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2017 Interim Management Report  
of Fund Performance

Sionna Canadian Small Cap Equity Fund





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## SIONNA CANADIAN SMALL CAP EQUITY FUND

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*You may also contact us using one of these methods to request a copy of the Fund's proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record, or quarterly portfolio disclosure relating to the Fund.*

### MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

#### Results of Operations from January 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017

##### **Markets & Effect**

After five consecutive quarters of positive total returns, the S&P/TSX Composite declined in the second quarter, generating a total return of 0.7% for the first half of the year. The recent months seemed filled with uncertainty. First, the depressed price of oil continues to put pressure on Western Canadian economies. Second, the Ontario government introduced measures in April to cool the housing market; the intended effect was felt immediately in May. Third, the rapid withdrawal of deposits faced by the mortgage lender Home Capital Group. This coincided with allegations that the company failed to adequately disclose mortgage origination fraud that began in 2014.

Given the current low-rate environment, if rates continue to increase, history suggests that there is a high likelihood that equities will increase in tandem. Sionna considers how interest rate movements may affect its holdings and ensures that each portfolio's exposure is well-diversified.

##### **Performance**

The Fund's Series A units trailed its benchmark, losing 2.1% versus a loss of 1.1% for the BMO Small Cap Index (the "Index").

The Fund returns are after the deduction of fees and expenses while the benchmark returns do not include any costs of investing. See the "Past Performance" section for the returns of the other series, which may vary because of differences in management fees and expenses or timing of series introduction.

Holdings in oil, gas & consumable fuels made positive contributions to overall performance, while holdings in specialty retail detracted from performance for the period.

##### **Asset Mix**

Over the recent reporting period, the Fund's asset mix did not change significantly. At June 30, 2017, equities made up 88.3%, with approximately 11.7% in cash and other net assets.

The Fund's most significant industry exposure change was an increase in holdings in chemicals to 3.1% from 0.0% at December 31, 2016.

##### **Flows & Fees**

The Fund's Net Asset Value increased to \$117.7 million at June 30, 2017, from \$64.1 million at December 31, 2016. Of this change, a decrease of \$2.9 million was due to negative performance (net of investment income) while an increase of \$56.5 million was due to inflows.

For Series A units, the annualized management expense ratio ("MER") at June 30, 2017 is 2.57%, unchanged from December 31, 2016.

##### **Recent Developments**

There are no known changes at this time to the strategic positioning of the Fund, the manager, or portfolio sub-advisor.

As noted in the simplified prospectus, this Fund is subject to large transaction risk because it has security holders who individually own more than 10% of the Fund. In order to reduce the impact of this risk to security holders, Bridgehouse asks, but does not require, large investors to provide notice when significant redemptions are being contemplated.

On May 15, 2017, Bridgehouse announced that it intends to re-designate current investors in Series K to Series A, Series L to Series A, Series M to Series F and will eliminate Series K, Series L, Series M. The change is expected to be implemented on or about July 7, 2017. In anticipation of the Series re-designations, Series K, Series L and Series M will be closed to new purchases as of July 4, 2017.

### ***International Financial Reporting Standards***

The International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") issued IFRS 9 to replace IAS 39, "Financial Instruments—Recognition and Measurement". In December 2014, the IASB made further changes to the standard. With these amendments, IFRS 9 is now complete. IFRS 9 is to be applied retrospectively and it is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018. The Manager continues to assess the impact of IFRS 9.

IFRS 15 "Revenue from Contracts with Customers" was issued in May 2014 and is effective for years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, to be applied retrospectively or on a modified retrospective basis. IFRS 15 clarifies revenue recognition principles, provides a robust framework for recognizing revenue and cash flows arising from contracts with customers and enhances qualitative and quantitative disclosure requirements. IFRS 15 does not apply to insurance contracts, financial instruments and other related contractual rights and obligations and lease contracts. The Funds are assessing the impact of this standard. The Funds do not intend to early adopt this standard.

### **Related Party Transactions**

#### ***Manager and Portfolio Advisor***

The Fund is managed and advised by Brandes Investment Partners & Co., operating as Bridgehouse Asset Managers ("Bridgehouse") which provides (or arranges for) investment management, distribution, marketing and promotion of the Fund. Bridgehouse receives a monthly management fee based on the daily average net assets of each class of the Fund. In addition, Bridgehouse is entitled to be reimbursed by the Fund for certain operating expenses.

Sionna Investment Managers Inc. ("Sionna") continues as the Fund's portfolio sub-advisor. Bridgehouse pays Sionna an investment management fee to provide the Fund with investment management services.

#### ***Forward-Looking Statements***

This document may contain forward-looking statements relating to anticipated future events, results, performance, decisions, circumstances, opportunities, risks or other matters. Forward-looking statements are statements that are predictive in nature, depend upon or refer to future events or conditions, or that include words such as "may", "will", "should", "could", "expect", "anticipate", "intend", "plan", "believe", or "estimate" or other similar expressions. These statements require us to make assumptions and are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties. Our predictions and other forward-looking statements may not prove to be accurate, or a number of factors could cause actual events, results, performance, etc. to differ materially from the targets, expectations, estimates or intentions expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements. These factors could include, among others, market and general economic

conditions, interest rates, regulatory and statutory developments, the effects of competition in the geographic and business areas in which the Fund may invest, and the risks detailed from time to time in the Fund's simplified prospectus. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance. For these reasons, it is important that readers do not place undue reliance on our forward-looking statements and should be aware that the Fund may not update any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

### **Benchmark Index**

**BMO Small Cap Index:** This index is a broad based capitalization weight based index that tracks the performance of 400 stocks of small Canadian companies.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 AND PERIODS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012 TO 2016

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the six months ended June 30, 2017 and for the past five periods ended December 31, as applicable. In the year a fund or series is established, 'period' represents inception to December 31 of that year. In all other cases, 'period' represents year ended December 31. Inception date for Series K is May 12, 2014.

### The Fund's Net Assets per Unit (\$) (note 1)

		Increase (decrease) from operations						Distributions			Net assets, end of period	
		Net assets, beginning of period	Total revenue	Total expenses	Realized gains (losses) for the period	Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	Total increase (decrease) from operations (note 2)	From net investment income excluding dividends	From dividends	From capital gains		Total annual distribution (note 3)
Series A	2017	15.79	0.16	(0.20)	(0.45)	0.18	(0.31)	-	-	-	-	15.46
	2016	13.36	0.35	(0.36)	(0.08)	2.48	2.39	-	-	-	-	15.79
	2015	16.57	0.45	(0.41)	1.30	(3.79)	(2.45)	-	-	(0.67)	(0.67)	13.36
	2014	15.20	0.41	(0.43)	1.72	0.15	1.85	-	-	(0.44)	(0.44)	16.57
	2013	12.04	0.30	(0.35)	0.65	2.56	3.16	-	-	-	-	15.20
	2012	10.12	0.51	(0.29)	0.29	1.46	1.97	-	(0.08)	-	(0.08)	11.98
Series F	2017	15.04	0.16	(0.11)	(0.46)	0.16	(0.25)	-	-	-	-	14.80
	2016	12.72	0.34	(0.20)	(0.09)	2.40	2.45	-	(0.15)	-	(0.15)	15.04
	2015	16.03	0.46	(0.23)	1.22	(3.84)	(2.39)	-	(0.07)	(0.93)	(1.00)	12.72
	2014	15.21	0.43	(0.25)	1.72	(0.18)	1.72	-	-	(1.15)	(1.15)	16.03
	2013	11.91	0.34	(0.20)	0.62	2.74	3.50	-	-	-	-	15.21
	2012	10.00	0.54	(0.17)	0.29	1.46	2.12	-	(0.19)	-	(0.19)	11.86
Series I	2017	16.61	0.17	-	(0.72)	(0.04)	(0.59)	-	-	-	-	16.47
	2016	13.93	0.37	-	0.06	2.78	3.21	-	(0.27)	-	(0.27)	16.61
	2015	16.89	0.50	-	0.94	(4.94)	(3.50)	-	(0.17)	(0.57)	(0.74)	13.93
	2014	15.14	0.38	-	1.84	(0.13)	2.09	-	-	(0.48)	(0.48)	16.89
	2013	11.69	0.30	-	0.63	2.52	3.45	-	-	-	-	15.14
	2012	9.81	0.50	-	0.29	1.40	2.19	-	(0.37)	-	(0.37)	11.64
Series K	2017	9.12	0.09	(0.10)	(0.26)	0.11	(0.16)	-	-	-	-	8.95
	2016	7.70	0.20	(0.17)	0.04	1.53	1.60	-	(0.02)	-	(0.02)	9.12
	2015	9.76	0.27	(0.19)	0.70	(2.54)	(1.76)	-	-	(0.61)	(0.61)	7.70
	2014	10.00	0.16	(0.13)	0.48	(0.85)	(0.34)	-	-	(0.22)	(0.22)	9.76
	2013	16.12	0.16	(0.13)	(0.47)	0.18	(0.26)	-	-	-	-	15.86
Series L	2016	13.59	0.35	(0.22)	(0.22)	2.69	2.60	-	(0.11)	-	(0.11)	16.12
	2015	16.60	0.56	(0.24)	1.11	(5.06)	(3.63)	-	(0.06)	(0.54)	(0.60)	13.59
	2014	14.72	0.38	(0.28)	1.73	(0.57)	1.26	-	-	(0.02)	(0.02)	16.60
	2013	11.58	0.29	(0.25)	0.62	2.48	3.14	-	-	-	-	14.72
	2012	9.74	0.49	(0.21)	0.29	1.38	1.95	-	(0.15)	-	(0.15)	11.53
Series M	2017	16.09	0.17	(0.09)	(0.47)	0.17	(0.22)	-	-	-	-	15.87
	2016	13.53	0.36	(0.16)	0.12	2.82	3.14	-	(0.13)	-	(0.13)	16.09
	2015	16.32	0.56	(0.16)	1.08	(4.14)	(2.66)	-	(0.06)	(0.43)	(0.49)	13.53
	2014	14.83	0.38	(0.20)	1.80	(0.12)	1.86	-	-	(0.51)	(0.51)	16.32
	2013	11.60	0.30	(0.18)	0.62	2.49	3.23	-	-	-	-	14.83
	2012	9.75	0.49	(0.15)	0.29	1.39	2.02	-	(0.22)	-	(0.22)	11.55

1. The financial information presented in the Net Assets per Unit table is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements. The Fund adopted International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") commencing January 1, 2014. This information for the years up to 2012 is stated under Canadian GAAP. The 2013 numbers have been restated for comparative purposes to comply with IFRS 13, which came into effect January 1, 2014. An explanation of the differences and reconciliation can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

2. Net Assets and distributions are per Unit of a series are based on the actual number of units outstanding for that series at the relevant time. The Increase (Decrease) from Operations per Unit of a series is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding for that series during the financial period.

3. Distributions per Unit of a series are based on the number of units outstanding for the series on the record dates for the distributions. Distributions were paid in cash/reinvested in additional units of the Fund or both.

## Ratios and Supplemental Data

		Net asset value (\$000) (note 4)	Number of units outstanding (000) (note 4)	Management expense ratio (MER) (%) (note 5)	MER before waivers or absorption (%) (note 5)	Portfolio turnover rate (%) (note 6)	Trading expense ratio (%) (note 7)	Net asset value per unit
Series A	2017	12,869	833	2.57	2.69	8.34	0.18	15.46
	2016	14,012	888	2.57	2.73	14.18	0.09	15.79
	2015	13,121	982	2.56	2.74	25.52	0.15	13.36
	2014	18,172	1,097	2.56	2.78	30.38	0.06	16.57
	2013	17,878	1,176	2.56	2.80	30.82	0.06	15.20
	2012	14,169	1,177	2.59	2.90	56.03	0.22	12.04
Series F	2017	5,186	350	1.49	1.58	-	-	14.80
	2016	4,666	310	1.49	1.63	-	-	15.04
	2015	4,256	335	1.50	1.66	-	-	12.72
	2014	4,579	286	1.51	1.71	-	-	16.03
	2013	2,181	143	1.50	1.73	-	-	15.21
	2012	756	63	1.52	1.83	-	-	11.91
Series I	2017	96,218	5,842	0.00	0.00	-	-	16.47
	2016	41,865	2,521	0.00	0.00	-	-	16.61
	2015	22,351	1,605	0.00	0.00	-	-	13.93
	2014	2	-	0.00	0.00	-	-	16.89
	2013	57	4	0.00	0.00	-	-	15.14
	2012	44	4	0.00	0.00	-	-	11.69
Series K	2017	868	97	2.10	2.35	-	-	8.95
	2016	901	99	2.10	2.40	-	-	9.12
	2015	498	65	2.10	2.41	-	-	7.70
	2014	371	38	2.10	2.74	-	-	9.76
Series L	2017	197	12	1.56	1.56	-	-	15.86
	2016	200	12	1.55	1.55	-	-	16.12
	2015	240	18	1.60	1.64	-	-	13.59
	2014	26	2	1.71	1.73	-	-	16.60
	2013	50	3	1.92	1.92	-	-	14.72
	2012	40	3	1.92	1.92	-	-	11.58
Series M	2017	2,395	151	1.10	1.10	-	-	15.87
	2016	2,458	153	1.09	1.09	-	-	16.09
	2015	1,183	87	1.10	1.13	-	-	13.53
	2014	7	-	1.21	1.23	-	-	16.32
	2013	52	4	1.36	1.36	-	-	14.83
	2012	41	4	1.36	1.36	-	-	11.60

- The financial information presented in the Ratios and Supplemental Data table is derived from the Fund's Net Asset Value and is provided as at June 30, 2017 and December 31 of the previous years shown.
- The management expense ratio ("MER") is calculated as the total management fees and operating expenses paid by each series of the Fund, including GST/HST and interest and excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs, and is expressed as a percentage of the average daily Net Asset Value of each series of the Fund on an annualized basis. Any management fee distributions paid by a series of the fund that effectively reduced management fees payable by some unitholders are not deducted from expenses to determine the overall MER of that series. The Manager, at its sole discretion, waives management fees or absorbs expenses. Such waivers and absorptions can be terminated at any time. The MERs of the Fund are shown both with and without the waiver and absorptions.
- Portfolio turnover rate is calculated at the Fund level based on the lesser of purchases or proceeds of sales of securities for the period, excluding cash, short term notes and bonds having maturity dates at acquisition of one year or less, divided by the average value of the portfolio securities for the period. The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio advisor manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the year. The higher a Fund's portfolio turnover rate in a year, the greater the trading costs payable by the Fund in the year, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a Fund.
- The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average Net Asset Value of the Fund. The trading expense ratio is calculated at the Fund level and applies to all series of the Fund.

## MANAGEMENT FEES

Bridgehouse Asset Managers, the Manager, provides or arranges for investment management, distribution, marketing and promotion of the Fund. In consideration for the services provided, Bridgehouse Asset Managers receives a monthly management fee based on the daily average Net Asset Value of Series A, Series F, Series K, Series L and Series M. Management fees for Series I are negotiated and paid directly by the unitholders of Series I, not by the Fund.

For the six months ended June 30, 2017, the Fund paid Bridgehouse Asset Managers management fees of \$210,049. Bridgehouse uses these management fees to pay for commission payments to registered brokers and dealers and general investment management expenses. The breakdown (commission payments / investment management, administration and other) as a proportion of the management fee for each Series are:

- Series A (45% / 55%)
- Series F (0% / 100%)
- Series I (0% / 100%)
- Series K (49% / 51%)
- Series L (32% / 68%)
- Series M (0% / 100%)

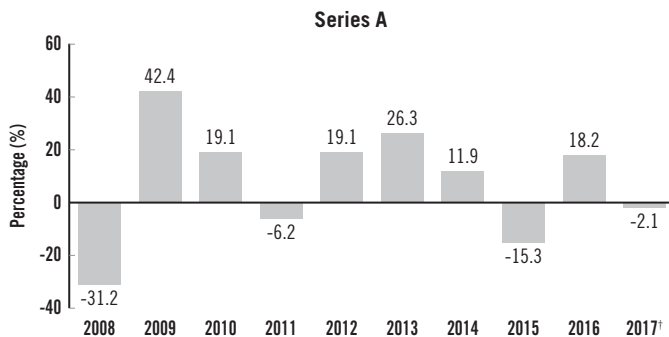
Commission payments represent cash commissions paid by Bridgehouse Asset Managers to registered brokers and dealers during the period and includes upfront deferred sales charge and trailing commissions. This amount may, in certain circumstances, exceed 100% of the fees earned by the Bridgehouse Asset Managers during the period. For new Funds or Series the amount presented may not be indicative of longer term operating periods.

## PAST PERFORMANCE

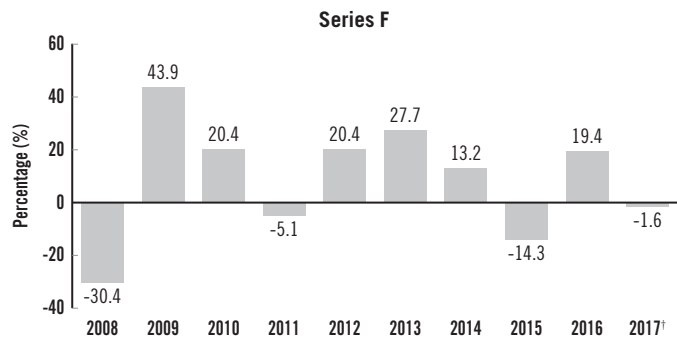
This section shows the historical performance for each series of the Fund for the six months ended June 30, 2017 and each of the previous annual periods ended December 31. Historical performance is based on the change in Net Asset Value per unit, assuming reinvestment of all distributions. Management fees and operating expenses have been taken into account before calculating performance, except in the case of Series I units where the management fee is calculated outside of the Fund. Historical performance does not take into account the potential impact on returns of purchases, redemptions, distribution fees or other optional charges or income taxes payable by an investor. Keep in mind that past performance does not necessarily indicate how the Fund will perform in the future.

### Year-by-Year Returns (%)

The bar chart shows the Fund's annual performance for each of the years shown. The bar chart shows how the performance of each series of the Fund has changed from year to year. It illustrates in percentage terms how much an investment in each series of the Fund made on January 1 of each year, or on the inception dates, would have grown or decreased by the last day of each financial year. 2017 data presented below is for the six-month period ended June 30, 2017.

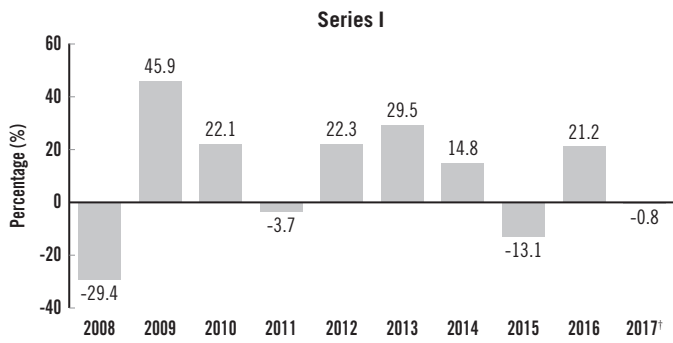


<sup>1</sup>Six-month return from January 1 to June 30, 2017.



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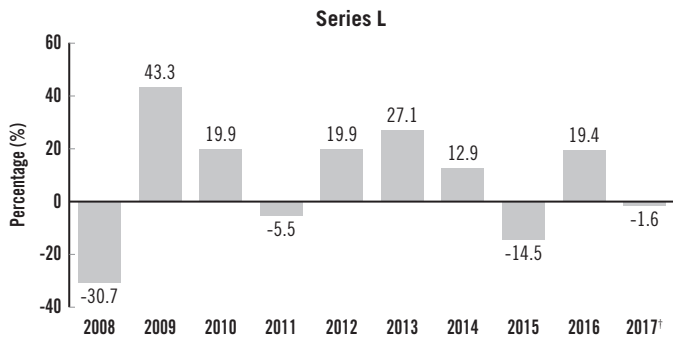




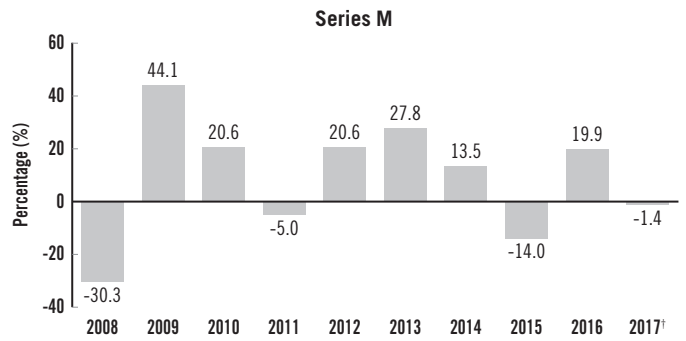
†Six-month return from January 1 to June 30, 2017.



\*2014 Series K returns are from May 12, 2014  
 †Six-month return from January 1 to June 30, 2017.



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†Six-month return from January 1 to June 30, 2017.

## SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO AS AT JUNE 30, 2017

### Top 25 Positions

The portfolio does not contain any short positions. The investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the investment fund. An updated listing is available on a quarterly basis.

Security	Fund (%)
1. Cash & Cash Equivalents	11.4
2. Winpak Ltd.	5.4
3. Computer Modelling Group Ltd.	4.9
4. Pulse Seismic Inc.	3.9
5. FirstService Corporation	3.6
6. Dream Unlimited Corp. Cl. A Sub Voting	3.6
7. Guardian Capital Group Ltd. Cl. A	3.6
8. The Westaim Corporation	3.3
9. Great Canadian Gaming Corporation	3.3
10. AirBoss of America Corp.	3.1
11. Calian Group, Ltd.	3.0
12. Westshore Terminals Investment Corporation	3.0
13. Solium Capital Inc.	2.8
14. AutoCanada Inc.	2.7
15. Laurentian Bank of Canada	2.5
16. Total Energy Services Inc.	2.5
17. Morguard Corporation	2.5
18. Boardwalk Real Estate Investment Trust	2.4
19. ShawCor Ltd.	2.3
20. Wajax Corporation	2.2
21. Gluskin Sheff + Associates Inc.	2.2
22. Russel Metals Inc.	2.1
23. ATS Automation Tooling Systems Inc.	2.0
24. Gamehost, Inc.	2.0
25. Mullen Group Limited	2.0
<b>% of Fund</b>	<b>82.3</b>
<b>Total Number of Companies</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Total Net Asset Value (\$MM)</b>	<b>\$118</b>

### Asset Mix

Asset Class	Fund (%)
Canadian Equity	88.3
Cash & Cash Equivalent	11.4
Other Net Assets	0.3
<b>% of Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### Industry Exposure

Industry	Fund (%)
Real Estate Management & Development	11.1
Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure	7.3
Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels	7.1
Energy Equipment & Services	6.2
Diversified Financial Services	5.8
Containers & Packaging	5.4
Software	4.9
Internet Software & Services	4.4
Machinery	3.8
Equity Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)	3.5
Insurance	3.3
Chemicals	3.1
Professional Services	3.0
Transportation Infrastructure	3.0
Specialty Retail	2.7
Commercial Banks	2.5
Commercial Services & Supplies	2.2
Trading Companies & Distributors	2.1
Health Care Equipment & Supplies	1.7
Beverages	1.3
Electrical Equipment	1.2
Household Durables	1.1
Construction Materials	0.9
Paper & Forest Products	0.7
Cash & Cash Equivalent	11.4
Other Net Assets	0.3
<b>% of Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total Number of Sectors</b>	<b>24</b>

### Country Exposure

Country	Fund (%)
Canada	88.3
Cash & Cash Equivalent	11.4
Other Net Assets	0.3
<b>% of Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total Number of Countries</b>	<b>1</b>

Note: Rounding to one decimal place may result in individual figures totalling more or less than 100%





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