

MIDDLEFIELD MUTUAL FUNDS

### MIDDLEFIELD CORPORATE PROFILE

The Middlefield Group was established in 1979 and is a Specialty Investment Manager which creates investment products designed to balance risk and return to meet the demanding requirements of Financial Advisors and their clients. These financial products include Exchange-Traded Funds, Mutual Funds, Private and Public Resource Funds, Split Share Corporations, Venture Capital Assets, TSX Publicly Traded Funds and Real Estate Investment Funds and Partnerships.

Middlefield's investment team comprises portfolio managers, analysts and traders. While all of our investment products are designed and managed by Middlefield professionals, some involve strategic partnerships with other "best-in-class" firms that bring unique value to our product offerings. In 2014, we entered into an exclusive arrangement with SSR, LLC, based in Stamford, Connecticut. They provide specialized research into sectors of the economy such as Healthcare and Innovation Technology. SSR is an independent investment firm whose analysts have been highly ranked and are recognized as leaders in their respective fields. Their fundamental company level research is often non-consensus and provides guidance on overall portfolio construction and security selection.

Looking ahead, Middlefield remains committed to managing and developing new and unique investment products to assist Financial Advisors in helping clients achieve their investment objectives.

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This document may contain forward looking statements, including statements regarding: the Fund, its strategies, goals and objectives; prospects; future performance or condition; possible future actions to be taken by the Fund; and the performance of investments, securities, issuers or industries in which the Fund may from time to time invest. Forward looking statements include statements that are predictive in nature, that depend upon or refer to future results, events, circumstances, expectations and performance, or that include words such as "expects", "anticipates", "intends", "plans", "believes", "estimates" or negative versions thereof and other similar wording. Forward looking statements are not historical facts, but reflect the Fund's current beliefs as of the date of this document regarding future results, events, circumstances, expectations or performance and are inherently subject to, among other things, risks, uncertainties and assumptions about the Fund and economic factors. Forward looking statements are not guarantees of future performance, and actual results, events, circumstances, expectations or performance could differ materially from those expressed or implied in any forward looking statements contained in this document. Factors which could cause actual results, events, circumstances, expectations or performance to differ materially from those expressed or implied in forward looking statements include, but are not limited to: general economic, political, market and business factors and conditions; commodity price fluctuations; interest and foreign exchange rate fluctuations; global equity and capital markets; the financial condition of each issuer in which the Fund invests; the effects of competition in the industries or geographic areas in which the Fund may invest; statutory and regulatory developments; unexpected judicial or regulatory proceedings; and catastrophic events. Readers are cautioned that the foregoing list of factors is not exhaustive and to avoid placing undue reliance on forward looking statements due to the inherent uncertainty of such statements. The Fund does not undertake, and specifically disclaims, any obligation to update or revise any forward looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future developments, or otherwise.





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MID 325/327/330/326



Global Dividend Growers

MID 181/183/186/182



MID 800/849/850/801



Global Infrastructure Fund

MID 510/519/520/501



Global Agriculture Class

MID 161/163/166/162

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### 2021 MID-YEAR REVIEW AND OUTLOOK

Global equities performed exceptionally well during the first half of 2021, with most major indices closing at all-time highs. The S&P 500, TSX Composite and Euro Stoxx 50 generated total returns of 15.2%, 17.3% and 16.6%, respectively. Inflows into global equity funds during the first half of the year totaled \$580 billion, the largest on record by a significant margin. It's expected that if the current pace of inflows continues throughout the second half of the year, equity funds will take in more money in 2021 than the previous twenty years combined.

Markets have been supported by the economic reopening, led by cyclical and value sectors. This began in November 2020 when initial positive vaccine data from Pfizer, Moderna and AstraZeneca provided a pathway to ending the pandemic. Vaccine rollouts progressed swiftly once they were approved, allowing restrictions to be lifted at a gradual pace throughout the world. As of July 2021, over 78.5% of Canadians aged 12 years or older had received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine -- the highest adoption rate in the world. We believe economic momentum will continue in North America as second doses are administered and remaining restrictions are lifted, including the reopening of the U.S.-Canada border.

Economic reopening has contributed to rising inflation, with Core CPI, PPI and PCE inflation statistics spiking during the second quarter of 2021. As a result, global central banks, including the Bank of Canada and the Federal Reserve, are now adopting a more hawkish tone when guiding future monetary policy. A certain amount of tightening is now being priced in but this should not have a major impact on equities as long as it happens gradually and is appropriately signaled. This is reflected in equities reaching new highs in conjunction with U.S. 10-Year Treasury yields and Canadian Government 10-Year Bond yields increasing by 55 bps and 71 bps during the first half, respectively.

In the six months ended June 30, 2021, the Middlefield Income Plus Class and Middlefield IndexPlus Income Fund generated returns of 16.5% and 16.7%, respectively. Both funds provide unitholders with stable income in the form of monthly distributions in addition to capital appreciation potential underpinned by actively managed portfolios of dividend paying and dividend growing equities.

The real estate sector has outperformed this year in both Canada and the US, generating total returns of 21.7% and 23.3%, respectively. Cyclical asset classes that are positively correlated with the economic reopening, such as retail and office, were the biggest contributors to performance. Looking ahead to the second half of 2021, we remain bullish on industrial REITs, which have lagged the sector by more than 4% in Canada. E-Commerce activity increased as a result of the pandemic and continues to drive increasing demand for industrial properties. Availability rates in Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal are at 1.1%, 1.2% and 1.4%, respectively as new supply is unable to keep pace with the rate of absorption, thereby leading to rapid growth in rents. In 2021, more than 26 million square feet of industrial space has been absorbed in Canada relative to a more modest 8.8 million square feet of completions. Demand is also at record highs in the U.S. with net absorption of 85.6 million square feet during the first quarter – the second highest on record.

Since inception in November 2011, the Middlefield Global Real Estate Class has generated an annualized total return of 11.4% (Series F) relative to the benchmark return of 8.5%. The Fund is overweight industrial REITs which have been a detractor to performance year-to-date but whose positive fundamentals should drive performance in the second half of 2021 and beyond. In addition, the Fund is overweight specialized REITs such as data centers and towers which provide critical infrastructure and should benefit from the ongoing digitization of economic activity.

The S&P 500 healthcare sector generated a total return of 11.9% during the first half of the year, trailing the broader market by over 3%. Pharmaceuticals and biotechnology, both large industry weights within the sector, underperformed and were negative contributors to performance. The S&P 500 pharmaceuticals industry ended Q2 trading at a forward price to earnings ratio of just 14.7x compared to the sector multiple of 17.2x and the broader market multiple of 21.6x. We have a positive long-term outlook on the healthcare sector and see potential for increasing returns in the second half of the year given its combination of quality and defense at attractive valuations. Healthcare consumption is normalizing with physician visits returning and restrictions on elective surgeries being lifted. Recent employment data in the U.S. has also been encouraging, which supports a healthy reimbursement environment for healthcare providers.

# MIDDLEFIELD MUTUAL FUNDS |

The Middlefield Family of mutual funds, which are listed at the end of this report, currently includes eight different funds within the multi-class structure and three mutual fund trusts. The multi-class structure of Middlefield Mutual Funds enables investors to benefit from superior tax efficiencies unavailable to other forms of investment funds. In addition, almost all classes are offered in F-Series.

The Middlefield Global Healthcare Dividend Fund has generated an annualized total return of 11.2% (Series F) since inception in October 2014. The Fund invests in a diversified portfolio primarily comprised of dividend-paying companies that operate in the global healthcare sector, an area underrepresented in the Canadian market. It is positioned to capitalize on the positive long-term outlook for healthcare which is underpinned by aging demographics and growing demand for needs-based products.

Information Technology demonstrated market leadership in 2020 but lagged during most of 2021 as the economic reopening primarily benefited cyclically-oriented companies. This trend reversed in June with the NASDAQ rising 5.6%, supported by general strength across tech-focused industries. The pandemic has accelerated certain secular trends including E-commerce and working from home, thereby driving demand for data-reliant services such as streaming, cloud storage and virtual communication. As a result, we maintain a very optimistic long-term outlook on the technology sector.

The backdrop for sustainable infrastructure, specifically renewables, strengthened during the first half of the year. We are witnessing a seismic shift in the way society consumes and produces energy. In April 2021, the U.S. pledged to slash its greenhouse gas emissions by at least 50% by 2030 and to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050, joining the world's largest economies in setting aggressive long-term climate targets. The private sector generally, and the world's largest companies in particular, are also providing major support for net zero investments. For example, Apple has committed to being 100% carbon neutral from its supply chain and products by 2030 and Microsoft has pledged by 2050 to remove all the carbon it has emitted since it was founded in 1975. An interest rate-driven selloff in renewable focused companies during the first half has led to attractive valuations and compelling entry points with major clean energy supermajors pricing in near-zero value for future growth.

The Middlefield Global Infrastructure Fund returned 8.9% during the first half of the year as compared to the benchmark return of 5.4%. The Fund's biggest weighting is in renewable-focused utilities, complemented by exposure to construction, real estate, energy infrastructure, concessions and water companies. Portfolio companies are considered and analyzed on various metrics, including their sustainability strategies, placing a large emphasis on their long-term ESG compliance.

Commodity prices increased significantly during the first half. WTI crude oil prices have risen more than 50% this year while North American natural gas prices are at their highest levels in seven years. Against this backdrop, we anticipate significant free cash flow generation from the Canadian energy sector which can be used for strategic investments in renewables, carbon capture and storage, hydrogen infrastructure and other initiatives aligned with ESG principles. Enbridge continues to stand out as an ESG leader among its peers, with the company recently publishing another comprehensive Sustainability Report as well as a framework for issuing sustainability-linked bonds that link corporate costs to ESG performance, further aligning the interests of shareholders and company management.

The outlook for equity income remains attractive. Despite the recent increases in longer duration bond yields, interest rates are near historical lows and support current market multiples. While corporate earnings have been very strong in the first half of 2021, we expect this momentum to continue well into 2022. Over the long-term, we believe an actively managed diversified portfolio of dividend paying and dividend growing equities should generate attractive risk-adjusted returns. We remain focused on companies with predictable cash flows and sustainable business models to mitigate volatility.

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### MIDDLEFIELD MUTUAL FUNDS

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### TRUST FUNDS

### GLOBAL HEALTHCARE DIVIDEND FUND

[MID 325/327/330] Series F [MID 326]

The Fund's objectives are to provide stable cash distributions and long-term total returns. The Fund invests primarily in dividend paying securities of global issuers operating in, or deriving a significant portion of their revenue or earnings from, the healthcare industry.

### INDEXPLUS INCOME FUND

[MID 435/437/440] Series F [MID 436]

The Fund's objectives are to pay monthly distributions and outperform the S&P/TSX Composite High Dividend Index. The Fund invests in a diversified portfolio of equity income securities of which a portion tracks the Index. The remainder of the portfolio is actively managed to enhance returns and reduce the risks associated with indexing, while maintaining low-cost exposure to the underlying equity income market.



4-STAR RATING (MORNINGSTAR)

### MIDDLEFIELD GLOBAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

[MID 510/519/520] Series F [MID 501]

The Fund's objective is to maximize long-term total return by investing in a diversified portfolio of companies that own, develop, maintain or are involved in the global infrastructure sector.



4-STAR RATING (MORNINGSTAR)

### **CORPORATE CLASS FUNDS**

### MIDDLEFIELD INCOME PLUS CLASS

[MID 800/849/850] Series F [MID 801]

The objective of this Fund is to provide a stable level of income while emphasizing capital preservation by investing in a diversified portfolio of equity and fixed income securities. Income Plus Class received Fundata's FUNDGRADE® "A" Award for outstanding performance in the 2013 calendar year.



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### MIDDLEFIELD U.S. DIVIDEND GROWERS CLASS

[MID 710/719/720] Series F [MID 701]

The objective of this Fund is to maximize long-term total return by investing primarily in dividend paying equity and fixed income securities of U.S. issuers.

### MIDDLEFIELD GLOBAL DIVIDEND GROWERS CLASS

[MID 181/183/186] Series F [MID 182]

The objective of this Fund is to maximize long-term total return by investing primarily in dividend paying equity and fixed income securities of global issuers.



4-STAR RATING (MORNINGSTAR)

### MIDDLEFIELD GLOBAL REAL ESTATE CLASS

[MID 600/ 649/ 650] Series F [MID 601]

The Fund's objectives are to provide a stable level of income and maximize long-term total return. The Fund invests primarily in equities. including real estate investment trusts and common stocks, as well as equity-related and fixed income securities of issuers operating in the real estate sector.



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### MIDDLEFIELD CANADIAN DIVIDEND GROWERS CLASS

[MID 148/449/450] Series F [MID 149]

The objective of this Fund is to provide long-term growth of capital through investment in equity and some debt securities. Investments are primarily in dividend paying equity and fixed income securities of Canadian issuers.

### MIDDLEFIELD GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE ENERGY CLASS

[MID 125/127/130] Series F [MID 126]

This Fund seeks to maximize long-term total return by investing in a portfolio of issuers that operate in or have exposure to the sustainable energy sector.

### MIDDLEFIELD GLOBAL AGRICULTURE CLASS

[MID 161/163/166] Series F [MID 162]

The objective of this Fund is to provide long-term growth of capital by investing in equity securities of issuers operating in the agricultural sector.

### MIDDLEFIELD HIGH INTEREST INCOME CLASS

[MID 400/424/425]

The objective of this Fund is to provide a high level of interest income by investing in high quality fixed income securities, while emphasizing capital preservation and liquidity.

All mutual funds are RRSP, RRIF, DPSP, RESP, RDSP and TFSA eligible. The Fund codes are listed in brackets after each fund name.

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

This interim management report of fund performance contains financial highlights but does not contain the annual financial statements of the investment fund. This report should be read in conjunction with the complete interim financial report of the investment fund that follows this report. The interim financial report has not been reviewed by the investment fund's external auditors.

Securityholders may contact us by calling 1-888-890-1868, by writing to us at Middlefield Group at one of the addresses on the back cover or by visiting our website at www.middlefield.com to request a copy of the investment fund's annual financial statements, proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record or quarterly portfolio disclosure.

### Management's Discussion of Fund Performance

### Investment Objectives and Strategies

Global Healthcare Dividend Fund (the "Fund") is a mutual fund trust. The Fund is authorized to issue series of units designated as Series A and F. The investment objectives of the Fund are to provide holders of units with: (i) stable cash distributions; and (ii) long-term total return through distributions and capital appreciation of the Fund's investment portfolio. The Fund's investment strategy focuses on investing in dividend paying securities of global issuers that derive a significant portion of their revenue or earnings from products or services related to healthcare.

### Results of Operations Investment Performance

The net assets of the Fund increased from \$82.7 million at December 31, 2020 to \$83.9 million at June 30, 2021. Net assets on a per unit basis for Series A increased from \$14.23 at December 31, 2020 to \$14.49 at June 30, 2021. Net assets on a per unit basis for Series F increased from \$14.92 at December 31, 2020 to \$15.29 at June 30, 2021. The Fund recorded a \$3.4 million net gain on its investment portfolio during the six months ended June 30, 2021.

### Revenue and Expenses

Revenue for the six months ended June 30, 2021, amounted to \$4.1 million, up from revenue of \$3.1 million in 2020. The increase was primarily due to the higher net gain on the Fund's investments. Operating expenses for the period ended June 30, 2021, amounted to \$0.9 million down from \$1.0 million in 2020. The management expense ratio ("MER") in 2021 was 2.63% for Series A and 1.53% for Series F. Distributions for the period ended June 30, 2021 amounted to \$0.24 per unit for both Series A and Series F.

#### Trends

The S&P 500 healthcare sector generated a total return of 11.9% during the first half of the year, trailing the broader market by over 3%. Pharmaceuticals and biotechnology, both large industry weights within the sector, underperformed and were negative contributors to performance. The S&P 500 pharmaceuticals industry ended Q2 trading at a forward price to earnings ratio of just 14.7x compared to the sector multiple of 17.2x and the broader market multiple of 21.6x.

### **Related Party Transactions**

Pursuant to a management agreement, Middlefield Limited (the "Manager") receives a management fee. For further details please see the "Management Fees" section of this report. Middlefield Capital Corporation ("MCC" or the "Advisor"), the advisor to the Fund and a company under common control with the Manager, receives advisory fees from the Manager out of the management fee. MCC also receives brokerage commissions from the Fund in connection with securities transactions. All brokerage commissions paid by the Fund to MCC were at or below market rates. For further details please see the notes to the financial statements.

### Management Fees

Management fees are calculated at 2.0% per annum for the Series A units and 1.0% per annum for the Series F units, of the net asset value of each Series and are split between the Manager, the Advisor and investment dealers who receive trailing commissions. The Manager receives fees for the general administration of the Fund, including maintaining the accounting records, executing securities trades, monitoring compliance with regulatory requirements, and negotiating contractual agreements, among other things. The Advisor receives fees from the Manager for providing investment advice in respect of the portfolio in accordance with the investment objectives and strategies of the Fund.

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Financial Highlights

Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units are calculated in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

"Net Asset Value" is calculated in accordance with section 14.2 of National Instrument 81-106 "Investment

Fund Continuous Disclosure" ("NI 81-106") and is used for transactional pricing purposes.

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 indicated periods. Ratios and Supplemental Data are derived from the Fund's Net Asset Value.

The Fund's Net Assets	per Unit	(1) - Series A
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	June	De	ecember	De	ecember	December				December	
	30 2021 <sup>(5)</sup>		31 2020		31 2019		31 2018		31 2017		31 2016
					20.0		20.0				20.0
Net Assets Attributable to Holders of											
Redeemable Units, Beginning of											
Period	\$ 14.23	\$	13.73	\$	12.71	\$	11.74	\$	11.16	\$	12.21
INCREASE (DECREASE) FROM OPERATIONS:											
Total Revenue	0.10		0.17		0.21		0.20		0.19		0.25
Total Expenses (excluding											
distributions)	(0.18)		(0.37)		(0.34)		(0.33)		(0.29)		(0.22)
Realized Gains (Losses) for the											
Period	0.28		1.43		0.33		1.05		1.14		0.77
Unrealized Gains (Losses) for the											
Period	0.30		(0.26)		1.25		0.44		0.08		(1.36)
Transaction Costs on Purchase and											
Sale of Investments	-		(0.02)		(0.01)		(0.01)		(0.02)		(0.02)
TOTAL INCREASE (DECREASE)											
FROM OPERATIONS (2)	0.50		0.98		1.46		1.29		0.90		(0.59)
DISTRIBUTIONS:											
From Net Investment Income	-		-		-		-		-		0.03
From Capital Gains	0.24		0.48		0.33		0.32		0.32		-
Return of Capital	-		-		0.11		-		-		0.43
TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS (3)	0.24		0.48		0.44		0.32		0.32		0.46
Net Assets Attributable to Holders of											
Redeemable Units, End of Period	\$ 14.49	\$	14.23	\$	13.73	\$	12.71	\$	11.74	\$	11.16

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The Fund's Net Assets per Unit (1) - Series F											
	June	De	cember	De	cember	De	cember	De	ecember	Dec	ember
	30		31		31		31		31		31
	2021 <sup>(5)</sup>		2020		2019		2018		2017 <sup>(4)</sup>		2016 <sup>(4)</sup>
Net Assets Attributable to Holders of											
	4400	Φ.	44.00	Φ.	40.00	Φ.	44.07	Φ.	44.45	Φ.	
Redeemable Units, Beginning of Period	\$ 14.92	\$	14.22	\$	13.00	\$	11.87	\$	11.15	\$	
INCREASE (DECREASE) FROM											
OPERATIONS:											
Total Revenue	0.11		0.18		0.21		0.23		0.24		
Total Expenses (excluding distributions)	(0.11)		(0.22)		(0.20)		(0.20)		(0.26)		-
Realized Gains (Losses) for the Period	0.29		1.48		0.35		1.01		3.68		-
Unrealized Gains (Losses) for the Period	0.34		(0.33)		1.31		0.37		(2.97)		-
Transaction Costs on Purchase and Sale			, ,						, ,		
of Investments	-		(0.01)		-		(0.01)		(0.02)		
TOTAL INCREASE (DECREASE)											
FROM OPERATIONS (2)	0.61		1.18		1.66		1.45		1.04		-
DISTRIBUTIONS:											-
From Net Investment Income	-		-		0.02		0.02		-		-
From Capital Gains	0.24		0.48		0.42		0.30		0.32		-
TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS (3)	0.24		0.48		0.44		0.32		0.32		-
Net Assets Attributable to Holders of											
Redeemable Units, End of Period	\$ 15.29	\$	14.92	\$	14.22	\$	13.00	\$	11.87	\$	

<sup>(1)</sup> This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements and unaudited interim financial report.

<sup>(2)</sup> Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase (decrease) from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the financial period. This schedule is not a reconciliation of Net Asset Value since it does not reflect unitholder transactions as shown on the Statements of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units and accordingly columns may not add.

<sup>(3)</sup> Distributions were paid in cash/reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both.

<sup>(4)</sup> The Fund was converted into an open-end mutual fund trust on December 20, 2016. Series F units were first distributed on January 12, 2017. Until then, Series F units shared the same value as Series A units. The management fee of Series A Units was changed from 1.0% to 2.0% on December 20, 2016. The management fee of Series F units is 1.0%.

<sup>(5)</sup> For the six month period ended June 30, 2021.

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	June	December	December	December	December	December
	30	31	31	31	31	31
	2021 <sup>(5)</sup>	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Total Net Asset Value (000s)	\$ 55,493	\$ 55,638	\$ 56,998	\$ 59,263	\$ 64,826	\$ 141,158
Number of Units Outstanding	3,828,614	3,909,401	4,151,660	4,662,829	5,521,831	12,648,124
Management Expense Ratio ("MER") (1) (4) MER (excluding interest expense and	2.63%	2.62%	2.62%	2.62%	2.54%	1.70%
issuance costs) (1)	-	-	-	-	-	1.38%
Trading Expense Ratio (2)	0.02%	0.10%	0.04%	0.09%	0.15%	0.14%
Portfolio Turnover Rate (3)	11.58%	42.96%	26.72%	20.63%	48.83%	53.88%
Net Asset Value per Unit	\$ 14.49	\$ 14.23	\$ 13.73	\$ 12.71	\$ 11.74	\$ 11.16

### Ratios and Supplemental Data - Series F

	June 30 2021 <sup>(5)</sup>	December 31 2020	December 31 2019	December 31 2018	December 31 2017 <sup>(4)</sup>	December 31 2016 <sup>(4)</sup>
Total Net Asset Value (000s)	\$ 28,428	\$ 27,086	\$ 24,672	\$ 18,501	\$ 15,917	\$ -
Number of Units Outstanding	1,858,745	1,815,020	1,735,216	1,422,706	1,340,539	-
Management Expense Ratio ("MER") (1) (4)	1.53%	1.52%	1.50%	1.52%	1.47%	-
Trading Expense Ratio (2)	0.02%	0.10%	0.04%	0.09%	0.15%	-
Portfolio Turnover Rate (3)	11.58%	42.96%	26.72%	20.63%	48.83%	-
Net Asset Value per Unit	\$ 15.29	\$ 14.92	\$ 14.22	\$ 13.00	\$ 11.87	\$ -

<sup>(1)</sup> The MER is based on total expenses (excluding distributions, commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average Net Asset Value during the period. The MER excluding interest expense and issuance costs has been presented separately as it expresses only the ongoing management and administrative expenses of the Fund as a percentage of average Net Asset Value. Issuance costs are one-time costs incurred at inception, and the inclusion of interest expense does not consider the additional revenues that have been generated from the investment of the leverage in income-generating assets.

<sup>(2)</sup> The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average Net Asset Value during the period.

<sup>(3)</sup> The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio investments are managed. 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 period. The higher the Fund's portfolio turnover rate in a period, the greater the trading costs payable by the Fund in the period, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the period. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a fund.

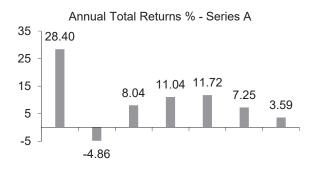
<sup>(4)</sup> The Fund was converted into an open-end mutual fund trust on December 20, 2016. Series F units were first distributed on January 12, 2017. Until then, Series F units shared the same value as Series A units. The management fee of Series A Units was changed from 1.0% to 2.0% on December 20, 2016. The management fee of Series F units is 1.0%.

<sup>(5)</sup> As at June 30, 2021 or for the six month period ended June 30, 2021, as applicable.

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### Past Performance

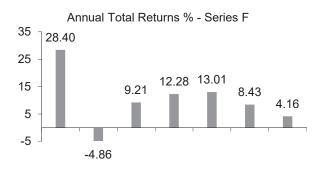
The performance information shown, which is based on Net Asset Value, assumes that all distributions paid by the Fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional securities of the Fund. The performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges that would have reduced returns or performance. How the Fund has performed in the past does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.



2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021\*

### Year-By-Year Returns

The bar chart shows how the Fund's performance has varied from year to year for each of the years shown. The return for 2014 is not presented since it relates to a partial period. The charts indicate, in percentage terms, how much an investment made the first day of each financial period would have grown or decreased by the last day of the financial period.



2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021\*

<sup>\*</sup> For the six month period ended June 30, 2021.

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# **Summary of Investment Portfolio**

AS AT JUNE 30, 2021

Top Twenty-Five Holdings

DESCRIPTION	ON	% OF NET ASSET VALUE
1	Danaher Corporation	4.8
2	Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.	4.5
3	UnitedHealth Group Inc.	4.0
4	Roche Holding AG	3.9
5	Johnson & Johnson	3.6
6	Moderna Inc.	3.5
7	Pfizer Inc.	3.5
8	Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated	3.3
9	DexCom Inc.	3.2
10	CVS Health Corporation	3.1
11	Zoetis Inc.	3.0
12	Bristol-Myers Squibb Company	3.0
13	Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	2.9
14	Becton, Dickinson and Company	2.9
15	CRISPR Therapeutics AG	2.9
16	IQVIA Holdings Inc.	2.9
17	McKesson Corporation	2.8
18	Sanofi SA	2.8
19	Medtronic plc	2.7
20	Intuitive Surgical Inc.	2.7
21	Stryker Corporation	2.7
22	AstraZeneca plc	2.7
23	Abbott Laboratories	2.6
24	AbbVie Inc.	2.5
25	Centene Corporation	2.2

<sup>&</sup>quot;Top Twenty-Five Holdings" excludes any temporary cash investments.

ASSET CLASS	% OF NET ASSET VALUE
Healthcare	94.1
Real Estate	3.2
Cash and Short-Term Investments	3.0
Other Assets (Liabilities)	(0.3)
	100.0
TOTAL NET ASSET VALUE	\$ 83,921,651

The Summary of Investment Portfolio may change over time due to ongoing portfolio transactions. Please visit www.middlefield.com for the most recent quarter-end Summary of Investment Portfolio.



# **NOTICE**

The accompanying unaudited financial statements of Global Healthcare Dividend Fund for the period ended June 30, 2021 have been prepared by management and have not been reviewed by the external auditors of the Fund.

Jeremy Brasseur Director

Middlefield Limited

Craig Rogers Director Middlefield Limited

August 23, 2021

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### **Statements of Financial Position**

AS AT				
(In Canadian Dollars)		June 30, 2021		December 31, 2020
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ASSETS Current Assets				
Investments at Fair Value Through Profit or Loss	\$	81,611,357	\$	78,830,896
Cash	*	2,500,459	Ψ	4,018,414
Income and Interest Receivable		53,956		69,126
Prepaid Expenses		37,916		16,896
Subscriptions Receivable		36,119		23,231
Total Assets		84,239,807		82,958,563
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities				
Management Fee Payable (Note 7)		153,744		215,743
Redemptions Payable		95,103		3,420
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities		69,309		15,740
Total Liabilities (Excluding Net Assets Attributable to				
Holders of Redeemable Units)		318,156		234,903
Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units	\$	83,921,651	\$	82,723,660
Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units – Series A	\$	55,493,437	\$	55,638,036
Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units – Series F	\$	28,428,214	\$	27,085,624
Mutual Fund Units Issued and Outstanding – Series A (Note 8)		3,828,614		3,909,401
Mutual Fund Unite located and Outstanding Carico F (Note 9)		4 050 745		1 915 000
Mutual Fund Units Issued and Outstanding – Series F (Note 8)		1,858,745		1,815,020
Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units				
per Unit – Series A	\$	14.49	\$	14.23
Net Assets Attributelle to Heldon of Dedesorable Hall				
Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units per Unit – Series F	\$	15.29	\$	14.92
por one concer	Ψ	10.23	Ψ	17.32

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Approved by the Board of Directors of Middlefield Limited, as Manager:

Director: Jeremy Brasseur Director: Craig Rogers

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# **Statements of Comprehensive Income**

FOR THE	SIX MONTHS	ENDED JUNE 30

(In Canadian Dollars)		2021		2020
(III Canadian Dollars)		2021		2020
REVENUE (LOSS)				
Income from Investments	\$	690,917	\$	736,193
Interest Income for Distribution Purposes		979		20,596
Securities Lending Income (Note 11)		-		2,508
Foreign Exchange Gain (Loss) on Cash		(470,074)		27,823
Other Changes in Fair Value of Financial Assets and Financial		, ,		•
Liabilities at Fair Value through Profit or Loss				
Net Realized Gain (Loss) from Investment Transactions		2,100,989		4,845,067
Change in Net Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments		1,433,155		(2,238,114)
Change in Net Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Foreign Currency Transactions		334,605		(265,172)
Total Revenue		4,090,571		3,128,901
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OPERATING EXPENSES (Note 7)		4= 000		40.040
Advisory Fee		17,038		18,340
Audit Fees		14,966		15,146
Custodial Fees		4,244		4,242
Fund Administration Costs		68,520		69,720
Independent Review Committee Fees and Expenses		28,439		36,852
Legal Fees		6,377		4,851
Management Fee		736,694		743,726
Transaction Costs (Note 9)		8,836		46,536
Unitholder Reporting Costs		33,693		33,967
Total Operating Expenses		918,807		973,380
Profit (Loss) before Tax		3,171,764		2,155,521
Withholding Taxes		98,763		314,175
Profit (Loss) after Tax	\$	3,073,001	\$	1,841,346
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units	\$	3,073,001	\$	1,841,346
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units				
– Series A	\$	1,918,823	\$	1,226,152
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units		,,-		, -, -
- Series F	\$	1,154,178	\$	615,194
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units		.,,	Ψ	0.10, 10.1
per Unit – Series A (Note 8)	\$	0.50	\$	0.30
	Ψ	0.50	Ψ	0.50
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units	¢	0.00	φ	0.20
per Unit – Series F (Note 8)	\$	0.63	\$	0.36

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# Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2021	Onder A	Ossiss E	Tatal
(In Canadian Dollars)	 Series A	Series F	Total
Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable			
Units at Beginning of Period	\$ 55,638,036 \$	27,085,624 \$	82,723,660
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to			
Holders of Redeemable Units	1,918,823	1,154,178	3,073,001
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DISTRIBUTIONS TO UNITHOLDERS:			
From Capital Gains	(917,748)	(443,317)	(1,361,065)
	(917,748)	(443,317)	(1,361,065)
DEDEEMARI E UNIT TRANSACTIONS			
REDEEMABLE UNIT TRANSACTIONS:			
Proceeds from Issue of Units	2,285,256	2,278,641	4,563,897
Reinvested Distributions	805,072	311,760	1,116,832
Payment on Redemption of Units	(4,236,002)	(1,958,672)	(6,194,674)
	(1,145,674)	631,729	(513,945)
Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable	•		
Units at End of Period	\$ 55,493,437 \$	28,428,214 \$	83,921,651

# Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2020					
(In Canadian Dollars)		Series A	Series F		Total
Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units	_			_	
at Beginning of Period	\$	56,998,477	\$ 24,671,997	\$	81,670,474
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to					
Holders of Redeemable Units		1,226,152	615,194		1,841,346
DISTRIBUTIONS TO UNITHOLDERS					
From Capital Gains		(962,460)	(409,486)		(1,371,946)
REDEEMABLE UNIT TRANSACTIONS					
Proceeds from Issue of Units		2,509,761	3,490,332		6,000,093
Reinvested Distributions		852,915	284,896		1,137,811
Payment on Redemption of Units		(5,986,044)	(3,984,585)		(9,970,629)
		(2,623,368)	(209,357)		(2,832,725)
Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units					
at End of Period	\$	54,638,801	\$ 24,668,348	\$	79,307,149

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# **Statements of Cash Flows**

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30
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(In Canadian Dollars)	2021	2020
CASH FLOWS FROM (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of		
Redeemable Units \$	3,073,001	\$ 1,841,346
Adjustments:		
Purchases of Investments	9,805,413	(121,751,757)
Proceeds from Sale of Investments	(9,051,730)	132,616,289
Foreign Exchange (Gain) Loss on Cash	135,469	237,349
Net Realized (Gain) Loss from Investment Transactions	(2,100,989)	(4,845,067)
Change in Net Unrealized (Gain) Loss on Investments	(1,433,155)	2,238,114
	428,009	10,336,274
Net Change in Non-Cash Working Capital	(14,280)	8,940
Net Cash from (used in) Operating Activities	413,729	10,345,214
CASH FLOWS FROM (USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from Issue of Units	4,551,009	5,979,428
Payment on Redemption of Units	(6,102,991)	(9,953,239)
Distributions Paid	(244,233)	(234,135)
Net Cash from (used in) Financing Activities	(1,796,215)	(4,207,946)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash	(1,382,486)	6,137,268
Foreign Exchange Gain (Loss) on Cash	(135,469)	(237,349)
Cash at Beginning of Period	4,018,414	3,736,466
Cash at End of Period \$	2,500,459	\$ 9,636,385

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# **Schedule of Investment Portfolio**

AS AT JUNE 30, 2021 (In Canadian Dollars)

Description	No. of Securities	A۱	verage Cost	Fair Value
Abbott Laboratories	15,000	\$	1,728,912	\$ 2,153,338
AbbVie Inc.	15,000		1,927,995	2,092,228
Amgen Inc.	5,000		1,102,261	1,509,176
AstraZeneca plc	15,000		1,361,455	2,228,048
Becton, Dickinson and Company	8,000		1,566,126	2,409,134
Boston Scientific Corporation	30,000		1,521,139	1,588,489
Bristol-Myers Squibb Company	30,000		2,105,089	2,482,292
Centene Corporation	20,000		1,757,918	1,806,181
CRISPR Therapeutics AG	12,000		781,135	2,405,617
CVS Health Corporation	25,000		2,351,178	2,583,090
Danaher Corporation	12,000		2,334,282	3,987,717
DexCom Inc.	5,000		2,203,245	2,643,766
Edwards Lifesciences Corporation	12,000		1,417,162	1,539,006
Eli Lilly and Company	6,000		1,447,551	1,705,285
Gilead Sciences Inc.	20,000		1,749,868	1,705,384
GlaxoSmithKline plc	60,000		1,546,788	1,456,866
Humana Inc.	2,000		1,167,657	1,096,439
Intuitive Surgical, Inc.	2,000		1,192,278	2,277,577
IQVIA Holdings Inc.	8,000		1,105,941	2,400,515
Johnson & Johnson	15,000		1,877,142	3,059,958
McKesson Corporation	10,000		2,258,052	2,368,121
Medtronic plc	15,000		1,471,492	2,305,649
Merck & Co., Inc.	15,000		915,226	1,444,537
Moderna Inc.	10,000		816,473	2,909,753
Organon & Co.	1,499		42,658	56,169
Pfizer Inc.	60,000		2,944,941	2,909,505
Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	3,500		1,768,962	2,420,736
Roche Holding AG	7,000		2,258,740	3,268,517
Sanofi SA	18,000		1,921,984	2,335,610
Stryker Corporation	7,000		1,578,781	2,251,362
Teladoc Health Inc.	5,000		1,065,187	1,029,586
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.	6,000		1,249,189	3,748,104
UnitedHealth Group Inc.	7,000		1,042,445	3,471,048
Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated	11,000		1,850,981	2,746,458
Zoetis Inc.	11,000		1,507,094	2,538,462
HEALTHCARE: 93.8%	,		54,937,327	78,933,723
Healthpeak Properties, Inc.	35,000		1,663,913	1,442,803
Welltower Inc.	12,000		963,842	1,234,831
REAL ESTATE: 3.2%	12,000		2,627,755	2,677,634
			(50.004)	
TRANSACTION COSTS (NOTE 9)			(59,394)	-
TOTAL INVESTMENTS: 97.0%			57,505,688	81,611,357
CASH: 3.0%			2,500,459	 2,500,459
Total Investment Portfolio, including Cash		\$	60,006,147	\$ 84,111,816



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### 1. Global Healthcare Dividend Fund

Global Healthcare Dividend Fund (the "Fund") is an unincorporated open-ended investment trust established by Middlefield Limited, a corporation existing under the laws of the Province of Alberta, pursuant to a supplemental declaration of trust dated December 22, 2016. From September 24, 2014 until December 20, 2016, the Fund operated as a closed-end investment trust established under the laws of the Province of Alberta. The Fund was listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange and effectively commenced operations on October 23, 2014, when it first issued units through an initial public offering. As part of the process of converting to an open-ended unit trust, the Fund was delisted from the Toronto Stock Exchange on December 19, 2016. The Fund is authorized to issue series of units designated as Series A and Series F. Each series has a different management fee rate. Middlefield Limited, a company incorporated in Alberta, is both the manager and trustee of the Fund (the "Manager") and Middlefield Capital Corporation ("MCC"), a company under common control with the Manager, is the advisor to the Fund (the "Advisor"). The address of the Fund's registered office is 812 Memorial Drive N.W., Calgary, Alberta. These financial statements, expressed in Canadian Dollars, were authorized for issuance by the board of directors of the Manager on August 23, 2021.

#### 2. Basis of Presentation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") and in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards 34 Interim Financial Reporting ("IAS 34") as published by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and as required by Canadian securities legislation and the Canadian Accounting Standards Board.

# 3. Summary of Significant Accounting PoliciesA. Basis of Accounting

IFRS 9 Financial Instruments ("IFRS9")

The Fund classifies and measures financial instruments in accordance with IFRS 9, which requires assets to be carried at amortized cost or fair value, with changes in fair value recognized in profit and loss or other comprehensive income, based on the entity's business model for managing financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. The Fund's financial assets and liabilities are classified at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL") and amortized

Classification, Measurement, Impairment and Hedge Accounting

The Fund classifies its investments in debt and equity securities based on its business model for managing those financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. These financial assets are managed and their performance is evaluated on a fair value basis. The Fund also manages these financial assets with the objective of realizing cash flows through sales. Further, an option to irrevocably designate any equity securities at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI") was chosen upon adoption. Consequently, these financial assets are mandatorily measured at FVTPL.

Financial assets or financial liabilities held for trading are those acquired principally for the purpose of selling or repurchasing in the near future or on initial recognition they are a part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that the Fund manages together and has a recent actual pattern of short term profit taking. All derivatives and short positions are included in this category and mandatorily measured at FVTPL. The financial assets and liabilities measured at amortized cost include cash collateral posted on derivative positions, accrued income, due to and from brokers and other short term receivables and payables.

IFRS 9 uses the expected credit loss model ("ECL"), as the new impairment model for financial assets carried at amortized cost. The Fund's financial assets measured at amortized cost consist of trade receivables with no financing component and which have maturities of less than 12 months, as such, it has chosen to apply the simplified ECL approach, whereby any loss allowance is recognized based on the lifetime of ECLs. Due to the high quality and short-term nature of the trade receivables, there are no expected credit losses associated with them and they are not considered impaired at the reporting dates.

The Fund does not apply general hedge accounting to any of its derivatives positions.

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- 3. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)
- B. Financial Instruments

The Fund's financial instruments may include: short-term investments, fixed income, equities, structured products including investment funds managed by the Manager, derivatives (collectively referred to as "investments"), cash, accounts receivable – portfolio securities sold, income and interest receivable, accounts receivable, subscriptions receivable, prepaid interest, prepaid expenses, loan payable, accounts payable – portfolio securities purchased, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, redemptions payable and distributions payable. The Fund recognizes financial instruments at fair value upon initial recognition, plus transaction costs in the case of financial instruments measured at amortized cost. Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognized at their trade date. The Fund's investments and derivative assets and liabilities are measured at fair value. The Fund's Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units are measured at fair value. All other financial assets and liabilities are measured at amortized cost. Under this method, financial assets and liabilities reflect the amount required to be received or paid, discounted, when appropriate, at the contract's effective interest rate. The Fund's accounting policies for measuring the fair value of its investments and derivatives are identical to those used in measuring its net asset value ("NAV") for transactions with unitholders.

The Fund only offsets financial assets and financial liabilities if the Fund has a legally enforceable right to offset recognized amounts and either intends to settle on a net basis or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

C. Redeemable Units and Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units

The Fund has two series of redeemable units in issue: Series A and Series F. Both rank pari passu in all material respects and have the same terms and conditions other than the management fee rate, which is 2.0% for Series A and 1.0% for Series F.

Redeemable units can be put back to the Fund at any time for cash equal to a proportionate share of the Fund's NAV attributable to the unit class. The redeemable units are classified as financial liabilities and are measured at the redemption amounts.

Redeemable units are issued and redeemed based on the Fund's NAV per unit, calculated by dividing the net assets of the Fund, calculated in accordance with the Fund's Simplified Prospectus, by the number of redeemable units in issue. The Fund's Simplified Prospectus requires that investment positions are valued on the basis of the last traded market price for the purpose of determining the trading NAV per unit for subscriptions and redemptions.

The financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss in the Statements of Financial Position are based on closing prices in accordance with IFRS.

Distributions are declared at the discretion of the Trustee, and are distributed by the Fund. The Trustee intends to distribute any excess income and capital gains annually in December such that the Fund will not have any liability for taxes (other than those that are immediately refundable). Distribution payments may be adjusted without notice at any time as market conditions change. If the Fund does not earn enough income and capital gains to meet the distributions, it may return capital to make up the difference. Distributions to holders of redeemable units are recognized in the Statements of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units.

Net assets are calculated for each series of units of the Fund. The net assets of a particular series of units are computed by calculating the value of the series' proportionate share of the assets and liabilities of the Fund common to all series. Management fees directly attributable to a series are charged to that series. Other expenses, investment income and realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments are allocated proportionately to each series based upon the relative net assets of each series.

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- 3. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)
- D. Fair Value Measurement

The Fund's own credit risk and the credit risk of the counterparty are taken into account in determining the fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities, including derivative instruments. Investments and futures contracts are valued at fair value using the policies described below.

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets is based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the reporting date. The Fund uses the last traded market price for both financial assets and financial liabilities where the last traded price falls within that day's bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid-ask spread, the Manager determines the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value based on the specific facts and circumstances.

Futures contracts are marked to market each valuation day according to the gain or loss that would have been realized if the contracts had been closed out. Gains or losses arising from futures contracts are recorded as unrealized gain (loss) on futures contracts and shown as an asset (liability) on the Statements of Financial Position until the contracts are closed out or expire, at which time the gains (losses) are realized.

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market (for example, over-the-counter derivatives) is determined by using valuation techniques. The Fund uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each reporting date. Valuation techniques used include the use of comparable recent arm's length transactions, reference to other instruments that are substantially the same, discounted cash flow analysis, option pricing models and other valuation techniques commonly used by market participants making the maximum use of market inputs and relying as little as possible on entity specific inputs.

### E. Investment Transactions and Income Recognition

Investment transactions are accounted for as of the trade date and any realized gains or losses from such transactions are calculated on an average cost basis. Average cost does not include amortization of premiums or discounts on fixed income securities with the exception of zero coupon bonds. The change in the difference between fair value and average cost of the investments is recorded as an unrealized gain (loss) on investments. Income from investments is recognized on the exdividend or ex-distribution date. Interest income for distribution purposes shown on the Statements of Comprehensive Income represents the interest received on bank deposits by the Fund and, if the Fund holds fixed income investments, coupon interest accounted for on an accrual basis. The Fund does not amortize premiums paid or discounts received on the purchase of fixed income securities except for zero coupon bonds which are amortized on a straight line basis. The interest income for distribution purposes is the tax basis of calculating the interest received and which is subject to tax. Income distributions received are treated consistently with dividends and interest and recorded in income in the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

F. Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units per Unit Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units per unit in the Statements of Comprehensive Income represents the increase (decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units for each series divided by the average units outstanding for each series during the period.

### G. Income Taxes

The Fund qualifies as a mutual fund trust under the provisions of the Income Tax Act (Canada) and accordingly, is subject to tax on its income, including net realized capital gains in the taxation year, which is not paid or payable to its unitholders as at the end of the taxation year. It is the intention of the Fund to distribute all of its net income and sufficient net realized capital gains so that the Fund will not be subject to income taxes other than foreign withholding taxes, if applicable. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes is required.

The Fund currently incurs withholding taxes imposed by certain countries on investment income and capital gains. Such income and gains are recorded on a gross basis and the related withholding taxes are shown separately in the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

Distributions received from investments in trust units that are treated as a return of capital for tax purposes are used to reduce the average cost of the underlying investments on the Schedule of Investment Portfolio.

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### 3. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

### H. Foreign Currency Translation

Foreign currency amounts are translated into Canadian dollars as follows: fair value of investments, forward currency contracts and other assets and liabilities, at the closing rate of exchange on each business day; income and expenses, and purchases, sales and settlements of investments, at the rate of exchange prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions.

### I. Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The preparation of financial statements requires management to use judgment in applying its accounting policies and to make estimates and assumptions about the future. The following discusses the most significant accounting judgments and estimates that the Fund has made in preparing the financial statements:

### **Determination of Functional Currency**

'Functional currency' is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Fund operates. If indicators of the primary economic environment are mixed, then management uses its judgment to determine the functional currency that most faithfully represents the economic effect of the underlying transactions, events, and conditions. The majority of the Fund's investments and transactions are denominated in Canadian dollars. Investor subscriptions and redemptions are also received and paid in Canadian dollars. Accordingly, management has determined that the functional currency of the Fund is Canadian dollars.

### Fair Value Measurement of Derivatives and Securities Not Quoted in an Active Market

The Fund may hold financial instruments that are not quoted in active markets, including derivatives. Fair values of such instruments are determined using valuation techniques and may be determined using reputable pricing sources (such as pricing agencies) or indicative prices from market makers. Broker quotes as obtained from the pricing sources may be indicative and not executable or binding. Where no market data is available, the Fund may value positions using its own models, which are usually based on valuation methods and techniques generally recognized as standard within the industry. The models used to determine fair values are validated and periodically reviewed by experienced personnel of the Manager, independent of the party that created them. The models used for private equity securities are based mainly on earnings multiples adjusted for a lack of marketability as appropriate.

Models use observable data, to the extent practicable. However, areas such as credit risk (both own and counterparty), volatilities and correlations require the Manager to make estimates. Changes in assumptions about these factors could affect the reported fair values of financial instruments. The Fund considers observable data to be market data that is readily available, regularly distributed and updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market. Refer to Note 4 for further information about the fair value measurement of the Fund's financial instruments.

### J. Securities Lending

The Fund may enter into securities lending transactions. These transactions involve the temporary exchange of securities as collateral with a commitment to deliver the same securities on a future date. Income is earned from these transactions in the form of fees paid by the counterparty and, in certain circumstances, interest paid on securities held as collateral. Income earned from these transactions is recognized on an accrual basis and is included in the Statements of Comprehensive Income

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### 4. Fair Value Disclosure

The Fund classifies fair value measurements within a hierarchy which gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The fair values of the Fund's financial instruments are classified into levels using the following fair value hierarchy:

Level 1 Inputs that reflect unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that

are accessible at the measurement date.

Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or

indirectly, including inputs in markets that are not considered to be active.

Level 3 Inputs that are unobservable and where there is little, if any, market activity. Inputs into the

determination of fair value require significant management judgement or estimation.

The Fund's investments at fair value as at June 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020 trade in active markets and are therefore classified as Level 1.

All fair value measurements are recurring. The carrying values of cash, income and interest receivable, prepaid expenses, subscriptions receivable, management fee payable, redemptions payable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities and the Fund's obligation for Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units approximate their fair values due to their short-term nature.

Fair values are classified as Level 1 when the related security is actively traded and a quoted price is available. If an instrument classified as Level 1 subsequently ceases to be actively traded, it is transferred out of Level 1. In such cases, instruments are reclassified into Level 2, unless the measurement of its fair value requires the use of significant unobservable inputs, in which case it is classified as Level 3.

The Fund's policy is to recognize transfers in and out of the fair value hierarchy levels as at the end of the reporting year for transfers between Levels 1 and 2 and as at the date of the transfer for transfers in and out of Level 3. No transfers between levels have occurred during the periods ended June 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020.

### 5. Financial Risk Management

In the normal course of business the Fund is exposed to a variety of financial risks: price risk, liquidity risk, foreign exchange rate risk, credit risk and concentration risk. The Fund's primary risk management objective is to protect earnings and cash flow and, ultimately, unitholder value. Risk management strategies, as discussed below, are designed and implemented to ensure the Fund's risks and related exposures are consistent with its objectives and risk tolerance.

Most of the Fund's risks are derived from its investments. The value of the investments within the Fund's portfolio can fluctuate on a daily basis as a result of changes in interest rates, economic conditions, commodity prices, the market and company news related to specific securities held by the Fund. The investments are made in accordance with the Fund's risk management policies. The policies establish investment objectives, strategies, criteria and restrictions. The objectives of these policies are to identify and mitigate investment risk through a disciplined investment process and the appropriate structuring of each transaction.

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### 5. Financial Risk Management (continued)

#### A. Price Risk

Price risk is the risk that changes in the prices of the Fund's investments will affect the Fund's income or the value of its financial instruments. The Fund's price risk is driven primarily by volatility in commodity and equity prices. Rising commodity and equity prices may increase the price of an investment while declining commodity and equity prices may have the opposite effect. The Fund mitigates price risk by making investing decisions based upon various factors, including comprehensive fundamental analysis prepared by industry experts to forecast future commodity and equity price movements. The Fund's market positions are monitored on a daily basis by the portfolio manager and regular financial reviews of publicly available information related to the Fund's investments are performed to ensure that any risks are within established levels of risk tolerance. The Fund is exposed to price risk through the following financial instrument:

	June 30, 2021	December 31, 2020
Investments at FVTPL	\$ 81,611,357	\$ 78,830,896

Based on the above exposure at June 30, 2021, a 10% increase or decrease in the prices of the Fund's investments would result in a \$8,161,136 (2020 - \$7,883,090) increase or decrease in total equity of the Fund, with all other factors held constant.

### B. Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is defined as the risk that the Fund may not be able to settle or meet its obligations when due. The Fund is exposed to daily cash redemptions of its units. The units of the Fund are issued and redeemed on demand at the NAV per unit. All other obligations of the Fund are due within one year. Liquidity risk is managed by investing the majority of the Fund's assets in investments that are traded in an active market and can be readily sold. The Fund retains sufficient cash to maintain liquidity and comply with liquidity requirements as outlined by securities legislation and its investment policies.

The Fund may invest in securities that are not traded on a public stock exchange or that may be illiquid. As a result, the Fund may not be able to dispose of these investments in a timely manner. The Fund mitigates this risk through active management, which involves detailed analysis of such private entities to ensure they are financially sound and would be attractive to potential investors if a sale is necessary. The Fund's investment policies and securities legislation limit the amount invested in illiquid securities and these limits are monitored. The Fund did not hold any illiquid securities as at June 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020.

The tables below present the Fund's financial liabilities based on the remaining period to the contractual maturity date. The amounts in the tables reflect the contractual undiscounted cash flows.

As at June 30, 2021

Financial Liabilities	Less than 1 Month	1 to 3 Months	3 Mor	nths to 1 Year	Total
Management Fee Payable	\$ 153,744	\$ -	\$	-	\$ 153,744
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	69,309				69,309
Redemptions Payable	95,103	-		-	95,103
Net Assets Attributable to Holders of					
Redeemable Units	83,921,651	-		-	83,921,651
Total	\$ 84,239,807	\$ -	\$	-	\$ 84,239,807
As at December 31, 2020	Less than		3	Months	

	Less than			3 M	onths	
Financial Liabilities	1 Month	1 to 3 M	onths	to 1	Year	Total
Management Fee Payable	\$ 215,743	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 215,743
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	15,740		-		-	15,740
Redemptions Payable	3,420		-		-	3,420
Net Assets Attributable to Holders of						
Redeemable Units	82,723,660		-		-	82,723,660
Total	\$ 82,958,563	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 82,958,563

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### 5. Financial Risk Management (continued)

### C. Foreign Exchange Rate Risk

Foreign exchange rate risk describes the impact on the underlying value of financial instruments due to foreign exchange rate movements. The Canadian dollar is the Fund's functional and reporting currency. Foreign investments, commodities, cash, receivables and payables denominated in foreign currencies are affected by changes in the value of the Canadian dollar compared to foreign currencies. As a result, financial assets may depreciate/appreciate in the short-term due to the strengthening/weakening of the Canadian dollar against other currencies, and the reverse would be true for financial liabilities. The Fund's exposure to foreign exchange rate risk relates primarily to its investment in securities, which are denominated in various foreign currencies. The Fund has not hedged its exposure to currency fluctuations; however, it closely monitors relevant foreign exchange currency movements. The Fund is exposed to foreign exchange rate risk through the following financial instruments denominated in various foreign currencies:

As at June 30, 2021

	Investments at		Income and Interest	
Currency	FVTPL	Cash	Receivable	Total Exposure
U.S. Dollar	\$ 72,322,316	\$ 35,258	\$ 34,454	\$ 72,392,028
U.K. Pound Sterling	3,684,914	-	19,502	3,704,416
European Euro	2,335,610	-	-	2,335,610
Swiss Franc	3,268,517	-	-	3,268,517
Total	\$ 81,611,357	\$ 35,258	\$ 53,956	\$ 81,700,571

As at December 31, 2020

Currency	Investments at	Cook	Interest Receivable	Total Evaceura
Currency	FVTPL	Cash	Receivable	Total Exposure
U.S. Dollar	\$ 67,962,705	\$ 2,716,625	\$ 49,273	\$ 70,728,603
U.K. Pound Sterling	3,315,454	-	19,853	3,335,307
European Euro	2,208,193	-	-	2,208,193
Swiss Franc	3,117,433	-	-	3,117,433
Australian Dollar	2,227,111	-	-	2,227,111
Total	\$ 78,830,896	\$ 2,716,625	\$ 69,126	\$ 81,616,647

Income and

Based on the above exposure at June 30, 2021, a 10% increase or decrease in the Canadian dollar against the respective foreign currencies would result in a \$8,170,057 (2020 – \$8,161,665) decrease or increase in total equity of the Fund, with all other factors held constant.

### D. Credit Risk

Credit risk represents the financial loss that the Fund would experience if a counterparty to a financial instrument failed to meet its obligations to the Fund. The Fund is exposed to credit risk on its debt instruments, derivative assets, cash and cash equivalents and other short term trade receivables. The Fund measures credit risk and lifetime ECLs related to the trade receivables using historical analysis and forward looking information in determining the ECL. The carrying amounts of financial assets represent the maximum credit exposure. All transactions executed by the Fund in listed securities are settled upon delivery using approved brokers. The risk of default is considered minimal, as delivery of securities sold is only made once the broker has received payment. Payment is made on a purchase only once the broker has received the securities. The trade will fail if either party fails to meet its obligations. There is no significant credit risk related to the Fund's receivables.

The Fund has established various internal controls to help mitigate credit risk, including prior approval of all investments by the Advisor whose mandate includes conducting financial and other assessments of these investments on a regular basis. The Fund has also implemented policies which ensure that investments can only be made with counterparties that have a minimum acceptable credit rating.

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### 5. Financial Risk Management (continued)

#### E. Concentration Risk

The Fund is exposed to the possible risk inherent in the concentration of the investment portfolio in a small number of industries or investment sectors. The Manager moderates this risk through careful selection of securities in several investment sectors. At June 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, the percentages of the Fund's total equity invested in each investment sector were as follows:

	As a % o	of Net Assets
Sector	June 30, 2021	December 31, 2020
Healthcare	94.1	92.5
Real Estate	3.2	2.8
Total	97.3	95.3

### 6. Capital Management

The Fund's capital is its Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units representing unitholders' equity. The Fund's objective when managing capital is to safeguard the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for unitholders, maximize unitholder value and maintain financial strength.

The Fund is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements. The Fund's overall strategy with respect to capital risk management remains unchanged from the year ended December 31, 2020.

### 7. Management Fee and Operating Expenses

The Manager provides investment and administrative services to the Fund. In consideration for such services the Manager receives a monthly fee in arrears based on each series of units as a percentage of the average daily NAV of the series. The management fee for Series A is 2.0% per annum and for Series F is 1.0% per annum. Common expenses incurred by the Fund are allocated among the series on a pro-rata basis among all units of all series. The Manager is reimbursed for reasonable costs related to maintaining the Fund and preparation and distribution of financial statements and other documents to unitholders. The Fund is responsible for the payment of all expenses relating to the operation of the Fund and the carrying on of its business.

### 8. Unitholders' Equity

The capital of the Fund is divided into Series A and Series F with each series having an unlimited number of securities. Changes in issued mutual fund units of the Fund are summarized as follows:

	Number of Units – Series A				
	June 30, 2021	December 31, 2020			
Units Outstanding at Beginning of Period	3,909,401	4,151,660			
Units Issued	162,122	351,800			
Reinvested Distributions	57,550	119,381			
Total	219,672	471,181			
Units Redeemed	(300,459)	(713,440)			
Net Increase (Decrease)	(80,787)	(242,259)			
Units Outstanding at End of Period	3,828,614	3,909,401			
	Number of Un	its – Series F			
	June 30, 2021	December 31, 2020			
Units Outstanding at Beginning of Period	1,815,020	1,735,216			
Units Issued	153,631	386,102			
Reinvested Distributions	21,179	39,893			
Total	174,810	425,995			
Units Redeemed	(131,085)	(346,191)			
Net Increase (Decrease)	43,725	(79,804)			
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Units Outstanding at End of Period	1,858,745	1,815,020			

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### 8. Unitholders' Equity (continued)

The average number of Series A and Series F units outstanding during the period ended June 30, 2021 were 3,838,441 and 1,845,825 (2020 – 4,023,304 and 1,700,469), respectively. These numbers were used to calculate the respective Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units per unit.

#### 9. Transaction Costs

Brokerage commissions and other transaction costs paid in connection with securities transactions during the period ended June 30, 2021 amounted to \$8,836 (2020 – \$46,536). Included in this amount is \$2,925 (2020 – \$19,296) in brokerage commissions that were paid to MCC. All brokerage commissions paid by the Fund to MCC were at or below market rates. Brokerage commissions and other transaction costs are expensed and recorded in the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

### 10. Loss Carryforwards

At December 31, 2020 the Fund did not have any capital losses (2019 - \$1,154,119) and no capital losses (2019 - \$nil) available for carryforward tax purposes.

### 11. Securities Lending

The Fund has entered into a securities lending program with its custodian, RBC Investor Services Trust, in order to earn additional revenue. The aggregate market value of all securities loaned by the Fund will not exceed 50% of the fair value of the assets of the Fund. The Fund will receive collateral of at least 105% of the fair value of the securities on loan. Collateral held is generally comprised of cash and securities of, or guaranteed by, the Government of Canada or a province thereof, or the United States government or its agencies. Securities lending income reported in the Statements of Comprehensive Income is net of a securities lending charge which the Fund's custodian, RBC Investor Services Trust, is entitled to receive.

For the periods ended June 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020 securities lending income was as follows:

	June 30, 2021	December 31, 2020
Gross Securities Lending Income	\$ -	\$ 4,189
Securities Lending Charges	-	(1,466)
Net Securities Lending Income	-	2,723
Withholding Taxes on Securities Lending Income	-	(215)
Net Securities Lending Income Received by the Fund	\$ -	\$ 2,508

There were no securities lending charges during the period ended June 30, 2021. Securities lending charges during the period ended June 30, 2020 represented 35% of the gross securities lending income, all of which was paid to the Fund's custodian.

There were no securities loaned and collateral held as at June 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020.

### 12. Distributions to Unitholders

The Fund pays distributions to unitholders in accordance with its investment objectives. Distributions of the Fund, unless otherwise specified by the unitholder, are automatically reinvested in additional units of the Fund at the NAV without sales charge. Distributions per Series A unit and Series F unit of \$0.24 (2020 - \$0.24) were paid to unitholders during the period ended June 30, 2021.

Distributions to Unitholders – Series A	2021	2020
From Capital Gains		
Total	\$ 917,748	\$ 962,460
Per Unit	0.24	0.24
Distributions to Unitholders – Series F	2021	2020
From Capital Gains		
Total	\$ 443,317	\$ 409,486
Per Unit	0.24	0.24

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13. The outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has led to governments around the world enacting emergency measures that resulted in business disruptions, volatility in markets and a global economic slowdown. The Manager uses judgment in assessing the impact from such events on assumptions and estimates applied in reporting the assets and liabilities in the Fund's financial statements at June 30, 2021. The duration and full extent of impact of the COVID-19 pandemic are unknown at the reporting date and it is therefore not possible to reliably estimate the entire impact on the financial results and position of the Fund in future periods.

EXCHANGE - TRADED FUNDS (ETFs)	TSX Stock Symbol	
Middlefield American Core Dividend ETF	ACZ	
Middlefield Healthcare & Life Sciences ETF	LS	
Middlefield Health & Wellness ETF	HWF	
Middlefield REIT INDEXPLUS ETF	IDR	
TSX-LISTED FUNDS		
Digital Consumer Dividend Fund	MDC.UN	
E Split Corp.	ENS   ENS.PR.A	
Global Dividend Growers Income Fund	GDG.UN	
Global Innovation Dividend Fund	BL.UN	
Global Real Estate & E-Commerce Dividend Fund	GEC.UN	
International Clean Power Dividend Fund	CLP.UN	
MBN Corporation	MBN	
Middlefield Can-Global REIT Income Fund	RCO.UN	
Middlefield Global Real Asset Fund	RA.UN	
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<ul> <li>Sustainable Agriculture &amp; Wellness Dividend Fund (commenced June 22, 2021)</li> <li>Sustainable Infrastructure Dividend Fund</li> </ul>	AGR.UN INF.UN	
Sustainable Infrastructure Dividend Fund     Sustainable Innovation & Health Dividend Fund		
Sustainable innovation & Realth Dividend Fund	SIH.UN	
MIDDLEFIELD MUTUAL FUNDS TRUST FUNDS	Fund Code	
Series A Units	FE/LL/DSC	
Global Healthcare Dividend Fund     INDEXPLUS Income Fund	MID 325/327/330	
Middlefield Global Infrastructure Fund	MID 435/437/440 MID 510/519/520	
	WIID 310/319/320	
Series F Units  Global Healthcare Dividend Fund	MID 326	
INDEXPLUS Income Fund	MID 436	
Middlefield Global Infrastructure Fund	MID 501	
	Fund Code	
MIDDLEFIELD MUTUAL FUNDS CORPORATE CLASS FUNDS Series A Shares	FE/LL/DSC	
Middlefield Canadian Dividend Growers Class	MID 148/449/450	
Middlefield Global Agriculture Class	MID 161/163/166	
Middlefield Global Dividend Growers Class	MID 181/183/186	
Middlefield Global Real Estate Class	MID 600/649/650	
Middlefield Global Sustainable Energy Class	MID 125/127/130	
Middlefield High Interest Income Class	MID 400/424/425	
Middlefield Income Plus Class	MID 800/849/850	
Middlefield U.S. Dividend Growers Class	MID 710/719/720	
Series F Shares		
Middlefield Canadian Dividend Growers Class	MID 149	
Middlefield Global Agriculture Class	MID 162	
Middlefield Global Dividend Growers Class	MID 182	
Middlefield Global Real Estate Class	MID 601	
Middlefield Global Sustainable Energy Class	MID 126	
Middlefield Income Plus Class	MID 801	
Middlefield U.S. Dividend Growers Class	MID 701	
RESOURCE FUNDS		
MRF 2021 Resource Limited Partnership		
INTERNATIONAL FUNDS		
Middlefield Canadian Income PCC     London UK Stock Exception	change (LSE) Symbol:MCT	

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