

## MINT Income Fund COMPLETES MERGERS OF TSX-LISTED FUNDS

Middlefield Group is pleased to announce the successful completion, effective today, of the previously announced mergers of COMPASS *Income Fund* ("COMPASS") and YIELDPLUS *Income Fund* ("YIELDPLUS") into MINT *Income Fund* ("MINT") (collectively, the "Funds") with MINT being the continuing fund in each case.

The mergers were effected on a **tax-deferred "rollover" basis** with the Funds not being responsible for any of the costs and expenses associated with the mergers, as they were borne by Middlefield Limited, manager of the Funds.

Pursuant to the mergers, units of COMPASS and YIELDPLUS, as applicable, were exchanged for units of MINT in accordance with an exchange ratio based on the relative net asset value per unit (the "NAV") of the applicable non-continuing Fund and MINT, as at the close of trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange (the "TSX") on March 21, 2017. The table below provides the respective exchange ratios and NAVs for each of the Funds.

Fund	Exchange Ratio	NAV
MINT	1.00000000	\$7.07
COMPASS	1.69281793	\$11.97
YIELDPLUS	0.89235573	\$6.31

Based upon the exchange ratios, former unitholders of COMPASS and YIELDPLUS will receive an increase in their monthly distributions of approximately 35% and 19%, respectively.

Former unitholders of COMPASS or YIELDPLUS are not required to take any action in order to be recognized as a unitholder of MINT and to be in a position to trade their MINT units on the TSX. Former unitholders of COMPASS and YIELDPLUS who wish to participate in the distribution reinvestment plan (the "DRIP") of MINT will need to enroll in the MINT DRIP.

Unitholders of MINT are not required to take any action as they will continue as unitholders of MINT.

## The units of MINT trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol MID.UN.

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