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2018 Interim Management Report  
of Fund Performance

Lazard Global Equity Income Fund



## LAZARD GLOBAL EQUITY INCOME FUND

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### MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

#### Results of Operations from January 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018

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

Global equity markets stabilized in the second quarter, after a volatile first quarter. They rose modestly in local currency terms but with an increased bifurcation between winning areas of the market and losers. With greater synchronization in global growth during 2016 and 2017, and the weakness in the US dollar that it encouraged, areas of the market that had been left behind in recent years, such as emerging markets and commodities, performed better. However, the synchronization in global growth faded as tax cuts and greater fiscal stimulus accelerated US economic growth. In contrast, European data slowed this year, following a very strong 2017, although the region remained firmly in the expansion mode. The stronger US growth outlook prompted a rebound in the dollar which weighed on commodity prices and put strain on some emerging markets countries. The growing risk of a trade war further clouded the outlook for global growth and led investors to focus on areas perceived to be relatively protected from cyclical and trade pressures, most prominently US growth stocks.

##### **Performance**

The Fund's Unhedged Series A units trailed its benchmark, losing 0.6% versus a gain of 4.5% for the MSCI All Country World Index (the "Index"). The Fund's Hedged Series AH units also trailed its benchmark, losing 3.9% versus a gain of 0.5% for the MSCI All Country World Index Hedged (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 wireless telecommunications services was a detractor from

performance during the period. Holdings in the United States contributed to performance, while holdings in Brazil detracted from performance during the period.

##### **Asset Mix**

At June 30, 2018, equities made up 96.0% of the Fund, and 4.0% was in cash and other net assets.

The Fund's most significant industry exposure change was an increase in holdings in oil, gas & consumable fuels to 14.0% from 10.8% at December 31, 2017.

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

The Fund's Net Asset Value decreased to \$106.8 million at June 30, 2018, from \$112.1 million at December 31, 2017. Of this change, a decrease of \$0.5 million was due to negative investment performance (net of investment income), and a decrease of \$4.8 million was due to outflows.

For Series A units, the annualized management expense ratio ("MER") at June 30, 2018 is 2.60%, compared to 2.63% at December 31, 2017 for the Unhedged Series. The annualized MER for the Hedged series is 2.69% at June 30, 2018, compared to 2.75% at December 31, 2017.

##### **Recent Developments**

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

Effective May 10, 2018, the management fee distribution rate under the large investor reduction program has been adjusted to reflect the corresponding management fee reduction.

Effective June 1, 2018, the Fund's management fees were reduced as follows: from 2.10% to 1.95% in respect of Series A units, from 2.15% to 2.00% in respect of Series AH units, from 1.10% to 0.95% in respect of Series F units and from 1.15% to 1.00% in respect of Series FH units.

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

The Funds classify and measure financial instruments in accordance with IFRS 9 Financial Instruments (IFRS 9). Upon initial recognition, financial assets and financial liabilities are classified as FVTPL. Upon transition to IFRS 9, the Funds financial assets and financial liabilities previously classified as FVTPL under IAS39 continued to be categorized as fair value through profit and loss. There were no changes in the measurement attributes for any of the financial assets and financial liabilities upon transition to IFRS 9.

### **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.

Bridgehouse has retained Lazard Asset Management (Canada), Inc. who has retained Lazard Asset Management LLC, (“Lazard”) as the portfolio sub-advisor in respect of the Fund. Bridgehouse pays Lazard 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 Indices**

**MSCI All Country World Index:** This index consists of equities from 23 developed markets, including Canada, the U.S., and 23 emerging markets countries around the world.

**MSCI All Country World Index (Hedged):** This index consists of equities from 23 developed markets, including Canada, the U.S., and 23 emerging markets countries around the world. The hedged version minimizes the exposure of currency fluctuations on index performance.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2018 AND PERIODS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013 TO 2017

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, 2018 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 A, F and I is February 27, 2013. Inception date for Series AH, FH and IH is April 23, 2015.

### 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 (\$)	Return of capital (\$)		Total annual distribution (\$) (note 3)
Series A	2018	10.32	0.29	(0.14)	0.02	(0.21)	(0.04)	(0.28)	-	-	-	(0.28)	9.98
	2017	10.09	0.50	(0.27)	0.34	0.24	0.81	(0.22)	(0.01)	-	(0.32)	(0.55)	10.32
	2016	10.11	0.55	(0.26)	(0.85)	0.99	0.43	(0.29)	(0.01)	-	(0.25)	(0.55)	10.09
	2015	10.87	0.52	(0.29)	-	(0.53)	(0.30)	(0.23)	-	-	(0.32)	(0.55)	10.11
	2014	11.14	0.70	(0.30)	0.54	(0.46)	0.48	(0.35)	-	(0.44)	(0.05)	0.84	10.87
	2013	10.00	0.35	(0.23)	0.12	2.02	2.26	(0.06)	-	(0.06)	(0.30)	(0.42)	11.14
Series F	2018	10.84	0.31	(0.08)	0.01	(0.25)	(0.01)	(0.28)	-	-	-	(0.28)	10.55
	2017	10.47	0.50	(0.16)	0.28	0.39	1.01	(0.33)	(0.02)	-	(0.22)	(0.57)	10.84
	2016	10.36	0.58	(0.15)	(0.92)	0.96	0.47	(0.43)	(0.01)	-	(0.12)	(0.56)	10.47
	2015	11.02	0.55	(0.17)	0.01	(0.53)	(0.14)	(0.36)	(0.01)	-	(0.20)	(0.57)	10.36
	2014	11.25	0.72	(0.17)	0.54	(0.48)	0.61	(0.49)	-	(0.40)	(0.05)	(0.94)	11.02
	2013	10.00	0.35	(0.13)	0.13	2.02	2.37	(0.15)	-	(0.07)	(0.20)	(0.42)	11.25
Series I	2018	12.12	0.34	-	0.01	(0.26)	0.09	(0.28)	-	-	-	(0.28)	11.91
	2017	11.49	0.57	-	0.41	0.22	1.20	(0.52)	(0.03)	-	(0.01)	(0.56)	12.12
	2016	11.18	0.61	-	(0.89)	1.21	0.93	(0.59)	(0.01)	-	-	(0.60)	11.49
	2015	11.68	0.56	-	(0.02)	(0.49)	0.05	(0.55)	(0.01)	-	(0.01)	(0.57)	11.18
	2014	11.39	0.81	-	0.93	(1.30)	0.44	(0.65)	-	-	-	(0.65)	11.68
	2013	10.00	0.46	-	(0.04)	1.08	1.50	(0.40)	-	-	(0.02)	(0.42)	11.39
Series AH	2018	8.38	0.23	(0.11)	(0.20)	(0.28)	(0.36)	(0.25)	-	-	-	(0.25)	7.81
	2017	8.07	0.40	(0.23)	0.56	0.10	0.83	(0.17)	(0.01)	-	(0.33)	(0.51)	8.38
	2016	7.85	0.45	(0.21)	(0.47)	1.36	1.13	(0.20)	-	-	(0.30)	(0.50)	8.07
	2015	10.00	0.27	(0.16)	(0.53)	(1.28)	(1.70)	(0.08)	-	-	(0.25)	(0.33)	7.85
Series FH	2018	8.66	0.24	(0.07)	(0.21)	(0.26)	(0.30)	(0.25)	-	-	-	(0.25)	8.13
	2017	8.23	0.39	(0.14)	0.52	0.17	0.94	(0.21)	(0.01)	-	(0.28)	(0.50)	8.66
	2016	7.92	0.45	(0.12)	(0.43)	1.05	0.95	(0.28)	(0.01)	-	(0.21)	(0.50)	8.23
	2015	10.00	0.26	(0.09)	(0.75)	(1.15)	(1.73)	(0.13)	-	-	(0.20)	(0.33)	7.92
Series IH	2018	9.06	0.25	-	(0.21)	(0.28)	(0.24)	(0.25)	-	-	-	(0.25)	8.58
	2017	8.46	0.42	-	0.58	0.11	1.11	(0.38)	(0.02)	-	(0.10)	(0.50)	9.06
	2016	8.00	0.45	-	(0.57)	1.10	0.98	(0.42)	(0.01)	-	(0.07)	(0.50)	8.46
	2015	10.00	0.33	-	(0.31)	(1.68)	(1.66)	(0.29)	(0.01)	-	(0.04)	(0.34)	8.00

1. The financial information presented in the Net Assets per Unit table is derived from the Fund's unaudited semi-annual financial statements for the six months period ending June 30, 2018 and the audited financial statements. The Fund adopted International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") commencing January 1, 2014. The 2013 numbers have been restated for comparative purposes to comply with IFRS 13, which came into effect January 1, 2014.

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	2018	67,307	6,743	2.60	2.66	30.43	0.13	9.98
	2017	75,118	7,281	2.63	2.67	68.58	0.21	10.32
	2016	82,128	8,136	2.64	2.75	72.93	0.21	10.09
	2015	107,424	10,627	2.64	2.73	78.10	0.24	10.11
	2014	104,480	9,614	2.62	2.72	72.84	0.29	10.87
	2013	58,242	5,228	2.65	2.80	40.44	0.42	11.14
Series F	2018	34,270	3,248	1.44	1.50	-	-	10.55
	2017	32,632	3,012	1.48	1.55	-	-	10.84
	2016	19,792	1,891	1.48	1.64	-	-	10.47
	2015	30,737	2,967	1.50	1.60	-	-	10.36
	2014	34,646	3,145	1.48	1.58	-	-	11.02
	2013	22,565	2,007	1.52	1.67	-	-	11.25
Series I	2018	-	-	0.00	0.00	-	-	11.91
	2017	-	-	0.00	0.00	-	-	12.12
	2016	-	-	0.00	0.00	-	-	11.49
	2015	-	-	0.00	0.00	-	-	11.18
	2014	-	-	0.00	0.00	-	-	11.68
	2013	-	-	0.00	0.00	-	-	11.39
Series AH	2018	592	52	0.00	0.00	-	-	11.39
	2018	1,841	236	2.69	2.83	-	-	7.81
	2017	1,218	145	2.75	2.84	-	-	8.38
	2016	1,690	209	2.74	2.88	-	-	8.07
	2015	645	82	2.74	2.97	-	-	7.85
Series FH	2018	3,342	411	1.57	1.61	-	-	8.13
	2017	3,114	359	1.60	1.62	-	-	8.66
	2016	825	100	1.58	1.70	-	-	8.23
	2015	352	44	1.58	1.83	-	-	7.92
Series IH	2018	-	-	0.00	0.00	-	-	8.58
	2017	-	-	0.00	0.00	-	-	9.06
	2016	-	-	0.00	0.00	-	-	8.46
	2015	-	-	0.00	0.00	-	-	8.00

- 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, 2018 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 AH, Series F and Series FH. Management fees for Series I and Series IH are negotiated and paid directly by the unitholders of Series I and Series IH, not by the Fund.

For the six months period ended June 30, 2018, the Fund paid Bridgehouse Asset Managers management fees of \$1,065,706. 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, AH (40% / 60%)
- Series F, FH (0% / 100%)
- Series I, IH (0% / 100%)

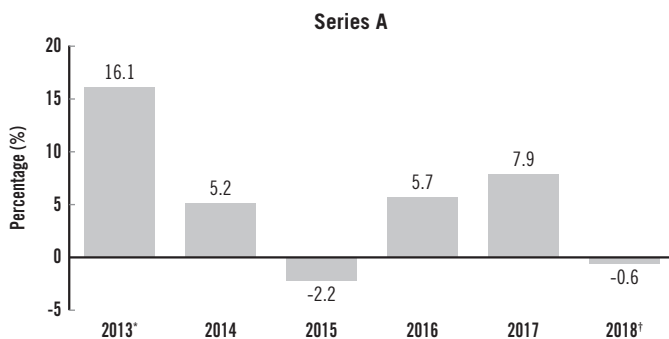
Commission payments represent cash commissions paid by Bridgehouse Asset Managers to registered brokers and dealers during the period and includes upfront deferred sales charge and trailing commissions. This amount may, in certain circumstances, exceed 100% of the fees earned by the Bridgehouse Asset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

## PAST PERFORMANCE

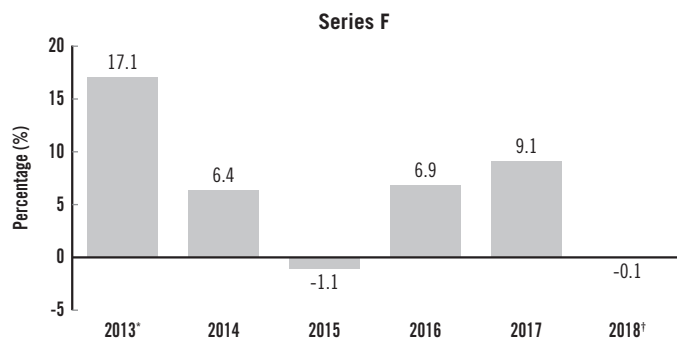
This section shows the historical performance for each series of the Fund for the six months ended June 30, 2018 and each of the previous annual periods ended December 31. Historical performance is based on the change in Net Asset Value per unit, assuming reinvestment of all distributions. Management fees and operating expenses have been taken into account before calculating performance, except in the case of Series I and Series IH 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 (%)

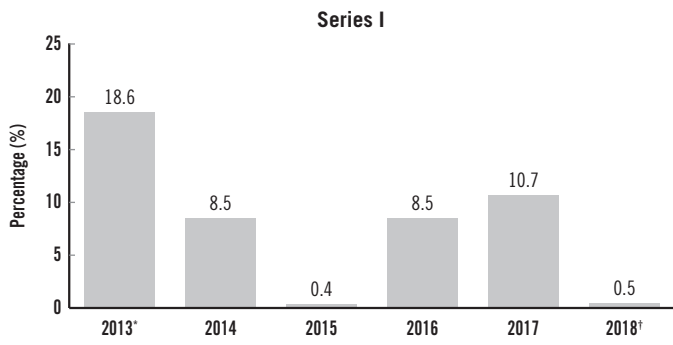
The bar chart shows the Fund's annual performance for each of the years shown. The bar chart shows how the performance of each series of the Fund has changed from year to year. It illustrates in percentage terms how much an investment in each series of the Fund made on January 1 of each year, or on the inception dates, would have grown or decreased by the last day of each financial year. 2018 data presented below is for the six-month period ended June 30, 2018.



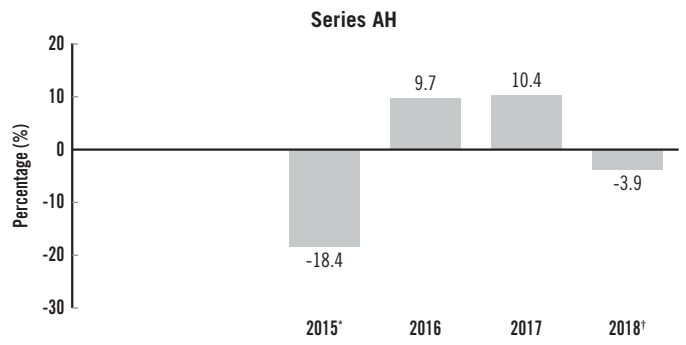
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 †Six-month return from January 1 to June 30, 2018.



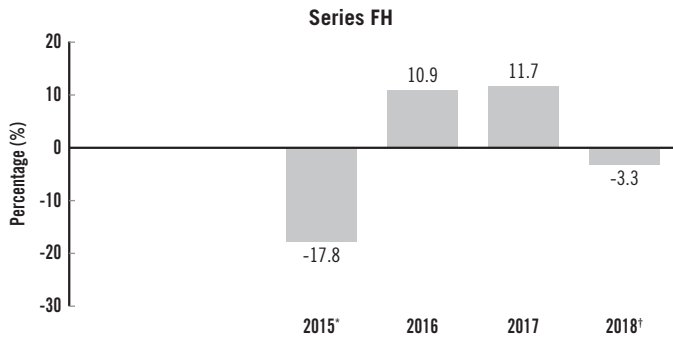
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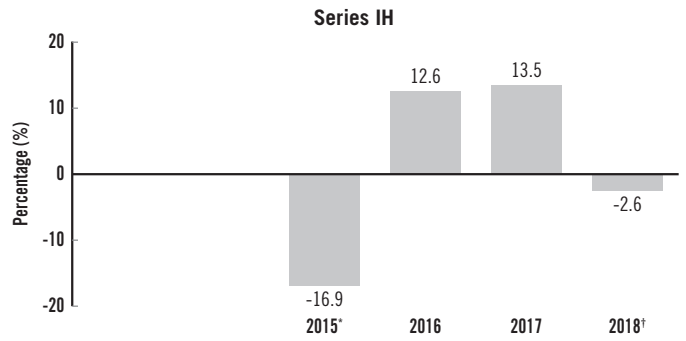
\*2013 Series I returns are from February 27, 2013  
 †Six-month return from January 1 to June 30, 2018.



\*2015 Series AH returns are from April 23, 2015  
 †Six-month return from January 1 to June 30, 2018.



\*2015 Series FH returns are from April 23, 2015  
 †Six-month return from January 1 to June 30, 2018.



\*2015 Series IH returns are from April 23, 2015  
 †Six-month return from January 1 to June 30, 2018.



## SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO AS AT JUNE 30, 2018

### 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.

	Fund (%)
<b>Security</b>	
1. Pfizer Inc.	4.6
2. Cisco Systems, Inc.	4.1
3. Eaton Corporation PLC	4.0
4. Cash and Cash Equivalents	3.9
5. Royal Dutch Shell PLC Cl. B	3.7
6. Total SA	3.3
7. Rio Tinto PLC	3.1
8. Agricultural Bank of China Limited Cl. H	3.0
9. The Coca-Cola Company	2.8
10. Occidental Petroleum Corporation	2.7
11. Pattern Energy Group Inc. Cl. A	2.6
12. Blackstone Mortgage Trust, Inc. Cl. A	2.5
13. Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company, Ltd. ADR	2.3
14. Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc.	2.3
15. SunTrust Banks, Inc.	2.2
16. China Construction Bank Corporation Cl. H	2.1
17. AT&T Inc.	2.1
18. Sands China, Ltd.	1.9
19. Alumina Limited	1.7
20. St. Jame's Place PLC	1.7
21. China Mobile Limited ADR	1.7
22. Anheuser-Busch InBev SA	1.6
23. Hon Hai Precision Industry Co., Ltd.	1.5
24. PacWest Bancorp	1.4
25. Alaris Royalty Corp.	1.4
<b>% of Fund</b>	<b>64.2</b>
<b>Total Number of Companies</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>Total Net Asset Value (\$MM)</b>	<b>\$107</b>

### Asset Mix

Asset Class	Fund (%)
Canadian Equity	3.3
Global Equity	92.7
Cash & Cash Equivalent	0.0
Other Net Assets	4.0
<b>% of Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### Industry Exposure

Industry	Fund (%)
Commercial Banks	16.4
Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels	14.0
Pharmaceuticals	6.6
Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment	5.7
Metals & Mining	5.3
Electrical Equipment	4.7
Beverages	4.4
Wireless Telecommunications Services	4.1
Communications Equipment	4.1
Diversified Financial Services	3.9
Insurance	3.2
Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure	3.2
Equity Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)	2.8
Electric Utilities	2.6
Household Durables	2.1
Diversified Telecommunications Services	2.1
Electronic Equipment, Instruments & Components	1.5
Machinery	1.2
Real Estate Management & Development	1.1
Chemicals	1.0
Media	1.0
Thrifts & Mortgage Finance	0.8
IT Services	0.7
Specialty Retail	0.7
Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods	0.7
Trading Companies & Distributors	0.6
Consumer Finance	0.5
Energy Equipment & Services	0.5
Biotechnology	0.5
Cash & Cash Equivalent	0.0
Other Net Assets	4.0
<b>% of Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total Number of Industries</b>	<b>29</b>

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

## SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO AS AT JUNE 30, 2018 (CONTINUED)

### Country Exposure

Country	Fund (%)
United States	39.2
China	6.8
United Kingdom	5.7
Netherlands	5.1
Japan	4.2
France	4.1
Ireland	4.0
Taiwan	3.8
Canada	3.3
Australia	2.7
Singapore	1.9
Macau	1.9
Belgium	1.6
India	1.5
Russia	1.4
Brazil	1.1
Germany	1.1
Luxembourg	1.0
Sweden	0.9
Portugal	0.9
Turkey	0.8
Switzerland	0.8
Hong Kong	0.7
Peru	0.5
Mexico	0.5
South Africa	0.5
Cash & Cash Equivalent	0.0
Other Net Assets	4.0
<b>% of Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total Number of Countries</b>	<b>26</b>

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





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