

MIDDLEFIELD ADVISES ON IMPLICATIONS OF FEDERAL BUDGET ON CORPORATE CLASS FUNDS

The 2016 Federal Budget has proposed changes to the *Income Tax Act (Canada)* that will affect shareholders of all mutual fund corporations (the "Budget Proposal"), including Middlefield Mutual Funds Limited ("MMFL"). Currently, if you own securities of a mutual fund corporation, any switch between classes is not considered a disposition for tax purposes since you still own securities of the same corporation. The Budget Proposal states that after September 2016, switches between classes of a mutual fund corporation will be considered a disposition at fair market value for tax purposes, resulting in the recognition of capital gains or losses for investors. **The Budget Proposal will not affect switches between Series A and Series F securities of the same MMFL class.**

In order to minimize the effect of the Budget Proposal, Middlefield recommends investors and their investment advisors consider implementing portfolio changes in advance of October 1, 2016.

The Middlefield Corporate Class mutual funds impacted by the Budget Proposal are:

Middlefield Income Plus Class Middlefield Global Dividend Growers Class

Middlefield U.S. Dividend Growers Class Middlefield Canadian Dividend Growers Class

Middlefield Real Estate Class Middlefield Global Energy Class

Middlefield Global Agriculture Class Middlefield Resource Class

Middlefield High Yield Class Middlefield Short-Term Income Class

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Formed in 1979, Middlefield creates and manages specialized investment products for individual and institutional investors and has assets under management of approximately \$4.5 billion. Investment products include mutual funds, TSX-listed funds, private and public resource funds, real estate funds and a venture capital fund.

Copies of the Simplified Prospectus and further information about this or any of our other award-winning mutual funds are available by visiting our website at www.middlefield.com or contacting Nancy Tham or Michael Bury in our Sales and Marketing department at 1.888.890.1868.

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