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Letko Brosseau Emerging Markets Equity Fund
Letko Brosseau Fonds d'actions de marchés émergents

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Unitholders of
LETKO BROUSSEAU EMERGING MARKETS EQUITY FUND
LETKO BROUSSEAU FONDS D' ACTIONS DE MARCHÉS ÉMERGENTS

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of **LETKO BROUSSEAU EMERGING MARKETS EQUITY FUND / LETKO BROUSSEAU FONDS D' ACTIONS DE MARCHÉS ÉMERGENTS** (the "Fund"), which comprise the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2019 and 2018, and the statements of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, statements of comprehensive income and statements of cash flows for the years then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as at December 31, 2019 and 2018, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of the Fund Manager and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

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

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

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (continued)

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

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

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



	2019 \$	2018 \$
Current assets		
Cash	3,103,687	19,900,551
Investments	1,538,504,089	1,281,248,747
Receivable for investments sold	3,577,773	-
Interest, dividends and other receivables	5,350,378	6,028,116
	<u>1,550,535,927</u>	<u>1,307,177,414</u>
Current liabilities		
Amounts payable on redemptions of redeemable units	381,799	142,856
Amounts payable for investments purchased	1,542,438	303,771
Accrued expenses	405,982	380,558
	<u>2,330,219</u>	<u>827,185</u>
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	<u>1,548,205,708</u>	<u>1,306,350,229</u>

Supplementary information

Number of redeemable units in circulation (note 5)	128,812,367	116,943,875
Net assets per unit attributable to holders of redeemable units (note 6)	\$ 12.0191	\$ 11.1707

Approved by the Board of Directors of Letko, Brousseau & Associates Inc., Fund Manager

Daniel Brousseau, Director

Peter Letko, Director

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



	2019 \$	2018 \$
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, beginning of year	1,306,350,229	1,352,537,181
Change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	183,841,129	(57,699,506)
Redeemable unit transactions		
Proceeds from issuance	194,806,994	177,306,583
Reinvestment of distributions	79,339,596	69,758,119
Redemptions	(136,502,198)	(165,688,565)
	137,644,392	81,376,137
Distributions to holders of redeemable units (note 6)		
Net investment income	(48,136,962)	(43,716,358)
Net realized gain on sale of investments	(31,493,080)	(26,147,225)
	(79,630,042)	(69,863,583)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, end of year	1,548,205,708	1,306,350,229

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	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Investment income		
Interest income for distribution purposes	356,425	219,439
Dividend income	54,150,913	51,159,375
Net securities lending income (note 9)	23,030	-
Foreign exchange gain (loss) on cash	(1,740,318)	(1,031,404)
Net realized gain (loss) on sale of investments	48,851,206	34,980,485
Net changes in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	89,963,041	(136,291,060)
	<u>191,604,297</u>	<u>(50,963,165)</u>
Expenses		
Trustee fees (note 10)	2,091,784	2,107,121
Professional fees	48,238	16,068
Filing fees (recovered)	28,182	(14,587)
Withholding taxes	4,284,471	3,559,766
Portfolio transaction costs	1,310,493	1,067,973
	<u>7,763,168</u>	<u>6,736,341</u>
Change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	<u>183,841,129</u>	<u>(57,699,506)</u>
Change in net assets per unit attributable to holders of redeemable units (note 3)	<u>1.4817</u>	<u>(0.5036)</u>

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



	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Cash flows from (used in) operating activities		
Change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	183,841,129	(57,699,506)
Adjustments or variations for :		
Foreign exchange (gain) loss on cash	1,740,318	1,031,404
Net realized (gain) loss on sale of investments	(48,851,206)	(34,980,485)
Net changes in unrealized (appreciation) depreciation of investments	(89,963,041)	136,291,060
Proceeds from sale or maturity of investments	465,590,233	447,368,557
Investments purchased	(585,355,292)	(483,776,211)
Receivable for investments sold	(3,577,773)	1,258,524
Interest, dividends and other receivables	677,738	(1,253,555)
Amounts payable on redemptions of redeemable units	238,943	(339,901)
Amounts payable for investments purchased	1,238,667	(718,253)
Accrued expenses	25,424	177,541
	(74,394,860)	7,359,175
Cash flows from (used in) financing activities		
Proceeds from issuance of redeemable units	194,806,994	177,306,583
Amounts paid on redemptions of redeemable units	(136,502,198)	(165,688,565)
Distributions paid in cash to holders of redeemable units	(290,446)	(105,464)
	58,014,350	11,512,554
Change in cash	(16,380,510)	18,871,729
Cash, beginning of year	19,900,551	722,264
Effect of exchange rate changes on foreign cash	(416,354)	306,558
Cash, end of year	3,103,687	19,900,551

Supplementary information

Interest received	\$ 343,724	\$ 230,131
Dividends received, net of withholding taxes	\$ 50,522,787	\$ 46,370,141
Interest paid	\$ 2,768	\$ 11,608

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	Quantity	Cost \$	Fair Value \$
Equities			
Energy			
CNOOC	15,800,000	27,614,388	34,078,473
Gazprom, ADR	799,700	7,794,210	8,524,215
PTT Exploration & Production	6,751,000	25,721,077	36,386,630
Reliance Industries	767,935	16,432,432	42,372,055
		77,562,107	121,361,373
Materials			
Cemex S.A.B. de C.V.	3,400,000	14,422,670	16,665,802
China Lumena New Materials Corporation	12,780,000	3,666,663	2
Ivanhoe Mines	3,830,900	4,936,240	16,281,325
Lucara Diamond Corporation	14,051,200	21,100,981	11,943,520
MMC Norilsk Nickel PJSC, ADR	1,017,338	19,185,219	40,302,500
Nine Dragons Paper Holdings	28,281,000	41,652,305	38,123,943
Semen Indonesia Persero Tbk PT	22,238,000	23,021,383	24,926,700
		127,985,461	148,243,792
Industrial Products			
Air Arabia PJSC	35,085,665	15,058,796	19,942,145
Air China	14,000,000	13,957,627	18,429,882
Alfa S.A.B. de C.V.	23,240,000	35,397,955	25,023,241
Aramex PJSC	1,892,000	1,458,670	2,384,546
Bidvest Group	516,231	12,540,488	9,802,794
Companhia de Concessoes Rodoviaras	9,413,200	51,999,240	57,593,133
Copa Holdings SA	135,000	15,254,484	18,920,587
DP World	1,766,017	41,891,863	30,000,029
Enka Insaat ve Sanayi	4,120,481	7,336,959	5,764,330
Ferreycorp SAA	27,966,000	21,589,156	23,985,972
Global Ports Investments, GDR	1,178,377	13,827,178	5,806,619
Globaltrans Investment	1,082,457	14,276,655	12,422,512
GMR Infrastructure	79,500,000	26,725,052	30,330,298
Grupo Aeroportuario del Centro Norte Sab de CV	2,910,000	23,690,219	28,341,476
J Kumar Infraprojects	1,449,988	7,528,244	3,711,638
Sinotrans	34,376,000	19,636,072	15,160,700
Wizz Air Holdings	147,300	4,047,013	9,855,932
		326,215,671	317,475,834
Consumer Discretionary			
Geely Automobile Holdings	3,550,000	1,261,024	9,003,914
Minth Group	1,806,900	3,344,397	8,269,607
Yamaha Motor Co.	850,000	16,942,481	22,343,916
		21,547,902	39,617,437

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



	Quantity	Cost \$	Fair Value \$
Equities (continued)			
Consumer Staples			
Kernel Holding	1,026,700	12,813,388	15,907,011
MHP	1,296,591	16,102,821	16,309,109
		28,916,209	32,216,120
Health Care			
Shandong Weigao Group Medical Polymer Co.	27,766,000	24,310,191	43,159,681
Sinopharm Group Co.	9,063,600	36,557,529	42,914,201
		60,867,720	86,073,882
Financial Services			
Axis Bank	295,895	6,300,093	20,374,533
Credicorp	58,500	13,657,770	16,167,987
DBS Group Holdings	975,000	17,747,843	24,334,098
Eurobank Ergasias	4,302,500	6,737,952	5,761,718
First Pacific Co.	58,361,902	46,128,534	25,739,099
Grupo Financiero Banorte SAB de CV	2,655,000	20,339,340	19,261,735
ICICI Bank, ADR	1,060,000	7,814,141	20,741,999
Sberbank of Russia PJSC	776,000	9,133,327	16,543,182
Turkiye Garanti Bankasi	3,068,475	12,342,126	7,448,583
Warsaw Stock Exchange	988,000	12,550,862	13,294,620
		152,751,988	169,667,554
Real Estate			
Aliansce Sonae Shopping Centers SA de CV	2,225,110	18,226,716	35,964,417
Atrium European Real Estate	8,058,776	38,305,104	40,469,836
Concentradora Fibra Danhos SA de CV	19,850,600	37,459,317	39,094,365
Emaar Properties PJSC	11,475,000	22,259,834	16,285,272
		116,250,971	131,813,890
Technology			
FIH Mobile	13,000,000	5,723,405	3,266,919
HCL Technologies	3,483,844	27,438,452	35,956,196
Infosys, ADR	1,301,974	9,946,965	17,294,143
Kingboard Laminates Holdings	19,336,500	16,119,864	31,086,586
MediaTek	520,000	5,080,157	9,976,182
Pegatron Corporation	2,700,000	5,356,293	7,988,905
Samsung Electronics Corporation	26,600	19,467,391	40,856,631
		89,132,527	146,425,562

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	Quantity	Cost \$	Fair Value \$
Equities (continued)			
Communication Services			
China Mobile, ADR	845,650	48,588,728	46,353,060
Global Mediacom	495,594,200	32,329,033	16,109,916
IMAX China Holding	1,728,000	4,885,530	4,727,849
		85,803,291	67,190,825
Utilities			
Aygaz	1,268,625	6,060,531	3,549,475
Beijing Enterprises Holdings	7,233,400	51,050,844	43,036,462
China Water Affairs Group	34,287,000	19,641,102	33,267,187
Companhia de Saneamento do Parana	600,600	18,299,500	19,635,689
Companhia de Saneamento Básico do Estado de São Paulo, ADR	2,200,500	23,769,638	42,945,076
Companhia Paranaense de Energia, ADR	2,740,350	32,894,602	60,197,014
Manila Water Co.	99,025,400	57,077,086	26,267,895
Power Grid Corporation of India	10,326,213	34,105,112	35,690,776
		242,898,415	264,589,574
Total Equities		1,329,932,262	1,524,675,843
	Par Value	Cost \$	Fair Value \$
Money Market Securities			
Nova Scotia Treasury Bills 2020-01-23	20,000	19,978	19,978
Ontario Treasury Bills 2020-03-11	13,460,000	13,400,507	13,400,507
2020-03-25	360,000	357,980	357,980
Province of Quebec, notes 2020-03-25	50,000	49,781	49,781
Total Money Market Securities		13,828,246	13,828,246
Portfolio Transaction Costs Included in the Securities' Cost		(3,022,802)	
Total Investments		1,340,737,706	1,538,504,089

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



1. Establishment of the fund

The Letko Brosseau Emerging Markets Equity Fund / Letko Brosseau Fonds d'actions de marchés émergents (the "Fund") is a private unit investment trust created under a trust agreement established on November 30, 2004 under the laws of the province of Ontario, Canada. The registered office is located at 155 Wellington Street West, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M5V 3L3.

The trust agreement designates RBC Investor Services Trust as the trustee, custodian and accountant of the Fund (the "Trustee") and Letko, Brosseau & Associates Inc. as the manager of the Fund (the "Manager").

2. Basis of presentation

These financial statements, for which the functional and presentation currency is the Canadian dollar, have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), as published by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and comply with the requirements of the Canadian Securities Administrators ("CSA").

The financial statements were authorized for issue by the Manager's Board of Directors on March 20, 2020.

These financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis with the exception of cash and investments which are measured at fair value.

3. Significant accounting policies

Financial instruments

Classification

The Fund classifies its financial assets based on both the Fund's business model for managing those financial assets and the associated contractual cash flow characteristics. Based on the Fund's objective of achieving long-term capital appreciation and the management and evaluation of the portfolio's performance on a fair value basis, the Fund applies the business model which requires that its portfolio, which includes cash and investments, be classified at fair value through profit or loss. All other financial assets and liabilities, with the exception of the Fund's obligation for net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, are classified at amortized cost. The Fund's obligation for net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units is presented at the redemption amount as described in note 6.

Recognition and measurement

The Fund recognizes financial instruments at fair value upon initial recognition. Purchases and sales of financial assets are recognized on the trade date. Subsequent to initial recognition, cash and investments are measured at fair value and gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value are recognized in the statements of comprehensive income. All other financial assets and financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortized cost.

Portfolio transaction costs incurred by the Fund for the sale and purchase of investments are expensed as incurred.



3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Financial instruments (continued)

Fair value

The fair value of the Fund's investments traded in active markets is determined using the quoted market prices at the close of trading on the date of the financial statements. The closing market price is either obtained from an accredited stock exchange where the security has the highest trading volume or from independent and renowned brokerage houses. In the event where the last closing market price does not fall within the bid-ask spread on the date of the financial statements, the Manager and the Trustee determine the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value based on the facts and circumstances. Investment fund units held for trading that are not traded in active markets are measured at fair value based on their net asset value as determined by their trustee.

The Fund's accounting policies for measuring the fair value of its investments are consistent with those used to determine the net asset value for transactions with unitholders.

Information on the reliability of the fair value measurement of financial assets is disclosed in note 13. The transfer of a financial asset from one fair value hierarchy level to another is performed at the date of the event or change in circumstances which would justify a change in level.

Revenue recognition

Investment income is accounted for using the accrual method of accounting. Interest income for distribution purposes is recognized when it is earned. The Fund does not amortize premiums paid or discounts received on the purchase of fixed income securities, except for zero coupon bonds which are amortized using the effective interest rate method. Dividends are recognized on the ex-dividend date and distributions on investment fund units are recorded at the ex-distribution date. Income from securities lending is recorded when earned. Realized gains and losses upon disposition of investments are recognized on the trade date and are calculated using the average cost method.

Foreign currency translation

Foreign currency transactions are translated into Canadian dollars using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates the transactions occur. Assets and liabilities denominated in a foreign currency are translated into Canadian dollars using the exchange rate prevailing at the date of the financial statements. Foreign exchange gains and losses are presented in the statements of comprehensive income.

Change in net assets per unit attributable to holders of redeemable units

This change, presented in the statements of comprehensive income, represents the variation in net assets per unit attributable to holders of redeemable units based on the average number of redeemable units that were in circulation during the year.

Use of estimates, judgments and assumptions

The preparation of these financial statements in accordance with IFRS requires the Manager to make judgments in applying its accounting policies and to make estimates and assumptions about the future. The following discusses the most significant accounting judgments and estimates that the Manager has made in preparing the financial statements.

Investment entity

The Manager has determined that the Fund meets the definition of an investment entity in accordance with IFRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements. As a result, in the event the Fund holds an investment in a subsidiary, the Fund would account for this investment at fair value through profit or loss.



4. Future accounting standards

There are currently no new accounting standards, amendments to current standards or new interpretations that are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2020 which would have a material effect on the Fund's financial statements.

5. Redeemable units in circulation

The Fund is authorized to issue an unlimited number of series of units each of which can contain an unlimited number of units, without par value. All units are voting, participating and redeemable by the unitholders at the net asset value.

Since its inception, the Fund has issued only one series of redeemable units.

	2019	2018
Number of redeemable units in circulation, beginning of year	116,943,875	110,189,867
Number of redeemable units issued and redeemed during the year		
Issued for cash and other consideration	16,679,277	14,704,617
Issued on reinvestment of distributions	6,711,178	6,103,609
Redeemed	(11,521,963)	(14,054,218)
Number of redeemable units in circulation, end of year	128,812,367	116,943,875

6. Valuation of redeemable units and distributions

The net asset value per unit, which represents the redemption amount, is determined by dividing the Fund's net assets at fair value by the number of redeemable units in circulation at the end of each valuation date.

Income from dividends, interest and securities lending, net of expenses of the Fund, is accounted for in the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units. At the end of each month, income received, net of expenses paid, is distributed and reinvested as additional redeemable units or, at the discretion of the unitholders, is paid in cash. Realized gains and losses resulting from investment transactions are accounted for in the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units and net realized gains on investment transactions are distributed and reinvested at the end of the fiscal year as additional redeemable units or, at the discretion of the unitholders, are paid in cash.

7. Capital management

The capital of the Fund is represented by redeemable units issued and in circulation. According to its mission, substantially all of the Fund's capital is invested in securities. Information about the Fund's objectives, policies and procedures for managing its capital is disclosed in note 12. The Fund is not subject to any particular external requirement for managing its capital.



8. Related party transactions

The following table presents a summary of the transactions during the year between the Fund and related parties. Related parties are represented by the Manager and the investment funds it manages, directors of the Manager, corporations controlled by the directors of the Manager, family members of the directors and a deferred profit sharing plan for the benefit of the Manager's employees.

2019	Manager \$	Investment funds managed by the Manager \$	Other related parties \$
Redeemable units issued and redeemed			
Issued for cash and other consideration	15,000,000	38,749,495	9,160,440
Issued on reinvestment of distributions	2,291,132	21,530,915	6,826,163
Redeemed	(8,474,884)	(19,676,615)	(2,017,379)
	8,816,248	40,603,795	13,969,224

2018	Manager \$	Investment funds managed by the Manager \$	Other related parties \$
Redeemable units issued and redeemed			
Issued for cash and other consideration	-	44,451,432	10,190,375
Issued on reinvestment of distributions	1,947,815	17,763,517	5,794,588
Redeemed	-	(19,827,560)	(43,136)
	1,947,815	42,387,389	15,941,827

These transactions took place in the normal course of operations and are measured at the net asset value at the date of the transactions.

As at December 31, related parties held units of the Fund with an aggregate fair market value of the following:

	2019 \$	2018 \$
Manager	48,641,084	36,897,974
Investment funds managed by the Manager	409,237,938	341,101,505
Other related parties	132,921,470	110,708,918
	590,800,492	488,708,397



9. Net securities lending income

During the year ended December 31, 2019, the Fund entered into a securities lending program with the Trustee. Securities lending transactions involve the temporary exchange of securities for collateral with a commitment to return the same securities to the Fund on a future date. In accordance with the terms of the program, the Fund receives collateral of at least 102% of the fair value of the securities on loan. The collateral consists primarily of debt securities with high credit ratings. The fair value of the securities loaned is determined in accordance with standard market practices and additional collateral is requested if necessary.

The table below presents the aggregate fair value of the securities on loan and collateral held under securities lending transactions as at December 31. The securities on loan continue to be included in the schedule of investment portfolio.

	2019 \$	2018 \$
Total fair value of securities on loan	106,453,679	-
Total collateral held	108,582,918	-

Securities lending income reported in the statements of comprehensive income is net of securities lending charges which the Fund's Trustee is entitled to receive as per the terms of the program. For the years ended December 31, securities lending income was as follows:

	2019 \$	2018 \$
Gross securities lending income	38,384	-
Securities lending charges	(15,354)	-
Net securities lending income	23,030	-
Securities lending charges as a % of the gross securities lending income	40.0%	-

10. Fees

Trustee fees are calculated according to an agreement between the Manager and the Trustee.

Management fees of the Manager are invoiced directly to the unitholders.

11. Income taxes

In accordance with provisions of the Income Tax Act (Canada) and the Quebec Taxation Act, the Fund qualifies as a mutual fund trust and has elected to choose a December 15th taxation year-end. The Fund is taxed on its income received and not distributed to unitholders. The Fund distributes to unitholders the total income from dividends, interest and securities lending, net of expenses and a sufficient portion of net realized taxable capital gains to eliminate the income taxes.



12. Risks associated with financial instruments

Analysis of risk management

In accordance with its investment policy, the Fund's investment objective is to optimize returns by building a well-diversified international portfolio comprised primarily of publicly traded companies exposed to more rapidly growing developing economies. In order to minimize the risks associated with financial instruments, the Manager applies a strategy of diversification across economic regions and industrial sectors.

When the Fund invests in other investment funds, it may be indirectly exposed to risks related to the financial instruments held by these funds, according to their investment objectives and the type of securities they hold.

Credit risk

The credit risk associated with the Fund's investments in money market securities and the receivable for investments sold is insignificant given their short-term maturities.

The credit risk associated with securities lending transactions is considered minimal given the nature and the value of the collateral held by the Fund in connection with these transactions.

The risk of default on transactions with counterparties related to investments is considered minimal since the transaction would fail if either party did not fulfill its obligation.

Liquidity risk

The Fund's units are redeemable at the option of the holder thereby exposing the Fund to liquidity risk. Although the Fund is exposed to redemptions of units, liquidity risk is mitigated by the fact that the majority of its assets consists of investments traded on a stock exchange or an organized market, which can be readily liquidated. In addition, at the Manager's discretion, the Fund may pay the redemptions in securities instead of cash.

Market risks

For the disclosure of market risks, IFRS requires that a sensitivity analysis be presented showing the effects of reasonable possible changes in relevant risk variables on the value of net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units.

The Manager considers that this sensitivity analysis, showing the impact on the value of financial instruments from changes in the market, is based on a highly unlikely assumption that all other variables remain constant. Moreover, considering the many interrelationships between the various components of market risk, the Manager is of the opinion that it is not possible to quantify the impact of market fluctuations due to the interdependence of these components. Consequently, in practice, actual results may differ from the sensitivity analyses presented herein and differences could be material.

Price risk

Given the uncertainty regarding the investments' future prices, the Fund is exposed to the inherent risk associated with fluctuations in the market. Consequently, the maximum risk to which the Fund is exposed corresponds to the fair value of its investments.

The Manager's best estimate of the upward or downward impact on the Fund's investments and net assets as a result of reasonable probable changes in benchmark indices, with all other variables being equal, is as follows:

Benchmark indices	Changes in %	2019 Impact \$	2018 Impact \$
Deutsche Bank Fed Funds Effective Rate Total Return Index	0.25	51,000	56,000
MSCI Emerging Markets Total Return Net Index	3.00	45,541,000	37,761,000



12. Risks associated with financial instruments (continued)

Market risks (continued)

Currency risk

The Fund holds securities of foreign issuers in its investment portfolio. The value of these securities is dependent on fluctuations in currency rates. These fluctuations may increase the short-term volatility of foreign securities in the markets and affect the short-term performance of the Fund.

The Fund holds assets denominated in foreign currencies for which the distribution is as follows:

	2019 % of net assets	2018 % of net assets
Foreign currencies		
U.S. dollars	29.64	28.81
Hong Kong dollars	22.97	24.20
Indian rupee	8.13	10.00
Brazilian real	7.24	6.90
Mexican peso	7.22	3.40
Other currencies representing less than 5% individually	22.17	25.15

As at December 31, 2019, an increase or decrease of 3% in the value of Canadian currency compared to foreign currencies, with all other variables being equal, would have resulted in an upward or downward variation of the Fund's investments and net assets of \$45,218,000 (2018: \$38,593,000).

Interest rate risk

Interest rate fluctuations have an insignificant impact on money market securities given their short-term maturities.

Given that the Fund does not hold investments in bonds, it is not directly exposed to interest rate risk on debt securities.

The Fund's investments in equities are exposed to interest rate risk. This is due to the fact that their value is dependent on the rate used in discounting future dividends and to the general effect from changes in interest rates on the economy as a whole, the availability of credit and the profitability of companies. The Manager believes that it is not possible to quantify the impact of the variations taking into account the interdependence of these components.



13. Information on fair value of financial instruments

The financial instruments measured at fair value are classified according to a hierarchy which includes three levels, reflecting the reliability of the inputs involved in the fair value determination:

- Level 1: financial instruments for which the fair value is determined using quoted prices in active markets;
- Level 2: financial instruments for which the fair value is determined using pricing models based on market observable inputs;
- Level 3: financial instruments for which the fair value is determined using pricing models based on market unobservable inputs.

The investments held by the Fund and measured at fair value are classified as follows:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
2019	\$	\$	\$	\$
Equities	1,524,675,843	-	-	1,524,675,843
Money market securities	13,828,246	-	-	13,828,246
	1,538,504,089	-	-	1,538,504,089

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
2018	\$	\$	\$	\$
Equities	1,277,996,676	-	-	1,277,996,676
Money market securities	3,252,071	-	-	3,252,071
	1,281,248,747	-	-	1,281,248,747

No investments were transferred within the levels during the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018.

The financial instruments not measured at fair value through profit or loss are short term financial assets and liabilities whose carrying amounts approximate fair value.

14. Subsequent event

The COVID-19 outbreak during the first quarter of 2020 has caused persistent volatility in the global economy and the financial markets. As a result, the fair value of the Fund's investments and the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units have been adversely impacted subsequent to year end. As at March 19, 2020, the net assets per unit attributable to holders of redeemable units decreased to \$8.5579.

15. Filing exemption for financial statements

The Fund has advised the CSA that it is exempt under section 2.11 of NI 81-106 from annual filing requirements to the Canadian regulation authorities since all the requirements have been met.