

# **EQUITON BALANCED REAL ESTATE FUND TRUST**

**OFFERING MEMORANDUM** 

**APRIL 30, 2019** 

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Date: April 30, 2019

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Currently listed or quoted? No. These securities do not and are not expected to trade on

any exchange or market.

Reporting issuer? No.

SEDAR filer? Yes, but only as required pursuant to section 2.9 of National

Instrument 45-106 – *Prospectus Exemptions*. The Trust is not a reporting issuer and does not and will not file continuous disclosure documents on SEDAR that are required to be filed by reporting

issuers.

# The Offering

Securities Offered	An unlimited number of Class A, Class F and Class I units of the Trust (collectively, the " <b>Trust Units</b> ").
Price Per Security	Initially at \$9.00 per Trust Unit (the "Initial Subscription Price") and thereafter at \$10.00 per Trust Unit (other than Trust Units issued at the Reduced Subscription Price). As of the date hereof, the Trust has raised approximately \$2 million. The Trustees expect to raise up to \$10,000,000 at the Initial Subscription Price.  The Trust may also offer a reduced subscription price of the Trust Units priced between \$9.00 and \$9.99 per Trust Unit (the "Reduced Subscription Price") to

	raise up to an additional \$15,000,000 through the issuance of Trust Units at the Reduced Subscription price.	
Minimum/Maximum Offering	There is no minimum or maximum to this offering. The Trust will offer an unlimited number of Trust Units on a continuous basis. You may be the only purchaser. Funds available under the Offering may not be sufficient to accomplish our proposed objectives.	
Minimum Subscription Amount	\$5,000 or such lower amount as determined by the Trust in its sole discretion. See "Subscription Procedures".	
Payment Terms	Payment in full by certified cheque, bank draft or direct deposit of the subscription price is to be made with the delivery of a duly executed and completed subscription agreement to the Trust. See "Subscription Procedures".	
Proposed Closing Date(s)	Closings will take place periodically as agreed upon by the Trust and the Equitor Agent.	
Income Tax Consequences:	There are important tax consequences to these securities. See "Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations".	
Selling Agent:	Equiton Capital Inc. (the " <b>Equiton Agent</b> ") acts as lead selling agent in connection with the Offering. The Equiton Agent may, at its discretion, engage one or more sub-agents as selling agents.	
	In connection with the Offering, the Trust is a "connected" or "related" issuer of the Equiton Agent under applicable Canadian securities legislation. Jason Roque, a Trustee of the Trust, indirectly, through wholly owned subsidiaries, controls the Equiton Agent and is a director and the President of the Equiton Agent. In addition, Helen Hurlbut, a Trustee of the Trust, is the Chief Financial Officer of the Equiton Agent. In addition, the Equiton Agent acts exclusively for certain companies that are either directly or indirectly controlled and/or beneficially owned by Jason Roque, or which hold securities in companies that are either directly or indirectly controlled and/or beneficially owned by Jason Roque.	
	The decision to distribute the Trust Units and the determination of the terms of the distribution were not negotiated at arm's length between the Equiton Agent and the Trust. The determination by the Trust to proceed with the Offering was not made at the request or suggestion of the Equiton Agent. The Equiton Agent will not receive any benefit in connection with the Offering other than its portion of the Equiton Agent's Fees payable by the Trust to the Equiton Agent described under "Compensation Paid to Sellers and Finders". The proceeds of the Offering will not be applied for the benefit of the Equiton Agent. However, the proceeds of the Offering will be used by the Trust to invest in the Partnership, the General Partner of which is an Affiliate of the Equiton Agent. The General Partner and the Equiton Agent are Related Parties (defined herein) to the Trust.	
	See "Compensation Paid to Sellers and Finders", "Relationship Between the Trust, the Equiton Agent and other Related Parties" and "Purchase Options".	

Resale Restrictions:	You will be restricted from selling your Trust Units for an indefinite period. See "Resale Restrictions".	
Subscriber's Rights:	You have two (2) Business Days to cancel your agreement to purchase these securities. If there is a misrepresentation in this Offering Memorandum, you have the right to sue either for damages or to cancel the agreement. See "Subscriber's Rights of Action".	

No securities regulatory authority or regulator has assessed the merits of these securities or reviewed this Offering Memorandum. Any representation to the contrary is an offence. The information disclosed on this page is a summary only. Subscribers should read the entire Offering Memorandum for full details about the Offering. This is a risky investment. See "Risk Factors".

Any OM Marketing Materials (as defined herein) prepared by the Trust are deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Offering Memorandum.

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#### FORWARD LOOKING INFORMATION

This Offering Memorandum and any OM Marketing Materials may contain forward-looking statements. These statements relate to future events or the Trust's future performance. All statements other than statements of historical fact are forward looking statements. Forward looking statements are often, but not always, identified by the use of words such as "may", "will", "should", "expect", "plan", "anticipate", "believe", "estimate", "predict", "potential", "targeting", "intend", "could", "might", "continue", or the negative of these terms or other comparable terminology. Forward-looking statements are necessarily based upon management's perceptions of historical trends, current conditions and expected future developments, as well as a number of specific factors and assumptions that, while considered reasonable by the management of the Trust as of the date on which the statements are made in this Offering Memorandum or any OM Marketing Materials, are inherently subject to significant business, economic and competitive uncertainties and contingencies which could result in the forward-looking statements ultimately being incorrect. In addition, this Offering Memorandum and any OM Marketing Materials may contain forward-looking statements attributed to third party industry sources. Neither the Trust not the Trustees have independently verified the accuracy or completeness of such information. Undue reliance should not be placed on these forward-looking statements as there can be no assurance that the plans, intentions or expectations upon which they are based will occur.

Forward-looking information contained in this Offering Memorandum includes, but is not limited to, statements with respect to: price of the Trust Units; size of the Offering; use of proceeds of the Offering; the structure of the Trust; the business to be conducted by the Trust and the Partnership; the issuance of Units pursuant to the DRIP; the expected return on investment for Subscribers; the long term and short term objectives; the ability of the Partnership to obtain financing, including the availability of Equiton Loans or issuance of Redeemable LP Units; availability of funds for distributions; timing and payment of distributions; the Trust's investment objectives and strategy; treatment under government regulatory regimes and tax laws; the qualification of the Trust as a mutual fund trust; and the methods of funding.

Although the forward-looking statements contained in the Offering Memorandum and any OM Marketing Materials are based upon assumptions that management of the Trust believes are reasonable based on information currently available to management, there can be no assurance that actual results will be consistent with these forward-looking statements. By its nature, forward-looking information involves numerous assumptions, known and unknown risks and uncertainties, both general and specific, that contribute to the possibility that the predictions, forecasts, projections and other forward looking statements will not occur and may cause actual results or events to differ materially from those anticipated in such forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include, among other things: risks related to the Offering, risks related to the Trust and its business, general economic conditions, governmental regulations and tax. See "*Risk Factors*".

The forward-looking statements contained in this Offering Memorandum or in any OM Marketing Materials are expressly qualified by this cautionary statement. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this Offering Memorandum. The Trust is not under any duty to update any of the forward-looking statements after the date of this Offering Memorandum, to conform such statements to actual results or to changes in the Trust's expectations except as otherwise required by applicable legislation. The risks and uncertainties attributable to these forward-looking statements may adversely affect the distributions to be made on the Trust Units. Some of these

are discussed in the section "Risk Factors". You should carefully consider the risk factors in addition to the other information provided herein or in any OM Marketing Materials.

### MARKET AND INDUSTRY DATA

This Offering Memorandum includes market and industry data that were obtained from third-party sources, industry publications and publicly available information. Management believes that the industry data is accurate but there can be no assurance as to the accuracy or completeness of this data. Third-party sources generally state that the information contained therein has been obtained from sources believed to be reliable, but there can be no assurance as to the accuracy or completeness of included information. Although management believes it to be reliable, the Trust has not independently verified any of the data or third-party sources referred to in this Offering Memorandum, or analyzed or verified the underlying studies or surveys relied upon or referred to by such sources, or ascertained the underlying economic assumptions relief upon by such sources.

#### **GLOSSARY**

- "Additional Committee" means any additional committee of the Trustees, other than the Finance Committee, which may be established pursuant to the Declaration of Trust.
- "Affiliate" means a Person considered to be an affiliated entity of another Person within the meaning of NI 45-106.
- "Applicable Laws" means in respect of any Person, property, transaction or event, all present and future laws, statutes, regulations, treaties, judgments and decrees applicable to that Person, property, transaction or event and, whether or not having the force of law, all applicable requirements, requests, official directives, rules, consents, approvals, authorizations, guidelines, orders and policies of any Governmental Authority having or purporting to have authority over that Person, property, transaction or event.
- "Asset Management Agreement" means an agreement between the Trust, the Partnership and Equiton Partners pursuant to which Equiton Partners provides certain asset management services to the Trust and the Partnership.
- "Asset Management Fee" has the meaning set out in "Material Agreement The Management Agreement".
- "Associate" has the meaning given thereto in the Securities Act (Ontario), as amended or supplemented from time to time.
- "Auditors" means the firm of chartered accountants appointed as the auditors of the Trust from time to time and, currently, means Grant Thornton LLP.
- "Business Day" means a day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, on which Schedule I chartered banks are open for business in Toronto, Ontario.
- "Class A LP Unit" means a voting Class A limited partnership unit of the Partnership.
- "Class A Purchase Options" means the three different purchase options by which Subscribers may subscribe for Class A Trust Units, as described in "Purchase Options".
- "Class A Trust Unit" means a voting Class A trust unit of the Trust.
- "Class F Trust Unit" means a voting Class F trust unit of the Trust.
- "Class I Trust Unit" means a voting Class I trust unit of the Trust.
- "**Declaration of Trust**" means the declaration of trust of the Trust made as of April 30, 2018, as may be amended from time to time.
- "Deferred Sales Charge" means the charge (if any) that is applied against the redemption proceeds payable to a Trust Unitholder for an early redemption of Class A Trust Units, which charge is set out in the subscription agreement entered into between the Subscriber and the Trust in respect of the Class A Trust Units. See "Purchase Option".
- "Distribution Date" means, in respect of each Distribution Period, a Business Day on or about the 15<sup>th</sup> day following such Distribution Period.

- "Distribution Period" means each calendar month in each fiscal year of the Trust or the Partnership, as applicable, or such other distribution period as may be determined by the Trustees or the General Partner, as applicable, in their or its sole discretion.
- "Distribution Record Date" means, unless otherwise determined by the Trustees, the last Business Day of each Distribution Period, except for the final Distribution Period in the fiscal year of the Trust, where the Distribution Record Date shall be December 31.
- "**DRIP**" means the distribution reinvestment plan of the Trust, as may be amended from time to time.
- "Early Redemption Fee" means the fee (if any) that is applied against the redemption proceeds payable to a Trust Unitholder for an early redemption of Trust Units, which fee is set out in the subscription agreement entered into between the Subscriber and the Trust in respect of the Trust Units.
- "Equiton Agent" means Equiton Capital Inc., a corporation governed by the laws of the province of Ontario, and is registered as an exempt market dealer, investment fund manager and portfolio manager in certain jurisdictions.
- "Equiton Loans" means loans (if any) made to the Partnership by Equiton Partners.
- **Equiton Partners**" means Equiton Partners Inc., a corporation governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario.
- "Fee Based Account" means an account in which the Subscriber would hold Class F Trust Units and which already has fees attached to the assets in such account and/or where the advisor or portfolio manager is already being paid fees for service such that if commissions or trailers would be paid to the advisor or portfolio manager, such fees would in effect be a duplicate fee.
- **"Finance Committee"** means the finance committee of the Trustees which may be established pursuant to the Declaration of Trust.
- "General Partner" means Equiton Balanced Real Estate Fund GP Inc., a corporation incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario to be the general partner of the Partnership, or any successor general partner of the Partnership.

# "Governmental Authority" means any:

- (a) multinational, federal, provincial, state, regional, municipal, local, or foreign government, governmental or public department, central bank, court, tribunal, arbitral body, arbitrator, commission, board, bureau, agency or instrumentality, domestic or foreign;
- (b) subdivision, agent, commission, board or authority of any of the foregoing;
- (c) quasi-governmental or private body exercising any regulatory, expropriation or taxing authority under or for the account of its members or any of the above; or
- (d) arbitrator exercising jurisdiction over the affairs of the applicable Person, asset, obligation or other matter.

"Gross Book Value" means, at any time, the fair value of the Trust Property, as shown on its most recent balance sheet which is in accordance with IFRS.

"GST/HST" means taxes eligible under Part IX of the Excise Tax Act (Canada) and the regulations made thereunder.

"IFRS" means international financial reporting standards.

"Independent Trustee" means a Trustee who is independent within the meaning of NI 81-107 – Independent Review Committee for Investment Funds.

"Initial Subscription Price" has the meaning set out in "Declaration of Trust – Issuance of Trust Units".

"Limited Partner" means any Person who is from time to time admitted to the Partnership as a limited partner of the Partnership in accordance with the provisions of the LP Agreement.

**"LP Agreement**" means the limited partnership agreement entered into between the General Partner and the Limited Partners as it may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time.

"LP Units" means outstanding limited partnership units of the Partnership including Class A LP Units and Redeemable LP Units.

"Market Value" has the meaning set out in "Declaration of Trust - Redemption of Trust Units".

**"MI 61-101**" means Multilateral Instrument 61-101 – *Protection of Minority Security Holders* in Special Transactions, as amended from time to time (including any successor rule or policy thereto).

"minimum distribution requirements" has the meaning set out in "Certain Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations – Status of the Trust – Qualification as a Mutual Fund Trust".

"Monthly Limit" has the meaning set out in "Declaration of Trust - Redemption of Trust Units".

"Mortgage Insurance Fees" means fees charged by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation or a similar mortgage insurer.

"**Net Asset Value**" means the net asset value per Trust Unit for each class of Trust Units determined by the board of Trustees based on such information as the board of Trustees deems appropriate, including, but not limited to, appraisals, valuations, market comparables and other data available to the Trustees.

"Net Realized Capital Gains" means for any taxation year the amount, if any, by which the aggregate of the capital gains of the Trust realized in such taxation year, calculated in accordance with the provisions of the Tax Act (but without reference to subsection 104(6) thereof), exceeds the aggregate of (i) the aggregate of the capital losses of the Trust realized for such taxation year, calculated in accordance with the provisions of the Tax Act; and (ii) each amount determined by the Trustees in respect of any net capital loss of the Trust for a prior taxation year that the Trust is permitted by the Tax Act to deduct in computing the taxable income of the Trust for such taxation year.

- "NI 45-106" means National Instrument 45-106 *Prospectus Exemptions*, as amended from time to time (including any successor rule or policy thereto).
- "Non-Resident" has the meaning set out in "Declaration of Trust Limitation on Non-Resident Ownership".
- "OBCA" means the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario) and the regulations thereunder, as amended or supplemented from time to time.
- "Offering" means the offering of Trust Units pursuant to this Offering Memorandum.
- "Offering Memorandum" means this confidential offering memorandum, as it may be amended, supplemented and/or amended and restated from time to time.
- "OM Marketing Materials" means any marketing materials or other written communication, other than an OM standard term sheet (as such term is defined in NI 45-106), intended for prospective investors regarding the Offering that contains material facts relating to the Trust, Trust Units or the Offering.
- "Ordinary Resolution" means a resolution of the Voting Unitholders, approved by not less than 50% of the votes cast by those persons who vote in person or by proxy at a duly convened meeting of the Trust or by way of a written resolution.
- "Partners" means, collectively, the General Partner and the Limited Partners, and "Partner" means any of them.
- "Partnership" means Equiton Balanced Real Estate Fund Limited Partnership, a limited partnership governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario.
- "Partnership Distributable Cash Flow" means the net income of the Partnership for such Distribution Period determined in accordance with IFRS, subject to such adjustments as may be determined by the General Partner in its discretion.
- "Person" means an individual, partnership, limited partnership, corporation, unlimited liability company, trust, unincorporated organization, association, government, or any department or agency thereof and the successors and assigns thereof or the heirs, executors, administrators or other legal representatives of an individual, or any other entity recognized by law.
- "Prime Rate" means at any time the rate of interest expressed as a rate per annum which the Bank of Montreal establishes from time to time at its head office in Toronto, Ontario as the reference rate of interest in order to determine the interest rate it will charge for loans in Canadian dollars to its Canadian customers and which it refers to as its prime rate.
- "Redeemable LP Unit" means a voting limited partnership unit of the Partnership redeemable at the option of the Partnership, which limited partnership units may only be held by Equiton Partners and its affiliates. Holders of Redeemable LP Units will receive Special Voting Units that will entitle the holder thereof to one vote at meetings of Voting Unitholders.
- "Redemption Amount" has the meaning set out in "Declaration of Trust Redemption of Trust Units".

- "Redemption Date" has the meaning set out in "Declaration of Trust Redemption of Trust Units".
- "Redemption Notes" means Notes issued by the Trust to redeeming Trust Unitholders in principal amounts equal to all or a portion of the Market Value of the Trust Units to be redeemed, and having the following terms and conditions;
  - unsecured and shall bear annual interest at a market rate of interest as determined by the Trustees at the time of issuance, having regard for debt obligations of a comparable term issued by comparable issuers; and
  - (b) a term to maturity of five (5) years, provided that the Trustees shall have the discretion to issue Redemption Notes having a term to maturity other than five (5) years;

all as more particularly described in "Declaration of Trust - Redemption of Trust Units".

- "Redemption Notice" has the meaning set out in "Declaration of Trust Redemption of Trust Units".
- "Redemption Price" means the most recent Market Value of any Trust Units to be redeemed. See "Declaration of Trust Redemption of Trust Units" and "Purchase Options".
- "Reduced Subscription Price" has the meaning set out in "Declaration of Trust Issuance of Trust Units".
- "Registered Plan" has the meaning set out in "Certain Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations Eligibility for Investment".
- "Related Party" means, with respect to any Person, a Person who is a "related party" as that term is defined in MI 61-101; and, in respect of the Trust, shall include all Subsidiaries and all nominee corporations of the Trust.
- "Special Resolution" means a resolution of the Voting Unitholders, approved by not less than 66%% of the votes cast by those persons who vote in person or by proxy at a duly convened meeting of the Trust or by way of a written resolution.
- "Special Voting Units" means a special voting unit of the Trust.
- "Subscriber" means a subscriber for Trust Units pursuant to the Offering.
- "Subscription Agreement" has the meaning set out in "Subscription Procedures".
- "Subsidiary" has the meaning ascribed thereto in NI 45-106.
- "Tax Act" means the Income Tax Act, R.S.C. 1985 (5th Supp.), c.1, as amended.
- "Trust" means Equiton Balanced Real Estate Fund Trust.
- "Trust Distributable Income" means the Trust Income plus the Net Realized Capital Gains, subject to any other adjustments as determined by the Trustees.

"Trust Income" means, for any taxation year of the Trust, the amount by which the income of the Trust for such taxation year, computed in accordance with the provisions of the Tax Act (but without reference to paragraph 82(1)(b) and subsection 104(6) thereof) and taking into account such other amounts and adjustments as are determined in the discretion of the Trustees regarding the calculation of income for the purposes of determining the "taxable income" of the Trust, exceeds each amount determined by the Trustees in respect of any non-capital loss for a prior taxation year that the Trust is permitted by the Tax Act to deduct in computing the taxable income of the Trust for such year; provided, however, that capital gains and capital losses will be excluded from the computation of the Trust Income.

"Trust Property" or "Trust Properties" means, at any particular time, any and all assets of the Trust, including, without limitation, all proceeds therefrom.

"Trust Unit" means a unit of beneficial interest in the Trust and includes a Class A Trust Unit, a Class F Trust Unit and a Class I Trust Unit and a fraction of a unit and any other classes of units of the Trust authorized by the Trustees from time to time, but for greater certainty does not include a Special Voting Unit.

"Trust Unitholder" means a holder of one or more Trust Units.

"**Trustees**" means the trustees of the Trust as appointed from time to time in accordance with the Declaration of Trust.

"Voting Unitholder" means a holder of one or more Voting Units.

"Voting Units" means the Trust Units and the Special Voting Units.

#### SUMMARY

The following is a summary only and is qualified by the more detailed information and financial statements, including the notes thereto, appearing elsewhere in this Offering Memorandum. Certain terms used in this Offering Memorandum are defined in the Glossary. All dollar amounts in this Offering Memorandum are in Canadian dollars unless otherwise indicated.

## **Description of Trust**

Equiton Balanced Real Estate Fund Trust (the "**Trust**") is an unincorporated open-ended real estate investment trust created by a declaration of trust made as of April 30, 2018 as may be amended from time to time (the "**Declaration of Trust**") and governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein. See "*Declaration of Trust*" and "*Terms of Trust Units*". The Trust was established with the objective of investing indirectly in the business of the Partnership through its acquisition of Class A LP Units. All or substantially all of the net proceeds of the Offering will be invested in the Partnership through the purchase of Class A LP Units.

# The Offering

**Issuer:** Equiton Balanced Real Estate Fund Trust.

Issue: An unlimited number of Class A, Class F and Class I units of

the Trust (collectively, the "Trust Units").

Price: Initially \$9.00 per Trust Unit (the "Initial Subscription Price")

and thereafter \$10.00 per Trust Unit. As of the date hereof, the Trust has raised approximately \$2 million. The Trustees expect to raise up to \$10,000,000 at the Initial Subscription

Price.

**Eligible Subscribers for** 

**Trust Units:** 

Investors who are eligible to purchase Trust Units on an

exempt basis under, and subject to compliance with,

applicable securities laws.

Closings: Closings will take place periodically as agreed upon by the

Trust and the Equiton Agent.

Attributes of Trust Units: The Trust Units represent the beneficial ownership interest of

the holders thereof in the Trust. Each Trust Unit carries one vote at meetings of Trust Unitholders and a holder thereof is entitled to distributions as described herein. See "Material

Agreements – Declaration of Trust – Trust Units".

**Use of Proceeds:** Net proceeds of the Offering are to be used to purchase Class

A LP Units of the Partnership. See "Use of Available Funds"

Any OM Marketing Materials prepared by the Trust and made available to a prospective investor are deemed to be incorporated by reference into the Offering Memorandum.

## **Management of the Trust**

The Declaration of Trust provides for a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of nine (9) Trustees. The board of Trustees was initially appointed by Equiton Partners, with a majority of the Trustees being Independent Trustees. The term of office applicable to each Trustee shall expire at the termination of the Trust. Any Trustee may resign upon written notice to the Trust. A Trustee may be removed at any time with or without cause by Equiton Partners. A vacancy occurring among the Trustees may be filled by resolution of the remaining Trustees, as long as they constitute a quorum and a majority of the Trustees constituting quorum are resident in Canada for purposes of the Tax Act (or if they are not, then a new Trustee may be appointed by Equiton Partners). In the event that an independent Trustee ceases to be a Trustee, such vacancy shall be filled by a person that would qualify as an independent Trustee. The board of Trustees is currently comprised of Jason Roque and Helen Hurlbut and three Independent Trustees, William Woods, Bill Zigomanis and Robert Mongeau. Neither of Jason Roque and Helen Hurlbut are Independent Trustees. The Declaration of Trust provides that the Trustees may appoint a Finance Committee and any Additional Committees. No committees of the board of Trustees have been formed at this time.

# The Asset Manager

Equiton Partners has been appointed as the sole and exclusive manager of the affairs of the Trust and Partnership. Equiton Partners provides the Partnership with, among other things, the strategic, advisory, asset management, administrative, property management, leasing, construction management, lending and financial management and administrative services necessary to manage the day-to-day operations of the Partnership and its assets. In carrying out its obligations under the Management Agreement, Equiton Partners is required to exercise its powers and discharge its duties diligently, honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the Partnership, including exercising the standard of care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in similar circumstances.

The services provided by Equiton Partners under the terms of the Management Agreement include, without limitation: (a) the structuring of the Offering, the Trust and the Partnership, (b) liaising with legal and tax counsel, (c) identifying and sourcing investment opportunities for the Partnership, (d) conducting due diligence on investment opportunities; (e) conducting continuous analysis of market conditions to monitor the Partnership's investment, (f) advising the Partnership with respect to the disposition of its investments, (g) providing investor communication and reporting services to the Trust and the Partnership, and (g) doing all such other acts or things and entering into agreements or documents on behalf of the Trust and/or Partnership to seek to achieve the investment objectives of the Trust.

The term of the Management Agreement will continue, subject to earlier termination in certain circumstances, until the winding-up or dissolution of the Partnership and the Trust. The Management Agreement can be terminated early in certain circumstances, including (i) upon the dissolution, liquidation, bankruptcy, insolvency or winding-up of Equiton Partners; and (ii) breach of Equiton Partners' standard of care, which breach may be disputed by Equiton Partners acting in good faith by referring the matter to arbitration, the decision resulting from such arbitration to be final. The Management Agreement shall not terminate until the arbitrator renders a decision.

See "Material Agreements – The Asset Management Agreement".

#### The Trust's Business

The Trust is a "mutual fund trust" for purposes of the Tax Act and has been established to carry on activities in order to produce income for the exclusive benefit of the Trust Unitholders. The objective of the Trust is to invest indirectly in the business of the Partnership through its acquisition of Class A LP Units. All or substantially all of the net proceeds of the Offering will be invested in the Partnership through the purchase of Class A LP Units.

The Trust currently obtains exposure to the loans listed in Schedule "L" through the Partnership.

## The Partnership's Business

The Partnership seeks to invest in various limited partnerships that invest in a diversified pool of North American based real estate assets, including: (i) existing residential, commercial, industrial, mixed-use, hybrid and other income-producing properties; (ii) real estate development and construction; and (iii) real estate financing and lending. The Partnership's initial focus is in Canada and will eventually be supplemented with U.S. based real estate assets as the opportunity presents itself and when such opportunities are deemed appropriate by Equiton Partners.

## **Investment Objectives and Strategy**

The objectives of the Partnership are (i) to provide LP Unit holders, including the Trust, with regular and growing cash distributions, payable monthly from investments in (a) existing residential, commercial, industrial, mixed-use, hybrid and other income-producing properties; (b) real estate development and construction; and (c) real estate financing and lending; and (ii) to maximize LP Unit value through the ongoing management of the Partnership's investments and through future investments in North American real estate assets.

### **Investment Guidelines and Operating Policies**

The Declaration of Trust contains investment guidelines and operating policies. The investment guidelines set out generally the parameters under which any Subsidiary of the Trust or the Partnership will be permitted to invest and includes, among other things, limitations and restrictions on certain investment activities and target portfolio allocations. The operating policies address, among other things, the level of the Trust's debt and the requirements for insurance coverage and environmental audits.

The investment guidelines and operating policies may be amended by an Ordinary Resolution at a meeting of the Voting Unitholders called for the purpose of amending the investment guidelines or by written resolution unless such change is necessary to ensure compliance with applicable laws, regulations or other requirements by applicable regulatory authorities from time to time or to maintain the status of the Trust as a "mutual fund trust" for the purposes of the Tax Act or to respond to amendments to the Tax Act or to the interpretation thereof.

See "Material Agreements – Declaration of Trust – Amendments to Investment Guidelines and Operating Policies".

## **Equiton Loans and Redeemable LP Units**

Equiton Partners, may provide the Partnership with Equiton Loans to (a) form part of the payment of existing and future investments; (b) repay debt; (c) redeem the Redeemable LP Units; or (d) pay start-up expenses of the Trust.

The terms and conditions of such Equiton Loans will be determined at the time of making such loans. However, the Trust anticipates such Equiton Loans will be interest only payable loans, with no fixed term, and will bear interest at a fixed annual rate of the Prime Rate plus 2% payable monthly. Additionally, the Trust anticipates the Equiton Loans will be repayable to Equiton Partners in cash or Redeemable LP Units (at the discretion of Equiton Partners) and will be assignable by Equiton Partners.

The Redeemable LP Units will have a subscription price based on the market price of the Trust Units and will be redeemable, in whole or in part, at any time at the option of the Partnership at a price equal to the market value of such Redeemable LP Units, as determined by the General Partner from time to time. A holder of Redeemable LP Units will have the right to one vote for each Redeemable LP Unit held in respect of all matters to be decided by the Limited Partners. Holders of Redeemable LP Units shall be entitled to receive distributions per Redeemable LP Unit equal to the distributions per Class A LP Unit. The Redeemable LP Units will rank equal with the Class A LP Units in the event of liquidation of the Partnership.

## **Distribution Policy**

The Declaration of Trust provides that the Trust may distribute to the Trust Unitholders on or about each Distribution Date such percentage of the Trust Distributable Income (other than capital gains, the tax on which may be recoverable by the Trust) for the Distribution Period then ended as the Trustees may determine in their discretion.

In addition to the foregoing, the total amount of Trust Income and Net Realized Capital Gains due and payable by the Trust on or before December 31 of any calendar year or the end of any other taxation year calculated in accordance with the provisions of the Tax Act, shall not be less than the amount necessary to ensure that the Trust will not be liable to pay non-refundable income tax under Part I of the Tax Act for such year (determined without reference to any bonus distributions in the year automatically reinvested in Trust Units in accordance with the DRIP). See "Material Agreements – Declaration of Trust – Distribution Policy".

#### **Distribution Reinvestment Plan**

The Trust has implemented a DRIP whereby Trust Unitholders of Class A Trust Units, Class F Trust Units or Class I Trust Units who are not Non-Residents are entitled to elect to have all or some of the cash distributions of the Trust automatically reinvested in additional Trust Units. Participants in the DRIP will receive additional bonus Trust Units in an amount equal in value to 2% of distributions reinvested.

#### **Risk Factors**

There are certain risk factors inherent in an investment in the Trust Units and in the activities of the Trust, including but not limited to, risks related to a blind pool offering, availability of distributable income, liquidity of Trust Units, redemption risk, tax related risks, litigation risks, risks

of real estate investment and ownership, lending and financing risk, credit risk, interest rate risk, construction and development risk and competitions risks. See "Risk Factors".

# **Subscription Procedures**

Subscribers wishing to subscribe for Trust Units will be required to enter into a Subscription Agreement with the Trust which will contain, among other things, representations, warranties and covenants by the Subscriber in favour of the Trust. See "Subscription Procedure".

## **Purchase Options**

Subscribers may subscribe for Class A Trust Units through the Equiton Agent or through a registered dealer acting as a sub-agent using one of three purchase options (the "**Purchase Options**"):

## **Class A Trust Units:**

Option 1 – Deferred Sales Charge Option – the Equiton Agent or sub-agent will receive an upfront commission of 8% of the subscription price. A Deferred Sales Charge will be applied to the redemption of a Class A Trust Unit prior to the fifth anniversary of their subscription.

Option 2 – Low Load Option – the Equiton Agent or sub-agent will receive an upfront commission of 4% and an ongoing trailer of 0.75% per annum for so long as the Subscriber remains a holder of such Class A Trust Units. There will be an Early Redemption Fee applicable to the redemption of any such Class A Trust Units prior to the third anniversary of their subscription.

Option 3 – Front Load Option – the Equiton Agent or sub-agent will negotiate a commission (if any) which the Subscriber shall pay directly and the Equiton Agent or sub-agent will receive an ongoing trailer of 1% per annum for as long as the Subscriber remains a holder of such Class A Trust Units. There will be an Early Redemption Fee applicable to the redemption of any Class A Trust Unit within the first 6 months of subscription.

## **Class F Trust Units:**

Class F Trust Units may only be subscribed for by Fee Based Accounts where the Subscriber pays an annual fee to a dealer pursuant to a fee based program. No commission and no trailers are paid on Class F Trust Units. There will be an Early Redemption Fee applicable to the redemption of any Class F Trust Units within the first 6 months of subscription.

#### Class I Trust Units:

Class I Trust Units are designed for institutional investors. The fees payable on Class I Trust Units will be determined based on negotiation and agreement between a Subscriber and the Trust.

See "Purchase Options".

#### **Resale Restrictions**

The Trust Units are not listed on an exchange. There is currently no secondary market through which the Trust Units may be sold, there can be no assurance that any such market will develop and the Trust has no current plans to develop such a market. Accordingly, the sole method of liquidation of an investment in Trust Units is by way of a redemption of the Trust Units. Aggregate

redemptions are limited to \$50,000 per month in cash unless approved by the Trustees with the remainder of any redemptions in excess of \$50,000 being satisfied by the issuance of a Redemption Note. See "Material Agreements – Declaration of Trust – Redemption of Trust Units".

Subscribers of Trust Units are advised to seek legal advice prior to any resale of the Trust Units. Pursuant to the Declaration of Trust, Trust Unitholders may transfer Trust Units only with the approval of the Trustees. The Trustees shall have the power to restrict the transfer of Trust Units on the books of the Trust without liability to Trust Unitholders or others who will thereby be restricted from taking a transfer. See "Resale Restrictions".

## **Subscribers' Rights of Action**

Each Subscriber has two Business Days to cancel its subscription to purchase the Trust Units. Subscribers of Trust Units pursuant to this Offering Memorandum have a remedy for damages or rescission, or both, in addition to any other rights they may have at law, where the Offering Memorandum and any amendment to it contains an untrue statement of a material fact or an omission to state a material fact that is required to be stated or that is necessary to make any statement not misleading in light of the circumstances in which it was made. These remedies, or notice with respect to these remedies, must be exercised or delivered, as the case may be, by the Subscriber within the time limits prescribed by applicable securities legislation. See "Subscribers' Rights of Action".

#### **USE OF AVAILABLE FUNDS**

#### **Funds**

The following table discloses the net proceeds of the Offering:

		Assuming Minimum Offering <sup>(1)</sup>	Assuming Maximum Offering <sup>(1)</sup>
Α	Amount to be raised pursuant to this Offering	N/A	N/A
В	Selling commissions and fees <sup>(2)</sup>	N/A	N/A
С	Estimated offering costs (e.g. printing, legal, accounting, audit) <sup>(3)</sup>	N/A	N/A
D	Available funds: D = A - (B+C)	N/A	N/A
Е	Additional sources of funding required <sup>(4)</sup>	N/A	N/A
F	Working capital deficiency <sup>(5)</sup>	N/A	N/A
G	Total: $G = (D+E) - F$	N/A	N/A

#### Notes:

- (1) There is no minimum or maximum offering. The Trust will offer an unlimited number of Trust Units on a continuous basis. The minimum subscription amount per subscription is \$5,000 or such lower amount as the Trust may determine from time to time.
- (2) Trust Units are sold through the Equiton Agent and sub-agents (the "securities dealers"). It is expected that the Trust will pay compensation to the Equiton Agents and/or other securities dealers, up to a maximum of 8% of the subscription proceeds. The Trust may also pay trailing commissions to the Equiton Agent and/or other securities dealers in respect of Trust Units sold by them or held in the client accounts of such securities dealers. The trailing commission varies based on the Class A Purchase Option through which the Trust Units are purchased. In addition, the Trust will pay: wholesale costs to the Equiton Agent of 1.25% of the gross proceeds of the Offering; a dealer fee of 1.5% of the gross proceeds of the Offering to the selling agent dealer based on sales made by that dealer, and a lead agent fee up to 1.0% of the gross proceeds of the Offering to the Equiton Agent and any lead agent appointed by the Equiton Agent. To the extent that the Trust is responsible for the payment of compensation to the Equiton Agent and/or other securities dealers, the funds available to the Trust will be reduced. See "Compensation Paid to Sellers and Finders" and "Purchase Option". The Trust is considered a "connected" or "related" issuer to the Equiton Agent. See "Relationship between the Trust and the Equiton Agent".
- (3) The estimated costs include legal, consulting, accounting and printing costs associated with this Offering and are estimated at approximately \$150,000.
- (4) If additional funding is required by the Partnership, the Partnership may arrange for access to the Equiton Loans and issuance of Redeemable LP Units. See "Additional Financing". Equiton Partners is a Related Party of the Trust. See "Relationship between the Trust, the Equiton Agent and other Related Parties".
- (5) The Partnership will have a working capital deficiency relating to start-up expenses which will be expensed over future financings or funds from operations.

#### **Use of Available Funds**

The following table provides a breakdown of how the Trust will use the available funds from this Offering in the 12 months following the date of this Offering Memorandum:

Description of Intended Use of Available Funds	Assuming Minimum	Assuming Maximum
Listed in Order of Priority	Offering <sup>(1)</sup>	Offering <sup>(1)</sup>
Investment by the Trust in Class A LP Units(2)	N/A	

#### Notes

- (1) There is no minimum or maximum offering. The Trust is offering an unlimited number of Trust Units on a continuous basis.
- (2) The Partnership proposes to use the net proceeds of the sale of Class A LP Units it receives from the investment by the Trust to invest in (i) existing residential, commercial, industrial, mixed-use, hybrid and other income-producing properties; (ii) real estate development and construction; and (iii) real estate financing and lending. The Trust's initial focus is on Canada and will eventually be augmented with U.S. based real estate assets. The General Partner and Equiton Partners are considered Related Parties to the Trust as a result of Jason Roque and Helen Hurlbut, being two of the Trustees of the Trust, acting as director and President and Chief Financial Officer, respectively, of each of the General Partner and Equiton Partners. Additionally, the General Partner and Equiton Partners are controlled by Jason Roque. See "Relationship between the Trust, the Equiton Agent and Other Related Parties".

All of the net proceeds raised by the Trust from the sale of Trust Units pursuant to this Offering will be invested in the Partnership through the purchase of Class A LP Units. The proceeds of such sale of Class A LP Units will be utilized by the Partnership to carry out its investment objectives and strategy. See "The Partnership's Business".

#### Reallocation

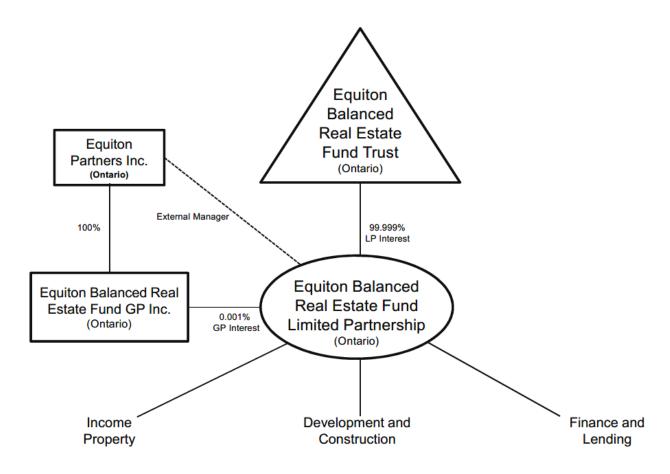
The Trust intends to spend the available funds as stated. The Trust will reallocate the funds only for sound business reasons in accordance with the investment objectives and restrictions of the Trust. Reallocation of funds or use of the funds raised by this Offering for any purpose not contemplated in this Offering Memorandum or any proposed use of the funds raised by this Offering which could reasonably be considered to be materially different than the articulated use of proceeds set out herein will require the prior unanimous approval of the Independent Trustees, subject to the approvals set out in the Declaration of Trust. See "Material Agreements – Declaration of Trust – Conflict of Interest Restrictions and Provisions".

### THE BUSINESS OF THE TRUST

#### Structure

Equiton Balanced Real Estate Fund Trust (the "**Trust**") is an unincorporated open-ended real estate investment trust created by a declaration of trust made as of April 30, 2018 as may be amended from time to time (the "**Declaration of Trust**") and governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein. See "*Declaration of Trust*" and "*Terms of Trust Units*". The Trust was established with the objective of investing indirectly in the business of the Partnership through its acquisition of Class A LP Units. All or substantially all of the net proceeds of the Offering will be invested in the Partnership through the purchase of Class A LP Units.

The following diagram sets out the principal operating structure of the Trust:



The Trustees are responsible for the general control and direction of the Trust. The only business of the Trust will be to own Class A LP Units, which in turn will indirectly invest in limited partnerships which are intended to own the Trust Properties.

#### **Trustees**

The Declaration of Trust provides for a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of nine (9) Trustees. The board of Trustees was initially appointed by Equiton Partners, with a majority of the Trustees being Independent Trustees. The term of office applicable to each Trustee shall expire at the termination of the Trust. Any Trustee may resign upon written notice to the Trust. A Trustee may be removed at any time with or without cause by Equiton Partners. A vacancy occurring among the Trustees may be filled by resolution of the remaining Trustees, as long as they constitute a quorum and a majority of the Trustees constituting quorum are resident in Canada for purposes of the Tax Act (or if they are not, then a new Trustee may be appointed by Equiton Partners). In the event that an independent Trustee ceases to be a Trustee, such vacancy shall be filled by a person that would qualify as an independent Trustee. The board of Trustees is currently comprised of Jason Roque and Helen Hurlbut and three Independent Trustees, William Woods, Bill Zigomanis and Robert Mongeau. Neither of Jason Roque and Helen Hurlbut are Independent Trustees.

The Declaration of Trust provides that the Trustees may appoint a Finance Committee and any Additional Committees. No committees of the board of Trustees have been formed at this time.

Pursuant to the Declaration of Trust, each Trustee is required to exercise the powers and duties of his or her office honestly, in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Trust and the Trust Unitholders and, in connection therewith, to exercise that degree of care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances.

#### The Trust's Business

The Trust is a "mutual fund trust" for purposes of the Tax Act and has been established to carry on activities in order to produce income for the exclusive benefit of the Trust Unitholders. The objective of the Trust is to invest indirectly in the business of the Partnership through its acquisition of Class A LP Units. All or substantially all of the net proceeds of the Offering will be invested in the Partnership through the purchase of Class A LP Units.

The Trust's objective is to seek to provide regular monthly distributions (with the initial distribution targeted on September 4, 2019) and capital appreciation over time. The target total return of the Trust is 8% to 12% per annum which is expected to be generated from an annual distribution (paid monthly), special distributions (which may come from financing and lending activities/investments, development projects, property sales and various other sources), as well as capital appreciation over time. The Trust is targeting annual distributions (paid monthly, with the initial distribution targeted on September 4, 2019) of \$0.54 per Class A Trust Unit and \$0.63 per Class F Trust Unit, for a target initial yield of 6% per Class A Trust Unit and 7% per Class F Trust Unit based on a \$9.00 Initial Subscription Price. The targeted annual distributions for Class I Trust Units will be determined through negotiations with prospective purchasers of Class I Trust Units.

To meet its objectives, the Trust's initial focus is on assets that seek to provide the income needed to support the initial distributions, such as, income-producing properties and finance and lending, as opposed to development, which typically takes many years before paying distributions.

The Trust currently obtains exposure to the loans listed in Schedule "L" through its investment in the Partnership.

### The Partnership's Business

The Partnership seeks to invest in limited partnerships that invest in a diversified pool of North American based real estate assets, including: (i) existing residential, commercial, industrial, mixed-use, hybrid and other income-producing properties; (ii) real estate development and construction; and (iii) real estate financing and lending. The Partnership's initial focus is in Canada and will eventually be supplemented with U.S. based real estate assets as the opportunity presents itself and when such opportunities are deemed appropriate by Equiton Partners.

### Investment Objectives and Strategy

The objectives of the Partnership are (i) to provide LP Unit holders, including the Trust, with regular and growing cash distributions, payable monthly from investments in (a) existing residential, commercial, industrial, mixed-use, hybrid and other income-producing properties; (b) real estate development and construction; and (c) real estate financing and lending; and (ii) to maximize LP Unit value through the ongoing management of the Partnership's investments and through future investments in North American real estate assets.

## Income-Producing Property

The Partnership may invest in income-producing properties directly or indirectly, including multiresidential apartments, student housing, retirement residences, retail and commercial space, offices, industrial space and mixed-use properties, as well as hybrid-type properties (like flexspace) and specialty properties (like self-storage).

In addition to different categories of income-producing properties, investments can be further subdivided into those that currently generate positive cash flow and value-add opportunities. The Partnership may invest in cash flow and value-add investments. Value-add investments typically require significant capital, and may also require operational improvements. They are acquired at a discount to replacement value and can generate greater returns than most regular cash-flowing properties, but may not make distributions for a period of three or more years.

# Development and Construction

The Partnership may invest in residential, commercial, industrial or other real estate development projects. Initially, the focus of the Partnership is on residential development projects, like low-rise subdivisions, townhomes and condos. Such projects may include ancillary commercial or mixed-use components to the developments, such as high-rise residential condo projects where the zoning requires retail commercial space on the ground floor.

The Partnership may invest by entering into joint ventures with reputable developers – providing equity in exchange for a share of a development's profits. Development partners (which could be Related Parties) would provide project oversight and management. The Partnership may also directly complete its own development projects (outsourcing the development and construction management) or enter into joint ventures with a third party or Related Parties.

## Lending and Financing

The Partnership may invest in real estate lending. The primary focus is investing in predevelopment, construction, and term financing mortgages. Types of lending could include: first and second mortgages, mezzanine financing, land loans and construction financing. The average term-to-maturity for mortgage investments is expected to be 12 to 24 months depending on the specifics of the loan.

#### **Development of Business**

The Trust was formed on April 30, 2018 pursuant to the Declaration of Trust.

## **Market Information**

As of the end of 2017, the professionally-managed global real estate investment market<sup>1</sup> had grown to US\$8.5 trillion with Canada and the U.S. accounting for approximately US\$320 billion and US\$3 trillion, respectively. On a global basis, Canada and the U.S. rank as the 8<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> largest professionally managed global real estate markets.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> MSCI Inc. (June 2018). Real Estate Market Size 2017.

The Trust believes that both Canada and the U.S. real estate markets are supported by strong economies, stable monetary policies and demographic trends that are advantageous for commercial real estate.

CBRE forecasts<sup>2</sup> indicate that Canadian commercial real estate transactions exceeded \$49 billion for 2018, which corresponds to a 14% increase over the previous year's record of \$43 billion.

The Trust believes that favourable long-term trends should continue to contribute to the attractiveness and performance of well-managed multi-residential and commercial income producing and development properties in both Canada and the U.S.:

- Population growth, through natural means and immigration, will continue to increase demand for new places to live, shop and work, both in Canada and the U.S.
- Canada has one of the fastest growth rates of any G7 nation<sup>3</sup> and is growing faster than
  many other industrialized countries including Germany, the United States and the United
  Kingdom. Canada's population has surpassed 36 million and its average growth rate
  has remained relatively stable over the last 30 years at just over 1.0% per year.<sup>4</sup>
  Immigration has accounted for most of Canada's population growth since the early
  2000's.
- The population of the U.S. has continued to grow, and similar to Canada, is driven by a high level of immigration. The latest data from the U.S. Census Bureau indicates that population growth has been running between 0.70% and 0.84% per year in the U.S. since 2010.<sup>5</sup> From 2010 to 2014, new immigration (legal and illegal) plus birth within immigrant families added 8.3 million residents to the U.S., equal to approximately 87 percent of the total U.S. population growth during that time.<sup>6</sup>
- Economic growth in both Canada and the U.S. is anticipated to remain robust and is expected to average approximately 1.9%<sup>7</sup> and 1.8%<sup>8</sup>, respectively, in 2018 and 2019. Over this same period, unemployment in Canada and the U.S. is expected to drop to 5.7%<sup>9</sup> and 3.6%<sup>10</sup>, respectively. Equiton Partners anticipates that the high economic growth rate combined with a decrease in the unemployment rate will have a positive impact on demand for commercial real estate.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> CBRE Limited. 2019 Real Estate Market Outlook Canada.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Statistics Canada Database. Chart 1 Average Annual Population Growth Rate Among G20 and G7 Countries, 2011 to 2016.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Statistics Canada Database. Annual Average Growth Rate, Natural Increase and Migratory Increases per Intercensal Period, Canada, 1851 to 2056.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The World Bank Database. *Population Growth (Annual %), United States.* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Center for Immigration Studies. (October 2016). *Immigrants in the United States: A Profile of the Foreign-Born Using 2014 and 2015 Census Bureau Data.* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Bank of Canada. *Monetary Policy Review, January 2019.* 

<sup>8</sup> World Bank Database. Global Economic Prospectus, January 2019

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> BMO Capital Markets, Canadian Economic Outlook. (February 22, 2019).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> BMO Capital Markets, Economic Summary Forecast for February 22, 2019.

- As Millennials, who account for 23%<sup>11</sup> and 25%<sup>12</sup> of the Canadian and U.S. populations, respectively, come of age and "leave the nest", their preference to live in urban centres combined with high single-family home prices has contributed to an increase in demand for rental apartments. This trend which has driven Canadian vacancy rates down to 2.4%<sup>13</sup> while simultaneously increases average rents by 4.9% in Ontario as of October 2018. In the U.S., the national apartment vacancy rate was 4.9% as at the end of 2018.<sup>14</sup>
- The rapid growth of e-commerce in Canada and the U.S. has sparked tremendous expansion in both countries' logistic and distribution sectors which Equiton Partners expects will significantly increase demand for industrial space.

## **Income-Producing Properties**

Typically, income-producing properties are either actively producing regular income or new builds that are completed and significantly leased-up. There are various types of income-producing properties: multi-residential; retail; offices; and, industrial making up the bulk of the properties with hotels, mini-storage, parking lots, seniors care housing and other specialty properties rounding out the asset class.

### Multi-Family Residential Properties

As an asset class, multi-family residential properties span a wide spectrum that technically includes all buildings containing at least two housing units, which are adjacent vertically or horizontally. Multi-family residential properties types include townhouses, condominiums and apartments, which share physical systems such as walls, roofs, heating and cooling, utilities or amenities. The real estate industry "grades" multi-family properties as Class A, B or C based on criteria such as age, quality, amenities, rent and location, among other factors.

Multi-family residential properties generally deliver regular returns, because people always need a place to live irrespective of the stage of the economic cycle. Therefore, in normal markets, residential occupancy tends to stay reasonably high. Another factor contributing to the stability of residential property is that the loss of a single tenant has a minimal impact on a multi-residential portfolio's bottom line, whereas losing a tenant in other types of property can have detrimental effects. The diminishing supply of developable land in many major North American cities continues to put pressure on affordable home ownership, thereby increasing demand for rental housing. In many cities across Canada and the U.S., demographic trends also suggest a long-term increase in renting versus ownership. In addition, in many North American markets, there are significant barriers to building new developments, as among other factors, and in the opinion of Equiton Partners, certain buildings can be purchased far below their replacement cost.

#### Retail Properties

Retail properties consist of many property types, which include large regional malls, outlet centres, grocery-anchored shopping centers, power centers that feature big box retailers, strip

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Statistics Canada, Table 051-0001, Estimates of Population, by Age Group and Sex for July 1, Canada, Provinces and Territories.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> United States Census Bureau. (June 2015). Millennials Outnumber Baby Boomers and are far More Diverse.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. (November 2018).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Reis, Inc. (January 2019). Apartment First Glance-2018 Quarter 4.

centers and single tenant free-standing retail boxes. Retail properties can be located in metropolitan city centres and suburban neighbourhoods, and are often part of an integrated project consisting of not only retail outlets but other amenities such as bowling alleys, cinemas and skating rinks.

Retail properties located in high traffic flow areas are highly regarded investments and enjoy several advantages over other property types. Firstly, larger retail properties often enjoy a high barrier of entry. This is especially true in urban centres where the supply of land is limited and the release of land for retail purposes is highly regulated by the government. Furthermore, the cost of building a mall is prohibitively expensive, and banks typically only fund the construction of a mall or shopping centre project if the developer has a well-established track record in this sector. For this reason, retail properties are unlikely to face oversupply or any serious competition from new market entrants.

Another advantage of retail properties is that established properties are an essential consumer service and despite the emergence of on-line shopping, many consumer staples – fresh groceries, haircuts, dining out, shopping and entertainment – are purchased in person. As such, retailers still need brick and mortar structures to deliver these services. Also, regardless of how poorly the economy may be doing, spending on these weekly staples is unlikely to deteriorate as much, compared to sub-sectors with non-essential services such as hotel occupancy levels.

Retail properties often have more favourable lease agreements (triple net leases, rent bumps and agreement to retain portions of profits from the tenants when sales reach target levels) with their tenants as compared to other property types. When retail properties enter into favourable lease agreements with their tenants, the owner of the property has effectively absolved itself of the major expenditures of running the property while ensuring sustained income growth. Costs of insurance, building repairs and property taxes are all passed onto the tenants, allowing the property owners to retain as much of the property yield as possible. Lease agreements like these are rarely the case for other property types.

### Office Properties

Office properties can range from skyscrapers in central business districts to office parks and stand-alone buildings, which are typically found in adjacent suburban areas. The various types of office properties cater to a diverse tenant group ranging from multinational corporations to entrepreneurial start-ups.

One of the key advantages of office properties is that their tenants, especially anchor tenants, usually take on relatively long leases as compared to tenants occupying industrial or retail properties. Therefore, office properties have relatively longer weighted average lease expiry ("WALE") compared to other commercial property types. These leases provide a more secure income stream which makes up a large part of the investment return for commercial property, so the length of those leases help underpin the value. For example, a long WALE of five years or more indicates that future income streams from the asset are relatively secure.

### Industrial Properties

Industrial properties come in all shapes and sizes, and provide for a wide range of business types. Industrial properties can generally be broken down into specialty properties and flex-space properties.

Specialty properties typically meet the needs of a specific tenant or type of tenant. There is a limited ability, however, to be able to significantly repurpose specialty properties if the need arises. Examples of specialty properties include large warehouse/distribution buildings, manufacturing buildings (also known as heavy industrial buildings), refrigeration/cold storage buildings, and telecom/data housing centres (also known as switching centres, cyber centres, web hosting facilities, and telecom centres).

Flex-space properties may be more easily repurposed, often capable of housing a wide range of users and typically consist of more than a single facility. Light manufacturing buildings with office space, research and development buildings (i.e. campus-like business parks), showroom buildings, which combine retail display space with extensive onsite storage and distribution, and small warehouse and distribution centres, are typical flex-space properties.

Unlike many other forms of commercial real estate such as hotels or shopping malls, industrial properties take a shorter time to build and will rarely exceed a year of construction time. As such, developments of industrial buildings are considered more responsive to current economic conditions and are not as susceptible to excessive overbuilding.

Another advantage of industrial properties is that they are relatively more configurable and can be adapted to meet specific space demands throughout the economic cycle. As the economy slows down and floor inventory piles up, space that was previously used for manufacturing activity can be quickly converted into a warehousing facility or even office space.

Lastly but perhaps most importantly, industrial properties often require relatively more modest capital expenditures, or CAPEX, in comparison to other property types. Again, unlike hotels and shopping malls, industrial properties have little need for periodic aesthetic makeovers or asset enhancement initiatives. Modest CAPEX would usually translate into higher per property income.

### Real Estate Construction and Development

Real estate construction and development can encompass a wide variety of activities for the purpose of adding value in some way to an existing property. Project processes and activities can be numerous and oftentimes complicated. It can involve property acquisition, various types of financing, municipal planning and approvals, engineering, environmental work, sales and marketing, land development and construction. It can also involve the coordination of numerous consultants, suppliers and contractors.

Development and construction projects vary and can be for the purpose of renovating or repurposing an existing building for re-lease or sale. They can also include the purchase of raw land (or existing structures for demolition) for the purposes of building a new structure such as a residential subdivision, commercial centre or high-rise building. Typically, projects are then kept to create an income stream or sold.

Opportunities in real estate development are numerous and can be located in metropolitan centers and suburban markets. They can encompass multiple types of development project types including retail, office, industrial, mixed-use, mid and high-rise condominiums, subdivided lots and residential subdivisions. Development can also be completed directly or in partnership with other firms.

## Real Estate Lending and Financing

In North America's most populated cities, major institutions, banks and trust companies compete for the tier-one, high volume, secured or insurable loan opportunities with an oversupply of capital to opportunities. In all other markets, there exists a near constant imbalance of capital to demand for commercial mortgage funds for mid-tier real estate properties, development and construction projects. In these markets, private lenders compete for lower volume, development and construction loan opportunities with a usual oversupply of opportunities to appropriately priced capital.

### Land and Pre-Development Mortgages

Land acquisition, pre-development and infrastructure mortgages occur at an early stage in a project's development and are often characterized as pre-development mortgages because of the use of funds to finance the acquisition of land, and the funding of pre-development costs during the approval process.

#### Development and Construction Mortgages

Development and construction mortgages follow pre-development mortgages as projects move through the development cycle. Development and construction mortgages finance the installation and construction of roads, drainage, sewage, utilities, and similar improvements on a property and the construction of residential or commercial structures. Mortgage terms in all segments average 12 to 24 months in duration.

### Term Financing Mortgages

Term financing mortgages enable an owner of a completed or substantially completed income producing property to defer arranging longer-term financing until conditions warrant more favourable financing terms. Mortgage rates vary depending on the borrower, property location, property type and loan-to-value ratio. These mortgages are usually short to mid-term as the borrower's need for funding is driven by a specific opportunity for use of the funds on an interim basis or as a method of bridging financing until the property qualifies for long-term, low cost institutional lender programs. Loans in this segment typically average six to 24 months, however, changes in market conditions or institutional lender criteria will create the opportunity for longer-term mortgages.

In real estate capital structures, just like corporate capital structures, debt investments maintain a higher priority, meaning commercial real estate debt investors maintain a lower-risk position than their equity counterparts, which offer better protection against changes in market valuations. Debt holders have a priority claim and are normally directly secured by the underlying property and the improvements put in place.

The Partnership may invest in sectors that are not described herein but are considered appropriate subject to the Investment Guidelines. See "Material Agreements – Declaration of Trust – Investment Guidelines".

## **Long-Term Objective**

The long-term objective of the Trust is to maximize Trust Unitholders' value with regular and growing cash distributions, payable monthly (with the initial distribution targeted on September 4, 2019) from investments in Class A LP Units. The Partnership seeks to invest in (a) existing residential, commercial, industrial, mixed-use, hybrid and other income-producing properties; (b) real estate development and construction; and (c) real estate financing and lending. The target total return of the Trust is 8% to 12% per annum which is expected to be generated from an annual distribution (paid monthly), special distributions (which may come from loans, development projects, property sales and various other sources), as well as capital appreciation over time. The Trust is targeting annual distributions (paid monthly) of \$0.60 per Class A Trust Unit and \$0.70 per Class F Trust Unit, for a target initial yield of 6% per Class A Trust Unit and 7% per Class F Trust Unit based on a \$10.00 subscription price. The targeted annual distributions for Class I Trust Units will be determined through negotiations with prospective purchasers of Class I Trust Units. Although each of the different classes of Trust Units may pay distributions in varying amounts, the portion of such distribution as between income and capital will be the same for each class of Trust Units. See "Business of the Trust - The Trust's Business". In order to achieve its objectives, the Trust must successfully raise capital through the Offering and future offerings.

## **Short-Term Objectives**

The primary objective of the Trust in the ensuing 12 months is to seek out Subscribers, close the Offering and complete additional offerings. The Trust will invest funds raised by such offerings in the Partnership by way of purchase of Class A LP Units which will in turn initially invest in income producing investments in Canada.

The following table discloses how the Trust intends to meet these objectives:

What we must do and how we will do it	Target completion date or, if not known, number of months to complete	Our cost to complete
Complete the Offering and acquire Class A LP Units.	Periodically, throughout the next 12 months	See Use of Available Funds
Complete additional offerings and acquire additional Class A LP Units.	Periodically throughout the next 12 months	See Use of Available Funds

### **Insufficient Funds**

The majority of the available funds raised pursuant to the Offering will be invested in the Partnership through the purchase of Class A LP Units. If the available funds invested in the Partnership are not sufficient to complete acquisitions or other activities of the Partnership including its expenses, the Partnership may arrange for Equiton Loans to the Partnership from Equiton Partners and/or the issuance of Redeemable LP Units to Equiton Partners.

The terms and conditions of such Equiton Loans will be determined at the time of making such loans. However, the Trust anticipates such Equiton Loans will be interest only payable loans, with no fixed term, and will bear interest at a fixed annual rate of the Prime Rate plus 2% payable monthly. Additionally, the Trust anticipates the Equiton Loans will be repayable to Equiton Partners in cash or Redeemable LP Units (at the discretion of Equiton Partners) and will be assignable by Equiton Partners.

### **MATERIAL AGREEMENTS**

#### **Declaration of Trust**

The following is a summary of the material attributes and characteristics of the Declaration of Trust and the Trust Units. This summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the provisions of the Declaration of Trust which contains a complete statement of those attributes and characteristics. Capitalized terms used in this section but not defined have the meanings given to them in the Declaration of Trust.

#### General

The Trust is a limited purpose unincorporated, open-ended investment trust. The Trust is governed by the general law of trusts, except as such general law of trusts has been or is from time to time modified, altered or abridged for the Trust by:

- (a) Applicable Laws; and
- (b) the terms and conditions set forth in the Declaration of Trust.

The Trust is intended to qualify as a "mutual fund trust" for purposes of the Tax Act and has been established to carry on activities in order to produce income for the exclusive benefit of the Trust Unitholders and upon termination of the Trust, the net assets of the Trust shall be liquidated and the proceeds distributed to the Trust Unitholders in accordance with their entitlements as provided in the Declaration of Trust.

The Trustees have caused the Trust to validly elect, in its return of income for the first taxation year of the Trust, pursuant to 132(6.1) of the Tax Act, that the Trust be deemed to be a "mutual fund trust" for the purposes of the Tax Act from the date it was established.

#### **Trustees**

The Declaration of Trust provides for a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of nine (9) Trustees. The board of Trustees was initially appointed by Equiton Partners, with a majority of the Trustees being Independent Trustees. The term of office applicable to each Trustee shall expire at the termination of the Trust. Any Trustee may resign upon written notice to the Trust. A Trustee may be removed at any time with or without cause by Equiton Partners. A vacancy occurring among the Trustees may be filled by resolution of the remaining Trustees, as long as they constitute a quorum and a majority of the Trustees constituting quorum are resident in Canada for purposes of the Tax Act (or if they are not, then a new Trustee may be appointed by Equiton Partners). In the event that an independent Trustee ceases to be a Trustee, such vacancy shall be filled by a person that would qualify as an independent Trustee. The majority of Trustees will, at all time, be residents of Canada for purposes of the Tax Act.

#### Conflict of Interest Restrictions and Provisions

The Declaration of Trust contains "**conflict of interest**" provisions. Given that the Trustees and senior officers of the Trust are engaged in a wide range of real estate and other activities, the Declaration of Trust contains provisions for a Trustee or officer of the Trust or any of their respective affiliates or associates that state:

A "Conflict of Interest Matter" shall mean a situation where a reasonable person would consider a Trustee or an officer of the Trust, or an entity related to a Trustee or an officer of the Trust, to have an interest that may conflict with such Trustee's or officer's ability to act in good faith and in the best interest of the Trust (or as the term "Conflict of Interest Matter" may be amended in Section 1.2(a) of NI 81-107 from time to time) and shall include, but not be limited to, situations where such Trustee or officer: (i) is a party to a material contract or transaction (as determined by the Trustees acting reasonably), whether made or proposed, with the Trust or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates (a "Material Transaction"); or (ii) is a director, trustee or officer of, or otherwise has a material interest in, any Person or in any Affiliate, Related Party or Subsidiary of any Person who is a party to a Material Transaction. In connection with any Conflict of Interest Matter, the conflicted officer or Trustee shall disclose in writing to the Trustees or request to have entered into the minutes of meetings of the Trustees, the nature and extent of the conflict as follows:

- (a) the disclosure required in the case of a Trustee shall be made:
  - (i) at the meeting of Trustees or the applicable committee thereof, as the case may be, at which a Conflict of Interest Matter is first considered;
  - (ii) if such Trustee was not then interested in a Conflict of Interest Matter, at the first such meeting after he or she becomes so interested;
  - (iii) if such Trustee becomes interested after an agreement pertaining to the Conflict of Interest Matter is entered into, at the first such meeting after he or she becomes so interested; or
  - (iv) if an individual who is interested in a Material Transaction later becomes a Trustee, at the first such meeting after he or she becomes a Trustee;
- (b) the disclosure required in the case of an officer of the Trust, who is not a Trustee, shall be made:
  - (i) forthwith after such officer becomes aware that the Conflict of Interest Matter is to be considered or has been considered at a meeting of the Trustees, or the applicable committee thereof, as the case may be;
  - (ii) if such officer becomes interested after an agreement pertaining to the Conflict of Interest Matter is entered into, forthwith after such officer becomes aware that he has become so interested; or
  - (iii) if an individual who is interested in a Conflict of Interest Matter later becomes an officer of the Trust, forthwith after such individual becomes an officer of the Trust;

- (c) notwithstanding Sections 4.7(a) and 4.7(b) of the Declaration of Trust, (i) the holding of Trust Units or LP Units by Equiton Partners or any of its Affiliates shall not be deemed to be a Conflict of Interest Matter, and (ii) if a matter is one that, in the ordinary course of the affairs of the Trust, would not require approval by the Trustees or the Unitholders, if such matter is a "Conflict of Interest Matter", the conflicted Trustee or officer of the Trust shall disclose, in writing to the Trustees or applicable committee thereof, as the case may be, the nature and extent of his interest immediately after he becomes aware of the Conflict of Interest Matter and such matter shall be put before the Independent Trustees for approval in accordance with unanimous approval requirements, as described in "— Independent Trustee Matters" below.
- (d) a Trustee referred to in Section 4.7 of the Declaration of Trust shall not vote on any resolution to approve the Conflict of Interest Matter unless the Conflict of Interest Matter is:
  - (i) one relating primarily to his remuneration as a Trustee, officer, employee or agent of the Trust; or
  - (ii) one for indemnity under Section 14.1 of the Declaration of Trust or the purchase of liability insurance;
- (e) for the purposes hereof, a general notice to the Trustees by a Trustee or an officer of the Trust disclosing the basis of a conflict, such as that he is a director, trustee or officer of or has a material interest in a Person or in any Affiliate. Related Party or Subsidiary of any Person and is to be regarded as interested in any Conflict of Interest Matter entered into or which may be entered into, is a sufficient disclosure of interest in relation to any Conflict of Interest Matter so made or entered into or which may be made or entered into, provided that such general notice is delivered to the principal office and centre of administration of the Trust and to each Trustee personally. In the event that a meeting of the Unitholders is called to confirm or approve a Conflict of Interest Matter which is the subject of a general notice to the Trustees, the nature and extent of the interest in the Conflict of Interest Matter of such Trustee or officer giving such general notice shall be disclosed in reasonable detail in the notice calling the said meeting of the Unitholders or in any information circular to be provided by this Declaration of Trust or by Applicable Law;
- (f) where a Conflict of Interest Matter is entered into between the Trust and a Trustee or an officer of the Trust, or between the Trust and another Person or any Affiliate, Related Party or Subsidiary of such other Person in which a Trustee or an officer of the Trust has a material interest:
  - (i) such Trustee or officer of the Trust is not accountable to the Trust or to the Unitholders for any profit or gain realized from the Conflict of Interest Matter; and
  - (ii) the Conflict of Interest Matter is neither void nor voidable,

by reason only of that relationship or by reason only that such Trustee or officer is present at or is counted to determine the presence of a quorum at the meeting of the Trustees or a committee that authorized the Conflict of Interest Matter, if such Trustee or officer of the Trust disclosed his interest in accordance with Section 4.7 of the Declaration of Trust, and the Conflict of Interest Matter was reasonable and fair to the Trust at the time it was approved;

- (g) notwithstanding anything in this Section, but without limiting the effect of Section 4.7(f) of the Declaration of Trust, a Trustee or an officer of the Trust, acting honestly and in good faith, is not accountable to the Trust or to the Unitholders for any profit or gain realized from any such Conflict of Interest Matter by reason only of the disclosed relationship, and the Conflict of Interest Matter, if it was reasonable and fair to the Trust at the time it was approved, is not by reason only of such Trustee's or officer's interest therein void or voidable, where:
  - (i) the Conflict of Interest Matter is confirmed or approved at a meeting of the Unitholders duly called for that purpose; and
  - (ii) the nature and extent of such Trustee's or officer's interest in the Conflict of Interest Matter are disclosed in reasonable detail in the notice calling the meeting or in any information circular to be provided by this Declaration of Trust or by Applicable Law; and
- (h) subject to Sections 4.7(f) and 4.7(g) of the Declaration of Trust, where a Trustee or an officer of the Trust fails to disclose his interest in a Conflict of Interest Matter in accordance with this Declaration of Trust or otherwise fails to comply with Section 4.7 of the Declaration of Trust, the Trustees or any Unitholder, in addition to exercising any other rights or remedies in connection with such failure exercisable at law or in equity, may apply to a court for an order setting aside the Conflict of Interest Matter and directing that such Trustee or officer account to the Trust for any profit or gain realized.

The Partnership has similar conflict of interest provisions to those described above.

#### Independent Trustee Matters

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, in addition to requiring the approval of a majority of the Trustees, the unanimous approval of the Independent Trustees holding office at such time who have no interest in the matter (given by vote at a meeting of Trustees or by written consent) shall be required with respect to any decision to approve a Conflict of Interest Matter, including, but not limited to:

- (a) entering into any agreement or transaction in which any Related Party has a material interest or making a material change to any such agreement or transaction:
- (b) relating to a claim by or against any Related Party;
- (c) relating to a claim in which the interests of a Related Party differ from the interests of the Trust:

- (d) to permit the Partnership to invest in any real or other property in which a Related Party has an interest or to sell any interest in any real or other property to a Related Party;
- (e) to approve or enforce any agreement entered into by the Trust or its Subsidiaries or Related Parties with a Trustee who is not an Independent Trustee or an Associate thereof, with another Subsidiary or Related Party;
- (f) recommending to the Voting Unitholders to increase the number of Trustees serving on the board of Trustees or authorizing the Trustees to change the number of Trustees from time to time; and
- (g) determining the compensation of any officer or employee of the Trust.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Conflict of Interest Matter may be approved unless there are at least two Independent Trustees permitted to vote on such matter, and no Conflict of Interest Matter may be approved without unanimous consent of all Independent Trustees permitted to vote on such matter.

#### Finance Committee

The Declaration of Trust provides that the Trustees may appoint a Finance Committee, consisting of at least three (3) Trustees, the majority of whom shall be Independent Trustees and resident Canadians.

# The Finance Committee shall:

- (i) review the Trust's procedures for internal control with the Auditors and Chief Financial Officer of the Trust;
- (ii) review the engagement of the Auditors;
- (iii) review and recommend to the Trustees for their approval annual and quarterly financial statements and management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operation;
- (iv) assess the Trust's financial and accounting personnel; and
- (v) review any significant transactions outside the Trust's ordinary activities and all pending litigation involving the Trust.

The Auditors are entitled to receive notice of every meeting of the Finance Committee and to attend and be heard thereat and, if so requested by a member of the Finance Committee, shall attend any meeting of the Finance Committee held during the term of office of the Auditors. Questions arising at any meeting of the Finance Committee shall be decided by a majority of the votes cast. Decisions may be taken by written consent signed by all of the members of the Finance Committee. The Auditors or a member of the Finance Committee may call a meeting of the Finance Committee on not less than 48 hours' notice.

#### Additional Committees

The Declaration of Trust provides that the Trustees may create such Additional Committees as they, in their discretion, determine to be necessary or desirable for the purposes of properly governing the affairs of the Trust; provided that the majority of the members of any Additional Committee must be resident Canadians. Further, the Trustees may not delegate to any such Additional Committees any powers or authority in respect of which a board of directors of a corporation governed by the *OBCA* may not delegate.

#### Remuneration of Trustees and Senior Officers

The Trustees are paid such compensation for their services as the Trustees may from time to time unanimously determine. Trustees who are employed by and receive a salary from the Trust will not receive any remuneration from the Trust for serving as a Trustee other than reimbursement of expenses. See "Interests of Trustees, Management, Promoters and Principal Holders – Compensation and Securities Held".

#### **Trust Units**

The beneficial interests in the Trust, other than the initial trust unit, are divided into interests of different classes, described as "Class A Trust Units", "Class F Trust Units", "Class I Trust Units" and such other classes of trust units of the Trust which may be created by the Trustees (collectively described as "**Trust Units**"). The number of Trust Units, which the Trust may issue, is unlimited. Trust Units shall be issued only as fully paid and non-assessable. Each Trust Unit when issued shall vest indefeasibly in the holder thereof. The issued and outstanding Trust Units may be subdivided or consolidated from time to time by the Trustees with the approval of the majority of the Trust Unitholders, or as otherwise provided in Section 6.5 of the Declaration of Trust but no approval will be required with respect to consolidation of Trust Units following a distribution of Trust Units. The Trust Units are not "deposits" within the meaning of the *Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation Act* and are not insured under the provisions of such act or any other legislation. The Trust Units shall not be listed on any stock exchange or other public market.

As of April 15, 2019, there were 223,166.63 Class A Trust Units and no Class F Trust Units or Class I Trust Units issued and outstanding.

# Special Voting Units

The Special Voting Units are non-participating special voting units of the Trust that have no economic entitlement in the Trust or in distributions or assets of the Trust but entitle the holders thereof to one vote per unit. Special Voting Units may only be issued in connection with or in relation to Redeemable LP Units, for the purpose of providing such voting rights with respect to the Trust to the holders of such securities. Special Voting Units will be issued in conjunction with the Redeemable LP Units to which they are related, and will be evidenced only by the certificates representing such Redeemable LP Units. Special Voting Units will not be transferable separately from the Redeemable LP Units to which they are attached and will be automatically transferred upon the transfer of such Redeemable LP Units. Upon redemption of a Redeemable LP Unit by the Partnership, the Special Voting Unit attached to such Redeemable LP Unit will automatically be redeemed and cancelled for no consideration without any further action of the Trustees, and the former holder of such Special Voting Unit will cease to have any rights with

respect thereto. Special Voting Units will not be entitled to the redemption rights available to Trust Units.

As of the date hereof, no Special Voting Units are issued and outstanding.

#### **Purchase of Trust Units**

The Trust shall be entitled to purchase for cancellation at any time the whole or from time to time any part of the outstanding Trust Units, at a price per Trust Unit and on a basis determined by the Trustees in compliance with all Applicable Laws.

# Redemption of Trust Units

Pursuant to the Declaration of Trust, each Trust Unitholder is entitled to require the Trust to redeem at any time or from time to time at the demand of the Trust Unitholder all or any part of the Trust Units registered in the name of the Trust Unitholder at the prices determined and payable in accordance with the following conditions:

- The monthly redemption date (the "Redemption Date") is the 15<sup>th</sup> day of each (a) and every month. If the 15th day of the month is not a Business Day, the Redemption Date for that month will be the next succeeding Business Day. To exercise a Trust Unitholder's right to require redemption, a duly completed and properly executed notice (the "Redemption Notice") requiring the Trust to redeem said Trust Units, in a form approved by the Trustees, specifying the class of Trust Units and the number of Trust Units to be so redeemed, shall be sent to the Trust at its head office. The Redemption Notice must be received no later than 30 days before the Redemption Date to be considered for that particular Redemption Date. If a minimum of 30 days' notice is not given, the Trustees will not be required to consider redeeming the Trust Units until the next subsequent Redemption Date. No form or manner of completion or execution shall be sufficient unless the same is in all respects satisfactory to the Trustees and is accompanied by any further evidence that the Trustees may reasonably require with respect to the identity, capacity or authority of the Person giving the Redemption Notice.
- (b) As of the Redemption Date, upon the payment of the Redemption Amount (defined below), plus the pro rata share of any unpaid distributions declared on the Trust Units to be redeemed and payable prior to the Redemption Date, the Trust Unitholder shall thereafter cease to have any rights with respect to the Trust Units tendered for redemption (other than to receive the Redemption Amount therefor) including ceasing to have the right to receive any distributions thereon which are payable to the Trust Unitholders of record on a date which is subsequent to the Redemption Date. Trust Units shall be considered to be tendered for redemption on the Redemption Date, provided that the Trust has, to the satisfaction of the Trustees, received the Redemption Notice and other required documents or evidence as aforesaid.
- (c) Upon receipt by the Trust of the Redemption Notice in accordance with this Section, the holder of the Trust Units tendered for redemption shall be entitled to receive a redemption amount (the "Redemption Amount") equal to the Market

Value on the day of the Redemption Notice times the number of Trust Units that a Trust Unitholder tenders for redemption, less the costs of implementing the redemption (the "**Redemption Cost**"), provided that the Trust shall be entitled to set-off the Redemption Amount otherwise payable against any applicable Deferred Sales Charge or Early Redemption Fee. The Board of Trustees has adopted a policy determining that the Redemption Cost shall be the <u>lesser of</u> (i) 2% of the Market Value of the Trust Units being redeemed and (ii) \$150. For example, a redemption of Trust Units with a Market Value of \$5,000 shall have a Redemption Cost of \$100.

- (d) Subject to Paragraph (e) below, the Redemption Amount payable in respect of the Trust Units tendered for redemption during any month shall be paid on the Redemption Date by wire or cheque, drawn on a Canadian chartered bank or a trust company in lawful money of Canada, payable at par to or to the order of the Trust Unitholder who exercised the right of redemption. Payment of the Redemption Amount is conclusively deemed to have been made upon the mailing of a cheque in a postage prepaid envelope addressed to the Person who redeemed the Trust Units, unless such cheque is dishonoured upon presentment. Upon such payment, the Trust shall be discharged from all liability to the Person who redeemed the Trust Units in respect of the Trust Units so redeemed.
- (e) Paragraph (d) above shall not be applicable to Trust Units tendered for redemption by a Trust Unitholder, if the total amount payable by the Trust pursuant to Paragraph (c) above in respect of such Trust Units and all other Trust Units tendered for redemption in the same calendar month exceeds \$50,000 (the "Monthly Limit"); provided that the Trustees may, in their sole discretion, increase such Monthly Limit in respect of all Trust Units tendered for redemption in any calendar month.
- (f) If, pursuant to Paragraph (e) above, Paragraph (d) is not applicable to the Trust Units tendered for redemption by a Trust Unitholder, the Redemption Amount to which the Trust Unitholder would otherwise be entitled shall be paid and satisfied as follows:
  - (i) a portion of the Redemption Amount equal to the Monthly Limit divided by the total number of Trust Units tendered by all Trust Unitholders for redemption in the month times the number of Trust Units tendered for redemption by a Trust Unitholder shall be paid and satisfied in cash, in accordance with Paragraph (d) applied *mutatis mutandis*; and
  - (ii) the remainder of the Redemption Amount shall be paid and satisfied by way of the issuance to the Trust Unitholder of one or more Redemption Notes, in accordance with Paragraph (g).

Upon such payment or satisfaction of the Redemption Amount in accordance with Paragraph (f)(i) and (f)(ii) above, the Trust shall be discharged from all liability to the Trust Unitholder or former Trust Unitholder in respect of the Trust Units so redeemed.

- (g) If Paragraph (f) above is applicable to some or all of the Trust Units tendered for redemption by a Trust Unitholder, the Trust shall, subject to receipt of all necessary regulatory approvals, issue to the Trust Unitholder one or more Redemption Notes having an aggregate principal amount equal to the Redemption Amount minus the cash paid or payable to the Trust Unitholder pursuant to Paragraph (f)(i) above. Subject to Applicable Laws, the Redemption Notes shall be issued to or to the order of the Trust Unitholder on the Redemption Date. A Redemption Note may be tendered for payment in accordance with its terms.
- (h) All Trust Units which are redeemed in accordance with the foregoing paragraphs shall be cancelled and such Trust Units shall no longer be outstanding and shall not be reissued.
- (i) For the purposes hereof, "Market Value" means the market value of the Trust Units at the time the applicable redemption request is received by the Trust, as determined by the Trustees in their sole discretion, divided by the number of Trust Units outstanding at such time.

# Meetings of Voting Unitholders

The board of Trustees may, at any time, convene a meeting of Voting Unitholders and will be required to convene a meeting on receipt of a request in writing of Voting Unitholders holding, in aggregate, 25% or more of the Voting Units outstanding. A meeting of holders of a class of Trust Units may be called by the board of Trustees if the nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting is only relevant to the Trust Unitholders of the class of Trust Units. A meeting of holders of a class of Trust Units shall be called by the board of Trustees upon written request of the Trust Unitholders of the class holding in the aggregate not less than 25% of the Trust Units of the class then outstanding, which requisition must specify the purpose or purposes for which such meeting is to be called.

Any matter to be considered at a meeting of Voting Unitholders, other than certain matters requiring the approval of Voting Unitholders by Special Resolution, will require the approval of Voting Unitholders by an Ordinary Resolution. A quorum for a meeting convened to consider such a matter will consist of two or more Voting Unitholders or any class of Trust Unitholders present in person or by proxy and representing not less than 25% of the Voting Units or class of Trust Units, as the case may be. If a quorum is not present at a meeting within 30 minutes after the time fixed for the meeting, the meeting, if convened pursuant to a request of Voting Unitholders, will be cancelled, but otherwise the meeting will be adjourned to another day, not less than 10 days later, selected by the Trustees and notice will be given to the Voting Unitholders of such adjourned meeting. The Voting Unitholders present at any adjourned meeting will constitute a quorum.

Each Voting Unitholder is entitled to one vote per Voting Unit held and votes of Voting Unitholders will be conducted with holders of Class A Trust Units, Class F Trust Units, Class I Trust Units and Special Voting Units voting together as a single class. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Trustees determine that the nature of the business to be transacted at a meeting affects Trust Unitholders of one class of Trust Units in a manner materially different from its effect on Trust Unitholders of another class of Trust Units, the Trust Units of such affected class

will be voted separately as a class. For greater certainty, where a separate class vote is held, holders of Special Voting Units shall not be entitled to vote.

The following matters require approval by Ordinary Resolution and shall be deemed approved, consented to or confirmed, as the case may be, upon the adoption of such Ordinary Resolution:

- (a) subject to the requirements for a Special Resolution, any matter or thing stated in the Declaration of Trust to be required to be consented to or approved by the Voting Unitholders; and
- (b) any matter which the board of Trustees considers appropriate to present to the Voting Unitholders for their confirmation or approval.

The following matters require approval by Special Resolution and shall be deemed approved, consented to or confirmed, as the case may be, upon the adoption of such Special Resolution:

- (a) any change in the basis of calculating fees or other expenses that are charged to the Trust which could result in an increase in charges to the Trust, other than a fee charged by a person or company that is arm's length to the Trust;
- (b) a reduction in the amount payable on any outstanding Trust Units upon liquidation of the Trust;
- (c) an amendment, modification or variation in the provisions or rights attaching to the Voting Units; or
- (d) the alteration or elimination of any voting rights pertaining to any outstanding Voting Units.

Notwithstanding the above or any other provision herein, no confirmation, consent or approval shall be sought or have any effect and no Voting Unitholders shall be permitted to effect, confirm, consent to or approve, in any manner whatsoever, where the same increases the obligations of or reduces the compensation payable to or protection provided to the Trustees, except with the prior written consent of the Trustees. No meeting of Voting Unitholders has been convened by the Trust.

# **Issuance of Trust Units**

The Trustees may allot and issue Trust Units at such time or times and in such manner (including pursuant to any plan from time to time in effect relating to reinvestment by the Trust Unitholders of distributions of the Trust in Trust Units) and to such Person, Persons or class of Persons as the Trustees in their sole discretion shall determine. The price or the value of the consideration for which Trust Units may be issued and the terms and conditions of issuance of the Trust Units shall be determined by the Trustees in their sole discretion, generally (but not necessarily) in consultation with investment dealers or brokers who may act as underwriters in connection with offerings of Trust Units. In the event that Trust Units are issued in whole or in part for a consideration other than money, the resolution of the Trustees allotting and issuing such Trust Units shall express the fair equivalent in money of the other consideration received.

The Trust will initially issue Trust Units at \$9.00 per Trust Unit (the "Initial Subscription Price") and thereafter at \$10.00 per Trust Unit (other than Trust Units issued at the Reduced

Subscription Price). The Trustees expect that additional Trust Units for an aggregate subscription price of up to \$8 million will be issued at the Initial Subscription Price.

The Trust may also offer a reduced subscription price of the Trust Units priced between \$9.00 and \$9.99 per Trust Unit (the "**Reduced Subscription Price**") to raise up to an additional \$15,000,000 through the issuance of Trust Units at the Reduced Subscription price.

As of April 15, 2019, there were 223,166.63 Class A Trust Units and no Class F Trust Units or Class I Trust Units issued and outstanding.

# Limitation on Non-Resident Ownership

The Trust was not established and is not maintained primarily for the benefit of one or more non-resident persons within the meaning in the Tax Act. At no time may more than 49% of the Trust Units (on a number of Trust Units or on a fair market value basis) then outstanding be held by or for the benefit of Persons who are non-residents of Canada and partnerships other than "Canadian Partnerships" for purposes of the Tax Act ("Non-Residents"). The Trustees may require declarations as to the jurisdictions in which beneficial owners of Trust Units are resident (including, in the case of a partnership, whether it is a Canadian Partnership) or declarations from Trust Unitholders as to whether such Trust Units are held for the benefit of Non-Residents. If the Trustees become aware that more than 49% of the Trust Units then outstanding are, or may be, held by or for the benefit of Non-Residents or that such a situation is imminent, the Trustees may make a public announcement thereof and shall not accept a subscription for such Trust Units from or issue or register a transfer of such Trust Units to a Person unless the Person provides a declaration that the Person is not a Non-Resident and does not hold his Trust Units on behalf of a Non-Resident beneficial owner. If the Trustees determine that more than 49% of the Trust Units then outstanding are held by or for the benefit of Non-Residents, the Trustees may send a notice to such Non-Resident Trust Unitholders and holders of Trust Units held on behalf of Non-Residents chosen in inverse order to the order of acquisition or registration or in such other manner as the Trustees may consider equitable and practicable, requiring them to sell or redeem their Trust Units or a portion thereof within a specified period of not more than 30 days. If the Trust Unitholders receiving such notice have not sold or redeemed the specified number of Trust Units or provided the Trustees with satisfactory evidence that they are not Non-Residents and do not hold their Trust Units for the benefit of Non-Residents within such period, the Trustees may sell or redeem such Trust Units on behalf of such Trust Unitholders (and the Trustees shall have the power of attorney of such Trust Unitholders to do so) and, in the interim, the voting and distribution rights, if any, attached to such Trust Units shall be suspended. Upon such sale the affected Trust Unitholders shall cease to be Trust Unitholders and their rights shall be limited to receiving the net proceeds of sale upon surrender of such Trust Units. In any situation where it is unclear whether Trust Units are held for the benefit of Non-Residents, the Trustees may exercise their discretion in determining whether such Trust Units are or are not so held, and any such exercise by them of their discretion shall be binding on the relevant Trust Unitholders.

# Information and Reports

The Trustees shall provide the Voting Unitholders with annual audited financial statements for the Trust within 120 days of the Trust's financial year end.

#### Amendments to Declaration of Trust

A majority of all Trustees including a majority of the Independent Trustees may, without the approval of the Voting Unitholders, make certain amendments to the Declaration of Trust, including amendments:

- (a) for the purpose of ensuring continuing compliance with Applicable Laws (including the Tax Act), regulations, requirements or policies of any Governmental Authority having jurisdiction over: (1) the Trustees or over the Trust; (2) the status of the Trust as a "unit trust" and "mutual fund trust" under the Tax Act; or (3) the distribution of Trust Units;
- (b) which, in the opinion of the Trustees, acting reasonably, are necessary to maintain the rights of the Trust Unitholders set out in the Declaration of Trust;
- (c) to remove any conflicts or inconsistencies in the Declaration of Trust or to make minor corrections which are, in the opinion of the Trustees, necessary or desirable and not prejudicial to the Trust Unitholders;
- (d) which, in the opinion of the Trustees, are necessary or desirable as a result of changes in taxation or other laws or the administration or enforcement thereof;
- for any purpose (except one in respect of which a Trust Unitholder vote is specifically otherwise required) which, in the opinion of the Trustees, are not prejudicial to the Trust Unitholders and are necessary or desirable;
- (f) deemed necessary or advisable to ensure that the Trust has not been established nor maintained primarily for the benefit of persons who are not resident Canadians; and
- (g) to implement any distribution reinvestment plan or any amendments thereto.

In no event may the Trustees amend the Declaration of Trust without Voting Unitholders consent if such amendment would (i) amend the Trust Unitholders' voting rights; or (ii) cause the Trust to fail or cease to qualify as a "unit trust" and "mutual fund trust" under the Tax Act.

#### Term of Trust

Unless the Trust is terminated pursuant to the terms of the Declaration of Trust, the Trust shall continue in full force and effect so long as any Trust Property is held by the Trustees, and the Trustees shall have all the powers and discretions, expressed and implied, conferred upon them by Applicable Law or by the Declaration of Trust.

Upon the termination of the Trust, the liabilities of the Trust shall be discharged with due speed, the net assets of the Trust shall be liquidated and the proceeds distributed to the Trust Unitholders in accordance with their entitlements as provided in the Declaration of Trust.

### **Distribution Policy**

The Declaration of Trust provides that the Trust may distribute to the Trust Unitholders on or about each Distribution Date such percentage of the Trust Distributable Income (other than

capital gains, the tax on which may be recoverable by the Trust) for the Distribution Period then ended as the Trustees may determine in their discretion.

In addition to the foregoing, the total amount of distributions made payable by the Trust on or before December 31 of any calendar year or the end of any other taxation year calculated in accordance with the provisions of the Tax Act, shall not be less than the amount necessary to ensure that the Trust will not be liable to pay non-refundable income tax under Part I of the Tax Act for such year (determined without reference to any bonus distributions in the year automatically reinvested in Trust Units in accordance with the DRIP). The amount, if any, which is required to be distributed to comply with the preceding sentence for a particular year shall be deemed to be declared by the Trustees as a distribution, and shall be due and payable on the earlier of the last Distribution Date in respect of such year, December 31 of such year, or the end of such other taxation year, to persons who are Trust Unitholders of record on that date, such amount to be payable in cash unless the Trustees determine in their absolute discretion to pay such amount in Trust Units in any particular year, in which case such amount shall be payable in Trust Units. For greater certainty, a Trust Unitholder shall have the legal right to enforce payment at the time a distribution is made payable (which shall not be later than the end of the relevant taxation year of the Trust in the case of distributions described in this paragraph).

The Trustees, in their discretion, may allocate distributions among the classes of Trust Units to adjust for the commissions, trailers and other costs attributable to the sales channels relating to each class of Trust Units, provided that the proportion of Trust Income, Net Realized Capital Gains allocated or capital of the Trust distributed to Trust Unitholders of each class of Trust Units shall be equal to the proportion of the aggregate distribution received by such class of Trust Units. Distributions on Class A Trust Units will be identical among each Class A Trust Unit, notwithstanding the Class A Purchase Option selected by the applicable Subscriber.

Distributions may be adjusted for amounts paid in prior Distribution Periods if the actual Trust Distributable Income for the prior Distribution Periods is greater than or less than the Trustees' estimates for such prior Distribution Periods. At the option of each Trust Unitholder, but subject to the Declaration of Trust, distributions payable in cash shall be paid in cash or reinvested in similar Trust Units pursuant to any distribution reinvestment plan or unit purchase plan adopted by the Trustees. Any distribution shall be made proportionately to Persons who are the Trust Unitholders as at the applicable Distribution Record Date.

Each year, the Trustees shall make such designations for income tax purposes in respect of amounts paid or payable or deemed to be paid to the Trust Unitholders for such amounts that the Trustees consider to be reasonable in all the circumstances, including designations relating to taxable dividends received or deemed to be received by the Trust in the year on shares of taxable Canadian corporations, the taxable portion of the Net Realized Capital Gains in the year, and foreign source income of the Trust and foreign taxes in respect of such foreign source income for the year, if any, other than capital gains the tax on which may be recoverable by the Trust. To the extent that such amounts do not result in taxable income or taxable capital gains in the Trust, the Trustees shall make designations under the Tax Act so that the amount allocated to a Trust Unitholder but not deducted by the Trust would not be included in the Trust Unitholder's income for the purposes of the Tax Act. Any distributions of Net Realized Capital Gains shall include the non-taxable portion of the capital gains of the Trust which are included in such distribution.

The Trustees may designate any Trust Income or Net Realized Capital Gains realized by the Trust in connection with a redemption of Trust Units as having been paid or made payable to the applicable redeeming unitholder.

The Trustees may deduct or withhold from distributions payable to any Trust Unitholder all amounts required by law to be withheld from such distributions, whether such distributions are in the form of cash, additional Trust Units or otherwise. In the event of a distribution in the form of additional Trust Units, the Trustees may sell Trust Units of a Trust Unitholder on behalf of such Trust Unitholder to pay such withholding taxes and to pay all the Trustees' reasonable expenses with regard thereto and the Trustees shall have the power of attorney of such Trust Unitholder to do so, following which the remaining Trust Units of such Trust Unitholder may be consolidated as described herein. Upon such sale, the affected Trust Unitholder shall cease to be the holder of such Trust Units.

Where the Trust determines that the Trust does not have available cash in an amount sufficient to make payment of the full amount of any distribution which has been declared to be payable pursuant to the Declaration of Trust on the due date for such payment, the payment may, at the option of the Trustees, include the issuance of additional Trust Units or fractions of such Trust Units, as the case may be, if necessary, having a fair market value as determined by the Trustees equal to the difference between the amount of such distribution and the amount of cash which has been determined by the Trustees to be available for the payment of such distribution in the case of Trust Units. The Trustees will consolidate the number of outstanding Trust Units after a distribution of additional Trust Units, so that each Trust Unitholder holds the same number of Trust Units held before the distribution of additional Trust Units (subject to reductions to account for applicable withholdings taxes).

#### Distribution Reinvestment Plan

The Trust has implemented a DRIP whereby Trust Unitholders of Class A Trust Units, Class F Trust Units or Class I Trust Units who are not Non-Residents are entitled to elect to have all or some of the cash distributions of the Trust automatically reinvested in additional Trust Units. Participants in the DRIP will receive additional bonus Trust Units in an amount equal in value to 2% of distributions reinvested.

#### **Investment Guidelines and Operating Policies**

# Investment Guidelines

The Declaration of Trust provides for certain guidelines on investments which may be made by the Trust. Additionally, the guidelines below are intended to set out generally the parameters under which any Subsidiary of the Trust or the Partnership will be permitted to invest. References to the Trust below shall include each such Subsidiary or the Partnership. The guidelines are as follows:

- (a) the Trust shall focus its investment activities primarily on the following:
  - the acquisition, holding, maintaining, improving, leasing or managing of income producing properties, including multi-residential apartments, student housing, retirement residences, commercial, retail, office and industrial space, mixed-use properties, hybrid properties and specialty

- properties (in each case, as determined by the Trustees) (collectively, "Income Producing Properties");
- residential, commercial, industrial or other real estate development projects or re-development and value-add projects (collectively, "Construction and Development or Re-Development and Value-Add Activities"); and
- (iii) general real estate financing and lending ("Financing and Lending Activities");

(collectively, the "Trust Investment Activities" and each a "Trust Investment Activity");

- (b) notwithstanding anything contained in the Declaration of Trust to the contrary, the Trust shall not, or permit a Subsidiary to, make or hold any investment, take any action or omit to take any action which would, at any time, result in the Trust:
  - (i) failing or ceasing to qualify as a "unit trust" and "mutual fund trust" for purposes of the Tax Act; or
  - (ii) or any Subsidiary being liable to the tax payable by a SIFT Trust pursuant to section 122 of the Tax Act or by a SIFT partnership pursuant to section 197 of the Tax Act:
- (c) from and after the date on which the Trust has a Gross Book Value of at least one hundred and fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000), the Trust shall seek to target the following portfolio allocations:
  - (i) Income Producing Properties 25% to 80% of the Trust's portfolio;
  - (ii) Construction and Development or Re-Development and Value-Add Activities up to 50% of the Trust's portfolio;
  - (iii) Financing and Lending Activities up to 50% of the Trust's portfolio; and
  - (iv) Cash and cash equivalents up to 100%;
- (d) the Trust may make its investments and conduct its activities, directly or indirectly, through an investment in one or more Persons on such terms as the Trustees may from time to time determine, including by way of joint ventures, partnerships (general or limited), unlimited liability companies and limited liability companies, or through any other means the Trust deems appropriate;
- (e) except for temporary investments held in cash, deposits with a Canadian or U.S. chartered bank or Trust company registered under the laws of a province of Canada, short-term government debt securities or money market instruments of, or guaranteed by, a Schedule I Canadian chartered bank maturing prior to one year from the date of issue and except as permitted pursuant to the investment guidelines and operating policies of the Trust, the Trust directly or indirectly, may not hold securities of a Person other than to the extent such securities would

constitute a Trust Investment Activity (as determined by the Trustees) and provided further that, notwithstanding anything contained in the Declaration of Trust to the contrary, but in all events subject to (a) and (b) above, the Trust may hold securities of a Person acquired in connection with the carrying on, directly or indirectly, of the Trust Investment Activities;

- (f) no investment will be made, directly or indirectly, in operating businesses unless such investment is incidental to a transaction:
  - (i) where revenue will be derived, directly or indirectly, principally from a Trust Investment Activity;
  - (ii) which principally involves the ownership, maintenance, improvement, leasing or management, directly or indirectly, of real property held for investment purposes;
  - (iii) which may invest in real estate lending, such as first and second mortgages, mezzanine financing, land loans and construction financing; or
  - (iv) which may invest in construction and development relating to residential, commercial, industrial or other real estate development projects;
- (g) notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, the securities of a reporting issuer in Canada may be acquired provided that:
  - (i) the activities of the issuer are focused on a Trust Investment Activity; and
  - (ii) in the case of any proposed investment or acquisition which would result in the beneficial ownership of more than 10% of the outstanding equity securities of the securities issuer, the investment or acquisition is of strategic interest to the Trust as determined by the Trustees in their discretion;
- (h) no investments will be made in rights to or interests in mineral or other natural resources, including oil or gas, except as incidental to an investment in real property;
- (i) notwithstanding any other provisions hereof, investments may be made which do not comply with the provisions of this section (other than paragraph (b)) provided:
  - (i) the aggregate cost thereof (which, in the case of an amount invested to acquire real property, is the purchase price less the amount of any indebtedness assumed or incurred in connection with the acquisition and secured by a mortgage on such property) does not exceed 15% of the Gross Book Value; and
  - (ii) the making of such investment would not contravene the Declaration of Trust.

The Trust has complied with the guidelines set out above since its formation.

# **Operating Policies**

The operations and affairs of the Trust shall be conducted in accordance with the following operating policies:

- (a) title to each real property shall be held by and registered in the name of (i) a corporation or other entity wholly-owned or jointly-owned, directly or indirectly, by the Partnership or on its behalf, (ii) the General Partner, or (iii) a corporation or other entity wholly-owned indirectly by the Trust or jointly owned indirectly by the Trust with joint venturers or partners or on its behalf;
- (b) no indebtedness shall be incurred or assumed if,
  - (i) for real property income, after giving effect to the incurring or assumption thereof of the indebtedness, the total indebtedness including amounts drawn under an acquisition and operating facility but not including Mortgage Insurance Fees incurred in connection with the incurrence or assumption of such indebtedness as a percentage of Gross Book Value, would be more than 75%; or
  - (ii) for Construction and Development or Re-Development and Value-Add Activities, the total indebtedness incurred in connection with the incurrence or assumption of such indebtedness shall not exceed typical industry standards relating to loans for similar business purposes;
- (c) the Trust will not directly or indirectly guarantee any indebtedness or liabilities of any Person unless (i) such guarantee is given in connection with or incidental to an investment that is otherwise permitted under the Declaration of Trust, and (ii) the guarantee would not result in the Trust ceasing to qualify as a mutual fund trust for purposes of the Tax Act;
- (d) the Trust will not engage in any Financing and Lending Activities unless,
  - (i) acceptable security for the loan (as determined by the Trustees) is provided; and
  - (ii) the total indebtedness incurred in connection with the incurrence or assumption of such indebtedness is within typical industry standards relating to loans for similar business purposes;
- the Trust will not engage in any Construction and Development or Re-Development and Value-Add Activities unless it is an acceptable project (as determined by the Trustees);
- (f) at all times insurance coverage will be obtained and maintained in respect of potential liabilities of the Trust and the accidental loss of value of any of the Trust Property from risks, in amounts and with such insurers, in each case as the Trustees consider appropriate, taking into account all relevant factors including

- the practices of holders of comparable assets and, for clarity, the Trust is not required to title insure;
- (g) a Phase I environmental audit shall be conducted or obtained in circumstances in which the Trustees deem it appropriate or necessary; and
- (h) the Trust will not invest in any Trust Investment Activity until and unless it has conducted the appropriate due diligence (as determined by the Trustees) for such Trust Investment Activity.

For the purpose of the foregoing operating policies, the assets, indebtedness, liabilities and transactions of a corporation, trust, partnership or other entity in which the Trust has an interest, directly or indirectly, will be deemed to be those of the Trust on a proportionate consolidated basis, except to the extent that such treatment would be inconsistent with the applicable requirements under the Tax Act or the Trustees consider such treatment to be inappropriate under the circumstances. In addition, any references in the foregoing to investment in real property will be deemed to include an investment in a joint venture arrangement.

The term "indebtedness" means (without duplication):

- (a) any obligation, directly or indirectly, of the Trust for borrowed money;
- (b) any obligation, directly or indirectly, of the Trust incurred in connection with the acquisition of property, assets or business other than the amount of future income tax liability arising out of indirect acquisitions;
- (c) any obligation, directly or indirectly, of the Trust issued or assumed as the deferred purchase price of property;
- (d) any capital lease obligation, directly or indirectly, of the Trust;
- (e) any obligation, directly or indirectly, of the type referred to in clauses (a) through
   (d) of another Person, the payment of which the Trust has, directly or indirectly,
   guaranteed or for which the Trust is responsible for or liable; and
- (f) any amounts secured by any of the assets of the Trust;

provided that (i) for the purposes of (a) through (d), an obligation (other than convertible debentures) will constitute indebtedness only to the extent that it would appear as a liability on the consolidated balance sheet of the Trust in accordance with IFRS in Canada, (ii) obligations referred to in clauses (a) through (d) exclude trade accounts payable, distributions payable and accrued liabilities arising in the ordinary course of business; (iii) convertible debentures will constitute indebtedness to the extent of the principal amount outstanding; and (iv) the issuance of redeemable units will not constitute indebtedness; and (v) obligations referenced in clauses (a) through (d) may be excluded by the Trustees if the Trustees consider such treatment to be inappropriate under the circumstances.

The Trust has complied with the operating policies set out above since its formation.

# Amendments to Investment Guidelines and Operating Policies

Subject to the Declaration of Trust, any of the investment guidelines and operating policies of the Trust set forth in this section may be amended by an Ordinary Resolution at a meeting of the Voting Unitholders called for the purpose of amending the investment guidelines or by written resolution unless such change is necessary to ensure compliance with applicable laws, regulations or other requirements by applicable regulatory authorities from time to time or to maintain the status of the Trust as a "unit trust" and "mutual fund trust" for the purposes of the Tax Act or to respond to amendments to the Tax Act or to the interpretation thereof.

# The LP Agreement

The following is a summary only of certain of the material provisions of the LP Agreement. For a complete understanding of all of the provisions of the LP Agreement, reference should be made to the LP Agreement itself, a copy of which is available from the General Partner.

# **Limited Liability of Limited Partners**

Under the terms of the LP Agreement, the liability of the Limited Partners is limited to such Limited Partner's Capital Contribution plus such Limited Partner's pro rata share of the undistributed income of the Partnership. Limited Partners generally will not be liable for any debt, obligation or default of the Partnership beyond their investment in the Partnership.

#### LP Units

The Partnership is authorized to issue various classes of partnership interests, including an unlimited number of Class A LP Units, an unlimited number of Redeemable LP Units and general partnership interests as described therein. A partnership interest is personal property. A Partner has no interest in specific Partnership Property (as defined in the LP Agreement) by way of its LP Units.

Except as otherwise provided in the LP Agreement, no Class A LP Unit shall have any preference or right in any circumstances over any other Class A LP Unit. The holders of the Class A LP Units have the right to one vote for each Class A LP Unit held in respect of all matters to be decided by the Limited Partners. The Class A LP Units have the right to participate in the distributions of the Partnership as provided for in the LP Agreement.

The Redeemable LP Units have a subscription price based on the market price of the Trust Units and are redeemable, in whole or in part, at any time at the option of the Partnership at a price equal to the market value of such Redeemable LP Units, as determined by the General Partner from time to time. A holder of Redeemable LP Units has the right to one vote for each Redeemable LP Unit held in respect of all matters to be decided by the Limited Partners. Holders of Redeemable LP Units are entitled to receive distributions per Redeemable LP Unit equal to the distributions per Class A LP Unit. The Redeemable LP Units rank equal with the Class A LP Units in the event of liquidation of the Partnership.

The General Partner, in its capacity as a general partner of the Partnership, holds a 0.001% undivided interest in the Partnership. The General Partner has the right to receive distributions in respect of its interest by way of cash or the issuance of LP Units. It is expected that the Trust will subscribe for Class A LP Units.

#### Restrictions on Transfers of LP Units

The LP Agreement provides that LP Units may be sold only in accordance with the terms of the LP Agreement and may not be sold, assigned, or otherwise, transferred, without the agreement of the General Partner.

Any permitted transfer of LP Units must be made in accordance with the applicable requirements of Canadian securities laws.

# Power of Attorney

The LP Agreement contains an irrevocable power of attorney in respect of various enumerated matters, authorizing the General Partner, on behalf of the Limited Partners, among other things, to execute any amendments to the LP Agreement (subject to any approvals required under the LP Agreement) and all instruments necessary to effect the dissolution of the Partnership (pursuant to the terms of the LP Agreement) as well as any registration, election, determination, designation, information return, objection, notice of objection or similar document or instrument, whether jointly with third parties or otherwise under the Tax Act or the taxation legislation of any province or territory with respect to the affairs of the Partnership or a Limited Partner's interest in the Partnership.

The LP Agreement provides that a permitted transferee of a LP Unit shall, upon becoming the holder thereof, be conclusively deemed to have acknowledged and agreed to be bound by the provisions of the LP Agreement as a Limited Partner and shall be conclusively deemed to have provided the General Partner with the irrevocable power of attorney described above.

#### Allocation of Net Income or Loss

The income for tax purposes or loss for tax purposes for a given taxation year is allocated among the General Partner and the Limited Partners as follows:

- (a) 0.001% of the income for tax purposes or loss for tax purposes from each source for that taxation year is allocated to the General Partner; and
- (b) the income for tax purposes or loss for tax purposes for that taxation year that is not allocated to the General Partner is allocated to the Limited Partners who hold LP Units at the end of the fiscal year.

The income or loss of the Partnership for accounting purposes for a given fiscal year is allocated among the Partners in the same proportion as income for tax purposes or loss for tax purposes is allocated for such taxation year, in accordance with the terms of the LP Agreement.

#### **Distributions**

The Partnership will distribute on a proportional basis to the General Partner and holders of LP Units whose names appear on the Partnership's records on the last day of each calendar month, (i) 0.001% of Partnership Distributable Cash Flow to the General Partner and (ii) 99.999% of Partnership Distributable Cash Flow to holders of Class A LP Units, Redeemable LP Units and any other LP Units as determined by the General Partner. Distributions will be made within 15 days of the end of each month. The Partnership may, in addition, make a distribution at any other time.

# Reporting to Limited Partners

The Partnership maintains financial statements separate from the Partners and the Partnership shall provide to each of the Partners copies of its audited annual financial statements no later than 120 days following each fiscal year end, in each case prepared in accordance with IFRS. The General Partner prepares, or causes to be prepared, any federal, provincial and municipal tax or information returns required to be filed by the Partnership and all financial statements required by each Partner to enable the filing of any tax or information return which is required to be filed by such Partner.

# Meetings of Limited Partners

The General Partner may at any time and shall, upon receipt of a written request from Limited Partners holding not less than 50.1% of all LP Units specifying the purpose or purposes of the meeting, call a meeting of Partners. If the General Partner fails to call a meeting of Partners within 21 days after receipt of such written request from the Limited Partners in the case of a special meeting any Limited Partner may call such meeting in accordance with the terms of the LP Agreement. Meetings shall be held at the time and in the place set out in the notice calling the meeting, provided that the meeting may be held by telephone conference call. The expenses of calling and holding all meetings shall be borne by the Partnership. At any such meeting, each Limited Partner (other than a defaulting Limited Partner) will be entitled to one vote for each whole LP Unit registered in the Limited Partner's name.

Pursuant to the LP Agreement, the following matters require the approval of Limited Partners by special resolution, which means a resolution approved by a vote cast in person or by proxy, by holders of more than 75% of the aggregate number of issued and outstanding LP Units at a duly constituted meeting of Limited Partners, or a written resolution signed by Limited Partners holding in the aggregate more than 75% of the aggregate number of issued and outstanding LP Units:

- (a) removing the General Partner where the General Partner has committed a material breach of the LP Agreement, which breach has continued for 30 days after notice and, if such removal would result in the Partnership having no general partner, electing a new general partner as provided in the LP Agreement;
- (b) waiving any default, other than in respect of any insolvency, receivership or bankruptcy of the Partnership, on the part of the General Partner on those terms as the Limited Partners may determine and releasing the General Partner from any claims in respect thereof;
- (c) amending, modifying, altering or repealing any Special Resolution previously passed by holders of LP Units;
- (d) amending the LP Agreement in accordance with the provisions of the LP Agreement;
- (e) a merger or consolidation involving the Partnership, except for a merger or consolidation involving only the Partnership and one or more of its affiliates;
- (f) a consolidation, subdivision or reclassification of the LP Units or of any class of LP Units;

- (g) continuing the Partnership if the Partnership is terminated by operation of law; and
- (h) adding to, changing or removing any right, privilege, restriction or condition attaching to the LP Units which may reasonably be considered materially adverse to the holders of the LP Units.

#### Indemnification of General Partner

The General Partner and each of its directors, officers, employees and agents, among others, are indemnified by the Partnership to the fullest extent permitted by law out of the assets of the Partnership for all liabilities, claims, losses, costs and expenses incurred by them in the manner and to the extent provided by the LP Agreement.

#### **Books and Records**

The Partnership keeps, at its principal office, appropriate books of proper and complete accounts, records, and registers of the operations and affairs of the Partnership, including the record of the names and addresses of all of the Partners.

The books of the Partnership are maintained for financial reporting purposes on an accrual basis in accordance with IFRS.

# Right to Inspect Books and Records

The LP Agreement provides that a Limited Partner can, for a purpose reasonably related to such Limited Partner's interest as a Limited Partner, upon reasonable demand and at its own expense, have access to: copies of the LP Agreement, the Limited Partnership Declaration, the record of Partners and amendments to those documents; copies of all documents filed by the Partnership with a securities regulatory authority in Canada; copies of minutes of meetings of the Partners; and any other information regarding the affairs of the Partnership as is just and reasonable or to which a Limited Partner is entitled pursuant to the *Partnerships Act* (Ontario).

Trust Unitholders are not Limited Partners and accordingly do not have the aforesaid rights afforded to Limited Partners. However, Trust Unitholders may, upon reasonable demand and at their own expense, review certain books and records of the Partnership available at the head office of the Trust during regular business hours.

The General Partner may keep confidential from the Limited Partners any information (other than the books and records noted above) which in the reasonable opinion of the General Partner, should be kept confidential in the best interests of the Partnership or which the Partnership is required by law or agreements with third parties to keep confidential.

# **Termination**

Subject to following the procedures set out in the LP Agreement, the Partnership will terminate upon the earliest to occur of: (i) the removal or deemed removal of a sole general partner unless such general partner is replaced as provided for in the LP Agreement; (ii) the sale, exchange or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Partnership, if approved by a Special Resolution in accordance with the LP Agreement, (iii) the passage of a Special

Resolution approving the dissolution of the Partnership, and (iv) the date of dissolution caused by operation of law.

#### The General Partner

The General Partner is incorporated under the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario). The General Partner is indirectly owned and controlled by Jason Roque, who is also a director and President of the General Partner. Helen Hurlbut is a director and Chief Financial Officer of the General Partner. See "Management Experience" and "Relationship between the Trust, the Equiton Agent and Other Related Parties".

#### Functions and Powers of the General Partner

The LP Agreement incorporates by reference the Investment Guidelines and Operating Policies set out in the Declaration of Trust and the General Partner is bound by such Investment Guidelines and Operating Policies and is to conduct the business of the Partnership in a manner consistent therewith.

The General Partner is authorized to carry on the business of the Partnership and, subject to the terms of the LP Agreement, has full power and exclusive authority to administer, manage, control and operate the business of the Partnership. The General Partner's duties include: negotiating, executing and performing all agreements on behalf of the Partnership; opening and managing bank accounts in the name of the Partnership; borrowing funds or incurring indebtedness or liabilities in the name of the Partnership; issuing Class A LP Units and/or Redeemable LP Units to Limited Partners; making distributions of distributable income; issuing debt and/or debt instruments of the Partnership; mortgaging, charging, assigning, hypothecating, pledging or otherwise creating a security interest in all or any property of the Partnership or any affiliate of the Partnership; managing, controlling and developing all the activities of the Partnership; incurring and paying all costs and expenses in connection with the Partnership; employing, retaining, engaging or dismissing from employment, personnel, agents, representatives or professionals or other investment participants within its discretion; engaging agents, including any affiliate or associates to assist it to carry out its management obligations to the Partnership; investing cash assets in any investment approved in its sole discretion; acquiring, holding, transferring, voting or otherwise dealing with securities of entities engaged primarily in the business of the Partnership which are permitted businesses for the Partnership as provided in the LP Agreement; maintaining, improving or changing any assets from time to time of the Partnership; seeing to the sound management of the Partnership, and to manage, control and develop all the activities of the Partnership; acting as attorney-in-fact or agent of the Partnership in disbursing and collecting moneys for the Partnership; paying debts and fulfilling the obligations of the Partnership and handling and settling any claims of the Partnership; commencing or defending any action or proceeding by, against or in connection with the Partnership; filing returns or other documents (including tax returns) required by any Governmental Authority or like authority; retaining legal counsel, experts, advisors or consultants as it considers appropriate; acquire or, subject to Section 8.16 of the LP Agreement, disposing of assets of the Partnership; entering into hedge contracts or similar arrangements to permit the Partnership to mitigate or eliminate the Partnership's exposure to interest rate, foreign exchange or other risks associated with the business of the Partnership; doing anything that is in furtherance of or incidental to the business of the Partnership or that is provided for in the LP Agreement; executing, acknowledging and delivering the documents necessary to effectuate any or all of the foregoing or otherwise in connection with the business of the Partnership; filing

any tax elections, forms, objections or notices of objection or similar documents on behalf of the Partnership and (to the extent necessary) on behalf of the Partners under the Tax Act or any other tax legislation; obtaining any insurance coverage; and carrying out the objects, purposes and business of the Partnership of the Partnership.

The General Partner may from time to time delegate its power and authority or procure assistance from other parties pursuant to the terms of the LP Agreement.

#### Reimbursement of the General Partner

The General Partner is entitled to recover from the Partnership all reasonable direct costs and expenses incurred by the General Partner in the performance of its duties under the LP Agreement on behalf of the Partnership.

# Conflict of Interest Policy of the General Partner

The directors of the General Partner have adopted a conflict of interest policy on substantially the same terms as those set out in the section titled *Conflict of Interest Restrictions and Provisions* of this Offering Memorandum, with such revisions as are necessary for such policy to be applicable to directors of the General Partner, *mutatis mutandis*.

# **The Asset Management Agreement**

Pursuant to the terms of the Management Agreement, Equiton Partners has been appointed as the sole and exclusive manager of the affairs of the Trust and Partnership. Equiton Partners provides the Partnership with, among other things, the strategic, advisory, asset management, administrative, property management, leasing, construction management, lending and financial management and administrative services necessary to manage the day-to-day operations of the Partnership and its assets. In carrying out its obligations under the Management Agreement, Equiton Partners is required to exercise its powers and discharge its duties diligently, honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the Partnership, including exercising the standard of care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in similar circumstances.

The services to be provided by the Equiton Partners under the terms of the Management Agreement include, without limitation: (a) the structuring of the Offering, the Trust and the Partnership, (b) liaising with legal and tax counsel, (c) identifying and sourcing investment opportunities for the Partnership, (d) conducting due diligence on investment opportunities; (e) conducting continuous analysis of market conditions to monitor the Partnership's investment, (f) advising the Partnership with respect to the disposition of its investments, (g) providing investor communication and reporting services to the Trust and the Partnership, and (g) doing all such other acts or things and entering into agreements or documents on behalf of the Trust and/or Partnership to seek to achieve the investment objectives of the Trust.

Notwithstanding the above, it may at times be prudent for Equiton Partners to delegate certain of its responsibilities under the Management Agreement to third party providers. In the event that Equiton Partners was to outsource any of its obligations under the Management Agreement, such delegation will be done at the expense of the Equiton Partners and will not relieve Equiton Partners of its obligations under the Management Agreement.

Equiton Partners provides such administrative, executive and management personnel as may be reasonably necessary to perform its obligations by using its own employees and will therefore be responsible for all employment matters with respect to such employees. Pursuant to the terms of the Management Agreement, Equiton Partners bears all costs and expenses incurred by Equiton Partners in connection with all salaries, employee expenses, office rent and equipment, and other expenses customarily considered to be overhead expenses of Equiton Partners. The Trust or the Partnership, as applicable, pays for all ordinary expenses incurred in connection with its operation and administration including, without limitation, transaction costs, fees payable to Equiton Partners as manager and other third party service providers, debt service, legal, accounting, audit and valuation fees and services, premiums for directors' and officers' insurance coverage for the directors and officers of Equiton Partners and the Trustees, costs of reporting to Trust Unitholders, costs incurred in connection with investor relations, taxes, and other extraordinary expenses the Trust or the Partnership may incur.

The term of the Management Agreement will continue, subject to earlier termination in certain circumstances, until the winding-up or dissolution of the Partnership and the Trust. The Management Agreement can be terminated early in certain circumstances, including (i) upon the dissolution, liquidation, bankruptcy, insolvency or winding-up of Equiton Partners; and (ii) breach of Equiton Partners' standard of care, which breach may be disputed by Equiton Partners acting in good faith by referring the matter to arbitration, the decision resulting from such arbitration to be final. The Management Agreement shall not terminate until the arbitrator renders a decision.

The Management Agreement contains indemnification provisions whereby the Trust indemnifies Equiton Partners against any loss, expense, damage or injury suffered in the scope of its authority under the Management Agreement, provided the same does not result from wilful misconduct, bad faith, fraud, gross negligence or breach of its standard of care owed under the Management Agreement. In addition, under the Management Agreement, Equiton Partners indemnifies the Trust against any loss, expense, damage or injury suffered as a result of the Equiton Partners' wilful misconduct, bad faith, fraud, gross negligence or breach of its standard of care owed under the Management Agreement.

In consideration for providing management services, the Trust and the Partnership collectively pay Equiton Partners an asset management fee (the "Asset Management Fee"), in an annual amount, equal to 1.0% of the Net Asset Value of the Trust. The Asset Management Fee is payable on the last day of each calendar month during the term of the Management Agreement in an amount equal to 1/12<sup>th</sup> of the annual Asset Management Fee.

Additional services may be provided by Equiton Partners, its affiliates or other Related Parties to the Partnership and its Subsidiaries which may result in additional fees, including but not limited to agency fees, property management fees, project management fees, construction management fees, lending and financing fees, acquisition fees, disposition fees and guarantee fees. Any additional services to be provided by Equiton Partners or its affiliates to the Partnership and its Subsidiaries will be on terms that are no less favourable to the Partnership or its Subsidiaries than what would be available from arm's length Persons offering comparable services.

Equiton Partners is a Related Party to the Partnership and the Management Agreement was not negotiated at arm's length between the parties. See "Relationship Between the Trust, the

Equiton Agent and other Related Parties" and "Risk Factors – Significant Influence by Jason Roque, Equiton Partners and other Related Parties – Potential Conflicts of Interest.

# INTERESTS OF TRUSTEES, MANAGEMENT, PROMOTERS AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS

# **Compensation and Securities Held**

Name and municipality of principal residence	Positions held (e.g., trustee, officer, promoter and/or principal holder) and the date of obtaining that position	Compensation paid by the issuer in the most recently completed financial year and the compensation anticipated to be paid in the current financial year	Number, type and percentage of securities of the issuer held after completion of min. offering <sup>(5)</sup>	Number, type and percentage of securities of the issuer held after completion of max. offering <sup>(5)</sup>
Jason Roque Hamilton, Ontario	Trustee, Chief Executive Officer, since April 30, 2018	\$O <sup>(1)</sup>	2,880.77 Class A Trust Units	N/A
Helen Hurlbut Mississauga, Ontario	Trustee, Chief Financial Officer, since April 30, 2018	\$O <sup>(1)</sup>	1,111.11 Class A Trust Units	N/A
William Woods <sup>(2)</sup> Toronto, Ontario	Trustee, since April 30, 2018	\$9,933.33 <sup>(3)</sup> \$14,000 (anticipated 2019)	2,777.778 Class A Trust Units	N/A
Bill Zigomanis <sup>(2)</sup> Toronto, Ontario	Trustee, since April 30, 2018	\$9,933.33 <sup>(3)</sup> \$14,000 (anticipated 2019)	N/A	N/A
Robert Mongeau <sup>(2)</sup> <i>Toronto, Ontario</i>	Trustee, since April 30, 2018	\$9,933.33 <sup>(3)</sup> \$14,000 (anticipated 2019)	N/A	N/A
Equiton Partners Inc.	Promoter, since April 30, 2018	\$0(4)	N/A	N/A

Notes:

- (1) Mr. Roque and Ms. Hurlbut will not receive any compensation from the Trust. Mr. Roque will receive compensation from Equiton Partners as President of Equiton Partners. Ms. Hurlbut will receive compensation from Equiton Partners as Chief Financial Officer of Equiton Partners.
- (2) Independent Trustee.
- (3) Each independent Trustee is paid \$3,500 plus applicable taxes per quarter.
- (4) Equiton Partners will not receive any compensation from the Trust. Equiton Partners will receive fees from the Partnership as manager of the Trust and the Partnership. See "The Management Agreement" and "Relationship between the Trust, the Equiton Agent, and Other Related Parties".
- (5) There is no maximum or minimum offering. The Trust will offer an unlimited number of Trust Units on a continuous basis. The class of Trust Units outstanding will depend on which Trust Units are subscribed for.

# **Management Experience**

The following table discloses the principal occupations of each trustee, officer, promoter and principal holder over the past five years:

Name	Principal occupation and related experience
Jason Roque	Jason Roque is the President of Equiton Partners, which he founded in 2014 with a focus on real estate investment. Prior to this role, Mr. Roque was the Chief Executive Officer of a private real estate development company from 2006 to 2014.
	Mr. Roque has more than 20 years of real estate and development experience. Previously, as Chief Executive Officer of LIV Communities (formerly Landmart Homes), he transformed the family-owned, regionally-based custom home builder into a full scale real estate development company. While there, he oversaw all aspects of the development and construction business, carefully selecting properties and overseeing operations with a dedicated team to ensure profitability. Mr. Roque received his B.A. in Economics from the University of Toronto.
Helen Hurlbut	Helen Hurlbut is the Chief Financial Officer of Equiton Partners. Ms. Hurlbut is responsible for Equiton Partners' overall financial management growth, development and security. Prior to this role, Ms. Hurlbut was Chief Financial Officer with Cherishome Living (formerly McArthur Properties) from 2011 to 2014, Chief Financial Officer of Empire Communities from 2007 to 2010 and Vice President and Treasurer of Mattamy Homes from 1998 to 2007.
	In her 30 years of experience in the commercial, industrial and residential real estate industries, she has held executive leadership roles at some leading real estate investment and development companies. She is a Certified Management Accountant and Chartered Professional Accountant, and holds an Honours B.A. in Economics and Business from York University. She regularly volunteers her time and expertise on local boards and charities.
William Woods	William Woods has a wealth of international securities market experience and specific corporate government expertise. He is a known governance expert for investment funds and public companies. He has advised governments and supra-national aid agencies, like the World

Bank and the International Finance Corporation, on securities laws and financial services. Mr. Woods also has 20 years' experience in the business development and strategic planning for stock exchanges, including over six years as the CEO of the Bermuda Stock Exchange. He has helped design capital markets and the marketing and business development for exchanges in Hong Kong, China, India and Canada. Mr. Woods currently serves as an independent director on the boards of several hedge funds and as an Independent Review Committee member for several Canadian investment fund groups. He is the President and CEO of Independent Review Inc., a firm specializing in investment fund governance and sound governance for public companies. Mr. Woods was educated in the UK and obtained an LL.B from the University of Manchester. He is admitted to practice in Bermuda, England and Wales, and Hong Kong. He obtained the Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD.D) in June 2017. Bill Zigomanis Bill Zigomanis is a senior executive with experience in investment banking, corporate lending, risk management and the rental housing real estate development and management industries. As Vice President of Investments for Boardwalk Real Estate Investment Trust ("Boardwalk") for the past eight years, Mr. Zigomanis promoted Boardwalk as the landlord and stock of choice in the investment banking community. Prior to his position with Boardwalk, Mr. Zigomanis worked for TD Bank Financial Group as the Associate Vice President, Multi-Unit Residential Mortgages, where he was responsible for the unit's performance. While there, he built the largest multi-family mortgage portfolio in Canada and increased new business originations and related profitability. He also has over 25 years of experience with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Insurance Program. For 14 years, Mr. Zigomanis was chairman and a board member for the Federation of Rental Providers of Ontario, the largest apartment association in Ontario, representing more than 2,200 members who own and manage over 350,000 rental units. Mr. Zigomanis has a Business Administration Diploma (Marketing) from Centennial College. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Canadian Bankers (University of Toronto) and a graduate of the TD Leadership Academy, at the Ivey School of Business, at the University of Western Ontario. Robert Mongeau Robert Mongeau is Senior Vice President of Real Estate at Canadian Tire Corporation, Limited and President of Canadian Tire Real Estate Limited. He leads the acquisition, development, construction and management of Canadian Tire's extensive network of owned and leased retail locations across its ten banners as well as a significant portfolio of office, industrial and distribution properties. Mr. Mongeau was part of the senior leadership team involved in the acquisition of the Forzani Group, a \$771 million transaction, and helped launch CT REIT's initial public offering.

Prior to joining Canadian Tire, Mr. Mongeau was responsible for the real estate development of the "Maxi" and "Maxi & Co." supermarkets at Loblaw Companies Limited/Provigo Inc. Before this, Mr. Mongeau practised real estate and commercial law for seven years; he holds a Bachelor of Law from Sherbrooke University and was called to the Quebec Bar in 1989.
With over 25 years of experience in commercial real estate, Mr. Mongeau has a proven track record of delivering results and improving business performance.

# Penalties, Sanctions and Bankruptcy

To the Trust's knowledge, no trustee, officer, or control person of the Trust (an "**Insider**") has, or any issuer of which an Insider was a trustee, director, officer or control person, has during the last 10 years,

- (a) been subject to any penalty or sanction, or any cease trade order that has been in effect for a period of more than 30 consecutive days; or
- (b) made a declaration of bankruptcy, voluntary assignment in bankruptcy, proposal under any bankruptcy or insolvency legislation, proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors, or appointed a receiver, receiver-manager or trustee to hold assets.

#### Loans

As at the date of this Offering Memorandum, there are no debentures or loans due to or from the trustees, management, promoters and principal holders of the Trust. However, Equiton Partners, may provide the Partnership with Equiton Loans to (a) form part of the payment of existing and future investments; (b) repay debt; or (c) redeem the Redeemable LP Units; or (d) pay start-up expenses of the Trust. The Trust anticipates the Equiton Loans will be interest only payable loans, with no fixed term, and will bear interest at a fixed annual rate of the Prime Rate plus 2% payable monthly. Additionally, the Trust anticipates the Equiton Loans will be repayable to Equiton Partners in cash or Redeemable LP Units (at the discretion of Equiton Partners) and will be assignable by Equiton Partners.

#### **CAPITAL STRUCTURE**

# **Trust Unit Capital**

Description of security <sup>(1)</sup>	Number authorized to be issued	Initial price per security <sup>(2)</sup>	Number outstanding as at April 15, 2019	Number outstanding after minimum offering <sup>(3)</sup>	Number outstanding after maximum offering <sup>(3)</sup>
Class A Trust Units	Unlimited	\$9.00	223,166.63	N/A	N/A

Description of security <sup>(1)</sup>	Number authorized to be issued	Initial price per security <sup>(2)</sup>	Number outstanding as at April 15, 2019	Number outstanding after minimum offering <sup>(3)</sup>	Number outstanding after maximum offering <sup>(3)</sup>
Class F Trust Units	Unlimited	\$9.00	Nil	N/A	N/A
Class I Trust Units	Unlimited	\$9.00	Nil	N/A	N/A

#### Notes:

- (1) See "Declaration of Trust and Description of Trust Units Trust Units", for the terms of the Trust Units.
- (2) The price per security shall be determined by the Trustees and will be specified in the Subscription Agreement. Initially, Trust Units will be issued at \$9.00 per Trust Unit and thereafter at \$10.00 per Trust Unit (other than Trust Units issued at the Reduced Subscription Price). The Trustees expect to raise up to \$10,000,000 at the Initial Subscription Price.
- (3) There is no maximum or minimum offering. The Trust will offer an unlimited number of Trust Units on a continuous basis. The class of Trust Units outstanding will depend on which Trust Units are subscribed for.

# **Long Term Debt**

As at the date hereof, the Trust has no long-term debt.

**Prior Sales** 

The following table discloses the issuance of Trust Units, or securities exchangeable for Trust Units within the 12 months prior to April 15, 2019:

Date of Issuance	Type of Securities Issued	Number of Securities Issued	Price per Security	Total Funds Received
April 30, 2018 <sup>(1)</sup>	Trust Unit	1	\$9.00	\$9.00
September 4, 2018	Class A Trust Unit	81,653	\$9.00	\$734,875
October 9, 2018	Class A Trust Unit	8,611	\$9.00	\$77,500
October 22, 2018	Class A Trust Unit	10,767	\$9.00	\$96,903
November 19, 2018	Class A Trust Unit	15,236	\$9.00	\$137,127
November 26, 2018	Class A Trust Unit	8,035	\$9.00	\$72,316
December 20, 2018	Class A Trust Unit	4,433.333	\$9.00	\$39,900
January 14, 2019	Class A Trust Unit	14,682.81333	\$9.00	\$132,145
January 21, 2019	Class A Trust Unit	7,627.321112	\$9.00	\$68,646
January 30, 2019	Class A Trust Unit	7,000	\$9.00	\$63,000
February 19, 2019	Class A Trust Unit	11,968.864446	\$9.00	\$107,719.78
February 28, 2019	Class A Trust Unit	7,666.666667	\$9.00	\$69,000
March 11, 2019	Class A Trust Unit	11,777.777778	\$9.00	\$106,000
March 18, 2019	Class A Trust Unit	5,229.153334	\$9.00	\$47,062.38
March 25, 2019	Class A Trust Unit	4,966.666667	\$9.00	\$44,700
March 29, 2019	Class A Trust Unit	4,388.888889	\$9.00	\$39,500
April 8, 2019	Class A Trust Unit	10,851.736667	\$9.00	\$97,665.63
April 15, 2019	Class A Trust Unit	8,271.337778	\$9.00	\$74,442.04

Notes:
(1) This represents the initial trust unit of the Trust, which was redeemed by the Trust for \$9.00 on September 4, 2018.

#### **TERMS OF TRUST UNITS**

The Trust Units have those rights, privileges, restrictions and conditions ascribed thereto as set forth in the Declaration of Trust, including the following:

# **Voting Rights**

Holders of Trust Units may attend and vote at all meetings of the Trust Unitholders where all classes of Trust Units are entitled to vote and each Trust Unit shall entitle the holder thereof to one vote at such meeting. Holders of Special Voting Units will have an equal right to be notified of, attend and participate in meetings of all classes of Trust Units. Holders of a class of Trust Units may attend and vote at all meetings of that class of Trust Unitholders and each Trust Unit shall entitle the holder thereof to one vote at such meeting. Holders of Special Voting Units will not have any rights to be notified of, attend or participate in meetings of a class of Trust Units.

# Redemption of Trust Units

Each Trust Unitholder is entitled to require the Trust to redeem at any time or from time to time at the demand of the Trust Unitholder all or any part of the Trust Units registered in the name of the Trust Unitholder at the prices determined and payable in accordance with the conditions set out in the Declaration of Trust. See "Material Agreements – Declaration of Trust – Redemption of Trust Units" and "Class Fee and Redemption Features".

# **Distribution Policy**

The Declaration of Trust provides that the Trust may distribute to the Trust Unitholders on or about each Distribution Date such percentage of the Trust Distributable Income (other than capital gains the tax on which may be recoverable by the Trust) for the Distribution Period then ended as the Trustees determine in their discretion.

In addition to the foregoing, the total amount of Trust Income and Net Realized Capital Gains due and payable by the Trust on or before December 31 of any calendar year or the end of any other taxation year calculated in accordance with the provisions of the Tax Act, shall not be less than the amount necessary to ensure that the Trust will not be liable to pay non-refundable income tax under Part I of the Tax Act for such year (determined without reference to any bonus distributions in the year automatically reinvested in Trust Units in accordance with the DRIP).

See "Material Agreements – Declaration of Trust – Distribution Policy".

# **SUBSCRIPTION PROCEDURE**

Subscribers wishing to subscribe for Trust Units will be required to enter into a subscription agreement (the "Subscription Agreement") with the Trust which will contain, among other things, representations, warranties and covenants by the Subscriber that it is duly authorized to purchase the Trust Units, that it is purchasing the Trust Units as principal and for investment and not with a view to resale and as to its corporate or other status to purchase the Trust Units and that the Trust is relying on an exemption from the requirements to provide the Subscriber with a prospectus and as a consequence of acquiring the securities pursuant to this exemption, certain protections, rights and remedies, provided by applicable securities laws, including statutory rights of rescission or damages, will not be available to the Subscriber.

Reference is made to the Subscription Agreement accompanying this Offering Memorandum for the terms of these representations, warranties and covenants.

The minimum subscription amount is \$5,000 per Subscriber, provided that the Trust may, in its sole discretion, accept subscriptions in lesser amounts at the discretion of the Trustees.

In order to subscribe for Trust Units, a purchaser must complete, execute and deliver the following documentation to the Equiton Agent, at Equiton Capital Inc., 1111 International Boulevard, Suite 600, Burlington, Ontario L7L 6W1:

- (a) one (1) signed copy of the Subscription Agreement (including all applicable schedules thereto) accompanying this Offering Memorandum;
- (b) a certified cheque, bank draft or direct deposit in an amount equal to the aggregate subscription price, payable to: "Equiton Balanced Real Estate Fund Trust" or as otherwise directed by the Trust; and
- (c) any other documents deemed necessary by the Trust or the Equiton Agent to comply with applicable Canadian securities laws.

Subject to applicable securities laws and the Subscriber's two-day cancellation right, a subscription for Trust Units, evidenced by a duly completed Subscription Agreement delivered to the Trust shall be irrevocable by the Subscriber. See "Subscriber's Rights of Action".

Subscribers will not receive physical certificates representing the Trust Units. Unless expressly requested by a Subscriber and approved by the Trust at its sole discretion, the registration of interests in Trust Units takes place electronically through a book-based system. A purchaser of Trust Units (subject to certain exceptions) receives only a customer confirmation from the account service through which the Trust Units are purchased.

You should carefully review the terms of the Subscription Agreement accompanying this Offering Memorandum for more detailed information concerning the rights and obligations of you and the Trust. Execution and delivery of the Subscription Agreement will bind you to the terms thereof, whether executed by you or by an agent on your behalf. You should consult with your own professional advisors. See "Risk Factors".

The consideration tendered by each Subscriber will be held in trust for a period of two days during which period the Subscriber may request a return of the tendered consideration by delivering a notice to the Trust not later than midnight on the second Business Day after the subscriber signs the Subscription Agreement.

Subscriptions for Trust Units are received, subject to rejection and allotment, in whole or in part, and subject to the right of the Trust and the Equiton Agent to close the subscription books at any time, without notice. The Trust has the right, in its sole discretion, to refuse to accept a subscription. If a subscription for Trust Units is not accepted, all subscription proceeds will be promptly returned to the Subscriber without interest.

Closings of the Offering may take place periodically, as agreed upon by the Trust and the Equiton Agent.

#### **PURCHASE OPTIONS**

#### Class A Trust Units

The Trust has three different purchase options for Subscribers to purchase Class A Trust Units: (i) Deferred Shales Charge; (ii) low load; and (iii) trailer fee.

Option 1 – Deferred Sales Charge Option

The Equiton Agent or sub-agent will receive an upfront commission of 8% of the subscription price. If the Subscriber redeems its Class A Trust Units prior to the fifth anniversary of their purchase, the following Deferred Sales Charge will be applied to the calculation of the Redemption Amount:

If Redeemed in 1st Year - 9.0%

If Redeemed in 2nd Year - 8.5%

If Redeemed in 3rd Year - 7.0%

If Redeemed in 4th Year – 6.0%

If Redeemed in 5th Year - 5.0%

Afterwards 0.0%

Option 2 – Low Load Option

The Equiton Agent or sub-agent will receive an upfront commission of 4% and an ongoing trailer of 0.75% per annum, starting in year one for as long as the Subscriber remains a holder of such Class A Trust Units. If the Subscriber redeems its Class A Trust Units prior to the third anniversary of their subscription, the following Early Redemption Fee will be applied to the calculation of the Redemption Amount:

If redeemed in first 18 months – 5.0%

If Redeemed in second 18 Months – 4.0%

Option 3 – Front Load Option

The Equiton Agent or sub-agent will negotiate a commission (if any) which the Subscriber shall pay directly and the Equiton Agent or sub-agent will receive an ongoing trailer of 1% per annum starting in year one for as long as the Subscriber remains a holder of such Class A Trust Units. If the Subscriber redeems its Class A Trust Units within the first 6 months from the date of subscription, an Early Redemption Fee of 4.0% will be applied to the calculation of the Redemption Amount.

#### Class F Trust Units

# Fee Based Accounts Option

Class F Trust Units may only be subscribed for by Fee Based Accounts where the Subscriber pays an annual fee to a dealer pursuant to a fee based program. No commission and no trailers are paid on Class F Trust Units. If the Subscriber redeems its Class F Trust Units in the first 6 months from the date of subscription, an Early Redemption Fee of 4.0% will be applied to the calculation of the Redemption Amount.

#### Class I Trust Units

Class I Trust Units are designed for institutional investors. The fees payable on Class I Trust Units are determined based on negotiation and agreement between a Subscriber and the Trust.

### CERTAIN CANADIAN FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The following summary has been provided by Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP, counsel to the Trust and describes, as of the date hereof, the principal Canadian federal income tax considerations generally applicable under the Tax Act to the acquisition, holding and disposition of Trust Units acquired under the Offering by a Trust Unitholder who, at all relevant times, for purposes of the Tax Act is (or is deemed to be) resident in Canada, deals at arm's length with the Trust and its affiliates, is not affiliated with the Trust or any of its affiliates, and who holds the Trust Units as capital property. Generally, Trust Units will be considered to be capital property to a Trust Unitholder provided that the Trust Unitholder does not hold the Trust Units in the course of carrying on a business and has not acquired them in one or more transactions considered to be an adventure or concern in the nature of trade. Certain Trust Unitholders who might not otherwise be considered to hold their Trust Units as capital property may, in certain circumstances, be entitled to make the irrevocable election under subsection 39(4) of the Tax Act to have their Trust Units, and every other "Canadian security" (as defined in the Tax Act) owned in the taxation year of the election and each subsequent taxation year, deemed to be capital property. Such Trust Unitholders should consult their own tax advisors regarding whether such election is available and advisable in their particular circumstances.

This summary is not applicable to a Trust Unitholder: (i) that is a "financial institution" for purposes of the "mark-to-market" rules in the Tax Act, (ii) that is a "specified financial institution" as defined in the Tax Act, (iii) an interest in which is a "tax shelter investment" as defined in the Tax Act, (iv) that has entered or will enter into a "derivative forward agreement" (as defined in the Tax Act) in respect of Trust Units or (v) that reports its "Canadian tax results" (as defined in the Tax Act) in a currency other than Canadian dollars. Any such Trust Unitholder should consult its own tax advisor to determine the tax consequences of the acquisition, holding and disposition of Trust Units acquired pursuant to the Offering. In addition, this summary does not address the deductibility of interest by an investor who has borrowed money to acquire Trust Units under the Offering.

This summary is based upon the facts set out in this Offering Memorandum, certain representations as to factual matters made in a certificate signed by an officer of the Trust and provided to counsel (the "Officer's Certificate"), the provisions of the Tax Act and the regulations thereunder (the "Regulations") in force at the date hereof, all specific proposals to amend the

Tax Act and the Regulations publicly announced by or on behalf of the Minister of Finance (Canada) prior to the date hereof (the "Tax Proposals"), and counsel's understanding of the current administrative policies and assessing practices of the Canada Revenue Agency ("CRA") which have been made publicly available prior to the date hereof. This summary assumes that the Tax Proposals will be enacted as proposed but no assurances can be given that the Tax Proposals will be enacted in their current form, or at all. This summary does not otherwise take into account or anticipate any changes in law or in the administrative policies and assessing practices of the CRA, whether by legislative, governmental or judicial decision or action, and does not take into account any other federal or any provincial, territorial or foreign tax legislation or considerations, which may differ significantly from those discussed in this Offering Memorandum. Modification or amendment of the Tax Act or the Tax Proposals could significantly alter the tax status of the Trust or the tax consequences of investing in Trust Units.

This summary does not discuss any specific tax considerations associated with the Trust's proposed investment in properties in the U.S., including the availability of foreign tax credits or foreign tax deductions to offset any U.S. taxes which may be payable by the Trust, its Subsidiaries or Trust Unitholders in respect of such investments. Such considerations will depend on the specific structure through which the Trust invests in U.S. properties, which has not been determined as of the date of this Offering Memorandum. See "Risk Factors – Tax Related Risks".

This summary describes the principal Canadian federal income tax considerations generally applicable to an acquisition of Trust Units pursuant to the Offering and to the holding or disposition of Trust Units. However, the income and other tax consequences of acquiring, holding or disposing of Trust Units will vary depending on the Trust Unitholder's particular circumstances, including the province or territory or provinces or territories in which the Unitholder resides or carries on business. Accordingly, this summary is of a general nature only and is not intended to be legal or tax advice to any prospective holder of Trust Units. Investors should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the tax consequences of the Offering and the acquisition, holding or disposition of Trust Units based on their particular circumstances.

#### Status of the Trust

# Qualification as a Mutual Fund Trust

This summary is based on the assumption that the Trust qualifies and will continue to qualify at all times as a "mutual fund trust" within the meaning of the Tax Act. To qualify as a mutual fund trust, the Trust, among other things, must be a "unit trust" as defined in the Tax Act, must not be established or maintained primarily for the benefit of non-residents of Canada, and must restrict its undertaking to: (i) the investing of its funds in property (other than real property or an interest in real property or an immovable or a real right in an immovable), (ii) the acquiring, holding, maintaining, improving, leasing or managing of any real property (or interest in real property) or of any immovable (or real right in immovables) that is capital property of the Trust, or (iii) any combination of the activities described in (i) and (ii), and must have at least 150 Trust Unitholders each holding not less than 100 Trust Units of a particular class which are qualified for distribution to the public and which have an aggregate fair market value of not less than \$500 (the "minimum distribution requirements"). In this connection, (i) the Trustees have advised counsel that they intend to cause the Trust to qualify as a unit trust throughout the life of the Trust, (ii) the Trust's undertaking conforms with the restrictions for mutual fund trusts, and (iii) the Trustees have

advised counsel that they have no reason to believe that the Trust will not comply with the minimum distribution requirements at all relevant times. In addition, the Trustees have advised counsel that they have caused the Trust to validly file the requisite election such that the Trust will be deemed to qualify as a mutual fund trust from its inception in 2018.

In the event that the Trust were not to qualify as a mutual fund trust at any particular time, the Canadian federal income tax considerations described herein would, in some respects, be materially different.

#### The SIFT Rules

This summary is based on the assumption that the Trust will not be subject to the tax applicable to SIFT Trusts as defined in the rules applicable to SIFT trusts and SIFT partnerships, each as defined in the in the Tax Act (the "**SIFT Rules**") and that the Partnership and any other Subsidiary in which the Trust has a direct or indirect interest will also not be subject to the SIFT Rules.

The SIFT Rules effectively tax certain income of a publicly-traded or listed trust that is distributed to its investors and certain income of a publicly-traded or listed partnership on the same basis as would have applied had the income been earned through a taxable Canadian corporation and distributed by way of dividend to its shareholders. These rules apply only to "SIFT trusts", "SIFT partnerships" and their investors.

The SIFT Rules apply to a trust or partnership the interests in which are listed or traded on a stock exchange or other public market if the trust or partnership holds one or more non-portfolio properties. Non-portfolio properties generally include certain investments in real properties situated in Canada and certain investments in corporations and trusts resident in Canada, and in partnerships with specified connections to Canada. The Trust does not expect the Trust Units or any interest in the Trust, the Partnership or any other Subsidiary to be listed or traded on a stock exchange or other public market for purposes of the SIFT Rules. However, if investments in the Trust, the Partnership or any other Subsidiary were to become publicly listed or traded, there can be no assurance that the Trust, the Partnership or such other Subsidiary will not be subject to the SIFT Rules, in which case certain income tax considerations described below would, in some respects, be materially different.

#### Taxation of the Trust

The taxation year of the Trust is generally the calendar year. In each taxation year the Trust will generally be subject to tax under Part I of the Tax Act on its income for the year, including net realized taxable capital gains for that year and its allocated share of income of each source of the Partnership for its fiscal periods ending in or coincidentally with such taxation year, less the portion thereof that the Trust deducts in respect of the amounts paid or payable, or deemed to be paid or payable, in the year to Trust Unitholders. An amount will be considered to be payable to a Trust Unitholder in a taxation year if the Trust Unitholder is entitled in that year to enforce payment of the amount.

The Trust will generally not be subject to tax on any amounts received as distributions from the Partnership. Generally, distributions to the Trust from the Partnership will result in a reduction of the adjusted cost base of the Trust's units of the Partnership by the amount of such distribution. Income allocated to the Trust from the Partnership for a fiscal period of the Partnership will

increase the adjusted cost base of the Trust's interest in the Partnership at the beginning of the immediately following fiscal period. If, as a result of a distribution to the Trust, the Trust's adjusted cost base of its units of the Partnership at the end of the fiscal period of the Partnership would otherwise be a negative amount, the Trust will be deemed to realize a capital gain in such amount for its taxation year in which such fiscal period ends and the Trust's adjusted cost base of its units of the Partnership would be increased to nil.

In computing its income for purposes of the Tax Act, the Trust may deduct reasonable administrative costs and other reasonable expenses incurred by it for the purpose of earning income. The Trust may also deduct from its income for a year a portion of any reasonable expenses incurred by the Trust in the course of issuing Trust Units. The portion of the issue expenses deductible by the Trust in a taxation year is 20% of the total issue expenses, pro-rated where the Trust's taxation year is less than 365 days. Any losses incurred by the Trust (including losses allocated to the Trust by the Partnership and capable of being deducted by the Trust) may not be allocated to Trust Unitholders, but may generally be carried forward and deducted in computing the taxable income of the Trust in future years in accordance with the detailed rules and limitations in the Tax Act.

The Declaration of Trust generally provides that the amount necessary to ensure that the Trust will not be liable to pay any non-refundable income tax under Part I of the Tax Act for any year (determined without reference to any bonus distributions in the year automatically reinvested in Trust Units in accordance with the DRIP) shall be declared by the Trustees as a distribution, and shall be due and payable, on the earlier of the last Distribution Date in respect of the year, December 31 of such year, or the end of such other taxation year of the Trust, to persons who are Trust Unitholders on that date. The Trust has advised counsel that it intends to deduct for purposes of the Tax Act such amount as is paid or payable by way of cash or Trust Units to Trust Unitholders (other than bonus distributions paid under the DRIP) for each taxation year. Consequently, provided this is done, the Trust will generally not be subject to non-refundable income tax under Part I of the Tax Act in any year.

The Trust will be entitled for each taxation year to reduce (or receive a refund in respect of) its liability, if any, for tax on its net realized taxable capital gains by an amount determined under the Tax Act based on the redemption of Trust Units during the year (the "capital gains refund"). In certain circumstances, the capital gains refund in a particular taxation year may not completely offset the Trust's tax liability for that taxation year arising in connection with the redemption of Trust Units. The Declaration of Trust provides that all or a portion of any income or capital gains realized by the Trust as a result of such redemptions may, at the discretion of the Trustees, be treated as income paid or payable to the redeeming Trust Unitholder and, subject to the Tax Proposals discussed below, will be deductible by the Trust in computing its income. Such income or the taxable portion of any capital gain so designated must be included in the income of a redeeming Trust Unitholder (as income or taxable capital gains). Tax Proposals included in the 2019 Federal Budget would prohibit the Trust from allocating income to redeeming Trust Unitholders and would limit the availability of the Trust to allocate capital gains to redeeming Trust Unitholders in the manner described above. If such Tax Proposals are enacted in their current form, the taxable component of distributions to non-redeeming Trust Unitholders could be increased in taxation years in which redemptions occur.

# Taxation of the Partnership

Each member of the Partnership, or other Subsidiary that is a partnership (including the Trust as a member of the Partnership) will be required to include (or will be entitled to deduct) in computing its income, its share of the income (or loss) from each source of such partnership for such partnership's fiscal period ending in, or coincidentally with, the member's taxation year or fiscal period, as applicable, whether or not any such income is actually distributed to the member in the year. For this purpose, the income or loss of the Partnership (or such other subsidiary that is a partnership) from each source will be computed for each fiscal period as if such partnership were a separate person resident in Canada.

In computing the income or loss of the Partnership or other Subsidiary that is a partnership, deductions may generally be claimed in respect of its administrative and other expenses incurred for the purpose of earning income from business or property to the extent they are not capital in nature and do not exceed a reasonable amount, reasonable interest in respect of debt of such partnership and available capital cost allowances.

The income or loss of the Partnership or other Subsidiary that is a partnership from each source for a fiscal period will be allocated to the members of such partnership (including the Trust as a member of the Partnership) on the basis of their respective share of such income or loss as provided in the applicable partnership agreement, subject to the detailed rules in the Tax Act. Generally, distributions to a partner in excess of the partner's share of the income of a partnership for a fiscal period will result in a reduction of the adjusted cost base of the partner's units in the partnership by the amount of such excess. In certain circumstances, distributions to a partner that would otherwise cause the partner's adjusted cost base of the partner's units to be negative may give rise to a deemed capital gain, as described in more detail above under "Taxation of the Trust".

If the Partnership (or any subsidiary that is a partnership) were to incur losses for purposes of the Tax Act, the Trust's ability to deduct such losses may be limited by the "at risk" rules in the Tax Act.

#### Taxation of Trust Unitholders

#### **Distributions**

Subject to the application of the SIFT Rules discussed above, a Trust Unitholder will generally be required to include in income for a particular taxation year the portion of the Trust Income and the taxable portion of Net Realized Capital Gains of the Trust for the taxation year ending in or coincidentally with the particular taxation year of the Trust Unitholder, that is paid or payable, or deemed to be paid or payable, to the Trust Unitholder in the particular taxation year, whether such portion is received in cash, additional Trust Units or otherwise. Any loss of the Trust for purposes of the Tax Act cannot be allocated by the Trust to, or be treated as a loss of, the Trust Unitholders.

The non-taxable portion of any Net Realized Capital Gains of the Trust, the taxable portion of which is designated by the Trust in respect of the Trust Unitholder, that is paid or payable, or deemed to be paid or payable, to a Trust Unitholder in a taxation year will not be included in computing the Trust Unitholder's income for the year. Any other amount in excess of the Trust Income and Net Realized Capital Gains of the Trust that is paid or payable, or deemed to be paid or payable, by the Trust to a Trust Unitholder in a taxation year, including any bonus distribution

reinvested in Trust Units under the DRIP, generally will not be included in the Trust Unitholder's income for the year. A Trust Unitholder will be required to reduce the adjusted cost base of its Trust Units by the portion of any amount (other than proceeds of disposition in respect of the redemption of Trust Units and the non-taxable portion of Net Realized Capital Gains of the Trust for the year, the taxable portion of which was designated by the Trust in respect of the Trust Unitholder) paid or payable to such Trust Unitholder by the Trust that was not included in computing the Trust Unitholder's income. To the extent that the adjusted cost base of a Trust Unit would otherwise be less than zero, the negative amount will be deemed to be a capital gain realized by the Trust Unitholder from the disposition of the Trust Unit and will be added to the adjusted cost base of the Trust Unit so that the adjusted cost base will be reset to zero. The composition of distributions paid by the Trust, portions of which may be fully or partially taxable or non-taxable, may change over time, potentially affecting the after-tax return to Trust Unitholders.

Provided that appropriate designations are made by the Trust, the taxable portion of the Net Realized Capital Gains of the Trust, the taxable dividends received or deemed to be received by the Trust on shares of taxable Canadian corporations and foreign source income of the Trust as is paid or becomes payable to a Trust Unitholder will effectively retain its character and be treated as such in the hands of the Trust Unitholder for purposes of the Tax Act. To the extent that amounts are designated as taxable dividends from Canadian corporations, the gross-up and dividends tax credit rules will apply, including the enhanced gross-up and credit applicable to dividends designated as "eligible dividends", and the refundable tax under Part IV of the Tax Act may be payable by Trust Unitholders that are "private corporations" (as defined in the Tax Act) and certain other corporations controlled directly or indirectly by or for the benefit of an individual or a related group of individuals. To the extent that any amounts are designated as foreign source income, the corresponding portion of the "business income tax" and "non-business income tax" (each as defined in the Tax Act) considered to have been paid by the Trust in respect of such foreign source income will be deemed to have been paid by the Trust Unitholder for purposes of the foreign tax credit provisions of the Tax Act.

### Dispositions of Trust Units

On a disposition or deemed disposition of a Trust Unit (including a redemption), a Trust Unitholder will generally realize a capital gain (or a capital loss) equal to the amount by which the Trust Unitholder's "proceeds of disposition" (as defined in the Tax Act) exceed (or are less than) the aggregate of the adjusted cost base of the Trust Unit and any reasonable costs of disposition. Proceeds of disposition will not include an amount payable by the Trust that is otherwise required to be included in the Unitholder's income (such as any amount designated as payable by the Trust to a redeeming Trust Unitholder out of capital gains or income of the Trust, having regard to the discussion above concerning Tax Proposals included in the 2019 Federal Budget).

The adjusted cost base of a Trust Unit to a Trust Unitholder will generally include all amounts paid by the Trust Unitholder for the Trust Unit, subject to certain adjustments, and may be reduced by distributions made by the Trust to a Trust Unitholder as described above. The cost to a Trust Unitholder of Trust Units received in lieu of a cash distribution of income of the Trust will be equal to the amount of such distribution that is satisfied by the issuance of such Trust Units. The cost of Trust Units acquired on the reinvestment of distributions under the DRIP will be the amount of such reinvestment. For the purpose of determining the adjusted cost base of a Trust Unit to a Trust Unitholder, when a Trust Unit is acquired the cost of the newly-acquired Trust Unit will be averaged with the adjusted cost base of all of the identical Trust Units owned by the Trust

Unitholder as capital property immediately before such acquisition. There will generally be no net increase or decrease in the aggregate adjusted cost base of all of a Trust Unitholder's Trust Units as a result of the receipt of any bonus distribution automatically reinvested in Trust Units under the DRIP (except to the extent that such a bonus distribution results in a deemed capital gain as described above); however, the adjusted cost base per Trust Unit of such Trust Unitholder's Trust Units will generally be reduced.

A redemption of Trust Units in consideration for cash or a Redemption Note, as the case may be, will be a disposition of such Trust Units for proceeds of disposition equal to the amount of such cash or fair market value of such Redemption Note, as the case may be, less any amount designated as payable by the Trust to the redeeming Trust Unitholder out of capital gains or income of the Trust as described above.

Trust Unitholders exercising the right of redemption will consequently realize a capital gain (or a capital loss) depending upon whether the proceeds of disposition received exceed (or are less than) the adjusted cost base of the Trust Units redeemed and any reasonable costs of disposition. The taxation of capital gains and capital losses is described below under "Taxation of Capital Gains and Capital Losses".

A consolidation of Trust Units following a distribution that is paid in Trust Units will not be considered to result in a disposition of Trust Units by Trust Unitholders. The aggregate adjusted cost base to a Trust Unitholder of all of the Trust Unitholder's Trust Units will not change as a result of a consolidation of Trust Units; however, the adjusted cost base per Trust Unit will increase.

Where a Trust Unitholder that is a corporation or a trust (other than a mutual fund trust) disposes of a Trust Unit, the Trust Unitholder's capital loss from the disposition generally will be reduced by the amount of any dividends received by the Trust and previously designated by the Trust to the Trust Unitholder, to the extent and under the circumstances prescribed in the Tax Act. Analogous rules apply where a corporation or trust is a member of a partnership that disposes of Trust Units.

#### Alternative Minimum Tax

In general terms, net income of the Trust paid or payable, or deemed to be paid or payable, to a Trust Unitholder who is an individual or trust (other than certain types of trusts specified in the Tax Act), that is designated as taxable dividends or net taxable capital gains, and capital gains realized on the disposition of Trust Units by such a Trust Unitholder, may increase the Trust Unitholder's liability for alternative minimum tax under the Tax Act.

#### Refundable Tax

A Trust Unitholder that is a "Canadian-controlled private corporation" (as defined in the Tax Act) may be liable to pay an additional refundable tax on certain types of income, including taxable capital gains.

### Taxation of Capital Gains and Capital Losses

One-half of any capital gain (a "taxable capital gain") realized by a Trust Unitholder on a disposition or deemed disposition of Trust Units and the taxable portion of any Net Realized

Capital Gains designated by the Trust in respect of a Trust Unitholder will be included in income as a taxable capital gain. One-half of any capital loss (an "allowable capital loss") realized by a Trust Unitholder on a disposition or deemed disposition of Trust Units must generally be deducted from taxable capital gains realized by the Trust Unitholder in the year of disposition. Allowable capital losses realized in excess of taxable capital gains in a particular taxation year may generally be deducted against taxable capital gains realized in the three preceding taxation years or in any subsequent taxation year, subject to and in accordance with the provisions of the Tax Act.

### Eligibility for Investment

Provided that the Trust qualifies as a "mutual fund trust" under the Tax Act, the Trust Units will be qualified investments for trusts governed by registered retirement savings plans ("RRSPs"), registered retirement income funds ("RRIFs"), registered disability savings plans ("RDSPs"), deferred profit sharing plans, registered education savings plans ("RESPs") and tax-free savings accounts ("TFSAs"), each as defined in the Tax Act (each a "Registered Plan").

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the holder of a TFSA or RDSP, the annuitant of an RRSP or RRIF or the subscriber of an RESP, will be subject to a penalty tax if the Trust Units held in such TFSA, RDSP, RRSP, RRIF or RESP are a "prohibited investment" as defined in the Tax Act for such Registered Plan. The Trust Units generally will not be a "prohibited investment" for trusts governed by such a Registered Plan provided that the holder of the TFSA or RDSP, the annuitant of the RRSP or RRIF or the subscriber of the RESP, as applicable, (i) deals at arm's length with the Trust for the purposes of the Tax Act and (ii) does not have a "significant interest", as defined in the Tax Act, in the Trust. In addition, the Trust Units will generally not be a "prohibited investment" for a trust governed by a TFSA, RDSP, RRSP, RRIF or RESP if the Trust Units are "excluded property" (as defined in the Tax Act) for such trust. Holders of a TFSA or RDSP, annuitants of an RRSP or RRIF and subscribers of an RESP should consult their own tax advisors as to whether the Trust Units will be a "prohibited investment" in their particular circumstances.

A Redemption Note will likely not be a qualified investment for Registered Plans, and the receipt of such property on the redemption of a Trust Unit may give rise to adverse consequences to such Registered Plan or the holder, annuitant, subscriber or beneficiary in respect of that Registered Plan. Accordingly, holders, annuitants and subscribers of Registered Plans that own Trust Units should consult their own tax advisors before deciding to exercise the redemption rights attached to the Trust Units.

#### INFORMATION EXCHANGE OBLIGATIONS

The Tax Act includes provisions which implement the OECD Common Reporting Standard and the Canada-United States Enhanced Tax Information Exchange Agreement (together, the "Tax Information Exchange Legislation"). Pursuant to the Tax Information Exchange Legislation, certain "Canadian financial institutions" (as defined in the Tax Information Exchange Legislation) would be required to have procedures in place, in general terms, to identify accounts held by residents of foreign countries or by certain entities organized in or the "controlling persons" of which are resident in a foreign country (or, in the case of the United States, of which the holder or any such controlling person is a citizen) and to report required information to the Canada Revenue Agency. Such information will be exchanged by the Canada Revenue Agency on a reciprocal, bilateral basis with the countries in which the account holder or any such controlling person is resident (or of which such holder or person is a citizen, where applicable), where such countries

have agreed to a bilateral information exchange with Canada to which the Tax Information Exchange Legislation applies. Under the Tax Information Exchange Legislation, Trust Unitholders may be required to provide certain information regarding their tax status for the purpose of such information exchange, unless the investment is held within a Registered Plan.

### **COMPENSATION PAID TO SELLERS AND FINDERS**

Pursuant to the Agency Agreement, to assist with effecting sales of Trust Units, the Trust has retained the Equiton Agent to act as selling agent of the Trust Units and the Equiton Agent may retain sub-agents. For details of the compensation paid to sellers and finders, including to the Equiton Agent, see "Purchase Options". In addition to the sales commissions described in "Purchase Options", the Trust shall:

- (a) pay to the Equiton Agent wholesale costs of 1.25% of the gross proceeds of the Offering;
- (b) pay to the Equiton Agent a dealer fee of 1.5% of the gross proceeds of the Offering;
- (c) pay to the Equiton Agent or any lead agent appointed by the Equiton Agent a lead agent fee up to 1.0% of the gross proceeds of the Offering; and
- (d) pay to the Equiton Agent the costs and expenses incurred by the Equiton Agent and the selling agents in connection with the Offering.

The Trust has agreed, subject to certain exceptions, to indemnify the Equiton Agent and any other lead agent and their directors, officers, employees and agents against certain liabilities, including, without restriction, civil liabilities under Canadian securities legislation, and to contribute to any payments the lead agents may be required to make in respect thereof.

# RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TRUST, THE EQUITON AGENT, AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES

The Equiton Agent, Equiton Partners and the General Partner are all Affiliates of each other, as they are each controlled by Jason Roque and each entity is a Related Party to the Trust. These entities may have significant influence over the Partnership and therefore, the financial results of the Trust. You should review this section carefully. See "Risk Factors – Significant Influence by Jason Roque, Equiton Partners and other Related Parties – Potential Conflicts of Interest".

Furthermore, the Trust or its Subsidiaries may engage Related Parties to perform various services for the Trust and its Subsidiaries which may result in additional fees, including but not limited to property management fees, project management fees, construction management fees, lending and financing fees, acquisition fees, disposition fees and guarantee fees. The Trust expects that agreements entered into with such Related Parties will be subject to market terms and fees. See "Risk Factors – Significant Influence by Jason Roque, Equiton Partners and other Related Parties – Potential Conflicts of Interest."

### The Equiton Agent

Jason Roque, a Trustee and Chief Executive Officer of the Trust, indirectly, through wholly owned Subsidiaries, controls the Equiton Agent and is a director and President of the Equiton Agent. In addition, Helen Hurlbut, a Trustee and Chief Financial Officer of the Trust, is Chief Financial Officer of the Equiton Agent. As a result, the Equiton Agent is a Related Party to the Trust.

In addition, the Equiton Agent acts exclusively for certain companies that are either directly or indirectly controlled and/or beneficially owned by Jason Roque, or which hold securities in companies that are either directly or indirectly controlled and/or beneficially owned by Jason Roque.

In light of the foregoing, the Trust is a "connected issuer" and "related issuer" of the Equiton Agent under Canadian securities law. The decision to distribute the Trust Units and the determination of the terms of the distribution were not negotiated at arm's length between the Equiton Agent and the Trust. The determination by the Trust to proceed with the Offering was not made at the request or suggestion of the Equiton Agent. The Equiton Agent will not receive any benefit in connection with the Offering other than the fees payable by the Trust to the Equiton Agent described above under "Compensation Paid to Sellers and Finders". The proceeds of the Offering will not be applied for the benefit of the Equiton Agent. However, the proceeds of the Offering will be used by the Trust to invest in the Partnership, the General Partner of which is an Affiliate of the Equiton Agent, and Equiton Partners, an Affiliate of the Equiton Agent, will receive an Asset Management Fee from the Partnership for its engagement as manager of the Partnership.

### Equiton Partners

Equiton Partners, manager of the Partnership, is a Related Party to the Trust because Jason Roque and Helen Hurlbut, both Trustees of the Trust, are the President and Chief Financial Officer, respectively, of Equiton Partners and Jason is the sole director of Equiton Partners. Also, Mr. Roque indirectly, through wholly owned subsidiaries, controls Equiton Partners. In addition, pursuant to the Declaration of Trust, Equiton Partners is entitled to appoint all of the Trustees.

#### The General Partner

The General Partner is indirectly, through wholly owned subsidiaries, owned and controlled by Jason Roque, who is also a director and President of the General Partner. Helen Hurlbut is Chief Financial Officer of the General Partner.

As a result of the relationships noted above, the Equiton Agent, Equiton Partners and the General Partner are Related Parties of the Trust. Jason Roque may have a significant influence over each of these entities and each of the entities may have a significant influence over the Partnership and the Trust.

#### **RISK FACTORS**

There are certain risk factors inherent in an investment in the Trust Units. All or substantially all of the Trust's assets will consist of Class A LP Units. Therefore, the risks of the Trust will include the risks of the Partnership. Subscribers should carefully consider the following risks of the Trust, Trust Units and the Partnership before subscribing for the Trust Units.

#### **Investment Risk**

### This is a Blind Pool Offering

This is a "blind pool" offering. The Trust currently holds limited investments and has not entered into any binding agreements related to investments it will make post-closing; therefore you will not be able to evaluate future investments before purchasing Trust Units. Although the Trust expects that the available net proceeds of the Offering will be applied to carry out its investment strategies in accordance with its operating policies, Equiton Partners has not identified any investment opportunities for potential investment by the Partnership with the net proceeds of the Offering.

As this is a "blind pool" offering, not all of the net proceeds from the Offering will be deployed immediately by the Trust. Accordingly, the net proceeds from the Offering are not expected to have an immediate impact on Trust Distribution Income and until such funds are deployed by the Trust, the total returns per Trust Unit can be expected to be less than the Trust's targeted annual total returns.

#### Availability of Distributable Income

Partnership Distributable Cash Flow is calculated before deducting items such as principal repayments, capital expenditures and payments on the redemption of Redeemable LP Units and, accordingly, may exceed actual cash available to the Partnership from time to time. The Partnership may be required to use part of its debt capacity or raise additional equity in order to accommodate such items, and there can be no assurance that funds from such sources will be available on favourable terms or at all. In such circumstances, distributions may be reduced, which may therefore also have an adverse impact on the distributions of the Trust and the market price of the Trust Units. In addition, the Trust may pay distributions in the form of additional Trust Units or fractions of Trust Units. Accordingly, cash distributions are not guaranteed and cannot be assured. See "Material Agreements – The Declaration of Trust – Distribution Policy" and "Material Agreements – The LP Agreement – Distributions".

Trust Distributable Income is calculated in accordance with the Declaration of Trust. Distributable income is not a measure recognized under IFRS and does not have a standardized meaning prescribed by IFRS. Trust Distributable Income is used because management of the Trust believes this non-IFRS measure is a relevant measure of the ability of Trust to earn and distribute cash returns to Trust Unitholders. Distributable income as computed by the Trust may differ from similar computations as reported by other similar organizations and, accordingly, may not be comparable to distributable income as reported by such organizations. Distributable income is calculated by reference to the net income of the Trust, as determined in accordance with IFRS, subject to certain adjustments as set out in the constating documents of the Trust.

#### Structural Subordination of Trust Units

In the event of a bankruptcy, liquidation or reorganization of the Trust or any of its Subsidiaries, holders of certain of their indebtedness and certain trade creditors will generally be entitled to payment of their claims from the assets of the Trust and those Subsidiaries before any assets are made available for distribution to the Trust Unitholders. The Trust Units will be effectively

subordinated to most of the indebtedness and other liabilities of the Trust and its Subsidiaries. See "Operating Policies".

### Trust Unitholder Liability

The Declaration of Trust provides that no Trust Unitholder will be subject to any liability whatsoever to any person in connection with the holding of a Trust Unit. In addition, legislation has been enacted in the Province of Ontario and certain other provinces and territories that is intended to provide Trust Unitholders in those provinces and territories with limited liability. However, there remains a risk, which is considered by the Trust to be remote in the circumstances, that a holder of Trust Units could be held personally liable for the obligations of the Trust to the extent that claims are not satisfied out of the Trust Property. It is intended that the affairs of the Trust will be conducted to seek to minimize such risk wherever possible.

#### Nature of Investment

A holder of a Trust Unit will not hold a share of a body corporate. Trust Unitholders do not have statutory rights normally associated with ownership of shares of a corporation including, for example, the right to bring "oppression" or "derivative" actions. The rights of holders of Trust Units are based primarily on the Declaration of Trust. There is no statute governing the affairs of the Trust equivalent to the *OBCA* or the *CBCA* which sets out the rights and entitlements of shareholders of corporations in various circumstances.

#### Restrictions on Ownership of Trust Units

The Declaration of Trust imposes various restrictions on Trust Unitholders. At no time may more than 49% of the Trust Units (on a number of Trust Units or on a fair market value basis) then outstanding be held by or for the benefit of Persons who are Non-Residents.

#### Liquidity of Trust Units and Redemption Risk

There is currently no market through which the Trust Units may be sold. Unless permitted under securities legislation, no Trust Unitholder can trade Trust Units before the date that is four months and a day after the date the Trust becomes a reporting issuer in any province or territory of Canada. The Trust is not, and currently has no intention of becoming, a reporting issuer in any province or territory of Canada, and therefore all Trust Units will be subject to an indefinite hold period. Trust Units may only be transferred under limited exemptions under applicable securities laws. Consequently, Trust Unitholders may not be able to sell the Trust Units readily or at all, and they may not be accepted as collateral for a loan. Trust Unitholders should be prepared to hold the Trust Units indefinitely and cannot expect to be able to liquidate their investment even in the case of an emergency.

The Trust Units are redeemable upon demand of the Trust Unitholder. However, these redemption rights are subject to limitations, including a monthly limit of \$50,000 in respect of all Trust Units tendered for redemption. If the redemptions tendered in a calendar month exceed the foregoing limit, then the Trust may satisfy the payment of the Redemption Amount, in part, by the issuance Redemption Notes, which are promissory notes. Accordingly, in the event that the Trust experiences a large number of redemptions, the Trust may not be able to satisfy all of the redemption requests in cash. Any Redemption Notes which may be received as a result of a redemption of Trust Units will likely not be qualified investments for a Registered Plan and may

have adverse tax consequences if held by a Registered Plan. See "Material Agreements – Declaration of Trust – Redemption of Trust Units").

### Risks Associated with Redemptions

#### Use of Available Cash

The payment by the Trust of the Redemption Price of Trust Units in cash (as opposed to payment of the Redemption Price through the issuance of Redemption Notes) will reduce the amount of cash available to the Trust for the payment of distributions to Trust Unitholders, as cash payments of the amount due in respect of redemptions will take priority over the payment of cash distributions.

#### Redemption Price

Any amount received on a redemption of Trust Units will be equal to the Redemption Price of a Trust Unit times the number of Trust Units that a Trust Unitholder tenders for redemption, less the costs of implementing the redemption, any applicable Deferred Sales Charge, and any applicable Early Redemption Fee. See "Purchase Options". See "Redemption of Trust Units".

### Redemption Price Determination

The amount received on a redemption of Trust Units shall be equal to the Redemption Price and based upon the Market Value of the Trust Units on the day of the Redemption Notice times the number of Trust Units that a Trust Unitholder tenders for redemption, less the costs of implementing the redemption, any applicable Deferred Sales Charge, and any applicable Early Redemption Fee. There is a risk that the estimate of the Market Value of the Trust Units determined by the Trustees may not accurately reflect the true fair market value of the Trust Units and the Trust Unitholders will have no recourse against the Trust or the Trustees in this respect.

### Payment of Redemption Notes

In the event that the Trust is unable to pay the amount owing under a Redemption Note on maturity it may borrow funds from related and unrelated parties or seek to extend the terms of the Redemption Note. Notwithstanding the aforesaid, circumstances may arise resulting in the Trust not having funds available to pay on maturity the principal balance and accrued unpaid interest under any Redemption Notes issued.

#### Redemption Notes will be unsecured

Redemption Notes issued by the Trust will be unsecured debt obligations and may be subordinated to other financing obtained by the Trust.

### Priority of Redemption Notes over Trust Units

Redemption Notes, if issued by the Trust, may, in certain circumstances, have priority over Trust Units in the event of the liquidation of the assets of the Trust. There are various considerations with respect to creditor rights and bankruptcy law that will need to be considered both at the time Redemption Notes are issued and at the time of any liquidation of the assets of the Trust in order to determine if such a priority exists.

#### Tax Related Risks

There can be no assurance that Canadian federal or provincial income tax laws and the administrative policies and assessing practices of the CRA respecting the treatment of mutual fund trusts will not be changed in a manner which adversely affects the Trust or the Trust Unitholders.

It is anticipated that the Trust will qualify at all times as a "mutual fund trust" for purposes of the Tax Act. To qualify as a "mutual fund trust", the Trust must be a "unit trust" as defined in the Tax Act and must restrict its undertaking to: (i) the investing of its funds in property (other than real property or an interest in real property), (ii) the acquiring, holding, maintaining, improving, leasing or managing of any real property (or interest in real property) that is capital property of the Trust or (iii) any combination of the activities described in (i) and (ii); and must comply with the minimum distribution requirements. The Trust must comply with these requirements on a continuous basis. If the Trust ceases to qualify as a "mutual fund trust" for the purposes of the Tax Act, the income tax consequences described under "Certain Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations" would in some respects be materially and adversely different. For instance, in such a case, the Trust Units will cease to be qualified investments for Registered Plans at that time. Furthermore, the Trust may become subject to alternative minimum tax under section 129.5 of the Tax Act and to tax under Part XII.2 of the Tax Act.

Currently, a trust will be deemed not to be a mutual fund trust if it is established and maintained primarily for the benefits of Non-Residents. The current law does not provide any means of rectifying a loss of mutual fund trust status if this requirement is not met.

Changes in the interpretation and administration of GST/HST may result in the Trust being required to pay increased amounts of GST/HST.

If Trust Units or other investments in the Trust become publicly listed or traded, there can be no assurances that the Trust will not be subject to the SIFT Rules, as described under "Certain Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations – Status of the Trust – the SIFT Rules", at that time. As such, adverse consequences could result.

The Tax Act imposes penalties on Registered Plans or holders, annuitants and subscribers of certain Registered Plans for the acquisition or holding of non-qualified investments. While the Trust Units currently qualify as, and are expected to continue to be, a qualified investment for a trust governed by a TFSA, RDSP, RRSP, RRIF or RESP the holder, annuitant or subscriber thereof will be subject to a penalty tax in respect of Trust Units held in a trust governed by such a Registered Plan if such Trust Units are a "prohibited investment" for the purposes of the Tax Act. In addition, Redemption Notes of the Trust received as a result of a distribution or redemption of Trust Units will likely not be qualified investments for Registered Plans, which may give rise to adverse consequences to a Registered Plan or the annuitant, holder, subscriber or beneficiary thereunder.

Trust Unitholders may be required to include amounts in their taxable income even where they have not received a cash distribution in respect of such amounts. The Declaration of Trust provides that a sufficient amount of the Trust's Trust Income and Net Realized Capital Gains will be distributed each year to Trust Unitholders or otherwise paid or made payable in order to

eliminate the Trust's liability for non-refundable income tax under Part I of the Tax Act. Where such amount of Trust Income and Net Realized Capital Gains of the Trust in a taxation year exceeds the cash available for distribution in the year, such excess may be distributed to Trust Unitholders in the form of additional Trust Units.

The designation of income or gains realized by the Trust to Trust Unitholders, including the designation of gains realized on the disposition of investments of the Partnership as capital gains will depend largely on factual considerations. Management will endeavor to make appropriate characterizations of income or gains realized by the Trust for purposes of designating such income or gains to Trust Unitholders based on information reasonably available to it. However, there is no certainty that the manner in which the Trust characterizes such income or gains will be accepted by the CRA. If it is subsequently determined that the Trust's characterization of a particular amount was incorrect, Trust Unitholders might suffer material adverse tax consequences as a result.

Tax Proposals included in the 2019 Federal Budget would prohibit the Trust from allocating income to redeeming Trust Unitholders and would limit the ability of the Trust to allocate capital gains to redeeming Trust Unitholders in the manner described above under "Certain Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations – Taxation of the Trust". If such Tax Proposals are enacted in their current form, the taxable component of distributions to non-redeeming Trust Unitholders could be increased in taxation years in which redemptions occur. No assurance can be provided as to whether such proposed changes will be enacted in their current form.

The Trust or its Subsidiaries may be reassessed for taxes from time to time. Such reassessments together with associated interest and penalties could adversely affect the Trust and its Trust Unitholders.

Pursuant to rules in the Tax Act, if the Trust experiences a "loss restriction event" (i) it will be deemed to have a year-end for tax purposes (which could result in an unscheduled distribution of Trust Income and Net Realized Capital Gains, if any, at such time to Trust Unitholders so that the Trust is not liable for non-refundable income tax on such amounts under Part I of the Tax Act), and (ii) it will become subject to the loss restriction rules generally applicable to corporations that experience an acquisition of control, including a deemed realization of any unrealized capital losses and restrictions on its ability to carry forward losses. Generally, the Trust will be subject to a loss restriction event if a Trust Unitholder becomes a "majority-interest beneficiary", or a group of persons becomes a "majority-interest group of beneficiaries", of the Trust, as those terms are defined in the affiliated persons rules contained in the Tax Act, with certain modifications. Generally, a majority-interest beneficiary of the Trust is a beneficiary in the income or capital, as the case may be, of the Trust whose beneficial interests, together with the beneficial interests of persons and partnerships with whom the beneficiary is affiliated, have a fair market value that is greater than 50% of the fair market value of all the interests in the income or capital, as the case may be, of the Trust. Please see "Certain Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations -Taxation of Trust Unitholders - Distributions" for the tax consequences of an unscheduled or other distribution to Trust Unitholders.

The Partnership may invest in properties located outside of the Canada, namely in the U.S. Many foreign countries, including the U.S., preserve their right under domestic tax laws and applicable

tax conventions with respect to taxes on income and on capital ("Tax Treaties") to impose tax on income paid or credited to persons who are not resident in such countries. While the Trust intends to make its investments in such a manner as to mitigate the amount of foreign taxes incurred under foreign tax laws and subject to any applicable Tax Treaties to the extent possible, investments in foreign properties may subject the Trust to foreign taxes on income paid or credited to the Trust or any gains realized on the disposition of such properties (including in respect of income and gains arising in the Partnership). Any foreign taxes incurred by the Trust will generally reduce the value of the Trust. To the extent that such foreign tax (i) that is characterized as "nonbusiness income tax" under the Tax Act considered to be paid by the Trust does not exceed 15% of such amount and has not been deducted in computing the Trust's income or (ii) is characterized as "business income tax" under the Tax Act considered to be paid by the Trust, subject to the application of the SIFT Rules the Trust may designate in respect of a Trust Unitholder a portion of its foreign source income that can reasonably be considered to be part of the Trust's Trust Income distributed to such Trust Unitholder so that such Trust Income and a portion of the foreign tax paid by the Trust may be regarded as foreign source income of, and foreign tax paid by, the Trust Unitholder for the purposes of the foreign tax credit provisions of the Tax Act. A Trust Unitholder's ability to claim a foreign tax credit or deduction in respect of foreign taxes incurred by the Trust may be affected where the Holder does not have sufficient taxes otherwise payable under Part I of the Tax Act or sufficient foreign source income in the taxation year in which the relevant foreign taxes are paid, or has other foreign source income or losses, has paid other foreign taxes or, in certain circumstances, has not filed a tax return in the applicable foreign jurisdiction where required for the relevant taxation year. Although the foreign tax credit provisions are designed to avoid double taxation, the maximum credit is limited. Because of this, and because of timing differences in recognition of expenses and income and other factors, there is a risk of double taxation. Prospective purchasers of Trust Units should consult their own tax advisors regarding their ability to claim foreign tax credits or foreign tax deductions.

#### Dilution

The number of Trust Units the Trust is authorized to issue is unlimited. The Trustees have the discretion to issue additional Trust Units in other circumstances, including pursuant to the Trust's various incentive plans, if any. The number of LP Units the Partnership is authorized to issue is unlimited. The General Partner has the discretion to cause the Partnership to issue additional LP Units in other circumstances. Any issuance of additional Trust Units or LP Units may have a dilutive effect on the holders of Trust Units.

#### **Trust Risk**

#### Limited Track Record

While the management of the Partnership has deep experience in real estate, asset management, and finance, the Partnership is in the early start-up stage and has yet to prove that it can achieve a stable cash flow profile on a sustained basis.

#### Access to Capital

The real estate industry is highly capital intensive. The Partnership will require access to capital to fund its growth strategy and significant capital expenditures from time to time. There can be no assurance that the Partnership will have access to sufficient capital or access to capital or obtain

mortgage loans on commercially acceptable terms or on terms favourable to the Partnership for future property acquisitions, construction and development activities, financing or refinancing of properties, funding operating expenses or other purposes. Further, there is no assurance or guarantee that any mortgage loans, if obtained, will be renewed when they mature or, if renewed, renewed on the same terms and conditions (including the rate of interest). In the absence of mortgage financing, the number of properties which the Partnership will be able to purchase will decrease unless further funding is successfully sought and the return from the ownership of properties (and ultimately the return on an investment in Trust Units) will be reduced. Even if the Partnership is successful in obtaining adequate mortgage loans, the Partnership may not be able to generate sufficient funds through the operation of its properties to service the mortgage loans. If a default occurs under any of the mortgage loans, one or more of the lenders could exercise its rights including, without limitation, foreclosure or sale of the Partnership's properties.

Further, the Partnership may not be able to borrow funds due to the limitations set forth in the Declaration of Trust. In addition, global financial markets have experienced a sharp increase in volatility during recent years. This has been, in part, the result of the revaluation of assets on the balance sheets of international financial institutions and related securities. This has contributed to a reduction in liquidity among financial institutions and has reduced the availability of credit to those institutions and to the issuers who borrow from them. It is possible that financing which the Partnership may require in order to grow and expand its operations may not be available or, if it is available, may not be available on favourable terms to the Partnership. Failure by the Partnership to access required capital could adversely impact the Partnership's financial condition and results of operations and decrease the amount of cash available for distribution. As well, the degree of leverage could affect the Partnership's ability to obtain additional financing in the future.

### Dependence on the Partnership

The Trust is an unincorporated open-ended investment trust which will be entirely dependent on the operations and assets of the Partnership. Cash distributions to Trust Unitholders will be dependent on, among other things, the ability of the Partnership to make cash distributions in respect of the Class A LP Units. The Partnership is a separate and distinct legal entity from the Trust. The ability of the Partnership to make cash distributions or other payments or advances will depend on the Partnership's results of operations and may be restricted by, among other things, applicable corporate, tax and other laws and regulations and contractual restrictions contained in the instruments governing any indebtedness of the Partnership.

#### Dependence on Key Personnel

The management of the Trust and the Partnership depends on the services of certain key personnel. The termination of employment by Equiton Partners of any of these key personnel could have a material adverse effect on the Trust and the Partnership.

#### Dependence on Equiton Partners

The Partnership is dependent upon Equiton Partners for operational and administrative services relating to the Partnership's business. Should Equiton Partners terminate the Management Agreement, the Partnership may be required to engage the services of another external manager. The Partnership may be unable to engage an asset manager on acceptable terms, in which case the Partnership's operations and cash available for distribution may be adversely affected.

#### Potential Conflicts of Interest

Generally, the Trust may be subject to various conflicts of interest because of the fact that the Trustees and senior officers of the Trust, senior officers of Equiton Partners and the senior officers of the General Partner are engaged in a wide range of real estate and other business activities. The Trust may become involved in transactions which conflict with the interests of the foregoing.

The Trustees may from time to time deal with persons, firms, institutions or corporations with which the Trust may be dealing, or which may be seeking investments similar to those desired by the Trust. The interests of these persons could conflict with those of the Trust. In addition, from time to time, these persons may be competing with the Trust for available investment opportunities. Conflicts may also exist due to the fact that certain Trustees and officers of the Trust will be affiliated with Equiton Partners.

Specifically, Equiton Partners operates continuing businesses which may lead to conflicts of interest between Equiton Partners and the Partnership. The Partnership may not be able to resolve any such conflicts, and, even if it does, the resolution may be less favourable to the Partnership than if it were dealing with a party that was not a significant holder of an interest in the Partnership. The agreements that the Partnership entered into with Equiton Partners may be amended upon agreement between the parties, subject to Applicable Laws. Because of Equiton Partners' significant holdings and influence over the Partnership, the Partnership may not have the leverage to negotiate any required amendments to these agreements on terms as favourable to the Partnership as those the Partnership would negotiate with a party that was not a significant holder of an interest or influence in the Partnership. Equiton Partners is engaged in a wide range of real estate and other business activities and may be involved in real estate transactions that do not satisfy the Partnership's investment criteria. Such transactions could include real estate transactions that are not accretive to the Partnership, transactions which involve significant capital expenditures for the Partnership, and transactions which may be considered too small.

Where a conflict of interest arises, the Trustees and the General Partner have a conflict of interest policy in place to address the conflict.

The Declaration of Trust contains provisions related to "Conflict of Interest Matters" requiring Trustees to disclose material interests in material contracts and transactions and to refrain from voting thereon. All Conflict of Interest Matters must be approved unanimously by the Independent Trustees in order for the Trust to proceeds with such matter. See "Material Agreements – Declaration of Trust – Conflict of Interest Restrictions and Provisions". Furthermore, the directors of the General Partner have adopted a conflict of interest policy on substantially the same terms as that contained in the Declaration of Trust.

#### Internal Controls

Effective internal controls are necessary for the Trust to provide reliable financial reports and to help prevent fraud. Although the Trust will undertake a number of procedures and the General Partner and Equiton Partners will implement a number of safeguards, in each case, in order to help ensure the reliability of the Trust's, the Partnership's and Equiton Partners' financial reports, including those imposed on the Trust under Canadian securities law, the Trust cannot be certain that such measures will ensure that the Trust will maintain adequate control over financial processes and reporting. Failure to implement required new or improved controls, or difficulties encountered in their implementation, could harm the Trust's results of operations or cause it to

fail to meet its reporting obligations. If the Trust or its auditors discover a material weakness, the disclosure of that fact, even if quickly remedied, could reduce the market's confidence in the Trust's financial statements and harm the value of the Trust Units.

### Significant Influence by Jason Roque, Equiton Partners and other Related Parties

Jason Roque, indirectly, controls Equiton Partners, as well as the General Partner. Equiton Partners has been engaged by the Trust and the Partnership to act as their external manager. Therefore, Jason Roque and Equiton Partners may have a significant influence with respect to the affairs of the Trust and the Partnership.

In addition, the Declaration of Trust provides Equiton Partners the exclusive right to appoint all of the Trustees. For so long as the Equiton Partners Appointees are Trustees, Equiton Partners will have the ability to exercise certain influence with respect to the affairs of the Trust.

Additionally, the Trust and its Subsidiaries may engage other Related Parties to perform various services for additional fees, including but not limited to property management fees, project management fees, financing fees, acquisition fees, disposition fees and guarantee fees. Although The Trust expects that any agreements entered into with such Related Parties will be subject to market terms and fees, there is no guarantee that this will be the case.

### Litigation Risks

In the normal course of the Trust's and Partnership's operations, they may become involved in, named as a party to or the subject of, various legal proceedings, including regulatory proceedings, tax proceedings and legal actions relating to personal injuries, property damage, property taxes, land rights, the environment and contract disputes. The outcome with respect to outstanding, pending or future proceedings cannot be predicted with certainty and may be determined adversely to the Trust and/or Partnership and as a result, could have a material adverse effect on the Trust's assets, liabilities, business, financial condition and results of operations. Even if the Trust and/or Partnership prevails in any such legal proceeding, the proceedings could be costly and time-consuming and would divert the attention of management and key personnel from the Trust's and/or Partnership's business operations, which could adversely affect its financial condition.

#### Assumption of Liabilities

The Partnership will assume liabilities arising out of or related to the Partnership's business, operations or assets, and will agree to indemnify the vendor of the assets being acquired for, among other matters, such liabilities. The Partnership may assume unknown liabilities that could be significant.

#### Reliance on External Sources of Capital

Because the Partnership expects to make regular cash distributions, it likely will not be able to fund all of its future capital needs. The Partnership therefore will have to rely on third-party sources of capital, which may or may not be available on favourable terms, if at all. The Partnership's access to third-party sources of capital depends on a number of things, including the market's perception of its growth potential and its current and potential future earnings. If the Partnership

is unable to obtain third-party sources of capital, it may not be able to carry out its investment objectives, satisfy its debt obligations or make regular distributions to Trust Unitholders.

#### Derivatives Risks

The Partnership may invest in and use derivative instruments, including futures, forwards, options and swaps, to manage its utility and interest rate risks inherent in its operations. There can be no assurance that the Partnership's hedging activities will be effective. Further, these activities, although intended to mitigate price volatility, expose the Partnership to other risks. The Partnership is subject to the credit risk that its counterparty (whether a clearing corporation in the case of exchange traded instruments or another third party in the case of over-the-counter instruments) may be unable to meet its obligations. In addition, there is a risk of loss by the Partnership of margin deposits in the event of the bankruptcy of the dealer with whom the Partnership has an open position in an option or futures or forward contract. In the absence of actively quoted market prices and pricing information from external sources, the valuation of these contracts involves judgment and use of estimates. As a result, changes in the underlying assumptions or use of alternative valuation methods could affect the reported fair value of these contracts. The ability of the Partnership to close out its positions may also be affected by exchange imposed daily trading limits on options and futures contracts. If the Partnership is unable to close out a position, it will be unable to realize its profit or limit its losses until such time as the option becomes exercisable or expires or the futures or forward contract terminates, as the case may be. The inability to close out options, futures and forward positions could also have an adverse impact on the Partnership's ability to use derivative instruments to effectively hedge its utility and interest rate risks.

#### Restrictions on Potential Growth and Reliance on Credit Facilities

The payout by the Partnership of a substantial part of its operating cash flow could adversely affect the Partnership's ability to grow unless it can obtain additional financing. Such financing may not be available, or renewable, on attractive terms or at all.

#### Risk of Real Estate Investment and Ownership

An investment in Trust Units will provide Subscribers with exposure to investments in real estate assets through the Trust's interest in the Partnership and the properties. Investment in real estate is subject to numerous risks which are beyond the control of the Trust, including the following factors: general economic conditions, local real estate markets, demand for leased premises, competition from other available premises and various other factors. The value of real property and any improvements thereto may also depend on the credit and financial stability of the tenants. Trust Distributable Income will be adversely affected if one or more major tenants or a significant number of tenants of properties acquired by the Partnership were to become unable to meet their obligations under their leases or if a significant amount of available space in such properties is not able to be leased on economically favourable lease terms. In the event of default by a tenant, delays or limitations in enforcing rights as lessor may be experienced and substantial costs in protecting the Partnership's investment may be incurred. The ability to rent unleased space in properties acquired by the Partnership will be affected by many factors. Costs may be incurred in making improvements or repairs to properties required by a new tenant. A prolonged deterioration in economic conditions could increase and exacerbate the foregoing risks. The failure to rent unleased space on a timely basis or at all would likely have an adverse effect on the Trust's financial condition.

Certain significant expenditures, including property taxes, maintenance costs, mortgage payments, insurance costs and related charges must be made throughout the period of ownership of real property regardless of whether a property is producing any income. Real property investments tend to be relatively illiquid, with the degree of liquidity generally fluctuating in relationship with demand for and the perceived desirability of such investments. Such illiquidity will tend to limit the Partnership's ability to vary its portfolio promptly in response to changing economic or investment conditions. If, for whatever reason, liquidation of assets is required, there is a risk that sale proceeds realized might be less than the current book value of the Partnership's investments or that market conditions would prevent prompt disposition of assets. The Partnership may, in the future, be exposed to a general decline of demand by tenants for space in properties. As well, certain of the leases of the properties held by the Partnership may have early termination provisions which, if exercised, would reduce the average lease term.

### **Acquisition Risk**

The Partnership intends to invest in interests in properties selectively. The investment of interests in properties entails risks that investments will fail to perform in accordance with expectations. In undertaking such acquisitions, the Partnership will incur certain risks, including the expenditure of funds on, and the devotion of management's time to transactions that may not come to fruition. Additional risks inherent in acquisitions include risks that properties invested in by the Partnership will not achieve anticipated performance levels and that estimates of the costs, timing and steps required to make improvements to bring an acquired property up to standards established for the market position intended for that property or complete a project related to a property may prove inaccurate. Before making any investment, the Partnership intends to conduct due diligence that it deems reasonable and appropriate based on the facts and circumstances applicable to each investment. When conducting due diligence, the Partnership may be required to evaluate important and complex business, financial, tax, accounting, environmental and legal issues. Legal counsel and other outside consultants may be involved in this due diligence process in varying degrees. Nevertheless, when conducting due diligence and making an assessment regarding an investment the Partnership relies on the resources available to it, including information provided by a vendor, development partner or borrower and, in some cases, third party investigations, and the results of the due diligence may not reveal all the relevant facts that may be necessary or helpful in evaluating such an opportunity. Moreover, such an investigation will not necessarily result in the investment being successful.

#### Lending and Financing Risk

An investment in Trust Units may be an investment in real estate lending and financing through the Trust's interest in the Partnership and the lending and financing activities the Partnership intends to undertake. Investment in real estate lending and financing is subject to a number of risks, including the factors listed below and other events and factors which are beyond the control of the Trust. The Partnership intends to rely on Equiton Partners or third party vendors to properly assess and identify qualified candidates for loans. If the Partners rely on Equiton Partners to assess loan candidates, it is expected that Equiton Partners will undertake an analysis of the fundamental business characteristics of all prospective borrowers and uses professionals in this assessment. Equiton Partners will research factors that affect the credit risk of the borrower and the ability of the borrower to repay the loan. If the Partnership relies on third party vendors to assess loan candidates, it will hire such vendors as the Partnership feels are qualified to properly analyze and assess potential loan candidates. If the assessment of the ability of a borrower to

repay a loan or the value of a borrower's security is not correct, then the Partnership's loans and revenues may be at greater risk than estimated with the result that its financial condition and operating results may be adversely impacted.

### Credit Risk and Default in Repayment Obligations by Borrowers

The Partnership will be exposed to adverse changes in conditions which affect real estate values for its real estate loans. These market changes may be regional, national or international in nature and scope or may revolve around a specific asset. Risk is increased if the values of the underlying assets securing the Partnership's loans fall to levels approaching or below the loan amounts. Any decrease in real estate values may delay the development of the underlying security or business plans of the borrower and will adversely affect the value of the Partnership's security. If the Partnership is unable to realize on its security to recover the principal amounts plus amounts on account of accrued interest and expenses in the event of a loan default or defaults, then its financial condition and operating results will be adversely impacted.

### Inability to Realize on or Dispose of Security Granted by Borrowers on a Defaulted Loan

The Partnership will generally obtain security for its loans. This security may be in a variety of forms including, but not limited to, mortgages, general security agreements, assignments of interests in property, pledges of shares and corporate guarantees. In addition, if the Partnership is required to enforce its security, it may incur significant expenses of sale, including legal and other expenses. There is no assurance that the net proceeds obtained from the enforcement of any security held by the Partnership will be sufficient to recover the outstanding principal and accrued interest due under the relevant loan. If the Partnership suffers a shortfall, then its financial condition and operating results will be adversely impacted. There is no assurance that the Partnership will be able to dispose of security on a timely basis and, as such, its financial condition may be adversely affected.

### Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the market value of the Partnership's assets may fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. This may impact the cost of borrowing as it relates to construction financing, mortgages and other loans. The mortgage loans obtained by the Partnership may include indebtedness with interest rates based on variable lending rates that will result in fluctuations in the Partnership's cost of borrowing. Decreases in prevailing interest rates may reduce the interest rates that the Partnership is able to charge borrowers. Increases in prevailing interest rates may result in fewer borrowers being able to afford the cost of a loan. Accordingly, fluctuations in interest rates may adversely impact the Partnership's profitability.

### Construction and Development Risk

To the extent that the Partnership may engage in development, redevelopment or major renovation activities with respect to certain properties, it will be subject to certain risks, including: (a) the availability and pricing of financing on satisfactory terms or at all; (b) the availability and timely receipt of zoning and other regulatory approvals; (c) the ability to achieve an acceptable level of occupancy upon completion; (d) the potential that the Trust may fail to recover expenses already incurred if it abandons development or redevelopment opportunities after commencing to explore them; (e) the potential that the Trust may expend funds on and devote management time to projects which it does not complete; (f) construction or redevelopment costs of a project may

exceed original estimates, possibly making the project less profitable than originally estimated, or unprofitable; (g) the time required to complete the construction or redevelopment of a project or to lease up the completed project may be greater than originally anticipated, thereby adversely affecting the Partnership's cash flow and liquidity; (h) the cost and timely completion of construction (including risks beyond the Partnership's control, such as weather, labour conditions or material shortages); (i) contractor and subcontractor disputes, strikes, labour disputes or supply disruptions; (j) delays with respect to obtaining, or the inability to obtain, necessary zoning, occupancy, land use and other governmental permits, and changes in zoning and land use laws; (k) occupancy rates and rents of a completed project may not be sufficient to make the project profitable; and (l) the availability and pricing of financing to fund the Partnership's development activities on favourable terms or at all.

The above risks could result in substantial unanticipated delays or expenses and, under certain circumstances, could prevent the initiation of construction, development or redevelopment activities or the completion of construction, development or redevelopment activities once undertaken. In addition, construction, development and redevelopment projects entail risks that investments may not perform in accordance with expectations and can carry an increased risk of litigation with contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, partners and others. Any of these risks could have an adverse effect on the Trust's financial condition, results of operations, cash flow, distributions to Trust Unitholders and ability to satisfy the Trust's principal and interest obligations, if any.

In certain circumstances, and due to the illiquid nature of incomplete development projects, the Trust may be subject to additional costs or fees as it relates to redeeming any interest in a development project prior to completion. The Trust may also not obtain the full market value of its interest in a development project when a redemption is requested or other factors require the Trust to dispose of its interest prior to project completion. Certain asset managers, administrators, managers or partners of development projects (which may be a Related Party) may also have the right to purchase units or interests in a development project at a price less than the full market value when the Trust or other party to the development project requests a redemption prior to completion.

In the event a Trust Unitholder requests a redemption which requires the Trust to redeem a Trust Unitholder's proportionate interest in a development project, those costs will lower the redemption amount to which the Trust Unitholder will be entitled.

#### **Environmental Matters**

Under various laws, the Partnership could become liable for the costs of removal or remediation of certain hazardous or toxic substances released on or in properties invested in by the Partnership or disposed of at other locations. The failure to remove or remediate such substances, if any, may adversely affect an owner's ability to sell such real estate or to borrow using such real estate as collateral, and could potentially also result in claims against the owner by private plaintiffs or government authorities.

#### **Uninsured Losses**

The Partnership will arrange for comprehensive insurance, including fire, liability and extended coverage, of the type and in the amounts customarily obtained for properties similar to those to be owned by Partnership or its subsidiaries and will endeavour to obtain coverage where

warranted against earthquakes and floods. However, in many cases certain types of losses (generally of a catastrophic nature) are either uninsurable or not economically insurable. Should such a disaster occur with respect to any of the properties invested in by the Partnership, the Trust could suffer a loss of capital invested and not realize any profits which might be anticipated from the disposition of such properties.

### Reliance on Third Party Management

Equiton Partners may rely on third parties, including independent management companies, external consultants and property managers to perform certain real estate activities, including property management functions in respect of certain of the Partnership's properties. To the extent Equiton Partners relies on such management companies, the employees of such management companies will devote as much of their time to the management of the properties as in their judgement is reasonably required and may have conflicts of interest in allocating management time, services and functions among the properties and their other development, investment and/or management activities.

### Competition for Real Property Investments

The Partnership will compete for suitable real property investments with individuals, corporations, REITs and similar vehicles, and institutions (both Canadian and foreign) which are presently seeking or which may seek in the future real property investments similar to those sought by the Partnership. An increased availability of investment funds allocated for investment in real estate would tend to increase competition for real property investments and increase purchase prices, reducing the yield on such investments.

#### Revenue Shortfalls

The market for development projects is highly competitive and while there appear to be sufficient opportunities for the Partnership at this time, there is no guarantee that the Partnership will be able to identify and source suitable projects or enter competitive bid processes on suitable terms which could mean revenues from properties invested in by the Partnership may not increase sufficiently to meet increases in operating expenses or debt service payments under the loans, to fund changes in the variable rates of interest charged in respect of such loans or to fund distribution to the Trust and consequently to Trust Unitholders.

#### Fluctuations in Capitalization Rates

As interest rates fluctuate in the lending market, generally so too do capitalization rates which affect the underlying value of real estate. As such, when interest rates rise, generally capitalization rates should be expected to rise. Over the period of investment, capital gains and losses at the time of disposition can occur due to the decrease or increase of these capitalization rates.

#### REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

The Trust is not a reporting issuer in any jurisdiction. In Ontario, Québec Saskatchewan, and New Brunswick, the Trust must, within 120 days after the end of each its financial years, deliver to the securities regulatory authorities annual financial statements and make them reasonably available to each Trust Unitholder who has acquired Trust Units under this Offering Memorandum. In Alberta, the Trust must, within 120 days after the end of each its financial years, file with the

securities regulatory authority annual financial statements and make them reasonably available to each Trust Unitholder who has acquired Trust Units under this Offering Memorandum. In Nova Scotia, the Trust must, within 120 days after the end of each its financial years, make the Trust's annual financial statements reasonably available to each Trust Unitholder who has acquired Trust Units under this Offering Memorandum. Such financial statements must be provided until the earlier of the date that the Trust becomes a reporting issuer in any jurisdiction in Canada or the Trust ceases to carry on business and it must be accompanied by a notice of the Trust disclosing in reasonable detail the use of the aggregate gross proceed raised by the Trust raised under this Offering Memorandum.

In New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Ontario, the Trust must make reasonably available to each Subscriber who has acquired Trust Units under this Offering Memorandum, a notice of each of the following events within 10 days of the occurrence of the event:

- (a) a discontinuance of the Trust's business;
- (b) a change in the Trust's industry; or
- (c) a change of control of the Trust.

Financial statements or other information relating to the Trust and provided to you in the future may not by itself be sufficient for your needs to enable you to prepare your income tax returns or to assess the performance of your investment.

#### **RESALE RESTRICTIONS**

These securities are subject to a number of resale restrictions under securities legislation, including a restriction on trading. Until the restriction on trading expires, you will not be able to trade the securities unless you are eligible to rely on and comply with an exemption from the prospectus and registration requirements under securities legislation.

The Trust Units are not listed on an exchange. There is currently no secondary market through which the Trust Units may be sold, there can be no assurance that any such market will develop and the Trust has no current plans to develop such a market. Accordingly, the sole method of liquidation of an investment in Trust Units is by way of a redemption of the Trust Units. Aggregate redemptions are limited to \$50,000 per month in cash, unless approved by the Trustees, with the remainder of any redemptions in excess of \$50,000 being satisfied by the issuance of a Redemption Note. See "Material Agreements – Declaration of Trust – Redemption of Trust Units".

Subscribers of Trust Units are advised to seek legal advice prior to any resale of the Trust Units. Pursuant to the Declaration of Trust, Trust Unitholders may transfer Trust Units only with the approval of the Trustees. The Trustees shall have the power to restrict the transfer of Trust Units on the books of the Trust without liability to Trust Unitholders or others who will thereby be restricted from taking a transfer.

For Subscribers resident in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Québec, Ontario, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and Labrador, unless permitted under securities legislation, the Trust Units cannot be traded before the date that is four (4) months

and a day after the date the Trust becomes a reporting issuer in any province or territory of Canada.

For Subscribers resident in Manitoba, unless permitted under securities legislation, a Trust Unitholder must not trade the Trust Units without the prior written consent of the regulator in Manitoba, unless (i) the Trust has filed a prospectus with the regulator in Manitoba with respect to the Trust Units and the regulator in Manitoba has issued a receipt for that prospectus; or (ii) the Trust Unitholder has held the Trust Units for at least 12 months. The regulator in Manitoba will consent to such a trade if the regulator is of the opinion that to do so is not prejudicial to the public interest.

If physical certificates representing the Trust Units issued, they will have the following legend inscribed thereon:

"Unless permitted under securities legislation, you cannot trade these securities before the date that is four (4) months and a day after the date the Trust became a reporting issuer in any province or territory of Canada."

The Trust is not currently a reporting issuer in any of the Provinces or Territories of Canada and does not intend to become reporting in any Province or Territories of Canada.

#### SUBSCRIBERS' RIGHTS OF ACTION

If you purchase these Trust Units you will have certain rights, some of which are described below. For information about your rights you should consult a lawyer.

#### Two Day Cancellation Right for a Subscriber

Subscribers can cancel their agreements to purchase the Trust Units. To do so, the Subscriber must send a notice to the Trust before midnight on the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Business Day after the Subscriber signs the Subscription Agreement in respect of the Trust Units.

### **Rights of Action for Misrepresentation**

Securities legislation in certain provinces of Canada provides purchasers of Trust Units pursuant to this Offering Memorandum with a statutory right of action for damages or rescission in addition to any other rights they may have at law, in cases where the Offering Memorandum and any amendment to it contains a "Misrepresentation". Where used herein, "Misrepresentation" means an untrue statement of a material fact or an omission to state a material fact that is required to be stated or that is necessary to make any statement not misleading in light of the circumstances in which it was made. These rights, or notice with respect thereto, must be exercised or delivered, as the case may be, by the Subscriber within the time limits prescribed and are subject to the defenses and limitations contained under the applicable securities legislation. Subscribers resident in provinces of Canada that do not provide for such statutory rights will be granted a contractual right similar to the statutory right of actions and rescission described below for purchasers resident in Ontario and such right will form part of the subscription agreement to be entered into between each such purchaser and the Trust in connection with this offering.

The following summaries are subject to the express provisions of the securities legislation applicable in each of the provinces of Canada and the regulations, rules and policy statements thereunder. Subscribers should refer to the securities legislation applicable in their province along

with the regulations, rules and policy statements thereunder for the complete text of these provisions or should consult with their legal advisor. The contractual and statutory rights of action described in this Offering Memorandum are in addition to and without derogation from any other right or remedy that purchasers may have at law.

### Rights of Subscribers in Alberta

Section 204(1) of the *Securities Act* (Alberta) provides that if a person or company purchases securities offered by an offering memorandum that contains a Misrepresentation, the purchaser has, without regard to whether the purchaser relied on the Misrepresentation, a right of action (a) for damages against (i) the Trust, (ii) every director of the Trust at the date of the offering memorandum, and (iii) every person or company who signed the offering memorandum, and (b) for rescission against the Trust, provided that:

- (a) if the purchaser elects to exercise its right of rescission, it shall cease to have a right of action for damages against the person or company referred to above;
- (b) no person or company referred to above will be liable if it proves that the purchaser had knowledge of the Misrepresentation;
- (c) no person or company (other than the Trust) referred to above will be liable if it proves that the offering memorandum was sent to the purchaser without the person's or company's knowledge or consent and that, on becoming aware of its being sent, the person or company promptly gave reasonable notice to the Executive Director and the issuer that it was sent without the knowledge and consent of the person or company;
- (d) no person or company (other than the Trust) referred to above will be liable if it proves that the person or company, on becoming aware of the Misrepresentation in the offering memorandum, withdrew the person's or company's consent to the offering memorandum and gave reasonable notice to the Executive Director and the issuer of the withdrawal and the reason for it:
- (e) no person or company (other than the Trust) referred to above will be liable if, with respect to any part of the offering memorandum purporting to be made on the authority of an expert or purporting to be a copy of, or an extract from, a report, opinion or statement of an expert, the person or company proves that the person or company did not have any reasonable grounds to believe and did not believe that:
  - (i) there had been a Misrepresentation; or
  - (ii) the relevant part of the offering memorandum;
    - (A) did not fairly represent the report, opinion or statement of the expert, or
    - (B) was not a fair copy of, or an extract from, the report, opinion or statement of the expert;

- (f) the person or company (other than the issuer) will not be liable if with respect to any part of the offering memorandum not purporting to be made on the authority of an expert and not purporting to be a copy of, or an extract from, a report, opinion or statement of an expert, unless the person or company
  - (i) did not conduct a reasonable investigation sufficient to provide reasonable grounds for a belief that there had been no Misrepresentation, and
  - (ii) believed there had been a Misrepresentation;
- (g) in no case shall the amount recoverable exceed the price at which the securities were offered under the offering memorandum;
- (h) the defendant will not be liable for all or any part of the damages that the defendant proves do not represent the depreciation in value of the security as a result of the Misrepresentation;

Section 211 of the *Securities Act* (Alberta) provides that no action may be commenced to enforce these rights more than:

- (a) in the case of an action for rescission, 180 days from the day of the transaction that gave rise to the cause of action, or
- (b) in the case of any action, other than an action for rescission, the earlier of
  - (i) 180 days from the day that the plaintiff first had knowledge of the facts giving rise to the cause of action, or
  - (ii) 3 years from the day of the transaction that gave rise to the cause of action.

#### Rights of Subscribers in British Columbia

The right of action for damages or rescission described herein is conferred by Section 132.1 of the Securities Act (British Columbia). Section 132.1 of the Securities Act (British Columbia) provides, in relevant part, that in the event that an offering memorandum (such as this Offering Memorandum), contains a Misrepresentation, the purchaser will be deemed to have relied on the Misrepresentation if it was a Misrepresentation at the time of purchase, and the purchaser has, subject to certain limitations and defences, a statutory right of action for damages against the Trust and, subject to certain additional defences, every director of the Trust at the date of the offering memorandum and every person who signed the offering memorandum or, alternatively, may elect instead to exercise a statutory right of rescission against the Trust, in which case the purchaser shall have no right of action for damages against the Trust, provided that, among other limitations:

- (a) no person will be liable if it proves that the purchaser purchased the securities with knowledge of the Misrepresentation;
- (b) in the case of an action for damages, no person will be liable for all or any portion of the damages that it proves do not represent the depreciation in value of the securities as a result of the Misrepresentation relied upon; and

(c) in no case will the amount recoverable in any action exceed the price at which the securities were offered to the purchaser.

In addition, a person or company, other than the Trust, will not be liable if that person or company proves that:

- (a) the offering memorandum was sent or delivered to the purchaser without the person's or company's knowledge or consent and that, on becoming aware of its delivery, the person or company gave written notice to the Trust that it was delivered without the person's or company's knowledge or consent;
- (b) after delivery of the offering memorandum and after becoming aware of the Misrepresentation, the person or company withdrew the person's or company's consent to the offering memorandum and gave written notice to the Trust of the withdrawal and the reason for it; or
- (c) with respect to any part of the offering memorandum purporting to be made on the authority of an expert, or (ii) to be a copy of, or an extract from, an expert's report, opinion or statement, the person or company proves that the person or company had no reasonable grounds to believe and did not believe that (A) there had been a Misrepresentation, or (B) the relevant part of the offering memorandum did not fairly represent the expert's report, opinion or statement, or was not a fair copy of, or an extract from, an expert's report, opinion or statement.

Further, where a Misrepresentation is contained in an offering memorandum, the directors of the Trust, and every person or company who signed the offering memorandum, shall not be liable with respect to any part of the offering memorandum not purporting to be made on the authority of an expert and not purporting to be a copy of, or an extract from, a report, opinion or statement of an expert, unless the person or company did not conduct a reasonable investigation to provide reasonable grounds for a belief that there had been no Misrepresentation, or believed there had been a Misrepresentation.

A person is not liable for Misrepresentation in forward-looking information if the person proves that the document containing the forward-looking information contained, proximate to that information, reasonable cautionary language identifying the forward-looking information as such, and identifying material factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from a conclusion, forecast or projection in the forward-looking information, and a statement of the material factors or assumptions that were applied in drawing a conclusion or making a forecast or projection set out in the forward-looking information, and the person had a reasonable basis for drawing the conclusions or making the forecasts and projections set out in the forward-looking information.

If a Misrepresentation is contained in a record incorporated by reference into, or deemed incorporated by reference into, the offering memorandum, the Misrepresentation is deemed to be contained in the offering memorandum. Section 140 of the *Securities Act* (British Columbia) provides that no action shall be commenced to enforce these rights more than:

(a) in the case of an action for rescission, 180 days after the date of the transaction that gave rise to the cause of action; or

- (b) in the case of an action for damages, the earlier of:
  - (i) 180 days after the date that the purchaser first had knowledge of the facts giving rise to the cause of action; or
  - (ii) three years after the date of the transaction that gave rise to the cause of action.

### Rights of Subscribers in Saskatchewan

Section 138(1) of the Securities Act, 1988 (Saskatchewan), as amended (the "Saskatchewan Act") provides that where an offering memorandum (such as this Offering Memorandum) or any amendment to it is sent or delivered to a purchaser and it contains a Misrepresentation, a purchaser who purchases a security covered by the offering memorandum or any amendment to it has, without regard to whether the purchaser relied on the Misrepresentation, a right of action for rescission against the Trust or a selling security holder on whose behalf the distribution is made, or has a right of action for damages against:

- (a) the Trust or a selling security holder on whose behalf the distribution is made;
- every promoter and director of the Trust or the selling security holder, as the case may be, at the time the offering memorandum or any amendment to it was sent or delivered;
- (c) every person or company whose consent has been filed respecting the offering, but only with respect to reports, opinions or statements that have been made by them;
- (d) every person who or company that, in addition to the persons or companies mentioned in (a) to (c) above, signed the offering memorandum or the amendment to the offering memorandum; and
- (e) every person who or company that sells securities on behalf of the Trust or selling security holder under the offering memorandum or amendment to the offering memorandum.

Such rights of rescission and damages are subject to certain limitations including the following:

- (a) if the purchaser elects to exercise its right of rescission against the Trust or selling security holder, it shall have no right of action for damages against that party;
- (b) in an action for damages, a defendant will not be liable for all or any portion of the damages that he, she or it proves do not represent the depreciation in value of the securities resulting from the Misrepresentation relied on;
- (c) no person or company, other than the Trust or a selling security holder, will be liable for any part of the offering memorandum or any amendment to it not purporting to be made on the authority of an expert and not purporting to be a copy of, or an extract from, a report, opinion or statement of an expert, unless the person or company failed to conduct a reasonable investigation sufficient to provide

reasonable grounds for a belief that there had been no Misrepresentation or believed that there had been a Misrepresentation;

- in no case shall the amount recoverable exceed the price at which the securities were offered; and
- (e) no person or company is liable in an action for rescission or damages if that person or company proves that the purchaser purchased the securities with knowledge of the Misrepresentation.

In addition, no person or company, other than the Trust or selling security holder, will be liable if the person or company proves that:

- (a) the offering memorandum or any amendment to it was sent or delivered without the person's or company's knowledge or consent and that, on becoming aware of it being sent or delivered, that person or company gave reasonable general notice that it was so sent or delivered;
- (b) after the filing of the offering memorandum or the amendment to the offering memorandum and before the purchase of the securities by the purchaser, on becoming aware of any Misrepresentation in the offering memorandum or the amendment to the offering memorandum, the person or company withdrew the person's or company's consent to it and gave reasonable general notice of the person's or company's withdrawal and the reason for it;
- (c) with respect to any part of the offering memorandum or any amendment to it purporting to be made on the authority of an expert, or purporting to be a copy of, or an extract from, a report, an opinion or a statement of an expert, that person or company had no reasonable grounds to believe and did not believe that there had been a Misrepresentation, the part of the offering memorandum or any amendment to it did not fairly represent the report, opinion or statement of the expert, or was not a fair copy of, or an extract from, the report, opinion or statement of the expert.

A person or company that sells securities on behalf of the Trust or selling security holder under the offering memorandum or amendment to the offering memorandum is not liable for damages or rescission as provided in 138(1) or 138(2) of the Saskatchewan Act if that person can establish that he, she or it cannot reasonably be expected to have had knowledge of any Misrepresentation in the offering memorandum or the amendment or the offering memorandum.

Not all defences upon which we or others may rely are described herein. Please refer to the full text of the Saskatchewan Act for a complete listing.

Section 138.2 of the Saskatchewan Act also provides that where an individual makes a verbal statement to a purchaser that contains a Misrepresentation relating to the security purchased and the verbal statement is made either before or contemporaneously with the purchase of the security, the purchaser has, without regard to whether the purchaser relied on the Misrepresentation, a right of action for damages against the individual who made the verbal statement.

Section 141(1) of the Saskatchewan Act provides a purchaser with the right to void the purchase agreement and to recover all money and other consideration paid by the purchaser for the securities if the securities are sold in contravention of the Saskatchewan Act, the regulations to the Saskatchewan Act or a decision of the Saskatchewan Financial Services Commission.

Section 141(2) of the Saskatchewan Act also provides a right of action for rescission or damages to a purchaser of securities to whom an offering memorandum or any amendment to it was not sent or delivered prior to or at the same time as the purchaser enters into an agreement to purchase the securities, as required by Section 80.1 of the Saskatchewan Act.

The rights of action for damages or rescission under the Saskatchewan Act are in addition to and do not derogate from any other right which a purchaser may have at law.

Section 147 of the Saskatchewan Act provides that no action shall be commenced to enforce any of the foregoing rights more than:

- (a) in the case of an action for rescission, 180 days after the date of the transaction that gave rise to the cause of action; or
- (b) in the case of any other action, other than an action for rescission, the earlier of:
  - (i) one year after the plaintiff first had knowledge of the facts giving rise to the cause of action; or
  - (ii) six years after the date of the transaction that gave rise to the cause of action.

The Saskatchewan Act also provides a purchaser who has received an amended offering memorandum delivered in accordance with subsection 80.1(3) of the Saskatchewan Act has a right to withdraw from the agreement to purchase the securities by delivering a notice to the person who or company that is selling the securities, indicating the purchaser's intention not to be bound by the purchase agreement, provided such notice is delivered by the purchaser within two business days of receiving the amended offering memorandum.

#### Rights of Subscribers in Manitoba

The right of action for damages or rescission described herein is conferred by section 141.1 of *The Securities Act* (Manitoba). Section 141.1 of *The Securities Act* (Manitoba) provides, in relevant part, that in the event that an offering memorandum (such as this Offering Memorandum), contains a Misrepresentation, the purchaser will be deemed to have relied upon such Misrepresentation if it was a Misrepresentation at the time of purchase and has, subject to certain limitations and defences, a statutory right of action for damages against the Trust and, subject to certain additional defences, every director of the Trust at the date of the offering memorandum and every person who signed the offering memorandum or, alternatively, may elect instead to exercise a statutory right of rescission against the Trust, in which case the purchaser shall have no right of action for damages against the Trust, directors of the Trust or persons who have signed the offering memorandum, provided that, among other limitations:

(a) no person will be liable if it proves that the purchaser purchased the securities with knowledge of the Misrepresentation;

- (b) in the case of an action for damages, no person will be liable for all or any portion of the damages that it proves do not represent the depreciation in value of the securities as a result of the Misrepresentation relied upon; and
- (c) in no case will the amount recoverable in any action exceed the price at which the securities were offered to the purchaser.

In addition, a person or company, other than the Trust, will not be liable if that person or company proves that:

- (a) the offering memorandum was sent or delivered to the purchaser without the person's or company's knowledge or consent and that, on becoming aware of its delivery, the person or company promptly gave reasonable notice to the Trust that it was delivered without the person's or company's knowledge or consent;
- (b) after delivery of the offering memorandum and after becoming aware of the Misrepresentation, the person or company withdrew the person's or company's consent to the offering memorandum and gave reasonable notice to the issuer of the withdrawal and the reason for it; or
- (c) with respect to any part of the offering memorandum purporting (i) to be made on the authority of an expert, or (ii) to be a copy of, or an extract from, an expert's report, opinion or statement, the person or company proves that the person or company had no reasonable grounds to believe and did not believe that (A) there had been a Misrepresentation, or (B) the relevant part of the offering memorandum did not fairly represent the expert's report, opinion or statement, or was not a fair copy of, or an extract from, an expert's report, opinion or statement.

Further, where a Misrepresentation is contained in an offering memorandum, the directors of the Trust, and every person or company who signed the offering memorandum, shall not be liable with respect to any part of the offering memorandum not purporting to be made on the authority of an expert and not purporting to be a copy of, or an extract from, a report, opinion or statement of an expert, unless the person or company did not conduct an investigation sufficient to provide reasonable grounds for a belief that there had been no Misrepresentation, or believed there had been a Misrepresentation.

If a Misrepresentation is contained in a record incorporated by reference into, or deemed incorporated by reference into, the offering memorandum, the Misrepresentation is deemed to be contained in the offering memorandum.

Section 141.4(2) of *The Securities Act* (Manitoba) provides that no action shall be commenced to enforce these rights more than:

- (a) in the case of an action for rescission, 180 days after the date of the transaction that gave rise to the cause of action; or
- (b) in the case of an action for damages, the earlier of:
  - (i) 180 days after the date that the purchaser first had knowledge of the facts giving rise to the cause of action; or

(ii) two years after the date of the transaction that gave rise to the cause of action.

### Rights of Subscribers in Ontario

Section 130.1 of the Securities Act (Ontario) provides that every purchaser of securities pursuant to an offering memorandum (such as this Offering Memorandum) shall have a statutory right of action for damages or rescission against the Trust and any selling security holder in the event that the offering memorandum contains a Misrepresentation. A purchaser who purchases securities offered by the offering memorandum during the period of distribution has, without regard to whether the purchaser relied upon the Misrepresentation, a right of action for damages or, alternatively, while still the owner of the securities, for rescission against the Trust and any selling security holder provided that:

- (a) if the purchaser exercises its right of rescission, it shall cease to have a right of action for damages as against the Trust and the selling security holders, if any;
- (b) the Trust and the selling security holders, if any, will not be liable if they prove that the purchaser purchased the securities with knowledge of the Misrepresentation;
- (c) the Trust and the selling security holders, if any, will not be liable for all or any portion of damages that it proves do not represent the depreciation in value of the securities as a result of the Misrepresentation relied upon;
- (d) in no case shall the amount recoverable exceed the price at which the securities were offered; and
- (e) the Trust will not be liable for a Misrepresentation in forward-looking information if the Trust proves:
  - (i) that the offering memorandum contains reasonable cautionary language identifying the forward-looking information as such, and identifying material factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from a conclusion, forecast or projection in the forward-looking information, and a statement of material factors or assumptions that were applied in drawing a conclusion or making a forecast or projection set out in the forward-looking information; and
  - (ii) the Trust has a reasonable basis for drawing the conclusion or making the forecasts and projections set out in the forward-looking information.

Section 138 of the *Securities Act* (Ontario) provides that no action shall be commenced to enforce these rights more than:

- (a) in the case of an action for rescission, 180 days after the date of the transaction that gave rise to the cause of action; or
- (b) in the case of an action for damages, the earlier of:

- (i) 180 days after the date that the purchaser first had knowledge of the facts giving rise to the cause of action; or
- (ii) three years after the date of the transaction that gave rise to the cause of action.

### Rights of Subscribers in Québec

In addition to any other right or remedy available to the purchaser at law, if this Offering Memorandum is delivered to an investor resident in Québec and contains a Misrepresentation, the investor will have statutory rights of action under Québec legislation or, in circumstances where Québec legislation does not provide such rights, contractual rights of action that are equivalent to the statutory rights of action set forth above in respect to purchasers resident in Ontario.

Statutory rights of action available to purchasers resident in Québec are outlined in Section 221 of the *Securities Act* (Québec). Section 221 provides that the rights of action established under sections 217 to 219, which deal with Misrepresentation contained in a prospectus, also apply to purchasers of securities under an offering memorandum prescribed by the regulation. A purchaser who has subscribed for acquired securities in a distribution effected with an offering memorandum containing a Misrepresentation may apply to have the contract rescinded or the price revised, without prejudice to a claim for damages. The defendant may defeat the application only if it is proved that the purchaser knew, at the time of the transaction, of the alleged Misrepresentation.

The purchaser may claim damages from the Trust, the Trust's directors or officers, the dealer under contract to the Trust, and any person who is required to sign an attestation in the offering memorandum. Additionally, the purchaser may claim damages from the expert whose opinion, containing a Misrepresentation, appeared, with his consent, in the offering memorandum.

#### Rights of Subscribers in Nova Scotia

The right of action for damages or rescission described herein is conferred by section 138 of the *Securities Act* (Nova Scotia). Section 138 of the *Securities Act* (Nova Scotia) provides, in relevant part, that in the event that an offering memorandum (such as this Offering Memorandum), together with any amendment thereto, or any advertising or sales literature (as defined in the *Securities Act* (Nova Scotia)) contains a Misrepresentation, the purchaser will be deemed to have relied upon such Misrepresentation if it was a Misrepresentation at the time of purchase and has, subject to certain limitations and defences, a statutory right of action for damages against the Trust and, subject to certain additional defences, every director of the Trust at the date of the offering memorandum and every person who signed the offering memorandum or, alternatively, may elect instead to exercise a statutory right of rescission against the Trust, in which case the purchaser shall have no right of action for damages against the Trust, directors of the Trust or persons who have signed the offering memorandum, provided that, among other limitations:

- (a) no action shall be commenced to enforce the right of action for rescission or damages by a purchaser resident in Nova Scotia later than 120 days after the date on which the initial payment was made for the securities;
- (b) no person will be liable if it proves that the purchaser purchased the securities with knowledge of the Misrepresentation;

- (c) in the case of an action for damages, no person will be liable for all or any portion of the damages that it proves do not represent the depreciation in value of the securities as a result of the Misrepresentation relied upon; and
- (d) in no case will the amount recoverable in any action exceed the price at which the securities were offered to the purchaser.

In addition, a person or company, other than the Trust, will not be liable if that person or company proves that:

- (a) the offering memorandum or amendment to the offering memorandum was sent or delivered to the purchaser without the person's or company's knowledge or consent and that, on becoming aware of its delivery, the person or company gave reasonable general notice that it was delivered without the person's or company's knowledge or consent;
- (b) after delivery of the offering memorandum or amendment to the offering memorandum and before the purchase of the securities by the purchaser, on becoming aware of any Misrepresentation in the offering memorandum or amendment to the offering memorandum the person or company withdrew the person's or company's consent to the offering memorandum or amendment to the offering memorandum, and gave reasonable general notice of the withdrawal and the reason for it: or
- (c) with respect to any part of the offering memorandum or amendment to the offering memorandum purporting (i) to be made on the authority of an expert, or (ii) to be a copy of, or an extract from, a report, an opinion or a statement of an expert, the person or company had no reasonable grounds to believe and did not believe that (A) there had been a Misrepresentation, or (B) the relevant part of the offering memorandum or amendment to offering memorandum did not fairly represent the report, opinion or statement of the expert, or was not a fair copy of, or an extract from, the report, opinion or statement of the expert.

Further, no person or company, other than the Trust, will be liable with respect to any part of the offering memorandum or amendment to the offering memorandum not purporting (a) to be made on the authority of an expert or (b) to be a copy of, or an extract from, a report, opinion or statement of an expert, unless the person or company (i) failed to conduct a reasonable investigation to provide reasonable grounds for a belief that there had been no Misrepresentation or (ii) believed that there had been a Misrepresentation.

If a Misrepresentation is contained in a record incorporated by reference into, or deemed incorporated by reference into, the offering memorandum or amendment to the offering memorandum, the Misrepresentation is deemed to be contained in the offering memorandum or an amendment to the offering memorandum.

#### Rights of Subscribers in New Brunswick

Section 150 of the *Securities Act* (New Brunswick) provides that where an offering memorandum (such as this Offering Memorandum) contains a Misrepresentation, a purchaser who purchases

securities shall be deemed to have relied on the Misrepresentation if it was a Misrepresentation at the time of purchase and:

- (a) the purchaser has a right of action for damages against the Trust, directors of the Trust, every person who signed the offering memorandum and any selling security holder(s) on whose behalf the distribution is made, or
- (b) where the purchaser purchased the securities from a person referred to in paragraph (a), the purchaser may elect to exercise a right of rescission against the person, in which case the purchaser shall have no right of action for damages against the person.

There are various defences available to the Trust and the selling security holder(s). In particular, no person will be liable for a Misrepresentation if such person proves that the purchaser purchased the securities with knowledge of the Misrepresentation when the purchaser purchased the securities. Moreover, in an action for damages, the amount recoverable will not exceed the price at which the securities were offered under the offering memorandum and any defendant will not be liable for all or any part of the damages that the defendant proves do not represent the depreciation in value of the security as a result of the Misrepresentation.

### Rights of Subscribers in Newfoundland and Labrador

The right of action for damages or rescission described herein is conferred by section 130.1 of the *Securities Act* (Newfoundland and Labrador). Section 130.1 of the *Securities Act* (Newfoundland and Labrador) provides, in relevant part, that in the event that an offering memorandum (such as this Offering Memorandum), contains a Misrepresentation, without regard to whether the purchaser relied upon the Misrepresentation, the purchaser has, subject to certain limitations and defences, a statutory right of action for damages against the Trust and, subject to certain additional defences, every director of the Trust at the date of the offering memorandum and every person who signed the offering memorandum or, alternatively, may elect instead to exercise a statutory right of rescission against the Trust, in which case the purchaser shall have no right of action for damages against the Trust, directors of the Trust or persons who have signed the offering memorandum, provided that, among other limitations:

- (a) no person will be liable if it proves that the purchaser purchased the securities with knowledge of the Misrepresentation;
- (b) in the case of an action for damages, no person will be liable for all or any portion of the damages that it proves do not represent the depreciation in value of the securities as a result of the Misrepresentation relied upon; and
  - (c) in no case will the amount recoverable in any action exceed the price at which the securities were offered to the purchaser.

### Rights of Subscribers in Prince Edward Island, Northwest Territories, Yukon and Nunavut

In Prince Edward Island the Securities Act (PEI), in Yukon, the Securities Act (Yukon), in Nunavut, the Securities Act (Nunavut) and in the Northwest Territories, the Securities Act (Northwest Territories) provides a statutory right of action for damages or rescission to purchasers resident in PEI, Yukon, Nunavut and the Northwest Territories respectively, in circumstances where this

Offering Memorandum or an amendment hereto contains a misrepresentation, which rights are similar, but not identical, to the rights available to Newfoundland and Labrador purchasers.

### **ANCILLARY MATTERS**

### **Legal Counsel**

Certain legal matters in connection with this Offering will be passed upon by Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP on behalf of the Trust.

### **Auditor, Transfer Agent and Registrar**

The Auditors of the Trust is Grant Thornton LLP. Computershare Trust Company of Canada acts as the transfer agent and registrar of the Trust Units.

## **SCHEDULE "L" – LOANS**

Loan	Funding Date	Term	Maturity	Interest	Nature of	Location	Loan	Mortgage
Amount			Date	Rate	Underlying	of Property	to	Broker
					Property		Value*	
\$750,000	2018-Dec-18	18 mos.	2020-Jul-01	8.80%	Undeveloped Land	Vaughan, ON	65%	Cameron Stephens Mortgage Capital Ltd.

<sup>•</sup> Loan to value calculated as of funding date.

Dated: April 30, 2019.

### This offering memorandum does not contain a misrepresentation.

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Financial statements

Equiton Balanced Real Estate Fund Trust

December 31, 2018

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# Independent Auditor's Report

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To the Trustees of

Equiton Balanced Real Estate Fund Trust

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Equiton Balanced Real Estate Fund Trust (the "Trust"), which comprise the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2018 and April 30, 2018 (date of formation) and the statements of loss and comprehensive loss, statement of changes in unitholders' equity and statement of cash flows for the period from April 30, 2018 (date of formation) to December 31, 2018, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Equiton Balanced Real Estate Fund Trust as at December 31, 2018 and April 30, 2018 (date of formation), and its financial performance and its cash flows for the period from April 30, 2018 (date of formation) to December 31, 2018, in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs).

### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Trust in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

# Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs), 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Trust or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Trust's financial reporting process.

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Trust's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Trust to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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Statements of Financial Position		(Date of formation)
	December 31,	•
As at	2018	2018
Assets Cash Investment in Limited Partnership (Note 5)	\$ 6,723 1,132,437	
Total assets	\$ <u>1,139,160</u>	\$9
Liabilities		
Payables and accruals  Due to related parties (Note 4)	\$ 8,500 <u>353,824</u>	
Due to related parties (Note 4)	362,324	
Unitholders' equity (Note 6)	776,836	9
Total liabilities and unitholders' equity	\$ <u>1,139,160</u>	\$9
Subsequent events (Note 8)		
Approved on behalf of the Trust		
Trustee		Trustee

## **Statement of Loss and Comprehensive Loss**

Period from April 30, 2018 (date of formation) to December 31, 2018

Revenue Interest income	\$147
Expenses     Equity accounted share of loss of Limited Partnership (Note 5)     Bank fees     Dues and subscriptions     General and administrative     Professional fees	26,191 1,037 5,537 19,642 <u>65,323</u> 117,730
Net loss and comprehensive loss	\$ (117,583)

## Statement of Changes in Unitholders' Equity

Period from April 30, 2018 (date of formation) to December 31, 2018

	Units (Note 6)	Deficit	Total unitholders' <u>equity</u>
Units issued on April 30, 2018	\$9	\$	\$9
Issuance of Class A Trust units (Note 6)	1,158,619	-	1,158,619
Issuance costs	(264,209)	-	(264,209)
Net loss		(117,583)	(117,583)
Unitholders' equity, December 31, 2018	\$ 894,419	\$ (117,583)	\$ 776,836

## **Statement of Cash Flows**

Period from April 30, 2018 (date of formation) to December 31, 2018

Increase (decrease) in cash

Operating activities  Net loss  Items not affecting cash:  Share of loss from investment in Limited	\$	(	117,583)
Partnership	-		<u>26,191</u> (91,392)
Changes in non-cash operating items			(91,392)
Due to related parties		;	353,824
Payables and accruals  Cash provided by operating activities	-		<u>8,500</u> 270,932
Cash provided by operating activities	-	<u> </u>	210,932
Financing activities			
Proceeds from issue of units			158,619
Issuance costs	-		<u>264,209</u> )
Cash provided by financing activities		-	<u>894,410</u>
Investing activity			
Purchase of Limited Partnership units		(1,	<u>158,619</u> )
Cash used in investing activity	-	(1,	158,619)
Net increase in cash			6,723
Cash, beginning of period	-		
Cash, end of period	\$		6,723

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

Period from April 30, 2018 (date of formation) to December 31, 2018

#### 1. Nature of operations

Equiton Balanced Real Estate Fund Trust (the "Trust") is an open-ended real estate investment trust ("REIT") established on April 30, 2018 under the laws of the Province of Ontario. The Trust's head office is located at 1111 International Boulevard, Suite 600, Burlington, Ontario L7L 6W1.

The financial statements are for the period from formation of the Trust on April 30, 2018 to December 31, 2018. The intention of the Trust is to qualify as a "mutual fund trust" (pursuant to subsection 132(6) of the Income Tax Act) and it was formed primarily to indirectly invest in a diversified pool of North American based real estate assets which include income producing property, real estate development and construction, and real estate financing and lending. In order to qualify as a mutual fund trust, there are several requirements including a minimum of 150 investors with a certain minimum investment. As at December 31, 2018, the Trust did not qualify as a mutual fund trust. See subsequent event (Note 7).

## 2. General information and statement of compliance with IFRS

The financial statements of the Trust have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB").

The financial statements of the Trust have been prepared using the historical cost basis except for its investment in the Limited Partnership and are expressed in Canadian dollars, the Trust's functional and reporting currency.

The financial statements were approved and authorized for issuance by the Trustees on March 29, 2019.

## 3. Summary of significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below.

#### IFRS 9, 'Financial instruments'

IFRS 9 includes a classification and measurement approach for financial assets and financial liabilities, a credit loss impairment model, and a reformed model for hedge accounting.

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

Period from April 30, 2018 (date of formation) to December 31, 2018

### 3. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

### IFRS 9, 'Financial instruments' (continued)

## Classification and Measurement:

All financial instruments are required to be measured at fair value on initial recognition. Subsequent to initial recognition, financial assets are categorized and measured based on how the Trust manages its financial instruments and the characteristics of their contractual cash flows. IFRS 9 contains three principal classification categories for financial assets: measured at amortized cost, fair value through other comprehensive income and fair value through profit and loss. A financial asset is measured at amortized cost if it meets both of the following conditions:

- a. It is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- b. Its contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

Financial liabilities are classified and measured based on two categories: amortized cost and fair value through profit and loss. Under IFRS 9, all financial liabilities are classified and subsequently measured at amortized cost except in certain specific cases. The Trust has no financial liabilities that meet the definitions of these specific cases.

The following table summarizes the classification under IFRS 9:

Financial Instrument	Classification Under IFRS 9
Financial Assets: Cash	Amortized cost
Financial Liabilities: Payables and accruals	Amortized cost
Due to related parties	Amortized cost

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

Period from April 30, 2018 (date of formation) to December 31, 2018

### 3. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

### IFRS 9, 'Financial instruments' (continued)

## Impairment - Expected Credit Loss Model:

For the impairment of financial assets, IFRS 9 replaces the 'incurred loss' model in IAS 39 with a forward-looking 'expected credit loss' ('ECL') model. The measurement options for the ECL are lifetime expected credit losses and 12-month expected credit losses.

The Trust assesses at each statement of financial position date whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset is impaired using the expected credit loss model as per IFRS 9. The amount of any loss is measured as the difference between the assets carrying amount and the estimated future cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced through use of an allowance account. The amount of the loss is recognized in the statement of loss and comprehensive loss. Impaired debts are derecognized when they are assessed as uncollectible.

If in a subsequent period the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognized, the previously recognized impairment loss is reversed, to the extent that the carrying value of the asset does not exceed its amortized cost at the reversal date. Any subsequent reversal of an impairment loss is recognized in the statement of income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss).

A financial liability is derecognized when the obligation under the liability is discharged, cancelled or expires.

### **Investment in Limited Partnership**

The investment in Equiton Balanced Real Estate Fund Limited Partnership (the "Limited Partnership") has been accounted for as an investment in an associate using the equity method. The carrying amount of the investment in associates is increased or decreased to recognise the Trust's share of the profit or loss and other comprehensive income of the associate, adjusted where necessary to ensure consistency with the accounting policies of the Trust.

After application of the equity method, the Trust determines whether it is necessary to recognize an impairment loss on its investment in the Limited Partnership. At each reporting date, the Trust determines whether there is objective evidence that the investment is impaired. If there is such evidence, the Trust calculates the amount of impairment as the difference between the recoverable amount of the investment and its carrying value, and then recognises the loss in profit or loss.

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

Period from April 30, 2018 (date of formation) to December 31, 2018

### 4. Due to related parties and related party transactions

## (a) Agreement with Equiton Capital Inc.

The Trust has entered into an Agency Agreement with Equiton Capital Inc. (the "Agent"), a related party through (a) sharing key management personnel with the Trust and (b) one of the Trustees of the Trust indirectly controls Equiton Capital Inc. The Trust has retained the Agent to act as a selling agent of the Trust Units.

Pursuant to the Agency Agreement, the Trust incurred agency fees with the Agent related to the issuance of Trust Units in the amount of \$133,811, which are included in issuance costs in the statements of unitholders' equity.

## (b) Due to related parties

	_	2018
Due to Equiton Balanced Real Estate Fund Limited Partnership (a related party as the Trust is one of the limited partners in this limited partnership).	\$	341,714
Due to Equiton Partners Inc. (a related party being the asset manager of the Limited Partnership)	_	12,110
	\$_	353,824

Due to related parties are unsecured, non-interest bearing and due on demand.

### 5. Investment in Limited Partnership

Investment in Limited Partnership represents 128,735.40 Class A units in Equiton Balanced Real Estate Fund Limited Partnership (the "Limited Partnership"). The Trust holds 99.999% of the Limited Partnerships units. The investment in the Limited Partnership is accounted for using the equity method in accordance with IAS 28.

	•	2018
Investment, at cost Cumulative equity loss	\$	1,158,628 (26,191)
Balance, December 31, 2018	\$	1,132,437

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

Period from April 30, 2018 (date of formation) to December 31, 2018

## 5. Investment in Limited Partnership (continued)

Summarised financial information for the Limited Partnership is set out below:

	_	2018
Income statement		
Revenue	\$	2,422
Expenses	_	28,613
Net loss	<b>\$</b> _	(26,191)
Statement of Financial Position		
Assets	<b>\$</b> _	1,153,654
Liabilities		21,216
Partners equity	_	1,132,438
Total liabilities and partners' equity	<b>\$</b> _	1,153,654

## 6. Unitholders' equity

In 2018, the Trust issued 128,735.40 units at a price of \$9 per unit resulting in net proceeds of \$1,158,619.

## **Units outstanding**

The Trust is authorized to issue an unlimited number of Class A Trust units, Class F Trust units and Class I Trust units. The following table summarizes the changes in Class A Trust units for the period ended December 31, 2018. As of December 31, 2018, no Class F Trust units and Class I Trust units have been issued.

	<u>Number</u>		<u>Amount</u>
Class A Trust Units: Units issued on April 30, 2018	1	\$	9
Units issued during the period of April 30, 2018 to December 31, 2018 Issuance costs	128,735 	-	1,158,619 (264,209)
Balance, December 31, 2018	128,736	\$_	894,419

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

Period from April 30, 2018 (date of formation) to December 31, 2018

#### 7. Financial Instruments and risk management

The carrying values of cash, due from related party, payables and due to related party approximate their fair values due to the short-term to maturity of the financial instruments.

### Risks associated with financial assets and liabilities

Financial risks arise from financial instruments to which the Partnership is exposed during or at the end of the reporting period. Financial risks comprises market risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. Management identifies, evaluates and monitors these risks throughout the period.

#### (i) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices due to currency risk, price risk and interest rate risk. Due to the nature of the Partnership's financial instruments it has no exposure to currency or price risk.

Interest rate risk

Receivables and payables and accruals are interest free and with a term of less than one year, so it is assumed that there is no interest rate risk associated with these financial assets and liabilities.

### 8. Subsequent events

- a) The Trust issued 75,308 Class A units for \$9 per unit aggregating \$677,772 between January 14, 2019 to March 29, 2019.
- b) As of March 29, 2019, the Trust had in excess of 150 investors. The Trust has elected to file under section 132(6.1) of the Federal income tax act to obtain its mutual fund trust status in March 2019 which will allow the Trust to act as a mutual fund trust from inception.