

# EQUITON RESIDENTIAL INCOME FUND TRUST

OFFERING MEMORANDUM

March 1, 2018

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# **Continuous Private Placement Offering**

Date: The Issuer:	March 1, 2018 EQUITON RESIDENTIAL INCOME FUND TRUST (the "Issuer")	
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Currently listed or quoted?	No. These securities do not trade on any exchange or market.	
Reporting issuer?	No.	
SEDAR filer?	Yes, but only as required pursuant to section 2.9 of National Instrument 45-106 – <i>Prospectus Exemptions</i> . The Issuer is not a reporting issuer and does not file continuous disclosure documents on SEDAR that are required to be filed by reporting issuers.	

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Securities Offered	An unlimited number of Class A and Class F trust units of the Issuer (collectively, the " <b>Trust Units</b> ").	

#### The Offering

Price Per Security	\$10.00 per Trust Unit.	
Minimum/Maximum Offering	There is no minimum or maximum to this Offering. The Issuer will offer an unlimited number of Trust Units on a continuous basis. You may be the only purchaser. Funds available under this Offering may not be sufficient to accomplish our proposed objectives.	
Minimum Subscription Amount\$5,000 (500 Trust Units). The Issuer may accept subscriptions of \$1 Units) in limited circumstances. See "Subscription Procedures".		
Payment Terms	Payment in full by certified cheque, bank draft or direct deposit of the subscription price is to be made with the delivery of a duly executed and completed subscription agreement to the Issuer. See " <i>Subscription Procedures</i> ".	

Proposed Closing Date(s)	Closing will take place periodically as agreed upon by the Issuer and the Equiton Agent.
Income Tax Consequences:	There are important tax consequences to these securities. See "Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations".

Selling Agents:	Equiton Capital Inc. (the "Equiton Agent") and Pinnacle Wealth Brokers Inc. ("Pinnacle") will act as co-lead selling agents in connection with the Offering. The Equiton Agent may, at its discretion, engage one or more sub-agents as selling agents. In connection with the Offering, the Issuer is considered a "connected" or "related" issuer of the Equiton Agent under applicable Canadian securities legislation. Jason Roque, a Trustee of the Issuer, indirectly, through wholly owned subsidiaries, controls the Equiton Agent and is a director and the President of the Equiton Agent. In addition, Helen Hurlbut, a Trustee of the Issuer, is the Chief Financial Officer of the Equiton Agent. In addition, the Equiton Agent acts exclusively for certain companies that are either directly or indirectly controlled and/or beneficially owned by Jason Roque, or which hold securities in companies that are either directly or indirectly controlled and/or beneficially owned by Jason Roque. In light of the foregoing, the Issuer is a "connected issuer" and "related issuer" of the Equiton Agent under Canadian securities law. The decision to distribute the Trust Units and the determination of the terms of the distribution were not negotiated at arm's length between the Equiton Agent and the Issuer. The determination by the Issuer to proceed with the Offering was not made at the request or suggestion of the Equiton Agent. The Equiton Agent will not receive any benefit in connection with the Offering other than its portion of the Equiton Agent's Fees payable by the Issuer to the Equiton Agent. However, the proceeds of the Offering will be used by the Issuer to invest in the Partnership, the General Partner of which is an Affiliate of the Equiton Agent will receive fees for its engagement as Asset Manager and Property Manager of the Partnership. The General Partner and Agent are Related Parties (defined herein) to the Issuer.
	Issuer, the Equiton Agent and other Related Parties" and "Purchase Options".
Resale Restrictions:	You will be restricted from selling your Trust Units for an indefinite period. See "Resale Restrictions".
Redemption Rights:	The Trust Units are redeemable upon demand of the Trust Unitholder. However, these redemption rights are subject to limitations, including a monthly limit of \$50,000 in respect of all Trust Units tendered for redemption in a calendar month. If the redemptions tendered in a calendar month exceed the foregoing limit, then the Issuer may satisfy the payment of the Redemption Amount, in part, by the issuance of Redemption Notes, which are promissory notes. Any Redemption Notes which may be received as a result of a redemption of Trust Units will not be qualified investments for a Deferred Income Plan and may have adverse tax consequences if held by a Deferred Income Plan. See "Declaration of Trust". See "Redemption of Trust Units". See "Eligibility for Investment by Deferred Income Plans."

Subscriber's Rights:	You have two (2) Business Days to cancel your agreement to purchase these securities. If there is a misrepresentation in this Offering Memorandum, you have the right to sue either for damages or to cancel the agreement. See " <i>Subscriber's Rights of Action</i> ".

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

Any OM Marketing Materials prepared by the Issuer are deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Offering Memorandum.

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#### FORWARD LOOKING INFORMATION

This Offering Memorandum and any OM Marketing Materials incorporated by reference may contain forward-looking statements. These statements relate to future events or the Issuer's future performance. All statements other than statements of historical fact are forward looking statements. Forward looking statements are often, but not always, identified by the use of words such as "may", "will", "should", "expect", "plan", "anticipate", "believe", "estimate", "predict", "potential", "targeting", "intend", "could", "might", "continue", "project" or the negative of these terms or other comparable terminology. These statements are only predictions. In addition, this Offering Memorandum and any OM Marketing Materials may contain forward-looking statements attributed to third party industry sources. Undue reliance should not be placed on these forward- looking statements as there can be no assurance that the plans, intentions or expectations upon which they are based will occur.

Forward-looking information contained in this Offering Memorandum include, but are not limited to, statements with respect to: use of proceeds of this Offering; the structure of the Issuer; the business to be conducted by the Issuer and the Partnership; the issuance of Units pursuant to the DRIP; the expected return on investment for Subscribers; the expected debt levels of the Issuer, including assumptions related to debt, interest rates, and repayment terms associated with mortgages for recently acquired properties; expected lease rates, expected average monthly rents; the long term and short term objectives; the ability of the Partnership to obtain financing, including the availability of Equiton Loans or issuance of Redeemable LP Units; availability of funds for distributions; timing and payment of distributions; the Issuer's and the Partnership's investment objectives and strategy; treatment under government regulatory regimes and tax laws; the qualification of the Issuer as a mutual fund trust; and the methods of funding.

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

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

addition to the other information provided herein, by the Issuer herein or in any OM Marketing Materials.

# **OM MARKETING MATERIALS**

Any OM Marketing Materials of the Issuer prepared and distributed to investors in connection with this Offering, including any OM Marketing Materials that are effective after the date of this Offering Memorandum and before the termination of the Offering, are deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Offering Memorandum.

Copies of any of the Issuer's OM Marketing Materials incorporated by reference herein may be obtained on request without charge from the Issuer at www.investors.equiton.com or are publicly available on SEDAR.

Any statement contained in this Offering Memorandum or in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein is deemed to be modified or superseded for the purposes of this Offering Memorandum to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is, or is deemed to be, incorporated by reference herein, modifies or supersedes such statement. The modifying or superseding statement need not state that it has modified or superseded a prior statement or include any other information set forth in the document that it modifies or supersedes. The making of a modifying or superseding statement, when made, constituted a misrepresentation, an untrue statement of a material fact or an omission to state a material fact that is required to be stated or that is necessary to make a statement not misleading in light of the circumstances in which it was made. Any statement so modified or superseded is not deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Offering Memorandum.

Information contained or otherwise accessed through the Issuer's website or any third-party website does not form part of this Offering Memorandum or the Offering.

### GLOSSARY

"Adjusted Gross Revenues" means all gross revenues received from the operations of the Properties, not including any non-recurring items (including, without limitation, refinancing proceeds, sale proceeds, lease buy-outs or similar payments).

"Affiliate" means a Person considered to be an affiliated entity of another Person within the meaning of NI 45-106.

"Agency Agreements" means collectively the amended and restated agency agreement made as of October 27, 2016, with effect as of March 4, 2016, between the Issuer and the Equiton Agent and Distribution Agreement dated April 27, 2017, between the Issuer and Pinnacle.

"**Applicable Laws**" means in respect of any Person, property, transaction or event, all present and future laws, statutes, regulations, treaties, judgments and decrees applicable to that Person, property, transaction or event and, whether or not having the force of law, all applicable requirements, requests, official directives, rules, consents, approvals, authorizations, guidelines, orders and policies of any Governmental Authority having or purporting to have authority over that Person, property, transaction or event.

"Asset Management Agreement" means the asset management agreement made as of March 1, 2016, between the Asset Manager and the Partnership, as amended April 27, 2017.

"Asset Manager" means a Person that is engaged for the purpose of providing asset management services to the Partnership and, currently, means Equiton Partners.

"Associate" has the meaning given thereto in the *Securities Act* (Ontario), as amended or supplemented from time to time.

"**Auditors**" means the firm of chartered accountants appointed as the auditors of the Issuer from time to time and, currently, means Grant Thornton LLP.

"**Brantford Properties**" means the properties located at 120, 126 and 130 St. Paul Avenue and 19 Lynnwood Drive in Brantford, Ontario.

"**Business Day**" means a day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, on which Schedule 1 chartered banks are open for business in Toronto, Ontario.

**"Capital Contribution**" means the capital contributed by a Partner to the Partnership pursuant to the LP Agreement.

**"CBCA**" means the *Canada Business Corporations Act* and the regulations thereunder, as amended or supplemented from time to time.

"**Chatham Properties**" means the properties located at 383-385 Wellington Street West and 49 Lacroix Street, Chatham, Ontario.

"Class A LP Unit" means a voting Class A limited partnership unit of the Partnership.

"Class A Trust Unit" means a voting Class A trust unit of the Issuer.

"Class A Purchase Options" means the three different purchase options by which Subscribers may subscribe for Class A Trust Units, as described in *"Purchase Options"*.

"Class F Trust Unit" means a voting Class F trust unit of the Issuer.

"Co-Lead Agents" means Equiton Capital Inc. and Pinnacle Wealth Brokers Inc.

"CRA" means the Canada Revenue Agency.

"**Declaration of Trust**" means the second amended and restated declaration of trust of the Issuer made as of April 27, 2017, with effect as of March 1, 2016, as further amended effective June 15, 2017.

"**Deferred Income Plan**" means any trust governed by a registered retirement savings plan, a registered retirement income fund, a registered education savings plan, a registered disability savings plan, a tax-free savings account or a deferred profit sharing plan, each as defined in the Tax Act.

"**Deferred Sales Charge**" means the charge (if any) that is applied against the redemption proceeds payable to a Trust Unitholder for an early redemption of Class A Trust Units, which charge is set out in the subscription agreement entered into between the Subscriber and the Issuer in respect of the Class A Trust Units. See "*Purchase Option*".

"**Dissenting Offeree**" means, where a Take-Over Bid is made for all of the Trust Units other than those held by the Offeror, a Trust Unitholder who does not accept the Take-Over Bid.

"**Distribution Date**" means in respect of each Distribution Period, the date which is on or about the 15th day following such Distribution Period.

"**Distribution Period**" means each month in each fiscal year of the Issuer or the Partnership, as applicable, or such other distribution period as may be determined by the Trustees or the General Partner, as applicable, in their or its sole discretion.

"**Distribution Record Date**" means, unless otherwise determined by the Trustees, the last Business Day of each Distribution Period, except for the final Distribution Period in the fiscal year of the Issuer, where the Distribution Record Date shall be December 31.

**"DRIP**" means the distribution reinvestment plan of the Issuer, as may be amended from time to time.

"Eligible Investor" has the meaning set out in NI 45-106.

**"Equiton Acquisition Corporation"** means Equiton Acquisition Inc., a corporation governed by the laws of Ontario and an entity indirectly controlled by Jason Roque, which corporation has been formed for the purpose of acquiring Properties on behalf of the Partnership.

"**Equiton Agent**" means Equiton Capital Inc., a corporation governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario and an entity indirectly controlled by Jason Roque.

"**Equiton Partners**" means Equiton Partners Inc., a corporation governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario.

**"Equiton Partners Appointee**" means a Trustee that Equiton Partners is entitled to appoint pursuant to the Declaration of Trust.

"Fee Based Account" means an account in which the Subscriber would hold Class F Trust Units and which already has fees attached to the assets in such account and/or where the advisor or portfolio manager is already being paid fees for service such that if commissions or trailers would be paid to the advisor or portfolio manager, the Subscriber would in effect be paying a duplication of fees.

**"Finance Committee**" means the finance committee of the Trustees which may be established pursuant to the Declaration of Trust.

"Focus Activity" means the acquisition, holding, maintaining, improving, leasing or managing of multi-unit residential revenue-producing properties (and ancillary commercial or other real estate ventures) for investment purposes and assets ancillary thereto necessary for the operation thereof and such other activities as are consistent with the other investment guidelines of the Issuer as set out in the Declaration of Trust.

"General Partner" means Equiton Residential Income Fund GP Inc., a corporation incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario to be the general partner of the Partnership, or any successor general partner of the Partnership.

"generally accepted accounting principles" or "GAAP" means Canadian generally accepted accounting principles, as amended from time to time. Except as otherwise specified, all accounting terms used in this Offering Memorandum shall be construed in accordance with GAAP.

## "Governmental Authority" means any:

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

"Gross Asset Value of the Partnership" means, at any time, (a)

the greater of:

- (i) the book value of the assets of the Partnership (including the Properties), as shown on its then most recent balance sheet, plus the amount of accumulated depreciation and amortization thereon, determined in accordance with GAAP; and
- the historical cost of Properties, plus (A) the carrying value of cash and cash equivalents, (B) the carrying value of mortgages receivable, and (C) the historical cost of other assets and investments used in operations, determined in accordance with GAAP; or
- (b) if approved by the Partnership, the aggregate appraised value of the Properties as determined internally by the Partnership or externally by way of third party appraisals.

"Gross Book Value" means, at any time, (a)

the greater of:

- the book value of the assets of the Issuer, as shown on its then most recent balance sheet, plus the amount of accumulated depreciation and amortization thereon; and
- (ii) the historical cost of the investment properties, plus (A) the carrying value of cash and cash equivalents, (B) the carrying value of mortgages

receivable, and (C) the historical cost of other assets and investments used in operations; or

(b) if approved by a majority of the Trustees, the appraised value of the assets of the Issuer.

"Independent Trustee" means a Trustee who is independent within the meaning of NI 81-107.

"Issuer" means Equiton Residential Income Fund Trust.

**"Kingston Properties**" means the properties located at 780 Division Street, 760 Division Street and 2 Kirkpatrick Street, Kingston, Ontario.

**"Kingston Assignment Agreement**" means the assignment agreement dated January 29, 2018, between Equiton Acquisition Corporation and the Partnership in respect of the Kingston Properties.

**"Kingston Purchase Agreement**" means the agreement of purchase and sale entered into by Equiton Acquisition Corporation on November 29, 2017, to acquire the Kingston Properties, as assigned to the Partnership pursuant to the Kingston Assignment Agreement.

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

"LP Agreement" means the amended and restated limited partnership agreement made as of September 29, 2016, as amended on April 27, 2017 with effect as of March 1, 2016, between the General Partner and the Limited Partners as it may be further amended, supplemented or restated from time to time.

"LP Unit" means an outstanding limited partnership unit of the Partnership including a Class A LP Unit and a Redeemable LP Unit.

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

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

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

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

**"NI 45-106**" means National Instrument 45-106 – *Prospectus and Registration Exemptions*, as amended from time to time (including any successor rule or policy thereto).

**"NI 87-107**" means National Instrument 81-107 – *Independent Review Committee for Investment Funds*, as amended from time to time (including any successor rule or policy thereto).

"Non-Resident" means "non-resident" within the meaning of the Tax Act.

"**Notes**" means any promissory notes, bonds, debentures, debt securities or similar evidence of indebtedness issued by a Person.

**"OBCA**" means the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario) and the regulations thereunder, as amended or supplemented from time to time.

"Offering" means the offering of Trust Units pursuant to this Offering Memorandum.

**"Offering Memorandum**" means this confidential offering memorandum, as it may be amended, supplemented and/or amended and restated from time to time.

"Offeror" means a Person, or two or more Persons acting jointly or in concert, that makes a Take-Over Bid.

"**OM Marketing Materials**" means any marketing materials or other written communication, other than an OM standard term sheet (as such term is defined in NI 45-106), intended for prospective Investors regarding this Offering that contains material facts relating to the Issuer, Trust Units or this Offering.

"**Partners**" means, collectively, the General Partner and the Limited Partners, and "**Partner**" means any of them.

"**Partnership**" means Equiton Residential Income Fund LP, a limited partnership governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario.

"Partnership Distributable Income" means for or in respect of any period the consolidated net income of the Partnership and its Subsidiaries for the period computed in accordance with GAAP, subject to certain adjustments, including: (i) adding or adding back the following items, as the case may be: depreciation, amortization, future income tax expense, losses on dispositions of assets and amortization of any net discount on long-term debt assumed from vendors of Properties at rates of interest less than fair value incurred after the date of acquisition; (ii) deducting the following items: future income tax credits, maintenance capital expenditures, interest on convertible debentures or other debt to the extent not already deducted in computing net income, gains on dispositions of assets and amortization of any net premium on long-term debt assumed from vendors of Properties at rates of interest greater than fair value incurred after the date of acquisition; (iii) and other reserves or adjustments as determined by the General Partner in its discretion. Partnership Distributable Income may be estimated by the General Partner whenever the actual amount has not been fully determined. Such estimates shall be adjusted as of a subsequent distribution date of the Partnership when the amount of Partnership Distributable Income has been determined by the General Partner. Partnership Distributable Income shall be calculated for each Distribution Period or other calendar period selected by the General Partner.

"**Person**" means an individual, partnership, limited partnership, corporation, unlimited liability company, trust, unincorporated organization, association, government, or any department or agency thereof and the successors and assigns thereof or the heirs, executors, administrators or other legal representatives of an individual, or any other entity recognized by law.

"**Prime Rate**" means at any time the rate of interest expressed as a rate per annum which the Bank of Montreal establishes from time to time at its head office in Toronto, Ontario as the reference rate of interest in order to determine the interest rate it will charge for loans in Canadian dollars to its Canadian customers and which it refers to as its prime rate.

"**Properties**" means the Stratford Property, the Brantford Properties, the Chatham Properties and the Kingston Properties and such other real estate properties owned by the Partnership from time to time.

"**Property Manager**" means a Person that is engaged for the purpose of providing property management services to the Partnership and, currently, means Equiton Partners.

"**Property Management Agreement**" means the property management agreement made as of March 1, 2016, between the Property Manager and the Partnership.

"**Related Party**" means, with respect to any Person, a Person who is a "related party" as that term is defined in MI 61-101 and, in respect of the Issuer, shall include all Subsidiaries and all nominee corporations of the Issuer.

"**Redemption Amount**" has the meaning set out in *"Declaration of Trust – Redemption of Trust Units"*.

"**Redeemable LP Unit**" means a voting limited partnership unit of the Partnership redeemable at the option of the Partnership.

"Redemption Date" has the meaning set out in "Declaration of Trust – Redemption of Trust Units".

"**Redemption Price**" means the most recent Market Value of any Trust Units to be redeemed. See "*Declaration of Trust – Redemption of Trust Units*" and "*Purchase Options*".

"**Redemption Notes**" means Notes issued by the Issuer to redeeming Trust Unitholders in principal amounts equal to all or a portion of the Redemption Price of the Trust Units to be redeemed, and having the following terms and conditions;

- (a) unsecured and shall bear interest at the Prime Rate plus 2% and such interest shall be payable in cash to the holder of the Redemption Notes in the same manner as distributions hereunder, *mutatis mutandis*;
- (b) may be tendered for payment in the same manner as Trust Units are tendered for redemption; and
- (c) having a maturity date determined by the Trustees in their sole discretion which the Trustees have determined shall have a term of five (5) years;

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

"**Redemption Notice**" has the meaning set out in "*Declaration of Trust – Redemption of Trust Units*".

"Resident Canadian" means a Person who is a resident of Canada for purposes of the Tax Act.

"**Short Term Trading Fee**" means the fee (if any) that is applied against the redemption proceeds payable to a Trust Unitholder for an early redemption of Trust Units, which fee is set out in the

subscription agreement entered into between the Subscriber and the Issuer in respect of the Trust Units. See *"Purchase Options"*.

"Stratford Property" means the property located at 30-31 Campbell Court, Stratford, Ontario.

"Subscriber" means a Subscriber of Trust Units in connection with this Offering.

"**Subsidiary**" means, with respect to any Person (other than an individual), any other Person (other than an individual), the financial results of which would be required to be consolidated with those of the first Person's in the preparation of the first Person's consolidated financial statements if prepared in accordance with GAAP.

**"Take-Over Bid**" has the meaning given to such term in the *Securities Act* (Ontario), as amended from time to time.

"Tax Act" means the Income Tax Act, R.S.C. 1985 (5th Supp.), c.1, as amended.

**"Transaction Fees**" has the meaning set out in "*Material Agreements – Asset Management Agreement - Asset Manager's Fees*".

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

**"Trust Distributable Income**" means the Trust Income plus the Net Realized Capital Gains, subject to any other adjustments as determined by the Trustees.

**"Trust Income**" means, for any taxation year of the Issuer, the amount by which the income of the Issuer for such taxation year, computed in accordance with the provisions of the Tax Act (but without reference to paragraph 82(I)(b) and subsection 104(6) thereof) and taking into account such other amounts and adjustments as are determined in the discretion of the Trustees regarding the calculation of income for the purposes of determining the "taxable income" of the Issuer, exceeds each amount determined by the Trustees in respect of any non-capital loss for a prior taxation year that the Issuer is permitted by the Tax Act to deduct in computing the taxable income of the Issuer for such year; provided, however, that capital gains and capital losses will be excluded from the computation of the Trust Income and, if an amount has been designated by the Issuer under subsection 104(19) or subsection 104(22) of the Tax Act, such designation shall be disregarded.

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

**"Trust Unit**" means a unit of beneficial interest in the Issuer and includes a Class A Trust Unit and a Class F Trust Unit and a fraction of a unit and any other classes of units of the Issuer authorized by the Trustees from time to time.

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

"**Vendor**" means the vendor of the Stratford Property, the Brantford Properties, the Chatham Properties or the Kingston Properties, as applicable.

"Wholesale Costs" has the meaning set out in "Compensation Paid to Sellers and Finders".

#### SUMMARY

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

#### **Description of Issuer**

Equiton Residential Income Fund Trust (the "**Issuer**") is an unincorporated open-ended investment trust created by a second amended and restated declaration of trust made as of April 27, 2017, with effect as of March 1, 2016, as further amended effective June 15, 2017 (the "**Declaration of Trust**") and governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein. The trustees of the Issuer ("**Trustees**") are responsible for the general control and direction of the Issuer. The Issuer was established with the objective of investing directly in the business of the Partnership through its acquisition of Class A LP Units. The day-to-day management of the Partnership is carried out by an asset manager engaged by the Partnership. A property manager manages the properties of the Partnership (the "**Properties**").

### The Offering

Issuer: Issue:	Equiton Residential Income Fund Trust. An unlimited number of Class A and Class F Trust Units of the Issuer (collectively, the "Trust Units").
Price:	\$10.00 per Trust Unit.
Eligible Subscribers for Trust Units:	Investors who are eligible to purchase Trust Units on an exempt basis under, and subject to compliance with, applicable securities laws.
Closings:	Closings will take place periodically as agreed upon by the Issuer and the Equiton Agent.
Attributes of Trust Units:	The Trust Units represent the beneficial ownership interest of the holders thereof in the Issuer. Each Trust Unit carries one (1) vote at meetings of Trust Unitholders and a holder thereof is entitled to distributions as described herein. See "Declaration of Trust and Description of Trust Units".
Use of Proceeds:	Net proceeds of this Offering are to be used to purchase Class A LP Units of the Partnership. See " <i>Use of Available Funds</i> "

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

The Declaration of Trust provides that the assets and operations of the Issuer will be subject to the control and authority of a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of nine (9) Trustees, a majority of whom must be resident Canadians. Where there are three or more Trustees, a majority of the Trustees must be "independent" trustees (as defined in National Instrument 81-107 -Independent Review Committee for Investment Funds ("NI 81-107") (the "Independent Trustees"). Pursuant to NI 81-107, an independent trustee is one who has no direct or indirect material relationship with the Issuer which could, in the view of the board of trustees, reasonably interfere with a trustee's independent judgement. Equiton Partners is entitled to appoint up to four (4) Trustees, provided that following such appointments, a majority of the Trustees are Independent Trustees. The balance of the Trustees are to be elected annually by resolution passed by a majority of the votes cast at a meeting of the Trust Unitholders. Certain decisions respecting the affairs of the Issuer must be made by unanimous consent of the Independent Trustees of which there must be more than one. The Declaration of Trust provides that the Trustees may appoint a finance committee (the "Finance Committee") and additional committees (the "Additional Committees"), and the majority of the members of each such committee must be Independent Trustees.

#### The Asset Manager

Equiton Partners has been engaged by the Partnership to act as Asset Manager. The Asset Manager is responsible for managing the assets of the Partnership and providing advice with respect to the Partnership's real property investment portfolio and will receive fees pursuant to the Asset Management Agreement.

The Asset Manager will perform the services set out in the Asset Management Agreement for an initial term of five (5) years. The Asset Management Agreement will automatically continue for further terms of five (5) years unless terminated by either party. The Asset Manager is responsible for: providing ongoing analysis of the market in Canada and elsewhere for multi-unit residential rental properties; providing acquisition, disposition and asset management advice to the Partnership; performing due diligence on any properties being considered for acquisition by the Partnership; hiring and managing specialists, consultants, advisors or other like persons reasonably required from time to time in furtherance and support of its services, provided that the fees and out-of-pocket costs of each such specialist, consultant and advisor will be for the account of the Partnership and not to the account of the Asset Manager; preparing and distributing annual estimate on a property-by-property basis of the amount to be reserved from the revenues of the Properties for any necessary capital repairs; establishing and maintaining a commercial bank overdraft line of credit to protect the Partnership and any Subsidiary against overdraft charges; using cash reserves from the Properties to manage the cash flow requirements of the Partnership and any Subsidiaries, including the invoice and collection of interest on any short term loans made to individual Subsidiaries from such cash reserves; considering and implementing, in its discretion, as aforesaid, interest rate, currency, commodity and other financial risks hedges and other policies to manage (increasing, maintaining or decreasing) risk exposure for the Partnership and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis; opening and managing any investment, banking, trading or brokerage account required for it to manage the aforementioned financial risks hedges: and using commercially reasonable efforts to arrange with third party lenders short and long term financing or refinancing for one or more Properties or for the Partnership provided the foregoing shall in no circumstances constitute an undertaking by the Asset Manager to make any loan to the Partnership or any Subsidiary at any time in any amount.

### The Property Manager

Equiton Partners has been engaged by the Partnership to act as Property Manager. The Property Manager will manage the Properties and receive fees pursuant to the Property Management Agreement for an initial term of five (5) years. The Property Management Agreement shall automatically renew for further terms of five (5) years unless terminated by either party. The Property Manager shall have the right to hire a subcontractor to sub-manage any of the Properties if, in the opinion of the Property Manager, this would be in the best interest of the Property in question. See "*The Property Manager*" and "*Material Agreements – Property Management Agreement*".

# Management and Investment Strategy

The personnel of the Asset Manager have significant experience in all aspects of the rental housing business, including acquisitions and dispositions, finance and administration, property management, construction and renovation, and marketing and sales. See the principal occupation and related experience of Jason Roque and Helen Hurlbut in *"Interests of Trustees Management, Promoters and Principal Holders – Management Experience"*. These skills will permit the Partnership to capitalize upon many multi-unit residential real estate opportunities which may be unavailable to other real estate investors who lack the requisite diversity of real estate experience.

The Asset Manager will enhance the value of the Properties through a number of distinct and well executed strategies, including: a commitment to customer satisfaction; maintenance and repair programs; quality on-site building staff; detailed financial reporting; strategic debt management; enhancement of the Partnership's portfolio; and timely communications and disclosure. The Asset Manager will initially focus on secondary markets as well as value add opportunities; moving into primary markets as opportunities become available and as the Partnership's portfolio grows. The Asset Manager will also use the strength of the Partnership's portfolio to obtain more competitive financing and pricing on commodities and contracted expense items. See "Management and Investment Strategies".

# The Properties

On April 25, 2016, the Partnership acquired the Stratford Property from the Vendor for a purchase price equal to \$8,900,000, subject to customary adjustments (the "**Stratford Purchase Price**"). The Stratford Purchase Price, representing a capitalization rate of approximately 5.5%, was paid through a first mortgage of \$4,992,450 (the "**Stratford Mortgage**"), a second mortgage of \$1,682,550 (the "**Stratford Second Mortgage**") and the balance from cash raised by the Partnership from the issuance of redeemable limited partnership units of the Partnership (the "**Redeemable LP Units**"). On November 1, 2017, the Stratford Second Mortgage was repaid in full. See "*The Properties" and "Property Mortgages, Equiton Loans and Redeemable LP Units*".

On July 18, 2016, the Partnership acquired the Brantford Properties from the Vendor for a purchase price equal to \$11,475,000, subject to customary adjustments (the "**Brantford Purchase Price**"). The Brantford Purchase Price, representing a capitalization rate of approximately 5%, was paid through a first mortgage of \$6,400,000 (the "**Brantford Mortgage**"), a secured line of credit of \$1,000,000, and the balance from cash raised by the Partnership from the issuance of Redeemable LP Units. On July 31, 2017, the line of credit was repaid in full, and

the loan facility is now closed. See "The Properties and Property Mortgages, Equiton Loans and Redeemable LP Units".

On December 29, 2017, the Partnership acquired the Chatham Properties from the Vendor for a purchase price equal to \$4,050,000, subject to customary adjustments (the "**Chatham Purchase Price**"). The Chatham Purchase Price, representing a capitalization rate of approximately 6.26%, was paid through a bridge loan provided by Equiton Partners for \$2,430,000 and the balance of the cash was raised by the Partnership in the form of the issuance of Class A LP Units. On January 15, 2018, the bridge loan was replaced by a first mortgage of \$2,486,700 (the "**Chatham Mortgage**"). See "*The Properties and Property Mortgages, Equiton Loans and Redeemable LP Units*".

On November 29, 2017, Equiton Acquisition Corporation entered into the Kingston Purchase Agreement with the Vendor. On January 29, 2018, Equiton Acquisition Corporation assigned all of its rights and obligations pursuant to the Kingston Purchase Agreement to the Partnership, and the Partnership will acquire the Kingston Properties from the Vendor for a purchase price equal to \$12,150,000, subject to customary adjustments (the "**Kingston Purchase Price**"). The Kingston Purchase Price, representing a capitalization rate of 5.12%, is anticipated to be paid through a first mortgage of \$7,250,441 (the "**Kingston Mortgage**"), and the balance from cash raised by the Partnership from the issuance of Class A LP Units. See "*The Properties and Property Mortgages, Equiton Loans and Redeemable LP Units*".

### **Description of the Properties**

The Stratford Property consists of two low-rise buildings located at 30 and 31 Campbell Court, Stratford, Ontario, located near the intersection of Mornington Street and McCarthy Road. Situated on approximately 2.5 acres of land, the Stratford Property contains a total of 83,000 square feet of area (30 Campbell Court – 39,000 square feet, 31 Campbell Court – 44,100 square feet). The Stratford Property contains 99 units and, as at January 2018, is currently 99% leased and produces an average monthly rent of \$862 per unit.

The Brantford Properties consist of three adjacent mid-level buildings located at 120, 126 and 130 St. Paul Avenue and an additional mid-level building located at 19 Lynnwood Drive in Brantford. 120, 126 and 130 St. Paul Avenue are situated on approximately 0.8 acres of land, contain a total of 41,200 square feet of area and 46 units. 19 Lynnwood Drive is situated on approximately 1.7 acres of land, contains a total of 66,000 square feet of area and 58 units. Combined, the Brantford Properties contain 104 units and, as at January 2018, are currently 99% leased and produce an average monthly rent of \$970 per unit.

The Chatham Properties consist of one four-storey building located at 383-385 Wellington Street West and one adjacent single family dwelling at 49 Lacroix Street. Situated on approximately 0.68 acres of land, the Chatham Properties contain a total of 40,795 square feet of area. The Chatham Properties contain 54 units and, as at January 2018, are currently 98% leased and produce an average monthly rent of \$719 per unit.

The Kington Properties consist of one mid-rise building located at 780 Division Street in Kingston, Ontario, and two adjacent vacant parcels of land located at 2 Kirkpatrick Street and 760 Division Street. The Kingston Properties contains approximately 5.0 acres of land, and the mid-rise building contains a total of 82,343 square feet of area. The building contains 112 units and, as at January 2018, is currently 97% leased and produces an average monthly rent of \$906 per unit.

# **Capital Improvements and Expenditures**

The Properties are typical of multi-unit residential apartment buildings constructed between the 1920s and 1990s. Repairs and maintenance to the component systems of the Properties were to a large extent dependent on the policies and financial capability of the Vendor or any predecessor owner of the Properties. At the time of acquisition of each of the Properties, complete property investigations were conducted, including with respect to financial, title, construction, environmental and operational matters. The investigations met the investment criteria and the properties were successfully purchased.

During the due diligence period for an acquisition, the Asset Manager will use its own experience to inspect the properties under consideration. When required, the Asset Manager will call upon various trades-people to inspect and report on systems that they specialize in. The Asset Manager will suggest and supervise upgrades and investments in the buildings, will be justified by being accretive to the portfolio and which will be undertaken with best price and efficiency taken into consideration. The experience of the Asset Manager will be utilized to employ non-quantitative improvements that will also add value to the portfolio through enhancement of the Property value and/or revenue stream. Where engineering reports are required by the lending institutions, the Asset Manager will hire the best firms to address the building envelope and make recommendations.

# **Investment Guidelines and Operating Policies**

The Declaration of Trust contains investment guidelines and operating policies. The investment guidelines include, among other things, criteria with respect to the types of properties which the Issuer, and its Subsidiaries, can acquire and the maximum amount of mortgage loans in which the Issuer, and its Subsidiaries, may invest. The operating policies address, among other things, the level of the Issuer's debt and the requirements for insurance coverage and environmental audits.

The investment guidelines may only be changed upon the approval of a two-thirds majority of the votes cast by Trust Unitholders at a meeting called for such purpose. The operating policies may be changed upon the approval of a majority of the votes cast by Trust Unitholders at a meeting called for such purpose. See "*Investment Guidelines and Operating Policies*".

# Property Mortgages, Equiton Loans and Redeemable LP Units

No indebtedness shall be incurred or assumed by the Issuer, or any Subsidiary of the Issuer, or the Partnership, if, after giving effect to the incurring or assumption thereof of the indebtedness, the total indebtedness as a percentage of Gross Book Value, would be more than 75%. See *"Investment Guidelines and Operating Policies"*.

# Stratford Mortgages

The Partnership obtained the Stratford Mortgage in connection with the acquisition of the Stratford Property in the amount of \$4,992,450. The Stratford Mortgage is insured by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation ("**CMHC**"). The Partnership incurred CMHC fees of approximately \$112,450, which will be amortized over the 10 year and 4 month term of the Stratford Mortgage. The Stratford Mortgage has a 10 year and 4 month term, is secured by a first charge on the Stratford Property and bears interest at a fixed rate of 2.73%. The Partnership also obtained the

Stratford Second Mortgage in connection with the acquisition of the Stratford Property in the amount of \$1,682,550 which was repaid in full on November 1, 2017.

# Brantford Mortgage

The Partnership obtained the Brantford Mortgage in connection with the acquisition of the Brantford Properties in the amount of \$6,400,000. The Brantford Mortgage has a 10 year term, is amortized over a 25 year period, is secured by a first charge on the Brantford Properties and bears interest at a fixed rate 3.91%. The Partnership also obtained a revolving line of credit in the amount of \$1,000,000 which is also secured by the first charge on the Brantford Property and bears interest at the BMO Prime Rate plus 1%. The Partnership is only obligated to pay the interest charges on the revolving line of credit for the first 12 months and thereafter the revolving line of credit is amortized over 5 years, with the lender having the right to demand payment in full at any time. On July 31, 2017, the line of credit was repaid in full, and the loan facility is now closed.

# Chatham Mortgage

The Partnership obtained the Chatham Mortgage in connected with the acquisition of the Chatham Properties in the amount of \$2,486,700 on January 15, 2018. The Chatham Mortgage is insured by CMHC. The Partnership incurred CMHC fees of approximately \$56,700, which will be amortized over the 10-year and 2-month term of the Chatham Mortgage. The Chatham Mortgage has a 25-year amortization period, is secured by a first charge on the Chatham Properties and bears interest at a fixed rate of 3.31%.

# Kingston Mortgage

The Kingston Mortgage's assigned portion of the loan is estimated to be \$6,250,441 and bears interest at 2.44%, and the top up portion of the loan is \$1,000,000 and will bear interest at market rates. The Kingston Mortgage is expected to mature in March, 2025. The balance will be paid in cash by the Partnership from the issuance of Class A LP Units, and if at the time of closing the proceeds from the issuance of Class A LP Units is not sufficient to complete the transaction, any shortfall may be paid in cash raised by the Partnership from the issuance of Redeemable LP Units and/or bridge financing provided by Equiton Partners.

# Equiton Loans and Redeemable Units

In the event that the available funds invested in the Partnership are not sufficient to complete any future acquisitions, the Partnership may arrange the following forms of financing (See "*Property Mortgages, Equiton Loans and Redeemable LP Units*"):

- (a) loans to the Partnership from Equiton Partners (the "Equiton Loans") in order to complete any future acquisitions. The terms and conditions of such Equiton Loans will be determined at the time of making such loans, however, the Issuer anticipates such Equiton Loans will be interest only payable loans, with no fixed term, and will bear interest at a fixed annual rate of 5% payable monthly. Additionally, the Issuer anticipates the Equiton Loans will be repayable to Equiton Partners in cash or Class A LP Units (at the discretion of Equiton Partners) and will be assignable by Equiton Partners; and
- (b) issuance of Redeemable LP Units to Equiton Partners.

Equiton Partners, as the Asset Manager, will receive a financing fee of up to 1% of the outstanding principal amount of a first priority mortgage, up to 1.5% of the outstanding principal amount of any second mortgage or line of credit and 1.5% of the principal amount of any Equiton Loans. Equiton Partners is a Related Party of the Issuer. See "Asset Management Agreement – Asset Manager Fees" and "Relationship Between the Issuer, the Equiton Agent, and Other Related Parties".

# **Distribution Policy**

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

On the last day of each fiscal year an amount equal to the Trust Distributable Income (other than capital gains the tax on which may be recoverable by the Issuer) for such fiscal year not previously made payable to or treated as having been paid to the Trust Unitholders in such fiscal year shall be payable to the Trust Unitholders at the close of business on such day.

In addition, the Trustees may declare to be payable and make distribution, from time to time, out of the Trust Income, the Net Realized Capital Gains (other than capital gains the tax on which may be recoverable by the Issuer), the capital of the Issuer or otherwise, in any year, in such amount or amounts, and on such dates on or before December 31 of that year as the Trustees may determine, to the extent such income, capital gains and capital has not already been paid, allocated or distributed to the Trust Unitholders. Distributions are declared and paid at the discretion of the Trustees. Trustees, in their discretion, may allocate distributions among the classes of Trust Units to adjust for the commissions, trailers and other costs attributable to the sales channels relating to each class of Trust Unit. Distributions per Trust Units of the same class shall be identical. See "Material Agreements – Declaration of Trust – Distribution Policy".

In reporting income for income tax purposes, the Issuer shall claim the maximum amount available to it as deductions under Applicable Laws, unless the Trustees determine otherwise.

# **Distribution Reinvestment Plan**

The Issuer has implemented a DRIP whereby Trust Unitholders who are resident Canadian holders of Class A Trust Units or Class F Trust Units are entitled to elect to have all or some of the cash distributions of the Issuer automatically reinvested in additional Trust Units. Participants in the DRIP will receive additional bonus Trust Units in an amount equal in value to 2% of the Distributions reinvested. See "*Material Agreements – Declaration of Trust – Distribution Policy – Distribution Reinvestment Plan*".

# Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations

The Issuer is of the view that as of the date hereof, the Issuer is a "mutual fund trust" under the provisions of the Tax Act. This summary assumes the Issuer is and will continue to qualify as a "mutual fund trust" at all relevant times. In the event that the Issuer were not to qualify as a mutual fund trust, the Canadian federal income tax consequences described below would, in some aspects, be materially and adversely different. Generally, if the Issuer does not qualify or ceases to qualify as a mutual fund trust at any time, the Trust Units will not be, or will cease to be, qualified

investments for Deferred Income Plans at that time. Furthermore, if the Trust Units are "prohibited investments" for a trust governed by a registered retirement savings plan ("**RRSP**"), registered retirement income fund ("**RRIF**"), or a tax-free savings account ("**TFSA**") which acquired Trust Units pursuant to this Offering Memorandum, the annuitant or holder will be subject to a penalty tax in respect of such Trust Units.

The Issuer is generally subject to tax under the Tax Act in respect of the Trust Income and the Net Realized Capital Gains in each taxation year, except to the extent that such amounts are paid or payable or deemed to be paid or payable in such year to Trust Unitholders and deducted by the Issuer for tax purposes.

A Trust Unitholder is required to include in computing income for tax purposes in each year the portion of the amount of the Trust Income and taxable portion of the Net Realized Capital Gains of the Issuer, determined for the purposes of the Tax Act, paid or payable to such Trust Unitholder in the year that the Issuer deducts in computing its income for tax purposes, whether that amount is received in cash, additional Trust Units, or otherwise. Distributions in excess of the Trust Income and the Net Realized Capital Gains in a year will not be included in computing the income of the Trust Unitholders from the Issuer for tax purposes. However, a Trust Unitholder is required to reduce the adjusted cost base to the Trust Unitholder by the portion of any amount paid or payable to the Trust Unitholder by the Issuer (other than the non-taxable portion of certain capital gains) that was not included in computing income and will realize a capital gain in the year to the extent the adjusted cost base of the Trust Units would otherwise be a negative amount.

Upon the disposition or deemed disposition, whether on a redemption or otherwise, by a Trust Unitholder of a Trust Unit, a capital gain (or a capital loss) will generally be realized to the extent that the proceeds of disposition of the Trust Unit exceed (or are exceeded by) the aggregate of the adjusted cost base to the Trust Unitholder of the Trust Unit immediately before the disposition and any reasonable costs of the disposition. The adjusted cost base to a Trust Unitholder of a particular class of Trust Unit will be determined by averaging the cost base of all of all the Trust Units of that class owned by a Trust Unitholder as capital property at a particular time. Generally, one-half of any capital gain (a "**taxable capital gain**") realized by a Trust Unitholder will be included in the Trust Unitholder's income for the year of disposition. One-half of any capital loss so realized may generally be deducted against taxable capital gains of the Trust Unitholder for the year of disposition.

See "Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations", "Risk Factors" and "Tax Related Risks".

#### **Risk Factors**

There are certain risk factors inherent in an investment in the Trust Units and in the activities of the Issuer, including risks related to liquidity and potential price fluctuation of the Trust Units, real property ownership, mortgage refinancing, availability of cash flow, government regulation and environmental matters, Trust Unitholder liability, dependence on key personnel, potential conflicts of interest, changes in legislation, investment eligibility, tax related risks and dilution arising from the issue of additional Trust Units. See "*Risk Factors*".

# Tax Related Risks

There can be no assurance that income tax laws and the treatment of mutual fund trusts will not be changed in a manner which adversely affects the Issuer or the Trust Unitholders. If the Issuer

fails to or ceases to qualify as a "mutual fund trust", the Canadian Federal tax considerations described under "*Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations*" and "*Eligibility for Investment for Deferred Income Plans*" would be materially and adversely different. The Issuer, its Subsidiaries and the Trust Unitholders may be reassessed for additional taxes from time to time. Such reassessments together with associated interest and penalties could adversely affect the Issuer and the Trust Unitholders. See "*Risk Factors – Tax Related Risks*".

### **Subscription Procedures**

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

# **Purchase Options**

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

### Class A Trust Units:

Option 1 – Deferred Sales Charge Option – the Co-Lead Agent or sub-agent receives an upfront commission of 6% of the subscription price. A Deferred Sales Charge will be applied to the redemption of any such Class A Trust Units prior to the fifth anniversary of their subscription.

Option 2 – Low Load Option – the Co-Lead Agent or sub-agent receives an upfront commission of 3% and an ongoing trailer of 0.75% per annum for so long as the Subscriber remains a holder of such Class A Trust Units. There will be a Short Term Trading Fee applicable to the redemption of any such Class A Trust Units prior to the third anniversary of their subscription.

Option 3 – Front Load Option – the Co-Lead Agent or sub-agent negotiates a commission (if any) which the Subscriber pays directly and the Co-Lead Agent or sub-agent receives an ongoing trailer of 1% per annum for as long as the Subscriber remains a holder of such Class A Trust Units. There will be a Short Term Trading Fee applicable to the redemption of any such Trust Units within the first 6 months of their subscription.

#### Class F Trust Units:

Only available for Fee Based Accounts. No commission and no trailers are paid to the Co-Lead Agent or sub-agent. There will be a Short Term Trading Fee applicable to the redemption of any such Class F Trust Units within 6 months of their subscription.

#### **Redemption Rights**

The Trust Units are redeemable upon demand of the Trust Unitholder. However, these redemption rights are subject to limitations, including a monthly limit of \$50,000 in respect of all Trust Units tendered for redemption. If the redemptions tendered in a calendar month exceed the foregoing limit, then the Issuer may satisfy the payment of the Redemption Amount, in part, by the issuance Redemption Notes, which are promissory notes. Any Redemption Notes which may be received as a result of a redemption of Trust Units will not be qualified investments for a Deferred Income Plan and may have adverse tax consequences if held by a Deferred Income

Plan. See "Declaration of Trust". See "Redemption of Trust Units". See "Eligibility for Investment by Deferred Income Plans."

#### **Resale Restrictions**

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

Subscribers of Trust Units may subsequently trade their Trust Units provided that such trades are made pursuant to an exemption from registration and prospectus requirements contained in applicable securities legislation. See "*Resale Restrictions*".

#### Subscribers' Rights of Action

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

# USE OF AVAILABLE FUNDS

#### Funds

The following table discloses the net proceeds of this Offering:

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

Notes:

(1) There is no minimum or maximum Offering. The Issuer will offer an unlimited number of Trust Units on a continuous basis. The minimum subscription amount per subscription is \$5,000. In limited circumstances, the Issuer may accept subscriptions of \$1,000 (100 Trust Units).

- (2) Trust Units will be sold through the Co-Lead Agents and sub-agents (the "securities dealers"). It is expected that the Issuer will pay compensation to the Co-Lead Agents and/or other securities dealers, up to a maximum of 6% of the subscription proceeds. The Issuer may also pay trailing commissions to the Co-Lead Agents and/or other securities dealers in respect of Trust Units sold by them or held in the client accounts of such securities dealers. The trailing commission will depend on the Class A Purchase Option through which the Trust Units are purchased and the class of Trust Units purchased. In addition, the Issuer will pay: wholesale costs to the Equiton Agent equal to 1.25% of the gross proceeds of this Offering, other than for Trust Units purchased pursuant to the Deferred Sales Charge Option (defined herein), and 0.5% of the gross proceeds of this Offering to the selling agent dealer based on sales made by that dealer, and a co-lead agent fee of 0.5% of the gross proceeds of this Offering to the Selling agent dealer based on sales made by that dealer, and a co-lead Agents;. To the extent that Issuer is responsible for the payment of compensation to the Co-Agents and/or other securities dealers, the funds available to the Issuer will be reduced. See "Compensation Paid to Sellers and Funders" and "Purchase Option". The Issuer is considered a "connected" or "related" issuer to the Equiton Agent. See "Relationship between the Issuer and the Equiton Agent".
- (3) The estimated costs include legal, consulting, accounting and printing costs associated with this Offering are estimated to be approximately \$150,000.
- (4) If additional funding is required by the Partnership, the Partnership may arrange for access to the Equiton Loans and issuance of Redeemable LP Units. See "Additional Financing". Equiton Partners is a Related Party of the issuer. See "Relationship between the Issuer, the Equiton Agent and other Related Parties".

# Use of Available Funds

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

Description of Intended Use of Available Funds Listed in Order of Priority Offer	
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Investment by the Issuer in Class A LP Units <sup>(2) (3)</sup>	N/A	N/A
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- Notes:
- (1) There is no minimum or maximum Offering. The issuer will offer an unlimited number of Trust Units on a continuous basis.
- (2) The Partnership proposes to use the net proceeds of the sale of Class A LP Units it receives from the investment by the Issuer (i) for future acquisitions; (ii) to pay expenses of the acquisition of the Properties including reports and mortgage financing fees; (iii) to pay the Transactions Fee to the Asset Manager; (iv) to repay debt; (v) to redeem the Redeemable LP Units held by Equiton Partners; and (iv) for working capital purposes. The General Partner and Equiton Partners are considered Related Parties to the Issuer as a result of Jason Roque and Helen Hurlbut, Trustees of the Issuer, acting as director and President and Chief Financial Officer, respectively, of each of the General Partner and Equiton Partners. Additionally, the General Partner and Equiton Partners are controlled by Jason Roque. See "Relationship between the Issuer, the Equiton Agent and Other Related Parties".

All of the net proceeds raised by the Issuer from the sale of Trust Units pursuant to this Offering will be invested in the Partnership through the purchase of Class A LP Units. The proceeds of such sale of Class A LP Units will be utilized by the Partnership to finance its business operations, repay debt, redeem the Redeemable LP Units and for future property acquisitions. See "*The Partnership*'s *Business*".

#### Reallocation

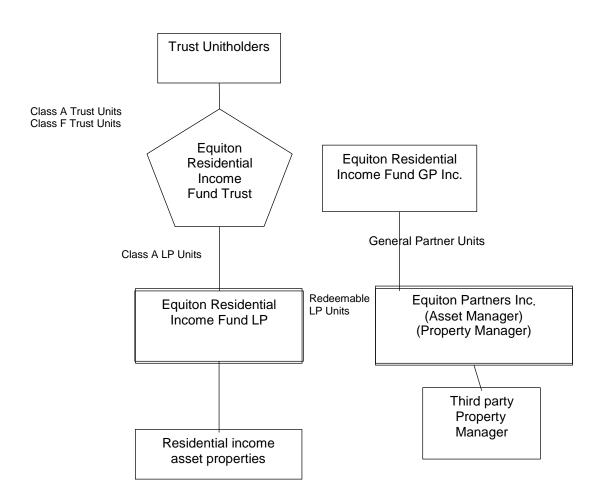
The Issuer intends to spend the available funds as stated. The Issuer will reallocate the funds only for sound business reasons in accordance with the investment objectives and restrictions of the Trust. Reallocation of funds for any purpose not contemplated in this Offering Memorandum will require the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

# THE BUSINESS OF THE ISSUER

#### Structure

The Issuer is an unincorporated open-ended investment trust created by the Declaration of Trust and governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein. See "*Declaration of Trust*" and "*Terms of Trust Units*". The Issuer was established with the objective of investing directly in the business of the Partnership through its acquisition of Class A LP Units. All or substantially all of the net proceeds of this Offering will be invested in the Partnership through the purchase of Class A LP Units.

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



The Trustees are responsible for the general control and direction of the Issuer. The only business of the Issuer will be to own Class A LP Units, which in turn will own all of the shares of all of the nominee corporations which are intended to own the Properties.

The Asset Manager manages the day-to-day operations of the assets of the Partnership. See "*The Asset Manager*". The Property Manager manages all aspects of the operation of the Properties. See "*The Property Manager*". Acquisitions will be subject to specific investment guidelines and the Issuer, and indirectly, the Partnership will be subject to specific operating policies. See "*Investment Guidelines and Operating Policies*".

# Trustees

The Declaration of Trust provides that the assets and operations of the Issuer will be subject to the control and authority of a minimum of two (2) and maximum of nine (9) Trustees, a majority of whom must be resident Canadians. The number of Trustees may only be changed by the Trust Unitholders or, if authorized by the Trust Unitholders, by the Trustees, provided that the Trustees may not, between meetings of the Trust Unitholders, unless otherwise approved by a majority of the Independent Trustees, appoint an additional Trustee if, after such appointment, the total number of Trustees would be greater than one and one-third times the number of Trustees in office immediately following the last annual meeting of Trust Unitholders. Equiton Partners is entitled to appoint up to four (4) Trustees (the "**Equiton Partners Appointees**"),

provided that following such appointments, where there are three or more Trustees, a majority of the Trustees are Independent Trustees. The balance of the Trustees are to be elected annually by resolution passed by a majority of the votes cast at a meeting of the Trust Unitholders. A vacancy occurring among the Trustees (other than a vacancy resulting from the resignation or removal of any of the Equiton Partners Appointees) may be filled by resolution of the remaining Trustees so long as they constitute a quorum or by the Trust Unitholders at a meeting of the Trust Unitholders. A vacancy occurring among the Trustees resulting from the resignation or removal of an Equiton Partners Appointee may be filled by an appointment by Equiton Partners. The board of Trustees is currently comprised of Jason Roque, Helen Hurlbut, David Hamilton, John Miron, and C. Scot Caithness. Jason Roque and Helen Hurlbut are Equiton Partners Appointees and are not Independent Trustees. David Hamilton, John Miron, and C. Scot Caithness.

The Declaration of Trust provides that the Trustees may appoint a Finance Committee and any Additional Committees. No committees of the board of Trustees have been formed at this time. The Declaration of Trust contains additional provisions for the following with respect to Trustees:

- where there are three or more Trustees, a majority of the Trustees must be Independent Trustees; and
- a Trustee, other than an Equiton Partners Appointee, may be removed at any time with or without cause by a majority of the votes cast at a meeting of Trust Unitholders or by written consent of Trust Unitholders holding not less than a majority of the outstanding Trust Units entitled to vote or with cause by a resolution passed by an affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the other Trustees.

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

# The Partnership

The Partnership is a limited partnership created under the laws of the Province of Ontario pursuant to a limited partnership declaration filed under the *Limited Partnership Act* (Ontario) to carry on the business of (i) acquiring, holding, maintaining, improving, leasing and/or managing of multi-unit residential revenue-producing properties (including apartment buildings and townhouses and ancillary commercial and other real estate ventures) for investment purposes through one or more nominee corporations beneficially owned by the Partnership, (ii) participating in joint venture arrangements with other investors in multi-unit residential properties (including apartment buildings and townhouses and ancillary commercial and other real estate ventures) for investment purposes, including apartment buildings or undertaking whatsoever approved by the General Partner and not inconsistent with the provisions of the LP Agreement.

The Issuer intends to use all or substantially all of the available funds from this Offering to purchase Class A LP Units in the Partnership. The Issuer will become a Limited Partner of the Partnership upon the acceptance by the General Partner of the Issuer's subscription for Class A LP Units. See "Material Agreements – The LP Agreement".

## The General Partner

The General Partner was incorporated under the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario) on March 1, 2016. The General Partner will have full power and the exclusive authority to administer, manage, control and operate the business of the Partnership. See "*LP Agreement – The General Partner – Function and Duties of the General Partner*".

The General Partner is indirectly owned and controlled by Jason Roque, who is also a director and President of the General Partner. Helen Hurlbut is Chief Financial Officer of the General Partner. See "*Management Experience*" and "*Relationship between the Issuer, the Equiton Agent and Other Related Parties*".

### The Asset Manager

The Asset Manager is responsible for managing the Partnership and providing advice with respect to the Partnership's Properties. Equiton Partners has been engaged by the Partnership to act as Asset Manager. See "*Material Agreements – Asset Management Agreement*".

All of the directors and senior officers of the Asset Manager have been involved in a broad range of real estate activities over at least the past five years.

The Asset Manager, Equiton Partners, is a Related Party to the Issuer because Jason Roque and Helen Hurlbut, both Trustees of the Issuer, are the President and Chief Financial Officer, respectively, of Equiton Partners and Jason Roque is the sole director of Equiton Partners. In addition, Mr. Roque indirectly, through wholly owned subsidiaries, controls Equiton Partners. See "Management Experience" and "Relationship between the Issuer, the Equiton Agent and Other Related Parties".

# The Property Manager

The Property Manager is responsible for managing all aspects of the operation of the Properties pursuant to the Property Management Agreement. Equiton Partners has been engaged by the Partnership to act as Property Manager. See "*Material Agreements – Property Management Agreement*".

All of the directors and senior officers of the Property Manager have been involved in a broad range of real estate activities over at least the past five years.

The Property Manager, Equiton Partners, is a Related Party to the Issuer because Jason Roque and Helen Hurlbut, both Trustees of the Issuer, are the President and Chief Financial Officer, respectively, of Equiton Partners and Jason Roque is the sole director of Equiton Partners. In addition, Mr. Roque indirectly, through wholly owned subsidiaries, controls Equiton Partners. See "*Relationship between the Issuer, the Equiton Agent and Other Related Parties*". See "*Management Experience*" and "*Relationship between the Issuer, the Equiton Agent and Other Related Parties*".

#### **Issuer's Business**

The Issuer has been established for the purpose of qualifying as a "mutual fund trust" pursuant to the Tax Act and to establish and carry on activities in order to produce income for the exclusive benefit of the Trust Unitholders and to distribute the Property of the Issuer upon

termination of those activities by the Issuer. The objective of the issuer is to invest indirectly in the business of the Partnership through its acquisition of Class A LP Units. All or substantially all of the net proceeds of this Offering will be invested in the Partnership through the purchase of Class A LP Units.

The issuer has a target of 5.5% of annual income distribution paid monthly and an annual growth target of approximately 2-5%. However, notwithstanding the intended target return on investment and subject to compliance with the Declaration of Trust, the distributions will be determined by the Trustees in their sole discretion. Pursuant to the Declaration of Trust, the Trustees have full discretion respecting the timing and amounts of distributions, including the adoption, amendment or revocation of any distribution policy. It is the Issuer's current intention to make distributions to Trust Unitholders at least equal to the amount of net income and Net Realized Capital Gains of the Issuer as is necessary to ensure that the Issuer will not be liable for ordinary income taxes on such income.

# The Partnership's Business

The Partnership is engaged in the acquisition, ownership, management of strategically located, income producing multi-residential properties, including student housing.

The objectives of the Partnership are (i) to provide LP Unit holders with stable and growing cash distributions, payable monthly from investments in a diversified portfolio of income-producing multi-unit residential properties located in Canada; and (ii) to maximize LP Unit value through the ongoing management of the Partnership's assets and through the future acquisition of additional properties. In order to achieve its objectives, the Partnership must successfully raise capital through the offerings of LP Units for subsequent acquisitions of multi-residential rental properties.

# Management and Investment Strategies

The Partnership has engaged the Asset Manager to manage the assets of the Partnership and provide advice with respect to the Properties, including market analysis, acquisition, disposition and asset management advice.

The Asset Manager intends to create mass for the Partnership's portfolio through acquisition and consolidation of Canadian markets where the opportunity for both value added and stabilized properties exist. The personnel of the Asset Manager has significant experience in all aspects of the rental housing business, including acquisitions and dispositions, finance and administration, property management, construction and renovation, and marketing and sales. These skills will permit the Partnership to capitalize upon many multi-unit residential real estate opportunities which may be unavailable to other real estate investors who lack the requisite diversity of real estate experience. The Asset Manager will enhance the value of the Properties through a number of distinct and well executed strategies, including:

• **Customer Satisfaction**. The Asset Manager strives to keep all customers satisfied and as long-term tenants by creating an environment that is clean and comfortable. By developing a sense of community within the Properties through various programs, it will reduce turnover and vacancy which will create demand for people wanting to live in the Partnership's buildings. Through the reduction in

costs associated with turnover and through higher demand allowing increasing rents, net income will grow accordingly.

- **Maintenance and Repair Programs**. The Asset Manager is fundamentally driven by efficiencies and cost effective programs that are accretive to the Partnership's short-term and long-term value. The Asset Manager has positioned the Partnership to take full advantage of efficiency programs and capital investments that will attract customers and enhance the value of its portfolio.
- Quality On-Site Building Staff. The Asset Manager believes that success of each Property from both financial and customer satisfaction standpoints starts with the attitudes and work ethic from the on-site building staff. From being the first point of contact, to the ongoing attention to the customer's needs, the building staff represents the Partnership. As well as being attentive and dedicated, the Asset Manager will seek on-site staff that is skilled in many areas in order to reduce the requirement for outside trades to be required for ordinary day-to-day repairs and maintenance.
- **Detailed Financial Reporting**. The Asset Manager utilizes sophisticated financial tools to maximize the Partnership's income and measure the effectiveness of cost control and efficiency programs. The Property Manager and the Asset Manager disclose financial reporting to those involved who have a direct impact on the financial success and control of those particular incomes and expenses.
- Strategic Debt Management. The Asset Manager will work diligently to seek out financing opportunities to optimize the Partnership's leveraged returns. Attention to staggered maturities and terms, at leverage amounts set out by the Declaration of Trust, will ensure the Partnership's exposure to fluctuating interest rates over the short and long term are both minimized and utilized to benefit the Partnership. The Asset Manager will make use of operating lines of credit for capital expenditures and acquisitions to improve the returns of the Partnership.
- Enhancement of the Partnership's Portfolio. The Asset Manager is always looking at opportunities to maximize the Partnership's portfolio. The Asset Manager may look at such things as condominium conversion, utility retrofits, sub-metering and strategic upgrades, among other things as part of this strategy. Properties that are "mature" and are no longer adding value to the Partnership, may be sold or repositioned if there is a market for an enhanced property. The Asset Manager will continue to diversify the Partnership's portfolio by purchasing properties in thriving communities that will continue to strengthen and insulate the Partnership from concerns that may arise in any one community.
- **Communications**. The Asset Manager will deliver concise and current information to existing LP Unit holders with respect to the activities within the Partnership's portfolio.

The Asset Manager believes that multi-unit residential properties offer an attractive investment opportunity with stability of yield, inflation protection characteristics and growth potential.

Focusing on predominantly one asset class will enable the Partnership to acquire a critical mass of residential units. It will also enable the Partnership to bolster its market presence, thereby enhancing the Partnership's opportunities for future multi-unit residential property acquisitions at attractive prices. As well, as the Partnership grows through the acquisition of new properties and the issuance of additional Trust Units, the Partnership will increase the stability of its income stream and provide LP Unit holders with increased liquidity.

Given current market conditions, the Asset Manager will continue to concentrate on communities that have low vacancy levels, and strong population demographics that align with the class of multi-residential properties that are acquired by the Partnership. However, the Asset Manager will also pursue opportunities in major metropolitan areas when it believes that the acquisitions are accretive to the Partnership and/or provide further opportunities for diversification. See "*Multi-unit Residential Real Estate Market*".

# MULTI-UNIT RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE MARKET

The real estate industry is divided into two segments: (i) residential – where people live, and (ii) commercial. The Partnership's focus is on multi-residential properties where large numbers of individuals live in either apartment buildings, townhouses or land lease communities. This offers the Partnership the ability to diversify the income generated by its portfolio, but, in addition, allows the Partnership the opportunity to acquire properties that are neither exclusively residential nor commercial. Often these properties are overlooked because of their mixed use, and, as a result they are often available at attractive prices.

With the portfolio consisting primarily of multi-residential real estate, including student housing, such portfolio will consist primarily of a large number of individual tenants.

The aforementioned characteristics tend to mitigate cyclical swings in the real estate market. but the market is not immune to supply and demand imbalances. This is another reason that the Partnership prefers to initially acquire properties in areas that have a lower cost per unit than in metropolitan areas driven by tighter markets that justify new construction to compete for tenant market share. Income generating properties are traded based upon their net incomes. Therefore, a lower income producing asset will be bought at a lower price. The advantage is that when these buildings are purchased at a fraction of the cost of building new properties, there is less likely to be new competitive construction. If there is new construction, it is an indicator that there is a market for more expensive units which translates into rental rate increases in the Partnership's buildings within that community. Based on the growing population in the Province of Ontario, and the lack of new construction of multi-residential buildings in these secondary and tertiary markets, tenant demand for these properties has increased over the years. According to CMHC Fall 2017 reports, the vacancy rate in Ontario was 1.6%<sup>1</sup>, while presently the vacancy rate in Stratford is 1.8%<sup>2</sup>, Brantford is 1.2%<sup>3</sup>, Chatham is 2.5%<sup>4</sup> and Kingston is 0.7%.<sup>5</sup> The Asset Manager monitors CMHC statistical data and forecasts as a benchmark tool when developing its investment objectives for the Partnership. As the population in Ontario continues to grow and the declining relative costs of renting versus owning increases overall rental demand, the Asset Manager expects a demand for multi-residential buildings as

<sup>1</sup> Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation - Primary Rental Market Statistics-Ontario Fall 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation - Primary Rental Market Statistics-Stratford Fall 2017. <sup>3</sup>

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Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation - Primary Rental Market Statistics-Kingston Fall 2017.

a result of new immigrants seeking long-term rental properties and an aging population moving from both rural and overpopulated urban centers. It is the experience of the Asset Manager that by purchasing or repositioning properties to be the 'best in class' in a community that they will attract a higher class of tenant that is respectful and will take pride living in the buildings held by the Partnership.

The Asset Manager believes that its smaller market strategy provides LP Unit holders with accretive property acquisitions in a value-added approach. The smaller market focus has the Asset Manager focusing on communities that show consistent low vacancy levels and strong population demographics that align with the class of properties that are acquired by the Partnership. Many properties that the Asset Manager is identifying as potential acquisitions are under-managed in terms of rental revenues, operating expenses and capital improvements. Previous or existing private owners may have had less leverage with vendors and utility companies for paring expenses and/or bulk purchasing, which typically results in an undermanaged building below market rental rates from an income perspective. Many of these properties rely upon the cash flow of the building's operations to fund necessary capital improvements and expenditures. This under-management becomes a difficult loop to break without a larger, more stable base of income-producing properties and a strong infrastructure to improve an underperforming building. The Partnership provides this critical mass for economies of scale and the supportive infrastructure to drive added value from its Properties.

The Asset Manager views these smaller market buildings as accretive opportunities to bring these niche markets into a stable and expanding part of the Partnership portfolio, with the resulting benefit of collective competitive advantage for the Asset Manager to improve LP Unit holder returns. The LP Unit holders will benefit from the Asset Manager purchasing these buildings at higher cap rates than traditionally would be seen in larger urban centres.

## Residential Market in Stratford, Brantford, Chatham and Kingston

Stratford, Brantford, Chatham and Kingston have active rental markets with a limited supply of rental units. These cities boast very low vacancy rates, with Stratford at 1.8%<sup>6</sup>, Brantford at 1.2%<sup>7</sup>, Chatham at 2.5%<sup>8</sup> and Kingston at 0.7%.<sup>9</sup> Stratford, Brantford, Chatham and Kingston are competitive with or outpace other secondary and tertiary markets like London (1.8%)<sup>10</sup>, Belleville (2.2%)<sup>11</sup>, Brockville (3.2%)<sup>12</sup> and Port Hope (1.6%).<sup>13</sup>

## City of Stratford

Stratford is a city on the Avon River in Perth County in Southwestern Ontario. It's a 30-minute drive west of Kitchener. Stratford is home to one of the largest internationally recognized annual theatre festivals in North America, the Stratford Festival. Stratford is also the location of many cutting-edge university and college programs. For example, the University of Waterloo Stratford Campus specializes in digital arts media programs, and Conestoga College and Stratford Chefs School offer hands-on training to students.

<sup>6</sup> Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation - Primary Rental Market Statistics-Stratford Fall 2017.

<sup>7</sup> Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation - Primary Rental Market Statistics-Brantford Fall 2017.

<sup>8</sup> Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation - Primary Rental Market Statistics-Chatham Fall 2017.

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<sup>10</sup> Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation - Primary Rental Market Statistics-London Fall 2017.

<sup>11</sup> Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation - Primary Rental Market Statistics-Belleville Fall2017.

<sup>12</sup> Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation - Primary Rental Market Statistics-Brockville Fall 2017.

<sup>13</sup> Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation - Primary Rental Market Statistics-Port Hope Fall 2017.

The city is within short commuting distance of many large employers, such as Toyota, Henderson Spring, and the Scotia Bank and Trust Financial Processing Centre. In the last five years, Stratford has added \$450 million in construction value to the local economy.<sup>14</sup>

## City of Brantford

Brantford is on the Grand River in the heart of Southwestern Ontario. Often called the Telephone City, Brantford is where Alexander Graham Bell first conceived the idea of the telephone in 1874. Brantford has a number of popular historical attractions, including The Bell Homestead National Historic Site, and the Canadian Military Heritage Museum.

Brantford is also the location of many large multi-national manufacturers, such as SC Johnson Canada (consumer packaged goods), Ferrero Canada Ltd (chocolate maker), and Apotex Pharmachem (pharmaceuticals).

## City of Chatham

Chatham is part of the municipality of Chatham-Kent, a community of over 102,000 people, in Southwestern Ontario.<sup>15</sup> Chatham-Kent is located with a one-hour drive of nearly one million residents. Chatham is the main center between the London to Windsor/Detroit corridor and within close proximity to three major border crossings. It is one of the oldest communities in western Ontario and is known for its historic charm.

Chatham serves as the marketing, retail and administrative center for the municipality. Major industries in the area include: automotive manufacturing and supporting companies, healthcare and agriculture. Chatham-Kent is also home to two post-secondary education campuses: St. Clair College of Applied Arts and Technology, and Ridgetown College, which is affiliated with the University of Guelph<sup>16</sup>.

## City Of Kingston

Kingston is located in East Ontario along the Eastern tip of Lake Ontario and the mouth of the St. Lawrence River. It is home to a population of over 172,000 residents<sup>17</sup>. It lies midway between Toronto, Ontario and Montreal, Quebec, and serves as a regional centre for the area. Within an eight-hour drive represents the third largest GDP concentration in North America.

With an enviable lifestyle, lower cost of living compared to larger urban centres and access to premium health care and educational facilities, Kingston is considered a great place to live and work. Key industries of employment include health care, agri-business, information communication technologies and defense<sup>18</sup>. It is also home to a Canada's largest army base, Canadian Forces Base Kingston, Queen's University and St. Lawrence College.

<sup>14</sup> Stratford Economic Enterprise Development Corporation (SEED Co.), www.locatestratford.ca.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> https://www.chatham-kent.ca/EconomicDevelopment/invest-in-chatham-kent-testimonials

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chatham-Kent

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Population: http://canadapopulation2017.com/population-of-kingston-2017.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> http://business.kingstoncanada.com/en/industry-sectors/sectors.asp

#### **Development of the Business**

The Issuer was formed on March 1, 2016 pursuant to the Declaration of Trust, and has not carried on any active business since its inception other than the sale of Trust Units and purchase of Class A LP Units.

The Partnership was formed under the laws of the Province of Ontario on March 1, 2016 pursuant to the filing of a limited partnership declaration, and has not carried on any active business since its inception other than entering into the material agreements set out in "*Material Agreements*" and the transactions described in this Offering Memorandum.

#### Acquisition of the Stratford Property

On April 25, 2016, the Partnership acquired the Stratford Property from the Vendor for the Stratford Purchase Price equal to \$8,900,000, subject to customary adjustments. The Stratford Purchase Price, representing a capitalization rate of approximately 5.5%, was paid through the Stratford Mortgage of \$4,992,450, the Stratford Second Mortgage of \$1,682,550, and the balance from cash raised by the Partnership from the issuance of Redeemable LP Units. See *"The Properties" and "Property Mortgages, Equiton Loans and Redeemable LP Units"*. Transaction Fees in connection with the acquisition of the Stratford Property of approximately \$100,570 (including applicable taxes) were paid to the Asset Manager pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Asset Management Agreement.

#### The Stratford Property

The Stratford Property consists of two low-rise buildings located at 30 and 31 Campbell Court, Stratford, Ontario, located near the intersection of Mornington Street and McCarthy Road. Situated on approximately 2.5 acres of land, the Stratford Property contains a total of 83,000 square feet of area (30 Campbell Court – 39,000 square feet, 31 Campbell Court – 44,100 square feet). The Stratford Property contains 99 units, as follows:

Building	1-Bedroom	2-Bedroom	3-Bedroom	Total Suites
30 Campbell Court, Stratford, Ontario	17	31	0	48
31 Campbell Court, Stratford, Ontario	14	34	3	51
Total	31	65	3	99

Amenities include 100 surface parking spaces and laundry facilities in each building. The Stratford Property as at January 2018 is currently 99% leased and produces an average monthly rent of \$862 per unit. The buildings were constructed in circa 1977 and were built of concrete construction on base and the current owner recently carried out major capital improvements. The Stratford Property is located minutes away from the Avon River, Lake Victoria, and the city's historic downtown core with its quaint shops, restaurants and theatres with easy access to public transportation, big-box stores, and 30 minutes west of the cities of Kitchener and Waterloo.



30 & 31 Campbell Court, Stratford, Ontario



30 & 31 Campbell Court, Stratford, Ontario

## Acquisition of the Brantford Properties

On July 18, 2016, the Partnership acquired the Brantford Properties from the Vendor for a purchase price equal to \$11,475,000, subject to customary adjustments (the "**Brantford Purchase Price**"). The Brantford Purchase Price, representing a capitalization rate of approximately 5%, was paid through the Brantford Mortgage in the amount of \$6,400,000, a secured line of credit of \$1,000,000, and the balance from cash raised by the Partnership from the issuance of Redeemable LP Units. On July 31, 2017, the line of credit was repaid in full, and the loan facility is now closed. See "*The Properties*" and "*Property Mortgages, Equiton Loans and Redeemable LP Units*". Transaction Fees in connection with the acquisition of the Brantford Properties of approximately \$129,667 (including applicable taxes) were paid to the Asset Manager pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Asset Management Agreement.

#### The Brantford Properties

The Brantford Properties consist of three adjacent mid-level buildings located at 120, 126 and 130 St. Paul Avenue and an additional mid-level building located at 19 Lynnwood Drive in Brantford. 120, 126 and 130 St. Paul Avenue are situated on approximately 0.8 acres of land and contain a total of 41,200 square feet of area and 46 suites. 19 Lynnwood Drive is situated on approximately 1.7 acres of land and contains a total of 66,000 square feet of area.

Building	1-Bedroom	2-Bedroom	3-Bedroom	Total Suites
120 St. Paul Avenue	15	31	0	46
19 Lynnwood Avenue	18	35	5	58
Total	33	66	5	104

The Brantford Properties contain an aggregate of 104 units, as follows:

There are 49 parking spaces at 120, 126 and 130 St. Paul Avenue and 53 parking spaces at 19 Lynnwood Drive and each building has laundry facilities. Combined, the Brantford Properties contain 104 units, and as at January 2018 are 99% leased and produce an average monthly rent of \$970 per unit. The buildings were constructed in circa 1950-1960 and were built of concrete construction on base. 120, 126 and 130 St. Paul Avenue is located within walking distance of many amenities, including schools, Brantford General Hospital, restaurants and recreational facilities. 19 Lynnwood Drive is easily accessible by multiple modes of transportation with the Wayne Gretzky Parkway, and Highway 403 situated nearby and two bus routes located within walking distance.



120 St. Paul Avenue, Brantford, Ontario



120,126,130 St. Paul Avenue, Brantford, Ontario



19 Lynnwood Avenue, Brantford, Ontario



# Acquisition of Chatham Properties

On December 29, 2017, the Partnership acquired the "**Chatham Properties**") from a vendor for the purchase price equal to \$4,050,000, subject to customary adjustments. The Chatham Purchase Price, representing a capitalization rate of approximately 6.26%, was paid through an unsecured bridge loan of \$2,430,000 provided by Equiton Partners and the balance in cash raised by the Partnership from the issuance of Class A LP Units. On January 16, 2018, the bridge loan was replaced through a CMHC insured first mortgage of \$2,486,700. Transaction Fees in connection with the acquisition of the Chatham Properties of approximately \$45,765 (including applicable taxes) were paid to the Asset Manager pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Asset Management Agreement.

# The Chatham Properties

The Chatham Properties consist of one four-storey building located at 383-385 Wellington Street West and one adjacent single family dwelling at 49 Lacroix Street. Situated on approximately 0.68 acres of land, the Chatham Properties contain a total of 40,795 square feet of area. The Chatham Properties contain 54 units, as outlined below.

Building	Bachelor	1- Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom	Total Suites
383 Wellington St W.	22	26	5		53
49 Lacroix St. (Single Family House)				1	1
Total	22	26	5	1	54

Amenities include 24 surface parking spaces and a laundry facility. As at January 2018, the property was 99% leased and produced an average monthly rent of \$719 per unit. The building was constructed circa 1922. The Chatham Properties are situated in a premium location dominated by single family homes and is minutes from the highway, the Thames River, a hospital, shopping, restaurants, a fire station, a police station and St. Clair College. They are also close to public transit.



383-385 Wellington Street West and 49 Lacroix Street.



383-385 Wellington Street West and 49 Lacroix Street.

# Acquisition of Kingston Properties

On November 29, 2017, the Equiton Acquisition Corporation entered into the Kingston Purchase Agreement to acquire the Kingston Properties from a Vendor for the purchase price equal to \$12,150,000, subject to customary adjustments. The transaction is expected to be completed on March 30, 2018. The Kingston Purchase Price, representing a capitalization rate of approximately 5.12%, is expected to be paid through the Kingston Mortgage, whereby the assigned portion of the Ioan is \$6,250,441 and bears interest at 2.44%, and the top up portion of the Ioan is \$1,000,000 and will bear interest at market rates. The Kingston Mortgage is expected to mature in March, 2025. The balance will be paid by the Partnership in cash through the issuance of Class A LP Units, and if at the time of closing the cash from the issuance of Class A LP Units is not sufficient to complete the transaction, any shortfall may be paid in cash raised by the Partnership from the issuance of Redeemable LP Units and/or bridge financing provided by Equiton Partners. Transaction Fees in connection with the acquisition of the Kingston Properties of approximately \$137,295 (including applicable taxes) will be paid to the Asset Manager pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Asset Management Agreement.

## The Kingston Properties

The Kingston Properties consist of a four-storey concrete and stucco construction building located at 780 Division Street, and two adjacent vacant parcels of land located at 760 Division Street and 2 Kirkpatrick Street, Kingston, Ontario. The Kingston Properties are situated on approximately 5.0 acres of land and contain a total of 82,343 square feet of area. The Kingston Properties contain 112 units, as follows:

Building	Bachelor	1- Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom	Total Suites
780 Division Street	0	25	47	40	112

Amenities include 112 surface parking spaces and laundry facilities. As at January 2018, the Kingston Properties were 97% leased and produced an average monthly rent of \$906 per unit at the time of acquisition. The building was constructed circa early 1970s and the owner has carried out various improvements over the years. The vacant parcels have medium to long-term development potential. The property is located within a few minutes drive to the St. Lawrence River, hospital, shopping, restaurants, fire station, police station Highway 401 and Queen's University, as well as, close to public transit.



760, 780 Division Street and 2 Kirkpatrick Street



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# Property Mortgages, Equiton Loans and Redeemable LP Units

No indebtedness shall be incurred or assumed by the Issuer, or any Subsidiary of the Issuer, or the Partnership, if, after giving effect to the incurring or assumption thereof of the indebtedness, the total indebtedness as a percentage of Gross Book Value, would be more than 75%. See *"Investment Guidelines and Operating Policies"*.

## Stratford Mortgages

The Partnership obtained the Stratford Mortgage in connection with the acquisition of the Stratford Property in the amount of \$4,992,450. The Stratford Mortgage is insured by CMHC. The Partnership incurred CMHC fees of approximately \$112,450, which will be amortized over the 10 year and 4 month term of the Stratford Mortgage. The Stratford Mortgage has a 10 year and 4 month term, is secured by a first charge on the Stratford Property and bears interest at a fixed rate of 2.73%.

The Partnership, at the time of acquisition, also obtained the Stratford Second Mortgage in connection with the acquisition of the Stratford Property in the amount of \$1,682,550 which was subsequently repaid in full on November 1, 2017.

Equiton Partners, as Asset Manager, received a financing fee of 1% of the principal amount of the Stratford Mortgage and 1% of the principal amount of the Stratford Second Mortgage, each paid by way of Redeemable LP Units. Equiton Partners is a Related Party of the Issuer. See "Asset Management Agreement – Asset Manager Fees" and "Relationship Between the Issuer, the Equiton Agent, and Other Related Parties".

## Brantford Mortgage

The Partnership has obtained the Brantford Mortgage in connection with the acquisition of the Brantford Properties in the amount of \$6,400,000. The Brantford Mortgage has a 10 year term, is amortized over a 25 year period, is secured by a first charge on the Brantford Properties and bears interest at a fixed rate of 3.91%. The Partnership also obtained a revolving line of credit in the amount of \$1,000,000 which is also secured by the first charge on the Brantford Property and bears interest at the BMO Prime Rate plus 1%. The Partnership is only obligated to pay the interest charges on the revolving line of credit for the first 12 months and thereafter the revolving line of credit is amortized over 5 years, with the lender having the right to demand payment in full at any time. On July 31, 2017, the line of credit was repaid in full, and the loan facility is now closed.

Equiton Partners, as Asset Manager, received a financing fee of 1% of the principal amount of the Brantford Mortgage and 1% of the principal amount of the line of credit. Equiton Partners a Related Party of the Issuer. See "Asset Management Agreement – Asset Manager Fees" and "Relationship Between the Issuer, the Equiton Agent, and Other Related Parties".

## Chatham Mortgage and Bridge Loan

On January 15, 2018, the Partnership obtained a mortgage in connection with the acquisition of the Chatham Properties in the amount of \$2,486,700. The Chatham Mortgage is insured by CMHC. The Partnership incurred CMHC fees of approximately \$56,700, which will be amortized

over the 10-year and 2-month term of the Chatham Mortgage. The Chatham Mortgage has a 25year amortization period, is secured by a first charge on the Chatham Properties and bears interest at a fixed rate of 3.31%.

Equiton Partners provided the Partnership a bridge loan for \$2,430,000 on December 29, 2017, at a rate of 5%, which was replaced by the Chatham Mortgage on January 15, 2018.

Equiton Partners, as Asset Manager, received a financing fee of 1% of the principal amount of the Chatham Mortgage, as well as a \$5,000 fee in connection with providing the unsecured bridge loan. Equiton Partners is a Related Party of the Issuer. See "Asset Management Agreement – Asset Manager Fees" and "Relationship Between the Issuer, the Equiton Agent, and Other Related Parties".

#### Kingston Mortgage and Bridge Loan

The Partnership anticipates obtaining the Kingston Mortgage in connection with the acquisition of the Kingston Properties in the amount of \$7,250,441 prior to completion of the transaction. The assigned portion of the loan is \$6,250,441 and bears interest at 2.44%, and the top up portion of the loan is \$1,000,000 and will bear interest at market rates. The Kingston Mortgage is expected to mature in March, 2025.

In the event that the proceeds from the issuance by the Partnership of Class A LP Units or Redeemable LP Units, in addition to the Kingston Mortgage, are not sufficient to fund the transaction on or about March 30, 2018, Equiton Partners may provide the Partnership an unsecured bridge loan for any shortfall, at a rate of 5%, until such time as it can be repaid through the issuance of Class A LP Units.

Equiton Partners, as Asset Manager, may receive a financing fee of 1% of the principal amount of the Kingston Mortgage, as well as a 1.5% fee if it provides an unsecured bridge loan. Equiton Partners is a Related Party of the Issuer. See "Asset Management Agreement – Asset Manager Fees" and "Relationship Between the Issuer, the Equiton Agent, and Other Related Parties".

#### Equiton Loans and Redeemable Units

In the event that the available funds invested in the Partnership are not sufficient to complete the future acquisitions or other activities, the Partnership may arrange the following forms of financing:

- (a) Equiton Loans to the Partnership from Equiton Partners in order to fund various activities of the Partnership. The terms and conditions of such Equiton Loans will be determined at the time of making such loans, however, the Issuer anticipates such Equiton Loans will be interest only payable loans, with no fixed term, and will bear interest at a fixed annual rate of 5% payable monthly. Additionally, the Issuer anticipates the Equiton Loans will be repayable to Equiton Partners in cash or Class A LP Units (at the discretion of Equiton Partners) and will be assignable by Equiton Partners; and
- (b) the issuance of Redeemable LP Units to Equiton Partners. The Redeemable LP Units will have a subscription price of \$10.00 per Redeemable LP Unit and will be redeemable, in whole or in part, at any time at the option of the Partnership at a price equal to the market value of such Redeemable LP Units, as determined

by the General Partner from time to time. A holder of Redeemable LP Units will have the right to one vote for each Redeemable LP Unit held in respect of all matters to be decided by the Limited Partners. Holders of Redeemable LP Units shall be entitled to receive distributions per Redeemable LP Unit equal to the distributions per Class A LP Unit. The Redeemable LP Units will rank equal with the Class A LP Units in the event of liquidation of the Partnership.

Equiton Partners, as the Asset Manager, will receive a financing fee of up to 1% of the outstanding principal amount of a first priority mortgage, up to 1.5% of the outstanding principal amount of any second mortgage or a line of credit and 1.5% of the principal amount of the Equiton Loans. Equiton Partners is a Related Party of the Issuer. See "Asset Management Agreement – Asset Manager Fees" and "Relationship Between the Issuer, the Equiton Agent, and Other Related Parties".

# Long-Term Objectives

The long-term objectives of the Issuer are: (i) to provide Trust Unitholders with stable and growing cash distributions, payable monthly and, to the extent reasonably possible, tax deferred, from investments in Class A LP Units which invests in a diversified portfolio of income producing multi-unit residential properties located in Canada; and (ii) through the holding of Class A LP Units, to maximize Trust Unit value through the ongoing management of the Partnership's assets and through the Partnership's future acquisition of additional properties. The Issuer initially intends to target a 5.5% annual return of income distribution and annual growth of 2-5% per annum, payable on a monthly basis. However, notwithstanding the intended target return on investment and subject to compliance with the Declaration of Trust, the distributions will be determined by the Trustees in their sole discretion. See "Business of the Issuer – The Issuer's Business". In order to achieve its objectives, the Issuer must successfully raise capital through this Offering and future offerings for subsequent acquisitions of Class A LP Units to fund the Partnership's acquisition of multi-residential rental properties.

## **Short-Term Objectives**

The primary objective of the Issuer in the ensuing 12 months is to seek out Subscribers, close this Offering and complete additional offerings, and invest funds raised by such offerings in the Partnership by way of purchase of Class A LP Units.

What we must do and how we will do itTarget completion date or,<br/>if not known,<br/>number of months to<br/>completeOur cost to<br/>complete1. Complete additional offerings and acquire additional<br/>Class A LP Units.Periodically throughout the<br/>next 12 monthsSee Use of<br/>Available Funds

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

## **Insufficient Funds**

The majority of the available funds raised pursuant to this Offering will be invested in the Partnership through the purchase of Class A LP Units. If the available funds invested in the

Partnership are not sufficient to complete acquisitions or other activities of the Partnership, the Partnership may arrange for Equiton Loans to the Partnership from Equiton Partners and/or the issuance of Redeemable LP Units to Equiton Partners.

## MATERIAL AGREEMENTS

## **Declaration of Trust**

The following is a summary of the material attributes and characteristics of the Declaration of Trust and the Trust Units issued under the Declaration of Trust. This summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the provisions of the Declaration of Trust which contains a complete statement of those attributes and characteristics. A copy of the Declaration of Trust can be obtained by contacting investors@equiton.com.

## General

The Issuer is a limited purpose unincorporated, open-ended investment trust. The Issuer shall be governed by the general law of trusts, except as such general law of trusts has been or is from time to time modified, altered or abridged for the Issuer by: (a) Applicable Laws; and

(b) the terms, conditions and trusts set forth in the Declaration of Trust.

The Issuer was established for the purpose of qualifying as a "mutual fund trust" pursuant to the Tax Act and to establish and carry on activities in order to produce income for the exclusive benefit of the Trust Unitholders and to distribute the Property of the Issuer upon termination of those activities by the Issuer.

## Trustees

The Declaration of Trust provides for a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of nine (9) Trustees. Equiton Partners is entitled to appoint up to four (4) Trustees, provided that following such appointments, where there are three or more Trustees, a majority of the Trustees are Independent Trustees. The balance of the Trustees are to be elected annually by resolution passed by a majority of the votes cast at a meeting of the Trust Unitholders. Certain decisions respecting the affairs of the Issuer must be made by the Independent Trustees. The board of Trustees is currently comprised of Jason Roque, Helen Hurlbut, David Hamilton, John Miron, and C. Scot Caithness. Jason Roque and Helen Hurlbut are Equiton Partners Appointees and are not Independent Trustees. David Hamilton, John Miron and C. Scot Caithness, elected by the Trust Unitholders.

## **Conflict of Interest Restrictions and Provisions**

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

A "**Conflict of Interest Matter**" shall mean a situation where a reasonable person would consider an officer or director of the Trust or Trustee, or an entity related to an officer or director

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

- (a) the disclosure required in the case of a Trustee shall be made:
  - (i) at the meeting of Trustees or the applicable committee thereof, as the case may be, at which a Conflict of Interest Matter is first considered;
  - (ii) if such Trustee was not then interested in a Conflict of Interest Matter, at the first such meeting after he becomes so interested;
  - (iii) if such Trustee becomes interested after an agreement pertaining to the Conflict of Interest Matter is entered into, at the first such meeting after he becomes so interested; or
  - (iv) if an individual who is interested in a Material Transaction later becomes a Trustee, at the first such meeting after he becomes a Trustee;
- (b) the disclosure required in the case of an officer of the Trust, who is not a Trustee, shall be made:
  - forthwith after such officer becomes aware that the Conflict of Interest Matter is to be considered or has been considered at a meeting of the Trustees, or the applicable committee thereof, as the case may be;
  - (ii) if such officer becomes interested after an agreement pertaining to the Conflict of Interest Matter is entered into, forthwith after such officer becomes aware that he has become so interested; or
  - (iii) if an individual who is interested in a Conflict of Interest Matter later becomes an officer of the Trust, forthwith after such individual becomes an officer of the Trust;
- (c) notwithstanding Sections 4.7(a) and 4.7(b) of the Declaration of Trust, (i) the holding of Trust Units or LP Units by Equiton Partners Inc. or any of its Affiliates shall not be deemed to be a Conflict of Interest Matter, and (ii) if a matter is one that, in the ordinary course of the affairs of the Trust, would not require approval by the Trustees or the Unitholders, if such matter is a "Conflict of Interest Matter", the conflicted Trustee or officer of the Trust shall disclose, in writing to the Trustees or applicable committee thereof, as the case may be, the nature and extent of his interest immediately after he becomes aware of the Conflict of Interest for

approval in accordance with unanimous approval requirements, as described in in "- *Independent Trustee Matters*" below.

- (d) a Trustee referred to in Section 4.7 of the Declaration of Trust shall not vote on any resolution to approve the Conflict of Interest Matter unless the Conflict of Interest Matter is:
  - (i) one relating primarily to his remuneration as a Trustee, officer, employee or agent of the Trust; or
  - (ii) one for indemnity under Section 14.1 of the Declaration of Trust or the purchase of liability insurance;
- for the purposes hereof, a general notice to the Trustees by a Trustee or an (e) officer of the Trust disclosing the basis of a conflict, such as that he is a director, trustee or officer of or has a material interest in a Person or in any Affiliate, Related Party or Subsidiary of any Person and is to be regarded as interested in any Conflict of Interest Matter entered into or which may be entered into, is a sufficient disclosure of interest in relation to any Conflict of Interest Matter so made or entered into or which may be made or entered into, provided that such general notice is delivered to the principal office and centre of administration of the Trust and to each Trustee personally. In the event that a meeting of the Unitholders is called to confirm or approve a Conflict of Interest Matter which is the subject of a general notice to the Trustees, the nature and extent of the interest in the Conflict of Interest Matter of such Trustee or officer giving such general notice shall be disclosed in reasonable detail in the notice calling the said meeting of the Unitholders or in any information circular to be provided by this Declaration of Trust or by Applicable Law;
- (f) where a Conflict of Interest Matter is entered into between the Trust and a Trustee, director or an officer of the Trust, or between the Trust and another Person or any Affiliate, Related Party or Subsidiary of such other Person in which a Trustee or an officer of the Trust has a material interest:
  - such Trustee or officer of the Trust is not accountable to the Trust or to the Unitholders for any profit or gain realized from the Conflict of Interest Matter; and
  - (ii) the Conflict of Interest Matter is neither void nor voidable,

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

(g) notwithstanding anything in this Section, but without limiting the effect of Section 4.7(f) of the Declaration of Trust, a Trustee, director or an officer of the Trust, acting honestly and in good faith, is not accountable to the Trust or to the Unitholders for any profit or gain realized from any such Conflict of Interest Matter by reason only of the disclosed relationship, and the Conflict of Interest Matter, if it was reasonable and fair to the Trust at the time it was approved, is not by reason only of such Trustee's, director's or officer's interest therein void or voidable, where:

- (i) the Conflict of Interest Matter is confirmed or approved at a meeting of the Unitholders duly called for that purpose; and
- (ii) the nature and extent of such Trustee's, director's or officer's interest in the Conflict of Interest Matter are disclosed in reasonable detail in the notice calling the meeting or in any information circular to be provided by this Declaration of Trust or by Applicable Law; and
- (h) subject to Sections 4.7(f) and 4.7(g) of the Declaration of Trust, where a Trustee, director or an officer of the Trust fails to disclose his interest in a Conflict of Interest Matter in accordance with this Declaration of Trust or otherwise fails to comply with Section 4.7 of the Declaration of Trust, the Trustees or any Unitholder, in addition to exercising any other rights or remedies in connection with such failure exercisable at law or in equity, may apply to a court for an order setting aside the Conflict of Interest Matter and directing that such Trustee or officer account to the Trust for any profit or gain realized.

# Independent Trustee Matters

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

- (a) entering into any agreement or transaction in which any Related Party has a material interest or making a material change to any such agreement or transaction;
- (b) relating to a claim by or against any Related Party;
- (c) relating to a claim in which the interests of a Related Party differ from the interests of the Issuer;
- (d) to permit the Partnership to acquire any real or other property in which a Related Party has an interest or to sell any interest in any real or other property to a Related Party;
- (e) granting Trust Units under any unit incentive or unit compensation plan approved by the Trustees and, if required, by the Trust Unitholders or awarding any right to acquire or other right or interest in the Trust Units or securities convertible into or exchangeable for Trust Units under any plan approved by the Trustees and, if required, by the Trust Unitholders;

- (f) to approve or enforce any agreement entered into by the Issuer or its Subsidiaries or Related Parties with a Trustee who is not an Independent Trustee or an Associate thereof, with another Subsidiary or Related Party;
- (g) recommending to the Trust Unitholders to increase the number of Trustees serving on the board of Trustees or authorizing the Trustees to change the number of Trustees from time to time; and
- (h) determining the compensation of any officer or employee of the Issuer.

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

Additionally, pursuant to the Declaration of Trust, the Issuer must deliver to Unitholders a report of the Independent Trustees regarding their review and approval of any Conflict of Interest Matters during the prior fiscal year at the same time that the audited annual financial statements are delivered to Unitholders.

# Finance Committee

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

The Finance Committee shall:

- (a) review the Issuer's procedures for internal control with the Auditors and Chief Financial Officer of the Issuer;
- (b) review the engagement of the Auditors;
- (c) review and recommend to the Trustees for their approval annual and quarterly financial statements and management's discussion and analyses of financial condition and results of operation;
- (d) assess the Issuer's financial and accounting personnel; and
- (e) review any significant transactions outside the Issuer's ordinary activities and all pending litigation involving the Issuer.

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

## Additional Committees

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

## **Remuneration of Trustees and Senior Officers**

The Trustees shall be paid such compensation for their services as the Trustees may from time to time unanimously determine.

Trustees who are employed by and receive a salary from the Issuer will not receive any remuneration from the Issuer for serving as a Trustee other than reimbursement of expenses.

## Trust Units

The beneficial interests in the Issuer, other than the initial trust unit, shall be divided into interests of different classes, described as "Class A Trust Units", "Class F Trust Units" and such other classes of trust units of the Trust which may be created by the Trustees (collectively described as "**Trust Units**"). The number of Trust Units, which the Issuer may issue, is unlimited. Trust Units shall be issued only as fully paid and non-assessable. Each Trust Unit when issued shall vest indefeasibly in the holder thereof. The issued and outstanding Trust Units may be subdivided or consolidated from time to time by the Trustees with the approval of the majority of the Trust Unitholders, or as otherwise provided in Section 6.5 of the Declaration of Trust. The Trust Units are not "deposits" within the meaning of the *Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation Act* and are not insured under the provisions of such act or any other legislation. The Trust Units shall not be listed on any public stock exchange.

#### Purchase of Trust Units

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

## **Redemption of Trust Units**

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

(a) The monthly redemption date (the "Redemption Date") will be the 15<sup>th</sup> day of each and every month. If the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month is not a Business Day, the Redemption Date for that month will be the next succeeding Business Day. To exercise a Trust Unitholder's right to require redemption, a duly completed and properly executed notice (the "Redemption Notice") requiring the Issuer to redeem said Trust Units, in a form approved by the Trustees, specifying the series of Trust Units and the number of Trust Units to be so redeemed, shall be

sent to the Issuer at its head office. The Redemption Notice must be received no later than 30 days before the Redemption Date to be considered for that particular Redemption Date. If a minimum of 30 days' notice is not given, the Trustees will not be required to consider redeeming the Trust Units until the next subsequent Redemption Date. No form or manner of completion or execution shall be sufficient unless the same is in all respects satisfactory to the Trustees and is accompanied by any further evidence that the Trustees may reasonably require with respect to the identity, capacity or authority of the Person giving the Redemption Notice.

- (b) As of the Redemption Date, upon the payment of the Redemption Amount (defined below), plus the pro rata share of any unpaid distributions declared thereon and paid prior to the Redemption Date, the Trust Unitholder shall thereafter cease to have any rights with respect to the Trust Units tendered for redemption (other than to receive the Redemption Amount therefor) including ceasing to have the right to receive any distributions thereon which are declared payable to the Trust Unitholders of record on a date which is subsequent to the Redemption Date. Trust Units shall be considered to be tendered for redemption on the Redemption Date, provided that the Issuer has, to the satisfaction of the Trustees, received the Redemption Notice and other required documents or evidence as aforesaid.
- (c) Upon receipt by the Issuer of the Redemption Notice in accordance with this Section, the holder of the Trust Units tendered for redemption shall be entitled to receive a redemption amount (the "**Redemption Amount**") equal to the Redemption Price times the number of Trust Units that a Trust Unitholder tenders for redemption, less (a) the costs of implementing the redemption (the "**Redemption Cost**"); (b) any applicable Deferred Sales Charge; and (c) any applicable Short Term Trading Fee. The Redemption Cost shall be the lesser of (i) 2% of the Market Value of the Trust Units being Redeemed and (ii) \$150. For example, a redemption of Trust Units with a Market Value of \$5,000 shall have a Redemption Cost of \$100.
- (d) Subject to Paragraph (e) below, the Redemption Amount payable in respect of the Trust Units tendered for redemption during any month shall be paid on the Redemption Date by cheque, drawn on a Canadian chartered bank or a trust company in lawful money of Canada, payable at par to or to the order of the Trust Unitholder who exercised the right of redemption. Payment of the Redemption Amount is conclusively deemed to have been made upon the mailing of a cheque in a postage prepaid envelope addressed to the Person who redeemed the Trust Units, unless such cheque is dishonoured upon presentment. Upon such payment, the Issuer shall be discharged from all liability to the Person who redeemed the Trust Units in respect of the Trust Units so redeemed.
- (e) Paragraph (d) above shall not be applicable to Trust Units tendered for redemption by a Trust Unitholder, if the total amount payable by the Issuer pursuant to Paragraph (c) above in respect of such Trust Units and all other Trust Units tendered for redemption prior thereto in the same calendar month exceeds \$50,000 (the "Monthly Limit"); provided that the Trustees may, in their sole

discretion, increase such Monthly Limit in respect of all Trust Units tendered for redemption in any calendar month.

- (f) If, pursuant to Paragraph (e) above, Paragraph (d) is not applicable to the Trust Units tendered for redemption by a Trust Unitholder, the Redemption Amount to which the Trust Unitholder would otherwise be entitled shall be paid and satisfied as follows:
  - a portion of the Redemption Amount equal to the Monthly Limit divided by the total number of Trust Units tendered by all Trust Unitholders for redemption in the month times the number of Trust Units tendered for redemption by a Trust Unitholder shall be paid and satisfied in cash, in accordance with Paragraph (d) applied *mutatis mutandis*; and
  - (ii) the remainder of the Redemption Amount shall be paid and satisfied by way of the issuance to the Trust Unitholder of a Redemption Note, in accordance with Paragraph (g).

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

- (g) The Redemption Price for Units paid by the Issuer may not be paid in cash in certain circumstances but instead may be satisfied through the issuance of Redemption Notes by the Issuer. If Paragraph (f) above is applicable to some or all of the Trust Units tendered for redemption by a Trust Unitholder, the Issuer shall, subject to receipt of all necessary regulatory approvals, issue to the Trust Unitholder a Redemption Note having a principal amount equal to the Redemption Amount minus the cash paid or payable to the Trust Unitholder pursuant to Paragraph (f)(i) above. The Redemption Note shall bear interest at the Prime Rate plus 2% and such interest shall be payable in cash to the holder of the Redemption Note in the same manner as distributions hereunder, mutatis mutandis. Subject to Applicable Laws, the Redemption Note shall be issued to or to the order of the Trust Unitholder on or before the last day of the calendar month following the month in which the Trust Units were tendered for redemption. A Redemption Note may be tendered for payment in the same manner as Trust Units are tendered for redemption, and Paragraphs (a), (d), (e) and (f) above shall apply thereto, mutatis mutandis.
- (h) All Trust Units which are redeemed in accordance with the foregoing paragraphs shall be cancelled and such Trust Units shall no longer be outstanding and shall not be reissued.
- (i) For the purposes hereof, "**Market Value**" means the market value of the Trust Units which shall be determined by the Trustees in their sole discretion at least annually, or more frequently as the Trustees may determine using reasonable methods of determining the Market Value.

## Take-Over Bids

If there is a Take-Over Bid for all of the outstanding Trust Units and, within the time limited in a Take-Over Bid for its acceptance, or 120 days after the date of such Take-Over Bid, whichever period is the shorter, the Take-Over Bid is accepted by the holders of not less than 90% of the Trust Units (including Trust Units issuable upon the surrender or exchange of any securities for Trust Units but not including any such securities held at the date of the Take-Over Bid by or on behalf of the Offeror or Affiliates or Associates of the Offeror), other than Trust Units held at the date of the Take-Over Bid by or on behalf of the Offeror shall be entitled, on complying with this Section, to acquire the Trust Units held by the Dissenting Offerees.

An Offeror may acquire the Trust Units held by a Dissenting Offeree by sending to each Dissenting Offeree a notice within 60 days after the date of termination of the Take-Over Bid with the information prescribed in the Declaration of Trust. A Dissenting Offeree shall within 10 days after receiving such notice, transfer such Trust Units to the Issuer. Within 10 days after the Offeror sends such notice, the Offeror shall pay to the Issuer the consideration that would have had to be paid to such Dissenting Offeree if such Dissenting Offeree had accepted the Take-Over Bid.

Within 30 days after the Offeror's notice to Dissenting Offerees, if the consideration has been paid to the Issuer, the Issuer shall:

- (a) issue such number of Trust Units that were held by the Dissenting Offerees;
- (b) deliver to each Dissenting Offering who has transferred their Trust Units the consideration to which such Dissenting Offeree is entitled; and
- (c) deliver a notice to each Dissenting Offeree who has not transferred their Trust Units a notice stating that such Dissenting Offeree's Trust Units have been cancelled and that the Issuer (or a designated Person) holds the consideration for such Trust Units in trust for the Dissenting Offeree until certificates representing the Trust Units are delivered to the Issuer.

# Meetings of Trust Unitholders

There shall be an annual meeting of the Trust Unitholders, at such time and place in Canada as the Trustees shall prescribe, for the purpose of electing Trustees (except for the Equiton Partners Appointees), appointing or changing the Auditors or legal counsel and transacting such other business as the Trustees may determine or as may properly be brought before the meeting. The annual meeting of the Trust Unitholders shall be held after delivery to the Trust Unitholders of the information referred to in the Declaration of Trust and, in any event, within 180 days after the end of each fiscal year of the Issuer. The first annual meeting of Trust Unitholders was held on June 15, 2017.

The Trustees shall have power at any time to call special meetings of the Trust Unitholders at such time and place in Canada as the Trustees may determine. The Trust Unitholders holding in the aggregate not less than 10% of the votes attaching to all outstanding Trust Units (on a fully-diluted basis) may requisition the Trustees in writing to call a special meeting of the Trust Unitholders for the purposes stated in the requisition. The requisition must state in reasonable detail the business proposed to be transacted at the meeting and shall be sent to each of the

Trustees and to the principal office of the Issuer. The Trust Unitholders have the right to obtain a list of the Trust Unitholders to the same extent and upon the same conditions as those which apply to shareholders of a corporation governed by the *OBCA*. Trust Unitholders may attend and vote at all meetings of Trust Unitholders either in person or by proxy.

## Issuance of Trust Units

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

#### Limitation on Non-Resident Ownership

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

### Information and Reports

Prior to each annual meeting of the Trust Unitholders, the Trustees shall provide the Trust Unitholders (along with notice of such meeting) with audited financial statements for the Issuer.

#### Amendments to Declaration of Trust

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

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

In no event may the Trustees amend the Declaration of Trust if such amendment would (i) amend the foregoing paragraphs; (ii) amend the Trust Unitholders' voting rights; or (iii) cause the Issuer to fail or cease to qualify as a "mutual fund trust" under the Tax Act or to be subject to tax under Part XII.2 of the Tax Act.

## Term of Issuer

Unless the Issuer is sooner terminated as otherwise provided by the Declaration of Trust, the Issuer shall continue in full force and effect so long as any Trust Property is held by the Trustees, and the Trustees shall have all the powers and discretions, expressed and implied, conferred upon them by Applicable Law or by the Declaration of Trust. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Issuer shall continue for a term ending 21 years after the date of death of the last surviving issue of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, alive on the date hereof.

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

#### **Distribution Policy**

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

On the last day of each fiscal year an amount equal to the Trust Distributable Income for such fiscal year not previously made payable to or treated as having been paid to the Trust Unitholders in such fiscal year shall be payable to the Trust Unitholders at the close of business on such day.

In addition, the Trustees may declare to be payable and make distributions, from time to time, out of the Trust Income, the Net Realized Capital Gains (other than capital gains the tax on which may be recoverable by the Issuer), the capital of the Issuer or otherwise, in any year, in such amount or amounts, and on such dates on or before December 31 of that year as the Trustees may determine, to the extent such income, capital gains and capital has not already been paid, allocated or distributed to the Trust Unitholders. Distributions are declared and paid at the discretion of the Trustees. Trustees, in their discretion, may allocate distributions among the classes of Trust Units to adjust for the commissions, trailers and other costs attributable to the sales channels relating to each class of Trust Unit, provided that the proportion of Trust Unitholders of each class of Trust Unit shall be equal to the proportion of the aggregate distribution received by such class of Trust Units. Distributions on Class A Trust Units will be identical among each Class A Trust Unit, notwithstanding the Class A Purchase Option selected by the Subscriber.

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

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

certainty, it is hereby declared that any distributions of Net Realized Capital Gains shall include the non-taxable portion of the capital gains of the Issuer which are included in such distribution.

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

Where the Issuer determines that the Issuer does not have available cash in an amount sufficient to make payment of the full amount of any distribution which has been declared to be payable pursuant to the Declaration of Trust on the due date for such payment, the payment may, at the option of the Trustees, include the issuance of additional Trust Units or fractions of such Trust Units, as the case may be, if necessary, having a fair market value as determined by the Trustees equal to the difference between the amount of such distribution and the amount of cash which has been determined by the Trustees to be available for the payment of such distribution in the case of Trust Units.

#### Distribution Reinvestment Plan

The Issuer has implemented a DRIP whereby Trust Unitholders who are resident Canadian holders of Class A Trust Units or Class F Trust Units are entitled to elect to have all or some of the cash distributions of the Issuer automatically reinvested in additional Trust Units. Participants in the DRIP will receive additional bonus Trust Units in an amount equal in value to 2% of the Distributions reinvested.

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

#### Investment Guidelines

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

- (a) The Issuer shall focus its activities primarily on the acquisition, holding, maintaining, improving, leasing or managing of multi-unit residential revenue producing properties (and ancillary commercial or other real estate ventures) for investment purposes and assets ancillary thereto necessary for the operation thereof and such other activities as are consistent with the other investment guidelines of the Issuer in Canada (the "Focus Activities");
- (b) notwithstanding anything herein contained to the contrary, the Issuer shall not, or permit a Subsidiary to, make or hold any investment, take any action or omit to take any action which would, at any time, result in:

- (i) Trust Units being disqualified for any class of Deferred Income Plan at any time after the date on which the Issuer has over 150 Trust Unitholders each holding not less than 100 Trust Units; or
- (ii) The Issuer ceasing to qualify as a "mutual fund trust" for purposes of the Tax Act;
- (c) from and after the date on which the Issuer has a Gross Book Value of at least one hundred fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000), no single asset (excluding the units of the Partnership and any portfolio of properties) shall be acquired if the cost of such acquisition (net of the amount of debt secured by such asset) will exceed 20% of Gross Book Value, provided that where such asset is the securities of or an interest in an entity, the foregoing tests shall be applied individually to each asset of such entity;
- (d) The Issuer may make its investments and conduct its activities, directly or indirectly, through an investment in one or more Persons on such terms as the Trustees may from time to time determine, including by way of joint ventures, partnerships (general or limited), unlimited liability companies and limited liability companies;
- (e) except for temporary investments held in cash, deposits with a Canadian or U.S. chartered bank or Trust company registered under the laws of a province of Canada, short-term government debt securities or money market instruments of, or guaranteed by, a Schedule I Canadian chartered bank maturing prior to one year from the date of issue and except as permitted pursuant to the investment guidelines and operating policies of the Issuer, the Issuer directly or indirectly, may not hold securities of a Person other than to the extent such securities would constitute an investment in real property (as determined by the Trustees) and provided further that, notwithstanding anything contained in the Declaration of Trust to the contrary, but in all events subject to (a) and (b) above, the Issuer may hold securities of a Person:
  - (i) acquired in connection with the carrying on, directly or indirectly, of the Issuer's activities or the holding of the Trust Property; or
  - (ii) which focuses its activities primarily on Focus Activities, provided that, in the case of any proposed investment or acquisition which would result in the beneficial ownership of more than 10% of the outstanding securities of an issuer (the "Acquired Issuer"), the investment is made for the purpose of pursuing the merger or combination of the business and assets of the Issuer and the Acquired Issuer or for otherwise ensuring that the Issuer will control the business and operations of the Acquired Issuer;
- (f) no investment will be made, directly or indirectly, in operating businesses unless such investment is incidental to a transaction:
  - (i) where revenue will be derived, directly or indirectly, principally from a Focus Activity; or

- which principally involves the ownership, maintenance, improvement, leasing or management, directly or indirectly, of real property held for investment purposes;
- (g) notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, the securities of a reporting issuer in Canada may be acquired provided that:
  - (i) the activities of the issuer are focused on Focus Activities; and
  - (ii) in the case of any proposed investment or acquisition which would result in the beneficial ownership of more than 10% of the outstanding equity securities of the securities issuer, the investment or acquisition is of strategic interest to the Issuer as determined by the Trustees in their discretion;
- (h) no investments will be made in rights to or interests in mineral or other natural resources, including oil or gas, except as incidental to an investment in real property;
- (i) investments may be made in a mortgage, mortgage bonds, notes (except as provided for in the Declaration of Trust) or debentures ("**Debt Instruments**") (including participating or convertible) only if:
  - (i) the real property which is security thereof is real property;
  - (ii) the security therefore includes a mortgage registered on title to the real property which is security thereof;
  - (iii) the amount of the investment (not including any mortgage insurance fees incurred in connection therewith) does not exceed 85% of the market value of the real property which is the security thereof; and
  - (iv) the aggregate value of the investments of the Issuer in Debt Instruments, after giving effect to the proposed investment, will not exceed 20% of the Gross Book Value;
- (j) no investment shall be made in raw land except for the acquisition of properties adjacent to existing properties for the purpose of renovation or expansion of existing facilities where the total cost of all such investments does not exceed 10% of Gross Book Value; and
- (k) notwithstanding any other provisions hereof, investments may be made which do not comply with the provisions of this Section provided:
  - the aggregate cost thereof (which, in the case of an amount invested to acquire real property, is the purchase price less the amount of any indebtedness assumed or incurred in connection with the acquisition and secured by a mortgage on such property) does not exceed 15% of the Gross Book Value; and
  - (ii) the making of such investment would not contravene the Declaration of Trust.

## **Operating Policies**

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

- (a) the construction or development of real property may be engaged in order to maintain its real properties in good repair or to enhance the revenue-producing potential of real properties in which it has an interest;
- (b) title to each real property shall be held by and registered in the name of (i) a corporation or other entity wholly-owned by the Partnership, (ii) the General Partner, or (iii) a corporation or other entity wholly-owned indirectly by the Trust or jointly owned indirectly by the Issuer with joint venturers;
- (c) no indebtedness shall be incurred or assumed if, after giving effect to the incurring or assumption thereof of the indebtedness, the total indebtedness including amounts drawn under an acquisition and operating facility but not including Mortgage Insurance Fees incurred in connection with the incurrence or assumption of such indebtedness as a percentage of Gross Book Value, would be more than 75%;
- (d) the Issuer will not directly or indirectly guarantee any indebtedness or liabilities of any Person unless such guarantee is given in connection with or incidental to an investment that is otherwise permitted under Section 5.1 and/or 5.2 of the Declaration of Trust, or in circumstances where the guarantee would result in the Issuer ceasing to qualify as a mutual fund trust pursuant to the Tax Act;
- (e) at all times insurance coverage will be obtained and maintained in respect of potential liabilities of the Issuer and the accidental loss of value of any of the Trust Property from risks, in amounts and with such insurers, in each case as the Trustees consider appropriate, taking into account all relevant factors including the practices of owners of comparable properties and, for clarity, the Issuer is not required to title insure; and
- (f) a Phase I environmental audit shall be conducted or obtained for each real property to be acquired and, if the Phase I environmental audit report recommends that further environmental audits be conducted or obtained, such further environmental audits shall be conducted or obtained, in each case by or from an independent and experienced environmental consultant.

For the purpose of the foregoing operating policies, the assets, indebtedness, liabilities and transactions of a corporation, trust, partnership or other entity in which the Issuer has an interest, directly or indirectly, will be deemed to be those of the Issuer on a proportionate consolidated basis. In addition, any references in the foregoing to investment in real property will be deemed to include an investment in a joint venture arrangement.

The term "indebtedness" means (without duplication):

(a) any obligation, directly or indirectly, of the Issuer for borrowed money;

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

provided that (i) for the purposes of (a) through (d), an obligation (other than convertible debentures) will constitute indebtedness only to the extent that it would appear as a liability on the consolidated balance sheet of the Issuer in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in Canada, (ii) obligations referred to in clauses (a) through (d) exclude trade accounts payable, distributions payable and accrued liabilities arising in the ordinary course of business; (iii) convertible debentures will constitute indebtedness to the extent of the principal amount outstanding; and (iv) the issuance of redeemable units will not constitute indebtedness.

# Amendments to Investment Guidelines and Operating Policies

Subject to the Declaration of Trust, any of the investment guidelines set forth in this section may be amended only by the vote of a two-thirds majority of the votes cast at a meeting of the Trust Unitholders called for the purpose of amending the investment guidelines. Subject to the Declaration of Trust, any of the operating policies of the Issuer may be amended by the vote of a majority of the votes cast at a meeting of the Trust Unitholders called for the purpose of amending the Issuer may be amended by the vote of a majority of the votes cast at a meeting of the Trust Unitholders called for the purpose of amending the operating policies.

## Asset Management Agreement

The following is a summary of the material terms and conditions of the Asset Management Agreement. This summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the provisions of the Asset Management Agreement, which contains a complete statement of those terms and conditions. The Asset Manager is a Related Party to the Issuer and the Asset Management Agreement was not negotiated at arm's length between the parties.

The Asset Manager is responsible for managing the Partnership and providing advice with respect to the Properties. Equiton Partners will be engaged by the Partnership to act as Asset Manager. You can obtain a copy of the Asset Management Agreement by contacting investors@equiton.com.

The Asset Manager will perform the services set out in the Asset Management Agreement for an initial term of five (5) years. The Asset Management Agreement will automatically continue for further terms of five (5) years unless terminated by either party. The Asset Management Agreement shall terminate at the earliest of the following: (a) upon the expiry of the initial term or a renewal term, as set out in the Asset Management Agreement; (b) if the Asset Manager or the Partnership is in material breach of the Asset Management Agreement which has not been cured within 30 days' notice thereof; (c) anytime, upon 180 days prior written notice by the Asset Manager; or (d) if either the Asset Manager or the Partnership becomes bankrupt or insolvent.

All of the directors and senior officers of the Asset Manager have been involved in a broad range of real estate activities over the past five years. The Asset Manager, Equiton Partners, is a Related Party to the Issuer because Jason Roque and Helen Hurlbut, both Trustees of the Issuer, are the President and Chief Financial Officer, respectively, of Equiton Partners. In addition, Mr. Roque indirectly controls Equiton Partners. See "Management Experience" and "Relationship between the Issuer, the Equiton Agent and Other Related Parties".

# Asset Manager's Duties

Among other duties, the Asset Manager will be responsible for: providing acquisition, disposition and asset management advice to the Partnership; performing due diligence on any properties being considered for acquisition by the Partnership; hiring and managing specialists, consultants, advisors or other like persons reasonably required from time to time in furtherance and support of the services set out in the Asset Management Agreement provided that the fees and out-of-pocket costs of each such specialist, consultant and advisor will be for the account of the Partnership and not to the account of the Asset Manager; preparing and distributing annual estimate on a property-by-property basis of the amount to be reserved from the revenues of the Properties for any necessary capital repairs; establishing and maintaining commercial bank overdraft line of credit to protect the Partnership and any Subsidiary against overdraft charges; using cash reserves from the Properties to manage the cash flow requirements of the Partnership and any Subsidiaries, including the invoice and collection of interest on any short term loans made to individual Subsidiaries from such cash reserves; considering, and implementing, in its discretion, as aforesaid, interest rate, currency, commodity and other financial risks hedges and other policies to manage (increasing, maintaining or decreasing) risk exposure for the Partnership and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis; opening and managing any investment, banking, trading or brokerage account required for it to manage the aforementioned financial risks hedges; and using commercially reasonable efforts to arrange with third party lenders short and long term financing or refinancing for one or more Properties or for the Partnership provided the foregoing shall in no circumstances constitute an undertaking by the Asset Manager to make any loan to any of the Partnership or any Subsidiary at any time in any amount.

# Asset Manager's Fees

During the term of the Asset Management Agreement, the Partnership shall pay the Asset Manager the following:

- (a) a transaction fee ("**Transaction Fee**") equal to 1.0% of the purchase price of each of the Properties acquired or sold by the Partnership (calculated without duplication), plus any applicable taxes;
- (b) a management fee ("**Management Fee**") equal to 1.0% of the Gross Asset Value of the Partnership;
- (c) a financing fee ("**Financing Fee**") in respect of any financing transaction involving any of the Properties, the Partnership shall pay the Asset Manager: (a)

a financing fee equal to 1% of the loan amount for each senior or first ranking financing transaction (ii) a financing fee equal to 0.5% of the loan amount for each refinancing transaction with an existing lender, and (iii) a financing fee equal to up to 1.5% of the loan amount for each mezzanine or non-first ranking financing transaction; and

(d) in lieu of other performance incentive fees, the Asset Manager will be entitled to (i) a 20% interest in the net income of the Partnership (with 80% of such net income going to the investors), and (ii) a 20% interest in any increase in the equity value of the Properties (with 80% of any such increase going to the investors), calculated and payable at the time such increase in equity value is realized by way of a sale or other disposition, financing or refinancing or the issuance of additional limited partner units by the Partnership, in each case, with

no requirement for the Asset Manager to contribute equity to or purchase units of the Partnership.

The General Partner, on behalf of the Partnership, expects to continue to distribute 5% on an annual basis and, to the extent there is insufficient cash to pay the performance incentive fees referenced in (d) above to the Asset Manager, the Asset Manager has indicated that it will either defer payment of such performance incentive fees until such time as sufficient cash is available or elect to receive such performance incentive fees (or a portion thereof) in the form of limited partnership units of the Partnership.

In addition, the Partnership shall pay directly, or reimburse the Asset Manager for all out-ofpocket expenses incurred by it in respect of the management services rendered by Asset Manager pursuant to the Asset Management Agreement. For greater clarity, the Partnership shall reimburse the Asset Manager for costs and expenses incurred by the Asset Manager in respect of software, payroll, human resources, training and development and other similar operational costs and expenses.

## Minimum Ownership Requirement

During the term of the Asset Management Agreement, the Asset Manager shall not permit its aggregate beneficial ownership of:

- (a) LP Units (including, but not limited to Class A LP Units and Redeemable LP Units, in aggregate); and
- (b) Trust Units, at the last day of any fiscal quarter of the Partnership to be an amount equal to the lesser of:

(a) 10% of the outstanding voting securities of the Partnership as at the last day of such fiscal quarter (with the number of Trust Units beneficially owned by the Asset Manager deemed to be LP Units, without duplication, for the purposes of this calculation, determined on a consolidated basis, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles); and

(b) \$2,000,000.

#### **Property Management Agreement**

The following is a summary of the material terms and conditions of the Property Management Agreement. This summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the provisions of the Property Management Agreement, which contains a complete statement of those terms and conditions. The Property Manager is a Related Party to the Issuer and the Property Management Agreement was not negotiated at arm's length between the parties.

Pursuant to the Property Management Agreement, Equiton Partners will act as the Property Manager. The Property Manager will manage all aspects of the operation of the Properties, including property management services and project management services.

The initial term of the Property Management Agreement is five (5) years and shall automatically renew for further terms of five (5) years unless terminated by either party. The Property Manager shall have the right to hire a subcontractor to sub-manage any of the Properties, if in the opinion of the Property Manager, this would be in the best interest of the Property in question.

The Property Management Agreement may be terminated by the Partnership upon the occurrence of any of the following:

- (a) failure of the Property Manager to materially perform the property management and project services as set out in the Property Management Agreement;
- (b) if the Property Manager acts in a grossly negligent manner and not remedied within 30 days; or
- (c) upon the occurrence of an insolvency event of the Property Manager. The

Property Management Agreement may be terminated by the Property Manager:

- (a) in the event the Partnership fails to pay any fees within 30 days of the presentation
- of an invoice and fails to remedy such default within 15 days; or (b) upon the occurrence
- of an insolvency event of the Partnership.

The Partnership shall pay to the Property Manager a fee of 4% of the gross income collected from the Properties as compensation for providing property management services. The Partnership will pay the Property Manager a fee of 5% of the total cost to construct and/or coordinate the construction or material repairs of any tenant premises or any portion of the Properties. The Partnership shall also pay the Property Manager other fees customarily paid to a property manager in similar circumstances.

In addition, the Partnership shall pay directly, or reimburse the Property Manager for all out-ofpocket expenses incurred by it in respect of the management services rendered by the Property Manager pursuant to the Property Management Agreement. For greater clarity, the Partnership shall reimburse the Property Manager for costs and expenses incurred by the Property Manager in respect of software, payroll, human resources, training and development and other similar operational costs and expenses.

The Property Manager, Equiton Partners, is a Related Party to the Issuer because Jason Roque and Helen Hurlbut, both Trustees of the Issuer, are the President and Chief Financial Officer, respectively, of Equiton Partners. In addition, Mr. Roque indirectly controls Equiton Partners.

See "Management Experience" and "Relationship between the Issuer and the Equiton Agent and Other Related Parties".

# The LP Agreement

The following summary of the material attributes and characteristics of the LP Agreement and the LP Units which will be issued under the LP Agreement. This summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the provisions of the LP Agreement which contains a complete statement of those attributes and characteristics.

All Limited Partners are entitled to the benefit of, are bound by and shall be provided with a copy of the LP Agreement. Set out below is a brief summary of some of the terms of the LP Agreement and attributes of the LP Units that are not described elsewhere in this Offering Memorandum. Investors should review the LP Agreement carefully for a full and complete description of such terms and attributes. For information regarding the General Partner, see "Management of the Partnership – The General Partner".

#### Limited Liability of Limited Partners

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

#### LP Units

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

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

The General Partner, in its capacity as a general partner of the Partnership, shall hold a 0.001% undivided interest in the Partnership. The General Partner shall have the right to receive distributions in respect of its interest by way of cash or the issuance of LP Units.

#### **Restrictions on Transfers of LP Units**

The LP Agreement provides that LP Units may be sold only in accordance with the terms of the LP Agreement and may not be sold, assigned, or otherwise, transferred, without the agreement of the General Partner. Subject to the provisions of the LP Agreement, LP Units may not be transferred without, among other things, the payment by the transferee of an administration fee to the Partnership in an amount equal to \$2,000 and a duly completed transfer form.

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

# Power of Attorney

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

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

# Allocation of Net Income or Loss

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

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

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

# Distributions

The Partnership will distribute to the General Partner and holders of LP Units whose names appear on the Partnership's records on the last day of each fiscal quarter, (i) 0.001% of Partnership Distributable Income to the General Partner and (ii) 99.999% of Partnership Distributable Income to holders of Class A LP Units, Redeemable LP Units and any other LP Units as determined by the General Partner. Distributions will be made within 45 days of the end of each fiscal quarter and the distributions to be made in respect of the last fiscal quarter within 90 days of the end of the fiscal year will reflect any adjustments which are necessary to the distributions made in respect of the preceding fiscal quarters of such fiscal year. The Partnership may, in addition, make a distribution at any other time.

# **Reporting to Limited Partners**

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

#### Meetings of Limited Partners

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

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

- (a) removing the General Partner where the General Partner has committed a material breach of the LP Agreement, which breach has continued for 30 days after notice and, if such removal would result in the Partnership having no general partner, electing a new general partner as provided in Section 6.16(c) of the LP Agreement;
- (b) waiving any default, other than in respect of any insolvency, receivership or bankruptcy of the Partnership, on the part of the General Partner on those terms as the Limited Partners may determine and releasing the General Partner from any claims in respect thereof;
- (c) amending, modifying, altering or repealing any Special Resolution previously passed by holders of LP Units;
- (d) amending the LP Agreement pursuant to Section 9.1 of the LP Agreement in accordance with the provisions of the LP Agreement;
- (e) a merger or consolidation involving the Partnership, except for a merger or consolidation involving only the Partnership and one or more of its affiliates;

- (f) a consolidation, subdivision or reclassification of the LP Units or of any class of LP Units;
- (g) electing the chairperson of a meeting of Partners as provided in Section 8.11 of the LP Agreement;
- (h) continuing the Partnership if the Partnership is terminated by operation of law;
- (i) adding to, changing or removing any right, privilege, restriction or condition attaching to the LP Units which may reasonably be considered materially adverse to the holders of the LP Units; and
- (j) consenting to any judgment entered in a court of competent jurisdiction against the Partnership.

#### Indemnification of General Partner

The General Partner and each of its directors, officers, employees and agents, among others, will be indemnified by the Partnership to the fullest extent permitted by law out of the assets of the Partnership for all liabilities, claims, losses, costs and expenses incurred by them in the manner and to the extent provided by Section 6.8 of the LP Agreement.

#### **Books and Records**

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

The books of the Partnership will be maintained for financial reporting purposes on an accrual basis in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

#### **Right to Inspect Books and Records**

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

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

Subject to following the procedures set out in Section 10.3 of the LP Agreement, the Partnership will terminate upon the earliest to occur of: (i) the removal or deemed removal of a sole general partner unless such general partner is replaced as provided for in the LP Agreement; (ii) the sale, exchange or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Partnership, if approved by a Special Resolution in accordance with Section 8.16 of the LP Agreement, (iii) the

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

# The General Partner

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

# Functions and Powers of the General Partner

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

# Functions and Powers of the General Partner

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

executing, acknowledging and delivering the documents necessary to effectuate any or all of the foregoing or otherwise in connection with the business of the Partnership; filing any tax elections, forms, objections or notices of objection or similar documents on behalf of the Partnership and (to the extent necessary) on behalf of the Partners under the Tax Act or any other tax legislation; obtaining any insurance coverage; and carrying out the objects, purposes and business of the Partnership.

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

#### Reimbursement of the General Partner

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

#### Conflict of Interest Policy of the General Partner

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

Name and municipality of principal residence	Positions held (e.g., trustee, officer, promoter and/or principal holder) and the date of obtaining that position	Compensation paid by the issuer in the most recently completed financial year and the compensation anticipated to be paid in the current financial year	Number, type and percentage of securities of the issuer held after completion of min. Offering	Number, type and percentage of securities of the issuer held after completion of max. Offering
Jason Roque <i>Hamilton, Ontario</i>	Trustee, Chief Executive Officer, since March 1, 2016	\$0 <sub>(1)</sub>	10,717.07 Class A Trust Units N/A% <sup>(5)</sup>	10,717.07 Class A Trust Units N/A% <sup>(5)</sup>
Helen Hurlbut <i>Mississauga,</i> Ontario	Trustee, Chief Financial Officer, since March 1, 2016	\$O <sub>(1)</sub>	1,047.68 Class A Trust Units N/A <sup>(5)</sup>	1,047.68 Class A Trust Units N/A% <sup>(5)</sup>

#### INTERESTS OF TRUSTEES, MANAGEMENT, PROMOTERS AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS Compensation and Securities Held

David Hamilton <sup>(2)</sup> Toronto, Ontario	Trustee, since July 19, 2016	\$10,000 (2017)	N/A <sup>(5)</sup>	N/A <sup>(5)</sup>	
		\$14,000 <sup>(3)</sup> (anticipated 2018)			
John Miron <sup>(2)</sup>	Trustee, since July 19, 2016	\$10,000 (2017)	N/A <sup>(5)</sup>	N/A <sup>(5)</sup>	
Oakville, Ontario	Suly 19, 2010	\$14,000 <sup>(3)</sup> (anticipated 2018)			
C. Scot Caithness <i>Calgary</i> <i>(Chestermere Lake),</i> Alberta	Trustee, since September 1, 2017	\$3,500 (2017) \$14,000 <sup>(3)</sup> (anticipated 2018)	N/A <sup>(5)</sup>	N/A <sup>(5)</sup>	
Equiton Partners Inc.	Promoter, since March 1, 2016	\$O <sub>(4)</sub>	N/A <sup>(5)</sup>	N/A <sup>(5)</sup>	

Notes:

(1) Mr. Roque and Ms. Hurlbut will not receive any compensation from the Issuer. Mr. Roque will receive compensation from Equiton Partners as President of Equiton Partners. Ms. Hurlbut will receive compensation from Equiton Partners as Chief Financial Officer of Equiton Partners.

(2) Independent Trustee.

(3) Each independent Trustee is paid \$3,500 plus applicable taxes per quarter.

(4) Equiton Partners will not receive any compensation from the Issuer. Equiton Partners will receive fees from the Partnership as Asset Manager and Property Manager of the Partnership. See "The Asset Management Agreement – Asset Manager's Fees", "The Property Management Agreement" and "Relationship between the Issuer, the Equiton Agent, and Other Related Parties".

(5) There is no maximum or minimum Offering. The Issuer will offer an unlimited number of Trust Units on a continuous basis. The class of Trust Units outstanding will depend on which Trust Units are subscribed for.

# **Management Experience**

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

Name	Principal occupation and related experience
Jason Roque	Jason Roque is the President of Equiton Partners, which he founded in 2014 with a focus on real estate investment. Prior to this role, Mr. Roque was the Chief Executive Officer of a private real estate development company from 2006 to 2014.
	Mr. Roque has more than 20 years of real estate and development experience. Previously, as Chief Executive Officer of LIV Communities (formerly Landmart Homes), he transformed the regionally-based custom home builder into a full scale real estate development company. While there, he oversaw all aspects of the development and construction business, carefully selecting properties and overseeing operations with a dedicated team to ensure profitability. Mr. Roque received his B.A. in Economics from the University of Toronto.

Helen Hurlbut	Helen Hurlbut is the Chief Financial Officer of Equiton Partners. Ms. Hurlbut is responsible for Equiton Partners' overall financial management growth, development and security. Prior to this role, Ms. Hurlbut was Chief Financial Officer with Cherishome Living (formerly McArthur Properties) from 2011 to 2014, Chief Financial Officer of Empire Communities from 2007 to 2010 and Vice President and Treasurer of Mattamy Homes from 1998 to 2007.
	In her 30 years of experience in the commercial, industrial and residential real estate industries, she has held executive leadership roles at some leading real estate investment and development companies. She is a Certified Management Accountant and Chartered Professional Accountant, and holds an Honours B.A. in Economics and Business from York University. She regularly volunteers her time and expertise on local boards and charities.
David Hamilton	David Hamilton has over 35 years of legal experience, recently as a partner with Gowlings WLG in the Financial Services Group, specializing in capital and commercial markets lending transactions; real estate development and project financing for condominiums, commercial and residential real estate projects; and asset-based lending. Prior to Gowlings WLG, Mr. Hamilton was a partner with Aylesworth (now Dickinson Wright LLP).
	Mr. Hamilton served as general counsel for several years to the Board of Directors of Allied Van Lines Limited, and worked for an extensive period for the liquidators of Confederation Life Insurance Company and Confederation Trust Company on the liquidation of their commercial real estate portfolios.
John Miron	John Miron is a Managing Director and the Head of Canadian Real Estate Corporate Banking at RBC Capital Markets (" <b>RBCCM</b> "). He has more than 25 years of experience in corporate lending and real estate. Currently, he is responsible for managing RBCCM's corporate banking and commercial mortgage exposure for real estate clients in Canada. Mr. Miron has led financing transactions in Canada, the U.S. and Europe. He is an active industry speaker, having been a panelist/presenter at the Real Estate Forum, RealCapital, RealREIT, the New Apartment Construction and Mixed Use Symposium, and the Queen's University Real Estate Capital Markets seminar. He was also one of the original developers and instructors for the Real Property Association of Canada course, Lending in Commercial Real Estate.
	Mr. Miron is a member of the RBC Capital Markets United Way Committee. He also volunteers with the Oakville Aquatic Club, is a Swim Ontario official, and manages a Minor Oaks Hockey Association Pee Wee hockey team in Oakville. He has an Honours Bachelor of Commerce degree (Finance) and a CPA, CMA designation.

C. Scot Caithness	Scot Caithness has more than 40 years of commercial real estate, consulting and management experience in Canada and around the world. He has provided strategic consulting to companies on their real estate portfolios from acquisitions and dispositions to facility management and development.
	Fluent in English and French, he holds a Bachelor of Commerce Degree in Urban Planning and Development, Marketing and Finance from the University of Alberta. He is also a professionally accredited appraiser and chartered surveyor.

# Penalties, Sanctions and Bankruptcy

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

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

#### Loans

As at the date of this Offering Memorandum, there are no debentures or loans due to or from the trustees, management, promoters and principal holders of the Issuer. However, Equiton Partners, the Promoter of the Issuer, may provide the Partnership with Equiton Loans to (a) form part of the payment of existing and future acquisitions; (b) repay debt; or (c) redeem the Redeemable LP Units. The Issuer anticipates the Equiton Loans will be interest only payable loans, with no fixed term, and will bear interest at a fixed annual rate of 5%, payable monthly. The Issuer further anticipates the Equiton Loans will repayable to Equiton Partners in cash or Class A LP Units (at the discretion of Equiton Partners) and will be assignable by Equiton Partners. See *"Capital Structure – Long Term Debt"*.

Description of security	Number authorized to be issued	Price per security	Number outstanding as at February 2, 2018	Number outstanding after minimum Offering	Number outstanding after maximum Offering
Class A Trust Units <sup>(1)</sup>	Unlimited	\$10.00	1,011,108.39	N/A <sub>(2)</sub>	N/A <sub>(2)</sub>

#### CAPITAL STRUCTURE Trust Unit Capital

Class Units	F	Trust	Unlimited	\$10.00	Nil	N/A <sub>(2)</sub>	N/A <sub>(2)</sub>

Notes:

(1) See "Declaration of Trust and Description of Trust Units – Trust Units", for the terms of the Trust Units.

(2) There is no maximum or minimum Offering. The Issuer will offer an unlimited number of Trust Units on a continuous basis. The class of Trust Units outstanding will depend on which Trust Units are subscribed for.

# Long Term Debt

As at the date hereof, the Issuer has no long-term debt. The Partnership's long term debt consists of the following.

Description of long term debt (including whether secured)	Interest rate	Repayment terms	Amount outstanding at January 31, 2018
Stratford Mortgage secured by the Stratford Property	Annual interest rate of 2.73%, 30 year amortization period.	10 year term.	\$4,808,646
Brantford Mortgage secured by the Brantford Properties	Annual interest rate of 3.91%, 25 year amortization period.	10 year term.	\$6,166,605
Line of Credit	BMO Prime Rate plus 1%.	The line of credit was paid off and the loan facility is now closed.	\$Nil
Chatham Mortgage secured by the Chatham Properties	Annual interest rate of 3.31%, 25 year amortization rate.	10 year term.	\$2,486,700
Kingston Mortgage secured by the Kingston Properties (Anticipated)	2.44% for mortgage plus market rates for top up portion.	portion is \$1,000,000.	\$7,250,441

# **Prior Sales**

The following table discloses the issuance of Trust Units, or securities exchangeable for Trust Units within the 12 months prior to the date hereof<sup>(1)</sup>:

Date of Issuance	Type of Securities Issued	Number of Securities Issued	Price per Security	Total Funds Received
February 10, 2017	Class A Trust Unit	5,204	\$10.00	\$52,040
February 15, 2017	Class A Trust Unit	3,600	\$10.00	\$36,000
February 27, 2017	Class A Trust Unit	3,350	\$10.00	\$33,500
March 2, 2017	Class A Trust Unit	2,650	\$10.00	\$26,500
March 8, 2017	Class A Trust Unit	1,300	\$10.00	\$13,000
March 20, 2017	Class A Trust Unit	19,500	\$10.00	\$195,000
March 24, 2017	Class A Trust Unit	1,500	\$10.00	\$15,000
March 31, 2017	Class A Trust Unit	5,935	\$10.00	\$59,350
April 7, 2017	Class A Trust Unit	5,800	\$10.00	\$58,000
April 13, 2017	Class A Trust Unit	6,270	\$10.00	\$62,700
April 21, 2017	Class A Trust Unit	6,590	\$10.00	\$65,900
Apr 28, 2017	Class A Trust Unit	13,000	\$10.00	\$130,000
May 12, 2017	Class A Trust Unit	3,000	\$10.00	\$30,000
May 27, 2017	Class A Trust Unit	13,700	\$10.00	\$137,000
June 16, 2017	Class A Trust Unit	14,780	\$10.00	\$147,800
June 23, 2017	Class A Trust Unit	9,600	\$10.00	\$96,000
June 29, 2017	Class A Trust Unit	6,500	\$10.00	\$65,000
July 6, 2017	Class A Trust Unit	9,100	\$10.00	\$91,000
July 14, 2017	Class A Trust Unit	27,300	\$10.00	\$273,000
July 20, 2017	Class A Trust Unit	11,460	\$10.00	\$114,600
July 26, 2017	Class A Trust Unit	8,095	\$10.00	\$80,950
August 3, 2017	Class A Trust Unit	32,068	\$10.00	\$320,680
August 11, 2017	Class A Trust Unit	39,509	\$10.00	\$395,090

August 18, 2017	Class A Trust Unit	48,145	\$10.00	\$481,450
August 25, 2017	Class A Trust Unit	22,090	\$10.00	\$220,900
September 1, 2017	Class A Trust Unit	66,040	\$10.00	\$660,400
September 8, 2017	Class A Trust Unit	26,792	\$10.00	\$267,920
September 15, 2017	Class A Trust Unit	24,488	\$10.00	\$244,880
September 22, 2017	Class A Trust Unit	9,750	\$10.00	\$97,500
September 27,2017	Class A Trust Unit	53,701	\$10.00	\$537,010
October 6, 2017	Class A Trust Unit	37,614	\$10.00	\$376,140
October 13, 2017	Class A Trust Unit	4,538	\$10.00	\$45,380
October 20, 2017	Class A Trust Unit	17,874	\$10.00	\$178,740
October 26, 2017	Class A Trust Unit	13,660	\$10.00	\$136,660
November 3, 2017	Class A Trust Unit	21,078	\$10.00	\$210,780
November 10, 2017	Class A Trust Unit	26,982	\$10.00	\$269,820
November 17, 2017	Class A Trust Unit	8,517	\$10.00	\$85,170
November 24, 2017	Class A Trust Unit	65,745	\$10.00	\$657,450
December 1, 2017	Class A Trust Unit	11,700	\$10.00	\$117,000
December 8, 2017	Class A Trust Unit	43,843	\$10.00	\$438,430
December 15, 2017	Class A Trust Unit	24,750	\$10.00	\$247,500
December 20, 2017	Class A Trust Unit	11,900	\$10.00	\$119,000
January 5, 2018	Class A Trust Unit	34,524	\$10.00	\$345,240
January 12, 2018	Class A Trust Unit	17,720	\$10.00	\$177,200
January 19, 2018	Class A Trust Unit	16,313	\$10.00	\$163,130
January 26, 2018	Class A Trust Unit	17,642	\$10.00	\$176,420
February 2, 2018	Class A Trust Unit	30,754	\$10.00	\$307,540

For the 12 months prior to the date hereof, the Issuer issued the following units pursuant to the DRIP: On November 15, 185.82 Class A Trust Units were issued at a price of \$10.00 per unit and on February 15, 2017, 392.93 Class A Trust Units were issued at a price of \$10.00 per unit. Trust Unitholders enrolled in the DRIP program currently receive a 2% discount on Units purchased through the DRIP.

The Issuer will periodically update this table and post to its website: www.investors.equiton.com.

# **TERMS OF TRUST UNITS**

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

# Voting Rights

Holders of Trust Units may attend and vote at all meetings of the Trust Unitholders and each Trust Unit shall entitle the holder thereof to one vote at such meeting.

#### **Redemption of Trust Units**

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

#### **Distribution Policy**

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

# SUBSCRIPTION PROCEDURES

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

The minimum subscription amount is \$5,000 (500 Trust Units) per Subscriber. In limited circumstances, the Issuer may accept subscriptions of \$1,000 (100 Trust Units) at the discretion of the Trustees. See "*Canadian Federal Income Tax Consequences – Qualification as a Mutual Fund Trust*".

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

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

(a) one (1) signed copy of the Subscription Agreement accompanying this Offering Memorandum;

- (b) a certified cheque, bank draft or direct deposit in an amount equal to the aggregate Subscription price, payable to: "<u>Equiton Residential Income Fund</u> <u>Trust</u>" or as otherwise directed by the Issuer;
- (c) if an "accredited investor", a Representation Letter in the form attached to the Subscription Agreement as Schedule "A" (please initial the Appendix 1 to the Subscription Agreement, as indicated and, if initialling next to paragraphs (j), (k) or (I) in Appendix 1 to Schedule "A", complete the Risk Acknowledgement Form attached as Appendix 2 to Schedule "A");
- (d) if a Subscriber, other than the individual, is purchasing the Trust Units for an aggregate acquisition cost of not less than \$150,000 (in cash), a Representation Letter in the form attached to the Subscription Agreement as Schedule "A";
- (e) if the Subscriber is purchasing the Trust Units as principal and the Subscriber is a resident in <u>Alberta</u>, <u>New Brunswick</u>, <u>Nova Scotia</u>, <u>Ontario</u>, <u>Quebec</u> or <u>Saskatchewan</u> then:
  - (i) if the Subscriber is an individual, the acquisition cost of <u>all</u> securities acquired by the Subscriber under section 2.9 of NI 45-106 (the Offering Memorandum exemption) in the preceding twelve (12) months shall not exceed the following amounts:
    - (A) in the case of a Subscriber that is not an Eligible Investor, \$10,000;
    - (B) in the case of a Subscriber that is an Eligible Investor, \$30,000; or
    - (C) in the case of a Subscriber that is an Eligible Investor and that received advice from a portfolio manager, investment dealer or exempt market dealer that the investment is suitable, \$100,000;
  - (ii) in the case of a Subscriber that is not an Eligible Investor the Subscriber must execute the Risk Acknowledgement in the form attached as Appendix 2 to Schedule "B" to the Subscription Agreement;
  - (iii) in the case of a Subscriber that is an Eligible Investor the following shall be completed by the Subscriber:
    - (A) an Eligible Investor Certificate attached as Schedule "B" to the Subscription Agreement;
    - (B) a Representation Letter in the form attached as Appendix 1 to Schedule "B" to the Subscription Agreement (please initial as indicated); and
    - (C) the Risk Acknowledgement in the form attached as Appendix 2 to Schedule "B" to the Subscription Agreement.

- (f) If the Subscriber is purchasing the Trust Units as principal and the Subscriber is a resident of <u>Manitoba</u>, <u>Northwest Territories</u>, <u>Nunavut</u>, <u>Prince Edward Island</u> or <u>Yukon</u> then:
  - (i) in the case of a Subscriber that is not an Eligible Investor the following shall apply:
    - (A) the acquisition cost of the Trust Units shall not exceed \$10,000; and
    - (B) the Subscriber must execute the Risk Acknowledgement in the form attached as Appendix 2 to Schedule "B" to the Subscription Agreement;
  - (ii) in the case of a Subscriber that is an Eligible Investor the following shall be completed by the Subscriber:
    - (A) Eligible Investor Certificate attached as Schedule "B" to the Subscription Agreement;
    - (B) a Representation Letter in the form attached as Appendix 1 to Schedule "B" to the Subscription Agreement (please initial as indicated); and
    - (C) the Risk Acknowledgement in the form attached as Appendix 2 to Schedule "B" to the Subscription Agreement; and
- (g) If the Subscriber is purchasing Trust Units as principal and the Subscriber is a resident of <u>British Columbia</u> or <u>Newfoundland and Labrador</u>, then the Subscriber must execute the Risk Acknowledgement in the form attached as Appendix 2 to Schedule "B" to the Subscription Agreement.

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

Subscriptions for Trust Units will be received, subject to rejection and allotment, in whole or in part, and subject to the right of the Issuer to close the subscription books at any time, without notice. If a subscription for Trust Units is not accepted, all subscription proceeds will be promptly returned to the Subscriber without interest. The subscription funds will be held until midnight of the second Business Day subsequent to the date that each Subscription Agreement is signed by a Subscriber.

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

You should carefully review the terms of the Subscription Agreement accompanying this Offering Memorandum for more detailed information concerning the rights and

obligations of you and the Issuer. Execution and delivery of the Subscription Agreement will bind you to the terms thereof, whether executed by you or by an agent on your behalf. You should consult with your own professional advisors. See "*Risk Factors*".

Subscriptions received will be subject to rejection or allotment in whole or in part by the Issuer, and Co-Lead Agents reserves the right to close the subscription books at any time without notice. The Trust shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to refuse to accept a subscription. Any subscription monies received in respect of a rejected order will be refunded without interest or deduction. The Trust may reject a subscription submitted by a subscriber who is, or who acts on behalf of a person who will have a beneficial interest in Trust Units being subscribed for and who is, a non-resident of Canada for purposes of the Tax Act, a partnership which is not a "Canadian partnership" for purposes of the Tax Act or a person or partnership, an interest in which is a "tax shelter investment" or which would acquire Trust Units as a "tax shelter investment" for purposes of the Tax Act, or a person or partnership that would cause the Partnership to be a "SIFT partnership" within the meaning of the Tax Act. The Trust may require subscribers to provide evidence reasonably satisfactory to it that such subscribers, or the persons who will have a beneficial interest in Trust Units being subscribers, or the persons who will have a beneficial interest in Trust Units being subscribers.

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

# PURCHASE OPTIONS

The Issuer has three different purchase options for Subscribers to purchase Class A Trust Units. Subscribers may purchase through a Co-Lead Agent or a registered dealer. Class F Trust Units may only be purchased through Fee Based Accounts. The commissions, Deferred Sales Charges and Short Term Trading Fees shall be set out in the subscription agreement between the Subscriber and the Issuer.

# **Class A Trust Units**

# **Option 1 – Deferred Sales Charge Option**

The Co-Lead Agent or sub-agent receives an upfront commission of 6% of the subscription price. If the Subscriber redeems its Class A Trust Units prior to the fifth anniversary of their purchase, the following Deferred Sales Charge will be applied to the calculation of the Redemption Amount:

If Redeemed in 1st Year – 7%

If Redeemed in 2nd Year - 6.5%

If Redeemed in 3rd Year - 6.0%

If Redeemed in 4th Year - 5.0%

If Redeemed in 5th Year – 4.0%

Afterwards 0.0%

### Option 2 – Low Load Option

The Co-Lead Agent or sub-agent receives an upfront commission of 3% and an ongoing trailer of 0.75% per annum, starting in year one for as long as the Subscriber remains a holder of such Class A Trust Units. If the Subscriber redeems its Class A Trust Units prior to the third anniversary of their subscription, the following Short Term Trading Fee will be applied to the calculation of the Redemption Amount: If redeemed in 1st 18 months – 3.5%

#### If Redeemed in 2nd 18 Months – 3.0%

#### Option 3 – Front Load Option

The Co-Lead Agent or sub-agent negotiates a commission (if any) which the Subscriber pays directly and the Co-Lead Agent or sub-agent receives an ongoing trailer of 1% per annum starting in year one for as long as the Subscriber remains a holder of such Class A Trust Units. If the Subscriber redeems its Class A Trust Units within the first 6 months from the date of subscription, a Short Term Trading Fee of 3.0% will be applied to the calculation of the Redemption Amount.

In connection with Option 1, Option 2 and Option 3 above, the Issuer will pay a dealer fee of 1.5% of the gross proceeds of this Offering to each selling agent dealer based on sales made by that dealer, and a co-lead agent fee of 0.5% of the gross proceeds of this Offering to the Co-Lead Agents, to be shared equally by the Co-Lead Agents.

# Class F Trust Units

#### Fee Based Accounts Option

Fee Based Accounts may only subscribe for Class F Trust Units. No commission and no trailers are paid. If the Subscriber redeems its Class F Trust Units in the first 6 months from the date of subscription, a Short Term Trading Fee of 3.0% will be applied to the calculation of the Redemption Amount.

# CANADIAN FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

You should consult your own professional advisors to obtain advice on the income tax consequences that apply to you.

The following summary has been provided by Grant Thornton LLP and management of the Issuer is of the view that it fairly presents the principal Canadian federal income tax considerations generally applicable to prospective subscribers of Trust Units pursuant to this Offering Memorandum who, for the purposes of the Tax Act, are resident in Canada, deal at arm's length with the Issuer and the Partnership and will hold their Trust Units as capital property. Generally, the Trust Units will be considered to be capital property to a Trust Unitholder provided that the Trust Unitholder does not hold the Trust Units in the course of carrying on a business and has not acquired them in a transaction considered to be an adventure in the nature of trade. Certain Trust Unitholders who might not otherwise be considered to hold their Trust Units as capital property may, in certain circumstances, be entitled to have them and all other "Canadian securities" (as defined in the Tax Act) owned by them treated as capital property by making the irrevocable election under subsection 39(4) of the Tax Act.

This summary is of a general nature only and is based upon the facts set out in this Offering Memorandum, the current provisions of the Tax Act, the regulations thereunder (the "**Regulations**"), the published administrative practices of the Canada Revenue Agency and the specific proposals to amend the Tax Act and Regulations (the "**Tax Proposals**") announced by or on behalf of the Minister of Finance (Canada) prior to the date hereof. This summary is not exhaustive of all possible Canadian federal income tax consequences and, except for the Tax Proposals, does not take into account or anticipate any changes in law, whether by legislative, regulatory, administrative or judicial action, nor does it take into account provincial tax legislation or considerations except as otherwise indicated. This summary assumes that the Tax Proposals will be enacted as proposed, but no assurance can be given that this will be the case. Modification or amendment of the Issuer or the tax consequences of investing in Trust Units. This summary does not describe income tax considerations relating to the deductibility of interest on money borrowed to acquire Trust Units.

THIS SUMMARY IS NOT EXHAUSTIVE OF ALL POSSIBLE CANADIAN FEDERAL TAX CONSIDERATIONS APPLICABLE TO AN INVESTMENT IN TRUST UNITS. MOREOVER, THE INCOME AND OTHER TAX CONSEQUENCES OF ACQUIRING. HOLDING OR DISPOSING OF TRUST UNITS WILL VARY DEPENDING ON THE TRUST UNITHOLDER'S PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT INTENDED TO BE, NOR SHOULD IT BE CONSTRUED TO BE, LEGAL OR TAX ADVICE TO ANY PROSPECTIVE TRUST UNITHOLDER. ACCORDINGLY, PROSPECTIVE TRUST UNITHOLDERS SHOULD CONSULT WITH THEIR TAX ADVISORS FOR ADVICE WITH RESPECT TO THE TAX CONSEQUENCES TO THEM HAVING REGARD TO THEIR OWN PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES. IN ADDITION, THIS SUMMARY IS NOT APPLICABLE TO (I) A TRUST UNITHOLDER THAT IS A "FINANCIAL INSTITUTION", AS DEFINED IN THE TAX ACT FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE MARK-TO-MARKET RULES, AND (II) A TRUST UNITHOLDER WHERE AN INTEREST IN SUCH TRUST UNITHOLDER WOULD BE A "TAX SHELTER INVESTMENT" FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE TAX ACT. THIS SUMMARY DOES NOT ADDRESS ANY CANADIAN FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS APPLICABLE TO NON-RESIDENTS. NON-RESIDENTS SHOULD CONSULT THEIR OWN TAX ADVISORS. REGARDING THE TAX CONSEQUENCES OF ACQUIRING AND HOLDING TRUST UNITS. ALL DISTRIBUTIONS TO NON-RESIDENTS, WHETHER PAYABLE IN CASH OR ADDITIONAL TRUST UNITS, WILL BE NET OF ANY APPLICABLE WITHHOLDING TAXES.

# **Qualification as a Mutual Fund Trust**

This summary assumes that the Issuer qualifies, and will continue to qualify, as a "mutual fund trust" under the provisions of the Tax Act at all relevant times. To qualify as a mutual fund trust, the Issuer must be a "unit trust" as defined by the Tax Act and must restrict its undertaking to: (i) the investing of its funds in property (other than real property or an interest in real property) and (ii) the acquiring, holding, maintaining, improving, leasing or managing of any real property (or interest in real property) that is capital property of the Issuer or (iii) any combination of the activities described in (i) and (ii), and must have 150 Trust Unitholders each holding not less than 100 Trust Units which are qualified for distribution to the public and which have an aggregate fair market value of not less than \$500. The Issuer has advised that it does and will at all relevant times qualify as a mutual fund trust under the provisions of the Tax Act. In the event that the Issuer were not to qualify as a mutual fund trust, the Canadian federal income tax consequences described below would, in some aspects, be materially and adversely different.

If the Issuer has a Trust Unitholder that is a "designated beneficiary" within the meaning of the Tax Act at any time in a taxation year in which it does not qualify as a mutual fund trust for the purposes of the Tax Act throughout the year, it will be subject to a special tax at the rate of 36% under Part XII.2 of the Tax Act on its "designated income" within the meaning of the Tax Act. A "designated beneficiary" includes a non-resident under the Tax Act. If the Issuer is subject to tax under Part XII.2, the Issuer may make a designation so that, generally, Trust Unitholders who are not designated beneficiaries receive an appropriate refundable tax credit.

# SIFT Rules

The Tax Act contains rules (the "**SIFT Rules**") relating to the federal income taxation of publiclylisted or traded trusts and partnerships.

The SIFT Rules apply to a publicly-listed or traded trust that is a specified investment flowthrough entity (a "**SIFT trust**") and its investors. Certain distributions attributable to a SIFT trust's "non-portfolio earnings" are not deductible in computing the SIFT trust's income and the SIFT is subject to tax on such distributions at a rate that is substantially equivalent to the general tax rate applicable to Canadian corporations. Provided investments in the Issuer are not listed or traded on a stock exchange or other public market, the Issuer will not be subject to the SIFT Rules. The Issuer does not expect Trust Units or any interest in the Issuer or the Partnership to be so listed or traded. If investments in the Issuer or the Partnership become publicly listed or traded, there can be no assurances that the Issuer or the Partnership will not be subject to the SIFT Rules at that time. If the SIFT Rules were to apply to the Issuer or the Partnership, the income tax considerations would, in some respects, be materially and adversely different.

# **Taxation of Issuer**

The Tax Act requires that the Issuer compute its income or loss for a taxation year as though it were an individual resident in Canada. The taxation year of the Issuer is the calendar year. In each taxation year, the Issuer will be subject to tax under Part I of the Tax Act on its taxable income for the year, including income allocated to it by the Partnership and net realized taxable capital gains less the portion thereof that it deducts in respect of the amounts paid or payable in the year to Trust Unitholders and is otherwise deductible under the Tax Act. An amount will not be considered to be payable to a Trust Unitholder in a taxation year unless the Trust Unitholder is entitled in that year to enforce payment of the amount.

In computing its income, the Issuer may deduct administrative costs, interest and other expenses incurred by it for the purpose of earning income, provided that they are reasonable in amount and are otherwise deductible under the Tax Act.

Pursuant to the Declaration of Trust, the Issuer intends to make sufficient distributions of its Trust Income and Net Realized Capital Gains so that the Issuer will generally not be liable in that year for income tax under Part I of the Tax Act other than such tax on Net Realized Capital Gains that will be recoverable by the Issuer in respect of such year by reason of the capital gains refund mechanism. Losses incurred by the Issuer cannot be allocated to Trust Unitholders but may be deducted by the Issuer subject to and in accordance with the Tax Act.

The Tax Act includes "loss restriction event" ("**LRE**") rules that could potentially apply to the Issuer. In general, a trust is subject to a LRE if a person (or group of persons) acquires more than 50% of the fair market value of the units of the trust. If an LRE occurs (i) a trust will be deemed to have a year-end for tax purposes immediately before the LRE occurs, (ii) unless any

Trust Income and Net Realized Capital Gains of the trust at such year-end is distributed or otherwise made payable to unitholders of the trust to the extent required for the trust not to be liable for income taxes, the trust would be subject to tax under Part I of the Tax Act, and (iii) the trust will be restricted in its ability to use tax losses (including any unrealized capital losses) that exist at the time of the LRE.

Currently, one exception to these LRE rules is a trust which is considered to be an "investment fund". On January 15, 2016, the Department of Finance released draft legislation to provide some relief from the LRE rules as they apply to certain trusts. The proposed amendments will revise the Tax Act's definition of an "investment fund" to allow trusts that are investment funds to more readily establish whether they are in keeping with the definition. However, relief from the LRE rules would not be available under the draft legislation for a trust, which holds any "non-portfolio property", including a significant interest in a partnership.

# **Taxation of the Partnership**

The Partnership is not itself liable for income tax; however, it is required to compute its income or loss for each of its fiscal periods as if it were a separate person resident in Canada. The fiscal period of the Partnership ends on December 31 of each year.

In computing its income or loss the Partnership will be entitled to deduct expenses incurred by it in the fiscal period in which they are incurred to the extent such expenses are reasonable in amount and their deduction is permitted by the Tax Act. In some cases, outlays and expenses may have to be capitalized and added to the cost amount of its Property.

# Taxation of Trust Unitholders

A Trust Unitholder is required to include in computing income for tax purposes in each year the portion of the amount of Trust Income and the taxable portion of Net Realized Capital Gains of the Issuer, determined for the purposes of the Tax Act, paid or payable to such Trust Unitholder in the year that the Issuer deducts in computing its income for tax purposes, whether that amount is received in cash, additional Trust Units, or otherwise. Income of a Trust Unitholder from the Trust Units will generally be considered to be income from property. The Issuer intends to designate to the extent permitted by the Tax Act the portion of the Trust Distributable Income paid or payable to Trust Unitholders as may reasonably be considered to consist of Net Realized Capital Gains of the Issuer. Any such designated amount will be deemed for tax purposes to be received by Trust Unitholders in the year as a capital gain.

The Declaration of Trust provides that Trust Income and Net Realized Capital Gains for purposes of the Tax Act will be allocated to Trust Unitholders in the same proportion as distributions received by Trust Unitholders.

Based on the distribution policy, the amount distributed to Trust Unitholders in a year may exceed the Trust Income and Net Realized Capital Gains for that year. Such excess distributions in a year will not be included in computing the income of the Trust Unitholders for tax purposes. However, a Trust Unitholder is required to reduce the adjusted cost base to the Trust Unitholder of the Trust Unitholder by the portion of any amount paid or payable to the Trust Unitholder by the Issuer (other than the non-taxable portion of certain capital gains) that was not included in computing income and will realize a capital gain in the year to the extent the adjusted cost base of the Trust Units would otherwise be a negative amount.

Upon the disposition or deemed disposition, whether on a redemption or otherwise, by a Trust Unitholder of a Trust Unit, a capital gain (or a capital loss) will generally be realized to the extent that the proceeds of disposition of the Trust Unit exceed (or are exceeded by) the aggregate of the adjusted cost base to the Trust Unitholder of the Trust Unit immediately before the disposition and any reasonable costs of the disposition. The adjusted cost base of a Trust Unit to a Trust Unitholder will include all amounts paid or payable by the Trust Unitholder for the Trust Unit, with certain adjustments. The cost to a Trust Unitholder of additional Trust Units received in lieu of a cash distribution of income will be the amount of income distributed by the issue of those Trust Units. The adjusted cost base to a Trust Unitholder of a particular class of a Trust Unit will be determined by averaging the cost base of all Trust Units of that class owned by a Trust Unitholder as capital property at a particular time. Generally, one-half of any capital gain (a "taxable capital gain") realized by a Trust Unitholder will be included in the Trust Unitholder's income for the year of disposition. One-half of any capital loss so realized (an "allowable capital loss") may generally be deducted against taxable capital gains of the Trust Unitholder for the year of disposition. Any excess of allowable capital losses over taxable capital gains of the Trust Unitholder for the year of disposition may be carried back up to three taxation years or forward indefinitely and deducted against net taxable capital gains in those other years to the extent and in the circumstances prescribed in the Tax Act.

Capital gains realized by an individual or trust, other than certain trusts, may give rise to alternative minimum tax under the Tax Act. A holder that is a "Canadian-controlled private corporation" (as defined in the Tax Act) may be liable to pay an additional refundable tax on taxable capital gains.

# Eligibility for Investment by Deferred Income Plans

Provided that the Issuer qualifies as a "mutual fund trust" for purposes of the Tax Act at all times, the Trust Units will be qualified investments for trusts governed by registered retirement savings plans ("**RRSP**"), registered retirement income funds ("**RRIF**"), registered disability savings plans, registered education savings plans, deferred profit sharing plans, or tax-free savings accounts ("**TFSA**").

Generally, if the Issuer does not qualify or ceases to qualify as a mutual fund trust at any time, the Trust Units will not be, or will cease to be, qualified investments for Deferred Income Plans at that time. Redemption Notes and Trust Property received as a result of distributions or redemptions of Trust Units may not be qualified investments for Deferred Income Plans. Where a Deferred Income Plan acquires a Redemption Note or a Trust Property that is not a qualified investment, or acquires or holds a Trust Unit that is not, or that ceases to be, a qualified investment, adverse tax consequences may arise to the Deferred Income Plan and the annuitant under the Deferred Income Plan. Accordingly, Deferred Income Plans that propose to invest in Trust Units should consult their own tax advisors before deciding to purchase Trust Units and again before deciding to exercise their redemption rights attached to such Trust Units.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Trust Units are "prohibited investments" for a trust governed by a RRSP, RRIF or TFSA which acquired Trust Units pursuant to this Offering Memorandum, the annuitant or holder will be subject to a penalty tax in respect of such Trust Units. A Trust Unit will generally be a "prohibited investment" if the annuitant or holder does not deal at arm's length with the Issuer for purposes of the Tax Act or has a significant interest (within the meaning of the Tax Act) in the Issuer. For these purposes, an annuitant or holder will have a significant interest in the Issuer at a particular time if the annuitant or holder, or the annuitant or holder together with persons or partnerships with which the annuitant or holder does not deal at arm's length, holds at the time interests as a beneficiary of the Issuer that have a fair market value of 10% or more of the fair market value of the interests of all beneficiaries under the Issuer. The Trust Units will generally not be a "prohibited investment" if the Trust Units are "excluded property" (as defined in the Tax Act) for trusts governed by an RRSP, RRIF or TFSA.

Trust Unitholders or annuitants should consult their own tax advisors with respect to whether Trust Units would be prohibited investments in their particular circumstances, including with respect to whether the Trust Units would be "excluded property".

# **COMPENSATION PAID TO SELLERS AND FINDERS**

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

- (a) pay to the Equiton Agent wholesale costs of up to 1.25% of the gross proceeds of this Offering, other than for Trust Units purchased pursuant to the Deferred Sale Charge Option, and wholesale costs of 0.5% of the gross proceeds of the Offering of Trust Units purchased pursuant to the Deferred Sale Charge Option (collectively, "Wholesale Costs");
- (b) pay to each Co-Lead Agent a dealer fee of up to 1.5% of the gross proceeds of this Offering made through such dealer, respectively ("**Dealer Fee**"); and
- (c) pay to the Co-Lead Agents a Co-Lead Fee of 0.5% of the gross proceeds of this Offering ("**Co-Lead Fee**") to be shared equally between the Co-Lead Agents.

For example, assuming \$10,000,000 of gross proceeds is realized on the sale of the Trust Units (other than pursuant to the Deferred Sale Charge Option), the aggregate sales commissions to be paid to either Co-Lead Agents or sub-agents will vary based on the Class A Purchase Option selected by Subscribers and number of Class F Trust Units one subscribes for and the Issuer will incur Wholesale Costs of \$125,000, Dealer Fees of up to \$150,000, and a Co-Lead Fee of \$50,000.

The Issuer has agreed, subject to certain exceptions, to indemnify the Co-Lead Agents and their directors, officers, employees and agents against certain liabilities, including, without restriction, civil liabilities under Canadian securities legislation, and to contribute to any payments the Co-Lead Agent may be required to make in respect thereof.

# **RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ISSUER, EQUITON AGENT AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES**

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

# The Equiton Agent

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

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

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

### The Asset Manager and Property Manager

The Asset Manager and Property Manager, Equiton Partners, is a Related Party to the Issuer because Jason Roque and Helen Hurlbut, both Trustees of the Issuer, are the President and Chief Financial Officer, respectively, of Equiton Partners and Jason is the sole director of Equiton Partners. Also, Mr. Roque indirectly, through wholly owned subsidiaries, controls Equiton Partners. In addition, pursuant to the Declaration of Trust, Equiton Partners is entitled to appoint up to four (4) Trustees.

#### The General Partner

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

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

# **RISK FACTORS**

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

#### Investment Risk

# Liquidity of Trust Units and Redemption Risk

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

#### **Redemption Risk**

The Issuer may not be able to pay Trust Unitholders in cash, in which case the redemption price for Trust Units will be satisfied through the issuance of Redemption Notes, which will not be qualified investments for a Deferred Income Plan and may have adverse tax consequences if held by a Deferred Income Plan. See "Declaration of Trust". See "Redemption of Trust Units". See "Eligibility for Investment by Deferred Income Plans."

# Availability of Distributable Income

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

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

### **Structural Subordination of Trust Units**

In the event of a bankruptcy, liquidation or reorganization of the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries, holders of certain of their indebtedness and certain trade creditors will generally be entitled to payment of their claims from the assets of the Issuer and those Subsidiaries before any assets are made available for distribution to the Trust Unitholders. The Trust Units will be effectively subordinated to most of the indebtedness and other liabilities of the Issuer and its Subsidiaries. The Issuer shall not incur or assume any Indebtedness if, after giving effect to the incurring or assumption of the Indebtedness, the total Indebtedness of the Issuer would be more than 75% of the Gross Book Value, unless the Independent Trustees, in their discretion, determine that the maximum amount of Indebtedness shall be based on the appraised value of the Properties instead of Gross Book Value.

# **Trust Unitholder Liability**

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

# Nature of Investment

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

# **Restrictions on Ownership of Trust Units**

The Declaration of Trust imposes various restrictions on Trust Unitholders. Non-resident Trust Unitholders are prohibited from beneficially owning more than 49% of the Trust Units (on a nondiluted and a fully-diluted basis).

#### **Tax Related Risks**

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

To qualify as a mutual fund trust, the Issuer must be a "unit trust" as defined by the Tax Act and must restrict its undertaking to: (i) the investing of its funds in property (other than real property or an interest in real property) and (ii) the acquiring, holding, maintaining, improving, leasing or managing of any real property (or interest in real property) that is capital property of the Issuer or (iii) any combination of the activities described in (i) and (ii), and must have 150 Trust

Unitholders each holding not less than 100 Trust Units which are qualified for distribution to the public and which have an aggregate fair market value of not less than \$500. The Issuer must comply with these requirements on a continuous basis and the Issuer must not be reasonably considered to have been established or maintained primarily for the benefit of non-residents of Canada. If the Issuer fails or ceases to qualify as a "mutual fund trust" for the purposes of the Tax Act, the tax consequences described under "*Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations*" and "*Eligibility for Investment by Deferred Income Plans*" would in some respects be materially and adversely different. In such a case, the Trust Units will not be, or will cease to be, qualified investments for Deferred Income Plans at that time. Furthermore, the Issuer may be subject to a special tax under Part XII.2 of the Tax Act for such taxation year to the extent that its designated income is distributed to a designated beneficiary, including a non-resident person. In addition, Trust Unitholders may become subject to provincial taxes, such as Ontario Land Transfer Tax, in respect of their Trust Units.

The Tax Act imposes penalties on Deferred Income Plans or annuitants under Deferred Income Plans for the acquisition or holding of non-qualified investments. Even if the Trust Units are a qualified investment for a trust governed by a TFSA, RRSP or RRIF, the holder or annuitant will be subject to a penalty tax in respect of Trust Units held in a trust governed by such a Deferred Income Plan if such Trust Units are a "prohibited investment" for the purposes of the Tax Act. In addition, certain Trust Property or Redemption Notes of the Issuer received as a result of a distribution or redemption of Trust Units may not be a qualified investment for Deferred Income Plans, which may give rise to adverse consequences to a Deferred Income Plan or the annuitant, holder or beneficiary thereunder.

Trust Unitholders may be required to include amounts in their taxable income even where they have not received a cash distribution in respect of such amounts. The Declaration of Trust provides that a sufficient amount of the Issuer's Trust Income and Net Realized Capital Gains will be distributed each year to Trust Unitholders or otherwise in order to eliminate the Issuer's liability for tax under Part I of the Tax Act. Where such amount of Trust Income and Net Realized Capital Gains distributed for the Issuer in a taxation year exceeds the cash available for distribution in the year, such excess may be distributed to Trust Unitholders in the form of additional Trust Units.

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

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

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

#### Dilution

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

#### **Nature of Trust Units**

The Trust Units are not the same as shares of a corporation. As a result, the Trust Unitholders will not have the statutory rights and remedies normally associated with share ownership, such as the right to bring "oppression" or "derivative" actions.

#### Issuer Risk

#### Limited Track Record

While the management of the Issuer and Partnership has deep experience in real estate, asset management, and finance, they have not managed third-party investor's funds prior to establishing the Partnership. As the Partnership is in the early start-up stage, the Partnership has yet to prove that it can achieve a stable cash flow profile on a sustained basis.

#### **Future Property Acquisitions**

The Partnership's strategy includes growth through identifying suitable acquisition opportunities, pursuing such opportunities, consummating acquisitions and effectively operating and leasing such Properties. If the Partnership is unable to manage its growth effectively, it could adversely impact the Partnership's financial condition and results of operations and decrease the amount of cash available for distribution. There can be no assurance as to the pace of growth through property acquisitions or that the Partnership will be able to acquire assets on an accretive basis, and as such there can be no assurance that distributions to Trust Unitholders will increase in the future.

#### Access to Capital

The real estate industry is highly capital intensive. The Partnership will require access to capital to maintain its Properties, as well as to fund its growth strategy and significant capital expenditures from time to time. There can be no assurance that the Partnership will have access to sufficient capital or access to capital on terms favourable to the Partnership for future property acquisitions, financing or refinancing of Properties, funding operating expenses or other purposes. Further, the Partnership may not be able to borrow funds due to the limitations set forth in the Declaration of Trust. In addition, global financial markets have experienced a sharp increase in volatility during recent years. This has been, in part, the result of the revaluation of assets on the balance sheets of international financial institutions and related securities. This has contributed to a reduction in liquidity among financial institutions and has reduced the availability of credit to those institutions and to the issuers who borrow from them. It is possible that financing which the Partnership may require in order to grow and expand its operations,

upon the expiry of the term of financing, on refinancing any particular Property owned by the Partnership or otherwise, may not be available or, if it is available, may not be available on favourable terms to the Partnership. Failure by the Partnership to access required capital could adversely impact the Partnership's financial condition and results of operations and decrease the amount of cash available for distribution. As well, the degree of leverage could affect the Partnership's ability to obtain additional financing in the future.

#### **Dependence on the Partnership**

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

#### **Dependence on Key Personnel**

The management of the Issuer and the Partnership depends on the services of certain key personnel. The termination of employment by the Asset Manager or the Property Manager of any of these key personnel could have a material adverse effect on the Issuer and the Partnership.

# **Potential Conflicts of Interest**

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

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

Specifically, Equiton Partners, the Asset Manager and Property Manager, operates continuing businesses which may lead to conflicts of interest between the Equiton Partners and Partnership. The Partnership may not be able to resolve any such conflicts, and, even if it does, the resolution may be less favourable to the Partnership than if it were dealing with a party that was not a significant holder of an interest in the Partnership. The agreements that the Partnership entered into with the Equiton Partners may be amended upon agreement between the parties, subject to Applicable Laws. Because of Equiton Partners' significant holdings and influence over the Partnership, the Partnership may not have the leverage to negotiate any required amendments to these agreements on terms as favourable to the Partnership as those the Partnership would negotiate with a party that was not a significant holder of an interest or influence in the Partnership. Equiton Partners is engaged in a wide range of real estate and

other business activities and may be involved in real estate transactions that do not satisfy the Partnership's investment criteria. Such transactions could include real estate transactions that are not accretive to the Partnership, transactions which involve significant capital expenditure in order to reposition a Property, and transactions which may be considered too small.

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

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

#### **Internal Controls**

Effective internal controls are necessary for the Issuer to provide reliable financial reports and to help prevent fraud. Although the Issuer will undertake a number of procedures and the General Partner and the Asset Manager will implement a number of safeguards, in each case, in order to help ensure the reliability of the Issuer's, the Partnership's and the Asset Manager's financial reports, including those imposed on the Issuer under Canadian securities law, the Issuer cannot be certain that such measures will ensure that the Issuer will maintain adequate control over financial processes and reporting. Failure to implement required new or improved controls, or difficulties encountered in their implementation, could harm the Issuer's results of operations or cause it to fail to meet its reporting obligations. If the Issuer or its auditors discover a material weakness, the disclosure of that fact, even if quickly remedied, could reduce the market's confidence in the Issuer's financial statements and harm the value of the Trust Units.

# Significant Influence by Jason Roque and Equiton Partners

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

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

Additionally, the Asset Manager's significant effective interest may discourage transactions involving a change of control of the Partnership, including transactions in which an investor as a holder of the Trust Units might otherwise receive a premium for its Trust Units over the thencurrent market price.

#### Dependence on the Asset Manager

The Partnership is dependent upon the Asset Manager for operational and administrative services relating to the Partnership's business. Should the Asset Manager terminate the Asset

Management Agreement, the Partnership may be required to engage the services of an external asset manager. The Partnership may be unable to engage an asset manager on acceptable terms, in which case the Partnership's operations and cash available for distribution may be adversely affected.

# **Litigation Risks**

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

# **Assumption of Liabilities**

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

# **Reliance on External Sources of Capital**

Because the Partnership expects to make regular cash distributions, it likely will not be able to fund all of its future capital needs, including capital for acquisitions and facility development, with income from operations. The Partnership therefore will have to rely on third-party sources of capital, which may or may not be available on favourable terms, if at all. The Partnership's access to third-party sources of capital depends on a number of things, including the market's perception of its growth potential and its current and potential future earnings. If the Partnership is unable to obtain third-party sources of capital, it may not be able to acquire or develop facilities when strategic opportunities exist, satisfy its debt obligations or make regular distributions to Trust Unitholders.

# **Derivatives Risks**

The Partnership may invest in and use derivative instruments, including futures, forwards, options and swaps, to manage its utility and interest rate risks inherent in its operations. There can be no assurance that the Partnership's hedging activities will be effective. Further, these activities, although intended to mitigate price volatility, expose the Partnership to other risks. The Partnership is subject to the credit risk that its counterparty (whether a clearing corporation in the case of exchange traded instruments or another third party in the case of over-the-counter instruments) may be unable to meet its obligations. In addition, there is a risk of loss by the Partnership of margin deposits in the event of the bankruptcy of the dealer with whom the Partnership has an open position in an option or futures or forward contract. In the absence of actively quoted market prices and pricing information from external sources, the valuation of these contracts involves judgment and use of estimates. As a result, changes in the underlying

assumptions or use of alternative valuation methods could affect the reported fair value of these contracts. The ability of the Partnership to close out its positions may also be affected by exchange imposed daily trading limits on options and futures contracts. If the Partnership is unable to close out a position, it will be unable to realize its profit or limit its losses until such time as the option becomes exercisable or expires or the futures or forward contract terminates, as the case may be. The inability to close out options, futures and forward positions could also have an adverse impact on the Partnership's ability to use derivative instruments to effectively hedge its utility and interest rate risks.

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

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

#### Financing

The Partnership is subject to the risks associated with debt financing, including the risk that the Partnership may be unable to make interest or principal payments or meet loan covenants, the risk that defaults under a loan could result in cross defaults or other lender rights or remedies under other loans, and the risk that existing indebtedness may not be able to be refinanced or that the terms of such refinancing may not be as favourable as the terms of existing indebtedness.

# Industry Risk

# **Real Property Ownership**

All real property investments are subject to elements of risk. Such investments are affected by general economic conditions, local real estate markets, demand for multi-unit residential premises, competition from other available residential premises and various other factors.

Certain significant expenditures, including property taxes, capital repair and replacement costs, maintenance costs, mortgage payments, insurance costs and related charges must be made throughout the period of ownership of real property regardless of whether the property is producing any income. Fixed costs such as utilities, property taxes, maintenance costs, mortgage payments, insurance costs, and related costs, may have a material adverse effect on the Partnership's business, cash flows, financial condition, and results of operations if the Partnership is unable to meet mortgage payments on any property, losses could be sustained as a result of the mortgagee's exercise of its rights of foreclosure or sale.

Real property investments tend to be relatively illiquid, with the degree of liquidity generally fluctuating in relation to demand for and the perceived desirability of such investments. Such illiquidity may tend to limit the Partnership's ability to vary its portfolio promptly in response to changing economic or investment conditions. If the Partnership were required to liquidate its real property investments, the proceeds to the Partnership might be significantly less than the aggregate value of its properties on a going concern basis.

The Partnership will be subject to the risks associated with debt financing, including the risk that mortgage indebtedness secured by the Properties will not be able to be refinanced or that the terms of such refinancing will not be as favourable as the terms of existing indebtedness.

# **Revenue Producing Properties**

The Properties generate income through rental payments made by the tenants thereof. Residential tenant leases are relatively short, exposing the Partnership to market rental-rate volatility. Upon the expiry of any lease, there can be no assurance that such lease will be renewed or the tenant replaced. The terms of any subsequent lease may be less favourable to the Partnership than the existing lease. Unlike commercial leases which generally are "net" leases and allow a landlord to recover expenditures, residential leases are generally "gross" leases and the landlord is not able to pass on costs to its tenants.

# Low Capitalization Rate

Capitalization rates for multi-family assets have continued to trend downward on a national basis, dropping to new lows to end 2016. With low capitalization rates, the Partnership will need to add value by increasing rents or reducing expenses to enhance profitability. In addition, property values are very sensitive to change in capitalization rates. If the capitalization rate were to increase by 25 basis points, the value of the Properties would decrease by approximately 4.3%.

# Exposure to Secondary and Suburban Markets

The Properties are located in secondary markets of Ontario. Real estate in these markets is typically less liquid and more volatile compared to primary centers due to the smaller and less diverse local economies and less demand.

# Historic Results Not a Predictor of the Future Results

Historical lease rates and revenues are not necessarily an accurate prediction of the future lease rates for the residential Properties or revenues to be derived therefrom. Reported estimated market rents can be seasonal and the significance of any variations from quarter to quarter would materially affect the Partnership's annualized estimated gain-to-lease amount. There can be no assurance that upon the expiry or termination of existing leases, the average lease rates and revenues will be higher than historical lease rates and revenues and it may take a significant amount of time for market rents to be recognized by the Partnership due to internal and external limitations on its ability to charge these new market-based rents in the short term.

# **Competition for Real Property Investments**

The Partnership competes for suitable real property investments with individuals, corporations and institutions (both Canadian and foreign) and other real estate investment trusts which are presently seeking, or which may seek in the future, real property investments similar to those desired by the Partnership. A number of these investors may have greater financial resources than those of the Partnership, or operate without the investment or operating guidelines of the Partnership or according to more flexible conditions. An increase in the availability of investment funds, and an increase in interest in real property investments, may tend to increase competition for real property investments, thereby increasing purchase prices and reducing the yield on them.

# **Competition for Tenants**

The real estate business is competitive. Numerous other developers, managers and owners of properties compete with the Partnership in seeking tenants. The existence of competing developers, managers and owners and competition for the Partnership's tenants could have an adverse effect on the Partnership's ability to lease suites in its Properties and on the rents charged.

#### **Interest Rates**

The Partnership may be subject to higher interest rates in the future, given the current economic climate. The Partnership may also be unable to renew its maturing debt either with an existing or a new lender, and if it's able to renew its maturing debt, significantly lower loan-to-value ratios may be used. The Partnership will seek to manage this risk by negotiating fixed interest rates where possible.

It is anticipated that the market price for the Trust Units at any given time may be affected by the level of interest rates prevailing at that time. A rise in interest rates may have a negative effect on the market price of the Trust Units. A decrease in interest rates may encourage tenants to purchase condominiums or other types of housing, which could result in a reduction in demand for rental properties. Changes in interest rates may also have effects on vacancy rates, rent levels, refurbishing costs and other factors affecting the Partnership's business and profitability.

#### **General Economic Conditions**

The Partnership is affected by general economic conditions, local real estate markets, competition from other available rental premises, including new developments, and various other factors. The competition for tenants also comes from opportunities for individual home ownership, including condominiums, which can be particularly attractive when home mortgage loans are available at relatively low interest rates. The existence of competing developers, managers and owners and competition for the Partnership's tenants could have an adverse effect on the Partnership's ability to lease suites in its Properties and on the rents charged, increased leasing and marketing costs and increased refurbishing costs necessary to lease and release suites, all of which could adversely affect the Partnership's revenues and, consequently, its ability to meet its obligations. In addition, any increase in the supply of available space in the markets in which the Partnership operates or may operate could have an adverse effect on the Partnership.

#### Insurance Renewals

There is a possibility that the Partnership may not be able to renew its current insurance policies or obtain new insurance policies in the future for its Properties once they expire. The current terms and levels of coverage may not be available to the Partnership for property and casualty insurance, as well as insurance against natural disasters. In addition, the premiums that insurance companies may charge in the future may be significantly greater than they are currently. If the Partnership is unable to obtain adequate insurance for its Properties, the Partnership could be in default under certain contractual commitments that it has made. The Partnership may also be subject to a greater risk of not being covered should damages to its Properties occur, therefore affecting the Partnership's business, cash flows, financial condition, results of operations and ability to make distributions to its Trust Unitholders.

#### **General Uninsured Losses**

The Partnership carries comprehensive general liability, fire, flood, extended coverage and rental loss with policy specifications, limits and deductibles customarily carried for similar properties. There are, however, certain types of risks (generally of a catastrophic nature such as from wars) which are either uninsurable or not insurable on an economically viable basis. The Partnership has insurance for earthquake risks, subject to certain policy limits, deductibles and self-insurance arrangements, and will continue to carry such insurance if economical to do so. Should an uninsured or underinsured loss occur, the Partnership could lose its investment in, and anticipated profits and cash flows from, one or more of its Properties, but the Partnership would continue to be obligated to repay any recourse mortgage indebtedness on such Properties.

#### **Government Regulation**

Certain provinces and territories of Canada have enacted residential tenancy legislation which, among other things, imposes rent control guidelines that limit the Partnership's ability to raise rental rates at its Properties. Limits on the Partnership's ability to raise rental rates at its Properties may materially adversely affect the Partnership's ability to increase income from its Properties.

In addition to limiting the Partnership's ability to raise rental rates, provincial and territorial residential tenancy legislation provides certain rights to tenants, while imposing obligations upon the landlord. Residential tenancy legislation in the Province of Ontario prescribes certain procedures which must be followed by a landlord in order to terminate a residential tenancy. As certain proceedings may need to be brought before the respective administrative body governing residential tenancies as appointed under a province's residential tenancy legislation, it may take several months to terminate a residential lease, even where the tenant's rent is in arrears.

Under Ontario's rent control legislation, a landlord is entitled to increase the rent for existing tenants once every 12 months by no more than the "guideline amount" established by regulation. For the calendar year 2017, the guideline amount was established at 2%. This adjustment is meant to take into account the income of the building and the municipal and school taxes, the insurance bills, the energy costs, maintenance and service costs. Landlords may apply to the Ontario Rental Housing Tribunal for an increase above the guideline amounts if annual costs for heat, hydro, water or municipal taxes have increased significantly or if building security costs have increased. The landlord may also be entitled to a greater increase in rent for a suite under certain circumstances, including, for example, where extra expenses have been incurred as a result of a renovation of that suite. When a suite is vacated, however, the landlord is entitled to lease the suite to a new tenant at any rental amount, after which annual increases are limited to the applicable guideline amount.

On April 20, 2017, the Ontario provincial government introduced legislation ("**Provincial Housing Legislation**") that passed on May 18, 2017, and provides a number of changes with respect to the relationship between landlords and tenants, particularly, among other things, to expand rent control to all private rental units, including those built on or after November 1, 1991 (which were not previously subject to rent controls). The proposed rent control amendments cap rent increases at 2.5 per cent annually, even if the rate of inflation is higher. This change applies to notices of rent increase given on or after April 20, 2017. Since the Provincial Housing

Legislation will have an immediate adverse impact on its business, the Partnership will consider the Provincial Housing Legislation or any new legislation (as applicable) in future investment decisions.

Residential tenancy legislation in certain provinces and territories provide the tenant with the right to bring certain claims to the respective administrative body seeking an order to, among other things, compel the landlord to comply with health, safety, housing and maintenance standards. As a result, the Partnership may, in the future, incur capital expenditures which may not be fully recoverable from tenants. The inability to fully recover substantial capital expenditures from tenants may have a material adverse effect on the Partnership's business, cash flows, financial condition and results of operations and ability to make distributions to holders of Trust Units. Residential tenancy legislation may be subject to further regulations or may be amended, repealed or enforced, or new legislation may be enacted, in a manner which will materially adversely affect the ability of the Partnership to maintain the historical level of earnings of its Properties.

# Environmental Matters

Environmental and ecological legislation and policies have become increasingly important, and generally restrictive, in recent years. Under various laws, the Partnership could become liable for the costs of removal or remediation of certain hazardous or toxic substances released on or in its Properties or disposed of at other locations. The failure to remove or remediate such substances, if any, may adversely affect an owner's ability to sell such real estate or to borrow using such real estate as collateral, and could potentially also result in claims against the owner by private plaintiffs. Where a Property is purchased and new financing is obtained, Phase I Environmental Assessments are performed by an independent and experienced environmental consultant. In the case of mortgage assumption, the vendor will be asked to provide a satisfactory Phase I and/or Phase II Environmental Assessment that the Asset Manager will rely upon and/or determine whether an update is necessary.

# **REPORTING OBLIGATIONS**

The Issuer is not a reporting issuer in any jurisdiction. In Ontario the Issuer must, within 120 days after the end of each its financial years, deliver with the securities regulatory authority annual financial statements and make them reasonably available to each Trust Unitholder who has acquired Trust Units under this Offering Memorandum. Such financial statements must be provided until the earlier of the date that the Issuer becomes a reporting issuer in any jurisdiction in Canada or the Issuer ceases to carry on business and it must be accompanied by a notice of the Issuer disclosing in reasonable detail the use of the aggregate gross proceed raised by the Issuer raised under this Offering Memorandum.

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

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

Additionally, pursuant to the Declaration of Trust, the Issuer must deliver to Unitholders a report of the Independent Trustees regarding their review and approval of any Conflict of Interest Matters during the prior fiscal year at the same time that the audited annual financial statements are delivered to Unitholders.

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

#### **RESALE RESTRICTIONS**

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

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

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

For Subscribers resident in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Québec, Ontario, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and Labrador, unless permitted under securities legislation, the Trust Units cannot be traded before the date that is four (4) months and a day after the date the Issuer becomes a reporting issuer in any province or territory of Canada. For subscribers resident in Manitoba, unless permitted under securities legislation, a Trust Unitholder must not trade the Trust Units without the prior written consent of the regulator in Manitoba, unless the Trust has filed a prospectus with the regulator in Manitoba with respect to the Trust Units and the regulator in Manitoba has issued a receipt for that prospectus, or the Trust Unit holder has held the Trust Units for at least 12 months. The regulator in Manitoba will consent to such a trade if the regulator is of the opinion that to do so is not prejudicial to the public interest.

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

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

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

# SUBSCRIBERS' RIGHT OF ACTIONS

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

#### Two Day Cancellation Right for a Subscriber

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

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

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

The following summaries are subject to the express provisions of the securities legislation applicable in each of the provinces of Canada and the regulations, rules and policy statements thereunder. Subscribers should refer to the securities legislation applicable in their province along with the regulations, rules and policy statements thereunder for the complete text of these provisions or should consult with their legal advisor. The contractual and statutory rights of action described in this Offering Memorandum are in addition to and without derogation from any other right or remedy that purchasers may have at law.

#### Rights of Subscribers in Alberta

Section 204 of the *Securities Act* (Alberta) provides that if an offering memorandum contains a Misrepresentation, a purchaser who purchases a security offered by the offering memorandum is deemed to have relied on the representation, if it was a Misrepresentation at the time of the purchase, and has a right of action (a) for damages against (i) the Issuer, (ii) every director of the Issuer at the date of the offering memorandum, and (iii) every person or company who signed the offering memorandum, and (b) for rescission against the Issuer, provided that:

(a) if the purchaser elects to exercise its right of rescission, it shall cease to have a right of action for damages against the person or company referred to above;

- (b) no person or company referred to above will be liable if it proves that the purchaser had knowledge of the Misrepresentation;
- (c) no person or company (other than the Issuer) referred to above will be liable if it proves that the offering memorandum was sent to the purchaser without the person's or company's knowledge or consent and that, on becoming aware of its being sent, the person or company promptly gave reasonable notice to the issuer that it was sent without the knowledge and consent of the person or company;
- (d) no person or company (other than the Issuer) referred to above will be liable if it proves that the person or company, on becoming aware of the Misrepresentation in the offering memorandum, withdrew the person's or company's consent to the offering memorandum and gave reasonable notice to the issuer of the withdrawal and the reason for it;
- (e) no person or company (other than the Issuer) referred to above will be liable if, with respect to any part of the offering memorandum purporting to be made on the authority of an expert or purporting to be a copy of, or an extract from, a report, opinion or statement of an expert, the person or company proves that the person or company did not have any reasonable grounds to believe and did not believe that:
  - (i) there had been a Misrepresentation; or
  - (ii) the relevant part of the offering memorandum;
    - (A) did not fairly represent the report, opinion or statement of the expert, or
    - (B) was not a fair copy of, or an extract from, the report, opinion or statement of the expert;
- (f) the person or company (other than the issuer) will not be liable if with respect to any part of the offering memorandum not purporting to be made on the authority of an expert and not purporting to be a copy of, or an extract from, a report, opinion or statement of an expert, unless the person or company
  - (i) did not conduct an investigation sufficient to provide reasonable grounds for a belief that there had been no Misrepresentation, and
  - (ii) believed there had been a Misrepresentation;
- (g) in no case shall the amount recoverable exceed the price at which the securities were offered under the offering memorandum;
- (h) the defendant will not be liable for all or any part of the damages that the defendant proves do not represent the depreciation in value of the security as a result of the Misrepresentation;

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

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

#### Rights of Subscribers in British Columbia

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

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

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

- (a) the offering memorandum was sent or delivered to the purchaser without the person's or company's knowledge or consent and that, on becoming aware of its delivery, the person or company gave reasonable notice to the Issuer that it was delivered without the person's or company's knowledge or consent;
- (b) after delivery of the offering memorandum and after becoming aware of the Misrepresentation, the person or company withdrew the person's or company's consent to the offering memorandum and gave reasonable notice to the Issuer of the withdrawal and the reason for it; or
- (c) with respect to any part of the offering memorandum purporting to be made on the authority of an expert, or (ii) to be a copy of, or an extract from, an expert's

report, opinion or statement, the person or company proves that the person or company had no reasonable grounds to believe and did not believe that (A) there had been a Misrepresentation, or (B) the relevant part of the offering memorandum did not fairly represent the expert's report, opinion or statement, or was not a fair copy of, or an extract from, an expert's report, opinion or statement.

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

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

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

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

#### Rights of Subscribers in Saskatchewan

Securities Act, 1988 (Saskatchewan), as amended (the "Saskatchewan Act") provides that where an offering memorandum (such as this Offering Memorandum) or any amendment to it is sent or delivered to a purchaser and it contains a Misrepresentation (as defined in the Saskatchewan Act), a purchaser who purchases a security covered by the offering memorandum or any amendment to it is deemed to have relied upon that Misrepresentation, if it was a Misrepresentation at the time of purchase, and has a right of action for rescission

against the Issuer or a selling security holder on whose behalf the distribution is made or has a right of action for damages against:

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

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

- (a) if the purchaser elects to exercise its right of rescission against the Issuer or selling security holder, it shall have no right of action for damages against that party;
- (b) in an action for damages, a defendant will not be liable for all or any portion of the damages that he, she or it proves do not represent the depreciation in value of the securities resulting from the Misrepresentation relied on;
- (c) no person or company, other than the Issuer or a selling security holder, will be liable for any part of the offering memorandum or any amendment to it not purporting to be made on the authority of an expert and not purporting to be a copy of, or an extract from, a report, opinion or statement of an expert, unless the person or company failed to conduct a reasonable investigation sufficient to provide reasonable grounds for a belief that there had been no Misrepresentation or believed that there had been a Misrepresentation;
- (d) in no case shall the amount recoverable exceed the price at which the securities were offered; and
- (e) no person or company is liable in an action for rescission or damages if that person or company proves that the purchaser purchased the securities with knowledge of the Misrepresentation.

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

(a) the offering memorandum or any amendment to it was sent or delivered without the person's or company's knowledge or consent and that, on becoming aware

of it being sent or delivered, that person or company gave reasonable general notice that it was so sent or delivered;

- (b) after the filing of the offering memorandum or the amendment to the offering memorandum and before the purchase of the securities by the purchaser, on becoming aware of any Misrepresentation in the offering memorandum or the amendment to the offering memorandum, the person or company withdrew the person's or company's consent to it and gave reasonable general notice of the person's or company's withdrawal and the reason for it;
- (c) with respect to any part of the offering memorandum or any amendment to it purporting to be made on the authority of an expert, or purporting to be a copy of, or an extract from, a report, an opinion or a statement of an expert, that person or company had no reasonable grounds to believe and did not believe that there had been a Misrepresentation, the part of the offering memorandum or any amendment to it did not fairly represent the report, opinion or statement of the expert, or was not a fair copy of, or an extract from, the report, opinion or statement of the expert.

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

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

Similar rights of action for damages and rescission are provided in section 138.1 of the Saskatchewan Act in respect of a Misrepresentation in advertising and sales literature disseminated in connection with an offering of securities.

Section 138.2 of the Saskatchewan Act also provides that where an individual makes a verbal statement to a prospective purchaser that contains a Misrepresentation relating to the security purchased and the verbal statement is made either before or contemporaneously with the purchase of the security, the purchaser is deemed to have relied on the Misrepresentation, if it was a Misrepresentation at the time of purchase, and has a right of action for damages against the individual who made the verbal statement.

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Rights of Subscribers in Manitoba

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Rights of Subscribers in Ontario

Section 130.1 of the *Securities Act* (Ontario) provides that every purchaser of securities pursuant to an offering memorandum (such as this Offering Memorandum) shall have a

statutory right of action for damages or rescission against the Issuer and any selling security holder in the event that the offering memorandum contains a Misrepresentation. A purchaser who purchases securities offered by the offering memorandum during the period of distribution has, without regard to whether the purchaser relied upon the Misrepresentation, a right of action for damages or, alternatively, while still the owner of the securities, for rescission against the Issuer and any selling security holder provided that:

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

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

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

#### Rights of Subscribers in Québec

Notwithstanding that the *Securities Act* (Québec) does not provide, or require the Trust to provide, to purchasers resident in any statutory rights of action in circumstances where this Offering Memorandum or an amendment hereto contains a Misrepresentation, the Trust hereby grants to such purchasers contractual rights of action that are equivalent to the statutory rights of action set forth above with respect to purchasers resident in Ontario.

#### Rights of Subscribers in Nova Scotia

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

- no action shall be commenced to enforce the right of action for rescission or damages by a purchaser resident in Nova Scotia later than 120 days after the date on which the initial payment was made for the securities;
- (b) no person will be liable if it proves that the purchaser purchased the securities with knowledge of the Misrepresentation;
- (c) in the case of an action for damages, no person will be liable for all or any portion of the damages that it proves do not represent the depreciation in value of the securities as a result of the Misrepresentation relied upon; and
- (d) in no case will the amount recoverable in any action exceed the price at which the securities were offered to the purchaser.

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

(a) the offering memorandum or amendment to the offering memorandum was sent or delivered to the purchaser without the person's or company's knowledge or consent and that, on becoming aware of its delivery, the person or company gave reasonable general notice that it was delivered without the person's or company's knowledge or consent;

- (b) after delivery of the offering memorandum or amendment to the offering memorandum and before the purchase of the securities by the purchaser, on becoming aware of any Misrepresentation in the offering memorandum or amendment to the offering memorandum the person or company withdrew the person's or company's consent to the offering memorandum or amendment to the offering memorandum, and gave reasonable general notice of the withdrawal and the reason for it; or
- (c) with respect to any part of the offering memorandum or amendment to the offering memorandum purporting (i) to be made on the authority of an expert, or (ii) to be a copy of, or an extract from, a report, an opinion or a statement of an expert, the person or company had no reasonable grounds to believe and did not believe that (A) there had been a Misrepresentation, or (B) the relevant part of the offering memorandum or amendment to offering memorandum did not fairly represent the report, opinion or statement of the expert, or was not a fair copy of, or an extract from, the report, opinion or statement of the expert.

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

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

#### Rights of Subscribers in New Brunswick

Section 150 of the Securities Act (New Brunswick) provides that where an offering memorandum (such as this Offering Memorandum) contains a Misrepresentation, a purchaser who purchases securities shall be deemed to have relied on the Misrepresentation if it was a Misrepresentation at the time of purchase and:

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

This statutory right of action is available to New Brunswick purchasers whether or not such purchaser relied on the Misrepresentation. However, there are various defences available to the Issuer and the selling security holder(s). In particular, no person will be liable for a Misrepresentation if such person proves that the purchaser purchased the securities with knowledge of the Misrepresentation when the purchaser purchased the securities. Moreover, in

an action for damages, the amount recoverable will not exceed the price at which the securities were offered under the offering memorandum and any defendant will not be liable for all or any part of the damages that the defendant proves do not represent the depreciation in value of the security as a result of the Misrepresentation.

#### Rights of Subscribers in Newfoundland and Labrador

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

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

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

In Prince Edward Island the Securities Act (PEI), in Yukon, the Securities Act (Yukon), in Nunavut, the Securities Act (Nunavut) and in the Northwest Territories, the Securities Act (Northwest Territories) provides a statutory right of action for damages or rescission to purchasers resident in PEI, Yukon, Nunavut and the Northwest Territories respectively, in circumstances where this Offering Memorandum or an amendment hereto contains a misrepresentation, which rights are similar, but not identical, to the rights available to Newfoundland and Labrador purchasers.

#### Language of Documents

Upon receipt of this document, each investor hereby confirms that it has expressly requested that all documents evidencing or relating in any way to the sale of securities described herein (including for greater certainty any purchase confirmation or notice) be drawn up in the English language only. Par la réception de ce document, chaque investisseur confirme par les présentes qu'il a expressément exigé que tous les documents faisant foi ou se rapportant de quelque manière que ce soit à la vente des valeurs mobilières décrites aux présentes (incluant, pour plus de certitude, toute confirmation d'achat ou tout avis) soient rédigés en anglais seulement.

#### ANCILLARY MATTERS

#### Legal Counsel

Certain legal matters in connection with this Offering will be passed upon by Miller Thomson LLP on behalf of the Issuer.

#### Auditor, Transfer Agent and Registrar

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



## Financial statements

# Equiton Residential Income Fund Trust

December 31, 2017

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# Independent Auditor's Report

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To the Trustees of Equiton Residential Income Fund Trust

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of **Equiton Residential Income Fund Trust** which comprise the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, and the statements of income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss), changes in unitholders' equity and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2017 and for the period from March 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

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

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

#### Auditor's responsibility

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

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



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

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of **Equiton Residential Income Fund Trust** as at December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2017 and for the period from March 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

Grant Thornton LLP

Toronto, Canada February 15, 2018

Chartered Professional Accountants Licensed Public Accountants

## **Equiton Residential Income Fund Trust**

**Statements of Financial Position** 

December 31	2017		2016
			Restated (Note 9)
Assets Cash	\$ 60.071	\$	11 177
Investment in Limited Partnership (Notes 6 and 9)	\$	φ	14,477 744,741
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	\$ 9,566,690	\$	759,218
Liabilities			
Payables and accruals	\$ 88,860	\$	221,733
Due to related parties (Note 5(b))	1,433,014		347,339
Distributions payable (Note 7(b))	38.382	-	8,499
	1,560,256		577,571
Unitholders' equity (Note 7)	8.006.434		181,647
	\$ <u>9.566.690</u>	\$ <u> </u>	759,218

On behalf of the Trustees

Trustee \_\_\_\_\_ Trustee

## Equiton Residential Income Fund Trust Statements of Income (Loss) and Comprehensive Income (Loss)

		For the year ended ecember 31, 2017	De	For the period from March 1, 2016 to ecember 31, 2016
<b>Revenue</b> Equity accounted share of income of Limited Partnership				Restated (Note 9)
(Notes 6 and 9) Interest income Other income	\$	740,875 493 <u>1.421</u> 742.789	\$	42,076 100 
Expenses Bank fees Dues and subscriptions Printing and reproduction Professional fees (Note 8)	_	1,386 17,250 - 131.026 149.662	-	146 3,500 442 <u>267,519</u> 271,607
Net income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss)	\$_	593,127	\$	(229,431)

# **Equiton Residential Income Fund Trust** Statements of Changes in Unitholders' Equity For the periods ended December 31

	Units (Note 7)	_	Deficit	Total unitholders' <u>equity</u> Restated (Note 9)
Issuance of units upon formation on March 1, 2016	\$ 10	\$	-	\$ 10
Issuance of units Issuance of units under distribution	712,370		-	712,370
reinvestment plan (Note 7(b))	1,858			1,858
Redemption of units (Note 7)	(10)		-	(10)
Issuance costs (Note 5(a))	(291,587)		-	(291,587)
Net loss (Note 9)	-		(229,431)	(229,431)
Distribution to unitholders (Note 7(b))			<u>(11,563</u> )	<u>(11,563</u> )
Unitholders' equity,				
December 31, 2016	\$ <u>422,641</u>	\$_	(240,994)	\$ <u>181,647</u>
Issuance of units	8,187,585		-	8,187,585
Issuance of units under distribution reinvestment plan (Note 7(b))	87,745		_	87,745
Redemption of units (Note 7)	(72,013)		_	(72,013)
	(12,010)			(12,010)
Issuance costs (Note 5(a))	(789,343)		-	(789,343)
Net income	-		593,127	593,127
Distribution to unitholders (Note 7(b))	<u> </u>		(182,314)	<u>(182,314</u> )
Unitholders' equity, December 31, 2017	\$ <u>7,836,615</u>	\$_	169,819	\$ 8,006,434

### Equiton Residential Income Fund Trust Statements of Cash Flows

	For the year ended December 31, 2017	For the period from March 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
		Restated (Note 9)
<b>Operating activities</b> Net income (loss) Items not affecting cash: Share of income from investment in Limited	\$ 593,127	\$ (229,431)
Partnership	<u>(740.875)</u> (147,748)	<u>(42,076</u> ) (271,507)
Change in non-cash operating items Due from related party	-	10
Payables and accruals	(132,873)	221,733
Due to related parties Cash and cash equivalents provided by	1.085.675	347,339
operating activities	805.054	297,575
Financing activities Proceeds from issue of units Redemption of units Distribution to unitholders Issuance costs Cash and cash equivalents provided by financing activities	8,187,585 (72,013) (64,686) <u>(789.343</u> ) <u>7.261.543</u>	712,370 (10) (1,206) (291,587) 419,567
Investing activities Distributions from Limited Partnership Redemption of Limited Partnership units Purchase of Limited Partnership units Cash and cash equivalents used in investing activities	94,569 72,013 <u>(8.187.585</u> ) <u>(8.021.003</u> )	9,705 (712,370) (702,665)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	45,594	14,477
Cash, beginning of period	14.477	<u> </u>
Cash, end of period	\$ 60,071	\$ 14,477
<b>Non-cash items</b> Issuance of units under distribution reinvestment plan Distribution to unitholders	(87,745) (38,382)	(1,858) (8,499)

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#### 1. Nature of operations

Equiton Residential Income Fund Trust (the "Trust") is an open-ended real estate investment trust ("REIT") established on March 1, 2016 under the laws of the Province of Ontario. The Trust's head office is located at 1111 International Boulevard, Suite 600, Burlington, Ontario L7L 6W1.

The Trust qualified as a "mutual fund trust" (pursuant to subsection 132(6) of the Income Tax Act) and it was formed primarily to acquire income-producing properties located in Canada.

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

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

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

The financial statements were approved and authorized for issuance by the Trustees on February 15, 2018.

#### 3. Summary of significant accounting policies

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

#### Investments in limited partnership

Investments in limited partnership are accounted for using the equity method. The carrying amount of the investment in associates is increased or decreased to recognise the Trust's share of the profit or loss and other comprehensive income of the associate, adjusted where necessary to ensure consistency with the accounting policies of the Trust.

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

The investment in Equiton Residential Income Fund (the "Limited Partnership") has been accounted for as an investment in an associate using the equity method. Note 9 describes the prior period adjustment to restate the 2016 financial statements to account for the investment in the Limited Partnership using the equity method in 2016.

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

#### **Financial instruments**

Financial instruments are classified as one of the following: (1) fair value through profit and loss ("FVTPL"); (ii) loans and receivables; (iii) held-to-maturity; (iv) available-for-sale; or (v) other financial liabilities. Financial instruments are recognized initially at fair value, plus in the case of financial instruments other than FVTPL any incremental direct transaction costs. Financial assets and liabilities classified as FVTPL are subsequently measured at fair value with gains and losses recognized in profit and loss. Financial instruments classified as held- to-maturity, loans and receivables or other financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortized cost. Available-for-sale financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value and any unrealized gains and losses are recognized through other comprehensive income.

The Trust designated cash as loans and receivables. Payables and accruals and due to related parties are classified as other financial liabilities.

At each reporting report, the Trust assesses impairment of all its financial assets.

#### Fair value

Fair value measurement recognized in the balance sheet accounts are categorized using a fair value hierarchy that reflected the significance of inputs used in determining the fair values:

- Level 1 quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2 quoted prices in active markets for similar assets or liabilities or valuation techniques where significant inputs are based on observable market data
- Level 3 Valuation techniques for which any significant input is not based on observable date

Each type of fair value is categorized based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

As at December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Trust has no financial assets measured at fair value.

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

#### Critical accounting estimates, assumptions and judgements

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience as adjusted for current market conditions and other factors. Management makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results.

The Trust has made the following critical accounting judgements:

#### Significant influence

When determining the appropriate basis of accounting for the Trust's investees, the Trust makes judgments about the degree of influence that the Trust exerts directly or through an arrangement over the investees' relevant activities. This may include the ability to elect investee directors, or influence key decisions. The Trust determined that it has significant influence over the Limited Partnership and hence has accounted for its investment in the Limited Partnership using the equity method.

#### Unitholders' equity

Units of the Trust ("Units") are redeemable at the holder's option subject to certain limitations and restrictions. As a result, the Units are liabilities by definition but qualify for presentation as equity under certain limited exceptions within International Accounting Standards 32 *Financial Instruments: Presentation* ("IAS 32").

#### 4. Future accounting policy changes

#### **Financial instruments**

The International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") published IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments* which replaces IAS 39 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement.* IFRS 9 addresses the classification, measurement and derecognition of financial assets and financial liabilities, substantially overhauls accounting requirements related to hedging and introduces a new credit loss impairment model. The standard is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018, however earlier adoption is permitted.

The Trust intends to adopt IFRS 9 in its financial statements for the annual period beginning on January 1, 2018. The new standard is not expected to have a significant impact on the Trust.

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#### 5. Related party transactions

#### (a) Agreement with Equiton Capital Inc.

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

Pursuant to the Agency Agreement, the Trust incurred agency fees with the Agent related to the issuance of trust units in the amount of \$630,463 (2016 - \$77,437), which are included in issuance costs in the statements of unitholders' equity.

#### (b) Due to related parties

	-	2017	_	2016
Due to Equiton Residential Income Fund Limited Partnership (a related party as the Trust is one of the limited partners in this limited partnership).	\$	687,598	\$	61,322
Due to Equiton Partners Inc. ( are related party as they own as well they are asset managers of the limited partnership)		s 745.416		286,017
	\$_	1,433,014	\$	347,339

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

#### 6. Investment in Limited Partnership

Investment in Limited Partnership represents 891,934 (2016 – 71,422) Class A units in Equiton Residential Income Fund Limited Partnership (the "Limited Partnership"). The Trust holds 65.9% (2016 – 9.3%) of the Limited Partnerships units. The investment in Limited Partnership is accounted for using the equity method in accordance with IAS 28.

	2017	_	2016
Investment, at cost Cumulative equity earnings Cumulative distributions	\$ 8,917,545 782,951 <u>(193.877</u> )	\$	714,228 42,076 <u>(11,563</u> )
	\$ 9,506,619	\$	744,471

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#### 6. Investment in Limited Partnership (continued)

The following table reconciles the net assets of the Limited Partnership to the Invesment in Limited Partnership as recorded in the Trust's financial statements:

	2017	-	2016
Limited Partnership net assets	\$ 15,442,605	\$	7,974,532
Trust's proportion of Partnership's net assets	10,176,677		741,631
Reconciling adjustment as a result of change of ownership in Partnership from inception	<u>(670.058)</u> \$ <u>9.506.619</u>	\$	<u>2,840</u> 744,471

Summarised financial information for Investment in Limited Partnership is set out below:

	2017	2016
Income statement		
Revenue	\$ 2,179,348	\$ 1,174,246
Expenses		1,330,635
Net income from operations	(3,902)	(156,389)
Increase in fair value	2.092.970	660,678
Net income	\$ 2,089,068	\$ 504,289
Statement of Financial Position		
Assets	\$ <u>29.283.389</u>	\$ <u>22,114,506</u>
Liabilities	13,840,757	14,139,968
Partners equity	<u>15.442.632</u>	7,974,538
Total liabilities and partners' equity	\$ 29,283,389	\$ 22,114,506

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#### 7. Unitholders' equity

In 2017, the Trust issued 818,758.5 units at a price of \$10 per unit resulting in net proceeds of \$8,187,585. Furthermore, 8,954 units were issued through the Trust's DRIP and 7,201 units were redeemed.

#### (a) Units outstanding

The Trust is authorized to issue an unlimited number of Class A Trust units and Class F Trust units. The following table summarizes the changes in Class A Trust units for the year ended December 31, 2017 and for the period from March 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016. As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, no Class F Trust units have been issued.

	<u>Number</u>		<u>Amount</u>
Issue of unit upon formation	1	\$_	10
Balance, March 1, 2016 Redemption of initial unit Issuance of units Issuance of units through distribution reinvestment plan Issuance costs	1 (1) 71,237 186	-	10 (10) 712,370 1,858 (291,587)
Balance, December 31, 2016	71,423	\$	422,641
Issuance of units Issuance of units through distribution reinvestment plan Redemption of units Issuance costs	818,758 8,954 (7,201) 	<u>-</u>	8,187,585 87,745 (72,013) <u>(789,343</u> )
Balance, December 31, 2017	891,934	\$ <u>7</u>	7.836.615

#### (b) Distributions and distribution reinvestment

On December 19, 2016, the Trust has instituted a DRIP whereby Canadian unitholders may elect to have their distributions automatically reinvested in additional units, retroactive to the commencement of the Trust.

During the year, the Trust made cash distributions of \$152,431 (period from March 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 - \$3,064). \$87,745 of the \$152,431 (2016 - \$1,858 of the \$3,064) distributions was reinvested through the DRIP.

In addition, distributions of \$38,382 (2016 - \$8,499) have been accrued as of December 31, 2017. \$21,774 of the accrued distributions will be reinvested in the DRIP in 2018. \$3,929 of the accrued distributions at December 31, 2016 were reinvested in the DRIP in 2017.

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#### 8. Professional fees

The Trust incurred one time professional fees relating to the start-up of the Trust in the amount of \$2,874 (2016 - \$182,240) included in professional fees in the statement of income (loss).

#### 9. Prior period adjustment

In the prior year the Trust has accounted for its investment in the Limited Partnership at its of \$10 per unit, which approximated its fair value. The Trust has determined that the Trust had significant influence over the Limited Partnership in the prior period and has not made an election to account for its investment at fair value with changes through profit or loss in accordance with IAS 28. As a result, the investment in the Limited Partnership should have been accounted for as an investment in an associate using the equity method. The Trust has therefore restated its prior period financial statements to reflect the equity method as follows:

Statement of loss and comprehensive loss for the period from March 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016:

	Previously Reported		<u>Adjustments</u>			<b>Restated</b>	
Revenue Distributions from Limited Partnership Equity accounted share of income of Limited	\$	11,563	\$	(11,563)	\$	-	
Partnership Net loss and comprehensive los	\$ s \$	- (259,944)	\$ \$	42,076 30,513	\$ \$	42,076 (240,994)	

Statement of Financial Position as at December 31, 2016

Prev	riously	y Reported	<u>Ac</u>	<u>ljustments</u>	<b>Restated</b>
Assets: Investment in Limtied Partnership	\$	714,228	\$	30,513	\$ 744,741
Unitholders' equity	\$	151,134	\$	30,513	\$ 181,647



## Financial Statements

# Equiton Residential Income Fund Limited Partnership

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# Independent Auditor's Report

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#### To the Partners of Equiton Residential Income Fund Limited Partnership

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of **Equiton Residential Income Fund Limited Partnership** which comprises the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the statements of income and comprehensive income, changes in partners' equity and cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2017 and ten month period ended December 31, 2016 and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

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

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

#### Auditor's responsibility

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.



An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting principles used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of **Equiton Residential Income Fund Limited Partnership** as at December 31, 2017 and 2016, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2017 and ten month period ended December 31,2016 in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

Grant Thornton LLP

Toronto, Canada February 15, 2018

Chartered Professional Accountants Licensed Public Accountants

## Equiton Residential Income Fund Limited Partnership Statements of Financial Position

As at December 31	2017	2016
Assets Investment properties (Note 5) Advances to related parties (Note 6) Prepaid expenses Tenant and other receivables Cash	\$ 28,105,000 887,598 69,193 58,657 <u>162.941</u>	\$ 21,740,000 61,322 63,233 14,292 235,659
Total assets	\$ <u>29.283.389</u>	\$ <u>22,114,506</u>
Liabilities Mortgages payable (Note 7) Promissory note payable (Note 8) Deferred revenue Security deposits Amounts due to related party (Note 9) Payables and accruals	\$ 10,708,789 2,430,000 34,295 215,028 325,765 <u>126,880</u> 13,840,757	\$ 13,652,374 27,919 153,606 216,033 <u>90,036</u> 14,139,968
Partners' equity (Note 10)	15.442.632	7,974,538
Total liabilities and partners' equity	\$ <u>29.283.389</u>	\$ <u>22,114,506</u>

Subsequent events (Note 16)

Approved on behalf of the Partnership by Equiton Residential Income Fund GP Inc., (General Partner)

		Director

r \_\_\_\_\_Director

## Equiton Residential Income Fund Limited Partnership Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income

• 	Year ended December 31, 2017	March 1,2016 to December 31, 2016
Revenue Rental income Other revenue Operating expenses	\$ 2,086,599 <u>92.749</u> <u>2.179.348</u>	\$ 1,122,308 51,938 1,174,246
General and administrative Interest and finance costs Property operating costs	12,418 521,712 <u>1.165.072</u> <u>1.699.202</u>	17,308 292,442 <u>692,830</u> 1,002,580
Income from rental operations	480,146	171,666
Asset management fee (Note 11) Performance incentive fee (Note 11) Professional fees (Note 13)	245,662 141,246 <u>97.140</u> <u>484.048</u>	128,131 - <u>199,924</u> 328,055
Net loss	(3,902)	(156,389)
Increase in fair value of investment properties (Note 5)	2.092.970	660,678
Net income and comprehensive income	\$ 2,089,068	\$ 504,289

## Equiton Residential Income Fund Limited Partnership Statements of Changes in Partners' Equity

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		Limited <u>Partners</u>	General <u>Partner</u>	<u>Total</u>
		99.999%	0.001%	100%
Balance March 1, 2016	\$	10	\$ -	\$ 10
Redemption of initial unit Issuance of Class A		(10)	-	(10)
Limited Partnership units Issuance of General Partner Units Issuance of Redeemable		714,228 -	- 1	714,228 1
Limited Partnership units Redemption of Redeemable		7,367,950	-	7,367,950
Limited Partnership units Distributions		(400,000) (211,930)	-	(400,000) (211,930)
Net income	-	504,284	 5	504,289
Partners' equity, December 31, 2016	\$	7,974,532	\$ 6	\$ 7,974,538
Balance, January 1, 2017	\$	7,974,532	\$ 6	\$ 7,974,538
Issuance of Class A Limited Partnership units Redemption of Class A		8,275,330	-	8,275,330
Limited Partnership units Redemption of Redeemable		(72,013)	-	(72,013)
Limited Partnership units Distributions		(2,350,000) (474,291)	-	(2,350,000) (474,291)
Net income	_	2,089,047	 21	<u>2,089,068</u>
Partners' equity, December 31, 2017	\$	15,442,605	\$ 27	\$ 15,442,632

Statements of Cash Flows	ements of Cash Flows				
	Year ended December 31, 2017			March 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016	
Increase (decrease) in cash					
Operating activities					
Net income	\$	2,089,068	\$	504,289	
Items not affecting cash:		(			
Increase in fair value of investment properties		(2,092,970)		(660,678)	
Amortization of deferred financing fees	•	30.076		17,068	
Changes in non-sech energing items		26,174		(139,321)	
Changes in non-cash operating items		(926.276)		(61.222)	
Advances to related party		(826,276)		(61,322)	
Prepaid expenses		(5,960)		(63,233)	
Tenant and other receivables		(44,365)		(14,292)	
Deferred revenue		6,376		27,919	
Security deposits		61,422		153,606	
Amounts due to related party		109,732		216,033	
Payables and accruals		36.844		90,036	
Cash used in operating activities		<u>(636.053</u> )		209,426	
Financing activities					
Repayment of mortgages payable		(2,938,102)		(138,930)	
Proceeds from promissory note payable		2,430,000		-	
Financing fees incurred		(35,559)		(300,764)	
Redemption of initial unit		-		(10)	
Distributions		(474,291)		(211,930)	
Proceeds from issuance of General partnership unit		-		1	
Proceeds from Class A limited partnership units issued		8,275,330		714,228	
Proceeds from redeemable limited					
partnership units issued		-		7,367,950	
Redemption of Class A limited partnership units		(72,013)		-	
Redemption of redeemable limited partnership units	1	(2.350.000)		(400,000)	
Cash provided by financing activities		4.835.365		7,030,545	
Investing activity					
Purchase of investment properties		(4.272.030)		(7,004,322)	
Cash used in investing activity	1	(4.272.030)		(7,004,322)	
	1	<u>(1121 21000</u> )		(1,001,022)	
Net decrease in cash		(72,718)		235,649	
Cash, beginning of year, period		235.659		10	
Cash, end of year, period	\$	162,941	\$	235,659	
Non-cash transactions	•		<b>*</b>	44.075.000	
Mortgages payable	\$	-	\$	14,075,000	
Additions of investment properties	\$_		\$	<u>(14.075.000</u> )	

## Equiton Residential Income Fund Limited Partnership Statements of Cash Flows

## Equiton Residential Income Fund Limited Partnership Notes to the Financial Statements

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#### 1. Nature of operations

Equiton Residential Income Fund Limited Partnership (the "Partnership") was formed on March 1, 2016 under the laws of the Province of Ontario. The general partner of the Partnership is Equiton Residential Income Fund GP Inc. The Partnership invests in residential investment properties located in Canada.

The Partnership has entered into an Asset Management Agreement with Equiton Partners Inc. (the "Manager"), a related party. (See Note 11).

No provision for income taxes has been made in these financial statements as the Partnership income is taxed at the partner level.

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

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

The financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars, which is the functional currency of the Partnership.

The financial statements for the period ended December 31, 2017 were approved and authorized for issue by the Partnership on February 15, 2018.

#### 3. Summary of significant accounting policies

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

#### Investment properties

Investment properties are recorded initially at cost including transaction costs. Transaction costs include transfer taxes, professional fees for legal services and initial leasing commissions to bring the property to the condition necessary for it to be capable of operating.

Additions to investment properties are expenditures incurred for the expansion or redevelopment of the existing property, or to maintain or improve its productive capacity. Productive capacity maintenance costs are major maintenance costs and tenant improvements.

## Equiton Residential Income Fund Limited Partnership Notes to the Financial Statements

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

#### Investment properties (continued)

Subsequent to initial recognition, investment properties are recorded at fair value. The changes in fair value in each reporting period are recorded in the statement of income. Fair value is based upon valuations performed by an appraiser accredited through the Appraisal Institute of Canada, using valuation techniques including the direct capitalization income and discounted cash flow methods. Recent real estate transactions with similar characteristics and location to the Partnership's assets are also considered. The direct capitalization income method applies a capitalization rate to the property's stabilized net operating income which incorporates allowances for vacancy, management fees and structural reserves for capital expenditures for the property. The resulting capitalized value is further adjusted, where appropriate, for extraordinary costs to stabilize the income and non-recoverable capital expenditures.

#### **Revenue recognition**

Revenue from investment properties include rents from tenants under leases, parking income, laundry income and other miscellaneous income paid by the tenants under the terms of their existing leases. Revenue recognition under a lease commences when a tenant has a right to use the leased asset and revenue is recognized pursuant to the terms of the lease agreement. Revenue is recognized systematically over the term of the lease, which is generally not more than 12 months.

The Partnership has retained substantially all of the risks and benefits of ownership of its investment properties and therefore accounts for leases with its tenants as operating leases.

#### Provisions

A provision is a liability of uncertain timing or amount. Provisions are recognized when the Partnership has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation and the amount can be reliably estimated. Provisions are measured at the present value for the expenditures expected to be required to settle the obligation using a discount rate that reflects current market assessment of the time value of money and the risks specific to the obligation. Provisions are re-measured at each balance sheet date using the current discount rate. The increase in the provision due to passage of time is recognized as interest expense.

#### Cash

Cash include cash on hand and balances with banks.

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

#### Financial instruments and fair values

#### (i) Financial assets

The Partnership's financial assets that are categorized as loans and receivables consist of cash, advances to related party, and tenant and other receivables.

When financial assets are initially recognized they are measured at fair value. After initial recognition, the Partnership's financial assets that are classified as loans and receivables are measured at amortized cost. Financial assets are derecognized only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or the Partnership transfers substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

The Partnership assesses at each statement of financial position date whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset is impaired. If there is objective evidence, such as significant financial difficulty of the obligor, breach of contract, or it becomes probable that the debtor will enter bankruptcy, the asset is tested for impairment. The amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the assets carrying amount and the estimated future cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced through use of an allowance account. The amount of the loss is recognized in the statement of income and comprehensive income.

In relation to tenant and other receivables, a provision for impairment is made when there is objective evidence, such as the probability of insolvency or significant financial difficulties of the debtor, that the Partnership will not be able to collect all of the amounts due. Impaired debts are derecognized when they are assessed as uncollectible.

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

#### (ii) Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are classified as other financial liabilities.

Other financial liabilities consist of mortgages payable, amounts due to related party, payables, deferred revenue and security deposits. They are recognized initially at fair value and subsequently at amortized cost.

Direct transaction costs that are attributable to the issuance of financial liabilities are presented as a reduction from the carrying amount of the related debt and are amortized using the effective interest method over the term of the related debt. These costs include fees and commissions paid to agents, brokers and advisors that are incurred in connection with the arrangement of borrowings.

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# 3. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### Financial instruments and fair values (continued)

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

# (i) Fair value

Fair value measurements recognized in the statement of financial position are categorized using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of inputs used in determining the fair values. Each type of fair value is categorized based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. Assessing the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, considering factors specific to the asset or liability.

The fair value hierarchy for measurement of assets and liabilities is as follows:

- Level 1 Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3 Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data.

Except as noted below, the carrying values of the Partnership's financial assets and financial liabilities approximate their fair values because of the short period of time until the receipt or payment of cash. The fair value of the mortgages payable are estimated based on discounted future cash flows using discount rates that reflect current market conditions for instruments with similar terms and risks.

Mortgages payable are classified as level 2.

Investment properties are classified as level 3.

#### Critical accounting estimates and judgments

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience as adjusted for current market conditions and other factors.

Management makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results.

#### Investment properties

In determining estimates of fair values and net realizable values for its investment properties, the assumptions underlying estimated values are limited by the availability of comparable data and the uncertainty of predictions concerning future events. Should the underlying assumptions change, actual results could differ from the estimated amounts. The fair value of investment properties can be determined by independent external appraisers having appropriate professional qualifications or internal management valuations or a combination thereof.

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

#### Critical judgements in applying the Partnership's accounting policies

Leases

The Partnership makes judgments in determining whether certain leases are operating or finance leases. The Partnership has determined that all of its tenant leases are operating leases.

#### 4. Future accounting policy changes

#### IFRS 9, Financial Instruments ("IFRS 9")

On July 24, 2014, IFRS 9 was issued and addresses the classification, measurement and recognition of financial assets and financial liabilities.

IFRS 9 introduces new requirements for the classification and measurement of financial assets. Under IFRS 9, financial assets are classified and measured based on the business model in which they are held and the characteristics of their contractual cash flows.

The standard introduces additional changes relating to financial liabilities. It amends the impairment model by introducing a new 'expected credit loss' model for calculating impairment.

IFRS 9 also includes a new general hedge accounting standard which aligns hedge accounting more closely with risk management. This new standard does not fundamentally change the types of hedging relationships or the requirement to measure and recognize ineffectiveness, however it will provide more hedging strategies that are used for risk management to quality for hedge accounting and introduce more judgement to assess the effective of a hedging relationship.

The Partnership intends to adopt IFRS 9 in its financial statements for the annual period beginning on January 1, 2018. The new standard is not expected to have a significant impact on the Partnership.

#### IFRS 15, Revenue from Contracts with Customers ("IFRS 15")

In May 2014, the IASB issued IFRS 15, which provides a comprehensive framework for recognition, measurement and disclosure of revenue from contracts with customers, excluding contracts within the scope of the standard on leases, insurance contracts and financial instruments. IFRS 15 becomes effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018 and is to be applied retrospectively. Early adoption is permitted. The new standard is not expected to have a significant impact on the Partnership.

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# 4. Future accounting policy changes (continued)

### IFRS 16, Leases ("IFRS 16")

In January 2016, the IASB issued IFRS 16 which replaces IAS 17, "Leases" and its associated interpretative guidance. IFRS 16 applies a control model to the identification of leases, distinguishing between a lease and a service contract on the basis of whether the customer controls the asset being leased. For those assets determined to meet the definition of a lease, IFRS 16 introduces significant changes to the accounting by lessees, introducing a single, on-balance sheet accounting model that is similar to current finance lease accounting, with limited exceptions for short-term leases or leases of low value assets. Lessor accounting remains similar to current accounting practice. The standard is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019, with early application permitted for entities that apply IFRS 16. The new standard is not expected to have a significant impact on the Partnership.

### 5. Investment properties

Reconciliation of the carrying amount for investment properties for the beginning and end of the financial period are as follows:

Balance, March 1, 2016	\$ -
Purchase of investment properties (Brantford and Stratford)	21,079,322
Increase in fair value of investment properties	<u>660,678</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016	\$ 21,740,000
Purchase of investment property	4,272,030
Increase in fair value of investment properties	<u>2,092,970</u>
Balance, December 31, 2017	\$ 28,105,000

On April 25, 2016, the Partnership acquired investment properties located at 30-31 Campbell Court, Stratford, Ontario for a purchase price of \$9,212,148. On July 18, 2016 the Partnership acquired investment properties located at 19 Lynnwood Drive and 120 – 130 St Paul Avenue, Brantford, Ontario for a purchase price of \$11,867,174. On December 29, 2017 the Partnership acquired 383-385 Wellington Street West and 49 Lacroix Street, Chatham, Ontario for a purchase price of \$4,202,620 for cash excluding closing costs, The Partnerships' investment properties were valued at December 31, 2017 by independent professionally qualified appraisers who hold a recognized relevant professional qualification and have recent experience in the locations and categories of the income producing properties valued. The estimated fair values per these appraisals are as follows:

	√ December 31, <u>2017</u>	larch 1, 2016 to December 31, <u>2016</u>
30-31 Campbell Court, Stratford 19 Lynnwood Drive and 120 – 130 St Paul Avenue, Brantford 383-385 Wellington Street and 49 Lacroix Street, Chatham	\$ 10,400,000 13,335,000 <u>4.370.000</u>	\$ 9,330,000 12,410,000
	28,105,000	21,740,000

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# 5. Investment properties (continued)

The Partnership determined the fair value of each investment property based upon, among other things, rental income from current leases and assumptions about rental income from future leases reflecting market conditions at the applicable statement of financial position dates, less future cash outflow pertaining to the respective leases. The properties are appraised using a number of approaches that typically include a direct capitalization income method and a direct comparison approach.

The significant assumption made relating to valuations of investment properties using direct capitalization income method is the capitalization rate. The capitalization rates used are as follows:

	December 31, <u>2017</u>	December 31, 2016
30-31 Campbell Court, Stratford 19 Lynnwood Drive and 120 – 130 St Paul Avenue, Brantford	5.25% 5.40%	5.50% 5.50%
383-385 Wellington Street and 49 Lacroix Street, Chatham 19 Lynnwood Drive and 120 – 130 St Paul Avenue, Brantford	5.75%	5.50% 5.50%

Values are most sensitive to changes in capitalization rates, and the variability of cash flows. If the capitalization rate were to increase by 25 basis points ("bps"), the value of investment properties would decrease by \$1,245,000 (2016 - \$945,000). If the capitalization rate were to decrease by 25 bps, the value of investment properties would increase by \$1,366,000 (2016 - \$1,035,000)

# 6. Advances to related parties

The advances of \$687,598 (2016-\$61,322) are amounts due from Equiton Residential Income Fund Trust. The advances of \$200,000 due from Equiton Acquisition Inc. are funds advanced for a deposit on a property that was later assigned to the Partnership (see Note 16 (b)). Both are related parties by virtue of common ownership and are due on demand and non-interest bearing.

# 7. Mortgages payable

7. mongages payable	Interest rate	Maturity date	D	ecember 31, 2017	D	ecember 31, 2016
First National – first mortgage loan First National – second	2.73%	09/01/26	\$	4,818,035	\$	4,929,061
mortgage loan Bank of Montreal –	6.00%	05/01/17		-		1,670,476
Facility #1(i) Bank of Montreal – Facility #2 – line	3.91%	07/31/26		6,179,933		6,336,533
of credit (i)	Prime + 1%	07/30/22	_	- 10,997,968	-	<u>1,000,000</u> 13,936,070
Less: Deferred financing c	harges		_	<u>(289,179</u> )	_	(283,696)
			\$	10.708.789	\$ <u>1</u>	3.652.374

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#### 7. Mortgages payable (continued)

The mortgages payable and line of credit are secured by the properties located at 30-31 Campbell Court, Stratford, Ontario, and 19 Lynnwood Drive and 120 - 130 St Paul Avenue, Brantford, Ontario and are repayable as follows:

2018	\$ 276,912
2019	286,530
2020	296,492
2021	306,811
2022	317,500
Thereafter	 9, <u>513,723</u>

\$<u>10,997,968</u>

(i) There are covenants pertaining to the Bank of Montreal facilities and they were met as at December 31, 2017.

#### 8. **Promissory note payable**

On December 29, 2017 a promissory note of \$2,430,000 was obtained from Equiton Partners Inc., a related party by virtue of the fact that they are a limited partner in the Partnership and own the redeemable limited partnership units as well as sharing key management personnel. The promissory note bore interest at a rate of 5% per annum which was due on demand. On January 10, 2018, this promissory note was paid in full (See Note 16(a) for subsequent events).

#### 9. Amounts due to related party

The amounts due to related party are amounts due to Equiton Partners Inc., and are non-interest bearing, due on demand and unsecured.

# 10. Partners' capital

In accordance with the Limited Partnership Agreement, the Partnership may issue an unlimited number of partnership units of various classes, with each unit representing an equal undivided interest in any distributions from the Partnership and in partnership equity in the event of dissolution or wind-up of the Partnership.

#### Authorized

# (i) Unlimited number of Class A Limited Partnership Units

Class A Limited Partnership Units participate in the income distributions of the Partnership, with one vote per unit and no par value.

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#### 10. Partners' capital (continued)

#### (ii) Unlimited number of Redeemable Limited Partnership Units

Redeemable Limited Partnership Units participate in the income distributions of the Partnership, with one vote per unit and no par value and are redeemable only at the option of the Partnership.

#### Issued

Class A Limited Partnership Units	Number	Amount
Balance, March 1, 2016 Units redeemed New units issued	1 (1) <u>71,423</u>	\$  10 (10) <u>714,228</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016 Units redeemed New units issued	71,423 (7,201) <u>827,712</u>	\$ 714,228 (72,013) <u>8,275,330</u>
Balance, December 31, 2017	891.934	\$ <u>8.917.545</u>
Redeemable Limited Partnership Units	Number	Amount
Balance, March 1, 2016 New units issued Units redeemed	- 736,795 (40,000)	\$
New units issued		7,367,950

# 11. Asset Management Agreement

The Manager has outsourced the property management functions to an unrelated third party and as a result the property management fees incurred are not considered related party transactions. The Manager is entitled to the following fees pursuant to the Asset Management Agreement:

# (i) Transaction fee

The transaction fee is charged at 1.00% of the purchase price with respect to each property acquired or sold by the Partnership.

#### (ii) Asset management fee

The asset management fee is charged at 1.00% annually with respect to the gross asset value of the assets in the Partnership. The asset management fee is calculated and charged monthly.

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#### 11. Asset Management Agreement (continued)

#### (iii) Financing fee

The financing fee is charged at 1.00% of the loan amount with respect to each senior or first ranking financing transaction, at 0.50% of the loan amount with respect to each refinancing transaction and at 1.5% of the loan amount with respect to each mezzanine or non-first ranking financing transaction.

#### (iv) Performance incentive fee

During the term of the Asset Management Agreement, the Manager shall be entitled to a 20% interest in the net income of the Partnership, and a 20% interest in any increase in the equity value of the investment properties, calculated and payable at the time such increase in equity value is realized. The Manager has indicated that it will either defer payment of such performance incentive fees until such time as sufficient cash is available or to elect to receive such performance incentive fees in the form of limited partnership units of the Partnership.

The Asset Management Agreement is for an initial term of five years and automatically renews for a further five years unless terminated by either of the parties.

The Manager charged the following fees during the year:

	Dec	ember 31, 2017	n 1, 2016 to ember 31, 2016
Asset management fee Transaction fee Financing fee Performance incentive fee	\$ -	245,662 45,765 27,459 141.246	\$ 128,131 230,238 159,047 -
	\$	460,132	\$ 517,416

The asset management and performance incentive fees are recorded in the statement of income. The transaction fee is recorded in investment properties on the statement of financial position. Financing fees are recorded as deferred financing fees in the mortgages payable on the statement of financial position. Transactions with related parties are in normal course of operations and are measured at the exchange amount, which is the amount of consideration established and agreed to by the related parties.

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# 12. Management of capital

The Partnership defines capital that it manages as the aggregate of its partners' equity and interest-bearing debt less cash. The Partnership's objective when managing capital is to ensure that the Partnership will continue as a going concern so that it can sustain daily operations and provide adequate returns to its partners.

The Partnership is subject to risks associated with debt financing, including the possibility that existing mortgages may not be refinanced or may not be refinanced on a favourable terms or with interest rates as favourable as those of the existing debt. The Partnership manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it in light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of the underlying assets.

The total managed capital for the Partnership is summarized below:

	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Mortgages payable Promissory note payable Cash Net debt Partners' equity	\$ 10,997,968 2,430,000 <u>(162.941)</u> 13,265,027 <u>15.442.632</u>	\$ 13,936,070 - (235,659) 13,700,411 7,974,538
	\$ <u>28,707,659</u>	\$ <u>21,674,949</u>

#### 13. Professional fees

The Partnership has incurred one time professional fees relating to the start-up of the Partnership in the amount of \$Nil (2016 - \$167,883).

#### 14. Financial instruments and risk management

#### Fair value of financial assets and liabilities

The fair values of cash, tenant and other receivables, payables and amounts due to/from related parties, and security deposits approximate their carrying value due to the short-term maturity of those instruments.

The fair value of the mortgages payable has been determined by discounting the cash flows of these financial instruments using December 31, 2017 market rates for debts of similar terms. Based on these assumptions, the fair value of the mortgages payable is estimated to be equal to its amortized cost (see Note 7).

#### Risks associated with financial assets and liabilities

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

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#### 14. Financial instruments and risk management (continued)

#### (i) Market risk

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

#### Interest rate risk

The Partnership is subject to risk associated with debt financings including the risk that credit facilities will not be refinanced on terms as favourable as those of existing indebtedness.

The Partnership's objective of managing interest rate risk is to minimize the volatility of the Partnership's income. As at December 31, 2017, interest rate risk has been minimized, as the mortgages payable are financed at fixed interest rates.

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

Security deposits are non-interest bearing, so it is assumed that there is no interest rate risk associated with these financial liabilities.

# (ii) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that the counterparty to a financial asset will default resulting in the Partnership incurring a financial loss. A substantial portion of the Partnership's amounts receivable is with various tenants and individuals and is subject to normal industry credit risks.

The Partnership's principal assets are residential buildings. Credit risk arises from the possibility that tenants may not fulfil their lease obligations. The Partnership mitigates this credit risk by performing credit checks and due diligence on prospective tenants and on existing tenants when appropriate, and by negotiating leases for spaces of varying sizes.

The carrying amount of receivables is reduced through the use of an allowance account and the amount of the loss is recognized in the statement of income and comprehensive income within other expenses. When a receivable balance is considered uncollectible, it is written off against the allowance account. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against other expenses in the statement of income and comprehensive income

### (iii) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk the Partnership will encounter difficulties in meeting its financial liability obligations. The Partnership's objective in minimizing liquidity risk is to maintain appropriate levels of leverage on its real estate assets. At December 31, 2017, the Partnership was holding cash of \$162,941. The Partnership's payables and accruals are payable on demand and the mortgages payable are payable as described in Note 7.

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# 15. Environmental risk

The Partnership is subject to various Canadian laws relating to the environment. The Partnership has formal policies and procedures dealing with limiting environmental exposures which are administered by Equiton Partners Inc. in their function as the asset manager. Costs related to environmental risk are mitigated by carrying environmental insurance. There is an exposure to financial risks arising from environmental factors which could cause a variation in earnings to the extent that costs may exceed such coverage.

#### 16. Subsequent events

a) On January 16, 2018, the Partnership obtained a mortgage of \$2,486,700 on the Chatham property bearing interest at 3.31% and maturing on March 1, 2028 and used the funds to repay the promissory note payable.

b) On November 29, 2017, Equiton Acquisition Corporation, a corporation formed for the purpose of acquiring Properties on behalf of the Partnership entered into a Purchase Agreement for \$12,150,000 subject to customary adjustments for a property at 780 Division Street, Kingston, Ontario ("Kingston Purchase Agreement") and placed a deposit of \$200,000. On January 29, 2018 Equiton Acquisition Corporation assigned all of its rights and obligations pursuant to the Kingston Purchase Agreement to the Partnership, and the Partnership will acquire the Kingston property from the Vendor. The balance is anticipated to be paid from a first mortgage of 7,250,441 and the balance from cash raised by the Partnership from the issuance of Class A LP units on March 31, 2018. Dated: March 1, 2018.

# THIS OFFERING MEMORANDUM DOES NOT CONTAIN A MISREPRESENTATION.

# **ON BEHALF OF THE ISSUER**

"Jason Roque"

"Helen Hurlbut"

Jason Roque Chief Executive Officer Helen Hurlbut Chief Financial Officer

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Per: *"Jason Roque"* 

Jason Roque President