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## CONFIDENTIAL OFFERING MEMORANDUM

The securities referred to in this Offering Memorandum are being offered on a private placement basis. This Offering Memorandum constitutes an offering of securities only in those jurisdictions, and to those persons where and to whom they may be lawfully offered for sale. The Offering Memorandum is not, and under no circumstances is to be construed as, a prospectus or advertisement or a public offering of these securities. The securities offered under this Offering Memorandum qualify for distribution in the jurisdictions in which they are offered pursuant to exemptions under securities laws in those jurisdictions.

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In this Offering Memorandum, “Fund” means the Maxam Diversified Strategies Fund, “you”, “your” and “unitholder” mean you and all other investors in units of the Fund; “we”, “us”, “our”, “Maxam” and the “Manager” mean Maxam Capital Management Ltd., the manager, portfolio advisor and promoter of the Fund, and the “Trustee” means Computershare Trust Company of Canada as Agent for Valiant Trust Company, the trustee of the Fund. “Units” means the Series A, Series B, Series C, Series F, Series I and/or Series M units of the Fund as the context requires.

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#### SERIES A, SERIES B, SERIES C, SERIES F, SERIES I AND SERIES M TRUST UNITS

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The Maxam Diversified Strategies Fund is an open-end investment fund established under the laws of British Columbia as a trust. **Units of the Fund do not trade on any exchange or market.** The Fund is not a reporting issuer under applicable securities laws and does not file documents electronically via SEDAR.

#### The Offering

Series A, Series B, Series C, Series F, Series I and Series M units of the Fund are offered for sale as a continuous offering on a private placement basis. See the section below called *Description of Units*. The price per unit will be based on the Series A, Series B, Series C, Series F, Series I and Series M net asset value per unit, as the case may be, on the purchase date. See the section below called *Summary of the Trust Agreement – Net Asset Value*.

**There is no minimum number of units of any series that will be sold as part of this offering. This means that you may be the only purchaser. Funds available under the offering may not be sufficient to accomplish our proposed objectives.** There is also no maximum number of units of any series that may be issued as part of this offering.

#### MINIMUM INVESTMENT AMOUNT:

**See the section below called *Investing in Units – Minimum Investment Amounts***

Each investor must invest an amount equal to the minimum investment amount established by us from time to time. The minimum investment amount will typically be \$25,000, however, this amount may be higher depending on the jurisdiction where you live and whether you qualify as an “accredited investor” within the meaning of applicable securities laws, and will be set out in the instructions that accompany your

subscription agreement. For subsequent investments, in most cases the minimum investment amount is \$10,000, depending on the jurisdiction where you live and, for certain jurisdictions, the net asset value of your existing investment at the time you make the additional investment and whether you qualify as an “accredited investor” within the meaning of applicable laws. See the section below called *Investing in Units – Minimum Investment Amounts*.

We may in our discretion waive the minimum investment amounts established by us, accept investments in other minimum investment amounts permitted under applicable securities laws, or require higher minimum investments than those described above. You must pay the full subscription price for the units by certified cheque (or other means acceptable to us) at the time of your purchase. Units of the Fund are sold on a continuous basis and may be purchased on the last business day of each month. However, we may close the Fund to new investors from time to time. See section below called *Investing in Units – Minimum Investment Amounts*.

There are important tax consequences associated with an investment in units of the Fund. See the section below called *Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations*.

We have not hired any agent or underwriter to sell units on our behalf. However, in certain jurisdictions units may be sold through registered dealers.

### **Resale Restrictions**

You will be restricted from selling your units to other investors for an indefinite period. However, you will be able to require the Fund to redeem your units at certain times if you follow the procedures we have established. See the section below called *Resale Restrictions*.

### **Purchasers’ Rights**

You have two business days to cancel your agreement to purchase units. If there is a misrepresentation in this Offering Memorandum, you have the right to sue either for damages or to cancel the purchase agreement. See the section below called *Purchasers’ Rights*.

**No securities regulatory authority has assessed the merits of the securities or reviewed this Offering Memorandum. Any representation to the contrary is an offence. This is a risky investment. See the section below called *Risk Factors*.**

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## SUMMARY

*The following information is a summary only and is qualified in its entirety by the more detailed information appearing elsewhere in this Offering Memorandum.*

<b>The Fund</b>	The Maxam Diversified Strategies Fund is an open-end investment fund established under the laws of British Columbia as a trust. See the section called <i>The Fund</i> .
<b>Management of the Fund</b>	Maxam Capital Management Ltd. (“ <b>Maxam</b> ”) is the manager and portfolio advisor of the Fund. See the section called <i>The Fund</i> .
<b>Investment Objective</b>	The fundamental investment objective of the Fund is to maximize long term investment returns by profiting from investment opportunities identified by us. See the section called <i>Investment Objective, Strategies, Policies and Restrictions – Investment Objective</i> .
<b>Investment Strategies</b>	We employ an active and opportunistic investment strategy. Our focus is on event driven situations, unique trading opportunities and undervalued securities. We intend to invest primarily in small, mid and large-capitalization companies trading on North American exchanges – however we may choose to invest in compelling opportunities outside of these parameters. See the section called <i>Investment Objective, Strategies, Policies and Restrictions – Investment Strategies</i> .
<b>Investment Policies and Restrictions</b>	We are required to adhere to certain investment policies and restrictions in implementing the investment objective and strategies of the Fund. See the section called <i>Investment Objective, Strategies, Policies and Restrictions – Investment Policies and Restrictions</i> .
<b>Units</b>	Your investment in the Fund will be represented by Series A, Series B, Series C, Series F, Series I, or Series M units, depending on which series of units you purchase. Each unit of a series represents an equal undivided beneficial interest in the net assets of that series. A holder of any series of units is entitled to one vote for each whole unit on matters for which separate approval of the series is sought at any meeting of the unitholders and one vote for each whole unit held on matters for which approval is sought from all unitholders, voting together as a group, at any meeting of the unitholders. Units are not transferable, except in very limited circumstances. However, unitholders have the right to redeem their units at certain times if they follow the procedures we have established. See the section called <i>Description of Units</i> .
<b>Investing in the Fund</b>	You may invest in the Fund by purchasing units. Series A, Series B, Series C, Series F, Series I, or Series M units of the Fund are offered for sale in reliance on exemptions from the prospectus requirements of applicable securities laws. You will only be permitted to purchase units if your purchase qualifies for one of these exemptions. Units may be purchased on the last business day of any month. The price of each unit you purchase will be equal to the applicable series net asset value per unit at the close of business on the purchase date. The minimum investment amounts and documentation required to purchase units are described below. See the section called <i>Investing in Units – Minimum Investment Amounts</i> .

## Management Fee

As consideration for the services we provide as the manager of the Fund, the Fund pays us a monthly management fee, based on the net asset value of each series of units of the Fund on the last business day of each month. The management fee may vary from series to series and will be deducted as an expense of the Fund in the calculation of the net asset value of the Fund. The management fee for each of the existing series of units is calculated monthly as follows:

**Series A** 1/12 of 2% (2% per annum) of the net asset value of the Series A units of the Fund on the last business day of each month, plus any applicable taxes such as GST or HST.

**Series B** 1/12 of 2% (2% per annum) of the net asset value of the Series B units of the Fund on the last business day of each month, plus any applicable taxes such as GST or HST.

**Series C** 1/12 of 2% (2% per annum) of the net asset value of the Series C units of the Fund on the last business day of each month, plus any applicable taxes such as GST or HST.

**Series F** 1/12 of 1% (1% per annum) of the net asset value of the Series F units of the Fund on the last business day of each month, plus any applicable taxes such as GST or HST.

**Series I** The Fund does not pay a management fee with respect to Series I units. The management fee paid by investors in Series I units is negotiated with us and paid directly by each investor and not by the Fund.

**Series M** 1/12 of 2% (2% per annum) of the net asset value of the Series M units of the Fund on the last business day of each month, plus any applicable taxes such as GST or HST.

The management fee is calculated prior to, and without taking into account, the performance fee. See the section called *Management of the Fund – Fees*.

## Performance Fee

In addition to the management fee payable in respect of each series of units, we are entitled to receive a performance fee for our services as portfolio advisor. The performance fee is calculated at the unit level but is charged to the Fund.

The performance fee for each of the existing series of units is calculated monthly as follows:

### **Series A and Series B**

The Fund will pay us a performance fee equal to 20% of the increase in the net asset value of each series or sub-series of Series A or Series B units over the relevant period in excess of a 5% annualized minimum increase, subject to a “high watermark” that ensures that any decline in the net asset value of the series or sub-series has to be recouped before performance fees will be charged in respect of the series or sub-series in any subsequent period, plus applicable taxes such as GST or HST. The “high watermark” for a Series A or Series B sub-series, or series, is the greater of:

- (A) the purchase price of the series or sub-series; or
- (B) if a performance fee has been paid in respect of the series or sub-series, the net asset value of the series or sub-series following the last date on which a performance fee was so paid.

Immediately following payment of performance fees to us, we may redesignate units of one or more sub-series as units of that same series (for example, by redesignating all outstanding sub-series of Series A units as “Series A” units), provided that all such redesignated sub-series have achieved their high watermark. This redesignation will occur on a pro-rata basis, based on the relative net asset value of each applicable sub-series. The use of sub-series and the periodic redesignation of outstanding sub-series in this manner enables us to more equitably charge performance fees based on the actual performance attained since the date on which the units were purchased.

#### ***Series C and Series F***

The Fund will pay us a performance fee equal to 20% of the increase in the net asset value of Series C and Series F units over the previous high watermark for each applicable series of units, plus applicable taxes such as GST or HST. The performance fee for Series C and Series F units is accrued monthly and is payable for each calendar quarter end, provided that the high watermark is exceeded, as referred to below. Upon the redemption of Series C or Series F units, the accrued portion of the performance fee allocated to the redeemed units will be payable by the Fund following the end of the month in which the units were redeemed.

The highest quarter-end net asset value per unit for Series C and Series F units from time to time establishes a high watermark for Series C and Series F units which must be exceeded in subsequent quarters for the performance fee applicable to Series C and Series F units to be payable.

#### ***Series I***

The Fund does not pay a performance fee with respect to Series I units. The performance fee paid by investors in Series I units is negotiated with us and paid directly by each investor and not by the Fund.

#### ***Series M***

The Fund will pay us a performance fee equal to 20% of the increase in the net asset value of Series M units over the previous high watermark, plus applicable taxes such as GST or HST. The performance fee for Series M units is accrued monthly and is payable for each calendar quarter end, provided that the high watermark is exceeded, as referred to below. Upon the redemption of Series M units, the accrued portion of the performance fee allocated to the redeemed units will be payable by the Fund following the end of the month in which the units were redeemed.

The highest quarter-end net asset value per unit for Series M units from time to time establishes a high watermark for Series M units which must be exceeded in subsequent quarters for the performance fee applicable to Series

M units to be payable.

Although performance fees are calculated at the unit level, the aggregate of these performance fees is deducted as an expense of the Fund and borne indirectly by all unitholders because the performance fees impact the net asset value of the Fund. Performance fees are calculated monthly on the last business day of each month and carried as a liability of the Fund until paid to us at the end of each calendar quarter, or on redemption of units in respect of which such performance fees are payable. See the section called *Management of the Fund – Fees*.

## **Sales Commission**

The sales commission for each of the existing series of units is as follows:

**Series A** Series A units are available to investors that purchase directly from us or through registered dealers. No sales commission is payable to us or to the dealer in respect of Series A units purchased. See the section called *Compensation Paid to Sellers and Finders – Sales Commission*.

**Series B** Series B units are available to investors that purchase units through registered dealers (but not through us) on a Sales Charge basis.

Under the Sales Charge option, registered dealers may, at their discretion, charge purchasers a front-end commission of up to 5% of the net asset value of Series B units purchased. Any such fee will be negotiated between the dealer and the purchaser and will be payable by the purchaser to the dealer. The sales charge is deducted from the amount you invest in the Fund and only the net amount is invested. No fee is payable when you redeem Series B units purchased under the Sales Charge option, except with respect to short term trading fees as described in the section called *Description of Units – Redemption of Units – Short Term Trading Fee*. See the section called *Compensation Paid to Sellers and Finders – Sales Commission*.

**Series C** Series C units are available to investors that purchase units through registered dealers (but not through us) on a Sales Charge basis.

Under the Sales Charge option registered dealers may, at their discretion, charge purchasers a front-end commission of up to 5% of the net asset value of Series C units purchased. Any such fee will be negotiated between the dealer and the purchaser and will be payable by the purchaser to the dealer. The sales charge is deducted from the amount you invest in the Fund and only the net amount is invested. No fee is payable when you redeem Series C units purchased under the Sales Charge option, except with respect to short term trading fees as described in the section called *Description of Units – Redemption of Units – Short*

*Term Trading Fee.* See the section called *Compensation Paid to Sellers and Finders – Sales Commission.*

**Series F** There are no sales commissions with respect to Series F units. No fee is payable when you redeem Series F units except with respect to short term trading fees as described in the section called *Description of Units – Redemption of Units – Short Term Trading Fee.*

**Series I** There are no sales commissions with respect to Series I units, other than those that may be negotiated with us.

**Series M** Series M units are available to investors that purchase directly from us. No sales commission is payable to us in respect of Series M units purchased. See the section called *Compensation Paid to Sellers and Finders – Sales Commission.*

**Service Fee** Under the Sales Charge option we may pay your dealer a service fee of up to 1% per annum of the net asset value of the Series B units and Series C units held in your dealer account. See the section called *Compensation Paid to Sellers and Finders.*

**Finder's Fee** We reserve the right to appoint one or more agents to sell Series B, Series C, Series F and Series M units offered hereunder and to pay commissions or other fees to such agents in connection with the purchase of Series B, Series C, Series F and Series M units, in any manner we choose. See the section called *Compensation Paid to Sellers and Finders – Sales Commission.*

**Expenses** All of the expenses related to the administration and operation of the Fund are paid by the Fund. See the section called *Summary of the Trust Agreement – Expenses.*

**Risk Factors** There are a number of risks associated with an investment in units of the Fund. See the section called *Risk Factors.*

**Income Tax Considerations** Generally, a unitholder must include in computing income for a year the portion of the net income, and the taxable portion of the net realized capital gains, of the Fund that is paid or payable to the unitholder in the year. When a unitholder disposes of units, the unitholder will realize a capital gain (or capital loss) to the extent that the proceeds of disposition, less any associated costs of disposition, are greater (or less) than the adjusted cost base of the units. Redesignating units of one series or sub-series of the Fund as units of another series of the Fund will not result in a disposition. See the section called *Certain Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations.*

**Year End** December 31

**Trustee** Computershare Trust Company of Canada as Agent for Valiant Trust Company

**Prime Brokerage Services** TD Securities Inc.

**Record Keeping and  
Valuation Services**

The Investment Administration Solution Inc. (“IAS”)

**Auditor**

KPMG LLP

**Legal Counsel**

Borden Ladner Gervais LLP

## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Offering Memorandum includes forward-looking statements with respect to the Fund. In particular, the information contained in the section called *Investment Objective, Strategies, Policies and Restrictions* may constitute “forward-looking information” for the purpose of securities legislation, as it contains statements of the intended course of conduct and future operations of the Fund. These statements are based on assumptions made by us about the success of the Fund’s investment strategies in certain market conditions, relying on the experience of our officers and employees and their knowledge of historical economic and market trends. Investors are cautioned that the assumptions we make and the success of our investment strategies are subject to a number of mitigating factors. Economic and market conditions may change, which may materially impact the success of our intended strategies as well as the Fund’s actual course of conduct. Investors are urged to read the section called *Risk Factors* for a discussion of other factors that will impact the Fund.

## USE OF PROCEEDS

There is no maximum and no minimum number of units that will be sold as part of this offering. No selling commissions or fees will be paid by the Fund in connection with the sale of units under this Offering Memorandum; however, we may pay the compensation described in the section below called *Compensation Paid to Sellers and Finders* to authorized dealers, salespersons of authorized dealers, and other persons involved in the sale of units of the Fund.

The costs associated with the sale of units under this Offering Memorandum will be paid by us, other than the filing fees payable to securities regulators with respect to the issuance of units which will be paid by the Fund and the costs that are considered operating expenses of the Fund which will be paid by the Fund as described below in the section called *Summary of the Trust Agreement – Expenses*. Filing fees payable to securities regulators vary depending on the jurisdiction in which the investor resides.

The money the Fund receives from the sale of units will be used to invest in securities in the manner described below in the section called *Investment Objective, Strategies, Policies and Restrictions*, to pay the fees payable to us as described below in the section called *Management of the Fund – Fees*, and to pay the other expenses of the Fund described below in the section called *Summary of the Trust Agreement – Expenses*.

## THE FUND

The Fund is an open-end investment fund established under the laws of the Province of British Columbia as a trust. The Fund was established on September 26, 2008. The Fund is considered to be a “mutual fund” within the meaning of applicable securities laws. The Fund is a “mutual fund trust” within the meaning of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

Maxam Capital Management Ltd. is manager, portfolio advisor and promoter of the Fund. Travis Dowe provides investment advice to the Fund on behalf of Maxam.

The head office of the Fund (which is also our head office) is located at 902 – 510 Burrard Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6C 3A8. You can contact us by telephone at 604-685-0201, by facsimile at 604-685-9970 or by e-mail at [info@maxamcm.com](mailto:info@maxamcm.com).

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE, STRATEGIES, POLICIES AND RESTRICTIONS

### Investment Objective

The fundamental investment objective of the Fund is to maximize long term investment returns by profiting from investment opportunities identified by us.

### Investment Strategies

We employ an active and opportunistic investment strategy. Our focus is on event driven situations, unique trading opportunities and undervalued securities. We intend to invest primarily in small, mid and large-capitalization companies trading on North American exchanges – however we may choose to invest in compelling opportunities outside of these parameters.

We intend to concentrate the Fund's holdings in the securities of companies that we believe are:

- expected to benefit from a transformational event or catalyst;
- undervalued relative to our assessment of their prospects for growth;
- run by high quality management teams;
- exhibiting, or in our view capable of, strong earnings growth;
- protected by meaningful barriers to entry; and
- misunderstood or contain hidden assets.

In order to capitalize on identified investment opportunities, we will seek to maximize returns and protect against loss by using some or all of the investment strategies, tools and techniques referenced below.

#### *Long Positions*

Long positions involve the purchase of an asset with the expectation that the asset will rise in value. We may establish long positions in stocks, option contracts, commodities, currencies and other financial assets that we judge as suitable and appropriate to achieve the investment objective of the Fund.

#### *Short Sales*

Short sales involve the sale of a borrowed asset, typically a stock, with the expectation that the asset will fall in value. The Fund must eventually return the borrowed stock by buying it back on the open market. If the stock falls in price, the Fund will be able to buy it for less than it sold it for, thus making a profit.

The practice of short-selling securities is relatively uncommon compared to purchasing long positions. This is primarily due to restrictions on short-selling securities in the policies of many investment funds, a lack of proficiency amongst amateur investors and a perception that short-selling is very risky. Because short-selling is an uncommon practice, there are inefficiencies that we believe we can profitably exploit in the capital markets that other investors cannot, or will not, take advantage of.

We intend to short-sell, on an exceptional and opportunistic basis, securities that we believe are fundamentally flawed or overvalued and have demonstrably begun to fall out of favour with investors. We will also use short positions to hedge away unwanted risks or to protect an offsetting long position from a potential decline in price.

## *Options and Derivatives*

An option is a financial derivative that represents a contract sold by one party to another party. The contract offers the buyer the right, but not the obligation, to buy or sell a security or other financial asset at a pre-determined price during a certain period of time or on a specific date.

Options can be used to take an artificial long or short position in an underlying security in a very cost-effective manner. Option contracts can also be used as tools for hedging away risk or protecting existing investment positions. We primarily intend to use options to hedge certain risks and to protect existing investment positions. On a select and opportunistic basis, we may also use options to mimic long or short positions in securities we believe will rise or fall in value. The use of options implies the use of leverage.

## *Risk Arbitrage*

Risk arbitrage can be broadly described as the practice of investing in three types of situations: (a) merger and acquisition arbitrage which involves the simultaneous purchase of a company being acquired and the short-sale of the stock of the acquiring company – the goal is to exploit the spread between the acquirer and the company being acquired in a low risk manner; (b) liquidation arbitrage involves the exploitation of a difference between a company's current value and its estimated liquidation value; and (c) pairs trading, which is the exploitation of a difference between two very similar companies in the same industry that have historically been highly correlated. When the two companies' values diverge to a historically high level you can take an offsetting position in each (e.g., go long in one and short the other) with the goal of profiting as they become more similarly valued.

There are a number of different risk arbitrage techniques that may be used, and we may choose to invest in select situations as opportunities arise after considering the risk and reward characteristics of the investment.

## **Investment Policies and Restrictions**

We are required to adhere to the following investment policies and restrictions in implementing the investment objective and strategies of the Fund:

- The Fund may not engage in any undertaking other than the investment of the Fund's assets in accordance with the investment objective and investment strategies described above.
- The Fund may not purchase a security of an issuer if, immediately after the purchase, the total amount invested by the Fund in such issuer would exceed 15% of the net assets of the Fund. This restriction does not apply to investments in securities issued or guaranteed by a sovereign nation or a jurisdiction thereof.
- The Fund may not invest more than 10% of the net assets of the Fund (measured at the time of purchase) in securities that cannot be readily disposed of through market facilities on which public quotations in common use are widely available at an amount that at least approximates the amount at which such securities are valued.
- The use of leverage will be limited to a maximum of 50% of the net asset value of the Fund.
- The Fund may not make direct investments in real estate.
- "Naked" option activity will be limited to a maximum of 10% of the net asset value of the Fund.
- Net short sales will be limited to no more than 25% of the net asset value of the Fund.

Other than as described above, we are not subject to any restrictions on the investments we may make for the Fund.

### **Changes in Investment Objective, Strategies, Policies and Restrictions**

We may, from time to time, amend the investment strategies, policies and restrictions of the Fund without your approval, provided that the investment strategies, policies and restrictions remain consistent with the fundamental investment objective of the Fund. A change in the fundamental investment objective of the Fund requires the approval of the unitholders. See the section below called *Summary of the Trust Agreement – Amendment of the Trust Agreement*.

### **PAST PERFORMANCE**

Historical performance information may be obtained by contacting us at the address, telephone number or e-mail address set out above in the section called *The Fund*.

### **MATERIAL AGREEMENTS**

The following material agreements have been entered into by the Fund since its formation:

- (a) The Master Trust Agreement made as of September 26, 2008, as amended from time to time, pursuant to which the Fund was established and Computershare Trust Company of Canada as Agent for Valiant Trust Company has agreed to act as trustee of the Fund (see section called *Summary of the Trust Agreement*).
- (b) The Prime Brokerage Services Agreement dated as of September 26, 2008, as amended from time to time, pursuant to which TD Securities Inc. agreed to provide certain prime brokerage and other services to the Fund (see the section called *Other Service Providers – Prime Brokerage Services*).

You may request a copy of the agreements referred to above by contacting us at the address, telephone number or e-mail address set out above in the section called *The Fund*.

### **SUMMARY OF THE TRUST AGREEMENT**

The Fund is governed by the terms of a Master Trust Agreement made as of September 26, 2008 and last amended and restated on February 1, 2015, as amended from time to time, between Maxam, as manager, and Computershare Trust Company of Canada as Agent for Valiant Trust Company, as trustee (the “**Trust Agreement**”). The Trust Agreement sets out the rights, duties and obligations of Computershare Trust Company of Canada as Agent for Valiant Trust Company, in its capacity as the trustee of the Fund, and the rights and restrictions that are attached to each unit of the Fund.

Under the Trust Agreement, the Trustee has full, absolute and exclusive power, control and authority over the assets of the Fund to the same extent as if it were the sole owner of those assets, subject only to the specific limitations contained in the Trust Agreement. However, as manager of the Fund, the Trust Agreement specifically provides us with full authority and responsibility for managing the business and affairs of the Trust and makes it clear that the Trustee has no responsibility for portfolio advisory services provided to the Trust (other than for carrying out instructions given to it in accordance with the Trust Agreement). See the section entitled *Management of the Fund*.

The following is a summary only of certain provisions of the Trust Agreement not otherwise summarized in this Offering Memorandum and is not necessarily complete. You should review the Trust Agreement for complete details of its terms. You may request a copy of the Trust Agreement by contacting us at the address, numbers or e-mail address set out above in the section called *The Fund*.

## **Division of the Fund into Units and Classes or Series of Units**

Interests in the Fund are divided into units of one or more class or series. The Fund currently has six series of units - Series A, Series B, Series C, Series F, Series I and Series M. A summary of the rights and restrictions attached to units is set out below in the section called *Description of Units*.

### **Net Asset Value**

The Fund maintains a separate net asset value for each series (and sub-series) of units of the Fund, as if such series (and sub-series) were a separate fund. However, the assets of the Fund constitute a single pool for investment purposes. The net asset value per unit of each series is the basis for calculating the purchase price and redemption price for buying or redeeming units of the Fund.

The net asset value of the Fund is determined at 1:00 p.m. (Vancouver time) on the last business day of each month, or such other date or dates as may be determined by us from time to time. The net asset value of the Fund is the fair market value of the Fund's assets less its liabilities. The net asset value of each series (or sub-series) is the net asset value of the Fund that is attributed to such series (or sub-series). The portion of the net asset value attributable to each series (or sub-series) is determined in accordance with the Trust Agreement. The series (or sub-series) net asset value per unit is the net asset value of the series (or sub-series) divided by the number of units of that series (or sub-series) outstanding at the applicable time.

The market value of the assets of the Fund are determined by us or our agent in accordance with the Trust Agreement, applicable laws and procedures adopted by us, and generally, by applying the following guidelines:

- (a) The value of any cash on hand, on deposit or on call, prepaid expenses, cash dividends declared and interest accrued and not yet received, will be deemed to be the face amount thereof, unless we or our agent determines that any such deposit or call loan is not worth the face amount thereof, in which event the value thereof will be deemed to be such value as we or our agent determines to be the reasonable value thereof.
- (b) The value of any bonds, debentures, and other debt obligations will be valued by taking the average of the bid and ask prices on a valuation day at such times as we or our agent in our discretion, deems appropriate. If both a bid and an ask price are not available, the procedures set forth in paragraph (d) below shall apply. Short-term investments (those under 365 days), including notes and money market instruments, will be valued at current market price.
- (c) The value of any security, index futures or index options thereon which is listed on any recognized exchange will be determined by the closing sale price at the valuation time or, if there is no closing sale price, the value will be the last traded price available at the valuation time. If there is no last traded price available, the value will be the average between the closing bid and the closing asked price on the valuation day on which the net asset value is being determined, all as reported by any report in common use or authorized as official by a recognized stock exchange; provided that if such stock exchange is not open for trading on that valuation day, then the value will be determined based on the last previous valuation day on which such stock exchange was open for trading.
- (d) The value of any security or other asset for which a market quotation is not readily available will be its fair market value as determined by us or our agent.
- (e) The value of any security, the resale of which is restricted or limited, will be the lesser of the value based on reported quotations in common use; and, that percentage of the market value of securities of the same class, the trading of which is not restricted or limited by reason of any representation, undertaking or agreement or by law, equal to the percentage that the Fund's acquisition cost was of the market value of such securities at the time of acquisition, provided that a gradual taking into

account of the actual value of the securities may be made where the date on which the restriction will be lifted is known.

- (f) Purchased or written clearing corporations options, options on futures, over-the-counter options, debt-like securities and listed warrants will be valued at the current market value thereof.
- (g) Where a covered clearing corporation option, option on futures or over-the-counter option is written, the premium received by the Fund will be reflected as a deferred credit which will be valued at an amount equal to the current market value of the clearing corporation option, option on futures or over-the-counter option that would have the effect of closing the position. Any difference resulting from revaluation will be treated as an unrealized gain or loss on investment. The deferred credit shall be deducted in arriving at the net asset value of the Fund. The securities, if any, which are the subject of a written clearing corporation option, or over-the-counter option will be valued at their then current market value.
- (h) The value of a futures contract, or a forward contract, will be the gain or loss with respect thereto that would be realized if, at the valuation time, the position in the futures contract, or the forward contract, as the case may be, were to be closed out unless daily limits are in effect in which case fair value will be based on the current market value of the underlying interest.
- (i) Margin paid or deposited in respect of futures contracts and forward contracts will be reflected as an account receivable and margin consisting of assets other than cash will be noted as held as margin.
- (j) All property of the Fund valued in a foreign currency and all liabilities and obligations of the Fund payable by the Fund in foreign currency will be converted into Canadian funds by applying the rate of exchange obtained from the best available sources to the custodian including, but not limited to, the custodian or any of its affiliates.
- (k) If in our opinion or that of our agent, (i) the above valuation principles cannot be applied (whether because price or yield equivalent quotations are not available or for any other reason) to determine the value of any security or other property or (ii) the value of any security or other property determined using the above valuation principles does not represent the fair value of the security or other property, we or our agent will determine the fair value of the security or other property in such manner as we or our agent from time to time provide. When fair value pricing is used, the prices of securities or other property held by the Fund may differ from the quoted or published prices for the same securities or other property on their primary markets or exchanges.

The Trust Agreement outlines the method for determining the value of liabilities to be deducted in determining the net asset value of the Fund.

For the purposes of determining the net asset value of the Fund and the net asset value per unit of each series in connection with purchases and redemptions of units, the market value of assets of the Fund is determined in accordance with the Trust Agreement and the valuation principles described above.

## **Fees**

The Trustee receives a fee from the Fund for its services as trustee. We negotiate the amount of this fee on behalf of the Fund.

## **Expenses**

In addition to the fees described above, the Fund is responsible for payment of all expenses relating to the operation of the Fund and the carrying on of its business. These expenses include, but are not limited to, management fees payable to the Manager; performance or other incentive fees payable to the Manager for

its services as portfolio advisor; fees and expenses associated with any investment advisor, foreign advisor and permitted derivative advisor; brokerage fees and other fees and disbursements directly relating to the implementation of transactions for the portfolios of the Fund; any taxes payable by the Fund or to which the Fund may be subject; interest expenses, if any; any performance measurement fees payable by the Fund; custody and safekeeping charges of the Fund and any securities borrowing costs and other fees and expenses of the custodian of the Fund, whether acting in its capacity as custodian of the Fund or as prime broker or otherwise; costs relating to providing information to unitholders including annual and interim financial reports; audit and legal fees relating to the Fund; costs of preparing any offering memorandum, prospectus or other qualifying disclosure document and forwarding these documents to unitholders in compliance with applicable laws; expenses of conducting unitholder meetings; costs of bookkeeping, fund accounting, registry and transfer agent services; expenses incurred upon termination of the Fund; legal, accounting and audit fees and fees and expenses of the Trustee, custodian or any sub-custodian which are incurred in respect of matters not in the normal course of the Fund's activities; fees and expenses of or associated with any person retained to provide services to the Fund with respect to the selection of the Fund's investments, exercise of voting rights attached to the Fund's investments or related matters; participation fees payable by the Manager of the Fund pursuant to Ontario Securities Commission Rule 13-502 (and other similar fees payable under applicable laws); and costs, fees and expenses reasonably incurred in connection with the activities of any independent review committee overseeing matters related to the Fund including, without limitation, compensation paid to, and expenses incurred by its members and any amounts payable to an independent review committee member pursuant to an indemnity from the Fund. We may allocate such expenses to the units of any series of the Fund in our sole discretion. We may, from time to time, choose to pay or otherwise absorb certain of the Fund's expenses; however, we are not obligated to do so and if at any time we choose to do so, we will not be obligated to do so in the future.

### **Meetings of Unitholders**

Although the Fund does not hold regular meetings, we may hold meetings to obtain your approval on certain matters. You will receive at least 21 days' notice of any meeting of unitholders at which you are entitled to vote. Unless otherwise required by applicable securities laws, the quorum for any meeting is a nominee of the Manager and at least two unitholders entitled to vote at such meeting present in person or represented by proxy. The number of votes you will have on any question submitted to any meeting will be equal to the number of units then held by you.

We also may seek your approval by way of a mail poll rather than by holding a meeting of unitholders.

### **Amendment of the Trust Agreement**

Unless otherwise required under applicable securities laws, any provision of the Trust Agreement may be amended, deleted, expanded or varied by the Manager without the consent of unitholders of the Fund, provided that (i) the amendment, deletion, expansion or variation is acceptable to the Manager and the Trustee acting reasonably, and (ii) if, in the opinion of the Manager, the amendment, deletion, expansion or variation is a change that would be considered important by a reasonable unitholder in determining whether to continue to hold units of the Fund, and is prejudicial to the interests of unitholders as a group, notice of the amendment, deletion, expansion or variation is provided to unitholders not less than 30 days prior to the date the amendment, deletion, expansion or variation is made effective.

Where approval of unitholders is required by applicable securities laws, an amendment to the Trust Agreement must be duly approved by at least a majority of votes cast (or such lesser percentage as may be permitted by applicable securities laws) by unitholders entitled to vote and present in person or represented by proxy at a meeting of unitholders which has been duly called for that purpose. If (a) we elect to seek unitholder approval of an amendment to the Trust Agreement or any other matter and such approval is not required by applicable securities laws or (b) we are required to obtain unitholder approval but are not required to obtain that approval at a meeting of unitholders, we may seek that approval by way of a mail

poll rather than holding a meeting of unitholders, in which case such amendment or approval must be approved by at least a majority of votes cast (or such lesser percentage as may be permitted by applicable securities laws) by unitholders entitled to vote on such matter.

### **Termination of the Fund**

We may terminate and dissolve a Fund or a class or series within a Fund by giving you and the Trustee written notice of our intention to terminate at least 90 days before the date on which that Fund or class or series, as the case may be, is to be terminated. During the period after the giving of such notice, your right to require payment for all or any of your units, if any, will be suspended and we will make appropriate arrangements for converting the assets of the Fund into cash. After payment of the liabilities of the Fund, you will be entitled to receive from the Trustee your proportionate share of the remaining assets of the Fund.

## **MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND**

We are responsible for managing the business and affairs of the Fund, including providing the Fund with all necessary administrative and portfolio advisory services. We may also be considered to be a “promoter” of the Fund within the meaning of applicable securities laws because we took the initiative in organizing the Fund. The rights, duties and obligations of Maxam, in its capacity as manager and portfolio advisor of the Fund, are set out in the Trust Agreement.

### **Powers of the Manager**

As the manager, we have full authority and responsibility to manage the business and affairs of the Fund and to administer or arrange for the administration of the day-to-day operations of the Fund. In addition, we are also responsible for the distribution of units of the Fund, either directly in reliance on exemptions from applicable dealer registration requirements or through registered dealers.

As portfolio advisor, we are responsible for providing the Fund with all necessary portfolio advisory services. Travis Dowle provides investment advice to the Fund on behalf of Maxam.

Our duties as portfolio advisor also include responsibility for exercising the voting rights attributable to securities held in the portfolio of the Fund. These voting rights will generally be exercised through the execution and delivery of proxies relating to securities held by the Fund. We will exercise these rights in accordance with the policies and procedures we adopt from time to time. Our policy is to exercise all voting rights in a manner that we determine is in the best interests of the Fund and is consistent with the Fund’s investment objectives and strategies. We have established general guidelines with respect to the voting of proxies and will generally vote proxies in accordance with these guidelines. However, these guidelines serve as a framework only and we may vote contrary to these guidelines in circumstances where we determine that it is in the best interests of the Fund to do so. In addition, to the extent that these guidelines do not address a potential voting issue, we will vote on such issue in a manner that we determine is consistent with the spirit of the guidelines and that we determine would be in the best interests of the Fund. In addition, we may also determine to not to exercise certain voting rights where we conclude that the costs of doing so outweigh any benefits or we otherwise conclude that it is the best interests of our clients to refrain from exercising such rights. You may request a copy of our proxy voting policies and procedures established by us by contacting us at the address, numbers or e-mail address set out above in the section called *The Fund*.

### **Fees**

For our services as manager and portfolio advisor of the Fund, we are entitled to receive the management fees and performance fees described below. We will provide unitholders with at least 60 days notice of any

changes to the fees payable to us. We may, from time to time, choose to waive all or a portion of our fees; however, we are not obligated to do so and if at any time we choose to do so, we will not be obligated to do so in the future.

### *Management fees*

As consideration for the services we provide as the manager of the Fund, the Fund pays us a monthly management fee, based on the net asset value of each series of units of the Fund on the last business day of the preceding month. The management fee may vary from series to series and will be deducted as an expense of the Fund in the calculation of the net asset value of the Fund.

The management fee for each of the existing series of units is calculated monthly as follows:

<u>Series</u>	<u>Management Fee</u>
Series A	1/12 of 2% (2% per annum) of the net asset value of the Series A units of the Fund on the last business day of each month, plus any applicable taxes such as GST or HST.
Series B	1/12 of 2% (2% per annum) of the net asset value of the Series B units of the Fund on the last business day of each month, plus any applicable taxes such as GST or HST.
Series C	1/12 of 2% (2% per annum) of the net asset value of the Series C units of the Fund on the last business day of each month, plus any applicable taxes such as GST or HST.
Series F	1/12 of 1% (1% per annum) of the net asset value of the Series F units of the Fund on the last business day of each month, plus any applicable taxes such as GST or HST.
Series I	The Fund does not pay a management fee with respect to Series I units. The management fee paid by investors in Series I units is negotiated with us and paid directly by each investor and not by the Fund.
Series M	1/12 of 2% (2% per annum) of the net asset value of the Series M units of the Fund on the last business day of each month, plus any applicable taxes such as GST or HST.

The management fee is calculated prior to, and without taking into account, the performance fee. See the section below called *Fees – Performance fee*. The management fee is subject to applicable taxes, including GST and HST.

### *Performance fee*

In addition to the management fee payable in respect of each series of units, we are entitled to receive a performance fee for our services as portfolio advisor. The performance fee is calculated at the unit level but is charged to the Fund.

The performance fee for each of the existing series of units is calculated monthly as follows:

Series	Performance Fee
Series A and Series B	<p>The Fund will pay us a performance fee equal to 20% of the increase in the net asset value of each series or sub-series of Series A or Series B units over the relevant period in excess of a 5% annualized minimum increase, subject to a “high watermark” that ensures that any decline in the net asset value of the series or sub-series has to be recouped before performance fees will be charged in respect of the series or sub-series in any subsequent period. The “high watermark” for a Series A or Series B sub-series, or series, is the greater of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(A) the purchase price of the sub-series; or</li> <li>(B) if a performance fee has been paid in respect of the sub-series, the net asset value of the sub-series following the last date on which a performance fee was so paid.</li> </ul> <p>Immediately following payment of performance fees to us, we may redesignate units of one or more sub-series as units of that same series (for example, by redesignating all outstanding sub-series of Series A units as “Series A” units), provided that all such redesignated sub-series have achieved their high watermark. This redesignation will occur on a pro-rata basis, based on the relative net asset value of each applicable sub-series. The use of sub-series and the periodic redesignation of outstanding sub-series in this manner enables us to more equitably charge performance fees based on the actual performance attained since the date on which the units were purchased.</p>
Series C and Series F	<p>The Fund will pay us a performance fee equal to 20% of the increase in the net asset value of Series C and Series F units over the previous high watermark for each applicable series of units. The performance fee for Series C and Series F units is accrued monthly and is payable for each calendar quarter end, provided that the high watermark is exceeded, as referred to below. Upon the redemption of Series C or Series F units, the accrued portion of the performance fee allocated to the redeemed units will be payable by the Fund following the end of the month in which the units were redeemed.</p> <p>The highest quarter-end net asset value per unit for Series C and Series F units from time to time establishes a high watermark for Series C and Series F units which must be exceeded in subsequent quarters for the performance fee applicable to Series C and Series F units to be payable.</p>
Series I	<p>The Fund does not pay a performance fee with respect to Series I units. The performance fee paid by investors in Series I units is negotiated with us and paid directly by each investor and not by the Fund.</p>
Series M	<p>The Fund will pay us a performance fee equal to 20% of the increase in the net asset value of Series M units over the previous high watermark. The performance fee for Series M units is accrued monthly and is payable for each calendar quarter end, provided that the high watermark is exceeded, as referred to below. Upon the redemption of Series M units, the accrued portion of the performance fee allocated to the redeemed units will be</p>

Series	Performance Fee
	<p>payable by the Fund following the end of the month in which the units were redeemed.</p> <p>The highest quarter-end net asset value per unit for Series M units from time to time establishes a high watermark for Series M units which must be exceeded in subsequent quarters for the performance fee applicable to Series M units to be payable.</p>

Although performance fees are calculated at the unit level, the aggregate of these performance fees is deducted as an expense of the Fund and borne indirectly by all unitholders because the performance fees impact the net asset value of the Fund. Performance fees are calculated monthly on the last business day of each month and carried as a liability of the Fund until paid to us at the end of each calendar quarter, or on redemption of units in respect of which such performance fees are payable. Performance fees are subject to applicable taxes, including GST and HST.

### **Expenses**

We are responsible for the payment of all advertising and promotional expenses incurred in respect of the Series A, Series B, Series C, Series F, Series I and Series M units. The Fund is responsible for all other expenses relating to the operation of the Fund and the carrying on of its business. We may, from time to time, choose to pay or otherwise absorb certain of the Fund's expenses; however, we are not obligated to do so and if at any time we choose to do so, we will not be obligated to do so in the future. See the section above called *Summary of the Trust Agreement – Expenses*.

### **Resignation and Removal of the Manager**

We may resign as manager of the Fund by giving at least 90 days notice in writing to you and the Trustee. In addition, we may be removed as the manager of the Fund (and the Trust Agreement terminated) if:

- (a) in the opinion of the Trustee, we are in material default of our obligations under the Trust Agreement and such default continues for 120 days from the date we receive written notice of such material default from the Trustee;
- (b) we are declared bankrupt or insolvent or have entered into liquidation or winding up, whether compulsory or voluntary (and not merely a voluntary liquidation for the purposes of amalgamation or reconstruction);
- (c) we make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors or otherwise acknowledge our insolvency; or
- (d) our assets have become subject to seizure or confiscation by any public or governmental authority.

### **Compensation and Securities Held**

The following table outlines certain information regarding Maxam, each director and officer of Maxam, and each person who as at April 1, 2019 directly or indirectly, beneficially owned or controlled 10% or more of the units of the Fund.

<b>Name and municipality of principal residence</b>	<b>Position held / Date of obtaining that position</b>	<b>Compensation paid by the Fund in the year ended December 31, 2018</b>	<b>Number / % of units held as at April 1, 2019</b>	<b>Number / % of units expected to be held after this Offering</b>
MAXAM CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LTD.	Manager, portfolio advisor and promoter September 2008	\$1,467,517 <sup>(1)</sup>	Nil	- <sup>(2)</sup>
TRAVIS DOWLE Vancouver, BC	President, Fund Manager and Director April 2008	Nil <sup>(3)</sup>	Series A Units: 48,298.38 / 2.4% Series C Units: 8,618.58 / 1.0%	- <sup>(2)</sup>
JOHNNY CIAMPI Vancouver, BC	Vice-President and Director January 2012	Nil <sup>(3)</sup>	Series B Units: 9,479.20 / 1.5% Series C Units: 22,231.01 / 2.5%	- <sup>(2)</sup>
SEAN MORRISON Vancouver, BC	Director October 2011	Nil <sup>(3)</sup>	Series A Units: 46,719.76 / 2.3% Series B Units: 13,327.35 / 2.1% Series C Units: 10,713.20 / 1.2%	- <sup>(2)</sup>
BRIAN HIKISCH North Vancouver, BC	Associate Portfolio Manager and Chief Compliance Officer October 2016	Nil	Series A Units: 194.55 / 0.0% Series C Units: 11,799.28 / 1.3%	- <sup>(2)</sup>
INVESTOR A <sup>(4)</sup>	-	Nil	Series A Units: 528,302.00 / 25.9%	-
INVESTOR B <sup>(4)</sup>	-	Nil	Series A Units: 251,064.81 / 12.3%	-
INVESTOR C <sup>(4)</sup>	-	Nil	Series B Units: 610,578.54 / 96.4%	-
INVESTOR D <sup>(4)</sup>	-	Nil	Series I Units: 800,708.60 / 53.8%	-
INVESTOR E <sup>(4)</sup>	-	Nil	Series I Units: 400,876.09 / 26.9%	-
INVESTOR F <sup>(4)</sup>	-	Nil	Series I Units: 286,252.41 / 19.2%	-
INVESTOR G <sup>(4)</sup>	-	Nil	Series M Units: 15,045.30 / 76.9%	-
INVESTOR H <sup>(4)</sup>	-	Nil	Series M Units: 4,510.39 / 23.1%	-

<sup>(1)</sup> This amount is comprised of the management fee and performance fee paid to Maxam for its services. See the sections called *Fees* and *Expenses* above.

<sup>(2)</sup> Maxam and the directors and officers of Maxam may acquire units under this Offering Memorandum; however, the number of units, if any, which may be acquired is not known.

<sup>(3)</sup> This individual is a director of Maxam. Although he does not receive compensation from the Fund, Maxam does receive a management fee and performance fee for its services. See the sections called *Fees* and *Expenses* above.

<sup>(4)</sup> To protect the privacy of investors in the Fund, we have omitted the name of the beneficial owner(s). If you have questions regarding these positions, please contact us using the contact information in the section called *The Fund*.

## Management Experience

The following table discloses the principal occupations of the directors, senior officers and portfolio managers of Maxam for the past five years.

<u>Name and Municipality of Principal Residence</u>	<u>Principal Occupations and Related Experience</u>
TRAVIS DOWLE, CFA Vancouver, BC	<p>Travis Dowle is the President, Fund Manager and a director of Maxam and is responsible for providing investment advice to the Fund on behalf of Maxam.</p> <p>Previously, Mr. Dowle was Vice President, Portfolio Investments at Gibralt Capital and Second City Capital, both Vancouver-based private equity groups. Prior to that Mr. Dowle was a portfolio manager for HSBC Global Asset Management. Prior to that, Mr. Dowle held various investment and research positions with HSBC and M.K. Wong &amp; Associates.</p> <p>Mr. Dowle has 20 years of experience in the capital markets and investment industry, is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario and holds the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation. Mr. Dowle is a past guest instructor for Stalla's CFA preparation program on equity valuation techniques and capital markets theory.</p>
JOHNNY CIAMPI, CA Vancouver, BC	<p>Johnny Ciampi is Vice President and a director of Maxam. Mr. Ciampi is also a Managing Partner of Maxam Opportunities II GP Ltd., which is a pool of capital for opportunistic structured investments including mezzanine loans, bridge loans and private equity investments. Previously, Mr. Ciampi was the Executive Vice President of Gibralt Capital and a partner of Second City Capital Partners, Vancouver-based private equity groups. At Gibralt and Second City, Mr. Ciampi was responsible for deal origination, structuring, monitoring and managing investments and was a member of the firms' investment committees. Mr. Ciampi also serves on the board of Premium Brands Holdings Corporation and Diversified Royalty Corp.</p> <p>Mr. Ciampi has 23 years of experience in the capital markets and investment industry, is a graduate of the University of British Columbia with a degree in Commerce and holds a Chartered Accountant designation.</p>
SEAN MORRISON, CA Vancouver, BC	<p>Sean Morrison is a director of Maxam. Mr. Morrison is also a Managing Partner of Maxam Opportunities II GP Ltd., which is a pool of capital for opportunistic structured investments including mezzanine loans, bridge loans and private equity investments. Previously, Mr. Morrison was partner at Capital West Partners, advising companies across Canada with respect to capital raising (senior debt, subordinated debt and private equity), IPOs, debt restructurings, asset sales, acquisitions, valuations and fairness opinions. Mr. Morrison is also the President and Chief Executive Officer of Diversified Royalty Corp. and serves on the board of goeasy Ltd.</p> <p>Mr. Morrison has 23 years of experience in the capital markets and investment industry, is a graduate of the University of British Columbia with a Bachelor Degree in Commerce and holds the Chartered Accountant designation.</p>

## **Penalties, Sanctions and Bankruptcy**

To the best of our knowledge, no director or senior officer of Maxam, and no control person of the Fund, or of any issuer of which any of the foregoing persons has been a director or senior officer during the last 10 years, has 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 has been subject to any declaration of bankruptcy, voluntary assignment in bankruptcy, proposal under any bankruptcy or insolvency legislation, proceedings, arrangement, or compromise with creditor or appointment of a receiver or receiver manager or trustee to hold assets that has been in effect during the last 10 years.

## **Loans**

There are no debenture or loans due to or from the directors, management, promoters and principal holders as at April 1, 2019.

## **OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS**

### **Prime Brokerage Services**

TD Securities Inc. (“**TDSI**”) provides prime brokerage services to the Fund. As part of these services, TDSI holds the assets of the Fund. The Fund’s assets are held as collateral rather than under a custodial arrangement; however rules of the self-regulatory body that governs TDSI require it to segregate fully paid or excess margin securities and identify them as being held in trust (although such assets may be held in bulk with assets of its other clients). Liquid assets not required for margin or as security, including cash, are not segregated and may be used by TDSI in the ordinary conduct of its business, with the result that the Fund stands as creditors in respect of such assets. TDSI will also provide the Fund with financing lines and short-selling facilities. These services are provided pursuant to a Prime Brokerage Services Agreement dated as of September 26, 2008 between the Fund and TDSI. TDSI receives fees for its services that are negotiated by us. These fees are paid by the Fund.

### **Record Keeping and Valuation Services**

The Investment Administration Solution Inc. acts as the record keeper of the Fund. As record keeper, it keeps track of who owns units of the Fund, maintains a record of all purchases and redemptions of units, and prepares and maintains certain other records required by the Fund. The Investment Administration Solution Inc. is also responsible for calculating the net asset value of the Fund and each series of units of the Fund.

### **Auditor**

KPMG LLP acts as the auditor for the Fund. As auditor, KPMG LLP examines the financial statements of the Fund annually to determine whether they are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

### **Legal Counsel**

Borden Ladner Gervais LLP acts as our legal counsel. As our legal counsel, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP provides us with advice on legal matters relating to the Fund and our role as manager of the Fund.

## CAPITAL STRUCTURE

### Outstanding Securities of the Fund

The table below describes the outstanding securities of the Fund as at April 1, 2019.

Description of Security <sup>(1)</sup>	Number Authorized to be Issued	Number of Units Outstanding as at April 1, 2019 <sup>(3)</sup>	Number of Units Outstanding after Offering <sup>(2)</sup>
Series A units	Unlimited	2,040,960.61	Unknown
Series B units	Unlimited	633,385.08	Unknown
Series C units	Unlimited	893,852.49	Unknown
Series F units	Unlimited	2,071,933.33	Unknown
Series I units	Unlimited	1,487,837.10	Unknown
Series M units	Unlimited	19,555.69	Unknown

<sup>(1)</sup> The Fund may offer additional series of units in the future.

<sup>(2)</sup> There is no minimum or maximum number of units to be issued as part of this offering. The Fund will continue to issue additional units on an on-going basis.

<sup>(3)</sup> Number of units outstanding includes the reclassification of sub-series units to master series units upon achievement of certain performance fee objectives, which results in a decrease in the Fund's outstanding units versus units issued disclosed in the section *Prior Sales* below.

## Prior Sales

The table below discloses information regarding the units of the Fund that were issued during the twelve months ended March 31, 2019.

Date of Issuance	Series A		Series B		Series C		Series F		Series I		Total Funds Received
	Number of Units	Price per Unit	Number of Units	Price per Unit	Number of Units	Price per Unit	Number of Units	Price per Unit	Number of Units	Price per Unit	
<b>2018</b>											
April	1,817.25	\$10.0000-13.8305	-	-	8,614.31	\$18.7781	33,979.19	\$18.8395	-	-	\$822,679
May	14,317.97	\$10.0000-13.7003	-	-	20,421.09	\$18.6010	38,841.39	\$18.6785	-	-	\$1,251,031
June	25,818.69	\$10.0000-13.4488	-	-	20,813.82	\$18.2591	16,231.99	\$18.3516	-	-	\$938,416
July	166,819.40	\$10.0000-13.0522	-	-	3,712.89	\$17.7204	18,069.08	\$17.8260	-	-	\$2,058,084
August	3,020.12	\$10.0000-12.9776	-	-	13,582.50	\$17.6188	13,010.47	\$17.7396	-	-	\$502,248
September	3,320.84	\$10.0000-13.1762	-	-	5,059.24	\$17.8881	12,143.05	\$18.0268	-	-	\$344,705
October	3,821.56	\$10.0000-12.5663	-	-	5,861.75	\$17.0598	3,051.02	\$17.2074	200,000	10.0000	\$2,192,337
November	253,508.46	\$10.0000-11.9911	-	-	1,935.07	\$16.2785	571,496.22	\$16.4340	-	-	\$12,457,881
December	2,323.32	\$10.0000-11.6779	-	-	6,308.43	\$15.8530	17,822.85	\$16.0188	-	-	\$409,668
<b>2019</b>											
January	25,823.75	\$10.0000-11.9756	-	-	8,170.56	\$16.2569	8,265.72	\$16.4414	-	-	\$528,127
February	824.69	\$11.1696-12.1888	-	-	32,858.95	\$16.5558	24,960.44	\$16.7585	-	-	\$971,885
March	3,325.19	\$10.0000-12.4155	-	-	3,725.22	\$16.8535	222.55	\$17.0751	-	-	\$101,345

The table below discloses information regarding the units of the Fund that were redeemed during the twelve months ended March 31, 2019.

Date of Redemption	Series A		Series B		Series C		Series F		Series I		Total Funds Paid
	Number of Units	Price per Unit	Number of Units	Price per Unit	Number of Units	Price per Unit	Number of Units	Price per Unit	Number of Units	Price per Unit	
<b>2018</b>											
April	36,818.44	\$27.1603	-	-	-	-	19,566.82	\$18.8395	961.19	\$12.5180-13.3318	\$1,381,237
May	11,150.43	\$26.9048	-	-	-	-	8,797.22	\$18.6785	960.35	\$12.4220-13.2295	\$476,820
June	30,023.51	\$26.4108	-	-	1,165.92	\$18.2591	12,179.70	\$18.3516	959.51	\$12.2153-13.0094	\$1,050,032
July	49,943.62	\$25.6320	-	-	4,549.34	\$17.7204	8,832.99	\$17.8260	958.67	\$11.8759-12.6479	\$1,530,158
August	39,238.15	\$25.4854	-	-	5,627.02	\$17.6188	5,877.81	\$17.7396	957.83	\$11.8287-12.5976	\$1,215,283
September	12,250.36	\$25.8754	-	-	23,312.44	\$17.8881	6,570.21	\$18.0268	956.99	\$12.0308-12.8129	\$864,502
October	-	-	-	-	7,682.05	\$17.0598	154,805.51	\$17.2074	956.16	\$11.4940-12.2412	\$2,806,367

Date of Redemption	Series A		Series B		Series C		Series F		Series I		Total Funds Paid
	Number of Units	Price per Unit	Number of Units	Price per Unit	Number of Units	Price per Unit	Number of Units	Price per Unit	Number of Units	Price per Unit	
November	277,917.17	\$8.7524-23.5481	-	-	2,359.24	\$16.2785	32,289.70	\$16.4340	955.32	\$10.9871-11.7013	\$4,085,109
December	3,233.95	22.9330	-	-	12,615.92	\$15.8530	4,678.28	\$16.0188	954.85	\$10.7189-11.4157	\$359,600
<b>2019</b>											
January	3,699.42	\$23.5177	-	-	3,157.06	16.2568	106,596.15	\$16.4414	953.68	\$11.0115-11.7273	\$1,901,920
February	6,638.25	23.9506	-	-	9,548.03	\$16.5558	5,223.86	\$16.7585	952.84	\$11.2338-11.9641	\$415,826
March	3,664.86	24.3819	69,222.16	14.4462	10,248.93	\$16.8535	8,799.59	\$17.0751	952.01	\$11.4562-12.2009	\$1,423,769

## DESCRIPTION OF UNITS

Interests in the Fund are divided into units of one or more series. The Fund currently has six series of units - Series A, Series B, Series C, Series F, Series I and Series M. A description of each series is set out below. Each unit of a series represents an equal, undivided interest in the net assets of the Fund represented by that series. However, the assets of all series of the Fund are combined in a single pool to create one portfolio for investment purposes.

Except for the fees payable in respect of each series of units, the rights and attributes of each series will be identical. A holder of any series of units is entitled to one vote for each whole unit on matters for which separate approval of the series is sought at any meeting of the unitholders and one vote for each whole unit held on matters for which approval is sought from all unitholders, voting together as a group, at any meeting of the unitholders. Gains and losses of the Fund will be allocated to each series of units in proportion to the net asset value of the series relative to the other series. See the section called *Summary of the Trust Agreement – Net Asset Value*. Units are not transferable, except in very limited circumstances. If the Fund is terminated, a holder of any series of units on the termination date will be entitled to a proportionate share of the net assets of the Fund attributable to that series of units.

Each Series A, Series B and Series I unit can be further sub-divided into sub-series. We anticipate that a new sub-series will be established on each date that units of Series A, Series B and/or Series I are issued. Each sub-series of units of a series will be identical in all respects to other sub-series of that series. The use of sub-series enables us to better track the performance of units issued on a particular date.

Each series of units pays its proportionate share of common expenses, as well as any expenses that relate specifically to that series. The differences in expenses and fees between series (and sub-series) means that each series (and sub-series) has a different net asset value per unit.

### *Series A units*

Series A units are available to investors that purchase units directly from Maxam or through registered dealers. The management and performance fees paid to us with respect to Series A units are described in the section called *Management of the Fund – Fees*. You may also be required to pay a fee if you redeem your Series A units early. See the section below called *Description of Units – Redemption of Units – Short Term Trading Fee*. You will not be charged a commission or fee by us or by your dealer when you acquire your Series A units.

### ***Series B units***

Series B units are available to investors that purchase units through authorized dealers (but not through us) on a Sales Charge basis. The sales charges payable by you on Series B units purchased pursuant to the Sales Charge Option are described in the section called *Compensation Paid to Sellers and Finders – Sales Commission*. The management and performance fees paid to us with respect to Series B units are described in the section called *Management of the Fund – Fees*. You may also be required to pay a fee if you redeem your Series B units early. See the section below called *Description of Units – Redemption of Units – Short Term Trading Fee*.

We reserve the right to appoint one or more agents to sell Series B units offered hereunder and to pay commissions or other fees to such agents in connection with the purchase of Series B units. See the section called *Compensation Paid to Sellers and Finders – Sales Commission*.

### ***Series C units***

Series C units are available to investors that purchase units through authorized dealers (but not through us) on a Sales Charge basis. The sales charges payable by you on Series C units purchased pursuant to the Sales Charge Option are described in the section called *Compensation Paid to Sellers and Finders – Sales Commission*. The management and performance fees paid to us with respect to Series C units are described in the section called *Management of the Fund – Fees*. You may also be required to pay a fee if you redeem your Series C units early. See the section below called *Description of Units – Redemption of Units – Short Term Trading Fee*.

We reserve the right to appoint one or more agents to sell Series C units offered hereunder and to pay commissions or other fees to such agents in connection with the purchase of Series C units. See the section called *Compensation Paid to Sellers and Finders – Sales Commission*.

### ***Series F units***

Series F units are available to investors that purchase units through authorized dealers (but not through us). There are no sales commissions with respect to Series F units. No fee is payable when you redeem Series F units except with respect to Short Term Trading Fees as described in the section below called *Description of Units – Redemption of Units – Short Term Trading Fee*.

We reserve the right to appoint one or more agents to sell Series F units offered hereunder and to pay commissions or other fees to such agents in connection with the purchase of Series F units. See the section called *Compensation Paid to Sellers and Finders – Sales Commission*.

### ***Series I units***

Series I units are generally available only for institutional or other large investors who have entered into an agreement with us and meet certain other conditions. No management or performance fees are charged to the Fund with respect to Series I units. Instead, each investor in Series I units negotiates a separate management fee and performance fee that is paid directly to us.

### ***Series M units***

Series M units are available to investors that purchase units directly from Maxam. The management and performance fees paid to us with respect to Series M units are described in the section called *Management of the Fund – Fees*. You may also be required to pay a fee if you redeem your Series M units early. See the section below called *Description of Units – Redemption of Units – Short Term Trading Fee*. You will not be charged a commission or fee by us when you acquire your Series M units.

## **Distributions**

Sufficient net income and net realized capital gains of the Fund will be distributed to unitholders in each year to ensure that the Fund will not be subject to tax under Part I of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) (other than alternative minimum tax). Any distribution received by you as a unitholder will be automatically reinvested in additional units of the same series at the applicable series net asset value per unit on the date of the distribution.

From time to time, we may accept reduced management fees from the Fund in connection with certain unitholders who make substantial investments in the Fund. If we accept reduced fees in respect of your investment, you will receive a “management fee distribution” from the Fund equal to the amount of such fee reduction. This management fee distribution will be paid first out of the net income and net realized capital gains of the Fund, and thereafter out of capital, and will be automatically reinvested in additional units.

## **Redemption of Units**

On the last business day of each month, you may redeem all or a portion of your units if you give us at least 15 business days prior written notice. The redemption price of your units will be the applicable series net asset value per unit determined as at the close of business on the redemption date, less the applicable redemption charge described below. You will be paid the redemption price within fifteen business days of the redemption date.

## **Short Term Trading Fee**

An investment in the Fund should generally be considered a longer term investment. Due to the cost of portfolio transactions, frequent trading can also negatively impact the performance of the Fund and all its unitholders. If you redeem Series A, Series B, Series C, Series F, or Series M units within six months of the date of purchase, you may be charged a 3% short term trading fee by the Fund. For the purposes of determining whether short term trading has occurred, units will be considered to be redeemed on a first-in first-out basis. The purpose of the early redemption charge is to discourage short-term investors from acquiring units in the Fund. Maxam retains the right to apply or waive the short term trading fee in its sole discretion.

## **Suspension of Redemptions**

In exceptional circumstances, we may temporarily suspend your right to redeem your units or your right to payment for units previously tendered for redemption. We will only do this where we determine that conditions exist that render impractical the sale of the Fund’s assets or impair our ability to determine the value of assets of the Fund.

If you have requested redemption and a suspension occurs, you will be notified of the suspension and will have the right to withdraw your request prior to the end of the suspension period, or receive payment based on the net asset value per unit of the applicable series of units next calculated after the termination of the suspension.

We also have the right, exercisable at any time at our discretion, to require you to redeem your units.

## **Consolidation, Subdivision and Redesignation**

Units may automatically be consolidated in certain circumstances described in the Trust Agreement. In addition, we may consolidate or subdivide units of any class or series if we give holders of units of that class or series and the Trustee at least 14 days’ notice of our intention to subdivide or consolidate. We may also redesignate units of any series or sub-series as units of a different series based on the applicable series

or sub-series net asset value per unit of the two series or sub-series on the date of the redesignation without notice to you, but upon two days' prior written notice to the Trustee. However, we will not redesignate any series or sub-series of units held by you without your consent if the redesignation is a material change to, or adversely affects the pecuniary value of, your interest, or if the redesignation would have an adverse tax consequence to you.

### **Transfer of Units and Reclassification**

Units are transferable only in very limited circumstances. You may only transfer your units with our prior written consent, or as required by law in connection with a bankruptcy or insolvency or upon death, and then only to your legal representatives. See the section below called *Resale Restrictions*.

At our discretion, you may switch between different series of units of the Fund, which is called a reclassification.

## **INVESTING IN UNITS**

You may invest in the Fund by purchasing units. Series A, Series B, Series C, Series F, Series I and Series M units of the Fund are offered for sale in reliance on exemptions from the prospectus requirements of applicable securities laws. You will only be permitted to purchase units if your purchase qualifies for one of these exemptions. We rely on the representations you make in your subscription agreement to ensure that your purchase qualifies for these exemptions and to ensure that you are otherwise eligible to purchase units.

You may acquire units as at the close of business on the last business day of a month if we receive a duly completed subscription agreement, payment for the units being subscribed for (in an amount not less than the required minimum investment amount as described below) and any other documentation or information required by us, by no later than 1:00 p.m. (Pacific Standard Time) on that business day. The purchase price for units being subscribed for may be paid by a certified cheque payable to “**Maxam Diversified Strategies Fund**”, wire transfer (details are available from the Manager upon request) or by any other means approved by us. You may obtain a copy of the required subscription agreement, and confirm the other documentation and information required by us, the minimum investment amount applicable to you and the acceptable manner of payment for units being subscribed for, by contacting us by telephone at 604-685-0201, by facsimile at 604-685-9970 or by e-mail at info@maxamcm.com.

The purchase price of the units will be based on the applicable series net asset value determined as at the close of business on the last business day of the month in which we accept your subscription. See the section above called *Summary of the Trust Agreement – Net Asset Value*.

**Any subscription funds received by us prior to the last business day of the month will be held in the Fund's general bank account until the last business day, at which time the units subscribed for will be issued (if we have accepted your subscription). These funds will not be segregated for your account. You will not be entitled to any interest on any subscription funds delivered to us prior to the last business day of the month. Any interest earned on such funds will belong to the Fund.**

You will become a unitholder after we accept your subscription agreement and the Fund has received the purchase price for your units. We will hold your subscription monies in trust for you until the later of: (i) midnight on the second business day after you sign your agreement to purchase units, and (ii) the day you become a unitholder.

**You and your professional advisors should review all subscription documents before you purchase units.**

## Minimum Investment Amounts

Minimum investment amounts have been established for initial investments and additional investments. The terms of the prospectus exemptions which we rely upon to issue units to you may require a higher minimum investment amount or minimum additional investment amount depending on the jurisdiction where you live and whether you qualify as an “accredited investor” within the meaning of applicable securities laws, and will be set out in the instructions that accompany your subscription agreement. As at the date of this Offering Memorandum, the applicable minimum investment amounts are set out in the table below. We may in our discretion waive the minimum investment amounts established by us, accept investments in other minimum amounts permitted under applicable securities laws, or require higher minimum investments than those set out below.

	<u>Initial Investment</u>	<u>Additional Investment</u>
Series C and F	\$25,000	\$10,000
Series A, B and M	\$500,000	\$10,000
Series I	\$5,000,000	Negotiable

Additional investments in the Fund are generally permitted, provided that the unitholder’s initial investment was equal to a minimum of \$150,000 and the additional investment is for the same class as the initial investment and the unitholder, as at the date of the subsequent trade, holds securities of the Fund that have an acquisition cost of not less than \$150,000 or a net asset value of not less than \$150,000.

We may in our discretion, refuse to accept your subscription to purchase units even if you provide us with the documentation and information prior to the deadline listed above. For example, we may refuse your subscription if we do not believe an investment in the Fund is appropriate for you. We may also close the Fund to new investors from time to time. If we have decided not to accept your subscription, we will notify you of our decision within five business days of receiving the required documentation and information from you.

## CERTAIN CANADIAN FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The following summarizes the principal Canadian federal income tax considerations as of the date hereof generally applicable to the Fund and to an individual unitholder (other than a trust) who acquires units under this offering memorandum and who, for the purposes of the Income Tax Act (Canada) (“**Tax Act**”), is resident in Canada and holds units of the Fund as capital property. This summary is based on the current provisions of the Tax Act and the regulations made under the Tax Act (the “**Regulations**”), specific proposals to amend the Tax Act and the Regulations that have been publicly announced by the Minister of Finance (Canada) prior to the date hereof, and counsel’s understanding of the published administrative practices and assessing policies of the Canada Revenue Agency. This summary does not take into account or anticipate any other changes in law whether by legislative, regulatory, administrative or judicial action. This summary is not exhaustive of all possible federal income tax considerations and does not deal with foreign or provincial income tax legislation or considerations. This summary assumes that the Fund will qualify as a “mutual fund trust” under the Tax Act throughout its current taxation year and at all times thereafter, Maxam expects that the Fund will so qualify.

**This summary is of a general nature only and is not intended to constitute legal or tax advice to any particular investor. You should consult your own professional advisors to obtain advice on the income tax consequences that apply to you.**

## **Taxation of the Fund**

Generally, the Fund is subject to tax under Part I of the Tax Act on its taxable income for each year (including taxable capital gains), less the portion thereof that is paid or payable to unitholders in the year. Provided that, in each year, the Fund distributes to unitholders sufficient of its net income and net realized capital gains, it will not be liable for tax under Part I of the Tax Act, other than alternative minimum tax. The Fund is not entitled to capital gains refunds under the Tax Act and may be subject to alternative minimum tax. Gains and losses in respect of short sales and investments in derivatives will generally be on income account, rather than capital gains and losses. However, if the Fund makes an election under s. 39(4) of the Tax Act, gains and losses on short sales of “Canadian securities” under the Tax Act will be taxed as capital gains and capital losses. In certain circumstances, losses of the Fund may be suspended or restricted under the Tax Act, and therefore would not be available to shelter capital gains or income.

All of the Fund’s deductible expenses, including expenses common to all series and expenses specific to a particular series will be taken into account in determining the income or loss of the Fund as a whole.

## **Taxation of Unitholders**

A unitholder of the Fund must include in computing his or her income for tax purposes the amount of the net income and the taxable portion of the net realized capital gains paid or payable to him or her in the year by the Fund. A unitholder must include such distributions in income whether they are paid in cash or they are reinvested in additional units of the Fund. Provided that the Fund makes the appropriate designations, to the extent permitted under the Tax Act, the amount of any net taxable capital gains, taxable dividends received on shares of taxable Canadian corporations and foreign source income of the Fund that is paid or payable to a unitholder will effectively retain its character in the hands of the unitholder for tax purposes. An enhanced dividend tax credit is available for certain eligible dividends from Canadian corporations. When a unitholder acquires units of the Fund, the net asset value of the units may reflect amounts on account of accrued but undistributed income, realized but undistributed capital gains, and accrued but unrealized capital gains. When these amounts are distributed to unitholders, they must be included in the unitholder’s income even though they accrued to the Fund or were realized by the Fund prior to the time that the unitholder acquired units of the Fund.

To the extent that distributions to a unitholder by the Fund in a year exceed the unitholder’s share of the net income and net realized capital gains of the Fund for the year, those distributions (except to the extent that they are proceeds of disposition) will be a return of capital and will not be taxable to the unitholder but will reduce the adjusted cost base of the unitholder’s units in the Fund. Where the adjusted cost base of units in the Fund is reduced to less than zero the unitholder will be deemed to have realized a capital gain equal to the negative amounts and the adjusted cost base of the units will be credited to nil.

Management fees and performance fees paid by holders of Series I units will not be deductible for tax purposes.

Upon a disposition of a unit (including a deemed disposition and a redemption), the unitholder will realize a capital gain (or a capital loss) to the extent that the proceeds of disposition, less any costs of disposition, are greater (or less) than the adjusted cost base to the unitholder of the unit. Generally one-half of a capital gain is included in determining a unitholder’s income. A redesignation of units of one series or sub-series as units of another series should not result in a disposition of the redesignated units for these purposes.

Under the alternative minimum tax provisions of the Tax Act, capital gains realized, and Canadian dividends received, by an individual may give rise to a liability for minimum tax.

## Registered Plans

The Fund currently qualifies as a “mutual fund trust” under the Tax Act. Provided that the Fund continues to qualify as a “mutual fund trust” under the Tax Act at all material times, units will be “qualified investments” under the Tax Act for RRSPs, RRIFs, DPSPs, RESPs, RDSPs and TFSAs. Annuitants of RRSPs and RRIFs, and holders of TFSAs and RDSPs, and subscribers of RESPs, should consult with their own tax advisors as to whether units of the Fund would constitute a “prohibited investment” under the Tax Act in their particular circumstances.

## Tax Information Reporting

Pursuant to the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Enhanced Exchange of Tax Information under the Canada-United States Tax Convention entered into between Canada and the U.S. on February 5, 2014 (the “IGA”), and related Canadian legislation, the Fund and/or registered dealers are required to report certain information with respect to unitholders who are U.S. residents and U.S. citizens (including U.S. citizens who are residents or citizens of Canada), and certain other “U.S. Persons” as defined under the IGA (excluding registered plans such as RRSPs), to the Canada Revenue Agency. It is expected that the Canada Revenue Agency will then exchange the information with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

In addition, to meet the objectives of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Common Repository Standard (“CRS”), the Fund and/or registered dealers are required under Canadian legislation to identify and report to the CRA certain information relating to certain unitholders in the Fund (excluding certain registered plans such as RRSPs) who are resident in a country outside of Canada and the U.S. The CRA is expected to provide that information to the tax authorities of the relevant jurisdiction that has adopted the CRS.

## COMPENSATION PAID TO SELLERS AND FINDERS

Units may be distributed by registered dealers. We will provide the compensation described below to authorized dealers, salespersons of authorized dealers, and other persons involved in the sale of units of the Fund.

### Sales Commission

#### *Series A units*

Series A units are available to investors that purchase units directly from Maxam or through registered dealers. The management and performance fees paid to us with respect to Series A units are described in the section called *Management of the Fund – Fees*. You may also be required to pay a fee if you redeem your Series A units early. You will not be charged a commission or fee by us or by your dealer when you acquire your Series A units.

#### *Series B units*

Series B units are available to investors that purchase units through authorized dealers (but not through us). The management and performance fees paid to us with respect to Series B units are described in the section called *Management of the Fund – Fees*. See the section called *Description of Units – Redemption of Units*.

Sales Charge Option – Registered dealers may, at their discretion, charge purchasers a front-end commission of up to 5% of the net asset value of Series B units purchased (the “**Sales Charge Option**”). Any such fee will be negotiated between the dealer and the purchaser and will be payable by the purchaser to the dealer. The sales charge is deducted from the amount you invest in Series B units of the Fund and only the net amount is invested. No fee is payable when you redeem Series B units purchased under the

Sales Charge Option, except with respect to Short Term Trading Fees as described in the section called *Description of Units – Redemption of Units – Short Term Trading Fee*. See the section called *Compensation Paid to Sellers and Finders – Sales Commission*.

### *Series C units*

Series C units are available to investors that purchase units through authorized dealers (but not through us). The management and performance fees paid to us with respect to Series C units are described in the section called *Management of the Fund – Fees*. See the section called *Description of Units – Redemption of Units*.

Sales Charge Option – Registered dealers may, at their discretion, charge purchasers a front-end commission of up to 5% of the net asset value of Series C units purchased (the “**Sales Charge Option**”). Any such fee will be negotiated between the dealer and the purchaser and will be payable by the purchaser to the dealer. The sales charge is deducted from the amount you invest in Series C units of the Fund and only the net amount is invested. No fee is payable when you redeem Series C units purchased under the Sales Charge Option, except with respect to Short Term Trading Fees as described in the section called *Description of Units – Redemption of Units – Short Term Trading Fee*. See the section called *Compensation Paid to Sellers and Finders – Sales Commission*.

### *Series F, I and M units*

There are no sales commissions with respect to Series F, Series I and Series M units (other than those that may be negotiated with us for Series I or Series M units).

### **Service Fee**

We may pay a service fee (sometimes also referred to as a “**trailer fee**”) to authorized dealers with client assets invested in the Fund of not less than a minimum amount determined by us or that meet other conditions established by us. A service fee is paid to authorized dealers for ongoing advice and service provided by the dealer to their clients who have invested in the Fund. Service fees are paid by us and not by the Fund.

Service fees will be based on the aggregate value of the clients’ investments in the Fund at the end of each month equal to 1/12 of 1% of the net asset value of the Series B and Series C units held by the clients on the last business day of that month. Service fees will be paid to authorized dealers on a quarterly basis. No service fees are paid for Series A, Series F, Series I or Series M units. We may modify or discontinue the service fees at any time.

### **Other Fees**

We reserve the right to appoint one or more agents to sell Series A, Series B, Series C, Series F and Series M units offered hereunder and to pay commissions or other fees to such agents in connection with the purchase of Series A, Series B, Series C, Series F and Series M units. See the section called *Compensation Paid to Sellers and Finders – Sales Commission*.

In addition, we may from time to time elect to share with certain authorized dealers up to 20% of our performance fee in respect of units of the Fund held by clients of the dealers. This portion of the performance fee would be paid annually, semi-annually or quarterly, at the discretion of the Manager, based on the aggregate net asset value of units held by clients of the applicable dealer at the end of the applicable period, as long as the applicable dealer’s aggregate client assets meet a minimum threshold established by us.

The purpose of sharing performance fees is to ensure that the Manager, dealers and investors all have a common interest in the Fund performing well. We may modify or discontinue the sharing of performance fees at any time.

## **RISK FACTORS**

The purchase of units involves a number of significant risk factors. In addition to the factors set forth elsewhere in this Offering Memorandum, you should consider the following:

### *No assurance*

There is no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective.

### *Net asset value fluctuation*

The net asset value of the Fund will fluctuate with changes in the market value of the Fund's investments. These changes in market value may occur as the result of various factors, including general economic and market conditions, international currency fluctuations and international developments. Accordingly, the net asset value per unit at any valuation date may be more or less than your original purchase price.

### *Dependence on Maxam and Travis Dowle*

The Fund relies upon the good faith and expertise of Maxam in providing investment advice and other services to the Fund. Travis Dowle is primarily responsible for providing investment advice to the Fund on behalf of Maxam. If for any reason Mr. Dowle is unable or unwilling to provide investment advice to the Fund, there could be significant adverse consequences to the Fund.

### *Lack of portfolio diversification and liquidity*

The Fund's portfolio will not necessarily be widely diversified. As a consequence, the portfolio of the Fund may be subject to more rapid change in value than if the Fund were required to maintain a wide diversification among companies, securities and types of securities. In addition, by reason of the Fund's investment strategies and policies, the Fund's portfolio may include a significant number of securities that are not actively and widely traded or which are subject to transfer restrictions or for which there is no market. Consequently, it may be relatively difficult for the Fund to dispose of investments rapidly at favourable prices, in connection with redemption requests, adverse market developments or other factors. The sale of such investments may also be subject to delays and additional costs and may only be possible at substantial discounts. The securities of small or medium-sized companies in which the Fund may invest may involve greater risks than the securities of larger, better known companies. The Fund's investment policies permit certain investment techniques, such as concentration of investments in a small number of companies or sectors, borrowing funds for investment purposes, short selling, trading in futures or option writing, which may entail increased risks. Only persons who are willing to bear such risks should consider an investment in the Fund.

### *Concentration of individual investment positions*

The Fund may, at times, invest as much as 15% of its total assets in a single investment with the result that a loss on such investment could have a material impact on the value of the Fund's assets. See the section above called *Investment Objective, Strategies, Policies and Restrictions – Investment Policies and Restrictions*.

### *Valuation of the Fund's investments*

The net asset value of the units will vary directly with the market value and return of the investment portfolio of the Fund. The valuation of portfolio securities and other investments of the Fund may involve uncertainties and judgmental determinations and, if such valuations should prove to be incorrect, the net asset value of the Fund and its units could be adversely affected. Independent pricing information may not at times be available regarding certain of the Fund's securities and other investments. Valuation determinations will be made in good faith in accordance with the Trust Agreement. See the section above called *Summary of the Trust Agreement – Net Asset Value*.

Although the Fund generally will invest in exchange-traded and liquid over-the-counter securities, the Fund may from time to time have some of its assets in investments that by their very nature may be extremely difficult to value accurately. To the extent that the value assigned by the Fund to any such investment differs from the actual value, the net asset value per unit may be understated or overstated, as the case may be. In light of the foregoing, there is a risk that if you redeem all or part of your units while the Fund holds such investments, you will be paid an amount less than you might have been paid if the actual value of such investments is higher than the value designated by the Fund. Similarly, there is a risk that an investor might, in effect, be overpaid if the actual value of the investor's investments is lower than the value designated by the Fund in respect of a redemption. In addition, there is a risk that an investment in the Fund by a new investor (or an additional investment by an existing unitholder) could dilute the value of your investment if the actual value of such investments is higher than the value designated by the Fund. Further, there is a risk that a new unitholder (or an existing unitholder that makes an additional investment) could pay more than it might otherwise if the actual value of such investments is lower than the value designated by the Fund. We do not intend to adjust the net asset value of the Fund retroactively.

### *Series risk*

The Fund has different series of units. If the Fund cannot pay the fees and expenses attributable to one series of units using the proportionate share of the Fund's assets attributable to that series, the Fund will be required to pay those fees and expenses out of one or more of the other series' proportionate share of the Fund's assets. This may reduce the value of your investment in the Fund.

### *Illiquidity of units*

Because units are not generally transferable, an investment in the Fund is a relatively illiquid investment and involves a high degree of risk. The units are issued pursuant to exemptions from the prospectus and registration requirements under applicable securities laws, and any disposition of units will require compliance with those laws. You may be able to dispose of your units only through redemption, and you must bear the risk of any decline in the value of the units during the period from the date a notice of redemption is given by you until the redemption date. In addition, the transfer of units may result in adverse tax consequences to you. See the section above called *Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations*. You should only purchase units if you are able to maintain your investment and can afford the risk of loss associated with an investment in the Fund.

### *Redemptions may force early liquidation of investment positions*

In order to pay the redemption price for unitholders who redeem their units, we may be required to liquidate investments earlier than we might otherwise choose. These liquidations may cause the Fund to incur losses and could substantially reduce the net asset value of the Fund if numerous redemptions are made at the same time. If one or more unitholders hold units representing a large portion of the net assets of the Fund, redemptions by such unitholders could have a material adverse effect on the Fund. Such asset liquidation may also trigger tax consequences, such as the characterization of certain profits as ordinary income or losses rather than as capital gains or capital losses.

### *Performance fee*

The performance fee may provide us with an incentive to make investments that are riskier or more speculative than if there were no performance fee. Since the performance fee is calculated on a basis that includes both realized and unrealized appreciation of the Fund's assets, the fee may be greater than if it were based solely on realized gains. In addition, the ordinary income of the Fund (including dividends and interest received) is included in the calculation of the fee. See the section above called *Management of the Fund – Fees*.

### *Derivatives risk*

The Fund will invest in and use derivative instruments for hedging and non-hedging purposes to the extent we consider appropriate. Derivatives are types of investments the value of which is based on, or derived from, the value or performance of another investment, such as a security, a currency, a commodity or a market index. There are many types of derivatives, including options, futures and forward contracts.

Investment funds often invest in derivatives to reduce the risks associated with other investments or to help offset losses on other investments. The use of derivatives in this way is referred to as "hedging". Investment funds may also use derivatives for other reasons, including helping to achieve their investment objectives, increasing returns, reducing the transaction costs associated with direct investments and positioning the funds to profit from declining markets. Although the use of derivatives for hedging or other purposes can be effective, derivatives also have certain risks.

Here are some of the most common risks:

- There is no guarantee that the use of derivatives for hedging will be effective.
- Hedging does not prevent changes in the market value of the investments in a Fund's portfolio or prevent losses if the market value of the investments falls.
- Hedging can prevent the Fund from making a gain if the value of the underlying security, currency, commodity or market index rises, or if interest rates fall.
- The Fund might not be able to place a hedge if other investors are expecting the same change.
- There is no guarantee that the Fund will be able to buy or sell a derivative to make a profit or limit a loss.
- There is no guarantee that the other party to a derivative contract will meet its obligations.
- Derivatives traded on foreign markets may be less liquid and have greater credit risk than similar derivatives traded on North American markets.
- Exchanges set daily trading limits on options and futures contracts, and these limits could prevent the Fund from completing a contract.

### *Leverage risk*

The Fund may leverage its investment positions by borrowing funds. Leverage increases both the possibility for profit and the risk of loss on any investment position.

### *Foreign investment risk*

The Fund may choose to invest a portion of its capital in foreign securities. As a result, income or losses may be affected by fluctuations in the rates of exchange between the Canadian dollar and the foreign currencies of the countries in which the Fund holds investments. We may or may not hedge the currency risks for significant investment transactions denominated in currencies other than Canadian dollars.

The values of foreign investments are affected by changes in currency rates or exchange control regulations, application of foreign tax laws, including withholding taxes, changes in governmental administration or economic or monetary policy (in Canada or abroad) or changed circumstances in dealings between nations. Costs are incurred in connection with conversions between various currencies. In addition, foreign brokerage commissions are generally higher than in Canada, and foreign securities markets may be less liquid, more volatile and less subject to governmental supervision than in Canada. Investments in foreign countries could be affected by other factors not present in Canada, including expropriation, confiscatory taxation, lack of uniform accounting and auditing standards, and potential difficulties in enforcing contractual obligations, and could be subject to extended settlement periods.

### *Conflicts of interest*

Situations may arise in which the activities of Maxam's directors, officers and their affiliates on behalf of other clients may disadvantage the Fund, such as the inability of the market to fully absorb orders for the purchase or sale of particular investments placed for the Fund and other managed accounts at prices and in quantities which would be obtainable if the same were being placed only for the Fund. Important disclosure required under applicable securities laws is contained in our Disclosure regarding Conflicts of Interest, a copy of which is included on page D-1 and will be attached to the subscription agreement provided to each investor.

### *Allocation of investment opportunities*

We may advise multiple funds. Whether this is the case, the size and mandate of funds may differ and the portfolios may not be identical. As a consequence, we may purchase or sell a security for one account prior to other accounts. This could occur, for example, as a result of the specific investment objectives of the account, different cash resources arising from contributions or withdrawals, or the purchase of a small position to assess the overall investment desirability of a security. If the availability of any particular security is limited and that security is appropriate for the investment objective of one or more other accounts, any purchase of that security will be allocated on an equitable basis in accordance with our Trade Allocation Policy. You may request a copy of this policy by contacting us at the address, numbers or e-mail address set out above in the section called *The Fund*.

### *Absence of regulatory oversight*

As the Fund will only offer units by way of private placement, its activities will not be governed by National Instrument 81-102 *Investment Funds* of the Canadian Securities Administrators, which regulates the activities of mutual funds which have offered securities to the public pursuant to a prospectus.

### *Securities of companies in reorganization*

If the restructuring of any company in reorganization does not succeed, the value of the assets by which that company's securities may be secured may not be great enough to repay the purchase price paid by the Fund for those securities.

### *No independent management*

The Fund does not have independent management and will be relying on us for the day-to-day management and operations of the Fund, and to advise on the purchase and sale of securities for the Fund. We may have conflicts of interest in allocating management time, services and functions among the Fund and any other funds and portfolios which we organize, or provide management services to, as well as other business ventures in which we are or may become involved. Further, our officers and directors will devote only such time to the affairs of the Fund as they, within their sole discretion, exercised in good faith, determine to be necessary to carry out their obligations to the Fund.

### *Personal trading*

Maxam and Travis Dowle may personally invest in the same securities as those invested in by the Fund. If this occurs, there may be a conflict between Maxam's and Mr. Dowle's interests and the interests of the Fund in terms of the timing of trades and the availability of investments. If such situations arise, Maxam and Mr. Dowle will be governed by our Personal Trading Policy. You may request a copy of this policy by contacting us at the address, numbers or e-mail address set out above in the section called *The Fund*.

### *Shareholder activism*

From time to time we identify issuers with features that, in our opinion, depress the fundamental value of the issuer and its securities. In such circumstances, we may take a position in that issuer, sometimes a material position, and may initiate or work with other key shareholders in initiating corporate change. Although we will act prudently and in accordance with applicable laws, such shareholder activism opens Maxam, and possibly the Fund and other funds and managed accounts on whose behalf we act, to certain risks, including the risk of litigation by existing management or other shareholders, the risk that trading in such issuers' securities may become suspended, and the risk that the Fund's investment in such issuers will be treated as part of a larger control block and subject to statutory restrictions on liquidity.

### *Selection of dealers*

We have pre-existing relationships with certain dealers. It is possible that we may be biased in our selection of dealers based on these past relationships, or by certain incentives offered by some dealers. This may result in the commissions paid by the Fund being somewhat higher than those that might be charged by different dealers. However, we will endeavour to select dealers to execute trades on behalf of the Fund based on their quality of research and ability to execute trades.

### *Lack of focus on ordinary income*

Any interest and dividends earned by the Fund on its investments will be incidental to the accomplishment of its primary investment objectives. All income and capital gains distributions will be reinvested. An investment in the Fund is not suitable for unitholders seeking current returns for financial or tax-planning purposes, and should be considered only by persons who are financially able to maintain their investment in the Fund over an extended period.

### *Income trust risk*

Income trusts generally hold debt and/or equity securities of an underlying active business or are entitled to receive a royalty on revenues generated by such a business. To the extent that an underlying business is susceptible to industry risks, interest rate fluctuations, commodity prices and other economic factors, investment returns from an income trust may be similarly affected. Although distributions and returns are neither fixed nor guaranteed, income trusts are structured in part to provide a constant stream of income to investors. As a result, an investment in an income trust may be subject to interest rate risk. There is also a

remote risk that where claims against an income trust are not satisfied by that trust, investors in that trust could be held liable for any outstanding obligations.

### *Lack of separate counsel*

Legal counsel for the Fund in connection with this offering is also counsel to Maxam. Neither the unitholders, as a group, nor the holders of any series of units have been represented by separate counsel. Counsel for the Fund and Maxam does not purport to have acted for the unitholders or the holders of any series of units or to have conducted any investigation or review on their behalf.

### *Tax risk*

If the Fund experiences a “loss restriction event” (i) the Fund will be deemed to have a year-end for tax purposes, and (ii) the Fund 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 their ability to carry forward losses. Generally, the Fund could be subject to a loss restriction event when a person becomes a “majority-interest beneficiary” of the Fund, or a group of persons becomes a “majority-interest group of beneficiaries” of the Fund, as those terms are defined in the affiliated persons rules contained in the Tax Act, with appropriate modifications. Generally, a majority-interest beneficiary of the Fund will be a beneficiary who, together with the beneficial interests of persons and partnerships with whom the beneficiary is affiliated, has a fair market value that is greater than 50% of the fair market value of all interest in the income or capital, respectively, in the Fund. Amendments to the rules have been proposed which would effectively make the rules inapplicable to the Fund provided that it adheres to certain investment restrictions.

### *Cyber security risk*

As the use of technology has become more prevalent in the course of business, the Fund has become potentially more susceptible to operational risks through breaches in cyber security. A breach in cyber security refers to both intentional and unintentional events that may cause the Fund to lose proprietary information or other information subject to privacy laws, suffer data corruption, or lose operational capacity. This in turn could cause the Fund to incur regulatory penalties, reputational damage, additional compliance costs associated with corrective measures, and/or financial loss. Cyber security breaches may involve unauthorized access to the Fund’s digital information systems (e.g., through “hacking” or malicious software coding), but may also result from outside attacks such as denial-of-service attacks (i.e., efforts to make network services unavailable to intended users). In addition, cyber security breaches of the Fund’s third party service providers (e.g., administrators, transfer agents, custodians and sub-advisers) or of issuers the Fund invests in can also subject the Fund to many of the same risks associated with direct cyber security breaches. Like with operational risk in general, the Fund has established risk management systems designed to reduce the risks associated with cyber security. However, there is no guarantee that such efforts will succeed, especially since the Fund does not directly control the cyber security systems of issuers or third party service providers.

## **REPORTING OBLIGATIONS TO UNITHOLDERS**

The Fund is not a “reporting issuer” under applicable securities laws and the continuous reporting requirements under those laws, including those contained in National Instrument 81-106 *Investment Fund Continuous Disclosure*, do not apply to the Fund. Certain information relating to the Fund is available from the British Columbia Securities Commission website at [www.bcsc.bc.ca](http://www.bcsc.bc.ca). Copies of other public disclosure documents of the Fund will be available on the internet at [www.SEDAR.com](http://www.SEDAR.com), if, as and when the Fund becomes a reporting issuer.

## Financial Statements

As a Unitholder of the Fund, upon request you will be entitled to receive copies of the Fund's audited annual financial statements and unaudited interim financial statements for the first six months of each fiscal year of the Fund. The annual audited financial statements are expected to be available to unitholders within 120 days of the end of each fiscal year and the semi-annual unaudited financial statements are expected to be available to unitholders within 60 days of the end of the interim period. The Fund's fiscal year end is currently December 31<sup>st</sup>.

## Income Tax Statements

On or before March 31<sup>st</sup> each year, we will provide you with the information you require regarding distributions and allocations to your units during the previous year in order to complete your income tax return for that year.

## RESALE RESTRICTIONS

We are required to advise you that units are subject to a number of resale restrictions, including a restriction on trading. Until the restriction on trading expires, you will not be able to trade the securities unless you comply with an exemption from the prospectus and registration requirements under securities legislation. **However, we note that securities legislation in Canada does contain exemptions that will permit you to redeem your units.** See the section above called *Description of Units – Redemption of Units*.

Unless permitted under securities legislation, you cannot trade units before the date that is four months and a day after the date that the Fund becomes a reporting issuer in any province or territory of Canada. For trades in Manitoba, unless permitted under securities legislation, you must not trade in the securities without the prior written consent of the regulator in Manitoba unless (a) the Fund has filed a prospectus with the regulator in Manitoba with respect to the securities you have purchased and the regulator in Manitoba has issued a receipt for that prospectus; or (b) you have held the securities for at least 12 months. The regulator in Manitoba will consent to your trade if the regulator is of the opinion that to do so is not prejudicial to the public interest. Again, we note that securities legislation will permit you to redeem your units. See the section above called *Description of Units – Redemption of Units*.

## PURCHASERS' RIGHTS

The securities laws in your jurisdiction may provide you with the right, in certain circumstances, to seek damages or to cancel your agreement to buy units. Most often, these rights are available if we make a misrepresentation in this Offering Memorandum, but in some jurisdictions, you may have these rights in other circumstances including if we fail to deliver the Offering Memorandum to you within the required time or if we make a misrepresentation in any advertisements or sales literature regarding units. Generally, a "misrepresentation" means an untrue statement about a material fact or the failure to disclose a material fact that is required to be stated or that is necessary in order to make a statement not misleading in light of the circumstances in which it was made. The meaning of "misrepresentation" may differ slightly depending on the law in your jurisdiction. In most jurisdictions there are defences available to the persons or companies that you may have a right to sue. In particular, in many jurisdictions, the person or company that you sue, will not be liable if you knew of the misrepresentation when you purchased the securities.

If you purchase 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 All Investors**

You can cancel your agreement to purchase these units. To do so, you must send a notice to us by midnight on the second business day after you sign the agreement to buy the units.

### **Investors in Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia**

#### ***Statutory rights in the event of a misrepresentation***

In addition to any other right or remedy available to you at law, if there is a misrepresentation in this Offering Memorandum, you have a statutory right to sue:

- (a) to cancel your agreement to buy these units; or
- (b) for damages against the Fund and for damages against us, every person who was a director of Maxam at the date of this Offering Memorandum and any other person who signed this Offering Memorandum.

This statutory right to sue is available to you whether or not you relied on the misrepresentation. If you choose to rescind your purchase, you cannot then sue for damages. In addition, in an action for damages, the defendant will not be liable for all or any portion of damages that it proves do not represent the depreciation in value of your units as a result of the misrepresentation. Furthermore, the amount recoverable in an action for damages will not exceed the price at which the units were offered. There are various defences available to the persons or companies that you have a right to sue. For example, they have a defence if you knew of the misrepresentation when you purchased the securities.

In each jurisdiction, defendants will not be liable for a misrepresentation in forward-looking information if the Fund proves that:

- (a) this 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
- (b) the Fund has a reasonable basis for drawing the conclusion or making the forecasts and projections set out in the forward-looking information.

#### ***Time limitations***

If you intend to rely on the rights described above in paragraph (a) or (b), you must do so within strict time limitations.

In Alberta, British Columbia, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia, you must commence your action to cancel the agreement within 180 days after the transaction or commence your action for damages within the earlier of: (i) 180 days after learning of the misrepresentation, or (ii) three years after the transaction.

In Manitoba, you must commence your action to cancel the agreement within 180 days after the transaction or commence your action for damages within the earlier of: (i) 180 days after learning of the misrepresentation, or (ii) two years after the day of the transaction.

## **Investors in New Brunswick and Ontario**

### ***Statutory rights in the event of a misrepresentation***

In addition to any other right or remedy available to you at law, if there is a misrepresentation in this Offering Memorandum, you have a statutory right to:

- (a) cancel your agreement to buy these units; or
- (b) sue for damages against the Fund and a selling security holder on whose behalf the distribution is made.

This statutory right to sue is available to you whether or not you relied on the misrepresentation. If you choose to rescind your purchase, you cannot then sue for damages. In addition, in an action for damages, the defendant will not be liable for all or any portion of damages that it proves do not represent the depreciation in value of your units as a result of the misrepresentation. Furthermore, the amount recoverable in an action for damages will not exceed the price at which the units were offered. There are various defences available to the persons or companies that you have a right to sue. For example, they have a defence if they prove that you knew of the misrepresentation when you purchased the units.

The defendant will not be liable for a misrepresentation in forward-looking information if the Fund proves that:

- (a) this Offering Memorandum contains, proximate to the forward-looking 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 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
- (b) the Fund has a reasonable basis for drawing the conclusion or making the forecasts and projections set out in the forward-looking information.

### ***Time limitations***

If you intend to rely on the rights described above paragraph (a) or (b), you must do so within strict time limitations.

In New Brunswick, you must commence your action to cancel the agreement within 180 days after the transaction or commence your action for damages within the earlier of: (i) one year after you knew of the misrepresentation, or (ii) six years after the transaction.

In Ontario, you must commence your action to cancel the agreement to purchase units within 180 days after you signed the agreement to purchase the units or commence your action for damages within the earlier of: (i) 180 days after learning of the misrepresentation, or (ii) three years after you signed the agreement to purchase the units.

## **Investors in Newfoundland and Labrador, Northwest Territories, Nunavut and the Yukon Territory**

### ***Statutory rights in the event of a misrepresentation***

In addition to any other right or remedy available to you at law, if there is a misrepresentation in this Offering Memorandum, you have a statutory right to sue:

- (a) to cancel your agreement to buy these units; or
- (b) for damages against the Fund, Maxam, every person who was a director of Maxam at the date of this Offering Memorandum, any other person who signed this Offering Memorandum and (other than in Newfoundland and Labrador) a selling security holder on whose behalf the distribution is made.

This statutory right to sue is available to you whether or not you relied on the misrepresentation. If you choose to rescind your purchase, you cannot then sue for damages. In addition, in an action for damages, the defendant will not be liable for all or any portion of damages that it proves do not represent the depreciation in value of your units as a result of the misrepresentation. Furthermore, the amount recoverable in an action for damages will not exceed the price at which the units were offered. There are various defences available to the Fund should you exercise a right to sue. For example, it has a defence if you knew of the misrepresentation when you purchased the units.

The defendant will not be liable for a misrepresentation in forward-looking information if the Fund proves that:

- (a) this 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
- (b) the Fund has a reasonable basis for drawing the conclusion or making the forecasts and projections set out in the forward-looking information.

### ***Time limitations***

If you intend to rely on the rights described above paragraph (a) or (b), you must do so within strict time limitations.

In each of Newfoundland and Labrador, Northwest Territories, Nunavut and the Yukon Territory, you must commence your action to rescind your agreement to purchase units within 180 days after you signed the agreement to purchase the units or commence your action for damages within the earlier of: (i) 180 days after learning of the misrepresentation, or (ii) three years after the transaction.

### **Investors in Saskatchewan**

#### ***Statutory rights in the event of a misrepresentation***

In addition to any other right or remedy available to you at law, if there is a misrepresentation in this Offering Memorandum together with any amendments to the Offering Memorandum, you have a statutory right to:

- (a) to cancel your agreement to buy these units; or
- (b) sue for damages against the Fund, Maxam (or any other “promoter” of the Fund), any director of Maxam (who was a director at the time the Offering Memorandum was delivered to you), any person who signed the Offering Memorandum, any person or company that sold units to you under this Offering Memorandum on behalf of the Fund or any selling security holder on whose behalf the distribution is made.

This statutory right to sue is available to you whether or not you relied on the misrepresentation. If you choose to rescind your purchase, you cannot then sue for damages. In addition, in an action for damages,

the defendant will not be liable for all or any portion of damages that it proves do not represent the depreciation in value of your units as a result of the misrepresentation. Furthermore, the amount recoverable in an action for damages will not exceed the price at which the units were offered.

***Statutory rights regarding advertising and sales literature***

If there is a misrepresentation in any “advertising” or “sales literature” (as defined in *The Securities Act, 1988* (Saskatchewan)) that is disseminated in connection with your purchase of securities and it was a misrepresentation at the time you purchased your units, you will be deemed to have relied on that misrepresentation and you will have a right to sue the Fund, Maxam (or any other “promoter” of the Fund), any director of Maxam (who was a director at the time the advertisement or sales literature was disseminated) and any person who, at the time the advertisement or sales literature was disseminated, was selling securities on behalf of the Fund, or, if you still own your units, and you purchased your units directly from the Fund, you can elect to cancel your agreement instead of suing for damages.

If there is a misrepresentation in a verbal statement made to you about units of the Fund either before or at the time that you purchased your units and it was a misrepresentation at the time you purchased your units, you will be deemed to have relied on the misrepresentation and you will have a right to sue the person who made the statement to you for damages.

There are various defences available to the persons or companies that you have a right to sue. For example, they have a defence if you knew of the misrepresentation when you purchased the units.

***Statutory rights for failure to deliver the offering memorandum***

If you reside in Saskatchewan and you do not receive a copy of this Offering Memorandum before you sign your subscription agreement, you have a right to sue for damages, or if you still own your units, you can choose to cancel your agreement instead of suing for damages.

***Statutory rights if vendor not entitled to trade***

If you reside in Saskatchewan and the person or company who sells you your units is selling in contravention of securities laws of Saskatchewan or in contravention of an order of the Saskatchewan Financial Services Commission, you may choose to void your contract or to recover all the money paid by you for your units.

***Time limitations***

If you intend to rely on the rights described above paragraph (a) or (b), you must do so within strict time limitations.

In Saskatchewan, you must commence an action to cancel your agreement not more than 180 days after the day you purchased your units or commence your action for damages within the earlier of: (i) one year from the date that you had knowledge of the facts giving rise to the cause of action; and (ii) six years after the transaction.

## **Investors in Québec**

### ***Statutory rights in the event of a misrepresentation***

In addition to any other right or remedy available to you at law, if there is a misrepresentation in this Offering Memorandum together with any amendments to the Offering Memorandum, and regardless of whether you relied on this misrepresentation in making your purchase decision, you have a statutory right to:

- (a) a right of action against the Fund to cancel the purchase contract or revision of the price at which the units were sold to you; or
- (b) a right of action for damages against the Fund, every officer and director of Maxam, the dealer (if any) under contract to the Fund and any expert whose opinion, containing a misrepresentation, appeared with the expert's consent in this Offering Memorandum.

This statutory right to sue will be available to you whether or not you have relied on the misrepresentation. If you choose to rescind your purchase, such a choice is not prejudicial to any claim of damages. There are also various defences available to the Fund and other defendant parties should you exercise a right to sue. Specifically, no person or company will be liable to you if it proves that you purchased the units with knowledge of the misrepresentation, nor if that person or company acted prudently and diligently (except in an action brought against the Fund).

In addition, the defendant will not be liable for a misrepresentation in forward-looking information if the defendant proves that:

- (a) this Offering Memorandum contains, proximate to the forward-looking 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 material factors or assumptions that were applied in drawing a conclusion or making a forecast or projection; and
- (b) there was a reasonable basis for drawing the conclusion or making the forecasts and projections set out in the forward-looking information.

### ***Time limitations***

If you intend to rely on the rights described above, you will have to do so within strict time limitations.

In Québec, you will have to commence an action to cancel the agreement or revise the price within three years after the date of the purchase. You will have to commence an action for damages within the earlier of (i) three years after you first had knowledge of the facts giving rise to the cause of action (except on proof of tardy knowledge imputable to your negligence) or (ii) five years after the filing of this Offering Memorandum with the *Autorité des marchés financiers*.

## DISCLOSURE REGARDING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

### General

Under certain circumstances, we may deal with or for you in securities transactions where the issuer of the securities or the party to the transaction is a firm or a party having an ownership or business relationship with us. We recognize that these transactions may create a conflict between our interests and yours, and believe that it is important that you are fully informed regarding the circumstances in which we may enter into them. In addition, we are required by Canadian securities laws to take reasonable steps to identify and respond to existing and potential material conflicts of interest, and in certain circumstances, to provide you with certain information regarding these conflicts and also to obtain your prior consent before we engage in certain types of transactions. This document contains important information regarding certain of the conflicts of interest that we have identified. Please read it carefully.

### Transactions or Arrangements with Certain Related Parties

In the course of providing services to you, we may from time to time advise you with respect to the purchase or sale of securities from or to, or issued by, persons or companies which are related or connected to us. These transactions and arrangements will give rise to conflicts of interest, and we have adopted policies and procedures to identify and respond to these conflicts. We will only enter into these transactions or arrangements where they are permitted under applicable securities laws and where we believe they are in your best interests in the applicable circumstances.

#### *Role as Manager, Advisor and Dealer for the Maxam Diversified Strategies Fund*

We are the manager and portfolio advisor of the Maxam Diversified Strategies Fund (the “**Fund**”) and we also provide certain management and investment advisory services to Maxam Opportunities II GP Ltd. In relation to the Maxam Opportunities Fund II Limited Partnership (the “**Partnership**”). We are also principally responsible for the sale of units of the Fund and may be considered to be the “promoter” of this Fund for the purposes of applicable securities laws. Our role in managing the business and affairs of the Fund and the Partnership means that they are considered to be connected parties.

Our role in managing, advising and selling units of the Fund and other funds managed by us will inevitably give rise to certain conflicts between our interests and yours. To address this, we will ensure that our relationship to the funds is disclosed to you. Generally, this relationship will be made clear because the word “Maxam” is included in the name of the funds. In addition, to the extent possible, we will assist you in purchasing the securities of the funds through a dealer if that is your preference. Purchasing through a dealer will ensure that you receive independent advice regarding the suitability for you of an investment in the fund.

#### *Relationships with Diversified Royalty Corp., goeasy Ltd. and Premium Brands Holding Corporation*

As at the date hereof, we are a connected party to each of Diversified Royalty Corp. (“**Diversified Royalty**”), goeasy Ltd. (“**goeasy**”) and Premium Brands Holding Corporation (“**Premium Brands**”), each a public company that has its securities listed for trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange. We are considered a connected party to Diversified Royalty because Johnny Ciampi, a Vice President and director of Maxam Capital Management Ltd., is a director of Diversified Royalty, and Sean Morrison, a director of Maxam, is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Diversified Royalty. In addition, we are considered a connected party to each of Premium Brands and goeasy because Johnny is a director of Premium Brands and Sean is a director of goeasy. As at the date hereof, the Maxam Diversified Strategies Fund and the Maxam Opportunities Fund II Limited Partnership each hold securities of Diversified Royalty. In the future, we may, from time to time, purchase or dispose of securities of Diversified Royalty, goeasy and Premium Brands for these funds or other funds we manage.

Johnny and Sean's positions with these companies will give rise to certain conflicts of interest. For example, as a director and officer of these companies, Johnny and Sean may receive material undisclosed information in their capacity as a director or officer of those companies. Any time that Johnny or Sean is in possession of material undisclosed information relating to Diversified Royalty, goeasy or Premium Brands, our funds may be prevented from buying or selling securities of the company until there has been full public disclosure of that information.

We may advise our clients with respect to the purchase or sale of securities of the related and/or connected issuers described above, or other issuers which may, from time to time, become related and/or connected issuers, but only if we are confident that such activities are in the best interests of our clients and are in compliance with all requirements imposed by applicable securities law.

### **Allocation of Investment Opportunities**

We are the portfolio advisor of the Fund and we also provide certain management and investment advisory services in relation to the Limited Partnership. The size and mandate of our funds and other accounts managed by us differs and the portfolios are not identical. As a consequence, we may purchase or sell a security for one account prior to other accounts. This could occur, for example, as a result of the specific investment objectives of the accounts, different cash resources arising from contributions or withdrawals, or the purchase of a small position to assess the overall investment desirability of a security. If the availability of any particular security is limited and that security is appropriate for the investment objective of one or more other accounts, any purchase of that security will be allocated on an equitable basis in accordance with our Policy for Fairness of Allocation of Investments.

### **Code of Ethics**

We have a Code of Ethics, which sets out certain expected standards of conduct of our employees and includes restrictions and controls on outside activities of our employees and on personal trading of our employees. The Code of Ethics is designed to ensure that our employees act in accordance with applicable Canadian securities laws and other applicable laws, that they act in the best interests of Maxam Capital Management Ltd. and our clients, that they avoid actual or potential conflicts of interest, and that they do not engage in personal securities transactions that are prohibited by law, such as insider trading, or that negatively impact our clients.

### **Personal Trading Activities**

Each of our employees, officers and directors put the interests of our clients first, ahead of their own personal self-interests. In particular, any individual who has, or is able to obtain access to, non-public information concerning the portfolio holdings, the trading activities or the ongoing investment programs of our funds, is prohibited from using such information for his or her direct or indirect personal benefit or in a manner which would not be in the best interests of our clients. These individuals also must not use their position to obtain special treatment or investment opportunities not generally available to our clients or the public. These individuals are only allowed to make a personal trade if it falls within our Code of Ethics or if our compliance officer has determined that such trade will not conflict with the best interest of our clients.

### **Outside Activities**

Individuals acting on behalf of us are prohibited from engaging in any outside activity, including acting as a director, which could interfere with the proper discharge of the individual's duties to us.

If you have any questions regarding these matters, please contact us at 604-685-0201.

**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2018**

Financial Statements of

**MAXAM DIVERSIFIED  
STRATEGIES FUND**

Year ended December 31, 2018



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To Unitholders of Maxam Diversified Strategies Fund Ltd.

### ***Opinion***

We have audited the financial statements of Maxam Diversified Strategies Fund Ltd. (the "Fund"), which comprise:

- the statement of financial position as at end of December 31, 2018
- the statement of comprehensive (loss) income for the year then ended
- the statement of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units for the year then ended
- the statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies

(Hereinafter referred to as the "financial statements").

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as at end of December 31, 2018, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

### ***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 "***Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***" section of our auditors' report.

We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada and we have fulfilled our other 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 (IFRS), and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Fund'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 Fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

## ***Auditors' 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 auditors' 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 the 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 Fund'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 Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' 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 auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund 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.
- 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.

*KPMG LLP*

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Chartered Professional Accountants

Vancouver, Canada  
March 20, 2019

# MAXAM DIVERSIFIED STRATEGIES FUND

Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2018, with comparative information for 2017

	Notes	2018	2017
<b>Assets</b>			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents		\$ 17,313,571	\$ 30,682,422
Dividends and interest receivable		83,600	86,438
Subscriptions receivable		395,038	1,437,799
Derivatives (note 8)		245,238	648,130
Investments (note 8)		91,326,778	87,452,153
		<b>109,364,225</b>	<b>120,306,942</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Current liabilities:			
Redemptions payable		369,131	876,629
Management fees payable	4	117,681	131,433
Performance fees payable	4	-	1,466,100
Accrued liabilities and other accounts payable		46,374	12,027
Dividends payable		26,087	14,469
Investments sold short (note 8)		3,422,190	5,307,059
		<b>3,981,463</b>	<b>7,807,717</b>
<b>Net assets</b> , attributable to holders of redeemable units		<b>\$ 105,382,762</b>	<b>\$ 112,499,225</b>
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units by series:			
Series A - Master sub-series	5	\$ 27,482,306	\$ 38,764,785
Series A - January 2018 sub-series		521,818	-
Series A - March 2018 sub-series		148,838	-
Series A - April 2018 sub-series		8,444	-
Series A - May 2018 sub-series		29,833	-
Series A - June 2018 sub-series		217,081	-
Series A - July 2018 sub-series		1,484,771	-
Series A - August 2018 sub-series		19,750	-
Series A - September 2018 sub-series		22,157	-
Series A - October 2018 sub-series		27,879	-
Series A - November 2018 sub-series		24,347	-
Series A - December 2018 sub-series		15,000	-
Series A2 - September 2014 sub-series		4,820,417	5,735,496
Series A2 - April 2015 sub-series		5,635,370	6,705,149
Series B - Master Sub-series		309,890	372,612
Series C		13,824,616	13,679,499
Series F		34,586,176	30,247,569
Series I - May 2016 sub-series		9,164,680	10,906,263
Series I - November 2016 sub-series		3,076,379	3,660,990
Series I - April 2017 sub-series		1,923,031	2,264,553
Series I - October 2018 sub-series		1,865,125	-
Series M		174,854	162,309
		<b>\$ 105,382,762</b>	<b>\$ 112,499,225</b>

# MAXAM DIVERSIFIED STRATEGIES FUND

Statement of Financial Position (continued)

December 31, 2018, with comparative information for 2017

	Notes	2018	2017
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit:			
Series A - Master sub-series	5	\$ 22.93	\$ 27.57
Series A - January 2018 sub-series		8.03	-
Series A - March 2018 sub-series		8.51	-
Series A - April 2018 sub-series		8.44	-
Series A - May 2018 sub-series		8.52	-
Series A - June 2018 sub-series		8.68	-
Series A - July 2018 sub-series		8.94	-
Series A - August 2018 sub-series		8.98	-
Series A - September 2018 sub-series		8.86	-
Series A - October 2018 sub-series		9.29	-
Series A - November 2018 sub-series		9.74	-
Series A - December 2018 sub-series		10.00	-
Series A2 - September 2014 sub-series		11.68	14.04
Series A2 - April 2015 sub-series		10.70	12.86
Series B - Master Sub-series		13.59	16.34
Series C		15.85	19.08
Series F		16.02	19.07
Series I - May 2016 sub-series		11.42	13.44
Series I - November 2016 sub-series		10.72	12.62
Series I - April 2017 sub-series		9.57	11.27
Series I - October 2018 sub-series		9.33	-
Series M		8.94	10.79

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

Approved on behalf of Maxam Capital Management Ltd.:

"Travis Dowle" Director

"Johnny Ciampi" Director

# MAXAM DIVERSIFIED STRATEGIES FUND

Statement of Comprehensive (Loss) Income

Year ended December 31, 2018, with comparative information for 2017

	Notes	2018	2017
Investment income:			
Dividends		\$ 1,136,560	\$ 835,301
Interest income		337,623	116,932
Other income		1,237	1,271
Foreign exchange gain (loss)		8,858	(120,817)
Other changes in fair value of investments:			
Net realized gain on sale of investments		923,138	8,429,076
Net change in unrealized appreciation		(19,851,521)	7,979,616
		(17,444,105)	17,241,379
Expenses:			
Management fees	4	1,463,430	1,224,805
Performance fees	4	4,087	2,146,220
Professional and administration fees		125,695	89,291
Withholding taxes		-	1,151
Dividend expense		143,789	107,511
GST expense		84,414	180,488
		1,821,415	3,749,466
Expenses waived by Manager		(15,295)	(6,666)
		1,806,120	3,742,800
(Decrease) increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units from operations			
		\$ (19,250,225)	\$ 13,498,579
(Decrease) increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units from operations:			
Series A - Master sub-series		\$ (5,900,932)	\$ 4,908,102
Series A - January 2018 sub-series		(128,182)	-
Series A - March 2018 sub-series		(26,162)	-
Series A - April 2018 sub-series		(1,556)	-
Series A - May 2018 sub-series		(17,643)	-
Series A - June 2018 sub-series		(32,919)	-
Series A - July 2018 sub-series		(175,229)	-
Series A - August 2018 sub-series		(2,250)	-
Series A - September 2018 sub-series		(2,843)	-
Series A - October 2018 sub-series		(2,121)	-
Series A - November 2018 sub-series		(653)	-
Series A - December 2018 sub-series		-	-
Series A2 - September 2014 sub-series		(915,079)	818,958
Series A2 - October 2014 sub-series		-	-
Series A2 - April 2015 sub-series		(1,069,778)	956,900
Series B - Master Sub-series		(62,722)	47,779
Series C		(2,816,855)	1,291,613
Series F		(5,400,461)	2,961,107
Series I - May 2016 sub-series		(1,632,871)	1,618,698
Series I - November 2016 sub-series		(548,118)	618,560
Series I - April 2017 sub-series		(341,522)	264,553
Series I - October 2018 sub-series		(134,874)	-
Series M		(37,455)	12,309
		\$ (19,250,225)	\$ 13,498,579

# MAXAM DIVERSIFIED STRATEGIES FUND

Statement of Comprehensive (Loss) Income (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2018, with comparative information for 2017

	Notes	2018	2017
(Decrease) increase in net assets attributable to holders of			
redeemable units per unit from operations:			
Series A - Master sub-series	5	\$ (4.49)	\$ 3.18
Series A - January 2018 sub-series		(1.97)	-
Series A - March 2018 sub-series		(1.49)	-
Series A - April 2018 sub-series		(1.56)	-
Series A - May 2018 sub-series		(1.46)	-
Series A - June 2018 sub-series		(1.32)	-
Series A - July 2018 sub-series		(1.06)	-
Series A - August 2018 sub-series		(1.02)	-
Series A - September 2018 sub-series		(1.14)	-
Series A - October 2018 sub-series		(0.71)	-
Series A - November 2018 sub-series		(0.26)	-
Series A - December 2018 sub-series		-	-
Series A2 - September 2014 sub-series		(2.23)	2.05
Series A2 - April 2015 sub-series		(2.04)	1.87
Series B - Master Sub-series		(2.75)	2.11
Series C		(3.33)	2.49
Series F		(3.12)	2.59
Series I - May 2016 sub-series		(2.02)	2.44
Series I - November 2016 sub-series		(1.90)	2.11
Series I - April 2017 sub-series		(1.70)	1.32
Series I - October 2018 sub-series		(0.67)	-
Series M		(1.95)	0.82

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# MAXAM DIVERSIFIED STRATEGIES FUND

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units

Year ended December 31, 2018, with comparative information for 2017

<b>Series A</b>	2018	2017
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 51,205,430	\$ 43,556,700
(Decrease) increase in net assets from operations	(8,275,347)	6,683,960
Distribution to unitholders	(124,035)	(478,392)
Redeemable unit transactions:		
Proceeds from units issued	5,997,000	3,175,000
Reinvested distributions	124,035	478,392
Amounts paid on redemption of units	(8,469,072)	(2,210,230)
	(2,348,037)	1,443,162
<b>Balance, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 40,458,011</b>	<b>\$ 51,205,430</b>

<b>Series B</b>	2018	2017
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 372,612	\$ 324,833
(Decrease) increase in net assets from operations	(62,722)	47,779
Distribution to unitholders	-	(2,176)
Redeemable unit transactions:		
Reinvested distributions	-	2,176
<b>Balance, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 309,890</b>	<b>\$ 372,612</b>

<b>Series C</b>	2018	2017
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 13,679,499	\$ 6,250,421
(Decrease) increase in net assets from operations	(2,816,855)	1,291,613
Distribution to unitholders	-	(59,161)
Redeemable unit transactions:		
Proceeds from units issued	4,365,199	6,866,199
Reinvested distributions	-	59,161
Amounts paid on redemption of units	(1,403,227)	(728,734)
	2,961,972	6,196,626
<b>Balance, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 13,824,616</b>	<b>\$ 13,679,499</b>

# MAXAM DIVERSIFIED STRATEGIES FUND

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units

Year ended December 31, 2018, with comparative information for 2017

<b>Series F</b>	2018	2017
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 30,247,569	\$ 12,986,770
(Decrease) increase in net assets from operations	(5,400,461)	2,961,107
Distribution to unitholders	-	(129,793)
Redeemable unit transactions:		
Proceeds from units issued	14,909,081	15,808,913
Reinvested distributions	-	129,708
Amounts paid on redemption of units	(5,170,013)	(1,509,136)
	9,739,068	14,429,485
<b>Balance, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 34,586,176</b>	<b>\$ 30,247,569</b>

<b>Series I</b>	2018	2017
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 16,831,806	\$ 9,458,825
(Decrease) increase in net assets from operations	(2,657,385)	2,501,811
Distribution to unitholders	-	(82,898)
Redeemable unit transactions:		
Proceeds from units issued	2,000,000	5,250,000
Reinvested distributions	-	82,898
Amounts paid on redemption of units	(145,206)	(378,830)
	1,854,794	4,954,068
<b>Balance, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 16,029,215</b>	<b>\$ 16,831,806</b>

<b>Series M</b>	2018	2017
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 162,309	\$ -
(Decrease) increase in net assets from operations	(37,455)	12,309
Distribution to unitholders	-	(489)
Redeemable unit transactions:		
Proceeds from units issued	50,000	150,000
Reinvested distributions	-	489
	50,000	150,489
<b>Balance, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 174,854</b>	<b>\$ 162,309</b>
<b>Total net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 105,382,762</b>	<b>\$ 112,499,225</b>

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

# MAXAM DIVERSIFIED STRATEGIES FUND

## Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended December 31, 2018, with comparative information for 2017

	2018	2017
Cash provided by (used in):		
Operating activities:		
(Decrease) increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units from operations	\$ (19,250,225)	\$ 13,498,579
Adjustments for:		
Net realized gain on sale of investments	(923,138)	(8,429,076)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	19,851,521	(7,979,616)
Transaction costs on purchase and sale of investments	(390,494)	(367,115)
Purchase of investments	(115,969,987)	(216,956,675)
Proceeds from sale of investments	92,075,496	202,020,788
Dividend and interest income	(1,330,394)	(951,082)
Dividend and interest received	1,333,232	943,303
Change in subscriptions receivable	1,042,761	(339,969)
Change in redemptions payable	(507,498)	808,574
Change in management fees payable	(13,752)	42,948
Change in performance fees payable	(1,466,100)	1,064,920
Change in accrued liabilities	34,347	(3,716)
Change in dividend payable	11,618	14,469
Cash flows from operating activities	(25,502,613)	(16,633,668)
Financing activities:		
Proceeds from issue of redeemable units	27,321,280	31,250,112
Payments on redemption of redeemable units	(15,187,518)	(4,826,929)
Cash flows from financing activities	12,133,762	26,423,183
(Decrease) increase in cash	(13,368,851)	9,789,515
Cash, beginning of year	30,682,422	20,892,907
Cash, end of year	\$ 17,313,571	\$ 30,682,422

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

# MAXAM DIVERSIFIED STRATEGIES FUND

Schedule of Investment Portfolio

As at December 31, 2018

Number of shares/ par value	Description	Coupon rate %	Maturity date	Cost \$	Fair value \$	% of total
<b>Fixed income-long position:</b>						
<b>Industrials</b>						
2,153,000	WEQ Holdings Inc	6.25%	30-Jun-20	1,819,742	2,174,530	2.06
	<b>Total industrials</b>			<b>1,819,742</b>	<b>2,174,530</b>	<b>2.06</b>
<b>Health care</b>						
500,000	Newtopia Inc	7.0%	6-Nov-19	500,000	500,000	0.47
	<b>Total health care</b>			<b>500,000</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>0.47</b>
<b>Financials</b>						
1,250,000	Axis Auto Finance Inc	7.5%	31-Mar-23	1,250,000	1,123,875	1.07
	<b>Total financials</b>			<b>1,250,000</b>	<b>1,123,875</b>	<b>1.07</b>
<b>Information Technology</b>						
900,000	Baylin Technologies Inc	6.5%	10-Jul-23	900,000	1,012,500	0.96
500,000	Siyata Mobile Inc	10.5%	28-Jun-20	500,000	480,950	0.47
	<b>Total information technology</b>			<b>1,400,000</b>	<b>1,493,450</b>	<b>1.43</b>
<b>Total fixed income-long position</b>				<b>4,969,742</b>	<b>5,291,855</b>	<b>5.03</b>

Number of shares/ par value	Description	Cost \$	Fair value \$	% of total
<b>Canadian equity-long positions:</b>				
<b>Energy</b>				
425,000	Altura Energy Inc	225,315	172,125	0.16
31,500	Parex Resources Inc	565,073	515,025	0.49
70,000	Parkland Fuel Corp	2,170,933	2,473,800	2.35
215,000	Secure Energy Services Inc	1,613,775	1,507,150	1.43
90,000	ShawCor Ltd	2,251,243	1,492,200	1.42
250,000	Source Energy Services Ltd	324,951	342,500	0.33
296,000	Trican Well Service Ltd	381,360	352,240	0.33
990,000	Valeura Energy Inc	3,181,818	3,177,900	3.02
	<b>Total energy</b>	<b>10,714,468</b>	<b>10,032,940</b>	<b>9.53</b>
<b>Materials</b>				
130,000	5N Plus Inc	415,102	403,000	0.38
83,900	AirBoss of America Corp	1,173,862	719,862	0.68
760,000	EcoSynthetix Inc	1,481,961	1,474,400	1.40
375,000	Equinox Gold Corp	377,266	382,500	0.36
2,500,000	Euro Manganese Inc	500,000	550,000	0.52
776,900	Geodrill Ltd	1,569,850	1,118,736	1.06
500,000	NexGen Energy Ltd	1,271,508	1,205,000	1.14
500,000	Revival Gold Inc	300,000	400,000	0.38
150,000	Uranium Participation Corp	621,590	672,000	0.64
21,500	Winpak Ltd	988,203	1,026,625	0.97
	<b>Total materials</b>	<b>8,699,342</b>	<b>7,952,123</b>	<b>7.53</b>

# MAXAM DIVERSIFIED STRATEGIES FUND

Schedule of Investment Portfolio

As at December 31, 2018

Number of shares/ par value	Description	Maturity date	Cost \$	Fair value \$	% of total
<b>Industrials</b>					
80,000	Aecon Group Inc		1,196,161	1,408,800	1.34
1,031,900	Avante Logixx Inc		1,962,084	2,012,205	1.91
425,000	Bird Construction Inc		3,573,543	2,596,750	2.46
36,300	Boyd Group Income Fund		1,374,657	4,100,085	3.89
215,000	Carmanah Technologies Corp		1,257,363	1,290,000	1.22
30,000	DIRTT Environmental Solutions		174,465	183,300	0.17
175,000	ExactEarth Ltd		178,010	39,375	0.04
1,072,500	Noble Iron Inc		391,800	311,025	0.30
632,850	WEQ Holdings Inc		924,242	1,347,971	1.28
<b>Total industrials</b>			<b>11,032,325</b>	<b>13,289,511</b>	<b>12.61</b>
<b>Consumer discretionary</b>					
2,250,000	Aquilini Gameco Inc		225,000	225,000	0.21
74,600	AutoCanada Inc		781,952	846,710	0.80
7,500	Cineplex Inc		184,675	190,800	0.18
16,200	Indigo Books & Music Inc		204,853	182,736	0.17
600,000	Integrity Gaming Inc		261,913	270,000	0.26
1,250,000	Mimi's Rock Conv PFD		1,250,000	1,250,000	1.19
89,000	Park Lawn Corp		1,891,260	2,052,340	1.95
<b>Total consumer discretionary</b>			<b>4,799,653</b>	<b>5,017,586</b>	<b>4.76</b>
<b>Consumer staples</b>					
60,000	AGT Food & Ingredients Inc		1,058,681	998,400	0.95
250,000	Clearwater Seafoods Inc		1,343,384	1,437,500	1.36
3,300,000	GreenSpace Brands Inc		4,079,021	1,254,000	1.19
<b>Total consumer staples</b>			<b>6,481,086</b>	<b>3,689,900</b>	<b>3.50</b>
<b>Health care</b>					
250,000	African Cannabis Corp		50,000	50,000	0.05
150,000	Careworx Corporation		277,500	450,000	0.43
1,230,000	Hamilton Thorne Ltd		795,129	1,107,000	1.05
295,000	Hamilton Thorne Ltd		324,500	265,500	0.25
205,000	HLS Therapeutics Inc		2,289,793	3,038,100	2.88
264,343	HLS Therapeutics Inc-A PFA		113,360	161,643	0.15
185,000	Knight Therapeutics Inc		1,627,722	1,422,650	1.35
1,025,000	Medicare Inc		5,310,832	6,303,750	5.98
1,010,000	Nova Leap Health Corp		303,625	323,200	0.31
1,000,000	Total Cannabis Sec		100,000	100,000	0.09
1,140,000	Waverley Pharma Inc		557,894	250,800	0.24
750,000	Westaim Corp/The		2,337,492	1,935,000	1.84
670,000	Well Health Technologies Corp		100,500	301,500	0.29
<b>Total health care</b>			<b>14,188,347</b>	<b>15,709,143</b>	<b>14.91</b>
<b>Financials</b>					
989,000	Axis Auto Finance Inc		692,300	425,270	0.40
600,000	Diversified Royalty Corp		1,440,000	1,698,000	1.61
<b>Total financials</b>			<b>2,132,300</b>	<b>2,123,270</b>	<b>2.01</b>

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Schedule of Investment Portfolio

As at December 31, 2018

Number of shares/ par value	Description	Maturity date	Cost \$	Fair value \$	% of total
<b>Information technology</b>					
250,000	Abaxx Technologies		100,000	100,000	0.09
705,100	Baylin Technologies Inc		1,526,630	2,686,431	2.55
655,000	Blackline Safety Corp		1,976,410	3,422,375	3.25
1,275,500	BSM Technologies Inc		1,654,722	1,020,400	0.97
300,000	C-Com Satellite Systems Inc		309,893	354,000	0.34
72,200	Converge Technology Solutions		57,760	38,627	0.04
334,600	Cortex Business Solutions Inc		1,380,950	1,495,662	1.42
115,000	Espial Group Inc		138,612	131,100	0.12
800,000	Legend Power Systems Inc		293,665	272,000	0.26
2,500,000	Onesoft Solutions Inc		585,087	1,175,000	1.11
1,050,000	Nanotech Security Corp		1,254,323	556,500	0.53
1,049,000	Photon Control Inc		1,056,205	1,143,410	1.09
34,500	Pivot Technology Solutions Inc		32,735	35,190	0.03
600,000	Sangoma Technologies Corp		751,500	744,000	0.71
15,000	Sierra Wireless Inc		323,091	274,950	0.26
60,000	TECSYS Inc		941,446	741,600	0.70
300,000	Vecima Networks Inc		2,871,900	2,445,000	2.32
<b>Total information technology</b>			<b>15,254,929</b>	<b>16,636,245</b>	<b>15.79</b>
<b>Utilities</b>					
500,000	Maxim Power Corp		1,353,490	1,085,000	1.03
229,000	Polaris Infrastructure Inc		2,457,185	2,358,700	2.24
<b>Utilities</b>			<b>3,810,675</b>	<b>3,443,700</b>	<b>3.27</b>
<b>Real estate</b>					
75,000	Agellan Commercial Real Estate		1,063,508	1,058,250	1.00
200,000	Pure Multi-Family REIT LP		1,833,064	1,684,000	1.60
<b>Total real estate</b>			<b>2,896,572</b>	<b>2,742,250</b>	<b>2.60</b>
<b>Telecommunication services</b>					
51,000	Shaw Communications Inc		1,281,443	1,260,210	1.20
<b>Total telecommunication services</b>			<b>1,281,443</b>	<b>1,260,210</b>	<b>1.20</b>
<b>Total Canadian equities – long positions</b>			<b>81,291,140</b>	<b>81,896,878</b>	<b>77.71</b>

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Schedule of Investment Portfolio (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2018

Number of shares/ par value	Description	Maturity date	Cost \$	Fair value \$	% of total
<b>Foreign equities - long positions:</b>					
<b>Consumer discretionary</b>					
8,000	The Walt Disney Co		1,136,744	1,195,097	1.13
	<b>Total consumer discretionary</b>		<b>1,136,744</b>	<b>1,195,097</b>	<b>1.13</b>
<b>Health care</b>					
85,000	Zymeworks Inc		1,540,707	1,700,003	1.61
	<b>Total health care</b>		<b>1,540,707</b>	<b>1,700,003</b>	<b>1.61</b>
<b>Financials</b>					
250,000	Canaccord Genuity Sub Rec		754,154	783,380	0.74
	<b>Total financials</b>		<b>754,154</b>	<b>783,380</b>	<b>0.74</b>
<b>Information technology</b>					
3,000	Electronic Arts Inc		323,399	322,521	0.31
3,500	Twitter Inc		136,776	137,044	0.13
	<b>Total information technology</b>		<b>460,175</b>	<b>459,565</b>	<b>0.44</b>
<b>Total foreign equities - long positions</b>			<b>3,891,780</b>	<b>4,138,045</b>	<b>3.92</b>

## Derivatives:

<b>Consumer staples</b>					
50,400	Campbell Soup Co Call 45	1/18/2019	19,007	5,493	0.01
	<b>Total consumer staples</b>		<b>19,007</b>	<b>5,493</b>	<b>0.01</b>
<b>Industrials</b>					
30,000	Westshore Terminals Investment Call 27	4/18/2019	7,500	3,000	0.00
40,000	Westshore Terminals Investment Call 29	1/18/2019	20,000	1,800	0.00
200,000	WTS Enwave Corp	11/15/2022	44,000	79,000	0.07
4,450,000	WTS Global UAV Technologies Ltd	6/25/2020	-	-	-
95,500	WTS Spark Power Group Inc	8/31/2023	-	25,785	0.02
	<b>Total industrials</b>		<b>71,500</b>	<b>109,585</b>	<b>0.09</b>
<b>Health care</b>					
75,000	WTS Captor Cap Corp	2/12/2020	-	-	-
500,000	WTS Led Med Diagns	2/11/2019	-	-	-
500	WTS Newtopia Inc	11/6/2021	-	-	-
75,000	WTS Profound Med	3/20/2023	13,500	1,500	0.00
1,000,000	WTS Total Cannabis	6/5/2020	-	-	-
335,000	WTS Well Health Tech	6/13/2019	-	68,675	0.07
	<b>Total health care</b>		<b>13,500</b>	<b>70,175</b>	<b>0.07</b>
<b>Financials</b>					
750,000	WTS Axis Auto Finance Inc	1/19/2021	-	3,750	0.00
	<b>Total financials</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>3,750</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Information technology</b>					
1,562,500	WTS Memex Inc	9/26/2019	-	-	-
513,250	WTS Prontoforms Corp	6/22/2019	-	-	-
400,000	WTS Spectra7 Micro	6/27/2019	8,000	-	-
500,000	WTS - Siyata Mobile Inc	12/28/2019	-	2,500	-
1,250,000	WTS - Siyata Mobile Inc	03/16/2019	128,650	6,250	-
500,000	WTS Universal Mclcd	3/19/2021	-	7,500	0.01
	<b>Total information technology</b>		<b>136,650</b>	<b>16,250</b>	<b>0.01</b>

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Schedule of Investment Portfolio (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2018

Number of shares/ par value	Description	Maturity date	Cost \$	Fair value \$	% of total
<b>Materials</b>					
100,000	iShares Silver Trust Call 20	1/18/2019	34,621	1,362	0.00
(100,000)	iShares Silver Trust Call 22	1/18/2019	(17,921)	(1,362)	0.00
400,000	WTS - Fortune Minerals	03/08/2019	12,000	-	-
250,000	WTS - Revival Gold	10/19/2019	-	13,750	-
131,000	WTS Sherritt International Corp	1/25/2021	-	7,860	0.01
540,000	WTS - Alio Gold	01/31/2020	-	-	-
<b>Total materials</b>			<b>28,700</b>	<b>21,610</b>	<b>0.01</b>
<b>Energy</b>					
187,750	Delphi Energy Corp	07/15/2021	-	18,375	-
<b>Total energy</b>			<b>0.00</b>	<b>18,375</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Derivatives</b>			<b>269,357</b>	<b>245,238</b>	<b>0.19</b>
<b>Short Canadian equity:</b>					
<b>Industrials</b>					
(4,000)	Air Canada		(105,887)	(103,840)	(0.10)
(3,000)	TFI International Inc		(127,437)	(105,900)	(0.10)
(1,500)	Waste Connections Inc		(153,560)	(151,995)	(0.14)
(30,000)	Westshore Terminals Investment Corp		(699,949)	(617,400)	(0.59)
<b>Total industrials</b>			<b>(1,086,833)</b>	<b>(979,135)</b>	<b>(0.93)</b>
<b>Consumer discretionary</b>					
(2,000)	Canadian Tire Corp Ltd		(302,876)	(285,480)	(0.27)
(2,500)	Dollarama Inc		(125,393)	(81,175)	(0.08)
(1,000)	Great Canadian Gaming Corp		(47,160)	(47,870)	(0.05)
(15,000)	Sleep Country Canada Holdings Inc		(494,435)	(299,550)	(0.28)
<b>Total consumer discretionary</b>			<b>(969,864)</b>	<b>(714,075)</b>	<b>(0.68)</b>
<b>Health care</b>					
(10,000)	Aurora Cannabis Inc		(96,575)	(67,800)	(0.06)
(6,000)	Canopy Growth Corp		(311,540)	(219,660)	(0.21)
<b>Total health care</b>			<b>(408,115)</b>	<b>(287,460)</b>	<b>(0.27)</b>
<b>Information technology</b>					
(2,000)	Thomson Reuters Corp		(133,610)	(131,860)	(0.13)
<b>Total information technology</b>			<b>(133,610)</b>	<b>(131,860)</b>	<b>(0.13)</b>
<b>Financials</b>					
(25,000)	Genworth MI Canada Inc		(1,037,942)	(1,005,000)	(0.95)
<b>Total financials</b>			<b>(1,037,942)</b>	<b>(1,005,000)</b>	<b>(0.95)</b>
<b>Total Canadian equities-short</b>			<b>(3,636,364)</b>	<b>(3,117,530)</b>	<b>(2.96)</b>
<b>Foreign Equity- Short</b>					
<b>Financials</b>					
(3,000)	Canadian Imperial Bank of Comm		(300,496)	(304,660)	(0.29)
<b>Total Financials</b>			<b>(300,496)</b>	<b>(304,660)</b>	<b>(0.29)</b>
<b>Total foreign equity - short</b>			<b>(300,496)</b>	<b>(304,660)</b>	<b>(0.29)</b>

# MAXAM DIVERSIFIED STRATEGIES FUND

Schedule of Investment Portfolio (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2018

<b>Description</b>	<b>Cost \$</b>	<b>Fair Value \$</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Bonds and equities	90,152,662	91,326,778	86.66
Derivatives	269,357	245,238	0.24
Investments sold short	(3,936,859)	(3,422,190)	(3.25)
Other assets, less liabilities	17,232,936	17,232,936	16.35
<b>Total net asset value attributable to holders of redeemable units</b>	<b>103,718,096</b>	<b>105,382,762</b>	<b>100.00</b>

# MAXAM DIVERSIFIED STRATEGIES FUND

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## 1. Reporting entity:

Maxam Diversified Strategies Fund (the "Fund") is a unit trust domiciled in Canada and was established by a Master Trust Agreement dated September 26, 2008 and last amended and restated on February 1, 2015. The Fund was established on December 19, 2008 and commenced operations on July 1, 2009. The address of the Fund's registered office is at 902 - 510 Burrard Street, British Columbia, Canada, V6C 3A8.

Maxam Capital Management Ltd. (the "Manager") is the manager and portfolio advisor of the Fund. Computershare Trust Company of Canada as Agent for Valiant Trust Company (the Trustee) has been appointed trustee of the Fund. The Trustee has delegated its responsibilities to the Manager in accordance with the Master Trust Agreement. TD Securities Inc. ("TDSI") in its role as prime broker for the Fund, holds the Fund's securities as collateral rather than under a custodial arrangement. However, TDSI is required to segregate and hold in trust all the Fund's securities that are fully paid for or otherwise represent excess margin.

## 2. Basis of preparation:

### (a) Statement of compliance:

The financial statements of the Fund have been prepared in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

The financial statements were authorized for issue by the Manager on March 20, 2019.

### (b) Basis of measurement:

The financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis except for investments and derivatives, which are measured at fair value.

### (c) Functional and presentation currency:

These financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars, which is the Fund's functional currency.

### (d) Use of estimates and judgment:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the Manager to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future period affected.

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### 3. Significant accounting policies:

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

(a) Financial instruments:

(i) Recognition and measurement:

Financial instruments are required to be classified into one of the following categories: amortized cost, fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI") or fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL"). All financial instruments are measured at fair value on initial recognition. Measurement in subsequent periods depends on the classification of the financial instrument. Transaction costs are included in the initial carrying amount of financial instruments except for financial instruments classified as FVTPL in which case transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognized initially on the trade date, which is the date on which the Fund becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. The Fund derecognizes a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged, cancelled or expire.

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

A financial asset that is a debt instrument is measured at amortized cost if it meets both of the following conditions:

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

A financial asset that is a debt instrument is measured at FVOCI if it meets both of the following conditions:

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

All financial assets that are not debt instruments not classified as measured at amortized cost or FVOCI as described above are measured at FVTPL.

Equity instruments are measured at FVTPL unless an election is made to measure at FVOCI.

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition, unless the Fund changes its business model for managing financial assets, in which case all affected financial assets are reclassified on the first day of the first reporting period following the change in the business model.

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### 3. Significant accounting policies (continued):

#### (a) Financial instruments (continued):

##### (i) Recognition and measurement (continued):

The Fund has not classified any of its financial assets as FVOCI.

A financial liability is generally measured at amortized cost, with exceptions that may allow for classification as FVTPL. These exceptions include financial liabilities that are mandatorily measured at fair value through profit or loss, such as derivatives liabilities. The Fund may also, at initial recognition, irrevocably designate a financial liability as measured at FVTPL when doing so results in more relevant information.

##### (ii) Fair value through profit and loss:

Financial instruments classified as FVTPL are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting period with changes in fair value recognized in the statement of comprehensive income in the period in which they occur. The Fund's derivative financial assets and derivative financial liabilities and investments in securities and investments sold short are classified as FVTPL.

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets (such as publicly traded derivatives and marketable securities) are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the reporting date. The Fund uses the last traded market price for both financial assets and financial liabilities where the last traded price falls within that day's bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid-ask spread, the Manager determines the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value based on the specific facts and circumstances. The Fund's policy is to recognize transfers into and out of the fair value hierarchy levels as of the date of the event or change in circumstances giving rise to the transfer.

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market, including non-publicly traded derivative instruments, is determined using valuation techniques. Valuation techniques also include the use of comparable recent arm's length transactions, reference to other instruments that are substantially the same, discounted cash flow analysis, and others commonly used by market participants and which make the maximum use of observable inputs. Should the value of the financial asset or liability, in the opinion of the Manager, be inaccurate, unreliable or not readily available, the fair value is estimated on the basis of the most recently reported information of a similar financial asset or liability.

##### (iii) Amortized cost:

Financial assets and liabilities classified as amortized cost are recognized initially at fair value plus any directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequent measurement is at amortized cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses. The Fund classifies cash and cash equivalents, dividends receivable, interest receivable, subscriptions receivable, management fees payable, performance fees payable, redemptions payable, and accrued liabilities and other accounts payable as amortized cost.

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## 3. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(a) Financial instruments (continued):

(iii) Amortized cost (continued):

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortized cost of a financial asset or liability and of allocating interest income or expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that discounts estimated future cash payments through the expected life of the financial asset or liability, or where appropriate, a shorter period.

(b) Redeemable units:

The Fund classifies financial instruments issued as financial liabilities or equity instruments in accordance with the substance of the contractual terms of the instruments. The redeemable units, which are classified as financial liabilities and measured at redemption amount, provide investors with the right to require redemption, subject to available liquidity, for cash at a unit price based on the Fund's valuation policies at each redemption date.

(c) Foreign exchange:

The financial statements of the Fund are denominated in Canadian dollars. Foreign denominated investments and other foreign denominated assets and liabilities are translated into Canadian dollars using the exchange rates prevailing on each valuation date. Purchases and sales of investments, as well as income and expense transactions denominated in foreign currencies, are translated using exchange rates prevailing on the date of the transaction. Foreign currency gains and losses are recognized in the statement of comprehensive income.

(d) Income recognition:

Interest income is recognized on an accrual basis using the effective interest method. Dividend income is recognized on the ex-dividend date. Portfolio transactions are recorded on the trade date. Realized gains and losses arising from the sale of investments are determined on the average cost basis of the respective investments.

(e) Income and expense allocation:

Realized gains/losses, changes in unrealized gains (losses) on investments, income and expenses that are common to the Fund as a whole are allocated daily to each series based on the proportionate share of the net asset value of the series. The proportionate share of each series is determined by adding the current day's net unitholder subscriptions of the series to the prior day's net asset value of the series. Any income or expense amounts that are unique to a particular series (for example, management fees) are accounted for separately in that particular series so as not to affect the net asset value of the other series.

(f) Income taxes:

The Fund qualifies as a unit trust under the Income Tax Act (Canada). All of the Fund's net income for tax purposes and net capital gains realized in any period are required to be distributed to unitholders such that no income tax is payable by the Fund. As a result, the Fund does not record income taxes.

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## 4. Related party transactions:

### (a) Management fees:

In consideration for management services, pursuant to the Master Trust Agreement, the Fund pays the Manager Management fees at the annualized rates shown below (exclusive of GST charged thereon). The fees are calculated and paid monthly, based on the net asset value of the respective series of units of the Fund on the last business day of the month. The management fee is calculated prior to, and without taking into account, any performance fees payable to the Manager.

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Series A	2%
Series B	2%
Series C	2%
Series F	1%
Series M	2%

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The management fee for Series I units is negotiated with the Manager by individual Series I unitholders and paid directly by each unitholder, outside the Fund.

### (b) Performance fees:

In addition to the management fee payable in respect of each series of units, the Manager is entitled to receive performance fees for its services as portfolio advisor.

#### *Series A and Series B:*

The performance fee is equal to 20% of the increase in the net asset value of each subseries of Series A and Series B units over the relevant period in excess of a 5% annualized minimum increase, subject to a quarterly "high watermark" that ensures any decline in the net asset value of each sub-series below the high watermark has to be recouped before performance fees will be charged in respect of the sub-series in any subsequent period. The high watermark for a sub-series is the greater of:

- (i) the purchase price of the sub-series, and
- (ii) if a performance fee has been paid in respect of the sub-series, the net asset value of the sub-series on the last date on which a performance fee was so paid.

Performance fees are calculated and accrued monthly and paid to the Manager quarterly. Immediately following payment of performance fees to the Manager, the Manager may redesignate outstanding sub-series of a series as units of that same series (for example, by redesignating all outstanding sub-series of Series A units as Series A units), provided that all such redesignated sub-series are valued at their high watermark. This redesignation will occur on a pro-rata basis, based on the relative net asset value of each applicable sub-series.

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## 4. Related party transactions (continued):

### (b) Performance fees (continued):

*Series C and Series F and Series M:*

The Fund will pay a performance fee equal to 20% of the increase in the net asset value of Series C, Series F and Series M units over the previous high watermark for each applicable series of units. The performance fee for Series C, Series F and Series M units is accrued monthly and is payable for each calendar quarter end, provided that the high watermark is exceeded, as referred to below. Upon the redemption of Series C, Series F or Series M units, the accrued portion of the performance fee allocated to the redeemed units will be payable by the Fund following the end of the month in which the units were redeemed.

The highest quarter-end net asset value per unit for Series C, Series F and Series M units from time to time establishes a high watermark for Series C, Series F and Series M units which must be exceeded in subsequent quarters for the performance fee applicable to Series C, Series F and Series M units to be payable.

*Series I:*

The performance fee for Series I units is negotiated by the Manager with individual Series I unitholders and is paid directly by each unitholder, outside the Fund.

As at December 31, 2018, the total outstanding performance fees payable to the manager was nil (2017 - \$1,466,100).

### (c) Unit holdings:

The Manager, its officers and directors invest in units of the Fund from time to time in the normal course of business. All transactions with the Manager, its officers and Directors are measured at the exchange amounts. At December 31, 2018, 92,713 Series A units (2017 - 40,713 Series A units), 22,807 Series B units (2017 - 22,807 Series B Units) and 56,712 Series C units (2017 - 39,786), of the Fund were owned by the Manager, or its officers and directors.

## 5. Redeemable units:

The Master Trust Agreement authorizes the Fund to issue an unlimited number of units in one or more classes or series. Units have no nominal or par value. The Fund currently has six series of units: Series A, Series B, Series C, Series F, Series I and Series M. Series A units are available to investors who purchase units directly from the Manager or through authorized brokers or dealers. Series B, C and F units are available to investors who purchase units through authorized brokers or dealers. Series I units are available only to institutional investors or certain other investors who have entered into a separate agreement with the Manager. Series M units are available to investors that purchase directly from the Manager. Each series of unit can be further subdivided into sub-series to enable the Manager to better track the performance of units purchased on a particular date.

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## 5. Redeemable units (continued):

The following units were issued or redeemed during the year:

<b>December 31, 2018</b>						
Series	Opening	Shares issued	Shares redeemed	Shares reinvested	Transfers	Closing
Series A - Master	1,405,800	-	(207,427)	-	-	1,198,373
Series A - January 2018	-	65,000	-	-	-	65,000
Series A - March 2018	-	17,500	-	-	-	17,500
Series A - April 2018	-	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
Series A - May 2018	-	13,500	(10,000)	-	-	3,500
Series A - June 2018	-	25,000	-	-	-	25,000
Series A - July 2018	-	166,000	-	-	-	166,000
Series A - August 2018	-	2,200	-	-	-	2,200
Series A - September 2018	-	2,500	-	-	-	2,500
Series A - October 2018	-	3,000	-	-	-	3,000
Series A - November 2018	-	2,500	-	-	-	2,500
Series A - December 2018	-	1,500	-	-	-	1,500
Series A2- September 2014	408,461	250,186	(250,186)	4,321	-	412,782
Series A2 - April 2015	521,400	-	-	5,515	-	526,915
<b>Balance, end of year</b>	<b>2,335,661</b>	<b>549,886</b>	<b>(467,613)</b>	<b>9,836</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,427,770</b>

The following units were issued or redeemed during the year:

<b>December 31, 2018</b>						
Series	Opening	Shares issued	Shares redeemed	Shares reinvested	Transfers	Closing
Series B - Master	22,807	-	-	-	-	22,807
Series C	717,104	234,477	(79,529)	-	-	872,052
Series F	1,586,509	866,940	(294,345)	-	-	2,159,104
Series I	-	-	-	-	-	-
May 2016	811,293	-	(8,479)	-	-	802,814
Series I	-	-	-	-	-	-
November 2016	290,036	-	(3,031)	-	-	287,005
Series I	-	-	-	-	-	-
April 2017	200,876	-	-	-	-	200,876
Series I	-	-	-	-	-	-
October 2018	-	200,000	-	-	-	200,000
Series M	15,045	4,511	-	-	-	19,556
<b>Balance, end of year</b>	<b>3,643,670</b>	<b>1,305,928</b>	<b>(385,384)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,564,214</b>

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## 5. Redeemable units (continued):

<b>December 31, 2017</b>						
Series	Opening	Shares issued	Shares redeemed	Shares reinvested	Transfers	Closing
Series A - Master	1,335,357	-	(86,956)	7,801	149,598	1,405,800
Series A - December 2016	60,000	-	-	-	(60,000)	-
Series A - January 2017	-	15,000	-	-	(15,000)	-
Series A - February 2017	-	80,000	-	-	(80,000)	-
Series A - April 2017	-	36,000	-	144	(36,144)	-
Series A - May 2017	-	56,500	-	197	(56,697)	-
Series A - June 2017	-	6,000	-	18	(6,018)	-
Series A - July 2017	-	6,000	-	15	(6,015)	-
Series A - August 2017	-	1,000	-	2	(1,002)	-
Series A - September 2017	-	12,000	-	19	(12,019)	-
Series A - November 2017	-	105,000	-	53	(105,053)	-
Series A2 - September 2014	399,618	-	-	8,843	-	408,461
Series A2 - April 2015	510,096	-	-	11,304	-	521,400
Balance, end of year	2,305,071	317,500	(86,956)	28,396	(228,350)	2,335,661

The following units were issued or redeemed during the year:

<b>December 31, 2017</b>						
Series	Opening	Shares issued	Shares redeemed	Shares reinvested	Transfers	Closing
Series B - Master	22,673	-	-	134	-	22,807
Series C	369,846	385,492	(41,335)	3,101	-	717,104
Series F	775,234	887,571	(83,100)	6,804	-	1,586,509
Series I - May 2016	560,112	268,765	(21,430)	3,846	-	811,293
Series I - November 2016	297,250	-	(8,903)	1,689	-	290,036
Series I - April 2017	-	200,000	-	876	-	200,876
Series M	-	15,000	-	45	-	15,045
Balance, end of year	2,025,115	1,756,828	(154,768)	16,495	-	3,643,670

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## 6. Capital management:

The redeemable units issued by the Fund represent the capital of the Fund. The Fund is not subject to any internally or externally imposed restrictions on its capital. The Fund's objectives in managing the redeemable units are to ensure a stable base to maximize returns to all investors, and to manage liquidity risk arising from redemptions.

## 7. Financial risk management:

### (a) Risk management framework:

The Fund's investment activities expose it to a variety of financial risks. The Fund's exposures to financial risks are concentrated in its investment holdings. Significant risks that are relevant to the Fund are discussed below.

The Manager seeks to minimize potential adverse effects of these risks on the Fund's performance by daily monitoring of the Fund's positions and market events, by diversifying the investment portfolio within the constraints of the investment objective, and periodically may use derivatives to hedge certain risk exposures. To assist in managing risks, the Manager also uses internal guidelines that identify the target exposures for each type of risk, maintains a governance structure that oversees the Fund's investment activities and monitors compliance with the Fund's stated investment strategies, internal guidelines, and securities regulations.

### (b) Credit risk:

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation or commitment that it has entered into with the Fund. As at December 31, 2018, the Fund is not exposed to significant credit risk as the Fund's investments consist primarily of exchange traded securities, where credit risk is guaranteed by the exchange, and investments not available in an active market comprised only 1.0% (2017 - nil) of total net assets.

### (c) Liquidity risk:

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund may not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Fund is exposed to monthly cash redemptions of redeemable units. In accordance with its investment objectives, the Fund maintains a significant amount of its assets in liquid investments, such that these can be readily disposed of to fund payment of obligations and redemptions of redeemable units. The Fund's non-derivative liabilities are due within three months of the year end of the Fund.

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## 7. Financial risk management (continued):

### (d) Market risk:

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates and equity prices will affect the Fund's income or the fair value of its holdings of financial instruments. The Manager aims to manage the potential effects of these financial risks on the Fund's performance by employing and overseeing professional and experienced portfolio managers that regularly monitor the Fund's holdings, market events and overall economic conditions.

### (i) Interest rate risk:

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of the Fund's interest-bearing investments will fluctuate due to changes in prevailing interest rates. The longer the term to maturity, all else being equal, the more sensitive a security is to interest rate risk. Other assets and liabilities are short-term in nature and noninterest bearing.

As at December 31, 2018, the Fund held interest sensitive assets of \$5,291,855 (2017 - \$1,351,060), approximately 5.0% (2017 - 1.2%) of total net assets.

### (ii) Currency risk:

Currency risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the Fund will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates. The Fund may enter into foreign exchange contracts for hedging purposes to reduce its foreign currency exposure, or to establish exposure to foreign currency. As at December 31, 2018, the Fund held cash and investments of \$3,124,250 (2017 - \$1,646,314) in U.S. dollars.

As at December 31, 2018, if the Canadian dollar had strengthened or weakened by 5% in relation to all currencies, with all other variables held constant, net assets would have increased or decreased, respectively, by approximately \$156,226 (2017 - \$82,316). In practice, the actual trading results may differ from this sensitivity analysis and the difference could be material.

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## 7. Financial risk management (continued):

### (d) Market risk (continued):

#### (iii) Other price risk:

Other price risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices (other than those arising from currency risk or interest rate risk), whether caused by factors specific to an individual investment, its issuer, or all factors affecting all instruments traded in a market or market segment. All securities present a risk of loss of capital. The Manager moderates this risk through a careful selection of securities and other financial instruments within the parameters of the investment strategy. The Fund's investment portfolio is monitored on a daily basis by the Manager. Except for written options and securities sold short, the maximum risk resulting from financial instruments is equivalent to their fair values as set forth in the Fund's statement of financial position. The Schedule of Investment Portfolio summarizes the Fund's exposure to other price risk as at December 31, 2018, by providing the market sector breakdown of investments. Possible losses from written options and securities sold short can be unlimited.

For the Fund, the most significant exposure to other price risk arises from its investment in equity securities. As at December 31, 2018, had the prices on the respective stock exchanges for these securities increased or decreased by 10%, with all other variables held constant, net assets would have increased or decreased, respectively by approximately \$8,814,983 (2017 - \$8,079,404), approximately 8.36% of net assets (2017 - 7.18%). In practice, the actual trading results may differ and the difference could be material.

## 8. Fair value of financial instruments:

### (a) Valuation models:

The fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities that are traded in active markets are based on quoted market prices or dealer price quotations. For all other financial instruments, the Fund determines fair values using other valuation techniques.

For financial instruments that trade infrequently and have little price transparency, fair value is less objective, and requires varying degrees of judgment depending on liquidity, concentration, uncertainty of market factors, pricing assumptions and other risks affecting the specific instrument.

The Fund measures fair values using the following fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements.

Level 1: inputs that are quoted market prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical instruments.

Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable either directly (i.e., as prices) or indirectly (i.e., derived from prices).

Level 3: inputs that are unobservable.

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## 8. Fair value of financial instruments (continued):

### (a) Valuation models (continued):

Valuation techniques include net present value and discounted cash flow models, comparison with similar instruments for which observable market prices exist and other valuation models. Assumptions and inputs used in valuation techniques include risk-free and benchmark interest rates, credit spreads and other factors used in estimating discount rates, bond and equity prices, foreign currency exchange rates, equity and equity index prices and expected price volatilities and correlations.

The objective of valuation techniques is to arrive at a fair value measurement that reflects the price that would be received to sell the asset or paid to transfer the liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

The Fund uses widely recognized valuation models for determining the fair value of common and more simple financial instruments, such as warrants that use only observable market data and require little management judgment and estimation. Observable prices and model inputs are usually available in the market for listed equity or debt securities, exchange-traded derivatives and simple OTC derivatives such as forward rate agreements. The availability of observable market prices and model inputs reduces the need for management judgment and estimation and reduces the uncertainty associated with the determination of fair values. The availability of observable market prices and inputs varies depending on the products and markets and is prone to changes based on specific events and general conditions in the financial markets.

For more complex instruments, the Fund uses proprietary valuation models, which are usually developed from recognized valuation models. Some or all of the significant inputs into these models may not be observable in the market, and are derived from market prices or rates or are estimated based on assumptions. Valuation models that employ significant unobservable inputs require a higher degree of management judgment and estimation in the determination of fair value. Management judgment and estimation are usually required for the selection of the appropriate valuation model to be used, determination of expected future cash flows on the financial instrument being valued, determination of the probability of counterparty default and prepayments and selection of appropriate discount rates.

Fair value estimates obtained from models are adjusted for any other factors, such as liquidity risk or model uncertainties; to the extent that the Fund believes that a third party market participant would take them into account in pricing a transaction. Fair values reflect the credit risk of the instrument and include adjustments to take account of the credit risk of the Fund and the counterparty where appropriate. For measuring derivatives that might change classification from being an asset to a liability or vice versa, such as forward rate agreements, fair values include adjustment for both own credit risk and counterparty credit risk.

Model inputs and values are calibrated against historical data and published forecasts and, when possible, against current or recent observed transactions and broker quotes. This calibration process is inherently subjective and it yields ranges of possible inputs and estimates of fair value, and management judgment is required to select the most appropriate point in the range.

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## 8. Fair value of financial instruments (continued):

### (b) Fair value hierarchy - financial instruments measured at fair value:

The table below analyses financial instruments measured at fair value at the reporting date by the level in the fair value hierarchy into which the fair value measurement is categorized. The amounts are based on the values recognized in the statement of financial position.

All fair value measurements below are recurring.

<b>December 31, 2018</b>	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets:				
Bonds	\$ 4,279,355	\$ 1,012,500	\$ -	\$ 5,291,855
Options/warrants	-	245,238	-	245,238
Investments sold short	(3,422,190)	-	-	(3,422,190)
Equities	81,255,904	3,431,048	1,347,971	86,034,923
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 82,113,069</b>	<b>\$ 4,688,786</b>	<b>\$ 1,347,971</b>	<b>\$ 88,149,826</b>

<b>December 31, 2017</b>	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets:				
Bonds	\$ 1,351,060	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,351,060
Options / warrants	-	648,130	-	648,130
Investments sold short	(5,307,059)	-	-	(5,307,059)
Equities	82,822,968	3,278,125	-	86,101,093
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 78,866,969</b>	<b>\$ 3,926,255</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 82,793,224</b>

For the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 the Level 2 equity investments were valued based on the last observed traded price for the security. The Level 2 warrants were valued based on the Black Scholes model.

The carrying amount of the Fund's net assets attributable to redeemable units also approximates fair value as they are measured at the redemption amount and are classified as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy.

During the current year, due to a voluntary delisting, the Fund transferred an equity investment with a carrying amount of \$1,347,971 from Level 1 to Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

### (c) Significant unobservable inputs used in measuring fair value:

The valuation process including a description of unobservable inputs as well as a sensitivity analysis of changes to the unobservable inputs used by the Manager to value the Level 3 investment has not been disclosed as the investment is not considered material.

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## 8. Fair value of financial instruments (continued):

(d) Financial instruments not measured at fair value:

The carrying value of cash, dividend and interest receivable, subscriptions receivable, redemptions payable, management fees payable, performance fees payable and accrued liabilities and other accounts payable approximates their fair value given their short-term nature. These financial instruments are classified as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy because while prices are available, there is no active market for these instruments.

## 9. Income taxes:

The Fund has non-capital losses available for utilization against taxable income in future years of \$77,557 (2017 - \$77,557).

The Fund has nil capital losses available to be carried forward at December 31, 2018 (2017 - nil). Capital losses for income tax purposes may be carried forward indefinitely and applied against capital gains realized in future years.

## 10. Change in accounting policy:

The Fund has adopted IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments* ("IFRS 9") with a date of initial application of January 1, 2018. The requirements of IFRS 9 represent a significant change from IAS 39 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement* ("IAS 39"). IFRS 9 specifies the accounting for financial instruments, including: classification and measurement, impairment and hedge accounting. The adoption of IFRS 9 have been applied retrospectively. The nature and effects of the key changes to the Fund's accounting policy are summarized below.

(a) Classification and measurement of financial assets and liabilities:

IFRS 9 contains three principal classification categories for financial assets: measured at amortized cost, FVOCI and FVTPL. The classification of financial assets under IFRS 9 is generally based on the business model in which a financial asset is managed and its contractual cash flow characteristics. The Fund may also, at initial recognition, irrevocably designate a financial asset as measured at FVTPL when doing so results in more relevant information. IFRS 9 eliminates the previous IAS 39 categories of held to maturity, loans and receivables and available-for-sale.

A financial liability is generally measured at amortized cost, with exceptions that may allow for classification as FVTPL. These exceptions include financial liabilities that are mandatorily measured at fair value through profit or loss, such as derivatives liabilities. The Fund may also, at initial recognition, irrevocably designate a financial liability as measured at FVTPL when doing so results in more relevant information.

The adoption of IFRS 9 did not result in any measurement differences in the Fund's financial assets and liabilities as at the transition date. The following table shows the original classification and measurement categories under IAS 39 and the new classification and measurement categories under IFRS 9 for each class of the Fund's financial assets and financial liabilities as at January 1, 2018.

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## 11. Change in accounting policy (continued):

(a) Classification and measurement of financial assets and liabilities (continued):

	Original Classification under IAS 39	New Classification under IFRS 9
<b>Financial assets</b>		
Cash	Loans and receivables	Amortized cost
Derivatives	Held-for-trading	FVTPL
Investments	FVTPL	FVTPL
Dividends and interest receivable	Loans and receivables	Amortized cost
Subscriptions receivable	Loans and receivables	Amortized cost
<b>Financial liabilities</b>		
Accrued liabilities and other payable	Other financial liabilities	Amortized cost
Management fee payable	Other financial liabilities	Amortized cost
Performance fees payable	Other financial liabilities	Amortized cost
Redemptions payable	Other financial liabilities	Amortized cost
Dividends payable	Other financial liabilities	Amortized cost
Investments sold short	FVTPL	FVTPL

(b) Impairment of financial assets:

IFRS 9 replaces the 'incurred loss' model in IAS 39 with an 'expected credit loss' model. As the Fund measures its financial assets at FVTPL or holds only short-term financial assets at amortized cost, the impairment requirements under the new standard do not impact these financial statements.

(c) Hedge accounting

As permitted by IFRS 9, an election is available to continue to apply the hedge accounting requirements of IAS 39. However, the Fund has not applied hedge accounting under either standard. Therefore, the hedge accounting requirements under the new standard do not impact these financial statements.

**CERTIFICATE**

DATED April 1, 2019.

This Offering Memorandum does not contain a misrepresentation.

Maxam Capital Management Ltd., on behalf of the Maxam Diversified Strategies Fund and in its capacity as manager and promoter of the Maxam Diversified Strategies Fund

(Signed) TRAVIS DOWLE

Travis Dowle  
President and Chief Executive Officer

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