



MANAGED BY BLOOM INVESTMENT COUNSEL, INC.

## **BLOOM U.S. INCOME & GROWTH FUND**

### **2015 ANNUAL REPORT**

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#### **FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

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#### **MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE**

This annual management report of fund performance for Bloom U.S. Income & Growth Fund (the "Fund") contains financial information but does not contain the audited annual financial statements of the Fund. The audited annual financial statements follow this report. You may obtain a copy of any of the Fund's annual or interim reports, at no cost, by calling 1-855-BLOOM18 or by sending a request to Investor Relations, Bloom Investment Counsel, Inc., Suite 1710, 150 York Street, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 3S5, or by visiting our website at [www.bloomfunds.ca](http://www.bloomfunds.ca) or SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). Unitholders may also contact us using one of these methods to request a copy of the Fund's proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record, Independent Review Committee's report, or quarterly portfolio disclosure.

*In accordance with investment fund industry practice, all figures presented in this management report of fund performance, unless otherwise noted, are based on the Fund's calculation of its net asset value, which is in accordance with the terms of the Fund's declaration of trust and annual information form, and is based on closing market prices of investments. Figures presented in the financial statements and the Financial Highlights section of this management report of fund performance are based on net assets calculated using International Financial Reporting Standards which require the use of a price between the last bid and ask prices for investment valuation, which may differ from the closing market price.*

All figures are stated in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted.

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

### THE FUND

Bloom U.S. Income & Growth Fund is a closed-end investment trust managed by Bloom Investment Counsel, Inc. (“Bloom” or the “Manager”). Bloom provides administrative services to the Fund and actively manages the Fund’s portfolio. The Class A units of the Fund trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange (“TSX”) under the symbol BUA.UN and are designed for investors who wish to make their investments in Canadian dollars. The Class U units of the Fund are designed for investors who wish to make their investments in U.S. dollars and are not listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange, but may be converted to Class A units on a monthly basis. The units of the Fund are RRSF, DPSP, RRIF, RESP, RDSP and TFSA eligible. The Fund has a distribution reinvestment plan (“DRIP”) allowing Class A unitholders to automatically reinvest their monthly distributions in additional Class A units of the Fund.

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES

The Fund’s investment objectives are to provide unitholders with exposure to an actively managed portfolio comprised primarily of publicly traded high dividend paying U.S. common equity securities, including REITs, stable monthly cash distributions, and the opportunity for capital appreciation.

### RISK

Risks associated with an investment in units of the Fund are discussed in the Fund’s annual information form, which is available on the Fund’s website at [www.bloomfunds.ca](http://www.bloomfunds.ca) or on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). Changes to the Fund which have affected certain of these risks are discussed below.

### No Assurances on Achieving Objectives

Based on current projections, the average total return required in order for the Fund to achieve its targeted monthly distributions to Unitholders is approximately 10.0%. The weighted average current cash yield on the Fund’s equity portfolio was 5.6% as at December 31, 2015 and thus the Fund is required to generate additional returns (for instance, capital gains and securities lending income) and/or to return capital in order for the Fund to achieve its targeted monthly distributions to Unitholders.

### INVESTMENT MANAGER



The manager was established in 1985 and specializes in the management of segregated investment portfolios for wealthy individuals, corporations, institutions and trusts. In addition to its conventional investment management business, the Manager currently manages specialty high-income equity portfolios comprised of dividend paying common equity securities, income trusts and real estate investment trusts.

### RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

#### Hedging of foreign currency

The Fund was established to enable Canadian investors to participate in the U.S. securities market. Investors were provided with the option of Class A or Class U units in order to allow the investor to choose the investment vehicle that matched their approach to currency fluctuation risk. Class A units were, and through their listing on the TSX, are, the option for investors who do not wish to be exposed to the effect of currency fluctuations. Accordingly, the Class A units are denominated in Canadian dollars and substantially all of the U.S. dollar denominated net asset value attributable to the Class A units is hedged in accordance with the Fund’s declaration of trust through the use of foreign currency forward contracts (hedges). Class U units were the option for investors who wanted to invest in U.S. dollars without the hedging of currency fluctuations. Class U units are accordingly denominated in U.S. dollars.

The Fund’s portfolio and its income are denominated in U.S. dollars, whereas the Class A units of the Fund are priced in Canadian dollars. The Fund hedges the Class A units’ currency risk by entering into foreign currency forward contracts to sell U.S. dollars and buy Canadian dollars at a set rate at a set future date.

Under these contracts, the Fund agrees to pay a fixed U.S. dollar amount in return for a fixed Canadian dollar amount at a fixed future date. The objective is to shelter the Class A unitholders of the Fund from potential fluctuations in the Canadian dollar value of U.S. currency denominated investments due to changes in the value of the Canadian dollar. This means that the Class A unitholders are substantially protected from capital losses when the Canadian dollar strengthens, but conversely may not fully participate in the capital gains available when the Canadian dollar weakens.

In the year ended December 31, 2015, the Canadian dollar weakened by 16.5%, causing Class A to suffer net realized losses on the forward foreign currency contracts of \$3.5 million (since inception on March 21, 2013, the Canadian dollar has weakened by 26.2% causing net realized losses of \$7.1 million). In both periods, these losses substantially offset the corresponding increase in the Canadian dollar value of the U. S. dollar denominated assets of Class A, principally investments, which is included in the net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation on non-derivative investments and the net realized gain on sale of non-derivative investments.

## **INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT**

January 12, 2016

### **The U.S. Economy**

U.S. GDP grew by 2.1% in the third quarter, following increases of 3.9% in the second quarter and 0.6% in the first quarter. A fourth consecutive monthly decrease in industrial production (likely in December), softer investment demand in the energy sector, as well as underwhelming wholesale inventories and trade sales for November continue to offset a strong recovery in consumer spending. Furthermore, the impact of the U.S. dollar's appreciation on net exports and manufacturing activity throughout 2015 is adding further downside risks to overall 2015 GDP growth that is now projected to be a 2.5% increase, up slightly from the 2.4% increase in 2014.

In December, the Federal Reserve increased its benchmark interest rate for the first time in eight years as it noted that labour market activity has made them "reasonably confident" that inflation will return to target in a timely manner. However the pace of economic expansion should still be deemed modest at best, as the strengthening U.S. dollar could continue to have a material influence on the U.S. economy, negatively impacting manufacturing and leading to a widening current account deficit. With that said, the Fed will likely deliver one fewer rate hike than they had expected in 2016, which would help curb the U.S. dollar's appreciation longer-term.

November Headline CPI was flat on the month, however, on an annualized basis, the pace of inflation year on year rebounded to 0.5% from 0.2% in October. Falling gasoline and energy prices were the main driver of the decline. Core CPI (excludes food and energy) rose by 0.2% in the month, increasing the year-over-year rate to 2.0%. Overall, the core CPI data is showing that domestic economic strength is starting to lead to pricing pressures which should shore up the Fed's confidence in its expectation for inflation to move back towards target in a timely manner.

The U.S. labour market added 292 thousand jobs during December, greatly exceeding expectations, while November was revised 41 thousand higher. December unemployment held steady at 5.0%, down from 5.6% in December 2014. With that said, these positive data points mask the labour participation rate which has persistently remained below 65% over the past two years (versus above 65% prior to the 2008 financial crisis).

Furthermore, average hourly earnings grew 2.5% year-over-year. With U.S. economic growth appearing to have decelerated in recent months, we expect some of this positive labour market momentum to slow down over the next few months, despite the expectation that the economy will continue creating a sufficient number of jobs in order to absorb excess labour market slack.

November's combined existing and new home sales rose 9% in the past year, beating expectations and remaining near post-recession highs. There are several reasons to believe the underlying fundamentals supporting the strong housing market recovery will persist including: 1) the reasonably low unemployment rate and early signs of wage growth reappearing; 2) flat mortgage payments on a typical starter home over the past five years; 3) relatively cheap credit that is becoming easier to obtain as borrowers increasingly turn to non-bank financial institutions; and 4) approximately 75 million people are now in their prime-home buying years, which is in addition to any pent-up mortgage demand from previous homeowners who declared bankruptcy during the financial crisis. Consequently, this segment of the economy should remain healthy enough to withstand the first cycle of Fed interest rate hikes in nearly a decade.

### **U.S. Investment Markets**

The current misalignment between a rising interest rate cycle and a declining earnings cycle is causing uncertainty around stock valuations in U.S. equity markets. Typically, when the Fed is raising interest rates, trailing earnings growth over the past 12 months is positive and analysts are revising their earnings estimates upwards. However, the S&P 500 trailing earnings growth has been decelerating and may soon turn negative, as we are now seeing a decline in forward estimates, with declines coming across all sectors. With the Fed increasing rates, we believe that equities should now be priced based on their earnings prospects, which consensus analysts are still projecting to grow 5-10% over the next 12-18 months, rather than on their reported earnings. Adding to this uncertainty are heightened global risks (weaker growth, primarily in China but also in Europe) and rising corporate yield spreads.

Consequently, while the S&P 500 may rally and hit a cyclical-high in the first half of 2016 (as valuations rotate from 2016 earnings towards 2017 earnings), it is also at risk of incurring a sharp correction shortly thereafter if economic conditions do not improve further, owing to a lack of market breadth (i.e. fewer stocks leading the market), heightened volatility, and poor relative strength from the Transports sector which is a leading sector.

The S&P 500 Total Return Index for the last year rose 1.4%. The best performing sectors during the year were Consumer Discretionary (up 10.1%) followed by Healthcare (up 6.9%) and Consumer Staples (up 6.6%). The weakest performing sectors during the year were Energy (down 21.1%) followed by Materials (down 8.4%) and Utilities (down 4.8%).

The U.S. Dollar against the Canadian Dollar rose by 19.3% since the commencement of 2015. The recent collapse in oil prices, along with sluggish Canadian GDP data, are indirectly causing a decline in the Canadian dollar versus the U.S. dollar. Furthermore, given the continued weakness around the world, the U.S. Dollar's safe haven status has largely returned, causing it to appreciate versus the vast majority of major currencies around the world.

### **Outlook**

There appear to be three driving forces behind the Fed's overall expectation of growth throughout the first half of 2016: 1) structural resilience against a recession supported by a strong housing market and an improved labour market; 2) positive trends in private sector credit; and 3) the return of a healthy employment/inflation dynamic.

Furthermore, since the aforementioned benchmark rate increase, the market has turned its focus to the guidance and messaging from the Fed for timing of further rate increases. The related tone/commentary could impact rate-sensitive sectors and high-dividend paying multi-nationals that have lagged under the weight of a strong U.S. dollar. With that said, we continue to believe that financially strong high dividend paying equities will generally provide positive returns this year.

## **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

### **Distributions**

During the year ended December 31, 2015 distributions totaled \$0.60 per Class A unit and US\$0.60 per Class U unit. The 2015 distribution reflects a monthly rate per unit of \$0.05 per Class A unit and US\$0.05 per Class U unit, in accordance with the targeted distribution rate of 6% per annum on the subscription price of \$10 per unit as disclosed in the Fund's Prospectus. Since inception on March 21, 2013, the Fund has paid total cash and reinvested distributions of \$1.6674 per Class A unit and US\$1.6674 per Class U unit.

### **Allocation of Income, Expenses, Gains and Losses Between Classes of the Fund**

The income, expenses, gains and losses of the Fund are generally allocated between Class A and Class U on the basis of the Classes' relative net asset values. However there are certain transactions which are class specific and are allocated to a particular class. These include certain expenses of Class A relating to its distribution reinvestment plan (DRIP), certain expenses of Class U relating to the Class U conversion privilege, and the unrealized and realized gains and losses on the foreign currency forward contracts which relate to the hedging of the U.S. dollar denominated net asset value attributable to the Class A units, and which are allocated to Class A.

### **Increase in Net Assets from Operations**

The Fund's net investment income was \$0.1 million (a loss of \$0.11 per Class A unit and income of \$1.79 per Class U unit) for the year ended December 31, 2015, arising from average portfolio investments during the year of \$26.4 million. The income was comprised primarily of \$1.4 million in dividend and distribution income and \$3.6 million in realized gains on sales of non-derivative investments, offset by \$1.3 million in net unrealized losses on non-derivative investments arising during the year and \$3.5 million in realized losses on foreign currency forward contracts.

Expenses were \$0.8 million (\$0.27 per Class A unit and \$0.34 per Class U unit) for the year ended December 31, 2015, the major components being management fees of \$481,115, withholding taxes of \$122,790 and other administrative expenses of \$85,352.

**Net Asset Value**

The net asset value per unit of Class A units of the Fund was \$8.37 at December 31, 2015, down by 10.6% from \$9.36 at December 31, 2014. The net asset value per unit of Class U units of the Fund was US\$8.36 at December 31, 2015, down by 12.1% from US\$9.51 at December 31, 2014. In Canadian dollar terms, the net asset value of Class U units was \$11.61 at December 31, 2015, up by 5.4% from \$11.02 at December 31, 2014.

The aggregate net asset value of the Fund decreased from \$31.2 million at December 31, 2014 to \$21.0 million as at December 31, 2015, primarily due to redemptions of units of \$6.6 million, distributions to unitholders of \$1.9 million, net change in unrealized appreciation on non-derivative investments of \$3.5 million and net realized loss on foreign currency forward contracts of \$3.4 million, offset by dividend and distribution income of \$1.4 million and net realized gain on sale of non-derivative investments of \$3.6 million.

**Liquidity**

To provide liquidity for unitholders, Class A units of the Fund are listed on the TSX under the symbol BUA.UN. Class U units are not listed on the TSX but are convertible to Class A units on a monthly basis.

The Fund received approval from the TSX on June 25, 2014 for a normal course issuer bid program from June 27, 2014 to June 26, 2015, allowing the Fund to purchase for cancellation up to 354,980 Class A units on the TSX if they trade below the Class A Net Asset Value per unit. 42,600 Class A units were purchased and cancelled by the Fund under this normal course issuer bid in the year ended December 31, 2015 at a cost of \$393,073 or \$9.23 per unit.

The Fund received approval from the TSX on June 25, 2015 for a normal course issuer bid program from June 29, 2015 to June 28, 2016, allowing the Fund to purchase for cancellation up to 279,253 Class A units on the TSX if they trade below the Class A Net Asset Value per unit. 68,900 Class A units were purchased and cancelled by the Fund under this normal course issuer bid in the year ended December 31, 2015 at a cost of \$575,298 or \$8.35 per unit.

**Investment Portfolio**

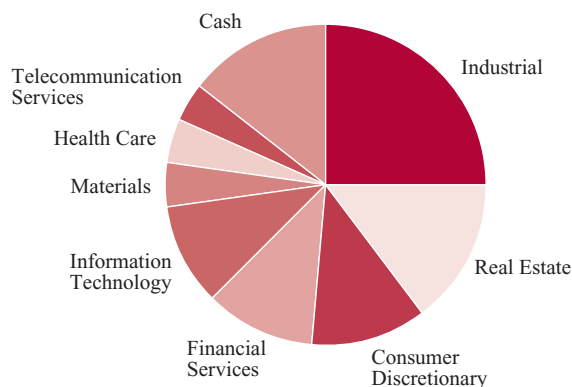
The Fund has established a portfolio invested in U.S. equities, each of which was selected to achieve the investment objectives of the Fund.

During the year ended December 31, 2015 the percentage of the portfolio (equities and cash) invested in cash has increased from 0.7% to 14.3%, reflecting the Manager's more tempered view of the market. The materials sector has decreased from 10.8% to 4.6% of the portfolio, due to the sale of the Fund's position in Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. as well as a decline in value of Tronox Ltd. The health care sector has decreased from 8.4% of the portfolio to 4.3%, due to the sale of the Fund's position in PDL Biopharma. The consumer staples sector has decreased from 5.7% to 0.0% of the portfolio due to the sale of the Fund's position in Kraft Food Groups.

The Fund had net unrealized appreciation of \$5.2 million on its portfolio as at December 31, 2015, with unrealized appreciation of \$1.7 million on industrial holdings, \$1.2 million on information technology holdings, \$1.1 million on real estate holdings and \$0.9 million on financial services holdings, offset by a \$0.9 million unrealized depreciation on materials sector holdings.

The Fund had net realized gains on sales of non-derivative investments of \$3.6 million during the year ended December 31, 2015, the most significant gain being from the sale of the Fund's position in Kraft Food Groups, along with large gains on the sale of holdings in Intersil Corporation, First Financial Bancorp, Inc. and New York Community Bancorp, Inc. There was one significant realized loss, being that on the sale of holdings in Cliffs Natural Resources Inc.

**Portfolio Sectors**



Sector	Value (thousands)	% of Total
Industrial	\$ 3,988	25.2%
Real Estate	2,327	14.7%
Consumer Discretionary	1,858	11.7%
Financial Services	1,727	10.9%
Information Technology	1,637	10.3%
Materials	724	4.6%
Health Care	674	4.3%
Telecommunication Services	630	4.0%
Cash	2,270	14.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 15,835</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Related party transactions consist of administrative and investment management services provided by the Manager pursuant to the Fund’s declaration of trust, and Fund expenses paid by the Manager and recharged to the Fund.

**Administration and Investment Management Fees**

Pursuant to the Fund’s declaration of trust, the Manager provides investment management and administrative services to the Fund, for which it is paid an annual management fee aggregating to 1.55% per annum of the net asset value of the Fund. The management fee is comprised of 1.15% per annum of the net asset value of the Fund, calculated weekly and payable monthly in arrears, plus an amount to be paid by the Manager to registered dealers equal to the service fee of 0.40% per annum of the net asset value of the Fund, calculated quarterly and paid as soon as practicable after the end of each calendar quarter, plus applicable taxes.

The management fee is intended to compensate the Manager for providing portfolio advisory and certain administrative services to the Fund. A portion of this fee, equal to the service fee, is paid by the Manager to the registered investment dealers based on the proportionate number of units held by clients of each dealer at the end of each calendar quarter. For the year ended December 31, 2015, management fees charged directly to the Fund amounted to \$481,115 including service fees of \$119,583.

Services received by the Fund in consideration of the management fee, as an approximate percentage of the management fee, comprise portfolio advisory services (86%) and administrative services (14%). Administrative services include: appointment and monitoring of service providers; administration related to the payment of fund expenses and the deposit of fund receipts; payment of the service fee; administrative services provided to the IRC; review and filing of tax returns; preparation, dissemination and filing of annual and interim reports; maintenance of proxy voting records and the voting of proxies; preparation of quarterly portfolio summaries; administration of the Fund’s normal course issuer bid; regulatory reporting; and maintenance of the information on the Fund’s website.

**Other Expenses Recharged to the Fund**

On an ongoing basis the Manager pays on behalf of the Fund, and subsequently recharges to the Fund, certain expenses of the Fund. For the year ended December 31, 2015 the Fund expensed investor relations costs of \$18,322, Independent Review Committee (“IRC”) fees of \$35,100, audit fees of \$388 and premiums for insurance coverage for members of the IRC of \$369 which were paid and recharged by the Manager.

The Fund pays for all other ordinary expenses incurred in connection with the operation and administration of the Fund, including: all costs of portfolio transactions, fees payable to third party services providers, custodial fees, legal, accounting, audit and valuation fees and expenses, expenses of the members of the IRC, expenses related to compliance with National Instrument (“NI”) 81-107, fees and expenses relating to the voting of proxies by a third party, costs of reporting to unitholders, registrar, transfer and distribution agency costs, printing and mailing costs, listing fees and expenses and other administrative expenses and costs incurred in connection with the continuous public filing requirements, taxes, brokerage commissions, costs and expenses relating to the issue of units of the Fund, costs and expenses of preparing financial and other reports, costs and expenses arising as a result of complying with all applicable laws, regulations and policies, extraordinary expenses that the Fund may incur and all amounts paid on account of indebtedness.

**INDEPENDENT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Prior to the Fund’s launch, the IRC for the Fund was established pursuant to NI 81-107 and became operational. The IRC provides independent oversight regarding actual and perceived conflicts of interest involving the Fund and performs all other functions required of an independent review committee under NI 81-107. Costs and expenses, including the remuneration of IRC members, the costs of legal and other advisors to, and legal and other services for, IRC members, and insurance costs are chargeable to the Fund. As at December 31, 2015 the IRC consisted of two members, both of whom are independent of the Manager.

The Manager has received two standing instructions from the IRC with respect to related party transactions:

**Allocation of Fund Expenses and Charging Expenses of Related Entities to the Funds**

The standing instruction requires that the Manager follow its policy regarding the charging of expenses of related parties to the Fund, which will, in the IRC’s opinion, result in a fair and reasonable result for the Fund. The Manager reports any instances of reliance on the standing instruction to the IRC and the IRC reviews the transactions to confirm compliance with the standing instruction. The Manager relies on the standing instruction on an ongoing basis in charging to the Fund expenses which are payable by the Fund as per the Fund’s declaration of trust and annual information form, but which have been paid by the Manager. These expense charges are measured on an accrual basis at the monetary value of the expenses incurred.

**The Decision to Re-open a Fund**

The standing instruction requires that the Manager follow its policy and procedures concerning fund re-openings, which will, in the IRC’s opinion, result in a fair and reasonable result for the Fund. The Manager will report any instances of reliance on the standing instruction to the IRC, but has not yet relied on this standing instruction.

**2015 TAX INFORMATION**

The following information is applicable to holders who, for the purpose of the Income Tax Act (Canada), are resident in Canada and hold shares as capital property outside of an RRSP, DPSP, RRIF, RESP or TFSA. Unitholders should receive a T3 slip from their investment dealer providing this information. T3 supplementary slips for holdings of the Fund will indicate Foreign Non-Business Income in Box 25, Foreign Non-Business Income Tax Paid in Box 34, and Capital Gains in Box 21. The Return of Capital component is a non-taxable amount that serves to reduce the adjusted cost base of Fund units and is reported on the T3 supplementary slips in Box 42. The following table outlines the breakdown of the Fund’s distributions declared in 2014 on a per unit basis.

**Class A**

<b>Record Date</b>	<b>Payment Date</b>	<b>Foreign Non-Business Income</b>	<b>Foreign Non-Business Income Tax Paid</b>	<b>Return of Capital</b>	<b>Total Distribution</b>
Jan. 30, 2015	Feb. 16, 2015	\$ 0.004419	\$ (0.003596)	\$ 0.049177	\$ 0.05
Feb 27, 2015	Mar. 16, 2015	\$ 0.004419	\$ (0.003596)	\$ 0.049177	\$ 0.05
Mar. 31, 2015	Apr. 15, 2015	\$ 0.004419	\$ (0.003596)	\$ 0.049177	\$ 0.05
Apr. 30, 2015	May 15, 2015	\$ 0.004419	\$ (0.003596)	\$ 0.049177	\$ 0.05
May 29, 2015	Jun. 15, 2015	\$ 0.004419	\$ (0.003596)	\$ 0.049177	\$ 0.05
Jun. 30, 2015	Jul. 15, 2015	\$ 0.004419	\$ (0.003596)	\$ 0.049177	\$ 0.05
Jul. 31, 2015	Aug. 17, 2015	\$ 0.004419	\$ (0.003596)	\$ 0.049177	\$ 0.05
Aug. 31, 2015	Sep. 15, 2015	\$ 0.004419	\$ (0.003596)	\$ 0.049177	\$ 0.05
Sep. 30, 2015	Oct. 15, 2015	\$ 0.004419	\$ (0.003596)	\$ 0.049177	\$ 0.05
Oct. 29, 2015	Nov. 16, 2015	\$ 0.004419	\$ (0.003596)	\$ 0.049177	\$ 0.05
Nov. 30, 2015	Dec. 15, 2015	\$ 0.004419	\$ (0.003596)	\$ 0.049177	\$ 0.05
Dec. 31, 2015	Jan. 15, 2016	\$ 0.004419	\$ (0.003596)	\$ 0.049177	\$ 0.05
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 0.053028</b>	<b>\$ (0.043152)</b>	<b>\$ 0.590124</b>	<b>\$ 0.60</b>

**Class U**

<b>Record Date</b>	<b>Payment Date</b>	<b>Return of Capital</b>		<b>Total Distribution</b>	
Jan. 30, 2015	Feb. 16, 2015	US\$	0.05	US\$	0.05
Feb 28, 2015	Mar. 16, 2015	US\$	0.05	US\$	0.05
Mar. 31, 2015	Apr. 15, 2015	US\$	0.05	US\$	0.05
Apr. 30, 2015	May 15, 2015	US\$	0.05	US\$	0.05
May 29, 2015	Jun. 15, 2015	US\$	0.05	US\$	0.05
Jun. 30, 2015	Jul. 15, 2015	US\$	0.05	US\$	0.05
Jul. 31, 2015	Aug. 17, 2015	US\$	0.05	US\$	0.05
Aug. 31, 2015	Sep. 15, 2015	US\$	0.05	US\$	0.05
Sep. 30, 2015	Oct. 15, 2015	US\$	0.05	US\$	0.05
Oct. 29, 2015	Nov. 16, 2015	US\$	0.05	US\$	0.05
Nov. 30, 2015	Dec. 15, 2015	US\$	0.05	US\$	0.05
Dec. 31, 2015	Jan. 15, 2016	US\$	0.05	US\$	0.05
<b>Total</b>		<b>US\$</b>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>US\$</b>	<b>0.60</b>

*This information is of a general nature only and does not constitute legal or tax advice to any particular investor. Accordingly, investors are advised to consult their own tax advisors with respect to their individual circumstances.*

**PAST PERFORMANCE**

The following chart and table show the past performance of the Fund. Past performance does not necessarily indicate how the Fund will perform in the future. The information shown is based on net asset value per unit and assumes that distributions made by the Fund in the period were reinvested at net asset value per unit in additional units of the Fund.

**Annual Compound Returns**

The following table shows the Fund's annual compound return for the year ended December 31, 2015 and the period since commencement of operations on March 21, 2013, compared with the S&P 500 Total Return Index ("Index"). The Index tracks the performance, on a market weight basis and a total return basis, of a broad index of large-capitalization issuers listed on the S&P 500, including common stocks and REITs, and is an appropriate benchmark as the Fund invests in such common stocks and REITs. Since the Fund is actively managed, the sector weightings differ from those of the Index. Also, the Fund's portfolio contains predominantly high dividend paying securities, whereas the Index does not necessarily focus on this type of investment. As well, the Fund may invest in issuers that are not included in the Index. For these reasons it is not expected that the Fund's performance will mirror that of the Index. Further, the Index is calculated without the deduction of management fees and fund expenses, whereas the performance of the Fund is calculated after deducting such fees and expenses.

	<b>One year</b>	<b>Since inception<sup>(1)</sup></b>
<b>Bloom U.S. Income &amp; Growth Fund Class A (net of fees and expenses)</b>	-4.4%	2.7%
<b>Bloom U.S. Income &amp; Growth Fund Class U in C\$ (net of fees and expenses)</b>	12.7%	14.2%
<b>S&amp;P 500 Total Return Index in Canadian dollars</b>	21.4%	25.5%
<b>Bloom U.S. Income &amp; Growth Fund Class U in US\$ (net of fees and expenses)</b>	-6.0%	2.5%
<b>S&amp;P 500 Total Return Index in US dollars</b>	1.4%	12.5%

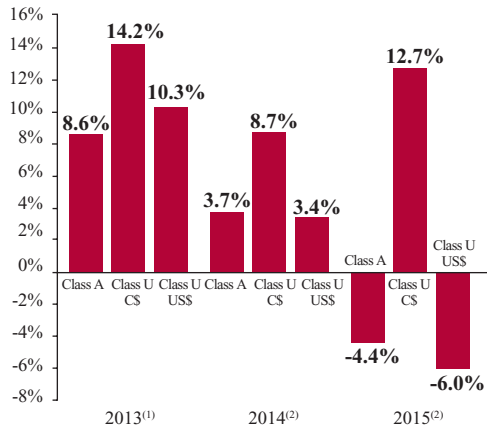
<sup>(1)</sup> Period from March 21, 2013 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2015

During both periods the Fund has underperformed relative to the Index, after taking into account the expenses of the Fund. This reflects the differences in average sector weightings between the Fund's portfolio and the Index over the year, particularly in the cash, financials and industrials sectors, where the Fund was overweight compared to the Index and the energy, information technology, health care and consumer staples sectors, where the Fund was underweight compared to the Index. It also reflects differences in individual portfolio selections between the Fund's portfolio and the Index within each of the sectors, which result in different average sector returns.



**Year-by-Year Returns**

The bar chart shows the Fund’s performance for each fiscal period since commencement of operations on March 21, 2013. It shows, in percentage terms, how a Canadian dollar investment in Class A and a US dollar investment in Class U held on the first day of the fiscal period would have changed by the last day of the fiscal period.



<sup>(1)</sup> Period from March 21, 2013 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2013

<sup>(2)</sup> Year from January 1 to December 31 of the year indicated

**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 fiscal periods indicated. *The information in the following tables is presented in accordance with National Instrument ("NI") 81-106 and, as a result, does not act as a continuity of opening and closing net assets per unit, because the increase in net assets from operations is based on weighted average units outstanding during the period, and all other numbers are based on actual units outstanding at the relevant point in time.*

**Net Assets Per Unit<sup>(1)</sup>**

	Year ended December 31, 2015			Year ended December 31, 2014			Period from March 21 to December 31, 2013		
	Class A	Class U (C\$)	Class U (US\$) <sup>(5)</sup>	Class A	Class U (C\$)	Class U (US\$) <sup>(5)</sup>	Class A	Class U (C\$)	Class U (US\$) <sup>(5)</sup>
<b>Net assets per unit, beginning of period<sup>(1)(2)</sup></b>	\$ 9.36	\$ 11.02	\$ 9.51	\$ 9.61	\$ 10.40	\$ 9.79	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.23	\$ 10.00
<b>Unit issue expense<sup>(3)</sup></b>	–	–	–	–	–	–	(0.67)	(0.69)	(0.67)
<b>Increase from operations:<sup>(2)</sup></b>									
Total revenue	0.43	0.55	0.44	0.44	0.50	0.45	0.33	0.35	0.34
Total expenses	(0.27)	(0.34)	(0.27)	(0.27)	(0.31)	(0.28)	(0.23)	(0.25)	(0.24)
Net realized gains (losses)	0.05	1.68	0.33	(0.29)	0.65	0.26	(0.41)	(0.17)	(0.35)
Net unrealized gains (losses)	(0.59)	(0.43)	(0.88)	0.45	0.42	0.15	1.07	1.32	0.95
<b>Total increase in net assets from operations<sup>(1)</sup></b>	\$ (0.38)	\$ 1.46	\$ (0.38)	\$ 0.33	\$ 1.26	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.76	\$ 1.25	\$ 0.70
<b>Distributions to unitholders<sup>(2)(4)</sup></b>									
From net investment income	(0.01)	–	–	(0.04)	(0.08)	(0.07)	(0.02)	(0.11)	(0.10)
From return of capital	(0.59)	(0.77)	(0.60)	(0.56)	(0.58)	(0.53)	(0.45)	(0.38)	(0.37)
<b>Total distributions to unitholders</b>	\$ (0.60)	\$ (0.77)	\$ (0.60)	\$ (0.60)	\$ (0.66)	\$ (0.60)	\$ (0.47)	\$ (0.49)	\$ (0.47)
<b>Net assets per unit, end of period<sup>(1)(2)</sup></b>	\$ 8.37	\$ 11.61	\$ 8.36	\$ 9.36	\$ 11.02	\$ 9.51	\$ 9.61	\$ 10.40	\$ 9.79

<sup>(1)</sup> This information is derived from the Fund's financial statements, to which International Financial Reporting Standards apply.

<sup>(2)</sup> Net assets per unit and distributions per unit are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase in net assets from operations per unit is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the fiscal period.

<sup>(3)</sup> Unit issue expense of \$2,496,135 for Class A and \$324,698 (US\$317,428) for Class U were incurred in connection with the issuance of Fund units. Unit issue expense per unit is based on the number of units issued at the time the expenses were incurred.

<sup>(4)</sup> \$212,557 (2014: \$225,168; 2013: \$105,688) of distributions was reinvested in units under the Fund's Class A Distribution Reinvestment Plan. The remainder of the distributions was paid in cash.

<sup>(5)</sup> Class U Net Assets per unit are translated into US\$ at the exchange rate in effect at the measurement date. Class U increases from operations are translated into US\$ at the average exchange rate for the period. Class U distributions are paid in US\$.

**Ratios and Supplemental Data**

For the fiscal period ended December 31	2015		2014		2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	
	Class A	Class U	Class A	Class U	Class A	Class U
Net asset value (000s) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 18,879	\$ 2,144 (US\$1,543)	\$ 27,472	\$ 3,724 (US\$3,215)	\$ 35,698	\$ 4,203 (US\$3,956)
Number of units outstanding <sup>(2)</sup>	2,255,000	184,656	2,935,407	338,006	3,713,316	404,106
Management expense ratio (“MER”) <sup>(3)</sup>	2.39%	2.40%	2.24%	2.33%	11.96%	12.24%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(4)</sup>	0.12%	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%	0.17%	0.17%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(5)</sup>	2.95%	2.95%	16.18%	14.34%	28.90%	28.90%
Net asset value per Unit <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 8.37	\$ 11.61 (US\$8.36)	\$ 9.36	\$ 11.02 (US\$9.51)	\$ 9.61	\$ 10.40 (US\$9.79)
Closing market price <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 8.06	N/A	\$ 9.20	N/A	\$ 9.45	N/A

<sup>(1)</sup> Period from commencement of operations on March 21, 2013 to December 31, 2013

<sup>(2)</sup> As at December 31 of the year shown

<sup>(3)</sup> MER is based on the requirements of NI 81-106 and includes the total expenses (excluding withholding taxes, commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) of the Class for the period, including one-time unit issue expense for that Class relating to the Fund’s initial public offering. Unit issue expense is added to annualized ongoing expenses and expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value of the Class during the period. The MER for 2013 excluding unit issue expense, which is more representative of the ongoing efficiency of the Fund, is 2.56% for Class A and 2.64% for Class U.

<sup>(4)</sup> The trading expense ratio represents total commissions, including commissions on unit repurchases of Class A units under its normal course issuer bid, and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of the average net asset value of the Fund during the period.

<sup>(5)</sup> The Fund’s portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Manager manages the Fund’s portfolio investments. 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 year. The higher the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate in a year, the greater the trading costs payable by the Fund in the year and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of the Fund. Portfolio turnover rate is calculated by dividing the lesser of the cost of purchases and the proceeds of sales of portfolio securities for the period, excluding cash and short-term investments maturing in less than one year, by the average market value of investments during the period.

**Management Expense Ratio**

The MER of Class A of the Fund was 2.39% for the year ended December 31, 2015, up from an MER of 2.24% in the year ended December 31, 2014. The MER of Class U of the Fund was 2.40% for the year ended December 31, 2015, up from an MER of 2.33% in the year ended December 31, 2014. The increases are primarily due to the decrease in net asset value through the annual redemption of units and market decreases (including the effects of hedging), which, when paired with fixed costs, caused the MER to increase.

**SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO**

As at December 31, 2015

Total Net Assets (including Cash and Other Net Assets) – Class A	\$18,878,786
Total Net Assets (including Cash and Other Net Assets) – Class U	\$2,144,263
	Or US\$1,543,633

<b>Portfolio Composition</b>	<b>% of Portfolio</b>	<b>% of Total Net Assets<sup>(1)</sup></b>
Industrial	25.2%	26.3%
Real Estate	14.7%	15.4%
Consumer Discretionary	11.7%	12.3%
Financial Services	10.9%	11.4%
Information Technology	10.3%	10.8%
Materials	4.6%	4.8%
Health Care	4.3%	4.4%
Telecommunication Services	4.0%	4.2%
Cash	14.3%	15.0%
Total Investment Portfolio	100.0%	104.6%
Other Non-Debt Net Assets (Liabilities)		(4.6%)
Total Net Assets	100.0%	100.0%

<b>Top 25 Holdings*</b>	<b>% of Portfolio</b>	<b>% of Total Net Assets<sup>(1)</sup></b>
Cash	14.3%	15.0%
General Electric Company	5.6%	5.9%
Intel Corporation	5.5%	5.8%
New York Community Bancorp, Inc.	5.5%	5.8%
Pitney Bowes Inc.	5.4%	5.7%
First Financial Bancorp	5.4%	5.7%
EPR Properties	5.2%	5.5%
R. R. Donnelley & Sons Company	5.1%	5.4%
Ship Finance International Limited	5.1%	5.3%
Weyerhaeuser Company	4.9%	5.1%
Intersil Corporation	4.8%	5.0%
Ryman Hospitality Properties, Inc.	4.6%	4.8%
Seaspan Corporation	4.4%	4.6%
Eli Lilly and Company	4.3%	4.5%
Regal Entertainment Group	4.1%	4.3%
CatchMark Timber Trust, Inc.	3.2%	3.4%
National CineMedia Inc.	2.6%	2.7%
FLY Leasing Limited	2.4%	2.5%
Aircastle Limited	2.3%	2.4%
Verizon Communications Inc.	2.1%	2.2%
CenturyLink, Inc.	1.9%	2.0%
Tronox Limited	1.4%	1.4%

*The investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the investment fund. Monthly updates are available on the Fund's website at [www.bloomfunds.ca](http://www.bloomfunds.ca).*

\* Securities legislation requires the Fund's top 25 holdings to be presented. However, the Fund currently has less than 25 holdings.

<sup>(1)</sup> Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units.

**MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT**

The financial statements of Bloom U.S Income & Growth Fund (the “Fund”) have been prepared by Bloom Investment Counsel, Inc. (the “Manager” of the Fund) and approved by the Board of Directors of the Manager. The Manager is responsible for the information and representations contained in these financial statements and the other sections of the annual report.

The Manager maintains appropriate procedures to ensure that relevant and reliable financial information is produced. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and include certain amounts that are based on estimates and judgments. The significant accounting policies applicable to the Fund are described in note 3 to the financial statements.

The Board of Directors of the Manager is responsible for ensuring that management fulfills its responsibilities for financial reporting and has reviewed and approved these financial statements.

The Manager, with the approval of its Board of Directors, has appointed the external firm of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the auditor of the Fund. They have audited the financial statements of the Fund in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards to enable them to express to unitholders their opinion on the financial statements. The auditor has had full and unrestricted access to the Board of Directors to discuss their findings.

Signed



**M. Paul Bloom**  
*President and Chief Executive Officer*  
*Bloom Investment Counsel, Inc.*

Signed



**Fiona E. Mitra**  
*Chief Financial Officer*  
*Bloom Investment Counsel, Inc.*

March 10, 2016

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### To the Unitholders of Bloom U.S. Income & Growth Fund (the Fund)

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Fund, which comprise the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2015 and 2014 and the statements of comprehensive income, changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes, which comprise a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

#### Management's responsibility for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained in our audits is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as at December 31, 2015, and December 31, 2014, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards.

*PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP*

*Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountant*

March 10, 2016

**STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

<b>As at</b>	<b>December 31, 2015</b>	December 31, 2014
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Investments	\$ 18,842,787	\$ 31,467,602
Cash	3,153,194	211,171
Dividends and distributions receivable	35,424	50,309
Prepaid expenses and other assets	29,385	48,503
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>22,060,790</b>	<b>31,777,585</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Distributions payable to holders of redeemable units	125,575	166,344
Accrued liabilities (note 11)	113,254	165,726
Unrealized depreciation on foreign currency forward contract (note 14)	798,912	250,025
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>1,037,741</b>	<b>582,095</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units (note 7)</b>	<b>\$ 21,023,049</b>	<b>\$ 31,195,490</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per class</b>		
Class A	\$ 18,878,786	27,471,949
Class U	\$ 2,144,263	3,723,541
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit</b>		
Class A	\$ 8.37	9.36
Class U	\$ 11.61	11.02
Class U in U.S.\$	\$ 8.36	9.51

Approved on behalf of Bloom U.S. Income & Growth Fund by the Board of Directors of Bloom Investment Counsel, Inc., the Manager

Signed



**M. Paul Bloom**  
Director

Signed



**Beverly Lyons**  
Director

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements*

**BLOOM U.S. INCOME & GROWTH FUND – 2015 ANNUAL REPORT**

**STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

For the years ended	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
<b>Income</b>		
Net gain (loss) on investments and derivatives		
Dividend and distribution income	\$ 1,352,598	\$ 1,723,379
Net realized gain on sale of non-derivative investments	3,644,973	1,792,854
Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation on non-derivative investments	(1,306,643)	1,501,581
Net realized loss on foreign currency forward contracts	(3,454,357)	(2,942,845)
Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation on foreign currency forward contracts (note 14)	(548,887)	312,759
<b>Total net gain (loss) on investments and derivatives</b>	<b>(312,316)</b>	<b>2,387,728</b>
Other income		
Securities lending income (note 13)	17,202	46,529
Foreign exchange gain on cash	401,842	263,085
<b>Total other income</b>	<b>419,044</b>	<b>309,614</b>
<b>Total income</b>	<b>106,728</b>	<b>2,697,342</b>
<b>Expenses (Note 10)</b>		
Management fees (note 11)	481,115	644,125
Independent Review Committee fees (note 11)	35,100	34,000
Unitholder reporting costs	30,325	18,311
Audit fees	23,962	33,071
Custody fees	23,524	19,845
Legal fees	6,784	3,859
Other administrative expenses	85,352	100,606
Withholding taxes	122,790	192,967
Transaction costs (note 12)	32,851	36,111
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>841,803</b>	<b>1,082,895</b>
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>(735,075)</b>	<b>1,614,447</b>
Gain on redemption of redeemable units (note 7)	26,174	13,749
Net gain on repurchase and cancellation of redeemable units (note 7)	22,525	32,764
<b>Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units from operations</b>	<b>\$ (686,376)</b>	<b>\$ 1,660,960</b>
Class A	(1,078,262)	1,180,186
Class U	391,886	480,774
<b>Total increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units from operations</b>	<b>\$ (686,376)</b>	<b>\$ 1,660,960</b>
<b>Weighted average redeemable units outstanding during the year</b>		
Class A	2,833,236	3,549,036
Class U	269,005	381,116
<b>Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit from operations (note 3k)</b>		
Class A	\$ (0.38)	\$ 0.33
Class U	\$ 1.46	\$ 1.26
Class U in U.S.\$	\$ (0.38)	\$ 0.28

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**BLOOM U.S. INCOME & GROWTH FUND – 2015 ANNUAL REPORT**

**STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE UNITS**

For the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014

	<b>Class A</b>	<b>Class U</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units at January 1, 2014</b>	\$ 35,698,332	\$ 4,202,875	\$ 39,901,207
<b>Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units from operations</b>	1,180,186	480,774	1,660,960
<b>Distributions to holders of redeemable units (note 9)</b>			
Distributions to holders of redeemable units from income	(170,545)	(12,443)	(182,988)
Distributions to holders of redeemable units from return of capital	(1,920,807)	(239,268)	(2,160,075)
<b>Decrease from distributions to holder of redeemable units</b>	(2,091,352)	(251,711)	(2,343,063)
<b>Redeemable unit transactions (note 7)</b>			
Redemptions of redeemable units	(6,597,167)	(416,290)	(7,013,457)
Repurchase and cancellation of redeemable units	(1,010,157)	–	(1,010,157)
Class U redeemable units converted to Class A redeemable units	292,107	(292,107)	–
<b>Net decrease from redeemable unit transactions</b>	(7,315,217)	(708,397)	(8,023,614)
<b>Net decrease in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units</b>	(8,226,383)	(479,334)	(8,705,717)
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units at December 31, 2014</b>	\$ 27,471,949	\$ 3,723,541	\$ 31,195,490
<b>Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units from operations</b>	<b>(1,078,262)</b>	<b>391,886</b>	<b>(686,376)</b>
<b>Distributions to holders of redeemable units (note 9)</b>			
Distributions to holders of redeemable units from investment income	(27,388)	–	(27,388)
Distributions to holders of redeemable units from return of capital	(1,635,967)	(204,211)	(1,840,178)
<b>Decrease from distributions to holders of redeemable units</b>	<b>(1,663,355)</b>	<b>(204,211)</b>	<b>(1,867,566)</b>
<b>Redeemable unit transactions (note 7)</b>			
Redemptions of redeemable units	(6,076,265)	(551,338)	(6,627,603)
Repurchase and cancellation of redeemable units	(990,896)	–	(990,896)
Class U redeemable units converted to Class A redeemable units	1,215,615	(1,215,615)	–
<b>Net decrease from redeemable unit transactions</b>	<b>(5,851,546)</b>	<b>(1,766,953)</b>	<b>(7,618,499)</b>
<b>Net decrease in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units</b>	<b>(8,593,163)</b>	<b>(1,579,278)</b>	<b>(10,172,441)</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units at December 31, 2015</b>	\$ 18,878,786	\$ 2,144,263	\$ 21,023,049

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**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

For the years ended	<b>December 31, 2015</b>	December 31, 2014
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units from operations	\$ (686,376)	\$ 1,660,960
Adjustment for:		
Unrealized foreign exchange (gain) loss on cash	(57,492)	69,930
Gain on redemption of redeemable units	(26,174)	(13,749)
Net gain on repurchase and cancellation of redeemable units	(22,525)	(32,764)
Net realized gain on sale of non-derivative investments	(3,644,973)	(1,792,854)
Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation on investments	1,306,643	(1,501,581)
Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation on foreign currency forward contracts	548,887	(312,759)
Decrease in dividends and distributions receivable	14,885	19,871
Decrease in prepaid expenses and other assets	19,118	3,181
Decrease in accrued liabilities	(52,472)	(21,992)
Operating cash flows:		
Purchases of investments and derivatives	(779,153)	(5,418,480)
Proceeds from sale of investments and derivatives	15,707,797	12,835,856
Return of capital received	34,501	133,106
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>	<b>12,362,666</b>	<b>5,628,725</b>
<b>Cash flows used in financing activities</b>		
Repurchase of redeemable units for cancellation	(968,371)	(977,393)
Redemptions of redeemable units	(6,601,429)	(6,999,708)
Distributions paid to holders of redeemable units	(1,694,933)	(2,158,670)
Distributions reinvested on behalf of holders of redeemable units	(213,402)	(225,183)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(9,478,135)</b>	<b>(10,360,954)</b>
Unrealized foreign exchange gain on cash	57,492	(69,930)
Net increase (decrease) in cash	2,884,531	(4,732,229)
Cash at beginning of year	211,171	5,013,330
<b>Cash at end of year</b>	<b>\$ 3,153,194</b>	<b>\$ 211,171</b>
Dividends and distributions received	\$ 1,404,611	\$ 1,876,356
Withholding taxes paid	\$ 125,417	\$ 196,472

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**SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO**

As at December 31, 2015

No. of Units/ Shares		Cost	Fair Value
	<b>Equities</b>		
	<b>Consumer Discretionary</b>		
25,800	National CineMedia Inc.	\$ 467,645	\$ 563,027
55,000	R.R. Donnelley & Sons Company	757,030	1,124,615
34,100	Regal Entertainment Group	677,664	893,840
		<b>1,902,339</b>	<b>2,581,482</b>
	<b>Financial Services</b>		
47,300	First Financial Bancorp	738,796	1,187,279
53,500	New York Community Bancorp, Inc.	728,923	1,212,851
		<b>1,467,719</b>	<b>2,400,130</b>
	<b>Health Care</b>		
8,000	Eli Lilly and Company	423,532	936,365
		<b>423,532</b>	<b>936,365</b>
	<b>Industrial</b>		
17,400	Aircastle Limited	241,406	504,918
27,500	FLY Leasing Limited	460,713	521,433
28,600	General Electric Company	757,992	1,237,536
41,700	Pitney Bowes Inc.	663,585	1,196,161
43,600	Seaspan Corporation	954,667	957,529
48,700	Ship Finance International Limited	809,939	1,120,947
		<b>3,888,302</b>	<b>5,538,524</b>
	<b>Information Technology</b>		
25,400	Intel Corporation	613,743	1,215,504
59,700	Intersil Corporation	482,042	1,058,177
		<b>1,095,785</b>	<b>2,273,681</b>
	<b>Materials</b>		
45,000	CatchMark Timber Trust, Inc.	624,649	706,982
55,000	Tronox Limited	1,245,277	298,726
		<b>1,869,926</b>	<b>1,005,708</b>
	<b>Real Estate</b>		
14,200	EPR Properties	804,328	1,152,939
14,000	Ryman Hospitality Properties, Inc.	552,910	1,004,264
25,800	Weyerhaeuser Company	761,696	1,074,447
		<b>2,118,934</b>	<b>3,231,650</b>
	<b>Telecommunication Services</b>		
12,000	CenturyLink, Inc.	484,152	419,397
7,100	Verizon Communications Inc.	352,919	455,850
		<b>837,071</b>	<b>875,247</b>
	<b>Total equities</b>	<b>\$ 13,603,608</b>	<b>\$ 18,842,787</b>
	<b>Embedded broker commissions</b>	<b>(16,580)</b>	
	<b>Total investments</b>	<b>\$ 13,587,028</b>	<b>\$ 18,842,787</b>

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements*

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2015

### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Bloom U.S. Income & Growth Fund (the “Fund”) is a closed-end investment trust established under the laws of the province of Ontario pursuant to a declaration of trust dated February 25, 2013, as amended and restated on April 25, 2013. The address of the Fund’s principal place of business is 150 York Street, Toronto, Ontario. The Fund invests in equity securities of U.S. companies. The financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars.

The Fund’s investment objectives are to provide unitholders with exposure to an actively managed portfolio consisting primarily of publicly traded high dividend paying U.S. common securities, stable cash distributions, and the opportunity for capital appreciation.

The Class A units of the Fund are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (“TSX”) under the symbol BUA.UN. Class U units are designed for investors wishing to make their investments in U.S. dollars and are not listed on the TSX, but may be converted to Class A units on a monthly basis. The Fund commenced operations on March 21, 2013 and reorganized its structure on April 26, 2013.

The manager and trustee of the Fund is Bloom Investment Counsel, Inc. (the “Manager”). CIBC Mellon Trust Company is the custodian of the Fund and CIBC Mellon Global Securities Services Company is the administrator of the Fund.

These financial statements were authorized for issue by the Manager on March 3, 2016.

### 2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) as published by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”).

### 3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### a) Financial instruments

The Fund’s financial instruments include, where applicable, investments, cash, dividends and distributions receivable, receivable for investments sold, payable for investments purchased, distributions payable to holders of redeemable units, accrued liabilities, redemptions payable, derivative assets and liabilities, and redeemable units.

The Fund’s non-derivative investments are designated as financial assets to be measured at fair value through profit and loss (“FVTPL”). The Fund’s derivative assets and liabilities (arising from the foreign currency forward contracts into which the Fund enters as described in Note 14) and derivative investments are classified as held for trading (“HFT”) and are measured at FVTPL. The Fund’s obligation for net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units is classified as a financial liability and is presented at the redemption amount. The fair value of the Class A units as at December 31, 2015 was \$18,175,300 (December 31, 2014 – \$27,005,744).

All other financial assets and liabilities of the Fund are measured at amortized cost. Under this method, financial assets and liabilities reflect the amount required to be received or paid, discounted where appropriate at the contract’s effective interest rate. The carrying values of financial assets and liabilities at amortized cost approximate their fair values due to their short-term nature.

The Fund recognizes financial instruments at fair value on initial recognition, plus transaction costs in the case of financial instruments measured at amortized cost.

#### b) Fair value measurement

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 traded in active markets (which includes the Fund’s investments) is based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the reporting date. The Fund uses the last traded market price for investment valuation where that price falls between the latest bid and ask prices. 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.

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The fair value of financial assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market (which include the Fund's foreign currency forward contracts), is determined using valuation techniques. The Manager uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions at each reporting date. Valuation techniques may 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 others commonly used by market participants and make the maximum use of observable inputs.

The Fund classifies fair value measurements within a hierarchy as described in Note 15(h). The Fund recognizes transfers into and out of the fair value hierarchy levels as of the date of the event or change in circumstances giving rise to the transfer.

**c) Impairment of financial assets at amortized cost**

At each reporting date, the Fund assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset at amortized cost is impaired. If such evidence exists, the Fund recognizes an impairment loss as the difference between the amortized cost of the financial asset and the present value of the estimated future cash flows, discounted using the instrument's original effective interest rate. Impairment losses on financial assets at amortized cost are reversed in subsequent periods if the amount of the loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognized.

**d) Derecognition of financial assets and liabilities**

The Fund derecognizes a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cash flows in a transaction in which substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership are transferred, or in which these risks and rewards are neither transferred nor retained but the Fund does not retain control of the asset. On derecognition of a financial asset, the difference between the carrying amount of the asset and the consideration received is included in the Statements of Comprehensive Income. The Fund derecognizes a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged, cancelled or expire.

The Fund enters into securities lending transactions in which it lends investments to counterparties, but since the Fund retains all of the risks and rewards of ownership, the investments are not derecognized. Non-cash collateral pledged by the counterparty to a securities lending transactions is not recognized as the Fund does not accept the risks and rewards of ownership of that collateral.

**e) Offsetting**

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the statements of financial position only when the Fund has a legal right to offset the amounts and it intends to either settle on a net basis or realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Income and expenses are presented on a net basis only when permitted under IFRS, e.g. for gains and losses arising from a group of similar transactions, such as realized gains and losses on investments.

**f) Cash**

Cash consist of deposits with financial institutions.

**g) Foreign currency forward contracts**

The Fund may enter into foreign currency forward contracts, which are agreements between two parties to buy and sell currencies at a set price on a future date. These are over-the-counter derivatives and are classified as held for trading ("HFT") and valued at fair value. The fair value of the buy side of a contract is netted with the fair value of the sell side of the contract since there is a contractual ability to settle on a net basis. The net fair value is recorded as an unrealized appreciation or depreciation on foreign currency forward contracts in the Statement of Financial Position.

The fair value of such contracts will fluctuate with changes in currency exchange rates, and the change in fair value is included as 'Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation on foreign currency forward contracts' in the Statements of Comprehensive Income. When the contract is closed, the Fund reverses any previously recognized change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation and records a realized gain or loss equal to the difference between the value of the contract on the date it was opened and the value on the date it was closed, which is included as 'Net realized gain (loss) on foreign currency forward contracts' in the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

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**h) Investment transactions and income recognition**

Investment transactions are recorded on the trade date. Dividend and distribution income are recognized on the ex-dividend or ex-distribution date. Realized and unrealized gains and losses from investment transactions are calculated on an average cost basis.

**i) Allocation of income, expenses, gains and losses between classes**

The income, expenses, gains and losses of the Fund are generally allocated between Class A and Class U on the basis of the Classes' relative net asset values. However there are certain transactions which are class specific and are allocated to a particular class. These include: certain expenses of Class A relating to its distribution reinvestment plan ("DRIP"); certain expense of Class U relating to the Class U conversion privilege; and the unrealized and realized gains and losses on the foreign currency forward contracts which relate to the hedging of the US dollar denominated value of the net assets attributable to the Class A units, and which are allocated to Class A.

**j) Foreign exchange**

The functional and presentation currency of the Fund is the Canadian dollar. Any currency other than the Canadian dollar represents foreign currency to the Fund. Proceeds received from the issuance of, and redemption proceeds payable on the redemption of, the Fund's Class A units are denominated in Canadian dollars. Proceeds received from the issuance of, and redemption proceeds payable on the redemption of, the Fund's Class U Units are denominated in U.S. dollars. Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates that the transactions occur. Foreign currency assets and liabilities are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rate prevailing at the measurement date. Foreign exchange gains and losses relating to cash are presented as 'Foreign exchange gain (loss) on cash' and those relating to investment and derivatives are presented within 'Net realized gain on sale of non-derivative investments', 'Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation on non-derivative investments', 'Net realized gain (loss) on foreign currency forward contracts' and 'Net unrealized appreciation or depreciation on foreign currency forward contracts' in the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

**k) Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units from operations per unit**

Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units from operations per unit for each class of redeemable units represents the increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units from operations for each class for the period divided by the weighted average number of redeemable units of the class outstanding during the period.

**l) Distributions**

Income and net realized capital gains (reduced by loss carryforwards, if any) earned by the Fund are distributed to participants through a regular monthly distribution. Any excess income and net realized capital gains not so distributed during the year are distributed in December of each year to unitholders. Any excess of regular monthly distributions over actual income and net realized capital gains is characterized as a return of capital.

**m) Transaction costs on investment transactions**

Transaction costs on purchases and sales of investments are expensed and are included in 'Transaction costs' in the Statements of Comprehensive Income. Transaction costs are incremental costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, issue or disposal of an investment, which include fees and commissions paid to agents, advisors, brokers and dealers, levies by regulatory agencies and securities exchanges, and transfer taxes and duties.

**n) Classification of obligation to holders of redeemable units**

The Manager is required by IAS 32, *Financial Instruments: Presentation* (IAS 32) to assess whether the obligation to holders of redeemable units represents a liability of the Fund or equity of the Fund. The Fund has multiple obligations, being those under the monthly redemption option and those under the annual redemption option, to deliver cash or other financial instruments to the unitholders. The Class A units and Class U units do not have identical features. As a result, the obligation to unitholders is classified as a liability.

**n) Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit**

The net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit is calculated by dividing the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units of a particular class by the total number of units of that particular class outstanding at the end of the period.

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### 4. ACCOUNTING STANDARDS ISSUED BUT NOT YET ADOPTED

The final version of IFRS 9, *Financial instruments* (“IFRS 9”) was issued by the IASB in July 2014 and will replace IAS 39 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement* (“IAS 39”). IFRS 9 is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018, however it is available for early adoption. IFRS 9 has not yet been adopted by the Fund but is expected to be relevant to the Fund. The Fund has not yet begun the process of assessing the impact that the standard will have on its financial statements and has not yet determined when it will adopt the new standard.

IFRS 9 introduces a model for classification and measurement, a single, forward-looking ‘expected loss’ impairment model and a substantially reformed approach to hedge accounting. The new single, principle based approach for determining the classification of financial assets is driven by cash flow characteristics and the business model in which an asset is held. The new model also results in a single impairment model being applied to all financial instruments, which will require more timely recognition of expected credit losses. It also includes changes in respect of own credit risk in measuring liabilities elected to be measured at fair value, so that gains caused by the deterioration of an entity’s own credit risk on such liabilities are no longer recognized in profit or loss. In addition, the own credit changes can be early applied in isolation without otherwise changing the accounting for financial instruments.

### 5. 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:

#### **Classification and measurement of investments and application of the fair value option**

In classifying and measuring the financial instruments held by the Fund, the Manager is required to make significant judgments about whether or not the business of the Fund is to invest on a total return basis for the purpose of applying the fair value option for financial assets under IAS 39. The most significant judgment made is the determination that the fair value option can be applied to the Fund’s investments.

#### **Assessment of functional currency**

The Manager is also required to make a significant judgment about the functional currency of the Fund. The Manager assessed the primary indicators (including the currencies in which income is received and in which expenses are paid) and secondary indicators (including the currency in which funds from financing activities are raised) as prescribed by IFRS, and as a result of this assessment has concluded that the functional currency of the Fund is the Canadian dollar.

### 6. TAXATION

The Fund qualifies as a mutual fund trust under the Income Tax Act (Canada) and accordingly is subject to income tax on its income, including net realized capital gains, which is not paid or payable to the Fund’s unitholders. The Fund’s taxation year end is December 31. No provision for income taxes has been recorded in the accompanying financial statements as all net income and net realized capital gains of the Fund for the year are distributed to the unitholders to the extent necessary to reduce income taxes payable to nil.

Since the Fund does not record income taxes the tax benefit of capital and non-capital loss has not been reflected in the Statements of Financial Position as a deferred tax amount.

Non-capital loss carryforwards may be applied against future years’ taxable income, and may be carried forward for 20 years from the year in which they are realized. As at December 31, 2015, the Fund had no non-capital losses carried forward (December 31, 2014 – nil). Capital losses incurred by the Fund may be carried forward indefinitely to apply against capital gains realized in future years. As at December 31, 2015, the Fund had \$2,643,880 in capital losses available for carryforward (December 31, 2014 – \$2,643,880).

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 as a separate expense in the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

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**7. REDEEMABLE UNITS**

The Fund is authorized to issue an unlimited number of classes or series of units. Initially, two classes of units, designated as Class A units and Class U units, were created and authorized for issuance. The Class A units are designed for investors wishing to make their investments in Canadian dollars, and the Class U units are designed for investors wishing to make their investment in U.S. dollars. Each unit of a class entitles the holder to one vote at all meetings of the unitholders and at all meetings of holders of that class, and to participate equally with respect to any and all distributions to the class made by the Fund.

A holder of Class U units may convert such Class U units into Class A units on a monthly basis by delivering a notice and surrendering such Class U units by 3:00 p.m. (Toronto time) at least ten business days prior to the first business day of each month (the “Conversion Date”). For each Class U unit so converted, a holder will receive that number of Class A units equal to the net asset value (“NAV”) per unit of a Class U unit converted to Canadian dollars using the Bank of Canada closing rate as at the close of trading on the business day immediately preceding the Conversion Date divided by the NAV per unit of a Class A unit as at the close of trading on the business day immediately preceding the Conversion Date. No fraction of a Class A unit will be issued upon any conversion of Class U units and any fractional amounts will be rounded down to the nearest whole number of Class A units.

Commencing in 2014, Class A units and Class U units may be surrendered for redemption annually at the option of the unitholders during the period from September 15 until 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on the last business day in September, subject to the Fund’s right to suspend redemptions in certain circumstances. Units properly surrendered for redemption will be redeemed on the second last business day of October (the “Annual Redemption Date”) and the redeeming unitholders will receive a redemption price per unit equal to 100% of the Net Asset Value per unit of the relevant class as determined on the Annual Redemption Date, less any costs and expenses incurred by the Fund in order to fund such redemption, including brokerage costs and less any net realized capital gains or income of the Fund that is distributed to unitholders concurrently with the redemption proceeds.

The 2015 annual redemption took place on October 29, 2015 and consisted of 697,168 Class A units for redemption proceeds of \$6,028,829 and 29,750 Class U units for proceeds of US\$256,618, payable on November 19, 2015 (2014 – annual redemption on October 30, 2014 of 702,297 Class A units for proceeds of \$6,597,197 and of 23,500 Class U units for proceeds of US\$223,596, payable on November 13, 2014).

In addition, Class A units and Class U units may also be redeemed on the second last business day of each month other than a month in which an Annual Redemption date occurs (“Monthly Redemption Date”). Units must be surrendered for redemption prior to 5:00 p.m. on the last business day of the month preceding the Monthly Redemption Date. Unitholders surrendering Class A units for redemption will receive a redemption price per Class A unit equal to the lesser of: (a) 94% of the weighted average trading price on the TSX for the 10 trading days immediately preceding the Monthly Redemption Date (market price) of a Class A unit; and (b) 100% of the closing market price of a Class A unit on the applicable Monthly Redemption Date less, in each case, any costs associated with the redemption, including brokerage costs and less any net realized capital gains or income of the Fund that is distributed to unitholders concurrently with the redemption proceeds. Unitholders surrendering a Class U unit for redemption will receive in U.S. dollars an amount equal to the U.S. dollar equivalent of the product of: (a) Class A monthly redemption amount; and (b) a fraction, the numerator of which is the most recently calculated NAV per unit of a Class U unit and the denominator of which is the most recently calculated NAV per unit of a Class A unit. For such purpose, the Fund will utilize the exchange rate current at, or as nearly as practicable to, the Monthly Redemption Date in respect of a monthly redemption of Class U units.

For the year ended December 31, 2015, 5,116 Class A units were redeemed under the monthly redemption option for proceeds of \$43,801, and 17,800 Class U units were redeemed under the monthly redemption option for proceeds of US\$154,517 (2014 – no Class A units were redeemed under the monthly redemption option and 15,500 Class U units were redeemed under the monthly redemption option for proceeds of US\$136,015).

If a significant number of units are redeemed, the trading liquidity of the units could be significantly reduced. In addition, the expenses of the Fund would be spread among fewer units resulting in a potentially lower distribution per unit. The Manager has the ability to terminate the Fund if, in its opinion, it would be in the best interests of the unitholders to do so. The Manager may also suspend the redemption of units in certain circumstances.



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The Fund has received approval from the TSX for normal course issuer bid (“NCIB”) programs between specified dates, allowing the Fund to purchase Class A units for cancellation on the TSX if they trade below NAV per unit. The maximum number of Class A units which can be purchased and cancelled is specified for each NCIB. Class A units purchased and cancelled by the Fund for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 were as follows:

<b>Approval date</b>	<b>Start date</b>	<b>End date</b>	<b>Maximum units</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
June 25, 2013	June 27, 2013	June 26, 2014	361,271	–	80,400
June 25, 2014	June 27, 2014	June 26, 2015	354,980	42,600	25,300
June 25, 2015	June 29, 2015	June 28, 2016	279,253	68,900	–
				<b>111,500</b>	<b>105,700</b>

When units of the Fund are redeemed or repurchased for cancellation at a price per unit which is higher or lower than the net asset value per unit at the time, the difference is included in the Statements of Comprehensive Income as ‘Gain (loss) on redemption of redeemable units’ or ‘Net gain (loss) on repurchase and cancellation of redeemable units’.

Unit transactions of the Fund for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 were as follows:

	<b>2015</b>		<b>2014</b>	
	<b>Class A</b>	<b>Class U</b>	<b>Class A</b>	<b>Class U</b>
Units outstanding at beginning of period	<b>2,935,407</b>	<b>338,006</b>	3,713,316	404,106
Redemptions	<b>(702,284)</b>	<b>(47,550)</b>	(702,297)	(39,000)
Class U units converted to Class A	<b>133,377</b>	<b>(105,800)</b>	30,088	(27,100)
Repurchase and cancellation of units	<b>(111,500)</b>	–	(105,700)	–
Units outstanding at end of period	<b>2,255,000</b>	<b>184,656</b>	2,935,407	338,006

**8. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT**

For operating purposes, units issued and outstanding are considered to be the capital of the Fund. The Fund’s capital therefore comprises net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units of \$21,023,049 (December 31, 2014 – \$31,195,490). The Fund’s objectives in managing its capital are to provide unitholders with monthly cash distributions and the opportunity to participate in gains in the value of the investment portfolio. The Fund manages its capital taking into consideration the risk characteristics of its holdings. In order to manage its capital structure, the Fund may adjust the amount of distributions paid to unitholders, return capital to unitholders, increase or decrease its level of borrowing if applicable, or purchase units for cancellation.

**9. DISTRIBUTIONS TO UNITHOLDERS**

Distributions, as declared on the Fund’s behalf by the Manager, are made on a monthly basis to unitholders of record on the last business day of each month, payable by the fifteenth business day of the following month. For the year ended December 31, 2015, the Fund declared total distributions of \$0.60 (2014 – \$0.60) per Class A unit and US\$0.60 (2014 – US\$0.60) per Class U unit, which amounted to \$1,663,355 (2014 – \$2,091,352) for Class A units and US\$159,411 (2014 – US\$227,319) for Class U units. Under the Fund’s distribution reinvestment plan (“DRIP”), unitholders may elect to reinvest monthly distributions on Class A units in additional Class A units of the Fund which are purchased on the open market. For the year ended December 31, 2015, distributions of \$213,402 were reinvested in 24,097 Class A units of the Fund which were purchased on the open market (2014 – \$225,183 reinvested in 23,925 Class A units of the Fund).

**10. EXPENSES**

Management fees and other reasonable expenses incurred in the operations of the Fund are charged as expenses in the Statements of Comprehensive Income of the Fund, and include expenses paid by the manager on behalf of the Fund and subsequently recharged to the Fund as described in note 11.

The Fund pays for all other expenses incurred in connection with the operation and administration of the Fund, including: all costs of portfolio transactions, fees payable to third party services providers, custodial fees, legal, accounting, audit and valuation fees and expenses, expenses of the members of the Independent Review Committee (“IRC”), expenses related to compliance with National Instrument 81-107, fees and expenses relating to the voting of proxies by a third party, costs of

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reporting to unitholders, registrar, transfer and distribution agency costs, printing and mailing costs, listing fees and expenses and other administrative expenses and costs incurred in connection with the continuous public filing requirements, taxes, brokerage commissions, costs and expenses relating to the issue of units of the Fund, costs and expenses of preparing financial and other reports, costs and expenses arising as a result of complying with all applicable laws, regulations and policies and all amounts paid on account of indebtedness.

**11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

In accordance with the Declaration of Trust, the Manager is entitled to an annual management fee aggregating to 1.55% per annum of the NAV of the Fund, comprised of 1.15% per annum of the NAV of the Class A and Class U units of the Fund, calculated weekly and paid monthly in arrears, plus an amount to be paid by the Manager to registered dealers equal to the service fee of 0.40% per annum of the NAV of the Fund, calculated quarterly and paid as soon as practicable after the end of each calendar quarter, plus applicable taxes.

For the year ended December 31, 2015, the Fund expensed management fees of \$481,115 (2014 – \$644,125). As at December 31, 2015, the Fund had management fees payable of \$45,311 (December 31, 2014 – \$67,322) included in accrued liabilities.

On an ongoing basis, the Manager pays on behalf of the Fund, and subsequently recharges to the Fund, certain expenses of the Fund. For the year ended December 31, 2015 the Fund expensed IRC fees of \$35,100 (2014 – \$34,000) and audit fees of \$388 (2014 – nil), as well as investor relations costs of \$18,322 (2014 – \$23,931) and insurance premiums prepaid of \$369 (2014 – \$599) (both included in ‘Other administrative expenses’) which were paid and recharged by the manager. As at December 31, 2015 the Fund owed the Manager \$929 for recharged expenses (December 31, 2014 – \$2,051) included in accrued liabilities.

Units held by the Manager and its affiliates represent 5.3% of the Class A units outstanding at December 31, 2015 (December 31, 2014 – 3.8%).

**12. BROKERAGE COMMISSIONS ON SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS**

During the year ended December 31, 2015 the Fund paid \$32,851 (2014 – \$36,111) in brokerage commissions and other transaction costs for portfolio transactions. There are no soft dollar commissions.

**13. SECURITIES LENDING**

The Fund has entered into a securities lending program with CIBC Mellon Global Securities Services Company, (as administrator), which has a DBRS credit rating of AAL / R-1M / Stable and a Moody’s credit rating of A1 / P-1 / Stable, and BNY Mellon (as lending agent), which has a DBRS credit rating of AA / R-1 / Stable and a Moody’s credit rating of A1 / P-1 / Stable. Securities lending transactions involve the temporary exchange of securities for collateral with a commitment to deliver the same securities and collateral on a specified future date. Income is earned in the form of fees paid by the counterparty and is recognised on the accrual basis in the Statements of Comprehensive Income. The Fund retains the risks and rewards of ownership of the securities loaned, and therefore these securities do not qualify for derecognition and therefore remain in the Statements of Financial Position of the Fund during the loan period. The risks and rewards of ownership include any gains or losses in market value of the securities, the ability to sell the securities, and any dividends or distributions on the securities for which the ex-dividend dates fall within the loan period.

The Fund receives collateral of at least 102% of the value of securities on loan. Should a borrower default on a securities loan, the Fund is entitled to the associated collateral. The Fund is not exposed to the risks and rewards of ownership of the collateral therefore the collateral is not included in the Fund’s Statements of Financial Position. Collateral may comprise: cash; debt that is issued or guaranteed by the Government of Canada or a province thereof, by the Government of the United States of America or of one of the states of the United States of America or of a sovereign state of the G7 countries (except Japan and Italy), or of Austria, Denmark, or the Netherlands, or a permitted supranational agency of Organisation for Economic Coordination and Development countries; debt that is issued or guaranteed by a financial institution whose short-term debt is rated A-1 or R-1 or equivalent and includes bankers acceptances, banker bearer deposit notes, or irrevocable letters of credit; corporate debt or corporate commercial paper; or convertible securities.

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The aggregate fair value of securities loaned (which equals their carrying amount) and the aggregate fair value of the associated collateral under securities lending transactions as at December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 are as follows:

2015		2014	
Fair value of securities loaned	Fair value of collateral	Fair value of securities loaned	Fair value of collateral
\$ 4,591,213	\$ 4,857,929	\$ 10,187,583	\$ 10,742,248

As at December 31, 2015, the collateral consists of debt that is issued or fully and unconditionally guaranteed as to the principal and interest by the government of Canada, a province of Canada, the government of the United States of America or the government of a sovereign state of G7 countries (except Japan or Italy) or of Austria, Denmark or the Netherlands, and corporate debt (2014 – collateral consisted of debt that is issued or fully and unconditionally guaranteed as to the principal and interest by the government of Canada, a province of Canada, the government of the United States of America or the government of a sovereign state of G7 countries or of Austria, Belgium, Denmark, the Netherlands, Sweden or Switzerland, and corporate debt).

**14. FOREIGN CURRENCY FORWARD CONTRACTS**

The Fund was established to enable Canadian investors to participate in the U.S. securities market. Investors were provided with the option of Class A or Class U units in order to allow the investor to choose the investment vehicle that matched their approach to currency fluctuation risk. Class A units were, and through their listing on the TSX, are, the option for investors who do not wish to be exposed to the effect of currency fluctuations. Accordingly, the Class A units are denominated in Canadian dollars and substantially all of the U.S. dollar denominated value of the net assets attributable to Class A is hedged in accordance with the Fund’s declaration of trust through the use of foreign currency forward contracts (hedges). Class U units were the option for investors who wanted to invest in U.S. dollars without the hedging of currency fluctuations. Class U units are accordingly denominated in U.S. dollars.

The Fund’s portfolio and its income are denominated in U.S. dollars, whereas the Class A units of the Fund are priced in Canadian dollars. The Fund hedges the Class A units’ currency risk by entering into foreign currency forward contracts to sell U.S. dollars and buy Canadian dollars at a set rate at a set future date.

To achieve the required hedge, the Fund has entered into rolling foreign currency forward contracts with terms of approximately one month, with a financial institution which has a DBRS credit rating of AA / R-1 / Negative, and a Moody’s credit rating of Aa3 / P-1 / Negative (prior to July 2014, the Fund entered into rolling day contracts with terms of approximately three months with the same counterparty). Under these contracts, the Fund agrees to pay a fixed U.S. dollar amount in return for a fixed Canadian dollar amount at a fixed future date. The objective is to shelter the Class A unitholders of the Fund from potential fluctuations in the Canadian dollar value of U.S. currency denominated investments due to changes in the value of the Canadian dollar. This means that the Class A unitholders are substantially protected from capital losses when the Canadian dollar strengthens, but conversely may not fully participate in the capital gains available when the Canadian dollar weakens.

The Fund is subject to enforceable master netting arrangements in the form of International Swaps and Derivatives Association agreements with the counterparty to the foreign currency forward contracts. The value of the amount to be received (purchased) by the Fund, which represents a financial asset of the Fund, is offset with the value of the amount to be paid (sold) by the Fund, which represents a financial liability to the Fund, and the net amount is presented as unrealized appreciation or depreciation on foreign currency forward contract in the Statements of Financial Position.

As at December 31, 2015, the Fund held the following foreign currency forward contract:

Gross financial liability			Gross financial asset			Unrealized depreciation
Notional value	Currency	Fair value CAD	Notional value	Currency	Settlement date	
(14,600,000)	USD	(20,280,860)	19,481,948	CAD	January 5, 2016	(798,912)

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As at December 31, 2014, the Fund held the following foreign currency forward contract:

<u>Gross financial liability</u>			<u>Gross financial asset</u>		<u>Settlement date</u>	<u>Unrealized depreciation</u>
<u>Notional value</u>	<u>Currency</u>	<u>Fair value CAD</u>	<u>Notional value</u>	<u>Currency</u>		
(25,000,000)	USD	(28,962,025)	28,712,000	CAD	January 14, 2015	(250,025)

**15. RISK ASSOCIATED WITH FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

**a) Risk factors**

The Fund's investment activities expose it to a variety of risks associated with financial instruments.

The Manager seeks to maximize the returns derived for the level of risk to which the Fund is exposed and to minimize potential adverse effects on the Fund's performance by employing professional and experienced portfolio managers, by daily monitoring of the Fund's positions and market events, and by diversifying the investment portfolio within the constraints of the investment objectives and restrictions. The Manager also maintains a governance structure that oversees the Fund's investment activities and monitors compliance with the Fund's stated investment objectives and restrictions, internal guidelines and securities regulations.

**b) Credit risk**

The Fund is exposed to credit risk, which is the risk that a counterparty to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation or commitment that it has entered into with the Fund. The carrying amount of the Fund's assets represents the maximum credit risk exposure as at December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

All transactions in listed securities are settled upon delivery using approved brokers. The trade will fail if either party fails to meet its obligations. 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 once the securities have been received by the broker.

The Fund enters into securities lending transactions with counterparties whereby the Fund temporarily exchanges securities for collateral with a commitment by the counterparty to deliver the same securities at a future date. All counterparties are subject to a stringent examination of creditworthiness which includes a financial assessment of the company, a review of qualitative factors including management and corporate governance, comparison to similar companies and consideration of ratings assigned by external ratings agencies, and the value of collateral must be at least 102% of the fair value of the securities loaned. Therefore credit risk associated with these transactions is considered minimal.

The Fund also enters into foreign currency forward contracts as described in note 14.

The Fund limits its exposure to credit loss by dealing with counterparties, including the lending agent and foreign currency forward contract counterparty, of high credit quality (see notes 13 and 14). To maximize the credit quality of its investments, the Fund's Manager performs ongoing credit evaluations based upon factors surrounding the credit risk of counterparties, historical trends and other information. Given that the Fund is primarily invested in equities, credit risk is not considered significant.

**c) Other price risk**

Other price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether caused by factors specific to an individual investment, its issuer, or all factors affecting all instruments traded in a market or market segment. All investments present a risk of loss of capital. The Manager aims to moderate this risk through a careful selection and diversification of securities and other financial instruments within the limits of the Fund's investment objectives and strategy. The maximum risk of loss resulting from financial instruments is equivalent to their fair value.

The Fund is exposed to price risk from its investment in equity securities. As at December 31, 2015, had the prices of these securities increased or decreased by 10%, with all other variables held constant, net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units would have increased or decreased by approximately \$1,884,278 (December 31, 2014 – \$3,146,760) or

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9.0% (December 31, 2014 – 10.1%) of total net assets. In practice, the actual results may differ and the impact could be material.

**d) Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Fund is exposed to liquidity risk through the monthly and annual redemption of its units and targeted monthly distributions, because there may be insufficient trade volumes in the markets for the securities of the Fund or because the securities may be subject to legal or contractual restrictions on their resale. The Fund receives notice of at least 21 business days prior to the date of an annual redemption of units and at least 19 business days prior to a monthly redemption date, and has up to 15 business days after the annual or monthly redemption date to settle the redemptions, which provides the Manager time to liquidate securities to fund the redemptions, although there remains a risk that the required funds cannot be obtained. All other liabilities of the Fund mature in six months or less. 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 disposed of.

**e) Interest rate risk**

Interest rate risk arises on interest-bearing financial instruments. As at December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the Fund had no significant exposure to interest rate risk as it did not hold any interest bearing securities.

**f) Currency risk**

Currency risk arises on financial instruments denominated in foreign currencies. Fluctuations in foreign exchange rates impact the valuation of assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies.

The Fund is invested primarily in publicly traded U.S. securities denominated in U.S. dollars and limits the currency risk associated with the Class A units through the use of hedging via foreign currency forward contracts as described in note 14. While substantially all of the U.S. dollar value of net assets attributable to the Class A units is hedged, the remaining unhedged amount could expose Class A to potential losses and gains.

The Fund’s Class U units are redeemable in U.S. dollars, and are therefore only subject to Canadian dollar exposure with respect to certain administrative expenses. The net assets attributable to the Class U units exclude unrealized gains or losses from foreign currency forward contract.

As at December 31, 2015, the Fund’s direct exposure to currency risk associated with the Class A units, after the effects of the foreign currency forward contract hedge, was as follows:

<b>Currency</b>	<b>Class A currency risk exposed holdings</b>		<b>Net Class A exposure</b>	<b>As a percentage of Class A net assets</b>
	<b>Monetary</b>	<b>Non-monetary</b>		
U.S. dollars	\$ (17,483,554)	\$ 16,829,925	\$ (653,629)	(3.46%)

As at December 31, 2014, the Fund’s direct exposure to currency risk associated with the Class A units, after the effects of the foreign currency forward contract hedge, was as follows:

<b>Currency</b>	<b>Class A currency risk exposed holdings</b>		<b>Net Class A exposure</b>	<b>As a percentage of Class A net assets</b>
	<b>Monetary</b>	<b>Non-monetary</b>		
U.S. dollars	\$ (28,787,853)	\$ 28,132,888	\$ (654,965)	(2.38%)

As at December 31, 2015 had the U.S. dollar exchange rate increased or decreased by 5% with all other variables held constant, the net unhedged exposure to currency risk associated with the Class A units would have increased or decreased the net assets of the Fund attributable to the Class A units by \$32,681 or 0.17% (December 31, 2014 – \$32,748 or 0.12%). In practice, the actual exchange rate fluctuations may differ and the impact could be material.

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**g) Concentration risk**

Concentration risk arises as a result of the concentration of exposures within the same category, whether it is geographical location, product type, industry sector or counterparty type. The following is a summary of the Fund's concentration risk, expressed in terms of percentage of net assets invested by sector, as at December 31:

<b>Market Segment</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Consumer Discretionary	<b>12.3%</b>	11.3%
Energy	–	4.2%
Financial Services	<b>11.4%</b>	10.9%
Health Care	<b>4.4%</b>	8.6%
Industrial	<b>26.3%</b>	26.1%
Information Technology	<b>10.8%</b>	11.0%
Materials	<b>4.8%</b>	10.1%
Real Estate	<b>15.4%</b>	13.0%
Telecommunication Services	<b>4.2%</b>	5.7%

**h) Fair value hierarchy**

The Fund classifies fair value measurements within a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three broad levels. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurement) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

- Level 1 Inputs that reflect unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Manager has the ability to access at the measurement date;
- Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3 Inputs that are unobservable. The determination of fair value requires significant management judgment or estimation.

If inputs of different levels are used to measure an asset's or liability's fair value, the classification within the hierarchy is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The following fair value hierarchy table presents information about the Fund's financial instruments measured at fair value as of December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

<b>December 31, 2015</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Equities</b>	\$ 18,842,787	\$ –	\$ –	\$ 18,842,787
<b>Unrealized depreciation on foreign currency forward contract</b>	–	(798,912)	–	(798,912)
	\$ 18,842,787	(798,912)	\$ –	\$ 18,043,875
<b>December 31, 2014</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Equities</b>	\$ 31,467,602	\$ –	\$ –	\$ 31,467,602
<b>Unrealized depreciation on foreign currency forward contract</b>	–	(250,025)	–	(250,025)
	\$ 31,467,602	(250,025)	\$ –	\$ 31,217,577

The measurement of the fair value of the Class A units disclosed in note 3 a) uses Level 1 inputs, being the quoted price of the Class A units on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

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The measurement of the gross financial liability arising under the Fund’s foreign exchange forward contracts as disclosed in note 14 uses Level 2 inputs, being the current USD spot exchange rate and the current 30 day USD forward exchange rate. An interpolation is performed to obtain the fair value of the liability as of the reporting date.

There were no transfers between the levels during the year ended December 31, 2015 and 2014.

**16. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS BY CATEGORY**

The Fund’s investments have been designated at FVTPL at inception, its derivative assets and liabilities are HFT, its redeemable units are recorded at their redemption amounts and all other financial assets and liabilities are at amortized cost, less any impairment, as applicable.

The following table presents the net gains (losses) on financial instruments recorded at FVTPL by category for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014:

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Financial assets at FVTPL:</b>		
Designated at inception	<b>3,708,130</b>	5,064,343
<b>Total financial assets at FVTPL</b>	<b>3,708,130</b>	5,064,343
<b>Financial liabilities at FVTPL:</b>		
HFT	<b>(4,003,244)</b>	(2,630,086)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ (295,114)</b>	<b>\$ 2,434,257</b>

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