

# BMO Mutual Funds 2017

Annual Financial Statements

September 30, 2017

## BMO Canadian Equity ETF Fund

# Independent Auditor's Report

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## To the Shareholders of BMO Global Tax Advantage Funds Inc.:

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BMO Canadian Equity Class  
BMO Global Equity Class  
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BMO Dividend Class  
BMO Greater China Class  
BMO International Value Class  
BMO Global Low Volatility ETF Class  
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BMO Income ETF Portfolio Class  
BMO Balanced ETF Portfolio Class  
BMO Growth ETF Portfolio Class  
BMO Equity Growth ETF Portfolio Class  
BMO U.S. Equity Class  
BMO Asian Growth and Income Class  
*(collectively, the Funds or individually the Fund)*

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We have audited the accompanying financial statements of each of the Funds, which comprise the statements of financial position, comprehensive income, changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units/shares and cash flows as at and for the periods indicated in Note 1, and the related notes, which comprise a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

## Management's responsibility for the financial statements

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

## Auditor's responsibility

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

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

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

## Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements of each of the Funds present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position, financial performance and cash flows of each of the Funds as at and for the periods indicated in Note 1 in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

*PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP*

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Toronto, Ontario

December 18, 2017

# BMO Canadian Equity ETF Fund

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

(All amounts in thousands of Canadian dollars, except per unit data)

As at	September 30 2017	September 30 2016
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash	1,270	1,876
Investments		
Non-derivative financial assets	349,569	331,707
Receivable for investments sold	486	618
Subscriptions receivable	185	145
Distribution receivable from investment trusts	2,460	2,328
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>353,970</b>	<b>336,674</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Redemptions payable	934	161
Accrued expenses	17	18
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>951</b>	<b>179</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units</b>	<b>353,019</b>	<b>336,495</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units</b>		
Series A Units	341,684	327,005
Series F Units	1,102	—
Series D Units	1,981	1,305
Series I Units	8,252	8,185
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit</b>		
Series A Units	\$ 32.77	\$ 30.93
Series F Units	\$ 10.17	\$ —
Series D Units	\$ 11.04	\$ 10.41
Series I Units	\$ 2.06	\$ 1.95

## STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(All amounts in thousands of Canadian dollars, except per unit data)

For the periods ended	September 30 2017	September 30 2016
<b>INCOME</b>		
Interest income	28	12
Distribution from investment trusts	9,690	10,425
Other changes in fair value of investments and derivatives		
Net realized gain	5,848	2,169
Change in unrealized appreciation	14,309	29,945
<b>Net gain in fair value of investments and derivatives</b>	<b>29,875</b>	<b>42,551</b>
Securities lending revenue (note 8)	37	0
Short-term penalty fees	0	—
Foreign exchange gain	14	9
<b>Total other income</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Total income</b>	<b>29,926</b>	<b>42,560</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Management fees (note 6)	2,834	2,767
Fixed administration fees (note 6)	375	346
Independent review committee fees (note 6)	1	1
Interest charges	0	0
Fund Facts fees	0	0
Commissions and other portfolio transaction costs (note 6)	41	26
Operating expenses absorbed by the Manager (note 6)	(151)	(4)
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>3,136</b>
<b>Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units</b>	<b>26,826</b>	<b>39,424</b>
<b>Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units</b>		
Series A Units	25,923	38,232
Series F Units	33	—
Series D Units	127	171
Series I Units	743	1,021
<b>Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit (note 8)</b>		
Series A Units	2.44	3.50
Series F Units	0.63	—
Series D Units	0.81	1.48
Series I Units	0.17	0.24

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

# BMO Canadian Equity ETF Fund

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE UNITS

(All amounts in thousands of Canadian dollars)

For the periods ended	September 30 2017	September 30 2016	For the periods ended	September 30 2017	September 30 2016
<b>Series A Units</b>			<b>Series D Units</b>		
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units at beginning of period</b>	327,005	314,607	<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units at beginning of period</b>	1,305	778
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	25,923	38,232	Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	127	171
<b>Distributions to holders of redeemable units from:</b>			<b>Distributions to holders of redeemable units from:</b>		
Net investment income	(6,504)	(6,459)	Net investment income	(31)	(19)
Net realized gains on investments and derivatives	—	(4,030)	Net realized gains on investments and derivatives	—	(8)
Return of capital	(122)	(435)	Return of capital	(1)	(1)
<b>Total distributions to holders of redeemable units</b>	<b>(6,626)</b>	<b>(10,924)</b>	<b>Total distributions to holders of redeemable units</b>	<b>(32)</b>	<b>(28)</b>
<b>Redeemable unit transactions</b>			<b>Redeemable unit transactions</b>		
Proceeds from redeemable units issued	43,812	25,221	Proceeds from redeemable units issued	1,124	1,017
Reinvestments of distributions to holders of redeemable units	6,521	10,791	Reinvestments of distributions to holders of redeemable units	30	27
Redemption of redeemable units	(54,951)	(50,922)	Redemption of redeemable units	(573)	(660)
<b>Net decrease from redeemable unit transactions</b>	<b>(4,618)</b>	<b>(14,910)</b>	<b>Net increase from redeemable unit transactions</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>384</b>
<b>Net increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units</b>	<b>14,679</b>	<b>12,398</b>	<b>Net increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>527</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units at end of period</b>	<b>341,684</b>	<b>327,005</b>	<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units at end of period</b>	<b>1,981</b>	<b>1,305</b>
<b>Series F Units</b>			<b>Series I Units</b>		
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units at beginning of period</b>	—	—	<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units at beginning of period</b>	8,185	7,490
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	33	—	Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	743	1,021
<b>Redeemable unit transactions</b>			<b>Distributions to holders of redeemable units from:</b>		
Proceeds from redeemable units issued	1,093	—	Net investment income	(239)	(240)
Redemption of redeemable units	(24)	—	Net realized gains on investments and derivatives	—	(93)
<b>Net increase from redeemable unit transactions</b>	<b>1,069</b>	<b>—</b>	Return of capital	(5)	(12)
<b>Net increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units</b>	<b>1,102</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>Total distributions to holders of redeemable units</b>	<b>(244)</b>	<b>(345)</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units at end of period</b>	<b>1,102</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>Redeemable unit transactions</b>		
			Proceeds from redeemable units issued	907	2,070
			Reinvestments of distributions to holders of redeemable units	244	345
			Redemption of redeemable units	(1,583)	(2,396)
			<b>Net (decrease) increase from redeemable unit transactions</b>	<b>(432)</b>	<b>19</b>
			<b>Net increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>695</b>
			<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units at end of period</b>	<b>8,252</b>	<b>8,185</b>

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# BMO Canadian Equity ETF Fund

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE UNITS (cont'd)

(All amounts in thousands of Canadian dollars)

For the periods ended	September 30 2017	September 30 2016
<b>Total Fund</b>		
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units at beginning of period</b>	336,495	322,875
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	26,826	39,424
<b>Distributions to holders of redeemable units from:</b>		
Net investment income	(6,774)	(6,718)
Net realized gains on investments and derivatives	—	(4,131)
Return of capital	(128)	(448)
<b>Total distributions paid to holders of redeemable units</b>	(6,902)	(11,297)
<b>Redeemable unit transactions</b>		
Proceeds from redeemable units issued	46,936	28,308
Reinvestments of distributions to holders of redeemable units	6,795	11,163
Redemption of redeemable units	(57,131)	(53,978)
<b>Net decrease from redeemable unit transactions</b>	(3,400)	(14,507)
<b>Net increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units</b>	16,524	13,620
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units at end of period</b>	353,019	336,495

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## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

(All amounts in thousands of Canadian dollars)

For the periods ended	September 30 2017	September 30 2016
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	26,826	39,424
Adjustments for:		
Net realized gain on sale of investments and derivatives	(5,848)	(2,169)
Change in unrealized appreciation of investments and derivatives	(14,309)	(29,945)
(Increase) decrease in distribution receivable from investment trusts	(132)	158
Decrease (increase) in accrued interest on money market investments	2	(1)
(Decrease) increase in accrued expenses	(1)	1
Purchases of investments	(82,360)	(16,876)
Proceeds from sale and maturity of investments	84,785	36,975
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>	<b>8,963</b>	<b>27,567</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Distributions paid to holders of redeemable units, net of reinvested distributions	(107)	(134)
Proceeds from issuances of redeemable units	45,455	28,077
Amounts paid on redemption of redeemable units	(54,917)	(53,948)
<b>Net cash from financing activities</b>	<b>(9,569)</b>	<b>(26,005)</b>
Net (decrease) increase in cash	(606)	1,562
Cash at beginning of period	1,876	314
<b>Cash at end of period</b>	<b>1,270</b>	<b>1,876</b>
<b>Supplementary Information</b>		
Interest received, net of withholding taxes*	30	11
Distribution received from investment trusts, net of withholding taxes*	9,558	10,583
Interest expense paid*	0	0

\*These items are from operating activities

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## SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

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	Number of Units	Cost <sup>+</sup> (\$)	Fair Value (\$)
<b>HOLDINGS IN INVESTMENT FUNDS</b>			
<b>Canadian Equity Funds — 99.0%</b>			
BMO S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index ETF .....	16,597,670.....	293,114.....	349,569
<b>Total Investment Portfolio — 99.0% .....</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>293,114.....</b>	<b>349,569</b>
Other Assets Less Liabilities — 1.0% .....			3,450
<b>NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE UNITS - 100.0% .....</b>			<b>353,019</b>

+ Where applicable, distributions received from holdings as a return of capital are used to reduce the adjusted cost base of the securities in the portfolio.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 1. The Mutual Fund

BMO Canadian Equity ETF Fund (the “Fund”) is an open-ended mutual fund established under the laws of the province of Ontario by Declaration of Trust. The Master Declaration of Trust was amended on October 23, 2008 and November 3, 2009 to permit certain funds to offer a multi-series structure. In addition to the existing Series A units, certain Funds are permitted to offer Series A Hedged, Advisor Series, Advisor Series Hedged, Series T4, Series T5, Series T6, Series M, Series F, Series F Hedged, Series F2, Series F4, Series F6, Premium Series, Series D, Series H, Series I, Series N, Series NBA, Series NBF, Series O, Series L, Series R, Series S and/or Classic Series units. Each series is intended for different kinds of investors and has different management fees and fixed administration fees. Refer to Note 8 for the series issued for this Fund as well as the management and administration fee rates for each series.

BMO Investments Inc. (“the Manager”) is the Manager and Trustee of the Fund. The Manager is a wholly owned subsidiary of Bank of Montreal. The address of the Fund’s registered office is 100 King Street West, Toronto, Ontario, M5X 1A1.

The Statement of Financial Position of each of the Funds are as at September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016. The Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units, Statement of Cash Flows and related notes are for the periods ended September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016. Financial information for a Fund established during the period(s) is presented from the date of inception as noted in Note 8. Financial information provided for a series established during the period(s) is presented from the inception date as noted in Note 8.

Certain comparative figures in the Statement of Cash Flows have been revised to appropriately reflect the exclusion of non-cash items from “Proceeds from issuances of redeemable units” and “Amounts paid on redemption of redeemable units” arising from switches between series within a Fund. There is no net impact on cash flows from financing activities within each Fund. The amounts revised are disclosed in Note 8, where applicable.

These financial statements were authorized for issuance by the Board of Directors of the Manager on December 5, 2017.

### 2. Basis of preparation and presentation

These audited financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”).

Certain prior period balances have been reclassified to conform with the current period presentation.

### 3. Summary of significant accounting policies

#### Financial instruments

The Fund records financial instruments at fair value. Investment transactions are accounted for on the trade date. The Fund’s investments are either designated at fair value through profit or loss (“FVTPL”) at inception or classified as held for trading. The changes in the investment fair values and related transaction costs are recorded in the Fund’s Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Financial assets and financial liabilities held for trading are those acquired or incurred principally for the purpose of selling or repurchasing in the near future, or on initial recognition, are part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that the Fund manages together and that have a recent actual pattern of short-term profit taking. The Fund classifies all derivatives and short positions as held for trading. The Fund does not designate any derivatives as hedges in a hedging relationship.

The Fund designates all other investments at FVTPL, as they have reliably measurable fair values and are part of a group of financial assets or financial liabilities that are managed and have their performance evaluated on a fair value basis in accordance with the Fund’s investment strategy.

The Fund’s outstanding redeemable units, which are puttable instruments, are entitled to a contractual obligation of annual distribution of any net income and net realized capital gains by the Fund. This annual distribution can be in cash at the option of the unitholders, and therefore the ongoing redemption feature is not the redeemable units’ only contractual obligation. The Fund may issue multiple series of redeemable units, which are equally subordinated but are not identical. As a result, the Fund’s obligations for net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units are classified as financial liabilities and presented at the redemption amounts.

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All other financial assets and financial liabilities are measured at amortized cost. Under this method, financial assets and financial liabilities reflect the amount required to be received, paid or discounted, when appropriate, at the contract's effective interest rate.

The Manager has determined that the Fund meets the definition of "investment entity" and as a result, the Fund measures subsidiaries, if any, at FVTPL.

### **Cost of investments**

The cost of investments represents the amount paid for each security and is determined on an average cost basis.

### **Fair value measurement**

Investments are recorded at their fair value with the change between this amount and their average cost being recorded as "Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

For exchange-traded securities, close prices are considered to be fair value if they fall within the bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the close price is not within the bid-ask spread, the Manager determines the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value based on the specific facts and circumstances.

Procedures are in place to fair value securities traded in countries outside of North America daily, to avoid stale prices and to take into account, among other things, any significant events occurring after the close of a foreign market.

For bonds, debentures, asset-backed securities and other debt securities, fair value is represented by bid prices provided by independent security pricing services. Short-term investments, if any, are held at amortized cost which approximates fair value.

Unlisted warrants, if any, are valued based on a pricing model which considers factors such as the market value of the underlying security, strike price and terms of the warrant.

Mutual fund units held as investments are valued at their respective Net Asset Value ("NAV") on each Valuation Date (the "Valuation Date" is each day on which the Toronto Stock Exchange is open for trading), as these values are the most readily and regularly available.

For securities where market quotes are not available, unreliable or not considered to reflect the current value, the Manager may determine another value which it considers to be fair and reasonable, or use a valuation technique that, to the extent possible, makes maximum use of inputs and assumptions based on observable market data including volatility, comparable companies, NAV (for exchange-traded funds) and other applicable rates or prices. These estimation techniques include discounted cash flows, internal models that utilize observable data or comparisons with other securities that are substantially similar. In limited circumstances, the Manager may use internal models where the inputs are not based on observable market data.

### **Derivative instruments**

Derivative instruments are financial contracts that derive their value from changes in the underlying interest rates, foreign exchange rates or other financial or commodity prices or indices.

Derivative instruments are either regulated exchange-traded contracts or negotiated over-the-counter contracts. The Fund may use these instruments for trading purposes, as well as to manage the Fund's risk exposures.

Derivatives are measured at fair value. Realized gains and losses are included in "Net realized gain(loss)" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and unrealized gains and losses are included in "Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

### *Forward currency contracts*

A forward currency contract is an agreement between two parties (the Fund and the counterparty) to purchase or sell a currency against another currency at a set price on a future date. The Fund may enter into forward currency contracts for hedging purposes, which can include the economic hedging of all or a portion of the currency exposure of an investment or group of investments, either directly or indirectly. The Fund may also enter into these contracts for non-hedging purposes, which can include increasing the exposure to a foreign currency, or shifting the exposure to foreign currency fluctuations from one country to another. The value of forward currency contracts entered into by the Fund is recorded as the difference between the value of the contract on the Valuation Date and the value on the date the contract originated.

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## *Option contracts*

The Fund may engage in option contract transactions by purchasing (long positions) or writing (short positions) call or put option contracts. These contracts have different risk exposures for the Fund, whereas the risk for long positions will be limited to the premium paid to purchase the option contracts, the risk exposure for the short positions are potentially unlimited until closed or expired.

## *Purchased option contracts*

The premium paid for purchasing an option is recorded as an asset in the Statement of Financial Position. The option contract is valued on each Valuation Date at an amount equal to the fair value of the option that would have the effect of closing the position. The change in the difference between the premium and the fair value is shown as "Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

When a purchased option expires, the Fund will realize a loss equal to the premium paid. When a purchased option is closed, the gain or loss the Fund will realize will be the difference between the proceeds and the premium paid. When a purchased call option is exercised, the premium paid is added to the cost of acquiring the underlying security. When a purchased put option is exercised, the premium paid is subtracted from the proceeds from the sale of the underlying security that had to be sold.

## *Written option contracts*

The premium received from writing a call or put option is recorded as a liability in the Statement of Financial Position.

When a written option expires, the Fund will realize a gain equal to the premium received. When a written option is closed, the Fund will realize a gain or loss equal to the difference between the cost at which the contract was closed and the premium received. When a written call option is exercised, the premium received is added to the proceeds from the sale of the underlying investments to determine the realized gain or loss. When a written put option is exercised, the premium received will be subtracted from the cost of the underlying investment the Fund had to purchase.

The gain or loss that the Fund realizes when a purchased or written option is expired or closed is

recorded as "Net realized gain (loss)" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

## *Futures contracts*

Futures contracts are financial agreements to purchase or sell a financial instrument at a contracted price on a specified future date. Futures contracts are valued at the gain or loss that would arise as a result of closing the position at the Valuation date. Any difference between the notional value on each Valuation Date is recorded as "Net realized gain (loss)" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Treasury bills or cash are held as margin against futures contracts.

## *Credit default swap contracts*

A credit default swap contract is an agreement to transfer credit risk from one party, a buyer of protection, to another party, a seller of protection. The Fund, as a seller of protection, would be required to pay a notional or other agreed upon value to the buyer of protection in the event of a default by a third-party. In return, the Fund would receive from the counterparty a periodic stream of payments over the term of the contract provided that no event of default occurs. If no default occurs, the Fund would keep the stream of payments and would have no payment obligations.

In connection with the agreement, securities or cash may be identified as collateral or margin in accordance with the terms of the agreement to provide assets of value in the event of default or bankruptcy/insolvency.

The Fund, as a buyer of protection, would receive a notional or other agreed upon value from the seller of protection in the event of a default by a third-party. In return, the Fund would be required to pay to the counterparty a periodic stream of payments over the term of the contract provided that no event of default occurs.

Credit default swap contracts are fair valued daily based upon quotations from independent security pricing sources. Premiums paid or received, if any, are included in "Net realized gain (loss)" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Net periodic payments are accrued daily and recorded as "Interest income" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. When credit default swap contracts expire or are closed out, gains or losses are recorded as "Net realized gain (loss)" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

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## *Interest rate swap contracts*

Interest rate swap contracts are agreements between two parties to exchange periodic interest payments based on a notional principal amount. The net periodic payments received or paid from interest rate swap contracts are recorded as "Interest income" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Payments received or paid when the Fund enters into the contract are recorded as a liability or asset in the Statement of Financial Position. When the contract is terminated or expires, the payments received or paid are recorded as "Net realized gain (loss)" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Payments received or paid upon early termination are recorded as "Net realized gain (loss)" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Interest rate swap agreements are valued based upon quotations from independent sources. The change in value is shown as "Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

The Fund enters into interest rate swap agreements to manage the exposure to interest rates.

## **Income recognition**

Dividend income and distribution from investment trusts are recognized on the ex-dividend and ex-distribution date, respectively.

Interest income from interest bearing investments is recognized in the Statement of Comprehensive Income using the effective interest rate. Interest receivable shown in the Statement of Financial Position is accrued based on the interest bearing investments' stated rates of interest.

Interest on inflation-indexed bonds is paid based on a principal value, which is adjusted for inflation. The inflation adjustment of the principal value is recognized as part of interest income in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. If held to maturity, the Fund will receive, in addition to a coupon interest payment, a final payment equal to the sum of the par value and the inflation compensation accrued from the original issue date. Interest is accrued on each Valuation Date based on the inflation adjusted par

value at that time and is included in "Interest income" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

## **Foreign currency translation**

The fair value of investments and other assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into the Fund's functional currency at the rates of exchange prevailing at the period-end date. Purchases and sales of investments, and income and expenses are translated at the rates of exchange prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions. Foreign exchange gains (losses) on completed transactions are included in "Net realized gain (loss)" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and unrealized foreign exchange gains (losses) are included in "Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Foreign exchange gains (losses) relating to cash, receivables and payables are included in "Foreign exchange gain (loss)" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

## **Securities lending**

A Fund may engage in securities lending pursuant to the terms of an agreement with BNY Mellon (the "security lending agent"). The aggregate market value of all securities loaned by the Fund cannot exceed 50% of the NAV of the Fund. The Fund will receive collateral of at least 102% of the value of securities on loan. Collateral will generally be comprised of obligations of or guarantee by the Government of Canada or a province thereof, or by the United States government or its agencies, but it may include obligations of other governments with appropriate credit ratings. Further, the program entered into provides for 100% indemnification by the securities lending agent and parties related to the Fund's custodian, to the Fund for any defaults by borrowers.

For those Funds participating in the program, aggregate values of securities on loan, the collateral held as at September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016, and information about the security lending income earned by the Fund are disclosed in Note 8.

Income from securities lending, where applicable, is included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and is recognized when earned. The breakdown of the securities lending income is disclosed in Note 8, where applicable.

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### Short-term trading penalty

To discourage excessive trading, the Fund may, at the Manager's sole discretion, charge a short-term trading penalty. This penalty is paid directly to the Fund and is included in "Short-term penalty fees" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

### Cash

Cash is comprised of cash and deposits with banks which include bankers' acceptances and overnight demand deposits. Cash is recorded at fair value. The carrying amount of cash approximates its fair value because it is short-term in nature.

### Other assets and other liabilities

Receivable for investments sold, dividends receivable, distribution receivable from investment trusts, and subscriptions receivable are initially recorded at fair value and subsequently measured at amortized cost. Similarly, payable for investments purchased, redemptions payable, distributions payable and accrued expenses are measured at amortized cost. Other assets and liabilities are short-term in nature, and are carried at cost or amortized cost.

### Increase or decrease in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units

"Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit" of a series in the Statement of Comprehensive Income represents the increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units ("Net Assets") of the series divided by the weighted average number of units of the series outstanding during the period.

### Taxation

The Fund qualifies as a unit trust under the provisions of the Income Tax Act (Canada). Distributions of all net taxable income and sufficient amounts of net realized capital gains for each taxation year will be paid to unitholders so that the Fund will not be subject to income tax. As a result, the Fund has determined that it is in substance not taxable and therefore does not record income taxes in the Statement of Comprehensive Income nor does it recognize any deferred tax assets or liabilities in the Statement of Financial Position.

The Fund may incur withholding taxes imposed by certain countries on investment income and capital gains. Such income and capital gains are recorded on a gross basis with the related withholding taxes shown as

a separate expense in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

### Investments in subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates

Subsidiaries are entities over which the Fund has control through its exposure or rights to variable returns from its investment and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. The Manager has determined that the Fund is an investment entity and as such, it accounts for subsidiaries, if any, at fair value. Joint ventures are those where the Fund exercises joint control through an agreement with other shareholders, and associates are investments in which the Fund exerts significant influence over operating, investing, and financing decisions (such as entities in which the Fund owns 20% - 50% of voting shares), all of which, if any, have been designated at FVTPL.

### Unconsolidated structured entities

During the periods, the Fund had no sponsored unconsolidated structured entities. The Manager has determined that the underlying funds in which the Fund may invest in are unconsolidated structured entities. This determination is based on the fact that decision making about the underlying funds is not governed by the voting right or other similar right held by the Fund. Similarly, investments in securitizations, asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities are determined to be interests in unconsolidated structured entities.

The Fund may invest in underlying funds whose investment objectives range from achieving short-term to long-term income and capital growth potential. Underlying funds may use leverage in a manner consistent with their respective investment objectives and as permitted by Canadian securities regulatory authorities. Underlying funds finance their operations by issuing redeemable units which are puttable at the holders' option and entitles the holder to a proportionate stake in the respective fund's Net Assets. The change in fair value of each of the underlying funds during the periods is included in "Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Mortgage-related securities are created from pools of residential or commercial mortgage loans, including mortgage loans made by savings and loan institutions, mortgage bankers, commercial banks and others. Asset-backed securities are created from many types

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of assets, including auto loans, credit card receivables, home equity loans and student loans.

The Fund does not provide and has not committed to providing any additional significant financial or other support to the unconsolidated structured entities other than its investment in the unconsolidated structured entities.

Additional information on the Fund's interest in unconsolidated structured entities, where applicable, is provided in Note 8.

### **Offsetting of financial assets and financial liabilities**

Financial instruments are presented at net or gross amounts in the Statement of Financial Position depending on the existence of intention and legal right to offset opposite positions of such instruments held with the same counterparties. Amounts offset in the Statement of Financial Position are transactions for which the Fund has legally enforceable rights to offset and intends to settle the positions on a net basis. Amounts not offset in the Statement of Financial Position relate to transactions where a master netting arrangement or similar agreement is in place with a right to offset only in the event of default, insolvency or bankruptcy, or where the Fund has no intention of settling on a net basis.

### **Accounting standards issued but not yet adopted**

In July 2014, the IASB issued the final version of IFRS 9 Financial Instruments, which addresses classification and measurement, impairment and hedge accounting.

The new standard requires assets to be carried at amortized cost, FVTPL or fair value through other comprehensive income based on the entity's business model for managing financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset. The classification and measurement of liabilities remains generally unchanged with the exception of liabilities recorded at FVTPL. For these liabilities, fair value changes attributable to changes in the entity's own credit risk are to be presented in other comprehensive income unless they affect amounts recorded in income.

The new standard is effective for the Fund for its fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018. The Manager is in the process of assessing the impact of adopting this standard but does not expect that the adoption of this standard to have a significant impact to the Fund's financial statements.

### **Fund mergers**

The Manager has adopted the purchase method of accounting for certain fund mergers which occurred during the periods. Under this method, one of the Funds in each merger is identified as the acquiring fund, and is referred to as the "Continuing Fund", and the other fund involved in the merger is referred to as the "Terminated Fund". This identification is based on the comparison of the relative net asset values of the funds as well as consideration of the continuation of such aspects of the Continuing Fund as: investment advisors, investment objectives and practices, type of portfolio securities, and management fees and expenses. Where applicable, refer to Note 8 for the details of the merger transactions.

### **4. Critical accounting judgements and estimates**

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of judgement in applying the Fund's accounting policies and to make estimates and assumptions about the future. The following discusses the most significant accounting judgements and estimates that the Manager has made in preparing the Fund's financial statements:

#### **Accounting judgements:**

##### **Functional and presentation currency**

The Fund's unitholders are mainly Canadian residents, with the subscriptions and redemptions of the redeemable units denominated in Canadian dollars. The Fund invests in Canadian and U.S. dollars and other foreign denominated securities, as applicable. The performance of the Fund is measured and reported to the investors in Canadian dollars. The Manager considers the Canadian dollar as the currency that most faithfully represents the economic effects of the underlying transactions, events and conditions. The financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars, which is the Fund's functional and presentation currency.

##### **Classification and measurement of financial instruments and application of fair value option**

In classifying and measuring financial instruments held by the Fund, the Manager is required to make significant judgements about whether or not the business of the Fund is to invest on a total return basis for the purpose of applying the fair value options for financial assets.

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## Accounting estimates:

### Fair value measurement of securities not quoted in an active market

The Fund has established policies and control procedures that are intended to ensure these estimates are well controlled, independently reviewed, and consistently applied from period to period. The estimates of the value of the Fund's assets and liabilities are believed to be appropriate as at the reporting date.

The Fund may hold financial instruments that are not quoted in active markets. Note 3 discusses the policies used by the Fund for the estimates used in determining fair value.

## 5. Units and unit transactions

The redeemable units of the Fund are classified as liabilities.

The units have no par value and are entitled to distributions, if any. Upon redemption, a unit is entitled to a proportionate share of the Fund's NAV. The Fund is required to pay distributions in an amount not less than the amount necessary to ensure the Fund will not be liable for income taxes on realized capital gains, dividends and interest. The Fund has no restrictions or specific capital requirements on the subscriptions and redemptions of units except as disclosed in Note 8. The relevant movements in redeemable units are shown in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units.

In accordance with its investment objectives and strategies, and the risk management practices outlined in Note 7, the Fund endeavours to invest the subscriptions received in appropriate investments, while maintaining sufficient liquidity to meet redemptions, with such liquidity being augmented by short-term borrowings or disposal of investments where necessary.

Redeemable units of the Fund are offered for sale on a continuous basis and may be purchased or redeemed on any Valuation Date at the NAV per unit of a particular series. The NAV per unit of a series for the purposes of subscription or redemption is computed by dividing the NAV of the Fund attributable to the series (that is, the total fair value of the assets attributable to the series less the liabilities attributable to the series) by the total number of units of the series of the Fund outstanding at such time on each Valuation Date, in

accordance with Part 14 of National Instrument ("NI") 81-106 Investment Fund Continuous Disclosure for the purpose of processing unitholder transactions. Net Assets are determined in accordance with IFRS and may differ to the Funds' NAV. Where a Funds' NAV is not equal to its Net Assets, a reconciliation is shown in Note 8.

Expenses directly attributable to a series are charged to that series. Other expenses, income, realized and unrealized gains and losses from investment transactions are allocated proportionately to each series based upon the relative NAV of each series. The gain (loss) of certain forwards in Funds with Hedged Series is allocated only to the hedged series.

## 6. Related party transactions

### (a) Management fees

The Manager is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund and its investment portfolio in compliance with the Fund's constating documents. The Manager provides key management personnel to the Fund, monitors and evaluates the performance of the Fund, pays for the investment management services of the investment advisors and provides all related administrative services required by the Fund. As compensation for its services, the Manager is entitled to receive a fee payable monthly, calculated at the maximum annual rates included in Note 8.

### (b) Fixed administration fees

The Manager pays certain operating expenses of each Fund except for BMO FundSelect Balanced Portfolio (Series NBA only), BMO FundSelect Growth Portfolio (Series NBA only), BMO FundSelect Equity Growth Portfolio (Series NBA only), BMO Covered Call Canadian Banks ETF Fund, BMO Covered Call U.S. High Dividend ETF Fund, BMO Covered Call Europe High Dividend ETF Fund, BMO Fossil Fuel Free Fund, BMO Tactical Global Asset Allocation ETF Fund, BMO Tactical Global Growth ETF Fund, BMO Women in Leadership Fund, BMO International Value Fund and BMO Japan Fund (the "Variable Operating Expense Series"), including audit and legal fees and expenses; custodian and transfer agency fees; costs attributable to the issue, redemption and change of securities, including the cost of the securityholder record keeping system; expenses incurred in respect of preparing and distributing prospectuses, financial reports and other types of reports, statements and communications to securityholders; fund accounting and valuation costs; filing fees, including those incurred by the Manager

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(collectively the "Administration Expenses"). In return, the Fund pays a fixed administration fee to the Manager. The fixed administration fee is calculated daily as a fixed annual percentage of the average NAV of the Fund. Refer to Note 8 for the fixed administration fee rates charged to the Fund, where applicable.

### (c) Fund expenses

The Fund also pays certain operating expenses directly ("Fund Expenses"), including expenses incurred in respect of preparing and distributing fund facts; interest or other borrowing expenses; all reasonable costs and expenses incurred in relation to compliance with NI 81-107, including compensation and expenses payable to Independent Review Committee ("IRC") members and any independent counsel or other advisors employed by the IRC, the costs of the orientation and continuing education of IRC members and the costs and expenses associated with IRC meetings; taxes of all kinds to which the Fund is or might be subject; and costs associated with compliance with any new governmental or regulatory requirement introduced after December 1, 2007.

The Manager may, in some years and in certain cases, absorb a portion of management fees, fixed administration fees or certain specified expenses of the Fund or series of the Fund. The decision to absorb these expenses is reviewed periodically and determined at the discretion of the Manager, without notice to unitholders.

### (d) Variable administration fees

The Variable Operating Expense Series pay all of its operating expenses directly. These operating expenses include Administration Expenses and Fund Expenses.

### (e) Commissions and other portfolio transaction costs

The Fund may execute trades with and through BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc., an affiliate of the Manager, based on established standard brokerage agreements at market prices. These fees are included in "Commissions and other portfolio transaction costs" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Refer to Note 8 for related party fees charged to the Fund during the period(s) ended September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016, where applicable.

### (f) Initial investments

In order to establish a new Fund, the Manager makes an initial investment in the Fund. Pursuant to the policies of the Canadian Securities Administrators, an initial investor cannot redeem its investments until an

additional \$500 has been received from other investors with respect to the same class of units. Refer to Note 8 for the investment in units of the Fund held by the Manager as at September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016, where applicable.

### (g) Other related party transactions

From time to time, the Manager may on behalf of the Fund enter into transactions or arrangements with or involving subsidiaries and affiliates of Bank of Montreal or certain other persons or companies that are related or connected to the Manager of the Fund. These transactions or arrangements may include transactions or arrangements with or involving subsidiaries and affiliates of Bank of Montreal, BMO Investments Inc., BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc., BMO Asset Management Corp., BMO Private Investment Counsel Inc., BMO Asset Management Inc., BMO InvestorLine Inc., Pyrford International Limited, LGM Investments Limited, BMO Trust Company, F&C Management Limited, BMO Global Asset Management (Asia) Limited, Taplin, Canida & Habacht LLC, BMO Capital Markets Corp., or other investment funds offered by Bank of Montreal, and may involve the purchase or sale of portfolio securities through or from a subsidiary or affiliates of Bank of Montreal, the purchase or sale of securities issued or guaranteed by a subsidiary or affiliates of Bank of Montreal, the purchase or redemption of units or shares of other Bank of Montreal investment funds or the provision of services to the Manager.

## 7. Financial instruments risks

The Fund's activities expose it to a variety of risks associated with the financial instruments, as follows: market risk (including currency risk, interest rate risk and other market risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The concentration table groups securities by asset type, geographic location and/or market segment. The Fund's risk management practice outlines the monitoring of compliance to investment guidelines.

The Manager manages the potential effects of these financial risks on the Fund's performance by employing and overseeing professional and experienced portfolio managers that regularly monitor the Fund's positions, market events and diversify investment portfolios within the constraints of the investment guidelines.

Where the Fund invests in other investment fund(s), it may be indirectly exposed to the financial instruments

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risks of the underlying fund(s), depending on the investment objectives and the type of securities held by the underlying fund(s). The decision to buy or sell an underlying fund is based on the investment guidelines and positions, rather than the exposure of the underlying fund(s).

## **(a) Currency risk**

Currency risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments denominated in currencies, other than the functional currency of the Fund, will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates. Investments in foreign markets are exposed to currency risk as the prices denominated in foreign currencies are converted to the Fund's functional currency in determining fair value. The Fund may enter into forward currency contracts for hedging purposes to reduce foreign currency exposure or to establish exposure to foreign currencies. The Fund's exposure to currency risk, if any, is further disclosed in Note 8.

## **(b) Interest rate risk**

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of the Fund's interest bearing investments will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. The Fund's exposure to interest rate risk is concentrated in its investment in debt securities (such as bonds, money market investments, short-term investments and debentures) and interest rate derivative instruments, if any. Other assets and liabilities are short-term in nature and/or non-interest bearing. The Fund's exposure to interest rate risk, if any, is further discussed in Note 8.

## **(c) Other market risk**

Other market risk is the risk that the fair value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in a market. Other assets and liabilities are monetary items that are short-term in nature, as such they are not subject to other

market risk. The Fund's exposure to other market risk, if any, is further discussed in Note 8.

## **(d) Credit risk**

Credit risk is the risk that a loss could arise from a security issuer or counterparty to a financial instrument not being able to meet its financial obligations. The fair value of debt securities includes consideration of the credit worthiness of the debt issuer. Credit risk exposure for over-the-counter derivative instruments is based on the Fund's unrealized gain of the contractual obligations with the counterparty as at the reporting date. The credit exposure of other assets is represented by its carrying amount. The Fund's exposure to credit risk, if any, is further discussed in Note 8.

The Fund may enter into securities lending transactions with approved counterparties. Credit risk associated with these transactions is considered minimal as all counterparties have a sufficient approved credit rating and the market value of collateral held by the Fund must be at least 102% of the fair value of securities loaned, as disclosed in Note 8.

## **(e) Liquidity risk**

The Fund's exposure to liquidity risk is concentrated in the daily cash redemptions of units. The Fund primarily invests in securities that are traded in active markets and can be readily disposed. In addition, the Fund retains sufficient cash and cash equivalent positions to maintain liquidity. The Fund may, from time to time, enter into over-the-counter derivative contracts or invest in unlisted securities, which are not traded in an organized market and may be illiquid. Securities for which a market quotation could not be obtained and may be illiquid are identified on the Schedule of Investment Portfolio. The proportion of illiquid securities to the NAV of the Fund is monitored by the Manager to ensure it does not exceed the regulatory limit and does not significantly affect the liquidity required to meet the Fund's financial obligations.

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## 8. Fund specific information

### (a) Fund and Series information and change in units

The Fund is authorized to issue an unlimited number of units in each of Series A Units, Series F Units, Series D Units and Series I Units, which are redeemable at the unitholders' option.

Series	Inception date
Series A	November 24, 1987
Series F	May 4, 2017
Series D	April 7, 2014
Series I	July 16, 2009

Series A Units are offered on a no-load basis and are available to all investors.

Series F Units are available for purchase by investors who are enrolled in dealer-sponsored wrap programs or flat fee accounts. Instead of paying a commission on each transaction, these investors pay an annual fee to the Manager based on the value of their assets.

Series D Units are available to investors who have an account with a discount brokerage. A reduced trailing commission is paid to discount brokerages in respect to Series D Units which means a lower management fee can be charged.

Series I Units are available only to institutional investors and other investment funds as determined by the Manager from time to time and on a case-by-case basis, and who have entered into an agreement with the Manager. No management fees and fixed administration fees are charged to the Fund in respect of the Series I Units as each investor or dealer negotiates a separate fee with the Manager.

The number of units of each series that have been issued and are outstanding are shown in the table below.

For the periods ended (in thousands of units)	Sep. 30, 2017	Sep. 30, 2016
<b>Series A</b>		
Units issued and outstanding, beginning of period	10,572	11,069
Issued	1,371	891
Issued on reinvestment of distributions	206	400
Redeemed during the period	(1,723)	(1,788)
Units issued and outstanding, end of period	10,426	10,572
<b>Series F</b>		
Units issued and outstanding, beginning of period	—	—
Issued	111	—
Redeemed during the period	(3)	—
Units issued and outstanding, end of period	108	—
<b>Series D</b>		
Units issued and outstanding, beginning of period	125	82
Issued	104	108
Issued on reinvestment of distributions	3	3
Redeemed during the period	(53)	(68)
Units issued and outstanding, end of period	179	125
<b>Series I</b>		
Units issued and outstanding, beginning of period	4,205	4,177
Issued	453	1,178
Issued on reinvestment of distributions	124	205
Redeemed during the period	(782)	(1,355)
Units issued and outstanding, end of period	4,000	4,205

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## Revision of comparative information

The adjustment to exclude non-cash subscriptions and redemptions arising from switches between series within a Fund in the Statement of Cash Flows in the prior period amounted to \$267.

## (b) Reconciliation of NAV to Net Assets

As at September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016, there were no differences between the Fund's NAV per unit and its Net Assets per unit calculated for each series in accordance with IFRS.

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

The increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit is calculated as follows:

For the periods ended	Sep. 30, 2017	Sep. 30, 2016
<b>Series A Units</b>		
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	25,923	38,232
Weighted average units outstanding during the period	10,621	10,908
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit	2.44	3.50
<b>Series F Units</b>		
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	33	—
Weighted average units outstanding during the period	52	—
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit	0.63	—
<b>Series D Units</b>		
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	127	171
Weighted average units outstanding during the period	157	115
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit	0.81	1.48

For the periods ended	Sep. 30, 2017	Sep. 30, 2016
<b>Series I Units</b>		
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	743	1,021
Weighted average units outstanding during the period	4,291	4,273
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit	0.17	0.24

## (d) Income taxes

As at the tax year-ended December 2016, the Fund had the following capital and non-capital losses for income tax purposes:

Total Capital Losses (\$)	Non-Capital Losses That Expire in			
	Total Non-Capital Losses (\$)	2027 (\$)	2028 (\$)	2029 and thereafter (\$)
1,831	—	—	—	—

## (e) Related party transactions

### Management fees

The Manager is entitled to receive the following fees payable monthly, calculated at the following maximum annual rates:

Series	Management Fees (%)	Fixed Administration Fees (%)
Series A	0.750*	0.100
Series F	0.200	0.100
Series D	0.500**	0.100
Series I	*	*

\* Negotiated and paid by each Series I investor directly to the Manager.

\* Effective April 24, 2017, the management fee rate was reduced from 0.850% to 0.750%.

\*\* Effective April 24, 2017, the management fee rate was reduced from 0.600% to 0.500%.

The outstanding accrued management fees due to the Manager are included in "Accrued expenses" in the Statement of Financial Position and as at September 30, 2017 amounted to \$15 (September 30, 2016 — \$16).

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## Expenses

The Manager pays the administration and operating expenses of the Series I Units.

## Brokerage commissions and soft dollars

Brokerage commissions paid (excluding transaction costs) on security transactions and amounts paid to related parties of the Manager for brokerage services provided to the Fund for the periods are as follows:

For the periods ended	Sep. 30, 2017 (\$)	Sep. 30, 2016 (\$)
Total brokerage amounts paid	41	26
Total brokerage amounts paid to related parties	0	1

There were no ascertainable soft dollars paid or payable to dealers by the Fund during the periods.

## Units held by the Manager

The Manager held the following units of the Fund:

### As at Sep. 30, 2017

Series	Number of Units	Value of Units (\$)
Series F	100	1
Series I	57	0

### As at Sep. 30, 2016

Series	Number of Units	Value of Units (\$)
Series I	55	0

## (f) Financial instruments risks

The Fund's objective is to provide a return that is similar to the return of one or more exchange traded funds that invest primarily in Canadian equities. The Fund may invest all or a portion of its assets in one or more exchange traded funds, invest directly in the underlying securities held by the exchange traded funds and/or use derivatives to provide the Fund with a return determined by reference to the exchange traded funds.

As at September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016, the Fund held units of BMO S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index ETF. As at September 30, 2016, the Fund also held Treasury Bills.

No changes affecting the overall level of risk of investing in the Fund were made during the period.

## Currency risk

As at September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016, the Fund did not have significant exposure to currency risk through its investment in the underlying fund.

## Interest rate risk

As at September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016, the Fund did not have significant exposure to interest rate risk through its investment in the underlying fund. As at September 30, 2016, the Fund was also exposed to insignificant interest rate risk from its investment in debt securities.

## Other market risk

The Fund has a significant indirect exposure to other market risk arising from its investment in the underlying fund, which invests in equity securities. Using historical correlation between the Fund's return and the return of its benchmark, if the benchmark, S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index, had increased or decreased by 10%, with all other variables held constant, the Net Assets of the Fund would have increased or decreased, respectively, by \$34,380 (September 30, 2016 — \$32,386). Historical correlation may not be representative of future correlation, and accordingly, actual results may differ and the difference could be material.

## Credit risk

As at September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016, the Fund did not have significant exposure to credit risk through its investment in the underlying fund. As at September 30, 2016, the Fund was also exposed to insignificant credit risk from its investment in debt securities issued or guaranteed by the federal government of Canada and provincial government.

## Securities lending

The Fund had assets involved in securities lending transactions outstanding as at September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016 as follows:

	Aggregate value of securities on loan (\$)	Aggregate value of collateral received for the loan (\$)
Sep. 30, 2017	3,493	3,675
Sep. 30, 2016	1,720	1,813

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The table below is a reconciliation of the gross amount generated from securities lending transactions to the security lending revenue for the periods ended September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016:

For the periods ended	Sep. 30, 2017		Sep. 30, 2016	
	Amount	% of Gross Securities Lending Revenue	Amount	% of Gross Securities Lending Revenue
Gross securities lending revenue	53	100.0	0	100.0
Withholding taxes	—	—	—	—
	53	100.0	0	100.0
Payment to securities lending agents	16	30.0	0	30.0
Net securities lending revenue	37	70.0	0	70.0

## Concentration risk

The Fund's concentration risk, directly and through its investment in the underlying fund, is summarized in the following table:

As at	Sep. 30, 2017	Sep. 30, 2016
Money Market Investments	—%	0.7%
<b>Equities</b>		
Consumer Discretionary	5.4%	5.2%
Consumer Staples	3.6%	4.1%
Energy	20.3%	20.2%
Financials	34.1%	30.6%
Health Care	0.6%	0.6%
Industrials	9.4%	8.5%
Information Technology	3.2%	2.8%
Materials	11.4%	12.8%
Real Estate	2.8%	5.2%
Telecommunication Services	4.7%	5.1%
Utilities	3.8%	2.7%
<b>Other Assets Less Liabilities</b>	0.7%	1.5%
	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## (g) Financial assets and financial liabilities

### Categories of financial assets and financial liabilities

The categories of financial assets and financial liabilities, except cash, are summarized in the following table:

As at	Sep. 30, 2017	Sep. 30, 2016
Financial assets designated at FVTPL	349,569	331,707
Loans and receivables	3,131	3,091
Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost	951	179

### Net gains and losses on financial assets and financial liabilities

For the periods ended	Sep. 30, 2017	Sep. 30, 2016
<b>Net realized gains (losses) on financial assets</b>		
Designated at FVTPL	15,566	12,606
	15,566	12,606

### Total net realized gains (losses) on financial assets and financial liabilities

	15,566	12,606
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### Change in unrealized gains (losses) on financial assets

Designated at FVTPL	14,309	29,945
	14,309	29,945

### Total change in unrealized gains (losses) on financial assets and financial liabilities

	14,309	29,945
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## (h) Fair value hierarchy

The Fund classifies its financial instruments into three levels based on the inputs used to value the financial instruments. Level 1 securities are valued based on quoted prices in active markets for identical securities. Level 2 securities are valued based on significant observable market inputs, such as quoted prices from similar securities and quoted prices in inactive markets or based on observable inputs to models. Level 3 securities are valued based on significant unobservable inputs that reflect the Manager's determination of assumptions that market participants might reasonably use in valuing the securities. The tables below show the relevant disclosure.

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## As at Sep. 30, 2017

Financial assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investment Funds	349,569	—	—	349,569

## As at Sep. 30, 2016

Financial assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Debt Securities	—	2,400	—	2,400
Investment Funds	329,307	—	—	329,307
<b>Total</b>	<b>329,307</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>331,707</b>

## Transfers between levels

There were no transfers between the levels during the periods.

## (i) Unconsolidated structured entities

Information on the carrying amount and the size of the investments in structured entities is shown in the following tables:

As at Sep. 30, 2017	Carrying amount	Carrying amount as a % of the underlying fund's Net Assets
Securities		
BMO S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index ETF	349,569	14.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>349,569</b>	

As at Sep. 30, 2016	Carrying amount	Carrying amount as a % of the underlying fund's Net Assets
Securities		
BMO S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index ETF	329,307	21.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>329,307</b>	

# Management's Responsibility for Financial Reporting

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The accompanying financial statements have been prepared by management of BMO Investments Inc. Management is responsible for the information and representations made in these financial statements.

Management has maintained appropriate processes to ensure that relevant and reliable financial information is produced. The financial statements have been produced in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and include certain amounts based on estimates and judgments. The significant accounting policies which management believes are appropriate for the BMO Mutual Funds are described in Note 3 to the financial statements.

The Trustee of each of the Trusts is responsible for reviewing and approving the financial statements and overseeing management's performance of its financial reporting responsibilities. The Trustee reviews the financial statements, adequacy of internal controls, the audit process and financial reporting with management and the external auditors.

The Board of Directors of BMO Global Tax Advantage Funds Inc. is responsible for reviewing and approving the financial statements and overseeing management's performance of its financial reporting responsibilities. The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors reviews the financial statements, adequacy of internal controls, the audit process and financial reporting with management and the external auditors. The Audit Committee reports to the Board of Directors prior to the Board approval of the financial statements.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP are the external auditors of the BMO Mutual Funds. The auditors have been appointed by the respective Boards and cannot be changed without the prior approval of the Independent Review Committee and 60 days notice to the Securityholders. They have audited the financial statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in Canada to enable them to express their opinion on the financial statements. Their report is included as an integral part of the financial statements.

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BMO Investments Inc.  
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