

This is the semi-annual Management Report of Fund Performance (MRFP) for the period ended May 31, 2019. This MRFP contains financial highlights but does not contain the complete financial statements of the Company. The semi-annual financial statements and accompanying notes are attached to this report.

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## **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES**

### **Investment objectives**

Canadian Banc Corp. invests primarily in a portfolio of common shares which will include each of the following Canadian chartered banks:

Bank of Montreal	National Bank of Canada
Bank of Nova Scotia	Royal Bank of Canada
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	Toronto-Dominion Bank

The Company may also invest up to 20% of the net asset value in equity securities of Canadian or foreign financial services corporations other than the core holdings listed above. In order to supplement the dividends received on the portfolio and to reduce risk, the Company will from time to time write covered call options in respect of some or all of the common shares in the portfolio.

The Company offers two types of shares:

### **Preferred shares**

The investment objectives with respect to the Preferred shares are as follows:

1. Effective December 1, 2018, Preferred shareholders are entitled to receive a cumulative preferential floating rate monthly dividend at an annual rate equivalent to the prevailing Canadian prime rate plus 1.5%, with a minimum annual rate of 5% and a maximum annual rate of 8% based on the original issue price (previously, to provide holders with cumulative preferential floating rate monthly cash dividends at a rate per annum equal to the prevailing Canadian prime rate plus 0.75%, with a minimum annual rate of 5.0% and a maximum annual rate of 7% based on original issue price); and
2. On or about the termination date of December 1, 2023 (subject to further 5 year extensions thereafter) to pay holders the original issue price (\$10) of those shares.

## **Class A shares**

The investment objectives with respect to the Class A shares are as follows:

1. To provide holders with monthly cash distributions targeted to be at a rate of 10% annualized based on the volume weighted average market price of the Class A shares for the last 3 trading days of the preceding month; and
  2. On the termination date to pay holders the original issue price (\$15) of those shares.
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## **RISK**

The risks of investing in the Company remain as discussed in the Annual Information Form dated February 25, 2019. In addition, note 5 of the semi-annual financial statements (“Management of Risk of Financial Instruments”) contains disclosure on specific types of risks related to the financial investments held by the Company.

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## **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The market performance of Canadian bank stocks held in the portfolio was mixed during the period while U.S. bank stocks were down. Amidst fears that global trade tensions could adversely impact economic growth and corporate profits, longer term bond yields declined during the period, creating a significant flattening and inversion to the interest rate curve. This type of interest rate environment acted as a headwind and created pressure on net interest margins for Canadian and U.S. banks.

Canadian banks have generally continued to top profit expectations and raise their annual dividends reflecting the ongoing strength of their businesses. The current dividend yields on the Canadian banks held in the portfolio continue to make them attractive within the still relatively low interest rate environment.

Pursuant to the special retraction right in connection with the extension of the termination date of the Company, the Company redeemed 88,375 Class A shares and 88,375 Preferred shares and made retraction payments of \$973,893 and \$883,750, respectively, to each class of shares on December 17, 2018.

In connection with the extension, the Company also amended the dividend entitlement of the Preferred shares effective December 1, 2018, to pay a cumulative preferential floating rate monthly dividend at an annual rate equivalent to the prevailing Canadian prime rate plus 1.5%, with a minimum annual rate of 5% and a maximum annual rate of 8% based on the original issue price.

The termination date of the Company may be extended thereafter at the Company’s discretion for additional terms of five years each. Shareholders would be provided with a special retraction right in connection with any such extension.

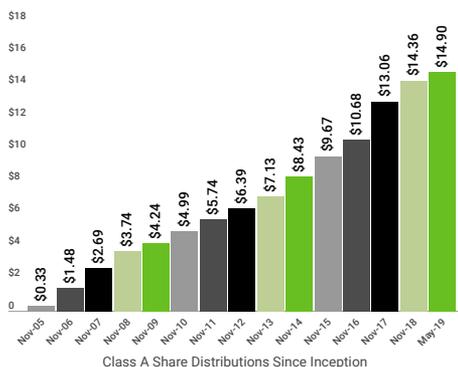
The net assets per unit (consisting of one Preferred share and one Class A share) finished at \$20.21 as at May 31, 2019, after the payment of \$0.82 in combined distributions to both classes of shares at the targeted rates. A combined total of \$22.28 has been paid in distributions since inception.

Net assets of the Company finished the period at \$224.2 million.

The covered call writing program continued to provide additional income and supplemented the dividend income earned in the portfolio.

## Class A shares - Distributions

Class A shareholders receive monthly cash distributions targeted to be at a rate of 10% annualized based on the volume weighted average market price of the Class A shares for the last 3 trading days of the preceding month. The net asset value per unit must remain above the required \$15 per unit threshold for monthly distributions to be declared. Total monthly cash distributions per Class A share during the period amounted to \$0.5446 at the target rate.



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Cumulative total of distributions paid to Class A share since inception

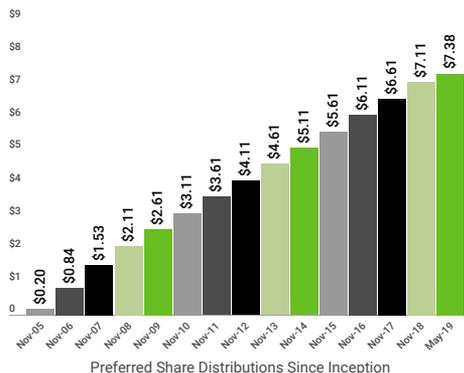


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Special distributions paid since inception

## Preferred shares - Distributions

Effective December 1, 2018, Preferred shareholders are entitled to receive a cumulative preferential floating rate monthly dividend at an annual rate equivalent to the prevailing Canadian prime rate plus 1.5%, with a minimum annual rate of 5% and a maximum annual rate of 8% based on the original issue price. Previously, Preferred shareholders were entitled to receive regular monthly cash dividends targeted to yield a floating rate based on the prime rate in Canada plus 0.75% per annum with a minimum annual rate of 5.0% and a maximum annual rate of 7.0% based on the original issue price. Total distributions during the period amounted to \$0.2725 per Preferred share.



7.38

Cumulative total of distributions paid to Preferred share since inception

## RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

There were no developments during the period.

## RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Quadravest Capital Management Inc. ("Quadravest") as investment manager and Manager earns fees from the Company as described below in the Management Fees section.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following tables show selected financial information about the Company and are intended to help you understand the Company's financial performance for the past five years. This information is derived from the Company's semi-annual financial statements and previous audited annual financial statements. The information in the following table is presented in accordance with National Instrument ("NI") 81-106 and, as a result, does not act as a continuity of opening and closing net assets per unit.

### The Company's net assets per unit

	May 31, 2019	Years ended November 30				
		2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Net assets per unit, beginning of period <sup>(1)</sup>	21.02	23.28	22.78	20.89	24.09	22.34
Increase (decrease) from operations						
Total revenue	0.41	0.82	0.82	0.88	0.84	0.82
Total expenses	(0.14)	(0.32)	(0.34)	(0.30)	(0.30)	(0.35)
Realized gains for the period	0.26	0.31	1.27	0.55	0.47	1.05
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.52)	(1.30)	1.58	2.24	(2.34)	2.14
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup>	<u>0.01</u>	<u>(0.49)</u>	<u>3.33</u>	<u>3.37</u>	<u>(1.33)</u>	<u>3.66</u>
Distributions <sup>(3)</sup>						
Canadian dividends	(0.68)	(1.47)	(1.54)	(0.94)	(1.07)	(1.18)
Capital gains dividends	(0.14)	(0.33)	(1.34)	(0.57)	(0.67)	(0.62)
Total distributions	<u>(0.82)</u>	<u>(1.80)</u>	<u>(2.88)</u>	<u>(1.51)</u>	<u>(1.74)</u>	<u>(1.80)</u>
Net assets per unit at end of period	20.21	21.02	23.28	22.78	20.89	24.09
Net assets per Preferred share	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Net assets per Class A share	<u>10.21</u>	<u>11.02</u>	<u>13.28</u>	<u>12.78</u>	<u>10.89</u>	<u>14.09</u>
Net assets per unit at end of period	20.21	21.02	23.28	22.78	20.89	24.09

- (1) Net assets per unit is the difference between the aggregate amount of the Company's assets and the aggregate amount of its liabilities, excluding Preferred shares and net assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A shares, at the valuation date, divided by the number of units then outstanding.
- (2) Total increase (decrease) from operations is before the payment of Preferred and Class A share distributions and is calculated based on the weighted average number of units outstanding during the period.
- (3) Distributions are to Preferred shares and Class A shares are based on the number of Preferred shares and Class A shares outstanding on the record date for each distribution in the period and were paid in cash. Characterization of distributions is based on the tax treatment that is received by investors.

## RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA (BASED ON NET ASSET VALUE)

	May 31, 2019	2018	Years ended November 30			2014
			2017	2016	2015	
Net asset value (millions) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$224.2	\$235.0	\$192.4	\$179.4	\$172.2	\$166.8
Number of units outstanding	11,092,282	11,180,657	8,265,657	7,872,055	8,243,855	6,923,855
Base Management expense ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	1.35%	1.39%	1.48%	1.41%	1.41%	1.48%
Management expense ratio including one time secondary offering expenses <sup>(3)</sup>	1.35%	2.64%	1.48%	1.41%	2.27%	2.20%
Management expense ratio per Class A share <sup>(4)</sup>	7.71%	8.83%	6.65%	7.21%	8.71%	7.72%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(5)</sup>	0.00%	11.8%	18.8%	5.9%	10.5%	33.8%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(6)</sup>	0.01%	0.03%	0.03%	0.02%	0.01%	0.02%
Closing market price (TSX): Preferred shares	\$10.36	\$10.12	\$10.25	\$10.50	\$10.53	\$10.37
Closing market price (TSX): Class A shares	\$10.19	\$10.99	\$13.60	\$12.00	\$10.10	\$14.78

(1) This information is provided as at May 31 or November 30.

(2) A separate base management expense ratio has been presented to reflect the normal operating expenses of the Company excluding any one time offering expenses. Management expense ratio is based on total expenses for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of average net asset value during the period.

(3) Share issue expenses, representing all Agents' fees and other offering expenses are one time initial expenses connected with the launch of the Company or any subsequent secondary offering. Any expenses incurred with secondary offerings were offset by the accretion to net asset value per unit of such offerings.

(4) Management expense ratio for Class A shares is based on the requirements of NI 81-106. This instrument requires that all split share companies produce an expense ratio which allocates all operating expenses of the Company, all distributions on Preferred shares and all issuance costs to the Class A shares and expresses this as an annualized percentage of net assets applicable only to the Class A shares during the period. The management expense ratio per Class A share should not be interpreted as the required return necessary for the Company or the Class A shares to cover the operating expenses of the Company. This calculation is based only on a portion of the Company's assets whereas the Company utilizes its entire assets to generate investment returns. Management believes that the base management expense ratio per unit disclosed in the table above is the most representative ratio in assessing the ongoing efficiency of the administration of the Company, making comparisons to the expense ratios of single unit mutual funds or determining the minimum investment returns necessary by the Company to achieve growth in net asset value per unit.

(5) The Company's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively QuadraInvest manages the portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Company buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the period. The Company employs a covered call writing strategy which can cause the portfolio turnover rate to be higher than conventional mutual funds. The higher the Company's portfolio turnover rate in a period, the greater the trading costs payable by the Company in the period and the greater chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the period. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of the Company.

(6) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of average net asset value during the period.

## MANAGEMENT FEES

Pursuant to the terms of the investment management agreement, QuadraInvest is entitled to a base management fee payable in arrears at an annual rate equal to 0.65% of the net asset value of the Company, which includes the outstanding Preferred shares, calculated as at each month end valuation date. In addition, QuadraInvest is entitled to receive a performance fee subject to the achievement of certain pre-established total return thresholds.

Pursuant to the management agreement, QuadraInvest is entitled to an administration fee payable monthly in arrears at an annual rate equal to 0.20% of the net asset value of the Company, which includes the outstanding Preferred shares, calculated as at each month-end valuation date and an amount equal to the service fee payable to dealers on the Class A shares at a rate of 0.50% per annum. No service fee will be paid in any calendar quarter if regular dividends are not paid to holders of Class A shares in respect of each month in such calendar quarter.

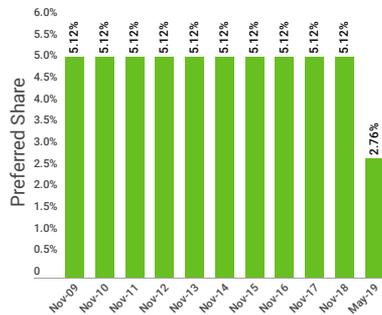
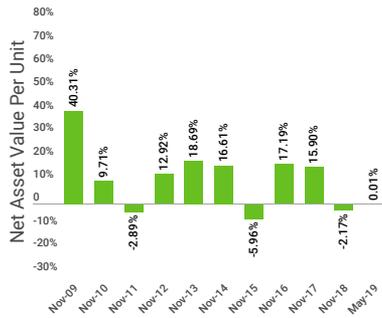
The base management fee was used by QuadraInvest to provide investment analysis, make investment decisions, and make brokerage arrangements for the purchase and sale of securities including the covered call writing program. The administration fee was used to provide or arrange administrative services required by the Company which includes all operational services, financial accounting, shareholder reporting and regulatory reporting.

## PAST PERFORMANCE

### Year-by-Year Returns

The past performance of 1) the net asset value per unit; 2) the Preferred share on a net asset value basis; and 3) the Class A share on a net asset value basis for each of the last 10 years are presented in the bar charts below. Each bar in the chart reflects the change in percentage terms of how a unit, a Preferred share or a Class A share would have increased or decreased during the applicable year. In respect to the charts displayed below, please note the following:

- The performance information shown assumes that all cash distributions made by the Company during the years shown were reinvested in the applicable additional securities of the Company;
- The performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges that would have reduced returns or performance; and
- Past performance of the Company does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.



(1) The returns per unit and per Class A share for the year ended November 30, 2012 reflect the subdivision of Class A shares on January 17, 2012.

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**SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO**  
All holdings as at May 31, 2019

Name	Weighting (%)
Toronto-Dominion Bank	18.1
Bank of Montreal	15.6
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	14.0
Bank of Nova Scotia	13.9
National Bank of Canada	13.4
Royal Bank of Canada	12.6
Morgan Stanley	2.6
Bank of America	0.7
J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.	0.7
<b>Total long positions as a percentage of net assets</b>	<b>91.6</b>
Cash	9.2
Other net assets (liabilities)	(0.8)
	100.0

The summary of investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Company.  
Updates are available quarterly.