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# Core Canadian Dividend Trust

Semi-Annual Report 2020

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## Core Canadian Dividend Trust

### Letter to Unitholders

We are pleased to present the 2020 semi-annual report containing the management report of fund performance and the unaudited financial statements for Core Canadian Dividend Trust (the “Fund”).

Stock markets around the world exhibited significant volatility in the first half of 2020 as economies and businesses were gripped by the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic. After reaching all-time highs in the third week of February, both the S&P/TSX Composite Index and the S&P 500 Index declined 37.4 percent and 33.8 percent respectively to the low reached on March 23rd as new cases and fatalities rose exponentially. However, since then, equity markets have staged a historic comeback, even as new cases and fatalities continued to increase, with both markets rising over 39 percent from the low. Central banks and governments around the world have responded with unprecedented monetary and fiscal policies to prop up economies and keep funding markets open. The total return of the S&P/TSX Composite Index for the semi-annual period ending June 30, 2020 was negative 7.5 percent and negative 3.1 percent for the S&P 500 Index.

During the six months ended June 30, 2020, the Fund paid cash distributions of \$0.16 per unit. The total return of the Fund, including reinvestment of distributions, was negative 20.8 percent for the period. The net asset value per unit decreased from \$5.60 at December 31, 2019 to \$4.28 at June 30, 2020. The net realized gain on options attributable to Strathbridge Selective Overwriting strategy (see “The Fund”) amounted to \$0.17 per unit as compared to a net realized gain on options of \$0.09 last year. For a more detailed review of the operations of the Fund, please see the Results of Operations and the Portfolio Manager Report sections.

We thank all unitholders for their continued support and encourage unitholders to review the detailed information contained within the semi-annual report.



John P. Mulvihill  
Chairman & CEO  
Strathbridge Asset Management Inc.

### The Fund

The Fund is a closed-end investment trust designed to provide unitholders with a stable stream of monthly distributions targeted to be 6.5 percent per annum on the net asset value (“NAV”) of the Fund and to preserve and grow the NAV. The units are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (“TSX”) under the ticker symbol CDD.UN.

To accomplish its objectives, the Fund invests in a portfolio (“Core Canadian Dividend Portfolio”) consisting of high-quality, large capitalization, dividend-paying Canadian companies across multiple sectors that have an excellent long-term track record of dividend growth and share price appreciation. The Fund may also purchase other issuers listed on the TSX which the Manager believes are consistent with the Fund’s investment objectives (provided that after such purchase, no more than an aggregate of 25 percent of the net asset value of the Fund is invested in securities of such other issuers) and invest in public investment funds including exchange-traded funds and other Strathbridge Funds (provided that no more than 15 percent of the net asset value of the Fund may be invested in securities of other Strathbridge Funds) that provide exposure to such securities.

The Fund employs a proprietary investment strategy, Strathbridge Selective Overwriting (“SSO”), to enhance the income generated by the portfolio and to reduce volatility. In addition, the Fund may write cash covered put options in respect of securities in which it is permitted to invest.

The SSO strategy is a quantitative, technical based methodology that identifies appropriate times to write and/or close out option positions compared to writing continuously and rolling options every thirty days. This proprietary process has been developed over many years through various market cycles. The Manager believes the primary benefit to investors is to maximize the total return of the particular portfolio while reducing the level of volatility of the portfolio, thereby increasing the risk-adjusted return.

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## Management Report of Fund Performance

### Management Report of Fund Performance

This semi-annual management report of fund performance contains the financial highlights for the six months ended June 30, 2020 of Core Canadian Dividend Trust (the “Fund”). The unaudited semi-annual financial statements of the Fund are attached.

Copies of the Fund’s proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record and quarterly portfolio disclosure may be obtained by calling 1-800-725-7172 toll free, by writing to the Fund at Investor Relations, 121 King Street West, Suite 2600, P.O. Box 113, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 3T9, by email at [info@strathbridge.com](mailto:info@strathbridge.com) or by visiting our website at [www.strathbridge.com](http://www.strathbridge.com). You can also request semi-annual or annual reports at no cost by using one of the above methods.

### Results of Operations

#### Distributions

For the six months ended June 30, 2020, cash distributions of \$0.16 per unit were paid to unitholders as compared to \$0.18 per unit last year.

Since the inception of the Fund in November 2006, the Fund has paid total cash distributions of \$6.15 per unit.

#### Revenue and Expenses

For the six months ended June 30, 2020, the Fund’s total revenue was \$0.09 per unit compared to \$0.11 per unit in the prior year. Total expenses were \$0.31 per unit up from \$0.26 per unit from year ago. The Fund had a net realized and unrealized loss of \$0.94 per unit in the first half of 2020 as compared to a net realized and unrealized gain of \$0.68 per unit a year earlier.

#### Net Asset Value

The net asset value per unit of the Fund decreased 23.6 percent from \$5.60 at December 31, 2019 to \$4.28 at June 30, 2020. The total net asset value of the Fund decreased \$0.50 million, from \$2.14 million at December 31, 2019 to \$1.64 million at June 30, 2020, reflecting a decrease in net assets attributable to equity holders of \$0.44 million and cash distributions of \$0.06 million.

### Recent Developments

There were no recent developments pertaining to the Fund during the six months ended June 30, 2020.

### Management Report of Fund Performance

#### Related Party Transactions

Strathbridge Asset Management Inc. (“Strathbridge”), as the Investment Manager of the Fund, manages the investment portfolio in a manner consistent with the investment objectives, strategy and criteria of the Fund pursuant to an Investment Management Agreement made between the Fund and Strathbridge dated October 27, 2006.

Strathbridge is the Manager of the Fund pursuant to a Trust Agreement made between the Fund and Strathbridge dated October 27, 2006. As such, Strathbridge is responsible for providing or arranging for required administrative services to the Fund.

Strathbridge is paid the fees described under the Management Fees section of this report.

During the period, no recommendations or approvals were required to be sought from the Independent Review Committee (“IRC”) concerning related party transactions.

#### Independent Review Committee

National Instrument 81-107 – Independent Review Committee for Investment Funds (“NI 81-107”) requires all publicly offered investment funds to establish an IRC to whom the Manager must refer conflict of interest matters for review or approval. NI 81-107 also imposes obligations upon the Manager to establish written policies and procedures for dealing with conflict of interest matters, maintaining records in respect of these matters and providing assistance to the IRC in carrying out its functions. The Chief Compliance Officer, designated by the Manager, is in charge of facilitating the fulfillment of these obligations.

The IRC will prepare, for each financial year, a report to securityholders that describes the IRC and its activities during such financial year and includes, if known, a description of each instance when the Manager acted in a conflict of interest matter for which the IRC did not give a positive recommendation or for which a condition, imposed by the IRC, was not met in its recommendation or approval. Members of the IRC are Robert W. Korthals, Michael M. Koerner and Robert G. Bertram.

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## Management Report of Fund Performance

### Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the past five years.

Information for the period ended June 30, 2020 is derived from the Fund's unaudited semi-annual financial statements.

	<b>Six months ended June 30, 2020</b>
<b>NET ASSETS PER UNIT</b>	
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 5.60</b>
INCREASE (DECREASE) FROM OPERATIONS	
Total revenue	<b>0.09</b>
Total expenses	<b>(0.31)</b>
Realized gain (loss) for the period	<b>(0.37)</b>
Unrealized gain (loss) for the period	<b>(0.57)</b>
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>(1.16)</b>
DISTRIBUTIONS	
Non-taxable distributions	<b>(0.16)</b>
<b>Total Distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>(0.16)</b>
<b>Net Assets, end of period<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 4.28</b>

(1) All per unit figures presented are derived from the Fund's unaudited financial statements for the six months ended June 30, 2020 and the annual audited financial statements for the years ended December 31. Net assets per unit is the difference between the aggregate value of the assets and the aggregate value of the liabilities divided by the number of units then outstanding.

(2) Total increase (decrease) from operations consists of interest and dividend revenue, realized and unrealized gain (loss), less expenses and is calculated based on the weighted average number of units outstanding during the period. The schedule is not intended to total to the ending net assets as calculations are based on the weighted average number of units outstanding during the period.

	<b>Six months ended June 30, 2020</b>
<b>RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA</b>	
Net Asset Value (\$millions)	<b>\$ 1.64</b>
Number of units outstanding	<b>382,908</b>
Management expense ratio <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>12.51%<sup>(4)</sup></b>
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(2)</sup>	<b>57.88%</b>
Trading expense ratio <sup>(3)</sup>	<b>0.53%<sup>(4)</sup></b>
Net Asset Value per unit <sup>(5)</sup>	<b>\$ 4.28</b>
Closing market price	<b>\$ 4.42</b>

(1) The management expense ratio ("MER") is the sum of all fees and expenses for the stated period, including harmonized sales tax but excluding transaction fees, divided by the average net asset value. Generally, the MER increases when the Fund becomes smaller in size due to redemptions. The MER for 2015 includes the special resolution expense. The MER for 2015 excluding the special resolution expense is 4.46%.

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The information for the years ended December 31 is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements.

		Years ended December 31							
		2019	2018	2017	2016	2015			
\$	5.31	\$	6.75	\$	6.89	\$	5.71	\$	7.17
	0.21		0.24		0.26		0.23		0.25
	(0.47)		(0.44)		(0.40)		(0.35)		(0.31)
	0.44		0.23		0.53		0.26		0.21
	0.48		(1.07)		(0.09)		1.44		(1.18)
	0.66		(1.04)		0.30		1.58		(1.03)
	(0.37)		(0.40)		(0.44)		(0.41)		(0.43)
	(0.37)		(0.40)		(0.44)		(0.41)		(0.43)
\$	5.60	\$	5.31	\$	6.75	\$	6.89	\$	5.71

(3) Distributions to unitholders are based on the number of units outstanding on the record date for each distribution.

		Years ended December 31							
		2019	2018	2017	2016	2015			
\$	2.14	\$	2.74	\$	3.69	\$	4.37	\$	4.43
	382,908		516,958		546,158		634,758		774,846
	7.99%		7.05%		5.61%		5.35%		4.50%
	171.44%		117.64%		161.31%		204.44%		163.35%
	0.36%		0.31%		0.30%		0.28%		0.22%
\$	5.60	\$	5.31	\$	6.75	\$	6.89	\$	5.71
\$	5.73	\$	4.93	\$	6.67	\$	6.57	\$	5.46

(2) Portfolio turnover rate is calculated based on the lesser of purchases or sales of investments, excluding short-term investments, divided by the average value of the portfolio securities. The Fund employs an option overlay strategy which can result in higher portfolio turnover by virtue of option exercises, when compared to a conventional equity mutual fund.

(3) Trading expense ratio represents total commissions expressed as a percentage of the daily average net asset value during the period.

(4) Annualized.

(5) Net Asset Value per unit is the difference between the aggregate value of the assets including the valuation of securities at closing prices and the aggregate value of the liabilities divided by the number of units then outstanding.

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### Management Report of Fund Performance

#### Management Fees

Strathbridge, as the Investment Manager of the Fund, is entitled to fees under the Investment Management Agreement calculated monthly as 1/12 of 1.00 percent of the net asset value of the Fund at each month end. Services received under the Investment Management Agreement include the making of all investment decisions and writing of covered call options in accordance with the investment objectives, strategy and criteria of the Fund. Strathbridge also makes all decisions as to the purchase and sale of securities in the Fund's portfolio and as to the execution of all portfolio and other transactions.

Strathbridge, as the Manager of the Fund, is entitled to fees under the Trust Agreement calculated monthly as 1/12 of 0.10 percent of the net asset value of the Fund at each month end. Services received under the Trust Agreement include providing or arranging for required administrative services to the Fund.

#### Past Performance

The following chart sets out the Fund's year-by-year past performance. It is important to note that the:

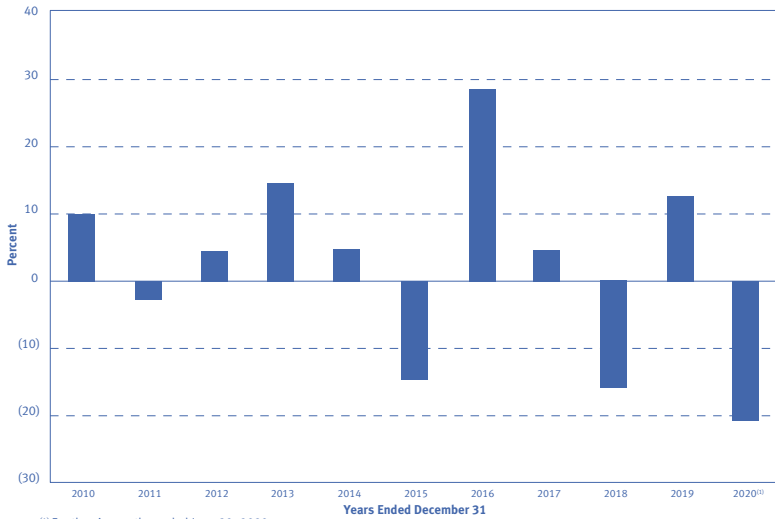
- (1) information shown assumes that all distributions (including deemed distributions based on the intrinsic value of the warrants exercised prior to the expiry date of the warrants) made by the Fund during these periods were reinvested in units of the Fund,
- (2) information does not take into account sales, redemptions, distributions or other optional charges that would have reduced returns, and
- (3) past performance of the Fund does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.



**Year-By-Year Returns**

The following bar chart illustrates how the Fund’s total return varied from year to year for each of the past ten years and for the six months ended June 30, 2020. The chart also shows, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on January 1 in each year would have increased or decreased by the end of the fiscal year or June 30, 2020 for the six months ended.

**Total Return**



<sup>(1)</sup> For the six months ended June 30, 2020.

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### Portfolio Manager Report

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Shopify Inc. continued to be a stand-out performer in Canada along with other names in the technology space. These types of companies offered products that were in high demand during the pandemic and, as a result, represented the best performing group of stocks on the Toronto Stock Exchange so far this year.

Several gold names also performed well during the first half of the year as the price of gold surged more than US\$200 per ounce over that time. Unfortunately, Teck Resources Limited (“TECK.b”), one of the Fund’s core holdings, was not one of the miners who benefited. TECK.b’s operations are more exposed to industrial metals which were negatively impacted by the economic slowdown. The stock returned negative 36.3 percent during the first half of the year and represented our weakest holding. Two other miners that were held in the Fund’s non-core basket, Barrick Gold Corporation (“ABX”) and Pan American Silver Corp. (“PAAS”), performed well this period and more than offset the negative contribution from TECK.b, with total returns of 57.9 and 10.0 percent respectively, while held in the Fund.

Financials and Energy names together account for more than half of the core weight in the portfolio. Neither grouping fared well during the first half of 2020, with total returns of negative 16.2 and 30.4 percent respectively. The Fund was under-weight most of these names which helped the relative performance this period.

The net asset value per unit at June 30, 2020 was \$4.28 compared to \$5.60 at December 31, 2019. Unitholders received cash distributions of \$0.16 per unit during the first half of the year. The Fund’s units, listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange as CDD.UN last traded on June 30, 2020 at \$4.42, down \$1.22 from the December 31, 2019 mid-price of \$5.64. Our overwriting levels are up somewhat over the first half of the year compared to 2019 with an average level of 21.8 percent.

## Management Report of Fund Performance

## Summary of Investment Portfolio

The composition of the portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund. A quarterly portfolio summary, which includes the percentage of net asset value for each holding, and a monthly portfolio list are available on our website at [www.strathbridge.com](http://www.strathbridge.com).

## Asset Mix

June 30, 2020

	% of Net Asset Value
Financials	40.2 %
Materials	22.3 %
Industrials	10.6 %
Cash	6.3 %
Utilities	6.2 %
Energy	4.2 %
Consumer Staples	3.9 %
Consumer Discretionary	3.9 %
Information Technology	3.7 %
Communication Services	1.0 %
Other Assets (Liabilities)	(2.3)%
	100.0 %

## Portfolio Holdings

June 30, 2020

	% of Net Asset Value
Teck Resources Limited – Class B	7.7 %
National Bank of Canada	6.7 %
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	6.6 %
Cash	6.3 %
Canadian Utilities Limited	6.2 %
Barrick Gold Corporation	6.0 %
Thomson Reuters Corporation	5.6 %
The Toronto-Dominion Bank	5.5 %
AGF Management Limited – Class B	5.3 %
Russel Metals Inc.	5.0 %
Bank of Montreal	4.8 %
Pan American Silver Corp.	4.6 %
TC Energy Corp.	4.2 %
Manulife Financial Corporation	4.1 %
Wheaton Precious Metals Corp.	4.0 %
Jamieson Wellness Inc.	3.9 %
Dollarama Inc.	3.9 %
The Bank of Nova Scotia	3.8 %
Constellation Software Inc.	3.7 %
Royal Bank of Canada	3.4 %
BCE Inc.	1.0 %

This report may contain forward-looking statements about the Fund. Forward-looking statements include statements that are predictive in nature, that depend upon or refer to future events or conditions, or that include words such as “expects”, “anticipates”, “intends”, “plans”, “believes”, “estimates” or negative versions thereof and similar expressions. In addition, any statement that may be made concerning future performance, strategies or prospects, and possible future Fund action, is also forward-looking. Forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and projections about future events and are inherently subject to, among other things, risks, uncertainties and assumptions about the Fund and economic factors.

Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance, and actual events and results could differ materially from those expressed or implied in any forward-looking statements made by the Fund. Any number of important factors could contribute to any divergence between what is anticipated and what actually occurs, including, but not limited to, general economic, political and market factors, interest and foreign exchange rates, global equity and capital markets, business competition, technology change, changes in government regulations, unexpected judicial or regulatory proceedings, and catastrophic events.

The above-mentioned list of important factors is not exhaustive. You should consider these and other factors carefully before making any investment decisions and you should avoid placing undue reliance on forward-looking statements. While the Fund currently anticipates that subsequent events and developments may cause the Fund’s views to change, the Fund does not undertake to update any forward-looking statements.

Management’s Responsibility for Financial Reporting

The accompanying condensed financial statements of Core Canadian Dividend Trust (the “Fund”) and all the information in this semi-annual report are the responsibility of the management of Strathbridge Asset Management Inc. (the “Manager”) and have been approved by the Fund’s Board of Advisors (the “Board”).

The condensed financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and include certain amounts that are based on estimates and judgments. Management has ensured that the other financial information presented in this semi-annual report is consistent with the condensed financial statements. The significant accounting policies which management believes are appropriate for the Fund are described in Note 3 of the annual financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2019.

The Manager is also responsible for maintaining a system of internal controls designed to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded and that accounting systems provide timely, accurate and reliable financial information.

The Board meets periodically with management and the independent auditor to discuss internal controls, the financial reporting process, various auditing and financial reporting matters, and to review the annual report, the financial statements and the independent auditor’s report. Deloitte LLP, the Fund’s independent auditor, has full and unrestricted access to the Board.



John P. Mulvihill  
Director  
Strathbridge Asset Management Inc.



John D. Germain  
Director  
Strathbridge Asset Management Inc.

August 10, 2020

**Notice to Unitholders**

The accompanying unaudited Condensed Financial Statements for the six months ended June 30, 2020 have been prepared by management and have not been reviewed by the independent auditor of the Fund.

# Core Canadian Dividend Trust

## Condensed Financial Statements

### Statements of Financial Position

As at June 30, 2020 (Unaudited) and December 31, 2019 (Audited)

	Note	June 30, 2020	Dec. 31, 2019
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	2	\$ 1,574,889	\$ 2,777,544
Derivative assets	2	757	–
Dividends receivable		4,306	5,774
Short-term investments		–	149,947
Cash		104,549	213,179
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>1,684,501</b>	<b>3,146,444</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accrued liabilities		25,770	43,233
Derivative liabilities	2	16,795	838
Accrued management fees	4	1,482	2,709
Due to brokers – investments		–	205,842
Redemptions payable		–	750,385
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>44,047</b>	<b>1,003,007</b>
<b>NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO EQUITY HOLDERS</b>		<b>\$ 1,640,454</b>	<b>\$ 2,143,437</b>
<b>NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO EQUITY HOLDERS PER UNIT</b>		<b>\$ 4.2842</b>	<b>\$ 5.5978</b>

The notes are an integral part of the Condensed Financial Statements.

## Condensed Financial Statements

## Statements of Comprehensive Income

Six months ended June 30 (Unaudited)

	Note	2020	2019
<b>INCOME</b>			
Dividend income		\$ 34,542	\$ 57,010
Interest income		218	1,423
Net realized gain/(loss) on investments at fair value through profit or loss		(205,166)	71,583
Net realized gain on options at fair value through profit or loss		64,399	48,005
Net change in unrealized gain/loss on investments at fair value through profit or loss		(217,658)	231,409
<b>TOTAL INCOME/(LOSS), NET</b>		<b>(323,665)</b>	<b>409,430</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Management fees	4	9,757	16,090
Service fees		1,924	5,608
Administrative and other expenses		40,452	40,533
Transaction fees	5	4,795	4,480
Custodian fees		19,796	26,473
Audit fees		13,872	13,643
Advisory board fees	4	10,200	9,600
Independent review committee fees	4	4,167	3,750
Legal fees		1,250	1,344
Unitholder reporting costs		5,708	7,171
Harmonized sales tax		6,725	7,560
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>118,646</b>	<b>136,252</b>
<b>INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO EQUITY HOLDERS</b>	6	<b>\$ (442,311)</b>	<b>\$ 273,178</b>
<b>INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO EQUITY HOLDERS PER UNIT</b>	6	<b>\$ (1.1551)</b>	<b>\$ 0.5284</b>

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# Core Canadian Dividend Trust

## Condensed Financial Statements

### Statements of Changes in Equity

Six months ended June 30 (Unaudited)

	Unit Capital	Deficit	Total
BALANCE AT JANUARY 1, 2019	\$ 4,841,760	\$ (2,099,030)	\$ 2,742,730
<b>Increase in Net Assets Attributable to Equity Holders</b>	–	339,999	339,999
<b>Distributions</b>			
Non-taxable distributions	–	(188,907)	(188,907)
<b>Value for units redeemed</b>	(1,255,494)	505,109	(750,385)
BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2019	\$ 3,586,266	\$ (1,442,829)	\$ 2,143,437
<b>Decrease in Net Assets Attributable to Equity Holders</b>	–	(442,311)	(442,311)
<b>Distributions</b>			
Non-taxable distributions	–	(60,672)	(60,672)
BALANCE AT JUNE 30, 2020	\$ 3,586,266	\$ (1,945,812)	\$ 1,640,454

The notes are an integral part of the Condensed Financial Statements.

### Statements of Cash Flows

Six months ended June 30 (Unaudited)

	2020	2019
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 363,126	\$ 535,145
<b>Cash Flows Provided By (Used In) Operating Activities</b>		
<b>Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Equity Holders</b>	(442,311)	273,178
<b>Adjustments to Reconcile Net Cash Provided By (Used In) Operating Activities</b>		
Net realized (gain)/loss on investments at fair value through profit or loss	205,166	(71,583)
Net realized gain on options at fair value through profit or loss	(64,399)	(48,005)
Net change in unrealized gain/loss on investments at fair value through profit or loss	217,658	(231,409)
Decrease in dividends receivable	1,468	2,854
Decrease in accrued liabilities, accrued management fees and due to brokers – investments	(224,532)	(15,771)
Purchase of investment securities	(1,017,783)	(2,217,418)
Proceeds from disposition of investment securities	1,877,213	2,230,078
	994,791	(351,254)
<b>Cash Flows Used In Financing Activities</b>		
Unit distributions	(60,672)	(94,619)
Unit redemptions	(750,385)	(153,860)
	(811,057)	(248,479)
<b>Net Decrease in Cash During the Period</b>	(258,577)	(326,555)
CASH, END OF PERIOD	\$ 104,549	\$ 208,590
Dividends received	\$ 36,010	\$ 59,864
Interest received	\$ 218	\$ 1,423

The notes are an integral part of the Condensed Financial Statements.



## Schedule of Investments

As at June 30, 2020 (Unaudited)

	Number of Shares	Average Cost	Fair Value	% of Net Assets Attributable to Equity Holders
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>				
<b>Canadian Common Shares</b>				
<b>Communication Services</b>				
BCE Inc.	300	\$ 18,259	\$ 16,986	1.0%
<b>Consumer Discretionary</b>				
Dollarama Inc.	1,400	67,778	63,224	3.9%
<b>Consumer Staples</b>				
Jamieson Wellness Inc.	1,800	60,650	64,044	3.9%
<b>Energy</b>				
TC Energy Corp.	1,200	76,043	69,600	4.2%
<b>Financials</b>				
AGF Management Limited – Class B	17,200	118,635	86,344	
Bank of Montreal	1,100	113,345	79,486	
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	1,200	121,048	108,888	
Manulife Financial Corporation	3,600	71,163	66,492	
National Bank of Canada	1,800	115,825	110,736	
Royal Bank of Canada	600	63,583	55,266	
The Bank of Nova Scotia	1,100	76,823	61,798	
The Toronto-Dominion Bank	1,500	100,370	90,885	
<b>Total Financials</b>		780,792	659,895	40.2%
<b>Industrials</b>				
Russel Metals Inc.	5,000	96,191	81,100	
Thomson Reuters Corporation	1,000	93,885	92,240	
<b>Total Industrials</b>		190,076	173,340	10.6%
<b>Information Technology</b>				
Constellation Software Inc.	40	58,744	61,316	3.7%
<b>Materials</b>				
Barrick Gold Corporation	2,700	75,206	98,631	
Pan American Silver Corp.	1,800	66,951	74,214	
Teck Resources Limited – Class B	8,900	210,626	126,558	
Wheaton Precious Metals Corp.	1,100	62,881	65,681	
<b>Total Materials</b>		415,664	365,084	22.3%
<b>Utilities</b>				
Canadian Utilities Limited	3,000	111,913	101,400	6.2%
<b>Total Canadian Common Shares</b>		\$ 1,779,919	\$ 1,574,889	96.0%

## Core Canadian Dividend Trust

### Schedule of Investments

As at June 30, 2020 (Unaudited)

	Number of Contracts	Proceeds	Fair Value	% of Net Assets Attributable to Equity Holders
<b>Options</b>				
<b>Purchased Call Options</b>				
(100 shares per contract)				
National Bank of Canada – July 2020 @ \$66	21	\$ 4,200	\$ 283	
Royal Bank of Canada – July 2020 @ \$96	12	4,256	474	
<b>Total Purchased Call Options</b>		8,456	757	0.0 %
<b>Written Covered Call Options</b>				
(100 shares per contract)				
Bank of Montreal – July 2020 @ \$73	(11)	(1,991)	(2,332)	
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce – July 2020 @ \$92	(12)	(2,244)	(2,412)	
Canadian Utilities Limited – July 2020 @ \$32	(14)	(906)	(2,870)	
Manulife Financial Corporation – July 2020 @ \$19	(36)	(828)	(468)	
Pan American Silver Corp. – July 2020 @ \$41	(18)	(2,052)	(4,248)	
TC Energy Corp. – July 2020 @ \$59	(10)	(963)	(1,040)	
Teck Resources Limited – Class B – July 2020 @ \$15	(45)	(2,340)	(1,485)	
The Bank of Nova Scotia – July 2020 @ \$57	(11)	(715)	(637)	
The Toronto-Dominion Bank – July 2020 @ \$62	(15)	(1,193)	(1,133)	
<b>Total Written Covered Call Options</b>		(13,232)	(16,625)	(1.0)%
<b>Written Put Options</b>				
(100 shares per contract)				
Royal Bank of Canada – July 2020 @ \$90	(6)	(1,710)	(170)	0.0 %
<b>Total Options</b>		\$ (6,486)	\$ (16,038)	(1.0)%
Adjustment for transaction fees		(2,725)		
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b>		\$ 1,770,708	\$ 1,558,851	95.0 %
<b>OTHER NET ASSETS</b>			81,603	5.0 %
<b>NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO EQUITY HOLDERS</b>			\$ 1,640,454	100.0 %

## Notes to Condensed Financial Statements

June 30, 2020 (Unaudited)

**1. Basis of Presentation**

The condensed semi-annual financial statements for Core Canadian Dividend Fund (the “Fund”) have been prepared in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”), specifically the International Accounting Standard (“IAS”) 34 Interim Financial Reporting. However, not all disclosures required by IFRS for annual financial statements have been presented and, accordingly, these condensed semi-annual financial statements should be read in conjunction with the most recently prepared annual financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2019.

These condensed semi-annual financial statements follow the same accounting policies and method of application as the most recent audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2019.

These condensed financial statements were approved by the Board of Advisors on August 10, 2020.

**2. Risks Associated with Financial Instruments**

The various types of risks associated with its investment strategies, financial instruments and markets in which the Fund invests remain unchanged from the prior year and are described in Note 6 of the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2019.

**Credit Risk**

As at June 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, the counterparties to the Fund’s derivative financial instruments had a credit rating of A-1 or higher from Standard & Poor’s Ratings Services.

The analysis below summarizes the credit quality of the Fund’s short-term investments as at June 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019.

Credit Rating	Percentage of Short-Term Investments	
	June 30, 2020	Dec. 31, 2019
AAA	–	100.0%

**Liquidity Risk**

The amounts in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows:

	As at June 30, 2020 Financial Liabilities		
	On Demand	< 3 months	Total
Accrued liabilities	\$ –	\$ 25,770	\$ 25,770
Derivative liabilities	–	16,795	16,795
Accrued management fees	–	1,482	1,482
	\$ –	\$ 44,047	\$ 44,047

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	As at December 31, 2019		
	Financial Liabilities		Total
	On Demand	< 3 months	
Redemptions payable	\$ –	\$ 750,385	\$ 750,385
Due to brokers – investments	–	205,842	205,842
Accrued liabilities	–	43,233	43,233
Accrued management fees	–	2,709	2,709
Derivative liabilities	–	838	838
	\$ –	\$ 1,003,007	\$ 1,003,007

### Market Risk

#### (a) Price Risk

Approximately 96 percent (December 31, 2019 – 130 percent) of the Fund's net assets attributable to equity holders held at June 30, 2020 were publicly traded equities. If equity prices on the exchange increased or decreased by 5 percent as at June 30, 2020, the net assets attributable to equity holders would have increased or decreased by \$0.1 million (December 31, 2019 – \$0.1 million) respectively or 4.8 percent (December 31, 2019 – 6.5 percent) of the net assets attributable to equity holders all other factors remaining constant. In practice, actual trading results may differ and the difference could be material.

### Concentration Risk

Concentration risk arises as a result of the concentration of exposures with the same category, whether it is geographical location, product type, industry sector or counterparty type. The following is a summary of the Fund's concentration risk:

	June 30, 2020	Dec. 31, 2019
Financials	41.9%	45.5%
Materials	23.2%	6.7%
Industrials	11.0%	14.3%
Utilities	6.4%	7.5%
Energy	4.4%	13.4%
Consumer Staples	4.1%	1.9%
Consumer Discretionary	4.0%	–
Information Technology	3.9%	5.1%
Communication Services	1.1%	5.6%
	100.0%	100.0%

## Notes to Condensed Financial Statements

June 30, 2020 (Unaudited)

## Fair Value Measurement

The following table illustrates the classification of the Fund's assets and liabilities measured at fair value within the fair value hierarchy as at June 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019.

	As at June 30, 2020				Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3		
Canadian Common Shares	\$ 1,574,889	\$ –	\$ –	\$	1,574,889
Options	(16,038)	–	–		(16,038)
	\$ 1,558,851	\$ –	\$ –	\$	1,558,851

	As at December 31, 2019				Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3		
Short-Term Investments	\$ –	\$ 149,947	\$ –	\$	149,947
Canadian Common Shares	2,777,544	–	–		2,777,544
Options	(838)	–	–		(838)
	\$ 2,776,706	\$ 149,947	\$ –	\$	2,926,653

There were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 and the Fund did not hold any financial instruments within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy during the six months ended June 30, 2020 and during the year ended December 31, 2019.

## 3. Units

For the six months ended June 30, 2020, cash distributions paid to unitholders were \$60,672 (June 30, 2019 – \$94,619) representing a payment of \$0.16 (June 30, 2019 – \$0.18) per unit.

During the six months ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, nil units were redeemed.

During the six months ended June 30, 2020 and year ended December 31, 2019, unit transactions are as follows:

	June 30, 2020	Dec. 31, 2019
Units outstanding, beginning of year	382,908	516,958
Units redeemed	–	(134,050)
Units outstanding, end of period	382,908	382,908

## 4. Related Party Transactions

## (a) Management Fees

Total management fees for the six months ended June 30, 2020 were \$9,757 (June 30, 2019 – \$16,090) of which \$1,482 (June 30, 2019 – \$2,646) was unpaid.

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#### (b) Advisory Board Fees

Total advisory board fees paid to the external members of the Board of Advisors for the six months ended June 30, 2020 were \$10,200 (June 30, 2019 – \$9,600).

#### (c) Independent Review Committee Fees

Total remuneration paid to the external members of the Independent Review Committee for the six months ended June 30, 2020 were \$4,167 (June 30, 2019 – \$3,750).

### 5. Brokerage Commissions and Soft Dollars

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The ascertainable soft dollar value received as a percentage of total transaction fees paid during the six months ended June 30, 2020 and 2019 is disclosed below:

	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019
Soft Dollars	\$ 2,982	\$ 2,307
Percentage of Total Transaction Fees	62.2%	51.5%

### 6. Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Equity Holders per Unit

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The increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to equity holders per unit for the six months ended June 30, 2020 and 2019 is calculated as follows:

	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019
Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Equity Holders	\$ (442,311)	\$ 273,178
Weighted Average Number of Units Outstanding during the Period	382,908	516,958
Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Equity Holders per Unit	\$ (1.1551)	\$ 0.5284

Investment Funds Managed by  
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MUTUAL FUNDS

Mulvihill Premium Yield Fund

UNIT TRUSTS

Canadian Utilities & Telecom Income Fund (UTE.UN)

Core Canadian Dividend Trust (CDD.UN)

Top 10 Canadian Financial Trust (TCT.UN)

U.S. Financials Income Fund (USF.UN)

SPLIT SHARES

Premium Income Corporation (PIC.PR.A/PIC.A)

S Split Corp. (SBN.PR.A/SBN)

Top 10 Split Trust (TXT.PR.A/TXT.UN)

World Financial Split Corp. (WFS.PR.A/WFS)

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