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Securityholders may also contact us to request a copy of the Fund’s proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure records, or quarterly portfolio disclosures.

### Management Discussion of Fund Performance

#### Results of Operations

The Fund commenced operations in August 2018. During the six-month ended June 30, 2019, the Fund issued 2,549 Series F shares, 205 Series G shares and 751 Series I shares and redeemed 2,929 Series F shares, 3,304 Series G shares and 683 Series H shares. As at June 30, 2019, 276 Series A shares, 6,667 Series F shares, 45,311 Series G shares, 1,028 Series H shares and 54,457 Series I were outstanding. During the six-month period ended June 30, 2019, the Fund realized an accounting gain of \$9,980 from disposition of securities and an accounting gain of \$5,596 from forward contracts.

For the six-month ended June 30, 2019, the Fund earned dividend income of \$36,254. Total expenses before expense reimbursement was \$41,017 comprised mainly of \$2,380 in management fees (calculated daily at an annual rate of 1.70% of the NAV of Series A shares, 0.70% of the NAV of Series F shares, 0.35% of the NAV of Series G shares and 1.35% of the NAV of Series H shares), \$16,668 in shareholder recordkeeping and fund accounting fees, \$2,374 in audit fees, \$7,961 in custodial fees, \$262 in legal fees and \$5,245 in filing fees.

Net realized gains are \$9,980 for the six-month ended June 30, 2019. Unrealized appreciation of investments and forward contracts are \$171,662 for the six-month period ended June 30, 2019.

At June 30, 2019, net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares for Series A was \$4,013 or \$14.54 per share, for Series F shares was \$97,860 or \$14.68 per share, for Series G shares was \$666,759 or \$14.72 per share, for Series H shares was \$14,998 or \$14.58 per share and for Series I shares was \$803,876 or \$14.76 per share.

#### Recent Developments

Performance of the Fund for the first half of 2019 has been solid against a backdrop where Canadian and US stock markets advanced nicely, rebounding from a sharp correction in late 2018. The sub-advisor believes that part of the reason for this rebound in equity prices is that the interest rate environment changed dramatically early this year from 2018, a year in which we saw multiple short-term interest rate increases from the US Federal Reserve. Many believe that these interest rate increases were the root cause of the 2018 equity market correction.

In early 2019, in the wake of a significant equity market correction, falling long-term bond yields and a continued US-China trade dispute, the US Federal Reserve hinted strongly that they might be willing to start cutting interest rates sometime in the near future if the data warranted such action. This sentiment helped fuel the rebound in equity markets during the first half of 2019. Ultimately this culminated with US and Canadian equity markets reaching all-time highs, and the US Federal Reserve delivering a 0.25% interest rate cut in late July – its first rate cut in eleven years, and the first since the Great Recession.

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The markets now expect even more US Federal Reserve short-term interest rate cuts later this year; however, this expectation has led to a recent global collapse in long-term bond yields. This collapse in long-term bond yields has introduced enhanced uncertainty and volatility to almost all markets (bonds, stocks and commodities) in almost all countries. In addition, we face a number of global risks in the medium term including a hard October Brexit deadline, an intensifying US-China trade war and a general global slowing of economic growth. Nevertheless, the sub-advisor to the Fund does not currently believe that the pre-conditions for a North American recession exist at the present time, and with both short and long-term interest rates having fallen and continuing to fall all over the world, the sub-advisor believes that Canadian and US equities continue represent reasonable valuation and opportunity in the context of these lower interest rates.

Despite the recent increase in global risks and market volatility, the sub-advisor continues to find good dividend-growth-at-a-reasonable-price (“DGARP”) within the Canadian and U.S. stock markets. Indeed, as of June 30, 2019, the Fund’s underlying stock portfolio had an average gross dividend yield of 4.4%, with average trailing 1-year dividend growth of 12.2% and a trailing 3-year dividend growth rate of 15.6% per annum, with an average 12-month analyst expected price-to-earnings multiple of 12.4x. The sub-advisor believes that, as long as the Fund meets its primary objective of delivering strong dividend growth, then price performance must ultimately follow – i.e., long-term price appreciation is a *consequence* of holding positions with consistent earnings and dividend growth purchased at reasonable valuations.

#### **Related Party Transactions**

Pursuant to the amended and restated master management agreement, the Manager is entitled to an annual management fee of 1.7% of the net asset value of Series A shares, 0.70% of the net asset value of Series F shares, 0.35% of the net asset value of Series G shares and 1.35% of the net asset value of Series H shares of the Fund, calculated daily and payable monthly in arrears. For the six-month ended June 30, 2019, the Fund incurred \$2,380 in management fees of which \$313 was payable at June 30, 2019.

In order for the Fund to maintain a competitive position with other mutual funds with respect to operating expenses charged to the Fund, AlphaDelta Management Corp. (“AlphaDelta”), an affiliate of Qwest Investment Fund Management Ltd. (the “Manager”), has agreed at its discretion to pay for some of the operating expenses of the Fund. AlphaDelta has absorbed a total of \$32,825 of the operating expenses of the Fund for the six-month ended June 30, 2019.

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### Financial Highlights

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 past period. This information is derived from the Fund's financial statements.

#### *Net Assets per mutual fund share <sup>(1)</sup>*

| Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares<br>per Series A                  | June 30,<br>2019 | December 31,<br>2018 |
|--|------------------|----------------------|
| Initial NAV  | \$ 13.02         | \$ 15.00             |
| <b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>  |                  |                      |
| Total revenue  | 0.33             | 0.19                 |
| Total expenses   | (0.18)           | (0.10)               |
| Realized gains (losses)  | 0.09             | (0.08)               |
| Unrealized gains (losses)  | 1.59             | (1.81)               |
| <b>Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup></b>                          | <b>1.83</b>      | <b>(1.80)</b>        |
| <b>Distributions:</b>  |                  |                      |
| From dividends   | (0.32)           | (0.17)               |
| <b>Total distributions</b>   | <b>(0.32)</b>    | <b>(0.17)</b>        |
| <b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares at<br/>end of period/year</b> | <b>\$ 14.54</b>  | <b>\$ 13.02</b>      |

| Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares per<br>Series F                  | June 30,<br>2019 | December 31,<br>2018 |
|--|------------------|----------------------|
| Initial NAV  | \$ 13.09         | \$ 15.00             |
| <b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>  |                  |                      |
| Total revenue  | 0.33             | 0.29                 |
| Total expenses   | (0.10)           | (0.27)               |
| Realized gains (losses)  | 0.08             | (0.20)               |
| Unrealized gains (losses)  | 1.64             | (2.19)               |
| <b>Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup></b>                          | <b>1.95</b>      | <b>(2.37)</b>        |
| <b>Distributions:</b>  |                  |                      |
| From dividends   | (0.32)           | (0.28)               |
| <b>Total distributions</b>   | <b>(0.32)</b>    | <b>(0.28)</b>        |
| <b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares at<br/>end of period/year</b> | <b>\$ 14.68</b>  | <b>\$ 13.09</b>      |

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| Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares per Series G          | June 30, 2019        | December 31, 2018        |
|---|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Initial NAV   | \$ 13.08             | \$ 15.00                 |
| <b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>                                   |                      |                          |
| Total revenue   | 0.34                 | 0.28                     |
| Total expenses  | (0.07)               | (0.05)                   |
| Realized gains (losses)   | 0.10                 | (0.18)                   |
| Unrealized gains (losses)   | 1.63                 | (2.39)                   |
| <b>Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup></b>               | <b>2.00</b>          | <b>(2.34)</b>            |
| <b>Distributions:</b>   |                      |                          |
| From dividends and return of capital  | (0.32)               | (0.28)                   |
| <b>Total distributions</b>  | <b>(0.32)</b>        | <b>(0.28)</b>            |
| <b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares at end of year</b> | <b>\$ 14.72</b>      | <b>\$ 13.08</b>          |
| <b>Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares per Series H</b>   | <b>June 30, 2019</b> | <b>December 31, 2018</b> |
| Initial NAV   | \$ 13.04             | \$ 15.00                 |
| <b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>                                   |                      |                          |
| Total revenue   | 0.31                 | 0.19                     |
| Total expenses  | (0.15)               | (0.09)                   |
| Realized gains (losses)   | 0.08                 | (0.08)                   |
| Unrealized gains (losses)   | 2.22                 | (1.81)                   |
| <b>Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup></b>               | <b>2.46</b>          | <b>(1.79)</b>            |
| <b>Distributions:</b>   |                      |                          |
| From dividends and return of capital  | (0.28)               | (0.17)                   |
| <b>Total distributions</b>  | <b>(0.28)</b>        | <b>(0.17)</b>            |
| <b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares at end of year</b> | <b>\$ 14.58</b>      | <b>\$ 13.04</b>          |

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| Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares per Series I          |           | June 30, 2019 |           | December 31, 2018 |
|---|-----------|---------------|-----------|-------------------|
| <b>Initial NAV</b>  | \$        | 13.10         | \$        | 15.00             |
| <b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>                                   |           |               |           |                   |
| Total revenue   |           | 0.34          |           | 0.20              |
| Total expenses  |           | (0.04)        |           | (0.02)            |
| Realized gains (losses)   |           | 0.10          |           | (0.09)            |
| Unrealized gains (losses)   |           | 1.58          |           | (1.81)            |
| <b>Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup></b>               |           | <b>1.98</b>   |           | <b>(1.72)</b>     |
| <b>Distributions:</b>   |           |               |           |                   |
| From dividends and return of capital  |           | (0.33)        |           | (0.18)            |
| <b>Total distributions</b>  |           | <b>(0.33)</b> |           | <b>(0.18)</b>     |
| <b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares at end of year</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>14.76</b>  | <b>\$</b> | <b>13.10</b>      |

<sup>(1)</sup> This information is derived from the Fund's semi-annual June 30, 2019 financial statements and annual audited financial statements.

<sup>(2)</sup> Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares and distributions are based on the actual number of shares outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of shares outstanding over the financial period.

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#### Ratios and Supplemental Data

| Series A  | June 30,<br>2019 | December 31, 2018 |
|---|------------------|-------------------|
| Total net asset value (000's)                             | \$4              | \$4               |
| Number of mutual fund shares outstanding                  | 276              | 270               |
| Management expense ratio <sup>(1)</sup>                   | 2.49%            | 2.19%             |
| Management expense ratio before absorption <sup>(1)</sup> | 6.66%            | 12.20%            |
| Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(2)</sup>                    | 52.60%           | 4.08%             |
| Trading expense ratio <sup>(3)</sup>                      | 0.08%            | 0.19%             |
| Net asset value per share                                 | \$14.54          | \$13.02           |

  

| Series F  | June 30,<br>2019 | December 31, 2018 |
|---|------------------|-------------------|
| Total net asset value (000's)                             | \$98             | \$90              |
| Number of mutual fund shares outstanding                  | 6,667            | 6,902             |
| Management expense ratio <sup>(1)</sup>                   | 1.37%            | 1.36%             |
| Management expense ratio before absorption <sup>(1)</sup> | 5.55%            | 11.01%            |
| Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(2)</sup>                    | 52.60%           | 4.08%             |
| Trading expense ratio <sup>(3)</sup>                      | 0.08%            | 0.19%             |
| Net asset value per share                                 | \$14.68          | \$13.09           |

  

| Series G  | June 30,<br>2019 | December 31, 2018 |
|---|------------------|-------------------|
| Total net asset value (000's)                             | \$667            | \$620             |
| Number of mutual fund shares outstanding                  | 45,311           | 47,397            |
| Management expense ratio <sup>(1)</sup>                   | 0.98%            | 1.00%             |
| Management expense ratio before absorption <sup>(1)</sup> | 5.18%            | 10.52%            |
| Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(2)</sup>                    | 52.60%           | 4.08%             |
| Trading expense ratio <sup>(3)</sup>                      | 0.08%            | 0.19%             |
| Net asset value per share                                 | \$14.72          | \$13.08           |

  

| Series H  | June 30,<br>2019 | December 31, 2018 |
|---|------------------|-------------------|
| Total net asset value (000's)                             | \$15             | \$22              |
| Number of mutual fund shares outstanding                  | 1,028            | 1,687             |
| Management expense ratio <sup>(1)</sup>                   | 2.11%            | 1.84%             |
| Management expense ratio before absorption <sup>(1)</sup> | 6.44%            | 11.84%            |
| Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(2)</sup>                    | 52.60%           | 4.08%             |
| Trading expense ratio <sup>(3)</sup>                      | 0.08%            | 0.19%             |
| Net asset value per share                                 | \$14.58          | \$13.04           |

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| Series I  | June 30,<br>2019 | December 31, 2018 |
|---|------------------|-------------------|
| Total net asset value (000's)                             | \$804            | \$702             |
| Number of mutual fund shares outstanding                  | 54,457           | 53,598            |
| Management expense ratio <sup>(1)</sup>                   | 0.58%            | 0.51%             |
| Management expense ratio before absorption <sup>(1)</sup> | 4.76%            | 10.20%            |
| Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(2)</sup>                    | 52.60%           | 4.08%             |
| Trading expense ratio <sup>(3)</sup>                      | 0.08%            | 0.19%             |
| Net asset value per share                                 | \$14.76          | \$13.10           |

<sup>(1)</sup> Management expense ratio ("MER") is based on total expenses less commissions for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net assets during the period. AlphaDelta may, at its discretion and without notice to shareholders, waive or absorb operating expenses. MER includes the waiver or absorption by AlphaDelta of certain operating expenses, while the MER before absorption shows the MER prior to operating expenses being waived or absorbed by AlphaDelta.

<sup>(2)</sup> The portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Manager manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the period. The higher a portfolio turnover rate is 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 gain in the period. There is not necessarily a relationship between turnover rate and the performance of a portfolio.

<sup>(3)</sup> The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as a percentage of average net assets during the period.

<sup>(4)</sup>

### Management Fees

The Manager provides administration and portfolio advisory services to the Fund.

Management fees paid by each series of the Fund are calculated up to the annual percentages, before GST/HST, of the daily net asset value of each series of the Fund. The breakdown of the services received in consideration of the management fees for each series, as a percentage of the management fees, is as follows:

|                         | Management Fees | Breakdown of Services |        |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------|
|                         |                 | Distribution          | Other* |
| Series A                | 1.70%           | 59%                   | 41%    |
| Series F                | 0.70%           | -                     | 100%   |
| Series G                | 0.35%           | -                     | 100%   |
| Series H                | 1.35%           | 74%                   | 26%    |
| Series I <sup>(1)</sup> |                 |                       |        |

\*Includes all costs related to management, investment advisory services, general administration and profit.

<sup>(1)</sup> Series I management fees are negotiated and by the investor and paid directly to the Manager

See also "Related Party Transactions" with respect to management fees payable to the Manager in accordance with the master management agreement.

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### Past Performance

Investment performance in respect of a fund that has been available for less than one year is not provided. The Fund commenced operations on August 29, 2018.

### Summary of Investment Portfolio

As at June 30, 2019, the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares of the Fund was \$1,587,496. Below is a breakdown of the investment portfolio as at June 30, 2019, by sector and as a percentage of the aggregate net asset value of the top 25 securities in the investment portfolio:

| Top Holdings                          | % of Net Assets | Sector/Subgroup                              | % of Net Assets |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|--|-----------------|
| Manulife Financial Corp.              | 7.05            | Financial                                    | 39.42           |
| Brookfield Property Partners LP       | 7.01            | Energy                                       | 19.64           |
| The Bank of Nova Scotia               | 6.91            | Consumer, Cyclical                           | 13.18           |
| Fiera Capital Corp.                   | 6.15            | Industrial                                   | 8.57            |
| NFI Group Inc.                        | 5.81            | Consumer, Non-cyclical                       | 8.37            |
| Aecon Group Inc.                      | 4.47            | Utilities                                    | 3.51            |
| Suncor Energy Inc.                    | 4.12            | Technology                                   | 3.06            |
| TC Energy Corp.                       | 3.68            | Other assets net of liabilities              | 2.24            |
| The Toronto-Dominion Bank             | 3.37            | Cash   | 1.09            |
| Canadian Tire Corp Ltd.               | 3.33            | Communications                               | 0.91            |
| Martinrea International Inc.          | 3.28            | Unrealized depreciation of forward contracts | 0.01            |
| Premium Brands Holdings Corp.         | 3.21            |  |                 |
| iA Financial Corp Inc.                | 3.12            |  | 100.00          |
| Pembina Pipeline Corp.                | 3.01            |  |                 |
| Enbridge Inc.                         | 2.98            |  |                 |
| Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.       | 2.82            |  |                 |
| CVS Health Corp.                      | 2.47            |  |                 |
| Abb Vie Inc.                          | 2.22            |  |                 |
| Magna International Inc.              | 1.81            |  |                 |
| Broadcom Inc.                         | 1.66            |  |                 |
| Prudential Financial Inc.             | 1.58            |  |                 |
| Citigroup Inc.                        | 1.56            |  |                 |
| Enerflex Ltd.                         | 1.55            |  |                 |
| Brookfield Infrastructure Partners LP | 1.52            |  |                 |
| Keyera Corp.                          | 1.49            |  |                 |

The summary of investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the investment fund. A quarterly update is available at [www.qwestfunds.com](http://www.qwestfunds.com).

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### **Caution Regarding Forward-looking Statements**

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