



**Global Capital Securities Trust (Formerly “North American
Financials Capital Securities Trust”)**

Class A Units and Class F Units

Annual Information Form

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1 DESCRIPTION OF THE BUSINESS

1.1 NAME AND FORMATION

Global Capital Securities Trust (Formerly “North American Financials Capital Securities Trust”) (the “Fund”) is an investment fund established under the laws of the Province of Ontario and governed by the Trust Agreement between Aston Hill Capital Markets Inc. (formerly Connor, Clark & Lunn Capital Markets Inc.) (the “Manager”) the Manager of the Fund and RBC Investor & Treasury Services (the “Trustee”) dated September 28, 2009. The Fund’s principal office is at 77 King Street West, Suite 2110, P.O. Box 92, Toronto, Ontario, M5K 1G8.

The unitholders of each of the Euro Banc Capital Securities Trust, Australian Banc Capital Securities Trust, Canadian Banc Capital Securities Trust, HBanc Capital Securities Trust, and North American Financials Capital Securities Trust (collectively, the “Funds”) approved the merger of the Funds and all related transactions (the “Merger”) at separate special unitholder meetings held on December 17, 2015. The Merger resulted in North American Financials Capital Securities Trust being the continuing fund and all other above mentioned funds being the terminating funds (collectively the “Terminating Funds”). The Merger became effective on January 29, 2016, at which time the Terminating Funds were de-listed from the Toronto Stock Exchange (“TSX”). Upon completion of the Merger, North American Financials Capital Securities Trust has been renamed Global Capital Securities Trust.

1.2 STATUS OF TRUST GLOBAL CAPITAL SECURITIES TRUST (FORMERLY “NORTH AMERICAN FINANCIALS CAPITAL SECURITIES TRUST”)

The Fund is not considered to be a mutual fund under the securities legislation of the provinces and territories of Canada. Consequently, the Fund is not subject to the various policies and regulations that apply to mutual funds under such legislation. However, the Fund is subject to certain other requirements and restrictions contained in securities legislation, including National Instrument 81-106 Investment Fund Continuous Disclosure of the Canadian Securities Administrators, which governs the continuous disclosure obligations of investment funds, including the Fund.

1.3 ISSUE OF UNITS

On October 23, 2009, the Fund completed an initial public offering pursuant to the prospectus dated September 28, 2009. \$50,000,000 was raised through the issue of 2,000,000 Class A Units and \$821,500 was raised through the issue of 32,860 Class F Units. The Class A Units were issued at \$25 per unit and incurred agents fees and issue expenses of \$3,215,301 or \$1.61 per unit, for an opening Net Asset Value of \$23.39 per unit. The Class F Units were issued at \$25 per unit and incurred agents fees and issue expenses of \$28,182 or \$0.86 per unit, for an opening Net Asset Value of \$24.14 per unit.

On November 6, 2009, the Agents exercised an over-allotment option in respect of 158,940 Class A Units, raising a further \$3,973,500. Agents’ fees were \$208,609 or \$1.31 per unit.

2 DESCRIPTION OF THE PORTFOLIO

2.1 THE FUND

2.1.1 Investment Objectives and Strategy

Initially, the Fund’s investment objectives were to:

- (i) provide holders of Units (“Unitholders”) with attractive tax-advantaged quarterly cash distributions; and
- (ii) return to Unitholders the original issue price of the Units upon termination of the Fund.

Distributions were initially targeted to be \$1.50 per annum per Unit consisting primarily of returns of capital, representing a yield on the issue price of 6.0% per annum.

In September 2014, the targeted annual distribution rate for the Fund was reduced from \$1.50 per Unit to \$1.25 per Unit. The new rate is consistent with the yields available within the Fund’s investable universe.

In order to achieve the Fund’s investment objectives, Connor, Clark & Lunn Investment Management Ltd. (the “Investment

Manager”) actively manages the Portfolio. The Portfolio initially consisted of Canadian Innovative Tier 1 Capital Securities issued by banks (or entities related to banks) and U.S. Financials Capital Securities. The Investment Manager was also able to invest up to 15% of the Portfolio (measured at the time of investment) in other bonds with a minimum issuer rating of “A” by S&P.

The Fund was indirectly exposed to the portfolio of North American Portfolio Trust (the “NAPT”). The Fund used the net proceeds of the initial public offering of its Class A and Class F Units to pre-pay its purchase obligations under a forward purchase and sale agreement (the “Forward Agreement”) with the Bank of Montreal (the “Counterparty” or “BMO”). Under the Forward Agreement, the Fund was receiving, at maturity, a specified portfolio consisting of securities of Canadian public issuers that are “Canadian securities” for the purposes of the Tax Act (“Canadian Securities”) in an amount equal to the net asset value of NAPT. Partial settlements under the Forward Agreement were intended to ensure that Unitholders have economic exposure to the distributions effected by NAPT. A fee of 0.35% per annum, calculated with reference to the NAV of NAPT, was payable to BMO under the Forward Agreement.

On November 10, 2014, the Fund’s Unitholders approved material changes to the Fund. The most significant changes were; (i) the extension of the Fund’s termination date by five more years to November 30, 2019; (ii) broaden the geographic scope and the type of securities that qualify for inclusion in the portfolio to be securities that are designed to comply with the new Basel III regulatory requirements; and (iii) to enable the Fund to hold the portfolio of investments directly following the termination of the Forward Agreement.

During December 2014, the Forward Agreement was terminated per schedule (the “Forward Termination Date”) and a special one-time capital tax distribution was made to all unitholders.

2.1.2 Foreign Exchange Hedging

The Fund is exposed to U.S. dollars. The Portfolio Manager takes currency exposure into account in managing the Portfolio and will attempt to maximize the Fund’s total returns in Canadian dollars. In addition, it is intended that at least 90% of the value of the Portfolio that is exposed to U.S. dollars will be hedged back to the Canadian dollar. Derivative instruments used by the Fund may include but are not limited to futures, forwards, options and swaps.

2.1.3 Leverage

Prior to the termination of the Forward Agreement, the Fund was permitted to increase its exposure to the securities in the portfolio through the Forward Agreement by 25% of the levered notional amount or total assets (being the aggregate value of the assets of NAPT) (which was tested daily) (33.33% of the NAV of the Fund) for the purposes of adding leverage to the Fund and for any other short-term funding purposes as may be determined by the Investment Manager from time to time and in accordance with the Investment Strategy. The use of leverage has the potential to enhance or reduce returns.

The Fund entered into a letter of agreement (the “Credit Agreement”) dated October 23, 2009, between the Manager and the Bank of Montreal (the “Counterparty” or “BMO”), to borrow amounts up to 25% of the net asset value of NAPT as being part of the Forward Agreement (33.33% of the NAV of the Fund). At any time the leverage ratio went above the maximum allowable ratio, the leverage amount was decreased within the limit. Under the provisions of the Credit Agreement, the Counterparty also charged the Fund a fee of 0.25% of any unfunded leverage amount (the difference between the maximum allowable leveraged amount and the actual funded leverage amount). The Credit Agreement was terminated following the termination of the Forward Agreement during December 2014.

Following the termination of the Forward Agreement, the Fund entered into a Leverage Agreement dated January 9, 2015 whereby the Manager on behalf of Fund has established a trading account with RBC Dominion Securities Inc. (“RBC DS”) in order to effect purchases and sales of securities (including short sales) and which requires the Fund to deliver margin to secure its obligations under the Services Agreement and to provide Directions to RBC Investor & Treasury Services (the “Custodian”) to make such transfers from the Custody Account to the trading account at RBC DS.

2.1.4 Securities Lending

In order to generate additional returns, the Fund may lend securities included in the Portfolio to securities borrowers acceptable to the Fund pursuant to the terms of a securities lending agreement between the Fund and such borrower. Under a securities lending agreement: (i) the borrower will pay to the Fund a negotiated securities lending fee and will make compensatory payments to the Fund equal to any distributions received by the borrower on the securities borrowed; (ii) the securities loans must qualify as

“securities lending arrangements” for the purposes of the Tax Act; and (iii) the Fund will receive collateral security. the Fund is not limited in the amount of securities lending transactions it may engage in.

2.1.5 Use of Derivatives

The Fund may invest in or use derivative instruments, other than commodity derivatives, for hedging purposes consistent with its investment objectives and subject to the investment restrictions of the Fund. For example, the Fund may use derivatives, including interest rate hedges, with the intention of offsetting or reducing risks associated with an investment or group of investments. the Fund may use derivatives to hedge the currency risk of any non-Canadian dollar denominated securities. No assurance can be given that the Portfolio will be hedged from any particular risk from time to time.

2.1.6 Investment Restrictions of the Fund

The investment activities of the Fund will be conducted in accordance with the following investment restrictions, which provide that the Trust will not:

- (a) acquire and hold Portfolio securities that are not Capital Securities (Capital Securities are subordinated capital instruments (excluding common equity) or Cash and Cash Equivalents);
- (b) purchase the securities of an issuer for the purposes of exercising control over management of that issuer or if, as a result of such purchase, the Fund would be required to make a take-over bid that is a “formal bid” for the purposes of applicable securities laws;
- (c) employ leverage exceeding 25% of the Fund Property (tested daily);
- (d) make or hold any investments in entities that would be “foreign affiliates” of the Fund for purposes of the Act;
- (e) invest in or hold (i) securities of or an interest in any non-resident entity, an interest in or a right or option to acquire such property, or an interest in a partnership which holds any such property if the Fund would be required to include any significant amounts in income pursuant to section 94.1 of the Act; (ii) an interest in a trust (or a partnership which holds such an interest) which would require the Fund (or the partnership) to report income in connection with such interest pursuant to the rules in section 94.2 of the Act; or (iii) any interest in a non-resident trust (or a partnership which holds such an interest) other than an “exempt foreign trust” for the purposes of section 94 of the Act (or pursuant to any amendments to such provisions);
- (f) make any investment or conduct any activity that would result in the Fund failing to qualify as a “unit trust” or “mutual fund trust” within the meaning of the Act;
- (g) acquire or hold any property that is “taxable Canadian property” within the meaning of the Act if the definition were read without paragraph (b) thereof (or any amendments to that definition) or “specified property” as defined in subsection 18(1) of the tax proposals released on September 16, 2004 if the fair market value of such property exceeds 10% of the fair market value of all property owned by the Fund;
- (h) acquire or hold any “non-portfolio property” as defined in the SIFT Fund;
- (i) enter into any arrangement where the result is a “dividend rental arrangement” for purposes of the Act;
- (j) invest in any security that would be a “tax shelter investment” within the meaning of section 143.2 of the Act;
- (k) pledge any of its assets, except in connection with the employment of permitted leverage and foreign exchange rate or interest rate hedging.

2.2 THE FORWARD AGREEMENT

The Fund was indirectly exposed to the portfolio of NAPT. The Fund used the net proceeds of the initial public offering of its Class A

and Class F Units to pre-pay its purchase obligations under a forward purchase and sale agreement (the “Forward Agreement”) with the Bank of Montreal (the “Counterparty” or “BMO”). Under the Forward Agreement, the Fund was receiving, at maturity, a specified portfolio consisting of securities of Canadian public issuers that are “Canadian securities” for the purposes of the Tax Act (“Canadian Securities”) in an amount equal to the net asset value of NAPT. Partial settlements under the Forward Agreement were intended to ensure that Unitholders have economic exposure to the distributions effected by NAPT. A fee of 0.35% per annum, calculated with reference to the NAV of NAPT, was payable to BMO under the Forward Agreement.

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3 UNITHOLDERS’ EQUITY

3.1 DESCRIPTION OF UNITHOLDERS’ EQUITY

3.1.1 The Units

The beneficial interest in the net assets and net income of the Fund is divided into two classes of units, Class A Units and Class F Units. The Fund is authorized to issue an unlimited number of Units of each class. The Class F Units are designed for fee-based accounts and differ from the Class A Units in the following ways: (i) Class F Units are not listed on a stock exchange; (ii) the Agents’ fee payable on the issuance of the Class F Units is lower than the Class A Units; and (iii) the Service Fee is only payable in respect of the Class A Units only, as described under “Fees and Expenses”. Accordingly, the Net Asset Value per Unit of each class will not be the same as a result of the different fees allocable to each class of Units. Each Unit entitles the holder to the same rights and obligations as a Unitholder and no Unitholder is entitled to any privilege, priority or preference in relation to any other holder of Units. Each Unitholder is entitled to one vote for each Unit held and is entitled to participate equally with respect to any and all distributions made by the Fund, including distributions of net realized capital gains, if any. On the redemption of Units, however, the Fund may in its sole discretion, designate payable to redeeming Unitholders, as part of the redemption price, any capital gains realized by the Fund in the taxation year in which the redemption occurred. On termination or liquidation of the Fund, the Unitholders of record are entitled to receive on a *pro rata* basis with holders of Units of that class all of the assets of the Fund attributable to that class remaining after payment of all debts, liabilities and liquidation expenses of the Fund. Unitholders will have no voting rights in respect of securities held by the Fund.

On December 16, 2004, the *Trust Beneficiaries’ Liability Act, 2004* (Ontario) came into force. This statute provides that holders of units of a trust are not, as beneficiaries, liable for any act, default, obligation or liability of the trust if, when the act or default occurs or the liability arises, (i) the trust is a reporting issuer under the *Securities Act* (Ontario) and (ii) the trust is governed by the laws of Ontario. The Fund is a reporting issuer under the *Securities Act* (Ontario) and it is governed by the laws of Ontario by virtue of the provisions of the Trust Agreement.

3.1.2 Conversion of Class F Units

A holder of Class F Units may convert Class F Units into Class A Units and it is expected that liquidity for the Class F Units will be primarily obtained by means of conversion into Class A Units and the sale of those Class A Units. Class F Units may be converted in any week on the Conversion Date by delivering a notice and surrendering such Class F Units by 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) at least 5 Business Days prior to the Conversion Date. For each Class F Unit so converted, a holder will receive that number of Class A Units equal to the Net Asset Value per Class F Unit as of the close of trading on the Business Day immediately preceding the Conversion Date divided by the Net Asset Value per Class A Unit as of the close of trading on the Business Day immediately preceding the Conversion Date. No fractions of Class A Units will be issued upon any conversion of Class F Units, and any fractional amounts will be rounded down to the nearest whole number of Class A Units. A conversion will not be treated as a disposition of Class F Units for the purposes of the Tax Act.

3.1.3 Purchase for Cancellation

The Trust Agreement provides that the Fund may, in its sole discretion, from time to time, purchase (in the open market or by invitation for tenders) Class A Units for cancellation subject to applicable law and stock exchange requirements, based on the Manager's assessment that such purchases are accretive to Unitholders, in all cases at a price per Class A Unit not exceeding the most recently calculated Net Asset Value per Class A Unit immediately prior to the date of any such purchase of Units. It is expected that these purchases will be made as normal course issuer bids through the facilities and under the rules of the TSX or such other exchange or market on which the Class A Units are then listed.

3.1.4 Take-over Bids

The Trust Agreement contains provisions to the effect that if a take-over bid is made for the Class A Units and not less than 90% of the aggregate of the Class A Units (but not including any Class A Units held at the date of the take-over bid by or on behalf of the offeror or associates or affiliates of the offeror) are taken up and paid for by the offeror, the offeror will be entitled to acquire the Class A Units held by the Unitholders who did not accept the take-over bid on the terms offered by the offeror. The Trust Agreement also provides that if prior to the termination of the Fund a formal bid as defined in the *Securities Act* (Ontario) is made for all of the Class F Units, if such bid would constitute a formal bid for all Class A Units if the Class F Units had been converted to Class A Units immediately prior to such bid and the Class F offer does not include a concurrent identical take-over bid, including in terms of price (relative to the Net Asset Value per Unit of the class), for the Class A Units, then the Fund shall by press release provide written notice to the holders of the Class A Units that such an offer has been made and of the right of such holders to convert all or a part of their Class A Units into Class F Units and tender such units to the Class F offer.

3.1.5 Book Entry Only System

Registration of interests in and transfers of the Units will be made only through the Book-Entry Only System. On the Closing Date, the Manager, on behalf of the Fund will deliver to CDS certificates representing the aggregate number of Class A Units and Class F Units then subscribed for under the Offerings. Class A Units and Class F Units must be purchased, converted, transferred and surrendered for redemption through a CDS Participant. All rights of Unitholders must be exercised through, and all payments or other property to which such Unitholders are entitled will be made or delivered by CDS or the CDS Participant through which the Unitholder holds such Units. Upon purchase of any Units, the Unitholders will receive only a customer confirmation from the registered dealer which is a CDS Participant and from or through which the Units are purchased.

The ability of a beneficial owner of Units to pledge such Units or otherwise take action with respect to such Unitholder's interest in such Units (other than through a CDS Participant) may be limited due to the lack of a physical certificate.

The Fund has the option to terminate registration of the Units through the Book-Entry Only System, in which case certificates for the Units in fully registered form would be issued to beneficial owners of such Units or their nominees.

3.2 UNITHOLDER MATTERS

3.2.1 Meetings of Unitholders

A meeting of Unitholders may be convened by the Trustee by a written requisition specifying the purpose of the meeting, and must be convened by the Trustee if requisitioned by Unitholders holding not less than 10% of the then outstanding Units entitled to vote on the matter (whether Class A Units and/or Class F Units) by a written requisition specifying the purpose of the meeting. The Trustee may convene a Class A Meeting or Class F Meeting if the nature of the business to be transacted at that meeting is only relevant to Unitholders of the applicable class. A Class A Meeting must be convened if requisitioned by Unitholders holding not less than 10% of the Class A Units then outstanding by a written requisition specifying the purpose of the meeting. A Class F Meeting must be convened if requisitioned by Unitholders holding not less than 10% of the Class F Units then outstanding by a written requisition specifying the purpose of the meeting.

Notice of all meetings of Unitholders (whether a meeting of all Unitholders, a Class A Meeting or a Class F Meeting) will be given in accordance with the Trust Agreement and applicable law. The quorum for a meeting of all Unitholders is two or more Unitholders present in person or represented by proxy holding not less than five percent of the Units then outstanding (whether Class A Units or Class F Units). The quorum for a Class A Meeting is two or more holders of Class A Units present in person or represented by proxy holding not less than five percent of the Class A Units then outstanding. The quorum for a Class F Meeting is two or more holders of

Class F Units present in person or represented by proxy holding not less than five percent of the Class F Units then outstanding. In the event that such quorum is not present within one-half hour after the time called for a meeting, the meeting, if convened upon the request of a Unitholder, will be dissolved, but in any other case, the meeting will stand adjourned to such day no later than 14 days later and to such time and place as may be appointed by the chairman of the meeting (which for greater certainty can be at a later time on the date of the originally scheduled meeting), and if at such adjourned meeting a quorum is not present, the Unitholders present in person or by proxy at such adjourned meeting will be deemed to constitute a quorum.

A matter requiring an Extraordinary Resolution requires an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the votes cast, either in person or by proxy, at a meeting of Unitholders called for the purpose of considering such resolution.

The Fund does not intend to hold annual meetings of Unitholders. However, the Fund will undertake to the TSX to hold annual meetings of Unitholders if so instructed by the TSX.

3.2.2 *Amendment of Trust Agreement*

Except as provided below, the Trust Agreement may be amended by an Ordinary Resolution approved at a meeting of Unitholders duly convened and held in accordance with the provisions in that regard contained in the Trust Agreement, or by the written consent in lieu of a meeting if there is only one Unitholder.

The following matters may only be undertaken with the approval of Unitholders by an Extraordinary Resolution (a separate class vote is also required if one class of Units would be affected differently than the other):

- a) the removal of the Trustee or any of its affiliates as the trustee of the Fund;
- b) any change in the investment objectives or investment restrictions of the Fund, unless such changes are necessary to ensure compliance with applicable laws, regulations or other requirements imposed by applicable regulatory authorities from time to time;
- c) any change of the Manager except where the new manager is an affiliate of the Manager;
- d) any increase in the Management Fee;
- e) any amendment, modification or variation in the provisions or rights attaching to the Units;
- f) any change in the frequency of calculating the Net Asset Value per Unit to less often than weekly;
- g) any merger, arrangement or similar transaction or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Fund other than in the ordinary course;
- h) any liquidation, dissolution or termination of the Fund except if it is determined by the Manager, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the Unitholders or otherwise in accordance with the terms of the Trust Agreement; and
- i) any amendment to the above provisions except as permitted by the Trust Agreement.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Trustee is entitled to amend the Trust Agreement without the consent of, or notice to, the Unitholders, to:

- a) remove any conflicts or other inconsistencies which may exist between any terms of the Trust Agreement and any provisions of any law, regulation or requirements of any governmental authority applicable to or affecting the Fund;
- b) make any change or correction in the Trust Agreement which is of a typographical nature or is required to cure or correct any ambiguity or defective or inconsistent provision, clerical omission, mistake or manifest error contained therein;
- c) bring the Trust Agreement into conformity with applicable laws, rules and policies of Canadian securities regulators or with current practice within the securities or investment fund industries, provided such amendments do not in the opinion of the Manager adversely affect the pecuniary value of the interest of the Unitholders or restrict any protection for the Trustee or the Manager or increase their respective responsibilities;

- d) maintain the status of the Fund as a “mutual fund trust” for the purposes of the Tax Act or to respond to amendments to such Act or to the interpretation or administration thereof;
- e) provide added protection or benefit to Unitholders; or
- f) make such modifications as may be necessary or desirable in connection with the termination of the Forward Agreement prior to the Forward Termination Date as a result of the termination of the Fund as described under “Termination of the Fund”.

3.2.3 Reporting to Unitholders

The Fund will make available to Unitholders such financial statements and other continuous disclosure documents as are required by applicable law, including unaudited interim and audited annual financial statements, prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. The Fund will make available to each Unitholder annually and within the time prescribed by law, information necessary to enable such Unitholder to complete an income tax return with respect to the amounts payable by the Fund.

3.3 TERMINATION OF THE FUND

Initially, the Fund has a term of approximately five years, terminating on November 30, 2014. Pursuant to the Trust Agreement, the Fund will terminate on the date specified in an Extraordinary Resolution of Unitholders calling for the termination of the Fund or when terminated by the Manager, as described below. In addition to such termination, the Trust Agreement also provides that:

- a) in the event that the Manager resigns and no new Manager is appointed by the Unitholders within 120 days of the Manager giving notice to the Trustee of such resignation, the Fund will automatically terminate on the date which is 60 days following the end of such 120 day period;
- b) the Manager may, in its discretion, terminate the Fund without the approval of Unitholders if, in its opinion, it would be in the best interests of the Unitholders; and
- c) the Manager may terminate the Fund in the event of a termination of the Forward Agreement prior to the Scheduled Termination Date, provided that the Manager has given Unitholders notice of such termination at least 60 days in advance of such date of termination of the Fund.

In the event the Forward Agreement terminates prior to the termination of the Fund, the Fund may enter into a new forward agreement or amend the Trust Agreement to permit the Fund to hold the Portfolio directly. Although these actions do not require Unitholder approval, the Fund will provide at least 30 days notice to Unitholders of any such action by way of press release. The Fund will issue a second press release at least 10 days in advance of any such action.

The Manager may, in its discretion, terminate the Fund without the approval of Unitholders if, in its opinion, it would be in the best interests of the Unitholders to do so. The Manager will provide notice of such termination upon at least 30 days notice to Unitholders of the termination date by way of press release. The Fund will issue a second press release at least 10 Business Days in advance of the termination date. Upon such a termination the Fund will pre-settle the Forward Agreement, liquidate the Canadian Securities Portfolio and distribute to Unitholders of each class their *pro rata* portions of the remaining assets of the Fund attributable to such class after all liabilities of the Fund have been satisfied or appropriately provided for.

The Trust Agreement provides that prior to the termination of the Fund, the Manager will use commercially reasonable efforts to dispose of all of its assets and will satisfy or make appropriate provision for all liabilities of the Fund. The Trust Agreement provides that the Manager may, in its discretion and upon not less than 30 days prior written notice to the Unitholders, postpone any termination date by a period of up to 180 days if the Manager determines that it will be unable to convert all of its assets to cash prior to any termination date and the Manager determines that it would be in the best interests of the Unitholders to do so.

Upon termination, the Trust Agreement provides that the Fund will distribute to Unitholders their *pro rata* portions of the remaining assets of the Fund attributable to each class, which will include cash and, to the extent liquidation of certain assets is not practicable or the Manager considers such liquidation not to be appropriate prior to any termination date, such unliquidated assets *in specie* rather than in cash. Following such distribution, the Fund will be dissolved. There can be no assurance that Unitholders will receive \$25.00 per Unit upon any termination of the Fund.

Following November 10, 2014, when the Fund's Unitholders approved material changes to the Fund. One of the most significant changes was the extension of the Fund's termination date by five more years to November 30, 2019.

3.4 DISTRIBUTIONS

3.4.1 Distribution Policy

The Fund pays quarterly distributions at \$0.375 per Unit, representing a return of 6.0% per annum on the Unit issue price.

In September 2014, the targeted annual distribution rate for the Fund was reduced from \$1.50 per Unit to \$1.25 per Unit. The new rate is consistent with the yields available within the Fund's investable universe.

The Fund is subject to tax under Part I of the Tax Act on the amount of its income for tax purposes for the year, including net realized taxable capital gains, less the portion thereof that it claims in respect of the amounts paid or payable to Unitholders in the year. To ensure that the Fund generally is not liable for income tax under Part I of the Tax Act, the Trust Agreement provides that, if necessary, an Additional Distribution will be automatically payable in each year to Unitholders of each class of Units of record on December 31, *pro rata* based on the Net Asset Value of each class. The Additional Distribution may be necessary if the Fund realizes income for tax purposes which is in excess of the quarterly distributions paid or made payable to Unitholders during the year. If the Fund must pay an Additional Distribution, such Additional Distribution may, at the option of the Manager, be satisfied by the issuance of Units. Following such issue of additional Units, the outstanding Units may be automatically consolidated on a basis such that each Unitholder of a class of the Fund will hold after the consolidation the same number of Units of the applicable class of the Fund as it held before the distribution of additional Units, except in the case of a Non-Resident Unitholder if tax was required to be withheld in respect of the distribution. See "Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations".

3.5 REDEMPTION OF UNITS

3.5.1 Annual Redemptions

The Class A Units and Class F Units may be redeemed on an Annual Redemption Date, which was originally stated in the Fund's prospectus as the second last Business Day of April of each year, and was changed to the second last business day of November in each year (see Unitholders' approval to material changes mentioned in note 1 above) subject to certain conditions and in order to effect such a redemption, the Units must be surrendered by no later than 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on the last Business Day of October in the year of redemption. Unitholders whose Units are redeemed on an Annual Redemption Date will receive a redemption price in an amount equal to 100% of the Net Asset Value per Unit of the relevant class less any costs associated with the redemption, including brokerage costs, and less any net realized capital gains to the Fund that are distributed to a Unitholder concurrently with the proceeds of disposition on redemption. Payment of the Annual Redemption Price will be made on or before the Redemption Payment Date, subject to the Manager's right to suspend redemptions in certain circumstances. Concurrently with the payment of the proceeds of redemption, the Fund may pay to the redeeming Unitholder a cash distribution in the amount of the net realized capital gains of the Fund incurred by it to fund the payment of the redemption price.

3.5.2 Monthly Redemptions

In addition to the annual redemption right, Class A Units and Class F Units may also be redeemed on a Monthly Redemption Date, subject to certain conditions and, in order to effect such a redemption, the Units must be surrendered by no later than 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on the date which is the last Business Day of the month preceding the Monthly Redemption Date. Payment of the redemption price will be made on or before the Redemption Payment Date, subject to the Manager's right to suspend redemptions in certain circumstances. Concurrently with the payment of the proceeds of redemption, the Fund may pay to the redeeming Unitholder a cash distribution in the amount of the net realized capital gains of the Fund incurred by it to fund the payment of the redemption price.

Unitholders surrendering a Class A Unit for redemption will receive a redemption price equal to the lesser of (i) 95% of the Market Price of a Class A Unit, and (ii) 100% of the Closing Market Price of a Class A Unit on the applicable Monthly Redemption Date less, in each case, any costs associated with the redemption, including brokerage costs, being the Monthly Redemption Amount. Unitholders surrendering a Class F Unit for redemption will receive an amount equal to the product of (i) the Monthly Redemption Amount and (ii) a fraction, the numerator of which is the most recently calculated Net Asset Value per Class F Unit and the denominator of which is the most recently calculated Net Asset Value per Class A Unit.

3.5.3 Exercise of Redemption Right

A Unitholder who desires to exercise redemption privileges must do so by causing the CDS Participant through which he or she holds his or her Units to deliver to CDS at its office in the City of Toronto on behalf of the Unitholder, a written notice of the Unitholder's intention to redeem Units by no later than 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on the applicable notice dates described above. A Unitholder who desires to redeem Units should ensure that the CDS Participant is provided with notice of his or her intention to exercise his or her redemption right sufficiently in advance of the Annual Redemption Date or Monthly Redemption Date deadline so as to permit the CDS Participant to deliver a notice to CDS by 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on the notice dates described above.

By causing a CDS Participant to deliver to CDS a notice of the Unitholder's intention to redeem Units the Unitholder will be deemed to have irrevocably surrendered his or her Units for redemption and appointed such CDS Participant to act as his or her exclusive settlement agent with respect to the exercise of such redemption privilege and the receipt of payment in connection with the settlement of obligations arising from such exercise, provided that the Manager may from time to time prior to the Annual Redemption Date or Monthly Redemption Date permit the withdrawal of a redemption notice on such terms and conditions as the Manager may determine, in its sole discretion, if such withdrawal will not adversely affect the Fund. Any expense associated with the preparation and delivery of the redemption notice will be for the account of the Unitholder exercising the redemption privilege.

Any redemption notice that CDS determines to be incomplete, not in proper form or not duly executed will, for all purposes, be void and of no effect and the redemption privilege to which it relates will be considered, for all purposes, not to have been exercised thereby. A failure by a CDS Participant to exercise redemption privileges or to give effect to the settlement thereof in accordance with a Unitholder's instructions will not give rise to any obligations or liability on the part of the Fund, the Trustee or the Manager to the CDS Participant or the Unitholder.

3.5.4 Suspension of Redemptions

The Fund may suspend the redemption of Units or payment of redemption proceeds (a) for the whole or any part of a period during which normal trading is suspended on one or more exchanges on which more than 50% of the securities included in the Canadian Securities Portfolio (by value) or the Portfolio are listed and traded, and if the securities are not traded on any other exchange that represents a reasonable, practical alternative for the Fund or (b) for any period not exceeding 120 days during which the Manager determines that conditions exist which render impractical the sale of assets of the Fund or which impair the ability of the Manager to determine the value of the assets of the Fund. The suspension may apply to all requests for redemption received prior to the suspension, but for which payment has not been made, as well as to all requests received while the suspension is in effect. In such circumstances all Unitholders will have, and will be advised that they have, the right to withdraw their requests for redemption. The suspension will terminate in any event on the first Business Day on which the condition giving rise to the suspension has ceased to exist, provided that no other condition under which a suspension is authorized then exists. To the extent not inconsistent with official rules and regulations promulgated by any government body having jurisdiction over the Fund, any declaration of suspension made by the Manager will be conclusive.

4 VALUATION

4.1 CALCULATION OF NET ASSET VALUE

For reporting purposes other than financial statements, the Net Asset Value of the Fund on a particular date will be equal to (i) the Total Assets of the Fund less (ii) the aggregate value of the liabilities of the Fund. The Net Asset Value of each class of Units on a particular date will be equal to the Net Asset Value of the Fund allocated to that class, including an allocation of any net realized capital gains or other amounts payable to Unitholders of that class on or before such date expressed in Canadian dollars at the applicable exchange rate on such date. The Net Asset Value per Unit of a class on any day will be obtained by dividing the Net Asset Value of that class on such day by the number of Units of that class then outstanding.

For the purpose of calculating Net Asset Value of the Fund on a Valuation Date, the Total Assets, and any short positions, of the Fund on such Valuation Date will be determined as follows:

- a) the value of any cash on hand or on deposit, bill, demand note, account receivable, prepaid expense, distribution, or other amount receivable (or declared to holders of record of securities owned on a date before the Valuation Date as of which the Total Assets are being determined, and to be receivable) and interest accrued and not yet received will be deemed to be the full amount thereof provided that if the Manager has determined that any such deposit, bill, demand note, account receivable, prepaid expense, distribution, or other amount receivable (or declared to holders of record of securities owned on a date

before the Valuation Date as of which the Total Assets are being determined, and to be receivable) or interest accrued and not yet received is not otherwise worth the full amount thereof, the value thereof will be deemed to be such value as the Manager determines to be the fair market value thereof;

- b) the value of any bonds, debentures, other debt obligations and short positions will be valued by taking the average of the bid and ask prices quoted by a major dealer or recognized information provider in such securities on a Valuation Date at such times as the Manager, in its discretion, deems appropriate. Short-term investments including notes and money market instruments will be valued at cost plus accrued interest;
- c) the value of any security which is listed or traded upon a stock exchange (or if more than one, on the principal stock exchange for the security, as determined by the Manager) will be determined by taking the latest available sale price of recent date, or lacking any recent sales or any record thereof, the simple average of the latest available offer price and the latest available bid price (unless in the opinion of the Manager such value does not reflect the value thereof and in which case the latest offer price or bid price will be used), as at the Valuation Date on which the Total Assets are being determined, all as reported by any means in common use;
- d) the value of any security which is traded over-the-counter will be priced at the average of the last bid and asked prices quoted by a major dealer or recognized information provider in such securities;
- e) the value of any security or other asset for which a market quotation is not readily available will be its fair market value on the Valuation Date on which the Total Assets are being determined as determined by the Manager (generally the Manager will value such security at cost until there is a clear indication of an increase or decrease in value);
- f) any market price reported in currency other than Canadian dollars will be translated into Canadian currency at the rate of exchange available from the Custodian on the Valuation Date on which the Total Assets are being determined;
- g) listed securities subject to a hold period will be valued as described above with an appropriate discount as determined by the Manager and investments in private companies and other assets for which no published market exists will be valued at the lesser of cost and the most recent value at which such securities have been exchanged in an arm's length transaction which approximates a trade effected in a published market, unless a different fair market value is determined to be appropriate by the Manager;
- h) the value of any forward contract will be the value that would be realized by the Fund if, on the date on which the Total Assets are being determined, the forward contract was closed out in accordance with its terms; and
- i) the value of any security or property to which, in the opinion of the Manager, the application of the above principles cannot be applied (whether because no price or yield equivalent quotations are available as above provided, or for any other reason) will be the fair market value thereof determined in good faith in such manner as the Manager from time to time adopts.

The Net Asset Value per Unit of a class is calculated in Canadian dollars in accordance with the rules and policies of the Canadian Securities Administrators or in accordance with any exemption therefrom that the Fund may obtain. The Net Asset Value per Unit of a class determined in accordance with the principles set out above may differ from Net Asset Value per Unit determined under International Financial Reporting Standards. For the purposes of calculating the Net Asset Value in connection with redemption of Units on an Annual Redemption Date, the value of any bonds, debentures and other debt obligations that are owned by the Fund will be valued by taking the bid price on the Valuation Date. Such Net Asset Value will be calculated on a fully diluted basis, if applicable.

4.1.1 Reporting of Net Asset Value

The Net Asset Value per Unit is provided weekly to Unitholders at no cost on the Manager's website at www.astonhill.ca and is also available to Unitholders upon request, at no cost, by calling 1-800-513-3868.

4.2 AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The annual financial statements of the Fund are audited by the Fund's auditor in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. The auditor is asked to report on the fair presentation of the annual financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

5 MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND

5.1 THE MANAGER

Aston Hill Capital Markets Inc. (formerly Connor, Clark & Lunn Capital Markets Inc.) oversees, manages and implements the objectives of the Fund pursuant to the terms of the Management Agreement. The Manager is entitled to receive fees as compensation for management services rendered to the Fund. See “Duties and Services to be provided by the Manager” below and “Fees and Expenses”.

5.1.1 Sale of Connor, Clark & Lunn Capital Markets Inc.

Connor, Clark & Lunn Financial Group and the principals of the Manager entered into a sale transaction to sell to Aston Hill Financial Inc. (“Aston Hill”) shares in the Manager, Connor, Clark & Lunn Capital Markets Inc. (the “Company”). The terms of the transaction involved Aston Hill purchasing 80% of the Company from Connor, Clark & Lunn Financial Group, Neil Murdoch (President and Chief Executive Officer) and Darren Cabral (Chief Financial Officer). Neil Murdoch and Darren Cabral hold the remaining 20% of the Company not owned by Aston Hill. Completion of the sale transaction occurred on August 15, 2013. The business acquired by Aston Hill included the management agreement related to this Fund.

5.1.2 Duties and Services to be provided by the Manager

Pursuant to the Trust Agreements, the Manager has exclusive authority to manage the operations and affairs of the Fund as applicable, to make all decisions regarding the undertaking of the Fund and to bind the Fund. The Manager may delegate certain of its powers to third parties where, in the discretion of the Manager, it would be in the best interests of the Fund to do so.

The Manager’s duties include maintaining accounting records for the Fund; authorizing the payment of operating expenses incurred on behalf of the Fund; preparing financial statements, income tax returns and financial and accounting information as required by the Fund; ensuring that unitholders are provided with financial statements and other reports as are required from time to time by applicable law; ensuring that the Fund comply with regulatory requirements, including its continuous disclosure requirements under applicable securities laws; preparing the Fund’s reports to unitholders and to the Canadian securities regulators; providing the Custodian with information and reports necessary for the Custodian to fulfill its fiduciary responsibilities; currency hedging; administering the redemption of Units; arranging for any payment required on the termination of the Fund; dealing and communicating with unitholders; and negotiating contracts with third party providers of services, including, but not limited to, custodians, transfer agents, legal counsel, auditors and printers.

The Manager also implements the Fund’s investment strategy to ensure compliance with the Fund’s investment guidelines.

5.1.3 Details of the Management Agreement

Pursuant to the Management Agreement, the Manager exercises the powers and discharge the duties of its office honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the Fund and its respective unitholders, as applicable, and in connection therewith, shall exercise the degree of care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent manager would exercise in similar circumstances.

The Manager may resign as manager of the Fund upon 60 days’ notice to the applicable unitholders and to the Fund, as applicable, or upon such lesser notice period as the Fund, as applicable, may accept. If the Manager resigns it may appoint its successor but, unless its successor is an affiliate of the Manager, its successor must be approved by unitholders of the Fund, as applicable. If the Manager is in material default of its obligations under the applicable Trust Agreement and such default has not been cured within 20 business days after notice of same has been given to the Manager, the Fund shall give notice thereof to their respective unitholders, as applicable, and such unitholders may remove the Manager and appoint a successor manager.

The Manager is entitled to fees for its services under the Trust Agreement as described under “Fees and Expenses” and will be reimbursed for all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by the Manager on behalf of the Fund. The Manager and each of its directors, officers, employees and agents will be indemnified by the Fund, as applicable, for all liabilities, costs and expenses incurred in connection with any action, suit or proceeding that is proposed or commenced or other claim that is made against the Manager or any of its officers, directors, employees or agents in the exercise of its duties as manager, except those resulting from the Manager’s willful misconduct, bad faith or negligence or the Manager’s failure to meet the standard of care set forth above.

5.1.4 Accounting and Reporting

The Fund's fiscal year is the calendar year. The Manager ensures that the Fund complies with all applicable reporting and administrative requirements.

The Manager keeps adequate books and records reflecting the activities of the Fund. A Unitholder or his or her duly authorized representative have the right to examine the books and records of the Fund during normal business hours at the offices of the Manager. Notwithstanding the foregoing, subject to applicable law, a Unitholder shall not have access to any information, which, in the opinion of the Manager, should be kept confidential in the interests of the Fund.

5.1.5 Officers and Directors of the Manager

The name, municipality of residence, position with the Manager and principal occupation of each of the directors and officers of the Manager are set out below:

Name and Municipality	Position with the Manager	Principal Occupation
James Werry Toronto, Ontario	Director	Chief Executive Officer, Aston Hill Financial Inc.
Darren N. Cabral Toronto, Ontario	Director and Chief Executive Officer	Chief Executive Officer, Aston Hill Capital Markets Inc.
Kal Zakarneh Toronto, Ontario	Chief Financial Officer	Chief Financial Officer, Aston Hill Capital Markets Inc.
Derek Slemko Calgary, Alberta	Director	Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Aston Hill Financial Inc.
Sasha Rnjak Woodbridge, Ontario	Chief Compliance Officer and Corporate Secretary	Vice President, Fund Operations and Chief Compliance Officer, Aston Hill Asset Management Inc.

James Werry: James Werry joined Aston Hill in February 2016. The majority of Mr. Werry's 34 years in the Canadian investment industry were spent at ScotiaMcLeod where he held a number of progressively senior positions, ultimately becoming Managing Director and Head of ScotiaMcLeod. After leaving ScotiaMcLeod in 2003, Mr. Werry founded and was CEO of what has become one of Canada's largest independent private client investment firms, Richardson GMP (formerly GMP Private Client). Mr. Werry currently sits on the Board of Myca Health Inc. and is the Past Chair of the Foundation Board of the Toronto East General Hospital.

Darren N. Cabral: CFA; BA (Hons.), York University; MBA, Schulich School of Business, York University. Mr. Cabral joined Aston Hill Capital Markets Inc. (formerly Connor, Clark & Lunn Capital Markets Inc.) in May 2007. Prior thereto, Mr. Cabral held various positions with affiliates of Middlefield Group Limited from September 2001 to April 2007, including Executive Director of Research at Middlefield Capital Corporation and Managing Director of Middlefield International Limited.

Kal Zakarneh: B.Comm, University of Jordan. Mr. Zakarneh joined Aston Hill Capital Markets Inc. in 2013. Prior thereto Mr. Zakarneh was a Fund Accounting Controller with Connor, Clark & Lunn Financial Group since 2005.

Derek Slemko: C.A.; B.Comm, University of Alberta. Mr. Slemko joined Aston Hill Financial Inc. in 2006. Prior thereto, Mr. Slemko was controller of Vault Energy Trust from 2005 to 2006.

Sasha Rnjak: BA Economics, University of Western Ontario, Vice President, Fund Operations and Chief Compliance Officer, Aston Hill Asset Management Inc., since April 2011; prior thereto, Compliance Manager, CI Investments Inc., since September, 2007.

5.2 PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Subject to compliance with the provisions of applicable law, the Portfolio Manager acting on the Manager's behalf has the right to vote proxies relating to the securities in the Portfolio and the securities held directly by the Fund. Proxies must be voted in a manner consistent with the best interests of the Fund.

Because the Fund does not purchase securities for the purposes of exercising control or direction over the securities of the Portfolio, as a general rule, proxies will be voted with management on routine business. Examples of routine business are voting on the size, nomination and election of the board of directors and the appointment of auditors. All other special or non-routine matters will be assessed on a case-by-case basis with a focus on the potential impact of the vote on the value of the Fund's investment. Examples of non-routine business are stock based compensation plans, executive severance compensation arrangements, shareholders rights plans, corporate restructuring plans, going private transactions in connection with leveraged buyouts, supermajority approval proposals, and stakeholder or shareholder proposals.

On rare occasions, the Portfolio Manager may abstain from voting a proxy or a specific proxy item when it is concluded that the potential benefit of voting the proxy is outweighed by the cost of voting the proxy. In addition, the Portfolio Manager will not vote proxies received for securities which are no longer held in the Portfolio or by the Fund as applicable. On the delivery of the Canadian Securities Portfolio by the Counterparty on November 30, 2014 (being the Forward Termination Date), the Portfolio Manager acting on the Manager's behalf will retain the right to vote proxies relating to the securities in the Canadian Securities Portfolio pursuant to the Portfolio Management Agreement. The Portfolio Manager will vote the proxies relating to the securities in the Canadian Securities Portfolio in the same manner and with the same restrictions as those proxies voted in relation to the securities in the Portfolio.

5.3 THE PORTFOLIO MANAGER

Connor, Clark & Lunn Investment Management Ltd. acts as Portfolio Manager to the Fund. The Portfolio Manager, part of the Connor, Clark & Lunn Financial Group, was established in March 1982, and has offices in Vancouver and Toronto.

The name, municipality of residence, position with the Portfolio Manager and principal occupation of each of the directors and the officers of the Portfolio Manager involved in managing the assets of the Fund are set out below:

Name and Municipality	Position with the Portfolio Manager	Principal Occupation
Larry R. Lunn Vancouver, British Columbia	Director, Chairman	Director, Chairman of the Portfolio Manager Clark & Lunn Investment Management Ltd.
Michael W. Freund Toronto, Ontario	Director	Managing Partner, Connor, Clark & Lunn Financial Group
Martin I. Gerber West Vancouver, British Columbia	Director, President & CIO	Director, President & CIO, and Commodity Advising Officer of the Portfolio Manager
Steven Huang West Vancouver, British Columbia	Director and Vice President	Director of the Portfolio Manager
Brian Eby West Vancouver, British Columbia	Director and Vice President and Commodity Advising Officer	Director and Vice President of the Portfolio Manager
Chris Kalbfleisch West Vancouver, British Columbia	Director and Vice President	Director and Vice President of the Portfolio Manager

Name and Municipality	Position with the Portfolio Manager	Principal Occupation
J. Warren Stoddart Toronto, Ontario	Director	Managing Partner, Connor, Clark & Lunn Financial Group
Phillip Cotterill West Vancouver, British Columbia	Director and Vice President	Director and Vice President of the Portfolio Manager
Gary Baker West Vancouver, British Columbia	Director and Vice President	Director of the Portfolio Manager
Derrick Crowe Pitt Meadows, British Columbia	Chief Compliance Officer	Chief Compliance Officer of the Portfolio Manager

Connor, Clark & Lunn Investment Management Ltd., is primarily responsible for investing the Portfolio and the Canadian Securities Portfolio. The team of individuals working at the Portfolio Manager responsible for the Portfolio and the Canadian Securities Portfolio consists of 5 individuals each of whom has significant experience in managing investment portfolios. The investment managers of the Portfolio Manager are Brian Eby, Jane Justice, Chris Kalbfleisch, Simon MacNair and David George.

Brian Eby: CFA; MBA McMaster University. Mr. Eby is a Vice-President of Connor, Clark & Lunn Investment Management and co-head of the fixed income team responsible for fixed income management strategy and research. Mr. Eby has 31 years' experience covering three separate recessionary periods. His experience outside portfolio management includes advising in the structuring/restructuring of public debt programs and underwriting of corporate bonds.

S. Jane Justice: B.Mgmt. Capilano College. Ms. Justice is a Vice-President of Connor, Clark & Lunn Investment Management and a member of the fixed income team responsible for bond trading and risk management.

Chris Kalbfleisch: CFA; MSc. Statistics University of Western Ontario. Mr. Kalbfleisch is a Vice-President of Connor, Clark & Lunn Investment Management and is co-head of the fixed income team. Mr. Kalbfleisch is a quantitative financial markets specialist and is responsible for research. In addition to his experience with the Portfolio Manager, Mr. Kalbfleisch is the team leader of the asset allocation team.

Simon MacNair: BA; University of British Columbia, PhD; University of Wisconsin-Madison. Mr. MacNair is a Vice-President of Connor, Clark & Lunn Investment Management and is a member of the fixed income team, responsible for credit analysis, research and corporate security selection.

David George: CFA; BComm, University of British Columbia. Mr. David is a Vice-President of Connor, Clark & Lunn Investment Management and a member of the fixed income team responsible for research and analysis.

5.3.1 Details of the Portfolio Management Agreements

Under the Portfolio Management Agreements, the Portfolio Manager is required to act at all times on a basis which is fair and reasonable to the Fund, as applicable, to act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Fund, as applicable, and, in connection therewith, to exercise the degree of care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent portfolio manager would exercise in comparable circumstances. The Portfolio Management Agreements provide that the Portfolio Manager shall not be liable in any way for any default, failure or defect in the Innovative Tier 1 Capital Securities or other securities held by the Fund or for any loss or diminution in the value of such securities or other loss or damage suffered by any such person or for any errors of judgment,

acts or omissions if it has satisfied the duties and standard of care, diligence and skill set forth above. The Portfolio Manager will, however, incur liability in cases of willful misconduct, bad faith or negligence or breach of its standard of care set forth above.

The Portfolio Management Agreements will continue in effect unless earlier terminated in accordance with the terms thereof. If the Manager is terminated, the Portfolio Management Agreements will terminate at such time. The Manager may terminate the Portfolio Management Agreements if the Portfolio Manager has committed certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency, has lost any registration, license or other authorization required to perform its services thereunder or is in material breach or default of the provisions thereof and such material breach or default has not been cured within 20 Business Days after notice thereof has been given to the Portfolio Manager by the Manager. Except as described above, the Portfolio Manager cannot be terminated as the portfolio manager of the Fund.

The Portfolio Manager may terminate the Portfolio Management Agreements upon 20 business days' notice in the event that the Fund or the Manager is in material breach or default of the provisions thereof and such material breach or default has not been cured within 20 business days' notice of same to the Manager and the Fund, as applicable, or in the event that there is a material change in the investment guidelines of the Fund, as applicable.

If either of the Portfolio Management Agreements is terminated, the Manager will promptly appoint a successor portfolio manager to carry out the activities of the Portfolio Manager until a meeting of unitholders of the Fund, as applicable, is held to confirm such appointment.

Any amendment to the Portfolio Management Agreements which would have an adverse effect on the ability of the Fund, as applicable, to perform any of its material obligations under any material agreements to which it is a party requires the prior written consent of the Manager, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

The Manager, in its capacity as manager of the Fund, is responsible for the payment of the fees of the Portfolio Manager out of its fees.

5.4 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The management and administrative services provided by the Manager to the Fund pursuant to the Management Agreement are not exclusive and nothing in the Management Agreement prevents the Manager from providing similar management services to other investment funds and clients (whether or not their investment objectives and policies are similar to those of the Fund) or from engaging in other activities. Investment decisions for the Fund will be made independently of those made for other clients and independently of investments of the Manager. On occasion, however, the Manager may manage the same investment for the Fund and for one or more of its other clients. If the Fund and one or more of the other clients of the Manager are engaged in the purchase or sale of the same security, the transactions will be effected on an equitable basis.

The Trust Agreement acknowledges that the Trustee may provide services to the Fund in other capacities, provided that the terms of any such arrangements are no less favorable to the Fund than those which would be obtained from parties which are at arm's length for comparable services. The Trustee may act as trustee of, and provide services to, other investment funds or trusts.

The services of the Portfolio Manager and its officers and directors are not exclusive to the Fund or the Manager. The Portfolio Manager or any of its affiliates and associates may, at any time, engage in the promotion, management or investment management of any other entity which invests primarily in the same securities as those held by the Fund, and provide similar services to other investment funds and other clients and engage in other activities. Investment decisions for the Fund will be made independently of those made for other clients and independently of investments of the Portfolio Manager. On occasion, however, the Portfolio Manager may make the same investment for the Fund, as applicable, and for one or more of its other clients. If the Fund and one or more of the other clients of the Portfolio Manager are engaged in the purchase or sale of the same security, the transactions will be effected on an equitable basis.

5.5 INDEPENDENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Manager has appointed an independent review committee (the "Independent Review Committee") in accordance with NI 81-107 comprised of four members, each of whom is independent of the Manager and entities related to the Manager. The Independent Review Committee intends to function in accordance with applicable securities law, including NI 81-107. The mandate of the Independent Review Committee is to review and provide its decisions to the Manager on conflict of interest matters that the Manager has referred to the Independent Review Committee for review. The Manager is required to identify conflict of interest matters

inherent in its management of the Fund and request input from the Independent Review Committee in respect of how it manages those conflicts of interest, as well as its written policies and procedures outlining its management of those conflicts of interest. The Independent Review Committee has adopted a written charter which it follows when performing its functions and is subject to requirements to conduct regular assessments. In performing their duties, members of the Independent Review Committee are required to act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the Fund and to exercise the degree of care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances. The Independent Review Committee report annually to the Fund which report is available free of charge upon request to the Manager and is also posted on the Manager's website at www.astonhill.ca.

The members of the Independent Review Committee are John Crow (chair), Joseph H. Wright, Robert B. Falconer and Scott Browning. The Independent Review Committee acts as a review committee for a number of investment funds managed by the Manager.

The principal occupations and biographies of the Independent Review Committee members are set out below:

John Crow (chair) is the former Governor of the Bank of Canada and a noted economist. He is a director or advisor to a number of companies, and is also a Senior Fellow of the C.D. Howe Institute. In 1999, he chaired a committee of international experts that was commissioned by the Executive Board of the International Monetary Fund (the "IMF") to evaluate IMF bilateral, regional, and multilateral surveillance activities, and in 2002, he took part in a high level international mission to advise on monetary problems in Argentina. In 2003, he chaired an international task force commissioned by the International Federation of Accountants to examine the loss of credibility in financial reporting and how to restore it. Mr. Crow is the author (2002) of *Making Money: An Insider's Perspective on Finance, Politics, and Canada's Central Bank*.

Joseph H. Wright spent 23 years with Citibank in New York, Geneva and Toronto. He left Citibank in 1986 to join Burns Fry Limited where he worked until 1994, finishing as a Vice Chairman. In 1995, he joined Swiss Bank Corporation (Canada) as President & CEO. Following Swiss Bank, he has spent 16 years as a corporate director, serving on the boards of Loblaw Companies Limited, O & Y Real Estate Investment Trust, Call-Net Enterprises Inc. and St. Laurent Paperboard Inc., to name a few. He also served for 5 years as the Chair of the Connor, Clark & Lunn independent review committee.

Robert B. Falconer is a Member of Board of Directors, Audit and Valuation, Investment and Independent Review Committee (chair) of VentureLink Funds and has financial consulting contracts with Altamira Financial Services, Ontario Clean Water Agency and GHD International. He recently worked as a Director of Community Loans Policy & Risk Control for Ontario Strategic Infrastructure Financing Authority and as a Vice President of Corporate Finance for Altamira Financial Services.

C. Scott Browning received his doctorate in chemistry from the University of Toronto in 1992. He returned to join the faculty at UofT after a sixteen month term as a post-doctoral Fellow at the National Institute of Bioscience in Japan. His research on the modular design, synthesis and properties of tunable phosphine ligands has been published in the journals of the Royal Society of Chemistry and the American Chemical Society and presented at international conferences. Dr. Browning is a Fellow of the University of St. Michael's College and is currently coauthoring a textbook that emphasizes a strong mechanistic approach to understanding organic chemistry.

Effective August 15, 2013 Aston Hill Financial Inc., the parent company to Aston Hill Asset Management Inc. completed its acquisition of an 80% interest (the "Acquisition") in Connor, Clark & Lunn Capital Markets Inc. ("Capital Markets"). Concurrent with completion of the Acquisition, Capital Markets has been renamed Aston Hill Capital Markets Inc. and the IRC of the Aston Hill Asset Management Inc. became the IRC of the funds managed by Capital Markets that were included in the Acquisition. Additionally, Mr. Wright joined the IRC as its fourth member.

The IRC members each receive \$15,000 per annum (\$20,000 for the Chairman) plus \$1,250 per meeting for acting in such capacity and are also reimbursed for expenses in connection with performing their duties. These fees and expense reimbursements are allocated across investment funds that are managed by the Manager in a manner that is fair and reasonable.

For the year ended December 31, 2015, members of the IRC were paid the following aggregate compensation: Mr. Crow: \$29,662; Mr. Falconer: \$24,012; Mr. Browning \$24,012 and Mr. Wright \$24,012. The report prepared by the IRC is available on the Manager's website (www.astonhill.ca), or on request at no cost, by contacting the Manager at 77 King Street West, Suite 2110, P.O. Box 92, Toronto-Dominion Centre, Toronto, Ontario M5K 1G8; telephone: (416) 583-2300; or toll free: 1-800-513-3868.

5.6 THE TRUSTEE

RBC Investor & Treasury Services is the trustee of the Fund under the Trust Agreement and, as such, is responsible for certain aspects of the day-to-day administration of the Fund as described in the Trust Agreement, including executing instruments on behalf of the Fund.

The Trustee may resign upon 60 days' notice to Unitholders and the Manager. The Trustee may be removed with the approval of a simple majority vote cast at a meeting of Unitholders called for such purpose or by the Manager, if the Trustee has committed certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency or is in material breach or default of its obligations under the Trust Agreement which breach has not been cured within 30 days after notice thereof has been given to the Trustee. Any such resignation or removal shall become effective only upon the acceptance of appointment by a successor. If the Trustee resigns, its successor may be appointed by the Manager. The successor must be approved by Unitholders if the Trustee is removed by Unitholders. If no successor has been appointed within 90 days, the Fund will be terminated.

The Trust Agreement provides that the Trustee shall not be liable in carrying out its duties under the Trust Agreement except where it is in breach of its obligations under the Trust Agreement or where the Trustee fails to act honestly and in good faith, and in the best interests of Unitholders to the extent required by laws applicable to trustees, or to exercise the degree of care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent trustee would exercise in comparable circumstances. In addition, the Trust Agreement contains other customary provisions limiting the liability of the Trustee and indemnifying the Trustee, or any of its officers, directors, employees or agents, in respect of certain liabilities incurred by it in carrying out its duties.

The Trustee is entitled to receive fees from the Fund as described under "Fees and Expenses". The Trustee is entitled to be reimbursed for all expenses and liabilities which are properly incurred by the Trustee in connection with the activities of the Fund.

5.7 THE CUSTODIAN

RBC Investor & Treasury Services acts as custodian of the assets of the Fund pursuant to the Custodian Agreement. The Custodian, or an affiliate of the Custodian, also carries out certain aspects of the day-to-day administration of the Fund, including calculating NAV, net income and net realized capital gains of the Fund and maintaining the books and records of the Fund.

5.8 AUDITOR

The auditor of the Fund is PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Chartered Accountants, at 18 York Street, Suite 2600, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 0B2.

5.9 TRANSFER AGENT AND REGISTRAR

Pursuant to the Registrar, Transfer Agency and Distribution Agency Agreement, Computershare Investor Services Inc. will act as transfer agent and registrar for the Units and will maintain the securities registers at its office in Toronto.

5.10 PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS AND BROKERAGE

The Manager and the Portfolio Manager are responsible for selecting members of securities exchanges, brokers and investment dealers for the execution of transactions in respect of the Fund's investments and, when applicable, the negotiation of commissions in connection therewith. The Fund is responsible to pay those commissions.

6 FEES AND EXPENSES

6.1 INITIAL FEES AND EXPENSES

The expenses of the Offering (including the costs of creating and organizing the Fund, the costs of printing and preparing the prospectus, legal expenses, marketing expenses and other reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Agents and other incidental expenses), which were \$3,463,823 were paid out of the gross proceeds of the Offering.

6.2 MANAGEMENT FEES

The Manager receives a Management Fee from the Fund equal to 0.50% per annum of the applicable Net Asset Value, calculated and payable monthly in arrears, plus applicable taxes.

The management fees charged to the Fund during the year ended December 31, 2015 were \$141,396 (\$102,473 during the year ended December 31, 2014) The Manager is responsible for payment of the investment management fees out of these management fees.

6.3 ONGOING EXPENSES

The Fund pays for all expenses incurred in connection with its respective operation and administration which are generally allocated to each class of Units *pro rata* based on the Net Asset Value of each class, with the exception of any expenses that relate solely to one class, including, fees payable to the Trustee, custodial fees, legal, audit, valuation fees and expenses, any additional fees payable to third party service providers, expenses of the directors of the Manager, fees and expenses of the members of the Independent Review Committee appointed under NI 81-107 and expenses related to compliance with NI 81-107, costs of reporting to Unitholders, registrar, transfer and distribution agency costs, printing and mailing costs, listing fees and expenses and other administrative expenses and costs incurred in connection with the continuous public filing requirements of the Fund and investor relations, fees and expenses relating to the voting of proxies by a third party, taxes, brokerage commissions, costs and expenses relating to the issue of Units, costs and expenses of preparing financial and other reports, costs and expenses arising as a result of complying with all applicable laws, regulations and policies, extraordinary expenses that the Fund may incur, but excluding the fees payable to the Portfolio Manager. Such expenses will also include expenses of any action, suit or other proceedings in which or in relation to which the Manager, the Portfolio Manager, the Custodian or the Trustee and/or any of their respective officers, directors, employees, consultants or agents is entitled to indemnity by the Fund.

The aggregate amount of these fees and expenses during the year ended December 31, 2015 was \$179,967 (\$137,861 during the year ended December 31, 2014). The Fund is also responsible for any debt service and costs relating to the Leverage Transactions, fees associated with interest hedging activities and any extraordinary expenses which it may incur from time to time. The aggregate amount of these fees and expenses during the year ended December 31, 2015 was \$179,967 (\$217,733 during year ended December 31, 2014).

6.4 SERVICE FEES

The Fund pays to the Manager a Service Fee (calculated quarterly and paid as soon as practicable after the end of each calendar quarter), solely with respect to the Class A Units, equal to 0.40% per annum of the Net Asset Value attributable to the Class A Units. The Service Fee is applied by the Manager to pay a service fee in an equivalent aggregate amount, to brokers based on the number of Class A Units held by clients of such brokers at the end of the relevant quarter. No Service Fee is payable in respect of the Class F Units.

The amount of Service fee during the year ended December 31, 2015 was \$92,934 (\$157,830 during the year ended December 31, 2014).

6.5 FORWARD FEES

The Fund pays to the Counterparty an additional purchase amount under the Forward Agreement, calculated daily and payable quarterly in arrears, of 0.35% per annum of the notional amount of the Forward Agreement (being effectively equal to the Net Asset Value of NAPT).

Following the termination of the Forward Agreement, there is no amount of Forward fee charged to the Fund during the year ended December 31, 2015 (\$167,563 during the year ended December 31, 2014).

7 CANADIAN FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

This summary is not exhaustive of all possible Canadian federal income tax considerations applicable to an investment in Units and does not describe the income tax consequences relating to the deductibility of interest on money borrowed to acquire Units. Moreover, the income and other tax consequences of acquiring, holding or disposing of Units will vary depending on an investor's particular circumstances including the province or territory in which the investor resides or carries on business. Accordingly, this summary is of a general nature only and is not intended to be legal or tax advice to any

investor. Investors should consult their own tax advisors for advice with respect to the income tax consequences of an investment in Units, based on their particular circumstances.

7.1 STATUS OF THE FUND

The Fund qualifies and intends to qualify as a “unit trust” and a “mutual fund trust” within the meaning of the Tax Act, that the Fund elected under the Tax Act to be a mutual fund trust from the date it was established. To continue to qualify as a mutual fund trust, (i) the Fund must be a Canadian resident “unit trust” for purposes of the Tax Act; (ii) the only undertaking of the Fund must be the investing of its funds in property (other than real property or interests in real property); and (iii) the Fund must comply with certain minimum requirements respecting the ownership and dispersal of Units. An additional condition to continue to qualify as a mutual fund trust for purposes of the Tax Act is that the Fund may not be established or maintained primarily for the benefit of non-resident persons unless, at all times, substantially all of its property consists of property other than “taxable Canadian property” within the meaning of the Tax Act. If the Fund were not to qualify as a mutual fund trust at all times, the income tax considerations as described below and under would in some respects be materially different.

7.2 TAXATION OF THE FUND

The Fund is subject to tax in each taxation year under Part I of the Tax Act on the amount of its income for the year, including net realized taxable capital gains, less the portion thereof that it deducts in respect of the amount paid or payable to Unitholders in the year. The Fund deducts, in computing its income in each taxation year, the full amount available for deduction in each year and, therefore, provided the Fund makes distributions in each year of its net income and net realized capital gains as described under “Distributions”, it will generally not be liable in such year for income tax under Part I of the Tax Act, subject to the possible application of the SIFT Rules as discussed below. The Fund is entitled for each taxation year throughout which it is a mutual fund trust to reduce (or receive a refund in respect of) its liability, if any, for tax on its net realized capital gains by an amount determined under the Tax Act based on the redemptions of Units during the year (“capital gains refund”). The capital gains refund in a particular taxation year may not completely offset the tax liability of the Fund for such taxation year which may arise upon the sale of Canadian Securities Portfolio securities acquired by the Fund under the Forward Agreement in connection with redemption of Units. In computing its income for tax purposes, the Fund may deduct reasonable administrative and other expenses incurred to earn income. The Fund may deduct the costs and expenses of the Offerings paid by the Fund and not reimbursed at a rate of 20% per year, prorated where the Fund’s taxation year is less than 365 days.

The Fund does not realize any income, gain or loss as a result of entering into the Forward Agreement and no amount is included in computing the Fund’s income as a result of the acquisition of Canadian Securities Portfolio securities under the Forward Agreement. The cost to the Fund of such Canadian Securities Portfolio securities is that portion of the aggregate amount paid by the Fund under the Forward Agreement attributable to such securities and any other costs of acquisition. Provided the Fund elects in accordance with the Tax Act to have each of its Canadian securities treated as capital property, gains or losses realized by the Fund on the sale of Canadian Securities Portfolio securities acquired under the Forward Agreement are taxed as capital gains or capital losses.

7.3 TAXATION OF UNITHOLDERS

Subject to the possible application of the SIFT Rules described above, a Unitholder is generally required to include, in computing income for a taxation year, the amount of the Fund’s net income for the taxation year, including net realized taxable capital gains, paid or payable to the Unitholder in the taxation year. The non-taxable portion of the Fund’s net realized capital gains paid or payable (whether in cash or in Units) to a Unitholder in a taxation year will not be included in the Unitholder’s income for the year. Any other amount in excess of the Fund’s net income for a taxation year paid or payable to the Unitholder in the year will generally not be included in the Unitholder’s income. Such amount, however, will generally reduce the adjusted cost base of the Unitholder’s Units. To the extent that the adjusted cost base of a Unit would otherwise be less than zero, the negative amount will be deemed to be a capital gain realized by the Unitholder from the disposition of the Unit and the Unitholder’s adjusted cost base will be increased by the amount of such deemed gain. Provided that appropriate designations are made by the Fund, such portion of the net realized taxable capital gains of the Fund as is paid or payable to a Unitholder will effectively retain its character and be treated as such in the hands of the Unitholder for purposes of the Tax Act.

On the disposition or deemed disposition of a Unit, the Unitholder will realize a capital gain (or capital loss) to the extent that the Unitholder’s proceeds of disposition (net of any reasonable costs of disposition) exceed (or are less than) the adjusted cost base of the Unit. Any capital gains distribution paid on the redemption of a Unit will reduce the redemption proceeds otherwise payable. For the purpose of determining the adjusted cost base to a Unitholder, when a Unit is acquired, the cost of the newly acquired Units will be

averaged with the adjusted cost base of all Units owned by the Unitholder as capital property before that time. For this purpose, the cost of Units that have been issued as an Additional Distribution will generally be equal to the amount of the net income or capital gain distributed to the Unitholder in Units.

One-half of any capital gain (“taxable capital gain”) realized on the disposition of Units will be included in the Unitholder’s income and one-half of any capital loss realized may be deducted from taxable capital gains in accordance with the provisions of the Tax Act. In general terms, net income of the Fund paid or payable to a Unitholder that is designated as net realized taxable capital gains or taxable capital gains realized on the disposition of Units may increase the Unitholder’s liability for alternative minimum tax.

Based in part on the current published administrative policies and assessing practices of the CRA, a conversion of Class F Units into Class A Units will not constitute a disposition of the Class F Units for the purposes of the Tax Act.

8 MATERIAL CONTRACTS

The following contracts that have been entered into by the Fund can reasonably be regarded as material to the unitholders:

- (a) the Trust Agreement;
- (b) the Custodian Agreement;
- (c) the Registrar, Transfer Agency and Distribution Agency Agreement; and
- (d) the Forward Agreement.

Copies of the foregoing agreements can be obtained from the Manager and are also available on www.sedar.com.

North American Financials Capital Securities Trust

Additional information about Global Capital Securities Trust (Formerly “North American Financials Capital Securities Trust”) is available in the financial statements. You can get copy of the financial statements, including a statement of portfolio transactions, at no charge by contacting the Manager by:

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