transaction results in Unitholders becoming securityholders in the other investment fund.

The Declaration of Trust further provides that prior to the Termination Date, the Manager will instruct Flaherty & Crumrine 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 Flaherty & Crumrine 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. Following the distribution, the Fund will be dissolved.

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

Pursuant to the Declaration of Trust, the calculation of Total Assets on a Valuation Date is 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 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 or if the most recent sales prices do not, in the opinion of the Manager, accurately represent fair market value, 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;
- c) the value of a forward contract or swap shall be the gain or loss with respect thereto that would be realized if, on the Valuation Date, the position in the forward contract or swap were to be closed out in accordance with its terms;
- 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 or recognized information provider 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;
- f) the value of all assets quoted or valued in terms of foreign currency, the value of all funds on deposit and contractual obligations payable in foreign currency and the value of all liabilities and contractual obligations payable in foreign currency shall be determined using the applicable rate of exchange current at, or as nearly as practicable to, the date on which the Net Asset Value is computed;
- 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.

Pursuant to item (h) above, the Manager has not exercised its discretion to deviate from the valuation practices noted above in the last three years.

In connection with the foregoing, the Net Asset Value and Net Asset Value per Unit will be calculated in accordance with the rules and policies of the Canadian Securities Administrators or in accordance with any exemption therefrom that the Fund may obtain.

The Declaration of Trust provides that, for the purposes of calculating the Net Asset Value in connection with an annual redemption of Units, the value of any traded security shall be equal to the latest available bid price for such security.

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

Pursuant to the Declaration of Trust, the Net Asset Value per Unit on any Valuation Date is 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 (before giving effect to any issue of Units issued on that date or the redemption of Units redeemed on that date).

The Net Asset Value per Unit is calculated as at the close of business on each Valuation Date which is, at a minimum, Friday of each week (or, if any Friday 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 and the Net Asset Value per Unit is available to the public at no cost by calling 1-866-642-6001 and the Net Asset Value per Unit is available on the Manager's website at [www.bromptongroup.com](http://www.bromptongroup.com). The Fund also makes the Net Asset Value per Unit available to the financial press for publication on a weekly basis.

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

## **6.0 PURCHASES OF FUND UNITS**

### **6.1 General**

The Units are listed for trading on the TSX under the symbol FFI.UN and may be purchased through the facilities of the TSX. Registration of interests in and transfers of the Units are made only through 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, a Unitholder receives only a customer confirmation from the registered dealer which is a CDS Participant and from or through which the securities are purchased. Units may also be purchased by Unitholders under the Plan as described in section 3.2 of this Annual Information Form.



## **6.2 Issuer Bid**

The Declaration of Trust provides that, subject to applicable law and stock exchange requirements, the Fund may, in its sole discretion, from time to time purchase (in the open market or by invitation for tenders) Units for cancellation.

## **7.0 REDEMPTION OF SECURITIES**

### **7.1 Monthly**

Subject to the Fund's right to suspend redemptions as discussed in section 7.4 of this Annual Information Form below, Unitholders are entitled to surrender Units for redemption in accordance with the Declaration of Trust for redemption on the Monthly Redemption Date, provided the Units are surrendered by 5:00 p.m. on a day that is at least 10 Business Days prior to the Monthly Redemption Date. The Declaration of Trust provides that Units surrendered for redemption on the Monthly Redemption Date will be redeemed at a redemption price per Unit that is equal to the lesser of (i) 96% of the Market Price of the Units, and (ii) 100% of the Closing Market Price of the Units, on the applicable Monthly Redemption Date, plus in either case, in respect of the Units redeemed, any Distribution that has been declared payable to Unitholders of record on or before the applicable Monthly Redemption Date minus any costs associated with funding the redemption, including all brokerage fees, commissions and other costs incurred by the Fund in liquidating securities held in the Portfolio. Payment is made on or before the tenth Business Day of the subsequent month.

### **7.2 Annual**

Subject to the Fund's right to suspend redemptions as discussed in section 7.4 of this Annual Information Form below, Units may be surrendered for redemption on the Annual Redemption Date, provided the Units are surrendered by 5:00 p.m. on a date that is at least 20 Business Days and not more than 45 Business Days prior to the Annual Redemption Date. The Declaration of Trust provides that Units surrendered for redemption on an Annual Redemption Date will be redeemed at a redemption price per Unit that is equal to the Net Asset Value per Unit for each Unit so redeemed, plus, in respect of the Units redeemed, any Distribution that has been declared payable to Unitholders of record on or before the Annual Redemption Date minus any costs associated with funding the redemption, including all brokerage fees, commissions and other costs incurred by the Fund in liquidating securities held in the Portfolio. Payment will be made on or before the tenth Business Day of the subsequent month.

### **7.3 General**

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 the expiry time outlined in sections 7.1 and 7.2 of this Annual Information Form. 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 applicable Redemption Date deadline so as to permit the CDS Participant to deliver a notice to CDS by the applicable expiry time.

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, provided that the Manager may from time to time prior to the Redemption Date permit

the withdrawal of a redemption notice on such terms and conditions as the Manager may determine, in its sole discretion, provided that such withdrawal will not adversely affect the Fund. Any expense associated with the preparation and delivery of the redemption notice or its withdrawal will be for the account of the Unitholder exercising the redemption privilege.

Any redemption notice that CDS determines to be incomplete, not in proper form, not duly executed or not received by the appropriate deadline outlined above in sections 7.1 and 7.2 of this Annual Information Form 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, the Trustee or the Manager to the CDS Participant or the Unitholder.

On the redemption of Units, the Fund may, in its sole discretion, and subject to the Tax Proposal relating to the allocation of income and capital gains to redeeming Unitholders, designate payable to the redeeming Unitholder, in respect of the redemption price, any income or capital gains realized by the Fund in the taxation year of the Fund in which the redemption occurs, including as a result of any disposition of property of the Fund undertaken to facilitate the redemption pursuant to the Declaration of Trust and such income or capital gains will reduce the redemption price per Unit by the amount so designated.

#### **7.4 Suspension of Redemptions**

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 Total Assets (by value) are listed and traded; (b) with the permission of the Ontario Securities Commission, 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; or (c) for a period not exceeding five Business Days where the redemption would result in a breach of the Loan Facility so long as immediate steps are taken to rectify the circumstances giving rise to such breach. 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. All Unitholders shall have, and shall be advised that they have, the right to withdraw their requests for redemption. Redemptions so suspended will be effected at a price determined on the first date that the Net Asset Value per Unit, Market Price and Closing Market Price, as applicable, are calculated following the termination of the suspension. 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**

The Declaration of Trust provides that the 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.

Brompton Funds Limited was formed pursuant to the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario) by articles of incorporation dated May 17, 2011. Its head office is located at Suite 2930, Bay Wellington Tower,

Brookfield Place, 181 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario M5J 2T3. Its telephone number is (416) 642-6000, its e-mail address is info@bromptongroup.com and its website address is www.bromptongroup.com. The Manager was organized for the purpose of managing and administering investment funds, including the Fund, and is a member of the Brompton group of companies. The Manager is registered with the Ontario Securities Commission as a portfolio manager, investment fund manager, commodity trading manager and exempt market dealer is also registered as an investment fund manager in Quebec and Newfoundland and Labrador.

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 its services, the Fund pays the Manager the Management Fee and reimburses the Manager for all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by the Manager on behalf of the Fund. The Management Fee is 0.30% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund calculated and payable monthly in arrears, plus applicable taxes. See also section 8.2 of this Annual Information Form for a discussion of portfolio management fees paid to the Manager.

The Management Fee may be paid in cash or Units, at the option of the Manager. To the extent that Units are issued from treasury for this purpose, Units will be issued at their Net Asset Value per Unit. In 2020 all fees were paid in cash.

### **8.1.2 Termination of the Management Agreement**

The Management Agreement may be terminated at any time by the Trustee 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;

- a) by the Trustee on behalf of the Fund 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;
- b) by the Trustee on behalf of the Fund immediately in the event of the commission by the Manager of any fraudulent act; and
- c) 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. The Manager may assign the Management Agreement to an affiliate of the Manager at any time.

### 8.1.3 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 below:

<b>Name and Municipality of Residence and Position with the Manager</b>	<b>Principal Occupation and Positions Held During the Last 5 Years</b>
MARK A. CARANCI <sup>(1)(2)</sup> Toronto, Ontario President, Chief Executive Officer and Director	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director, Brompton Funds.
RAYMOND R. PETHER <sup>(1)</sup> Toronto, Ontario Director	Chairman, Brompton Corp. since March 2021; Director, Brompton Funds.
CHRISTOPHER S.L. HOFFMANN <sup>(1)</sup> Toronto, Ontario Director	Director, Brompton Funds; Vice President, Nutowima Ltd. and private investor.
ANN WONG <sup>(2)</sup> Toronto, Ontario Chief Financial Officer	Chief Financial Officer and Chief Compliance Officer since October 2020; Vice President and Controller, Brompton Funds from April 2008 to October 2020.
CHRISTOPHER CULLEN Toronto, Ontario Senior Vice President	Senior Vice President, Brompton Funds.
LAURA LAU Toronto, Ontario Senior Vice President and Senior Portfolio Manager	Senior Vice President and Chief Investment Officer, Brompton Funds since February 2020; Senior Vice President and Senior Portfolio Manager from February 2012 to February 2020.
MICHAEL CLARE Toronto, Ontario Vice President and Portfolio Manager	Vice President and Portfolio Manager, Brompton Funds.
MICHELLE TIRABORELLI Toronto, Ontario Vice President	Senior Vice President, Brompton Funds since February 2020; Vice President, Brompton Funds from February 2011 to February 2020.
KATHRYN BANNER Toronto, Ontario Vice President and Corporate Secretary	Vice President and Corporate Secretary, Brompton Funds.
STEPHEN ALLEN Toronto, Ontario Senior Vice President	Senior Vice President, Brompton Funds since October 2019; Executive Vice President, Evolve Funds Group Inc. from June 2017 to September 2019; Managing Director, Onex Credit Partners from April 2012 to April 2017.

Note:

<sup>(1)</sup> Member of the audit committee.

<sup>(2)</sup> Executive officer.

#### **8.1.4 Independent Review Committee**

The members of the IRC are Patricia Meredith, Ken S. Woolner and Raj Kothari. Mr. Woolner is the Chair of the IRC and is the primary IRC member who interacts with the Manager.

The mandate and responsibilities of the IRC are set out in its charter. The IRC is responsible for carrying out those responsibilities required to be undertaken by an IRC under NI 81-107, in particular:

- a) reviewing and providing input into the Manager's policies and procedures regarding conflict of interest matters, including any amendments to such policies and procedures referred to the IRC by the Manager;
- b) approving or disapproving each conflict of interest matter referred by the Manager to the IRC for its approval;
- c) providing its recommendation as to whether the Manager's proposed action on a conflict of interest matter referred by the Manager to the IRC for its recommendation achieves a fair and reasonable result for the Fund;
- d) together with the Manager, providing orientation to new members of the IRC as required by NI 81-107;
- e) conducting regular assessments as required by NI 81-107; and
- f) reporting to the securityholders of the Fund, to the Manager and to regulators as required by NI 81-107.

In addition to its responsibilities and functions under NI 81-107, the IRC:

- a) handles complaints and implements corrective action regarding accounting, internal accounting controls and auditing matters for the Manager, as more specifically set out in the whistleblower policy of the Manager; and
- b) may, as more specifically set out in its charter, identify conflict of interest matters.

Note:

The members of the IRC also act as the members of the independent review committee for other investment funds managed by the Manager.

#### **8.2 Portfolio Manager and Principal Investment Advisor**

The Manager is the principal investment advisor of the Fund. The Fund pays the Manager an investment advisory fee and reimburses the Manager for all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by it on behalf of the Fund in accordance with the terms of the Advisory Services Agreement. See section 8.1 of this Annual Information Form for further details with respect to the Manager. The Manager, as principal investment advisor of the Fund, is responsible for any loss that arises out of the failure of the Sub-Advisor to: (i) exercise its powers and discharge the duties of its office honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the Manager and the Fund; or (ii) exercise the degree of care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in the same circumstances.

Pursuant to the Portfolio Management Agreement, Flaherty & Crumrine was engaged as a sub-advisor to provide investment advisory and portfolio management services to the Fund. Flaherty & Crumrine's principal office is located at 301 East Colorado Boulevard, Suite 800, Pasadena, California, 91101 USA.

Flaherty & Crumrine may, pursuant to the terms of the Portfolio Management Agreement, delegate any of its functions, powers, responsibilities and duties to any of its affiliates.

### **8.2.1 Fee**

The Fund pays the Manager, as principal investment advisor, and Flaherty & Crumrine as sub-advisor an aggregate annual portfolio management fee equal to 0.70% of the Net Asset Value calculated and payable monthly in arrears plus applicable taxes and the Fund reimburses the Manager and Flaherty & Crumrine for all reasonable costs and expenses incurred on behalf of the Fund. Such fees are payable in cash or Units at the option of the Manager and Flaherty & Crumrine. In 2020, such fees were paid in cash.

### **8.2.2 The Portfolio Managers**

The principal portfolio managers of Flaherty & Crumrine who are responsible for the investment management of the Fund are as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Length of Service and Experience in the Past 5 Years</b>
R. ERIC CHADWICK	President since September 2014, Vice President from 2001 to September 2014.
BRADFORD S. STONE	Executive Vice President since September 2014; Vice President from May 2003 to September 2014.

All investment decisions are made by a team consisting of Messrs. Chadwick and Stone.

### **8.2.3 Brokerage Arrangements**

In those instances where investment or brokerage discretionary authority is not limited, Flaherty & Crumrine seeks to execute client securities trades on a best net execution basis, including an evaluation of the financial responsibility of the broker/dealer and its ability to complete the transaction. While depending on market conditions, transactions can be completed on either an agency or principal basis, most transactions in the preferred securities and corporate debt market (and consequently most transactions made by Flaherty & Crumrine) are executed on a “net” basis, with a dealer acting as principal. For transactions completed on an agency or “plus commission” basis, best net execution is defined to take into account both commissions paid and the prices at which transactions are executed. Variations in commissions paid from transaction to transaction may reflect differences in the skill and difficulty involved in the execution of a particular order.

Flaherty & Crumrine’s trading desk is regularly in touch with the major dealers in preferred and corporate debt securities and is generally aware of the prices and sizes of these dealers’ bids for and offers of such securities. Each transaction reflects what Flaherty & Crumrine believes to be the best net execution available at that point in time taking all relevant market supply/demand factors into consideration.

It is Flaherty & Crumrine’s policy not to enter into soft dollar arrangements with broker-dealers. Flaherty & Crumrine may receive research directly from brokers or dealers with whom it trades. In view of Flaherty & Crumrine’s own internal securities analysis resources, the receipt of brokerage research will not directly be given weight in the selection of a broker or dealer for any particular transaction. Flaherty & Crumrine may, however, use the research to determine which brokers or dealers have the greatest interest or understanding of a particular securities issuer or market segment and Flaherty & Crumrine may take such knowledge into account in the solicitation of bids or offers

Flaherty & Crumrine is registered as an investment adviser, not as a broker/dealer, and does not have any broker-dealer affiliates.

#### **8.2.4 Termination of the Portfolio Management Agreement**

The Portfolio Management Agreement will automatically terminate on the Termination Date. The Fund or the Manager may also terminate the Portfolio Management Agreement:

- a) with the approval of Unitholders of the Fund by an Extraordinary Resolution, provided that Unitholders holding at least 10% of the Units outstanding on the record date of the meeting vote in favour of such Extraordinary Resolution;
- b) in the event that Flaherty & Crumrine is in material breach of the Portfolio Management Agreement and the material breach has not been cured within 30 days written notice thereof to Flaherty & Crumrine;
- c) if there is a dissolution and commencement of winding-up of Flaherty & Crumrine;
- d) if Flaherty & Crumrine becomes bankrupt or insolvent or makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors or a receiver is appointed in respect of Flaherty & Crumrine or a substantial portion of its assets;
- e) if the assets of Flaherty & Crumrine become subject to seizure or confiscation by any public or governmental organization;
- f) if Flaherty & Crumrine has lost any registration, license or other authorization required by it to perform its duties under the Portfolio Management Agreement including, without limitation, the benefit of any exemption from the requirement to register under Canadian securities laws, or is otherwise deemed unable to perform the services delegated to it under the Portfolio Management Agreement; or
- g) if Flaherty & Crumrine has acted with wilful misconduct, fraud or negligence and as a result of such action there has been a material adverse effect on the Portfolio.

The Portfolio Management Agreement may be terminated by Flaherty & Crumrine:

- a) in the event that the Fund or the Manager is in material breach of the Portfolio Management Agreement and such breach is not cured within 30 days written notice to the Fund and the Manager; or
- b) on 120 days written notice to the Trustee and the Manager.

#### **8.2.5 Termination of the Advisory Services Agreement**

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

- a) in the event that the principal investment advisor is in material breach of the Advisory Services Agreement and the material breach has not been cured within 30 days written notice thereof to the principal investment advisor;

- b) if there is a dissolution and commencement or winding-up of the principal investment advisor;
- c) if the principal investment advisor becomes bankrupt or insolvent or makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors or a receiver is appointed in respect of the principal investment advisor or a substantial portion of its assets;
- d) if the assets of the principal investment advisor become subject to seizure or confiscation by any public or governmental organization;
- e) if the principal investment advisor has lost any registration, licence or other authorization required by it to perform its duties under the Advisory Services Agreement including, without limitation, the benefit of any exemption from the requirement to register under Canadian securities laws, or is otherwise deemed unable to perform the services delegated to it under the Advisory Services Agreement; or
- f) if the principal investment advisor has acted with wilful misconduct, fraud or negligence and as a result of such action there has been a material adverse effect on the Portfolio.

The Advisory Services Agreement may be terminated by the principal investment advisor:

- a) in the event that the Fund or the Manager is in material breach of the provisions of the Advisory Services Agreement and such breach has not been cured within 30 days written notice to the Fund and the Manager; or
- b) on 120 days written notice to the Fund and the Manager.

### **8.3 Trustee**

Computershare Trust Company of Canada, located in Toronto, Ontario, 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.

### **8.4 Custodian**

Pursuant to the Custodial Services Agreement, the Custodian, the principal address of which is 1 York Street, Suite 500, Toronto Ontario, provides various safekeeping and custodial services relating to the Fund Property.

The principal sub-custodian appointed by the Custodian is The Bank of New York Mellon, located in New York, New York. The Custodian entered into sub-custodian agreements with The Bank of New York Mellon, under which The Bank of New York Mellon provides for the safe keeping of client assets of the Custodian in the United States.

#### **8.4.1 Custodian 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 Custodial Services Agreement**

The Manager or the Custodian may terminate the Custodial Services Agreement without any penalty: (a) subject to any penalties contained in the written agreement of fees and expenses between the Manager and the Custodian, upon at least 90 days' written notice to the other party, or (b) immediately, if the other party becomes insolvent, or makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or a petition in bankruptcy is filed by or against that party and is not discharged within 30 days, or proceedings for the appointment of a receiver for that party are commenced and not discontinued within 30 days.

#### **8.5 Valuation Services**

The Manager, on behalf of the Fund, has appointed CIBC Global Securities Services Company, located in Toronto, Ontario, to provide the Fund with valuation services. Such services include the calculation of the Fund's Net Asset Value, calculated in accordance with the Fund's valuation parameters described in section 4.0 of this Annual Information Form.

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

The auditors of the Fund are PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, Licenced Public Accountants ("PWC"), located in Toronto, Ontario. The auditors of the Fund can be changed by Ordinary Resolution of the Unitholders. Computershare Trust Company of Canada is the registrar, transfer agent and distribution agent for the Units. The registers and transfer ledgers for the Units are kept at its offices located in Toronto, Ontario.

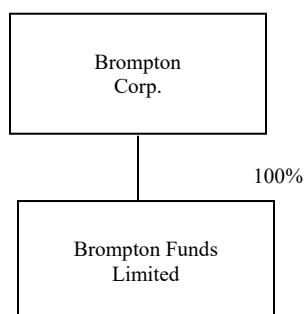
If the position of Auditor becomes vacant at any time, the Manager shall, on behalf of the Trustee pursuant to the power granted to the Trustee in the Declaration of Trust, appoint a new Auditor, subject to compliance with applicable law including NI 81-102.

#### **8.7 Securities Lending Agent**

The Manager has appointed Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce ("CIBC") located in Toronto, Ontario and The Bank of New York Mellon ("BNY") as securities lending agents (the "Agents"), pursuant to a securities lending authorization (the "Securities Lending Agreement") dated as of September 15, 2016, among the manager, CIBC Mellon Global Securities Company ("GSS"), CIBC Mellon Trust Company ("CMT") and the Agents to provide securities lending services relating to the Fund Property.

## 9.0 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

### 9.1 Principal Holders of Securities



Note:

Brompton Corp. owns of record and beneficially 100% of the shares of the Manager.

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 Flaherty & Crumrine and their respective directors and officers may engage in the promotion, management or investment management of other funds or trusts. The Manager and Flaherty & Crumrine each act as the investment advisor or administrator for other funds and may in the future act as the investment advisor to other funds which could be considered competitors of the Fund. The services of the Manager and Flaherty & Crumrine are not exclusive to the Fund.

In addition, the directors and officers of the Manager and Flaherty & Crumrine may be directors, officers, shareholders or unitholders of one or more issuers in which the Fund may acquire securities. The Manager and Flaherty & Crumrine or their respective 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 with similar investment objectives to the Fund. Although none of the directors or officers of the Manager or Flaherty & Crumrine will devote his or her full time to the business and affairs of the Fund, each director and officer of the Manager and Flaherty & Crumrine 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 Flaherty & Crumrine, as applicable.

No person or entity that provides services to the Fund or the Manager in relation to the Fund is an affiliated entity of the Manager other than Brompton Corp., which provides premises and staff to the Manager. Brompton Corp. does not receive any fees from the Fund. Each of the directors and officers of the Manager are also directors and officers of Brompton Corp., see section 8.1.3 of this Annual Information Form.

### 9.2 Securities held by Members of the Independent Review Committee

As at March 1, 2021, the members of the IRC did not own, directly or indirectly, any securities in the Manager. Further, as at March 1, 2021, the percentage of securities of each class or series of voting securities beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, in aggregate, by all members of the IRC in any person or company that provides material services to the Fund or Manager or in any one or more Canadian chartered bank which provides a loan facility or other credit to the Fund or Manager is less than 1%.

## **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 (the “Board”) and audit committee (the “Audit Committee”) referred to are the Board and Audit Committee of the Manager. The Board is responsible for the overall stewardship of the business and affairs of the Fund. The Board consists of 3 directors, 2 of whom are not involved in the management of the Fund. Details regarding the names, principal occupations and committee memberships of the Board are set out in section 8.1.3 of this Annual Information Form. The Board believes that the number of directors is appropriate.

Certain Board members are also members of the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee consists of 3 members, 2 of whom are not involved in the management of the Fund. 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 PWC, the auditor of the Fund, and oversight of internal controls and of the Fund’s compliance with tax 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. To ensure the proper management of the Fund and compliance with regulatory requirements, the Board has adopted policies, procedures and guidelines relating to business practices, risk management control, and internal conflicts of interest. As part of managing its business practices, the Board has adopted a whistleblower policy, a privacy policy and a proxy voting policy. The whistleblower policy establishes a procedure for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints regarding accounting, internal accounting controls and auditing matters pertaining to the Fund. The privacy policy dictates the manner in which the Fund and the Manager may collect, use and disclose personal information regarding the Unitholders. The proxy voting policy is described in section 10.2 of this Annual Information Form. As part of its risk management, the Board has adopted a disclosure policy. The disclosure policy sets out guidelines that aim to ensure that complete, accurate and balanced information is disclosed to the public in a timely, orderly and broad-based manner in accordance with securities laws and regulations. As part of managing potential internal conflicts of interest, the Board has adopted a code of business ethics and an insider trading policy. The code of business ethics and insider trading policy address, among other things, ethical business practices and handling of material information and purchasing or selling of securities by insiders.

NI 81-107 requires the Manager to have policies and procedures relating to conflicts of interest and the Manager has such policies and procedures in place.

In accordance with NI 81-107, the Manager has appointed an IRC to deal with potential conflict of interest matters between the Manager and the Fund. See section 8.1.4 of this Annual Information Form.

The Manager maintains a website for the Fund at [www.bromptongroup.com](http://www.bromptongroup.com). The mandate of the Board is available on the website. The Manager has an investor relations line to respond to inquiries from Unitholders, which is 1-866-642-6001.

### **10.1 Composition of Independent Review Committee**

As indicated in section 8.1.4 of this Annual Information Form, the IRC is comprised of three members, the initial members of which were appointed by the Manager in accordance with NI 81-107. Subsequent to this initial appointment by the Manager, the IRC shall, taking into consideration any recommendation of the Manager, fill vacancies on the IRC, provided that if for any reason the IRC has no members, the

Manager shall fill the vacancies. During 2020, due to the passing of Mr. Arthur Scace, the remaining members of the IRC appointed Mr. Raj Kothari to the IRC.

## **10.2 Proxy Voting Policy**

The Portfolio is managed by Flaherty & Crumrine and pursuant to the Portfolio Management Agreement, Flaherty & Crumrine is authorized to exercise all rights and privileges incidental to ownership of the Fund Investments. The Fund has adopted Flaherty & Crumrine's proxy voting policies and procedures which are summarized below.

Flaherty & Crumrine will be guided by the principle that, in those cases where it has proxy voting authority, it will vote proxies, and take such other corporate actions, consistent with the interest of its clients in a manner free of conflicts of interest. For purposes of decision making, Flaherty & Crumrine will assume that each ballot for which it casts votes is the only security of an issuer held by the client. Flaherty & Crumrine will reach its voting decisions independently, after appropriate investigation. It does not generally intend to delegate its decision making or to rely on the recommendations of any third party, although it may take such recommendations into consideration. Flaherty & Crumrine may consult with such other experts, such as CPA's, investment bankers, attorneys, etc., as it regards necessary to help it reach informed decisions. Ultimately, all voting decisions are made on a case-by-case basis, taking relevant considerations into account.

Flaherty & Crumrine categorizes matters as either routine or non-routine, which definition may or may not precisely conform to the definitions set forth by securities exchanges or other bodies categorizing such matters. Routine matters would include such things as the voting for directors and the ratification of auditors and most shareholder proposals regarding social, environmental, and corporate responsibility matters. Flaherty & Crumrine normally will vote in favor of management's recommendations on these routine matters.

Non-routine matters might include, without limitation, such things as (1) amendments to management incentive plans, (2) the authorization of additional common or preferred stock, (3) initiation or termination of barriers to takeover or acquisition, (4) mergers or acquisitions, (5) changes in the state of incorporation, (6) corporate reorganizations, and (7) "contested" director slates. Non-routine matters will be voted on a case-by-case basis.

Preferred securities generally have voting rights only in the event that the issuer has not made timely payments of income and principal to shareholders or in the event that a corporation desires to effectuate some change in its articles of incorporation which might modify the rights of the preferred stockholders. Similarly, debt securities typically do not have express voting rights; however, issuers may seek consents to amendments of covenants or rights of the debt holders.

In deciding upon non-routine matters, having to do with the modification of the rights or protections, Flaherty & Crumrine will attempt, wherever possible, to assess the costs and benefits of such modifications. In the case of the election of directors when timely payments to preferred shareholders have not been made ("contingent voting"), Flaherty & Crumrine will cast its votes on a case-by-case basis after investigation of the qualifications and independence of the persons standing for election.

Routine matters regarding preferred stock are the exception, rather than the rule, and typically arise when the preferred and common shareholders vote together as a class on such matters as election of directors. Flaherty & Crumrine will vote on a case-by-case basis, reflecting the principles set forth elsewhere in this document. However, in those instances (1) where the common shares of an issuer are held by a parent

company and (2) where, because of that, the election outcome is not in doubt, Flaherty & Crumrine does not intend to vote such proxies since the time and costs would outweigh the benefits.

Flaherty & Crumrine will communicate with the Manager, and, if necessary, the IRC of the Fund, in instances when a material conflict of interest may be apparent between Flaherty & Crumrine and the Fund regarding the matter being voted upon. Flaherty & Crumrine will describe the nature of the conflict and give its voting recommendation.

The policies and procedures that the Fund follows when voting proxies relating to portfolio securities are available on request, at no cost, by calling 1-866-642-6001 or by writing to the Manager at Suite 2930, Box 793, Bay Wellington Tower, Brookfield Place, 181 Bay Street, Toronto, ON M5J 2T3.

The Fund's voting record for the most recent period ended June 30 of each year is available free of charge to any Unitholder of the Fund upon request at any time after August 31 of that year. The Fund has made its proxy voting record available on its website at [www.bromptongroup.com](http://www.bromptongroup.com).

### **10.3 Use of Derivative Instruments**

The Fund may invest in or use derivative instruments for hedging, investment or leverage purposes consistent with the Investment Objectives and Investment Strategies and subject to the Investment Restrictions. A derivative is generally an instrument, agreement or security, the market price, value or payment obligations of which are derived from, referenced to or based on an underlying security, interest, benchmark or formula.

Risks to be hedged against include interest rate increases as described below and fluctuations in currency values.

Flaherty & Crumrine may engage in hedging strategies in an attempt to protect the Portfolio against adverse changes in the level of interest rates. As with virtually all hedging strategies, there can be no assurance that the hedge will accomplish its objective.

Prior to any derivatives transaction, other than currency hedging, a risk analysis is performed by Flaherty & Crumrine to assess the projected effectiveness of the strategy. The derivatives positions are regularly monitored by the portfolio management team who are also responsible for trading the securities. The policies and procedures that set out the objectives and goals for the use of hedging strategies are set out in the Declaration of Trust and are reviewed by the Board. Flaherty & Crumrine is solely responsible for monitoring the risks in both the securities and hedge (derivatives) portfolios, reporting at least quarterly to the Board and/or Manager. Flaherty & Crumrine manages the hedge portfolio actively in response to both changing market conditions and changes in the securities portfolio. As part of this process, Flaherty & Crumrine regularly performs scenario analysis whereby all securities and derivatives are subjected to interest rate shifts, the expected impact on each security and derivative instrument is measured, and the results are aggregated to determine the expected impact upon (1) the securities portfolio, (2) the derivatives portfolio, and (3) the combined portfolio.

The Net Asset Value is measured in Canadian dollars and payments to Unitholders are made in Canadian dollars. However, most of the investments in the Portfolio consist of securities denominated in U.S. dollars. It is expected that substantially all of the Portfolio will be hedged back to the Canadian dollar at all times. The Manager is solely responsible for providing advice to the Fund with regard to currency hedging. While the Fund intends to use forward contracts for currency hedging, it is not precluded from using other derivatives, such as put and call options on foreign currencies to do so.

## 10.4 Securities Lending

In order to generate additional returns, the Manager has entered into the Securities Lending Agreement with the Agents to administer any securities lending transaction for the Fund.

The Manager manages the risks associated with securities lending by requiring the Agents, pursuant to the Securities Lending Agreement, to:

- a) Enter into securities lending, repurchase or reverse purchase transactions with reputable and well-established Canadian and foreign brokers, dealers and institutions (“counterparties”);
- b) Maintain internal controls, procedures and records including a list of approved counterparties based on generally accepted creditworthiness standards, transaction and credit limits for each counterparty and collateral diversification standards;
- c) Establish daily the market value of both the securities loaned by the Fund under a securities lending transaction or sold by the Fund under a repurchase transaction and the cash or collateral held by the Fund. If on any day the market value of the cash or collateral is less than 102% of the market value of the borrowed or sold securities, the Agents will request that the counterparty provide additional cash or collateral to the Fund to make up the shortfall;
- d) Ensure that no more than 50% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund is out on loan at one time;
- e) Ensure that the collateral to be delivered to the Fund is one or more of cash, qualified securities or securities immediately convertible into, or exchangeable for, securities of the same issuer, class or type, and same term, if applicable, as the securities being loaned by the Fund; and
- f) Obtain mutual indemnification from GSS, CMT and the Agents in respect of all losses, damages, liabilities, costs or expenses (including reasonable counsel fees and expenses but excluding consequential damages) arising from:
  - i. The failure to perform any obligations under the Security Lending Agreement;
  - ii. Any inaccuracy of any representation or warranty made in the Security Lending Agreement; or
  - iii. Fraud, bad faith, willful misconduct or reckless disregard of duties.

Each lending transaction may be terminated by the Fund at any time and the loaned securities recalled within the normal and customary settlement period for such transactions and the Security Lending Agreement may be terminated at any time at the option of either the Manager or the Agents (i) upon 30 days prior notice to the other parties or (ii) immediately upon notice to all other parties in the event of a material breach by any party.

The Manager has written procedures that set out the objectives, goals and risk management practices with respect to securities lending arrangements which are reviewed annually by the Board. The Securities Lending Agreement was approved by the Board and securities lending arrangements and risks are monitored by the Manager. Considering the parameters set out in NI 81-102, along with the Manager’s policies and procedures relating to securities lending, no stress testing is conducted specifically with respect to positions maintained by the Fund.

With respect to collateral, by the close of the Business Day on which loaned securities are delivered to a borrower, the Agents shall obtain from such borrower one or more types of collateral as outlined below in an amount equal, as of such day, to 105% or such other percentage as reflects the best market practices in

the market in which the securities are being lent but shall never be less than 102% of the market value of the loans, including any accrued interest.

The indemnifications in the Securities Lending Agreement survive its termination.

### **10.5 Short-Term Trades**

The Fund's Units trade on the TSX. The Fund does not have policies and procedures in place to monitor, detect and deter short-term trading given that:

- a) the Fund is a closed-end investment trust;
- b) Unitholders are only permitted to redeem Units on a monthly or annual basis;
- c) monthly redemptions of Units are at a discount to Net Asset Value per Unit and are equal to the lesser of (i) 96% of the Market Price of the Units, and (ii) 100% of the Closing Market Price;
- d) the annual redemption is based on the Net Asset Value per Unit on the second last business day of November; and
- e) redemptions require more than 4 weeks to process from the date a holder notifies CDS of their redemption request to the date the redemption proceeds are paid out.

### **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 to you as at the date of this Annual Information Form 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. This summary does not apply to a holder that enters into, or has entered into, a "derivative forward agreement", as such term is defined in the Income Tax Act, in respect of Units.

Generally, Units will be considered to be capital property to a holder provided that the holder 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 or concern 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 and all other "Canadian Securities" (as defined in the Income Tax Act) treated as capital property by making the irrevocable election permitted by subsection 39(4) of the Income Tax Act.

This summary is based on the current provisions of the Income Tax Act and an understanding of the current published administrative and assessing practices of the CRA and the Tax Proposals. 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 law, whether by legislative, government or judicial decision or action, nor does it take into account provincial, territorial or foreign income tax legislation or considerations. There can be no assurance that the Tax Proposals will be enacted in the form publicly announced or at all.

This summary is not exhaustive of all possible Canadian federal 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 depending on a holder's particular circumstances including the province or provinces or territory or territories in which the holder resides or carries on business. Accordingly, this summary is of a general nature only and is not intended to be legal or tax advice to any holder. Holders should consult their own tax advisors for advice with respect to the income tax consequences of an investment in Units, based on their particular circumstances.

This summary is based on the assumption that the Fund is not and will not be a "SIFT trust" within the meaning of the SIFT Rules. The Fund has not held and will not hold any investments that would result in the Fund becoming subject to the SIFT Rules in any taxation year. If the Fund were to become a SIFT trust within the meaning of the SIFT Rules, the income tax considerations discussed herein could be materially and adversely different in certain respects.

This summary is based on the assumption that none of the issuers of the securities in the Portfolio will be "foreign affiliates" of the Fund or of any Unitholder and that none of the securities in the Portfolio will be "tax shelter investments" (each within the meaning of the Income Tax Act). This summary is also based on the assumption that the Portfolio will not include offshore investment fund property, or interests in a non-resident trust other than an exempt foreign trust, all within the meaning of the Income Tax Act.

This summary is based on the assumption that the Fund will at all times qualify 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 at all times comply with various requirements including certain minimum distribution requirements relating to the Units. In the event the Fund were not to qualify as a mutual fund trust at any time, the income tax consequences described below would in some respects be materially and adversely different.

## **11.1 Taxation of the Fund**

The Fund is subject to tax in each taxation year 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 generally not be liable in such year for income tax under Part I of the Income Tax Act.

The Fund is 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.

Upon the actual or deemed disposition of a security held in the Portfolio as capital property, 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 to the Fund. The Fund intends to treat any gains or losses on the Portfolio as capital gains or losses other than gains or losses with respect to derivatives other than derivatives used to hedge capital assets.

Gains or losses in respect of investments made through certain derivatives may constitute capital gains and capital losses to the Fund if the securities in the Portfolio are capital property to the Fund and provided there is sufficient linkage. The Income Tax Act contains rules (the "DFA Rules") that target certain financial arrangements (referred to as "derivative forward agreements") that seek to reduce tax by converting, through the use of derivative contracts, the return on an investment that would otherwise have the character of ordinary income to a capital gain. The DFA Rules are broadly drafted, and could apply to other agreements or transactions (including, certain forward currency contracts). If the DFA Rules were to



apply to certain derivatives to be utilized by the Fund, gains realized in respect of such derivatives could be treated as ordinary income rather than capital gains.

The Fund is required to compute all amounts, including interest, cost of property and proceeds of disposition, in Canadian dollars for purposes of the Income Tax Act. As a consequence, the amount of income, expenses and capital gains or capital losses may be affected by changes in the value of foreign currency relative to the Canadian dollar. Substantially all of the Portfolio will be hedged to the Canadian dollar to address the foreign currency exposure of the Fund.

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. In computing its income for tax purposes, the Fund may deduct an amount equal to the reasonable expenses that it incurs in the course of issuing the Units. Such issue expenses will be deductible by the Fund at a rate of 20% per year, pro-rated where the Fund's taxation year is less than 365 days. Any losses incurred by the Fund cannot be allocated to Unitholders, but may generally be carried forward or back in accordance with the rules and limitations contained in the Income Tax Act and deducted in computing the taxable income of the Fund.

## **11.2 Taxation of Unitholders**

A Unitholder will generally be required to include in computing income for a particular taxation year of the Unitholder such portion of the Net Income of the Fund for a taxation year, including the taxable portion of Net Capital Gains, as is paid or becomes payable to the Unitholder (whether in cash or in Units) in that particular taxation year. The non-taxable portion of the Fund's Net Capital Gains that are paid or become payable to a Unitholder in a taxation year will not be included in computing the Unitholder's income for the year. Any other amount in excess of the Unitholder's share of the Net Income of the Fund for a taxation year that is paid or becomes payable to the Unitholder in the year will not generally be included in the Unitholder's income for the year but will reduce the adjusted cost base of the Unitholder's Units. 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.

Provided that appropriate designations are made by the Fund, such portion of (i) the net realized taxable capital gains of the Fund, (ii) the foreign source income of the Fund and foreign taxes eligible for the foreign tax credit, and (iii) the taxable dividends received or deemed to be 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 for purposes of the Income Tax Act. 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. An enhanced tax credit may be available to individual Unitholders in respect of "eligible dividends". A Unitholder may be entitled to claim a foreign tax credit in respect of foreign taxes designated to such Unitholder in accordance with the detailed rules in the Income Tax Act.

Under the Income Tax Act, the Fund is permitted to deduct in computing its income for a taxation year an amount which is less than the amount of its distributions for the year. This will enable the Fund to utilize, in a taxation year, losses from prior years without affecting the ability of the Fund to distribute its income annually. The amount distributed to a Unitholder but not deducted by the Fund will not be included in the Unitholder's income. However, the adjusted cost base of the Unitholder's Units will be reduced by such amount.

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. Accordingly, a Unitholder who

acquires additional Units, including on the reinvestment of distributions, may become taxable on the Unitholder's share of such income and gains of the Fund.

On the disposition or deemed disposition of a Unit, the Unitholder will realize a capital gain (or capital loss) to the extent that the Unitholder's proceeds of disposition (other than any amount payable by the Fund which represents an amount that is otherwise required to be included in the Unitholder's income as described above), net of any reasonable costs of disposition, exceed (or are less than) the adjusted cost base of the Unit. For the purpose of determining the adjusted cost base of Units to a Unitholder, when additional Units are acquired, the cost of the newly acquired Units will be averaged with the adjusted cost base of all Units owned by the Unitholder as capital property immediately before that time. For this purpose, the cost of Units that have been issued as a Distribution or on the reinvestment of a Distribution will generally be equal to the amount of the net income or capital gain distributed to the Unitholder that has been distributed in the form of Units or reinvested in Units. If a Unitholder participates in the distribution reinvestment plan and acquires a Unit from the Fund at a price that is less than the 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.

One-half of any capital gain ("taxable capital gain") realized by a Unitholder on the disposition of Units or designated by the Fund in respect of the Unitholder in a taxation year will be included in computing the Unitholder's income for that year and one-half of any 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 accordance with the provisions of the Income Tax Act.

Amounts designated by the Fund to a Unitholder as taxable capital gains or dividends from taxable Canadian corporations or taxable capital gains realized on the disposition of Units may increase the Unitholder's liability for alternative minimum tax.

## **12.0 REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, IRC AND TRUSTEES**

The Manager is paid the Management Fee as disclosed in section 8.1.1 of this Annual Information Form. The directors of the Manager do not receive any director's fees from the Fund. The Fund pays the fees of the IRC, which for 2020 were \$754 for Mr. Scace (a former member of the IRC), \$1,091 for Mr. Kothari, \$2,089 for each of Mr. Woolner and Ms. Meredith. IRC fees are determined by the IRC based on a recommendation of the Manager. The Fund also pays the expenses incurred by the IRC and directors on behalf of the Fund. No expenses were paid in 2020.

The Trustee, in its capacity as such, is entitled to receive fees from the Fund and is entitled to be reimbursed by the Fund for all expenses which it reasonably incurs in connection with the activities of the Fund.

For the year ended December 31, 2020, the Trustee was paid fees of \$7,624 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 Services Agreement, the Portfolio Management Agreement and the Custodial Services 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 1.1 of this Annual Information Form in the case of the Declaration of Trust and in section 8 of this Annual Information Form in the case of the other contracts.

## **14.0 OTHER MATERIAL INFORMATION**

### **14.1 Loan Facility**

In order to provide Flaherty & Crumrine with the ability to use leverage to enhance the return of the Portfolio, the Fund may borrow pursuant to loan facilities or otherwise. The Fund may also add leverage to the Portfolio by utilizing other strategies, including repurchase agreements.

Leverage permits the Manager, on behalf of the Fund, to borrow monies or employ other forms of leverage to purchase additional securities in accordance with the Investment Objectives, Investment Strategies and Investment Restrictions of the Fund. The Manager, on behalf of the Fund, uses leverage, when it considers market conditions are appropriate, to attempt to increase the potential returns of the Fund by taking advantage of the spread between the potential return on additional investments in the Portfolio and the cost of borrowing the purchase price for such investments. The use of leverage to enhance returns on the Portfolio may result in losses or a decrease in net cash Distributions to Unitholders. The Fund may be required to provide a security interest in some or all of its assets in favour of the lender or other parties to secure such borrowings or other leverage.

The aggregate amount of leverage for investment purposes may not exceed 35% of the Total Assets of the Fund at the time of borrowing or other transaction entered into. In the event that the total amount borrowed (or otherwise subject to leverage) for investment purposes by the Fund exceeds 40% of the Total Assets of the Fund, the Manager will reduce such indebtedness or other leverage on an orderly basis as soon as practicable so that the amount borrowed or otherwise subject to leverage for investment purposes does not exceed such limit.

In addition to leverage for investment purposes, the Fund may borrow 2.5% of its Total Assets determined at the time of borrowing for working capital purposes.

### **14.2 Risk Factors**

Certain risk factors relating to the Fund and the Units are described below. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to the Manager, or that are currently considered immaterial, may also impair the operations of the Fund. If any such risk actually occurs, the business, financial condition, liquidity or results of operations of the Fund and the ability of the Fund to make Distributions on the Units, could be materially adversely affected.

#### *No Assurance of Achieving Investment Objectives or Monthly Distributions*

There is no assurance that the Fund will be able to achieve its Investment Objectives. Furthermore, there is no assurance that the Fund will be able to pay Distributions in the short or long term, nor is there any assurance that the Net Asset Value will be preserved. Changes in the relative weightings between the various types of investment vehicles making up the Portfolio can affect the overall yield to Unitholders. The distributions received by the Fund from the Portfolio may vary from month to month and certain of these issuers may pay distributions less frequently than monthly, with the result that revenue generated by the Portfolio and available for distribution to Unitholders may vary substantially. To the extent necessary, Fund Investments will be sold in order that Distributions can be paid to Unitholders at the distribution rate then in effect.

### *Fluctuations in Net Asset Value*

The Net Asset Value and the funds available for distribution will vary according to, among other things, the value of the securities held in the Portfolio, which depend, in part, upon the performance of the issuers of such securities, the performance of the preferred securities and debt markets generally, interest rates, and foreign currency exposure. Additionally, external economic forces can affect the competitive strength and profitability of the businesses represented by these securities which could significantly affect the value of such securities. Fluctuations in the market values of the securities held in the Portfolio may occur for a number of reasons beyond the control of the Manager or Flaherty & Crumrine.

Units may trade in the market at a discount or premium to the Net Asset Value per Unit. If Units trade at a premium to the Net Asset Value per Unit, there can be no assurance that additional offerings of Units will not have the effect of reducing or eliminating such premium.

### *Market Volatility*

Market prices of investments held by the Fund will go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The Fund's investments are subject to changes in general market conditions, market fluctuations and risks inherent in the securities markets. Securities markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers and general market liquidity. Even if general economic conditions do not change, the value of an investment in the Fund could decline if the particular industries, sectors or companies in which the Fund invests do not perform well or are adversely affected by certain events. In addition, legal, political, regulatory and tax changes may also cause fluctuations in markets and the price of securities. Certain market conditions, volatility or illiquidity in capital markets may also adversely affect the prospects of the Fund and the value of the Fund Investments. A substantial decline in the North American equities markets could be expected to have a negative effect on the Fund and the market price of the Units.

### *Market Disruptions*

War and occupation, terrorism and related geopolitical risks or other factors including global health risks or epidemics/pandemics may lead to increased short-term market volatility and may have adverse long-term effects on world economies and markets generally. Such events could also have an acute effect on individual issuers or related groups of issuers. The recent outbreak of the respiratory disease designated as COVID-19 has caused increased volatility and disruptions in global financial markets. The economic impact of COVID-19 may be short-term or may last for an extended period of time and, in either case, could result in a substantial downturn or recession. These risks could also adversely affect securities markets, inflation and other factors relating to the securities held in the Portfolio.

### *Preferred Securities and Debt Securities*

The Portfolio consists of investments in preferred and debt securities which involve risks of default or deferral on dividends, interest and principal and price changes due to factors such as general economic conditions and an issuer's creditworthiness. Preferred securities are typically subordinated to bonds and other debt instruments in a company's capital structure and, therefore, will be subject to greater credit risk than those debt instruments. In addition, the Portfolio may include preferred and debt securities which may entail greater potential price volatility and may be less liquid than higher rated instruments. They may also be more susceptible to real or perceived adverse economic and competitive industry conditions than higher rated securities. Although the Fund is prohibited from investing in securities which do not have an

Investment Grade rating at the time of purchase, there can be no assurance that the securities held by the Fund will continue to have an Investment Grade rating.

Call risk is the risk that an issuer will exercise its right to pay principal on an obligation held by the Fund earlier than expected. This may happen when there is a decline in interest rates. Under these circumstances, the Fund may be unable to recoup all of its initial investment and will also suffer from having to invest in lower yielding securities. Preferred securities frequently have call features that allow the issuer to repurchase the security prior to its stated maturity.

Extension risk is the risk that an issuer will exercise its right to pay principal on an obligation held by the Fund later than expected. This may happen when there is a rise in interest rates. Under these circumstances, the value of the obligation will decrease, and the Fund will also suffer from the inability to invest in higher yielding securities.

Generally, holders of preferred shares (such as the Fund) have no voting rights with respect to the issuing company unless preferred dividends have been in arrears for a specified number of periods, at which time the preferred shareholders may be granted voting rights which may entitle such holders to elect a number of directors to the issuer's board. Generally, once all the arrears have been paid, the preferred shareholders no longer have voting rights. In the case of certain hybrid preferred securities, holders generally have no voting rights except: (i) if the issuer fails to pay dividends for a specified period of time; or (ii) if a declaration of default occurs and is continuing. In such an event, rights of preferred security holders generally would include the right to appoint and authorize a trustee to enforce the trust or special purpose entity's rights as a creditor under the agreement with its operating company.

From time to time, preferred securities have been, and may in the future be, offered having features other than those described herein. The Fund reserves the right to invest in these securities if Flaherty & Crumrine believes that doing so would be consistent with the Investment Strategy and Investment Restrictions. Because the market for these instruments would be new, the Fund may have difficulty disposing of them at a suitable price and time. In addition to limited liquidity, these instruments may present other risks, such as high price volatility.

#### *Composition of Portfolio*

The composition of the Portfolio may vary widely from time to time and may be concentrated by type of security, commodity, industry or geography, resulting in the Portfolio being less diversified than anticipated. Overweighting investments in certain sectors or industries involves risk that the Fund will suffer a loss because of declines in the prices of securities in those sectors or industries.

#### *Securities Lending and Repurchase Agreements*

The Fund may engage in securities lending and repurchase agreements. Although the Fund will receive collateral for the loans and such collateral is 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 is insufficient to reconstitute the portfolio of loaned securities.

#### *Use of Leverage*

One element of the Fund's investment strategy is the utilization of borrowings or the employment of other forms of leverage to make investments in additional instruments. The obligations under loan facilities or other forms of leverage may be secured by the assets of the Fund. By adding additional leverage, these strategies have the potential to enhance returns but also involve additional risks. There can be no assurance

that the leveraging strategy employed for the Fund will enhance returns. The use of leverage may reduce returns (both distributions and capital) to Unitholders. If the securities in the Portfolio suffer a decrease in value, the leverage component will cause a decrease in value of the Portfolio in excess of that which would otherwise be experienced. In addition, the cost of leverage may rise, potentially reducing income distributable to Unitholders. The aggregate amount of leverage for investment purposes may not exceed 35% of the Total Assets of the Fund at the time the borrowing or other transaction is entered into. In the event that the total amount borrowed (or otherwise subject to leverage) for investment purposes by the Fund exceeds 40% of the Total Assets of the Fund such indebtedness (or other leverage ) will be reduced on an orderly basis as soon as practicable so that the amount borrowed or otherwise subject to leverage for investment purposes does not exceed such limit.

The interest expense and banking fees incurred in respect of loan facilities, or expenses and fees incurred in respect of other forms of leverage, may exceed the incremental capital gains/losses and income generated by the incremental investments for the Portfolio. In addition, the Fund may not be able to renew a loan facility or other form of leverage on acceptable terms. Flaherty & Crumrine expects that the Fund may be leveraged at the maximum amount permitted by the Investment Restrictions.

#### *Nature of Units*

While it is an investment objective of the Fund that the Net Asset Value per Unit be preserved, the Units are not debt instruments and there is no obligation or guarantee to return the initial subscription price. The Units represent a fractional beneficial interest in the assets of the Fund. Unitholders will not have the statutory rights normally associated with ownership of shares of a corporation including, for example, the right to bring “oppression” or “derivative” actions.

An investment does not constitute an investment by Unitholders in the securities in the Portfolio. Unitholders will not own securities held by the Fund.

#### *Not a Trust Company*

The Fund is not a trust company and, accordingly, is not registered under the trust company legislation of any jurisdiction. Units are not “deposits” within the meaning of the *Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation Act* and are not insured under provisions of that Act or any other legislation.

#### *Changes in Legislation and Regulations*

There can be no assurance that certain laws applicable to the Fund, including income tax laws, government incentive programs, the treatment of mutual fund trusts under the Income Tax Act and securities legislation applicable to the Fund will not be changed in a manner which adversely affects the Fund or the Unitholders. If such laws change, such changes could have a negative effect upon the value of the Fund, the Units and upon investment opportunities of the Fund.

#### *Reliance on Flaherty & Crumrine and Key Personnel and on the Manager*

Flaherty & Crumrine manages the Fund’s Investments in a manner consistent with the Investment Objectives, Investment Strategies and Investment Restrictions of the Fund. The officers of Flaherty & Crumrine who are primarily responsible for the management of the Portfolio have extensive experience in managing investment portfolios, however, there is no certainty that such individuals will continue to be employees of Flaherty & Crumrine until the termination of the Fund.

Performance of the Portfolio will also be dependent on the Manager, which provides advice to the Fund with regard to currency hedging and will monitor the amount of borrowing and other leverage of the Fund.

#### *Foreign Currency Exposure*

The Net Asset Value is measured in Canadian dollars and payments to Unitholders will be made in Canadian dollars. However, most of the investments in the Portfolio, at any time, will consist of securities denominated in U.S. dollars. Accordingly, the Net Asset Value and the Fund's ability to make payments to Unitholders may be affected by fluctuations in the value of the Canadian dollar relative to the United States dollar. Although it is expected that substantially all of the Portfolio will be hedged to the Canadian dollar to address the foreign currency exposure of the Fund, there can be no assurance that such hedging strategies will be successful.

#### *Foreign Issuers*

The Portfolio may include securities of issuers established in jurisdictions outside Canada and the United States. Although most of such issuers will be subject to accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards comparable to those applicable to Canadian and U.S. companies, some issuers may not be subject to such standards and, as a result, there may be less publicly available information about such issuers than a Canadian or U.S. company. The price of such securities may be affected by conditions in the market of the jurisdiction in which the issuer is located. Investments in foreign issuers carry the potential exposure to the risk of political upheaval, acts of terrorism and war, all of which could have an adverse impact on the value of such securities.

#### *Interest Rate Changes and Sensitivity of Market Price of Units to Interest Rates*

Interest rate risk is the risk that debt obligations and preferred securities will decline in value because of changes in interest rates. Generally, debt securities will decrease in value when interest rates rise and increase in value when interest rates decline. The Net Asset Value may fluctuate with interest rate changes and the corresponding changes in the value of the securities in the Portfolio. The market price of the Units may be affected by the level of interest rates prevailing from time to time.

#### *Illiquid Securities*

There is no assurance that an adequate market will exist for the Portfolio securities. The Fund cannot predict whether the Portfolio securities will trade at a discount to, a premium to, or at their respective net asset values. In addition, if Flaherty & Crumrine is unable, or determines that it is inappropriate, to dispose of some or all of the Portfolio securities prior to the termination of the Fund, Unitholders may, subject to applicable laws, receive distributions of Portfolio 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.

#### *Derivatives and Hedging Risk*

The Portfolio may use derivatives for any purpose including, among other things, as a substitute for taking a position in the underlying asset or as part of a strategy designed to reduce or increase exposure to other risks, such as interest rate or currency risk. The Portfolio's use of derivative instruments involves risks different from, and possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional investments. Derivatives are subject to a number of risks, such as liquidity risk, interest rate risk, market risk, credit risk, leveraging risk, counterparty risk and management risk. They also involve the risk of mispricing or improper valuation and the risk that changes in the value of a derivative may not correlate perfectly with the underlying asset, rate or index. If the Fund invests in a derivative instrument,

it could lose more than the principal amount invested. Hedging with derivatives may not always work and it could restrict the Fund's ability to increase in value and adds to the risk of investing in Units. There is also no guarantee that the Fund will be able to obtain or close out a derivative contract when it needs to which could prevent the Fund from making a profit or limiting a loss. In addition, the Fund's success in using hedge instruments is subject to Flaherty & Crumrine's ability to predict correctly changes in the relationships of such hedge instruments to the Portfolio, and there can be no assurance that Flaherty & Crumrine's judgment in this respect will be accurate. Consequently, the use of hedging techniques might result in a poorer overall performance for the Fund, whether or not adjusted for risk, than if the Fund had not hedged its Portfolio holdings.

### *Conflicts of Interest*

The Manager and Flaherty & Crumrine, their respective directors and officers and their respective affiliates and associates may engage in the promotion, management or investment management of other funds, including funds which invest primarily in securities held in the Portfolio. Investment decisions for the Portfolio will be made independently from those of other accounts advised by Flaherty & Crumrine. If such other accounts are prepared to invest in, or desire to dispose of, securities at the same time as the Portfolio, available investments or opportunities for sales will be allocated equitably to each entity. In some cases, this procedure may adversely affect the size of the position obtained for or disposed of by the Portfolio or the price paid or received by it.

Although none of the directors or officers of the Manager will devote his or her full time to the business and affairs of the Fund or the Manager, each will devote as much time as is necessary to supervise the management of (in the case of the directors) or to manage (in the case of officers) the business and affairs of the Manager and the Fund. Although officers, directors and professional staff of Flaherty & Crumrine will devote as much time to the Fund as Flaherty & Crumrine deems appropriate to perform their duties, the staff of Flaherty & Crumrine may have conflicts in allocating their time and services among the Fund and the other clients of Flaherty & Crumrine.

In addition, Flaherty & Crumrine and/or its affiliates, in connection with their other business activities, may acquire material non-public confidential information that may restrict Flaherty & Crumrine from purchasing assets or selling assets for itself or its clients (including the Fund) or otherwise using such information for the benefit of its clients or itself.

### *Change or Withdrawal of Rating on the Units of the Fund*

There can be no assurance that the rating on the Units of the Fund of P-2f by Standard & Poor's will remain in effect or will not be reduced. If the rating is withdrawn or reduced, there may be an adverse effect on the market price of the Units.

### *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.

### *Trading Price of Units*

Units may trade in the market at a discount to the Net Asset Value per Unit and there can be no assurance that Units will trade at a price equal to the Net Asset Value per Unit. Units will be redeemable at 100% of the Net Asset Value per Unit on the applicable Annual Redemption Date less any costs associated with the redemption, including brokerage costs. While the redemption right provides Unitholders the option of



annual liquidity at the Net Asset Value per Unit, there can be no assurance that it will reduce trading discounts.

### *Loss of Investment*

An investment in the Fund is appropriate only for investors who have the capacity to absorb investment losses.

### *Legal and Statutory Rights*

Flaherty & Crumrine is a corporation formed under the laws of the State of California. The foreign organization and offices of Flaherty & Crumrine and the fact that all or a substantial portion of its assets are situated outside of Canada may make it more difficult to enforce legal rights against Flaherty & Crumrine than if it were organized and resident in Canada. Although the custodian of the Portfolio is in Canada and some of the assets of the Fund may be held in Canada, the majority of the Fund's assets may be held in accounts with sub-custodians in other jurisdictions. Accordingly, there may be additional defences available to any judgement obtained by the Fund in Canada that may affect enforcement in any such jurisdictions.

### *Taxation of the Fund*

If the Fund ceases to qualify as a "mutual fund trust" under the Income Tax Act, the income tax considerations would be materially and adversely different in certain respects. There can be no assurance that Canadian federal and provincial income tax laws respecting the treatment of mutual fund trusts will not be changed in a manner that adversely affects the Unitholders.

In determining its income for tax purposes, the Fund intends to treat gains and losses on dispositions of securities in the Portfolio on a capital account other than gains or losses in respect of derivatives other than derivatives used to hedge a capital asset. The CRA's practice is not to grant an advance income tax ruling on the characterization of items as capital gains or income and no advance ruling has been requested or obtained. If some or all of the transactions treated by the Fund as being on capital account were instead treated on income account, after-tax returns to Unitholders could be reduced.

Pursuant to rules in the Income Tax Act, if the Fund experiences a "loss restriction event" (i) it will be deemed to have a year-end for tax purposes (which would result in an unscheduled distribution of the Fund's net income and net realized capital gains, if any, at such time to Unitholders so that the Fund is not liable for income tax on such amounts under Part I of the Income Tax Act), and (ii) it will become subject to the loss restriction rules generally applicable to a corporation that experiences an acquisition of control, including a deemed realization of any unrealized capital losses and restrictions on its ability to carry forward losses. Generally, the Fund will be subject to a loss restriction event if a Unitholder becomes a "majority-interest beneficiary", or a group of persons becomes a "majority-interest group of beneficiaries", of the Fund, as those terms are defined in the affiliated persons rules contained in the Income Tax Act, with certain modifications. Generally, a majority-interest beneficiary of the Fund is a beneficiary in the income or capital, as the case may be, of the Fund whose beneficial interests, together with the beneficial interests of persons and partnerships with whom the beneficiary is affiliated, have a fair market value that is greater than 50% of the fair market value of all the interests in the income or capital, as the case may be, of the Fund. Please see "Income Tax Considerations – Taxation of Unitholders" for the tax consequences of an unscheduled or other distribution to Unitholders. If the Fund qualifies as an "investment fund" as defined in the rules in the Income Tax Act relating to loss restriction events it generally is excepted from the application of such rules. An "investment fund" for this purpose includes a trust that meets certain conditions, including satisfying certain of the conditions necessary to qualify as a "mutual fund trust" for

purposes of the Income Tax Act, not holding any property that it uses in the course of carrying on a business and complying with certain asset diversification requirements. If the Fund were not to qualify as an “investment fund”, it could potentially have a loss restriction event and thereby become subject to the related tax consequences described above.

### *Significant Redemptions*

The purpose of the monthly and annual redemption right is to prevent Units from trading at a substantial discount and to provide investors with the right to eliminate entirely any trading discount throughout the year. While the redemption right provides investors the option of annual and monthly liquidity, there can be no assurance that it will reduce trading discounts. There is a risk that the Fund may incur significant redemptions if Units trade at a significant discount to their Net Asset Value per Unit. If a significant number of Units were redeemed, the trading liquidity of the Units could be significantly reduced. In addition, the expenses of the Fund would be spread among fewer Units resulting in a potentially lower Distribution per Unit. The Manager has the ability to terminate the Fund, if, in its opinion, it would be in the best interests of the Unitholders to do so. The Manager may also suspend the redemption of Units as described in section 7.4 of this Annual Information Form.

### *Bank Regulatory Reforms in the United States*

There are two major regulatory initiatives which will likely affect U.S. banks and the preferred securities they issue. These initiatives are the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, the recently finalized Volcker Rule and the Bank Committee on Banking Supervision. Moreover, U.S. banks are redeeming their higher cost preferred securities, which will require the Fund to invest in lower-yielding, alternative preferred securities that, at some point, may affect the rate of Distribution of the Fund.

### *Exchange of Tax Information*

Part XVIII of the Income Tax Act imposes due diligence and reporting obligations on “*reporting Canadian financial institutions*” in respect of their “U.S. reportable accounts”. The Fund is a “*reporting Canadian financial institution*” but as long as Units continue to be listed on the TSX, the Fund should not have any “U.S. reportable accounts” and, as a result, it should not be required to provide information to the CRA in respect of Unitholders. The dealers, however, through which Unitholders hold their Units are subject to due diligence and reporting obligations with respect to financial accounts that they maintain for their clients. Unitholders would be requested to provide information to their dealer to identify U.S. persons holding Units as well as “controlling persons” of Unitholders who are U.S. persons. If a Unitholder, or its controlling person, is a U.S. person (including, for example, a U.S. citizen or green card holder who is resident in Canada) or if the Unitholder does not provide the requested information, Part XVIII of the Income Tax Act will generally require information about the Unitholder’s investment in the Fund held in the financial account maintained by the dealer to be reported to the CRA, unless the Units are held within a registered plan. The CRA will automatically provide such information to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

Effective July 1, 2017, the Income Tax Act was amended such that it now contains rules similar to the foregoing in respect of non-Canadian non-U.S. resident investors (the “CRS Legislation”). Pursuant to the CRS Legislation, “*Canadian financial institutions*” (as defined in the CRS Legislation) would be required to have procedures in place to identify accounts held by residents of foreign countries (other than the U.S.) or by certain entities the “controlling persons” of which are resident in such foreign countries and to report required information to the CRA. The information would then be available for sharing with the jurisdiction in which the account holder, or such controlling person, resides for tax purposes under the provisions and safeguards of the Multilateral Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters or the relevant bilateral tax treaty. As long as Units are registered in the name of CDS, the Fund should not have

any reportable accounts and, as a result, should not be required to provide information to the CRA in respect of its Unitholders. Unitholders, however, will be required to provide certain information including their tax identification numbers to their dealer for the purpose of such information exchange unless their investment is held within a registered plan.

### *Cybersecurity Risk*

The information and technology systems of Brompton Funds, the Fund's key service providers (including its custodian, registrar and transfer agent, valuation services provider, securities lending agent, Sub-Advisor, etc.) and the issuers of securities in which the Fund invests may be vulnerable to cybersecurity risks such as potential damage or interruption from computer viruses, network failures, computer and telecommunications failures, infiltration by unauthorized persons (e.g. through hacking or malicious software) and general security breaches. A cybersecurity incident is an adverse intentional or unintentional action or event that threatens the integrity, confidentiality or availability of the Fund's information resources.

A cybersecurity incident may disrupt business operations or result in the theft of confidential or sensitive information, including personal information, or may cause system failures, disrupt business operations or require Brompton Funds or a service provider to make a significant investment to fix, replace or remedy the effects of such incident. Furthermore, a cybersecurity incident could cause disruptions and negatively impact the Fund's business operations, potentially resulting in financial losses to the Fund and Unitholders. There is no guarantee that the Fund or Brompton Funds will not suffer material losses as a result of cybersecurity incidents. If they occur, such losses could materially adversely impact the Fund's net asset value.

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

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