Top 10 Canadian Financial Trust

Annual Report 2017

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ASSET MANAGEMENT

Letter to Unitholders

We are pleased to present the 2017 annual report containing the management report of fund performance and the audited financial statements for Top 10 Canadian Financial Trust (the “Fund”).

2017 was a very strong year for global equity markets with most indices making new all-time highs. After being one of the strongest markets in 2016, the S&P/TSX Composite Index in Canada lagged most other indices but still generated a total return of 9.1 percent, primarily led by strength in the Health Care and Consumer Discretionary sectors. In the U.S., the broad market S&P 500 Index rose 21.8 percent while the technology centric NASDAQ Composite Index had a total return of 29.7 percent. Despite various events throughout the year that caused uncertainty for investors, such as President Trump being unable to repeal the Affordable Care Act, not once but twice, and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un launching a missile over Japan, the global synchronized recovery drove stock returns with forward looking economic indicators contributing to earnings upside across markets. The passage of the U.S. Tax Cuts and Jobs Act in late 2017 is expected to benefit earnings further. The Bank of Canada raised the overnight lending rate twice in 2017, lifting it to 1.00 percent, while the U.S. Federal Reserve raised the Federal Funds rate 25 basis points on three separate occasions to now sit at 1.50 percent. With the Bank of Canada starting to follow the U.S. Federal Reserve’s path to normalizing interest rates, along with strength in the price of oil and other commodities, the Canadian dollar rose by 7.3 percent to end the year at US$0.80 per U.S. dollar.

For the year ended December 31, 2017, the annual total return of the Fund, including reinvestment of distributions, was 8.4 percent. The Fund paid cash distributions of $0.76 per unit during the year. The net asset value increased 0.6 percent from $10.24 per unit at December 31, 2016 to $10.30 per unit at December 31, 2017. The net realized gain on options attributable to Strathbridge Selective Overwriting strategy (see “The Fund”) amounted to $0.07 per unit in 2017 as compared to a net realized gain on options of $0.12 per unit in 2016. 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 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 tax-efficient quarterly cash distributions in an amount targeted to be 7.5 percent per annum on the net asset value of the Fund and to return $15.60 per unit to unitholders upon termination of the Fund. The units are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol TCT.UN.

To accomplish its objectives, the Fund invests in a portfolio of securities consisting of common equity securities of the six largest Canadian banks and the four largest Canadian life insurance companies. The Fund may also 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 Fund while reducing the level of volatility of the portfolio, thereby increasing the risk-adjusted return.

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Management Report of Fund Performance

This annual management report of fund performance contains the financial highlights for the year ended December 31, 2017 of Top 10 Canadian Financial Trust (the "Fund"). The 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 or by visiting our website at www.strathbridge.com. You can also request semi-annual or annual reports at no cost by using one of the above methods.

Investment Objectives and Strategies

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Risk

Risks associated with an investment in the securities of the Fund are discussed in the Fund's 2017 annual information form, which is available on the Fund's website at www.strathbridge.com or on SEDAR at www.sedar.com. There were no changes to the Fund over the year that materially affected the risks associated with an investment in the securities of the Fund.

Results of Operations

Distributions

For the year ended December 31, 2017, cash distributions were $0.76 per unit compared to $0.72 per unit a year ago.

Since the reorganization of the Fund in August 2005 when the Fund adopted new objectives and a new investment strategy as the Top 10 Canadian Financial Trust, the Fund has paid total cash distributions of $10.67 per unit.

Revenue and Expenses

For the year ended December 31, 2017, the Fund's total revenue was $0.37 per unit down $0.01 per unit from the prior year. Total expenses were $0.28 per unit for 2017 up $0.01 per unit from a year ago. The Fund had a net realized and unrealized gain of $0.73 per unit in 2017 as compared to a net realized and unrealized gain of $1.32 per unit in 2016.

Net Asset Value

The net asset value per unit of the Fund increased 0.6 percent from $10.24 per unit at December 31, 2016 to $10.30 per unit at December 31, 2017. The total net asset value of the Fund increased $0.03 million from $17.03 million at December 31, 2016 to $17.06 million at December 31, 2017, reflecting an increase in net assets attributable to holders of units of $1.36 million, offset by annual redemptions of $0.07 million and cash distributions of $1.26 million.

Recent Developments

There were no recent developments pertaining to the Fund during the year ended December 31, 2017.

Related Party Transactions

Strathbridge Asset Management Inc. ("Strathbridge"), as the Investment Manager of the Fund, manages the Fund's 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 February 15, 2000 and amended as of August 2, 2005.

Strathbridge is the Manager of the Fund pursuant to a Trust Agreement made between the Fund and Strathbridge dated February 15, 2000 and amended as of August 2, 2005. 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 year, 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.

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. This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements.

Years ended December 31	**2017**	2016	2015	2014	2013
NET ASSETS PER UNIT					
Net Assets, beginning of year[(1)]	**$ 10.24**	$ 9.53	$ 10.85	$ 10.82	$ 9.09
INCREASE (DECREASE) FROM OPERATIONS					
Total revenue	**0.37**	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38
Total expenses	**(0.28)**	(0.27)	(0.26)	(0.27)	(0.24)
Realized gain (loss) for the period	**0.92**	0.15	0.39	1.85	0.55
Unrealized gain (loss) for the period	**(0.19)**	1.17	(1.07)	(1.10)	1.80
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations[(2)]	**0.82**	1.43	(0.56)	0.86	2.49
DISTRIBUTIONS					
From investment income	**(0.02)**	(0.04)	(0.02)	–	–
Non-taxable distributions	**(0.74)**	(0.68)	(0.75)	(0.83)	(0.76)
Total Annual Distributions[(3)]	**(0.76)**	(0.72)	(0.77)	(0.83)	(0.76)
Net Assets, end of year[(1)]	**$ 10.30**	$ 10.24	$ 9.53	$ 10.85	$ 10.82

(1) All per unit figures presented are derived from the Fund's 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 year. 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 year.
(3) Distributions to unitholders are based on the number of units outstanding on the record date for each distribution.

Financial Highlights

Years ended December 31	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA					
Net Asset Value ($millions)(1)	**$ 17.06**	$ 17.03	$ 16.08	$ 20.36	$ 21.92
Number of units outstanding(1)	**1,656,719**	1,663,319	1,688,179	1,877,594	2,025,522
Management expense ratio(2)	**2.61%**	2.72%	2.43%	2.39%	2.33%
Portfolio turnover rate(3)	**103.23%**	155.79%	94.80%	93.40%	62.69%
Trading expense ratio(4)	**0.12%**	0.15%	0.09%	0.09%	0.08%
Net Asset Value per Unit(5)	**$ 10.30**	$ 10.24	$ 9.53	$ 10.85	$ 10.82
Closing market price	**$ 10.26**	$ 9.94	$ 9.98	$ 11.23	$ 10.55

(1) This information is provided as at December 31.

(2) 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 and 2014 includes the special resolution expense. The MER for 2015 and 2014 excluding the special resolution expense is 2.43% and 2.33% respectively.

(3) 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.

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

(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.

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 made by the Fund during these periods were reinvested in units of the Fund,

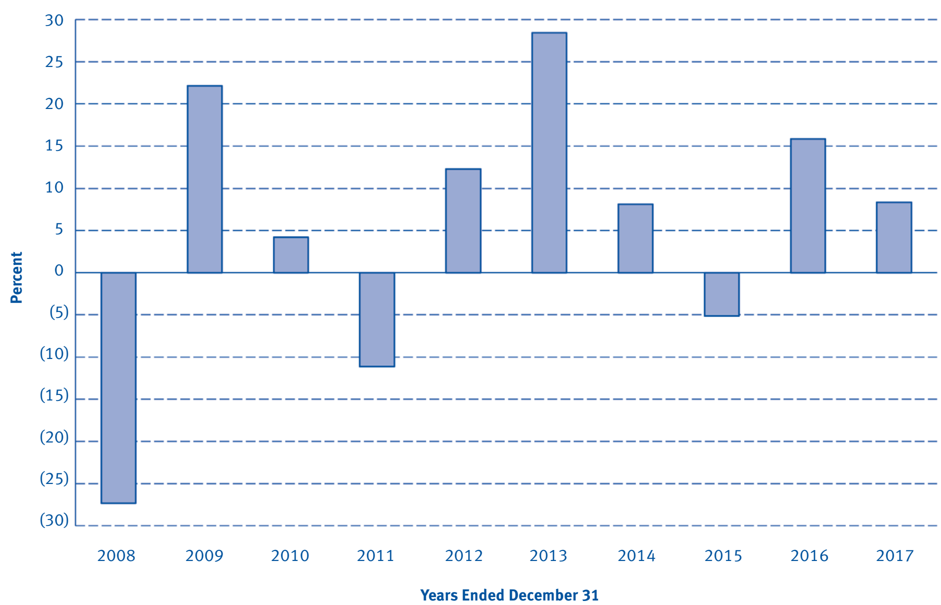
(2) information does not take into account sales, redemptions, distributions or other optional charges that would have reduced returns, and

(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 annual total return varied from year to year for each of the past ten years. 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.

Annual Total Return



Annual Compound Returns

The following table shows the Fund's historical annual compound return (net of expenses) for the periods ended December 31, 2017 as compared to the performance of the S&P/TSX Capped Financials Index.

(In Canadian Dollars)	One Year	Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years
Top 10 Canadian Financial Trust	**8.35%**	6.00%	10.59%	4.32%
S&P/TSX Capped Financials Index[1]	**13.32%**	10.92%	14.26%	8.34%

[1] The S&P/TSX Capped Financials Index is a subset of the constituents of the S&P/TSX Composite Index that have been classified according to the Global Industry Classification Standard. The relative weight of any single index constituent is capped at 25 percent.

The equity performance benchmark shown here provide an approximate indication of how the Fund's returns compare to a public market index for similar securities. It is important to note that the Fund is not managed in order to match or exceed this index; rather, its objectives are to pay out quarterly distributions and return the original invested amount at the termination date. As a result, the Fund has, from time to time, maintained cash balances in an effort to provide greater net asset value stability and employs a covered option writing strategy to enhance the income generated by the portfolio and reduce volatility.

The Manager believes that in a flat or downward trending market, a portfolio that is subject to covered call option writing will generally provide higher relative returns and lower volatility than one on which no options are written. However, in a rising market, the use of options may have the effect of limiting or reducing the total returns of the Fund since the premiums associated with writing covered call options may be outweighed by the foregone opportunity of remaining fully invested in the securities comprising the portfolio.

Portfolio Manager Report

2017 was a very strong year for global equity markets with most indices making new all-time highs. After being one of the strongest markets in 2016, the S&P/TSX Composite Index in Canada lagged most other indices but still generated a total return of 9.1 percent, primarily led by strength in the Health Care and Consumer Discretionary sectors. In the U.S., the broad market S&P 500 Index rose 21.8 percent while the technology centric NASDAQ Composite Index had a total return of 29.7 percent. Despite various events throughout the year that caused uncertainty for investors, such as President Trump being unable to repeal the Affordable Care Act, not once but twice, and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un launching a missile over Japan, the global synchronized recovery drove stock returns with forward looking economic indicators contributing to earnings upside across markets. The passage of the U.S. Tax Cuts and Jobs Act in late 2017 is expected to benefit earnings further. The Bank of Canada raised the overnight lending rate twice in 2017, lifting it to 1.00 percent, while the U.S. Federal Reserve raised the Federal Funds rate 25 basis points on three separate occasions to now sit at 1.50 percent. With the Bank of Canada starting to follow the U.S. Federal Reserve's path to normalizing interest rates, along with strength in the price of oil and other commodities, the Canadian dollar rose by 7.3 percent to end the year at US$0.80 per U.S. dollar.

The annual return of the Fund for 2017, including reinvestment of distributions, was 8.4 percent, compared to the S&P/TSX Capped Financials Index return of 13.3 percent and the S&P/TSX Composite Index return of 9.1 percent. The Fund achieved its income objective of providing a stable stream of quarterly distributions targeted to be 7.5 percent per annum on the net asset value. Total cash distributions of $0.75881 per unit were paid over the year and the net asset value per unit increased from $10.24 at the end of 2016 to $10.30 at the close of 2017.

For the year 2017, the holdings in the portfolio had an average return of 12.7 percent. The bank holdings outperformed the insurance holdings by 5.8 percentage points with an average return of 15.0 percent for the bank portion and 9.2 percent for the insurance portion. The National Bank of Canada led the Fund with an annual total return of 19.8 percent while Great-West Lifeco Inc. lagged with an annual total return of 4.1 percent.

The average dividend yield on the portfolio holdings at the end of 2017 was 3.6 percent. This was roughly unchanged from the year prior. The year-end dividend yield on the bank stocks was 3.7 percent, down about 12 basis points from 2016, and for the insurance holdings it was 3.3 percent, up about 17 basis points from 2016.

In 2017, volatility levels, as measured by the Chicago Board Options Exchange Volatility Index, continued to remain at the lower end of its historical range, touching new all-time lows in late November. Volatility has been below long-term average levels for the past few years which adds to the challenge of call writing. However, this low level of volatility and the Manager's positive view on the market provided an opportunity to purchase call options on select names. The covered call writing activity was opportunistic over the year while taking advantage of signals generated by the Strathbridge Selective Overwriting ("SSO") strategy. The net realized gain on options attributable to SSO strategy amounted to $0.07 per unit compared to $0.12 per unit in 2016. The average call writing exposure over the year was 4.6 percent, down from 8.0 percent a year ago. The Fund ended 2017 with none of the portfolio subject to calls, 0.4 percent of the portfolio invested in purchased call options as well as a cash position of 2.6 percent.

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.

Asset Mix

December 31, 2017

	% OF NET ASSET VALUE
Financials	94.7%
Cash	2.6%
Exchange-Traded Funds	2.5%
Other Assets (Liabilities)	0.2%
	100.0%

Portfolio Holdings

December 31, 2017

	% OF NET ASSET VALUE
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	11.4%
Sun Life Financial Inc.	11.2%
Royal Bank of Canada	11.2%
Bank of Montreal	11.0%
National Bank of Canada	10.3%
The Toronto-Dominion Bank	9.1%
Manulife Financial Corporation	8.9%
Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc.	7.4%
The Bank of Nova Scotia	7.2%
Great-West Lifeco Inc.	7.0%
Cash	2.6%
Premium Income Corporation	2.5%

Forward-Looking Statements

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 financial statements of Top 10 Canadian Financial Trust (the "Fund") and all the information in this 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 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 annual report is consistent with the financial statements. The significant accounting policies which management believes are appropriate for the Fund are described in Note 3 of the annual financial statements.

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 issues, 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.
March 2, 2018

John D. Germain
Director
Strathbridge Asset Management Inc.

To the Unitholders of Top 10 Canadian Financial Trust

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Top 10 Canadian Financial Trust, which comprise the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, and the statements of comprehensive income, statements of changes in net assets attributable to holders of units and statements of cash flows for the years then ended, 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 audit 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 auditor considers 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 in our audits 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 Top 10 Canadian Financial Trust as at December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

Deloitte LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants
March 2, 2018
Toronto, Ontario

Statements of Financial Position

As at December 31

	Note	2017	2016
ASSETS			
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	6,7	**$ 16,587,847**	$ 16,845,362
Derivative assets	6,7	**70,437**	–
Dividends receivable		**49,339**	54,476
Due from brokers - investments		**39,395**	–
Cash		**446,800**	449,979
TOTAL ASSETS		**17,193,818**	17,349,817
LIABILITIES			
Redemptions payable		**67,985**	254,586
Accrued liabilities		**45,278**	45,389
Accrued management fees	9	**15,637**	16,136
TOTAL LIABILITIES		**128,900**	316,111
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF UNITS		**$ 17,064,918**	$ 17,033,706
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF UNITS PER UNIT		**$ 10.3004**	$ 10.2408

On behalf of the Manager,
Strathbridge Asset Management Inc.

John P. Mulvihill, Director

John D. Germain, Director

The notes are an integral part of the Financial Statements.

Statements of Comprehensive Income

For the years ended December 31

	Note	2017	2016
INCOME			
Dividend income		$ 613,486	$ 635,151
Interest income		–	2,428
Net realized gain on investments at fair value through profit or loss	7	1,402,481	43,805
Net realized gain on options at fair value through profit or loss	7	123,827	209,045
Net change in unrealized gain/loss on investments at fair value through profit or loss	7	(318,320)	1,978,664
TOTAL INCOME, NET		1,821,474	2,869,093
EXPENSES			
Management fees	9	184,896	176,131
Service fees		49,201	47,097
Administrative and other expenses		63,605	61,972
Transaction fees	10	20,320	23,812
Custodian fees		37,949	37,756
Audit fees		29,612	28,890
Advisory board fees	9	19,500	19,500
Independent review committee fees	9	7,500	6,898
Legal fees		2,212	10,228
Unitholder reporting costs		11,040	10,461
Harmonized sales tax		34,299	32,273
TOTAL EXPENSES		460,134	455,018
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF UNITS	11	$ 1,361,340	$ 2,414,075
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF UNITS PER UNIT	11	$ 0.8185	$ 1.4300

Statements of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Units

For the years ended December 31

		2017		2016
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF UNITS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	$	17,033,706	$	16,082,447
Increase in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Units		1,361,340		2,414,075
Unit Transactions				
Value for units redeemed		(67,985)		(254,586)
Distributions				
From net investment income		(33,684)		(60,449)
Non-taxable distributions		(1,228,459)		(1,147,781)
		(1,262,143)		(1,208,230)
Changes in Net Assets during the Year		31,212		951,259
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF UNITS, END OF YEAR	$	17,064,918	$	17,033,706

Statements of Cash Flows

For the years ended December 31

		2017		2016
CASH, BEGINNING OF YEAR	$	449,979	$	308,584
Cash Flows Provided by/(Used In) Operating Activities				
Increase in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Units		1,361,340		2,414,075
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Cash Provided by (Used In) Operating Activities				
Net realized gain on investments at fair value through profit or loss		(1,402,481)		(43,805)
Net realized gain on options at fair value through profit or loss		(123,827)		(209,045)
Net change in unrealized gain/loss on investments at fair value through profit or loss		318,320		(1,978,664)
Increase in dividends receivable and due from brokers - investments		(34,258)		(6,290)
Decrease in accrued liabilities and accrued management fees		(610)		(8,799)
Purchase of investment securities		(16,975,305)		(23,305,213)
Proceeds from disposition of investment securities		18,370,371		26,291,828
		152,210		740,012
Cash Flows Used In Financing Activities				
Unitholder distributions		(1,262,143)		(1,208,230)
Unitholder redemptions		(254,586)		(1,804,462)
		(1,516,729)		(3,012,692)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash during the Year		(3,179)		141,395
CASH, END OF YEAR	$	446,800	$	449,979
Dividends received	$	618,623	$	628,861
Interest received	$	–	$	2,428

The notes are an integral part of the Financial Statements.

Schedule of Investments

As at December 31, 2017

	Number of Shares/Contracts	Average Cost/ Proceeds	Fair Value	% of Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Units
INVESTMENTS				
Canadian Common Shares				
Financials				
Bank of Montreal	18,700	$ 1,803,646	$ 1,881,033	
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	15,900	1,803,852	1,948,386	
Great-West Lifeco Inc.	34,100	1,215,920	1,196,910	
Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc.	21,000	1,043,907	1,256,220	
Manulife Financial Corporation	57,950	1,279,796	1,519,449	
National Bank of Canada	27,900	1,462,505	1,749,888	
Royal Bank of Canada	18,600	1,631,451	1,909,290	
Sun Life Financial Inc.	36,900	1,761,728	1,914,372	
The Bank of Nova Scotia	15,100	1,087,636	1,224,912	
The Toronto-Dominion Bank	21,200	1,348,118	1,561,380	
Total Financials		14,438,559	16,161,840	94.7%
Total Canadian Common Shares		$ 14,438,559	$ 16,161,840	94.7%
Exchange-Traded Funds				
Premium Income Corporation	52,335	$ 410,207	$ 426,007	2.5%
Options				
Purchased Call Options (100 shares per contract)				
Royal Bank of Canada - February 2018 @ $98	60	$ 7,070	$ 29,550	
Royal Bank of Canada - February 2018 @ $105	519	43,061	24,653	
The Bank of Nova Scotia - January 2018 @ $82	411	27,529	16,234	
Total Purchased Call Options		77,660	70,437	0.4%
Total Options		$ 77,660	$ 70,437	0.4%
Adjustment for transaction fees		(8,958)		
TOTAL INVESTMENTS		$ 14,917,468	$ 16,658,284	97.6%
OTHER NET ASSETS			406,634	2.4%
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF UNITS			$ 17,064,918	100.0%

1. Fund Information

Top 10 Canadian Financial Trust (the "Fund") was originally established as a closed-end investment trust under the laws of the Province of Ontario on February 15, 2000 under the name Digital World Trust ("DWT") which began operations on February 23, 2000. On August 2, 2005, unitholders of DWT approved a special resolution resulting in a change in the investment objectives and strategy of the Fund. In connection with the approval of the proposal, the Fund changed its name to Top 10 Canadian Financial Trust to better reflect its new investment strategy. The address of the Fund's registered office is 121 King Street West, Suite 2600, Toronto, Ontario.

Strathbridge Asset Management Inc. ("Strathbridge") is the Manager as well as the Investment Manager of the Fund. RBC Investor Services Trust is the Custodian of the Fund.

The Fund is a closed-end investment trust designed to provide unitholders with a stable stream of tax-efficient quarterly cash distributions in an amount targeted to be 7.5 percent per annum on the net asset value of the Fund and to return $15.60 per unit to unitholders upon termination of the Fund. The units are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol TCT.UN.

The Fund invests in a portfolio of securities consisting of common equity securities of the six largest Canadian banks and the four largest Canadian life insurance companies. The Fund may also 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.

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Advisors on March 2, 2018.

2. Basis of Presentation

The annual financial statements for the Fund have been prepared in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as adopted by the International Accounting Standards Board.

3. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Functional and Presentation Currency

Items included in the financial statements of the Fund are measured in the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Fund operates (the "functional currency"). Based on the guidance provided in International Accounting Standard ("IAS") 21, the Manager has determined that the functional currency is Canadian dollars. The financial statements of the Fund are presented in Canadian dollars which is the Fund's presentation currency.

Financial Instruments

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for the fair valuation of certain financial instruments. Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for assets. Under IAS 39, Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement ("IAS 39"), the Fund's equity investments are designated at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL") at inception and derivative investments are classified as held for trading and measured at FVTPL.

Fair Value Measurement

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the reporting date. The Fund uses the last traded market price as its valuation input for financial assets and liabilities if the last traded price falls within the bid-ask spread. In other circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid-ask spread, the Manager determines the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value for financial reporting purposes.

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market is determined by valuation techniques as described in Note 4.

Investment Transactions and Income

Investment transactions are accounted for on a trade date basis. Net realized gain/(loss) on investments at fair value through profit or loss and net change in unrealized gain/loss on investments at fair value through profit or loss are determined on an average cost basis. Realized gains and losses related to options are included in net realized gain/(loss) on options at fair value through profit or loss. Realized gains and losses relating to written options may arise from:

(i) Expiration of written options whereby realized gains are equivalent to the premium received,

(ii) Exercise of written covered call options whereby realized gains or losses are equivalent to the premium received in addition to the realized gain or loss from disposition of the related investments at the exercise price of the option, and

(iii) Closing of written options whereby realized gains or losses are equivalent to the cost of purchasing options to close the positions, net of any premium received.

Realized gains and losses relating to purchased put options may arise from:

(i) Expiration of purchased put options whereby realized losses are equivalent to the premium paid,

(ii) Exercise of purchased put options whereby realized gains or losses are equivalent to the realized gain or loss from disposition of the related investments at the exercise price of the option less the premium paid, and

(iii) Sale of purchased put options whereby realized gains or losses are equivalent to the sale proceeds, net of any premium paid.

Option premiums received are reflected as deferred credits in investments so long as the options are outstanding. Any difference resulting from revaluation is included in the net change in unrealized gain/loss on investments at fair value through profit or loss. The premiums received on written put options that are exercised are included in the cost of the security purchased.

Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date.

Interest income is measured using the effective interest method and recorded on a daily basis.

Short-Term Investments

Short-term investments are held for investment purposes and consist primarily of money market instruments with original maturities of 90 days or less.

Units

IAS 32, Financial Instruments: Presentation ("IAS 32") requires that the units (which are puttable instruments) be classified as financial liabilities unless all the criteria outlined in IAS 32 paragraph 16A are met. The Fund's units do not meet the definition of IAS 32 paragraph 16A to be classified as equity.

Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Units per Unit

The increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of units per unit is calculated by dividing the increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of units by the weighted average number of units outstanding during the year. Please refer to Note 11 for the calculation.

Taxation

The Fund is a "mutual fund trust" as defined in the Income Tax Act (Canada) (the "Act"). The Fund is subject to tax in each taxation year under Part I of the Act on the amount of its income for the year, including net realized taxable capital gains, less the portion thereof that it claims in respect of the amount paid or payable to unitholders in the year. Income tax paid by the Fund on any net realized capital gains not paid or payable to unitholders is recoverable by the Fund to the extent and in the circumstances provided in the Act.

Given the investment and distribution policies of the Fund and taking into account expenses, the Fund does not expect to bear any non-refundable income tax.

IAS 1 Disclosure Initiative

The Fund has applied amendments to IAS 1 Disclosure Initiative. The amendments clarify that an entity need not provide a specific disclosure required by an IFRS if the information resulting from that disclosure is not material, and give guidance on the basis of aggregating and disaggregating information for disclosure purposes. In addition, the amendments reiterate that an entity should consider providing additional disclosures when compliance with the specific requirements in IFRS is insufficient to enable users of financial statements to understand the impact of particular transactions, events and conditions on the Fund's financial position and financial performance.

The application of these amendments has not resulted in any impact on the financial performance, the financial position or disclosures of the Fund.

IAS 7 Statement of Cash Flows

IAS 7 Statement of Cash Flows ("IAS 7") requires disclosures related to changes in liabilities arising from financing activities for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2017. Units issued by the Fund are classified as financial liabilities in accordance with IAS 32, as they do not meet the definition of puttable instruments to be classified as equity in accordance with IAS 32 for financial reporting purposes.

A reconciliation between the opening and closing balances of the units of the Fund is presented in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Units, including changes from cash flows and non-cash changes.

4. Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The preparation of financial statements requires the Manager to use judgment in applying accounting policies and to make estimates and assumptions about the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The following discusses the most significant accounting judgments and estimates that the Fund has made in preparing the financial statements.

In classifying and measuring the financial instruments held by the Fund, the Manager has applied the fair value option for financial assets and liabilities under IAS 39. The fair value option was used as: (i) fair value is readily available via market quotation; (ii) it eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch; and (iii) financial instruments designated at FVTPL is part of an investment portfolio managed on a fair value basis. As a result, the Fund's equity investments have been designated at FVTPL at inception and the derivative investments have been classified as held for trading by nature and valued at FVTPL.

The Fund may, from time to time, hold financial instruments that are not quoted in active markets. Fair values of such instruments are determined by using valuation models and techniques generally recognized as standard within the investment industry. These valuation methods use observable data as practicable as possible. Observable market data are readily available and supplied by independent sources actively involved in the relevant market. However, areas such as credit risk (both own and counterparty) and its correlations require the Manager to make estimates. Significant changes in assumptions about these factors could adversely affect the reported fair values of financial instruments. Please refer to Note 6 for a further analysis of risks associated with financial instruments.

5. Capital Disclosures

IAS 1, Presentation of Financial Statements ("IAS 1"), requires the disclosure of: (i) an entity's objectives, policies and processes for managing capital; (ii) quantitative data and qualitative information about what the entity regards as capital; (iii) whether the entity has complied with any capital requirements; and (iv) if it has not complied, the consequences of such non-compliance. The Fund's objectives, policies and processes are described in Note 1, information on the Fund's units is described in Note 8 and the Fund does not have any externally imposed capital requirements.

6. Risks Associated with Financial Instruments

The Fund is exposed to various types of risks that are associated with its investment strategies, financial instruments and markets in which the Fund invests. The most important risks include credit risk, liquidity risk, market risk (including interest rate risk and price risk) and concentration risk.

Credit Risk

The Fund is subject to the credit risk that its counterparty (whether a clearing corporation, in the case of exchange traded instruments, or other third party, in the case of over-the-counter instruments) may be unable to meet its obligations. The Fund manages these risks through the use of various risk limits and trading strategies.

The Fund is also exposed to counterparty credit risk on derivative financial instruments. The counterparty credit risk for derivative financial instruments is managed by dealing with counterparties that have a credit rating that is not below the level of approved credit ratings as set out in National Instrument 81-102. During the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, 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 Fund's derivative instruments are subject to offsetting, enforceable netting arrangements and similar agreements. The Fund and its counterparty have elected to settle all transactions on a gross basis; however, each party has the option to settle all open contracts on a net basis in the event of default of the other party. All outstanding derivatives have been presented on a gross basis on the Statement of Financial Position as derivative assets or derivative liabilities, as they do not meet the criteria for offsetting in IAS 32 paragraph 42.

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the possibility that investments in the Fund cannot be readily converted into cash when required. To manage this risk, the Fund invests the majority of its assets in investments that are traded in an active market and which can be easily disposed. In addition, the Fund aims to retain sufficient cash and short-term investments to maintain liquidity and to meet its obligations when due.

Cash is required to fund redemptions. Unitholders must surrender units at least 5 business days prior to the last day of the month and receive payment on or before 15 calendar days following the month end valuation date. Therefore the Fund has a maximum of 16 business days to generate sufficient cash to fund redemptions mitigating liquidity issues.

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

As at December 31, 2017 Financial Liabilities	On Demand	‹ 3 months	Total
Redemptions payable	$ –	$ 67,985	$ 67,985
Accrued liabilities	–	45,278	45,278
Accrued management fees	–	15,637	15,637
Units	17,064,918	–	17,064,918
	$ 17,064,918	$ 128,900	$ 17,193,818

As at December 31, 2016 Financial Liabilities	On Demand	‹ 3 months	Total
Redemptions payable	$ –	$ 254,586	$ 254,586
Accrued liabilities	–	45,389	45,389
Accrued management fees	–	16,136	16,136
Units	17,033,706	–	17,033,706
	$ 17,033,706	$ 316,111	$ 17,349,817

Market Risk

The Fund's investments are subject to market risk which is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in the market prices. The following include sensitivity analyses that show how the net assets attributable to holders of units would have been affected by a reasonably possible change in the relevant risk variable at each reporting date. In practice, the actual results may differ and the differences could be material.

(a) Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of a financial instrument. The financial instruments which potentially expose the Fund to interest rate risk are the short-term fixed income securities. The Fund has minimal sensitivity to changes in rates since securities are usually held to maturity and are short-term in nature.

(b) Price Risk

Price risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk), whether caused by factors specific to an individual investment, its issuer, or all factors affecting all instruments traded in a market or segment. The Fund's most significant exposure to price risk arises from its investments in equity securities.

Net assets per unit varies as the value of the securities in the Fund varies. The Fund has no control over the factors that affect the value of the securities in the Fund, including factors that affect all the companies in the financial services industry.

The Fund's price risk is managed by taking a long-term perspective and utilizing an option writing program, as well as by the use of purchased put options. Approximately 95 percent (2016 - 99 percent) of the Fund's net assets attributable to holders of units held at December 31, 2017 were publicly traded equities. If equity prices on the exchange increased or decreased by 5 percent as at December 31, 2017, the net assets attributable to holders of units would have increased or decreased by $0.8 million (2016 - $0.8 million) respectively or 4.7 percent (2016 - 4.9 percent) of the net assets attributable to holders of units with all other factors remaining constant. In practice, actual trading results may differ and the difference could be material.

The Manager believes that a portfolio that is subject to covered call option writing or purchased put options should provide a degree of protection against falling share prices in a downward trending market.

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:

	Dec. 31, 2017	Dec. 31, 2016
Financials	100.0%	100.0%

Fair Value Measurement

The Fund classifies fair value of measurement within a hierarchy which gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities

Level 2: Inputs, other than quoted prices in Level 1, that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices), and

Level 3: Inputs that are based on unobservable market data.

The classification of an item into the above levels is based on the lowest level of the inputs used that has a significant effect on the fair value measurement of the item. Transfers of items between levels are recognized in the period they occur. The following table illustrates the classification of the Fund's assets and liabilities measured at fair value within the fair value hierarchy as at December 31, 2017 and 2016.

As at December 31, 2017	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Canadian Common Shares	$ 16,161,840	$ –	$ –	$ 16,161,840
Exchange-Traded Funds	426,007	–	–	426,007
Options	70,437	–	–	70,437
	$ 16,658,284	$ –	$ –	$ 16,658,284

As at December 31, 2016	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Canadian Common Shares	$ 16,845,362	$ –	$ –	$ 16,845,362

The carrying values of cash, dividends receivable, due from brokers - investments, accrued liabilities, accrued management fees, redemptions payable, and the Fund's obligation for net assets attributable to holders of units approximate their fair values due to their short-term nature.

(a) Equities

The Fund's equity positions are classified as Level 1 as equity securities are actively traded and a reliable quoted price is observable.

(b) Short-Term Investments

Short-term investments are valued at cost plus accrued interest which approximates fair value. The inputs are observable and therefore short-term investments are classified as Level 2.

(c) Derivative Assets and Liabilities

Derivative assets and liabilities consist of option contracts.

Listed options are classified as Level 1 as the security is traded in a recognized exchange and a reliable price is readily observable.

Fair value of over-the-counter options is determined using the Black-Scholes Model with observable market data as inputs. Over-the-counter option contracts, for which the credit risks are determined not to be significant to fair value, have been classified as Level 2.

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 2017 and 2016.

7. Financial Instruments by Category

The following tables present the carrying amounts of the Fund's financial instruments by category as at December 31, 2017 and 2016.

As at December 31, 2017	Financial Instruments at FVTPL Designated at Inception	Financial Instruments at FVTPL Held for Trading	Financial Instruments at Amortized Cost	Total
Assets				
Non-derivative financial assets	$ 16,587,847	$ –	$ –	$ 16,587,847
Derivative assets	–	70,437	–	70,437
Dividends receivable	–	–	49,339	49,339
Due from brokers - investments	–	–	39,395	39,395
Cash	–	–	446,800	446,800
	$ 16,587,847	$ 70,437	$ 535,534	$ 17,193,818
Liabilities				
Redemptions payable	$ –	$ –	$ 67,985	$ 67,985
Accrued liabilities	–	–	45,278	45,278
Accrued management fees	–	–	15,637	15,637
Units	–	–	17,064,918	17,064,918
	$ –	$ –	$ 17,193,818	$ 17,193,818

As at December 31, 2016	Financial Instruments at FVTPL Designated at Inception	Financial Instruments at FVTPL Held for Trading	Financial Instruments at Amortized Cost	Total
Assets				
Non-derivative financial assets	$ 16,845,362	$ –	$ –	$ 16,845,362
Dividends receivable	–	–	54,476	54,476
Cash	–	–	449,979	449,979
	$ 16,845,362	$ –	$ 504,455	$ 17,349,817
Liabilities				
Redemptions payable	$ –	$ –	$ 254,586	$ 254,586
Accrued liabilities	–	–	45,389	45,389
Accrued management fees	–	–	16,136	16,136
Units	–	–	17,033,706	17,033,706
	$ –	$ –	$ 17,349,817	$ 17,349,817

The following table presents the net gain on financial instruments at FVTPL by category for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016.

	Dec. 31, 2017	Dec. 31, 2016
Net Realized Gain on Financial Instruments at FVTPL		
Designated at Inception	$ 1,402,481	$ 43,805
Held for Trading	123,827	209,045
	1,526,308	252,850
Net Change in Unrealized Gain/Loss on Financial Instruments at FVTPL		
Designated at Inception	(311,097)	1,978,664
Held for Trading	(7,223)	–
	(318,320)	1,978,664
Net Gain on Financial Instruments at FVTPL	$ 1,207,988	$ 2,231,514

8. Units

The Fund is authorized to issue an unlimited number of transferable, redeemable trust units of one class, each of which represents an equal, undivided interest in the net assets of the Fund.

The Fund will endeavour to make quarterly cash distributions to unitholders of 7.5 percent per annum on the Fund's net asset value. Unitholders may elect to reinvest distributions received from the Fund in additional units.

For the year ended December 31, 2017, cash distributions paid to unitholders were $1,262,143 (2016 - $1,208,230) representing a payment of $0.76 (2016 - $0.72) per unit.

During the year ended December 31, 2017, 6,600 (2016 - 24,860) units were redeemed with a total retraction value of $67,985 (2016 - $254,586).

During the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, unit transactions are as follows:

	Dec. 31, 2017	Dec. 31, 2016
Units outstanding, beginning of year	1,663,319	1,688,179
Units redeemed	(6,600)	(24,860)
Units outstanding, end of year	1,656,719	1,663,319

9. Related Party Transactions

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial or operational decisions.

(a) Management Fees

Strathbridge, as Manager under the terms of the Trust Agreement and as Investment Manager under terms of the Investment Management

Agreement, receives fees payable at annual rates of 0.10 percent and 1.00 percent respectively of the Fund's net asset value, calculated and payable monthly, plus applicable taxes. The Fund is responsible for all ongoing custodian, manager, legal, accounting and audit fees as well as all other expenses incurred by the Custodian and Manager in the ordinary course of business relating to the Fund's operations. Total management fees for the year ended December 31, 2017 were $184,896 (2016 - $176,131) of which $15,637 (2016 - $16,136) was unpaid at year-end.

(b) Advisory Board Fees

Total advisory board fees paid to the external members of the Board of Advisors for the year ended December 31, 2017 were $19,500 (2016 - $19,500).

(c) Independent Review Committee Fees

Total remuneration paid to the external members of the Independent Review Committee for the year ended December 31, 2017 were $7,500 (2016 - $6,898).

(d) Investment in other Strathbridge Funds

The Fund may invest in units of other funds managed by the Manager. The Fund's ownership interest in Premium Income Corporation - Class A was 0.5 percent as at December 31, 2017 (2016 - nil).

10. Brokerage Commissions and Soft Dollars

The Manager may select brokerages who charge a commission in soft dollars if they determine in good faith that the commission is reasonable in relation to the order execution and research services utilized. The ascertainable soft dollar value received as a percentage of total transaction fees paid during the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 is disclosed below:

	Dec. 31, 2017	Dec. 31, 2016
Soft Dollars	$ 11,371	$ 12,198
Percentage of Total Transaction Fees	56.0%	51.2%

11. Increase in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Units per Unit

The increase in net assets attributable to holders of units per unit for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 is calculated as follows:

	Dec. 31, 2017	Dec. 31, 2016
Increase in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Units	$ 1,361,340	$ 2,414,075
Weighted Average Number of Units Outstanding during the Year	1,663,301	1,688,111
Increase in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Units per Unit	$ 0.8185	$ 1.4300

12. Income Taxes

No amount is payable on account of income taxes in 2017 or 2016.

Accumulated capital losses of approximately $72.1 million (2016 - $73.7 million) are available for utilization against net investment income and realized gains on sale of investments, respectively, in future years. The capital losses can be carried forward indefinitely.

13. Future Accounting Policy Changes

IFRS 9 Financial Instruments ("IFRS 9") issued in July 2014, replaces the existing guidance in IAS 39. It includes revised guidance on classification and measurement of financial instruments, a new expected credit loss model for calculating impairment on financial assets and new general hedge accounting requirements. It also carries forward the guidance on recognition and derecognition of financial instruments from IAS 39. It is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018. The Fund plans to adopt the new standard the date it becomes effective.

Classification and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

Under IFRS 9, classification and measurement of financial assets will be driven by the Fund's business model for managing them and their contractual cash flows. Classification and measurement categories under IFRS 9 are amortized cost, fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI") and fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL").

IFRS 9 largely retains the existing requirements for classification and measurement of financial liabilities. However, unlike IAS 39 where all fair value changes of liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss are recognized in profit or loss, under IFRS 9, fair value changes related to changes in the issuer's own credit risk will be presented in other comprehensive income.

Based on the Fund's initial assessment, IFRS 9 is not expected to have a material impact on classification and measurement of financial instruments, since the Fund makes decisions based on the assets' fair values and manages the assets to realize those fair values. As such the majority of the Fund's financial assets will continue to be measured at FVTPL. In addition, derivatives will continue to be measured at FVTPL.

Impairment of Financial Assets

IFRS 9 also introduces the expected credit loss ("ECL") model for impairment of financial assets measured at amortized cost and debt instruments measured at FVOCI. The ECL impairment model will not have a material impact to the Fund's financial assets given that the majority of the Fund's financial assets will continue to be measured at FVTPL.

Hedge Accounting

The Fund does not apply hedge accounting, therefore, IFRS 9 hedge accounting related changes do not have an impact on the Fund's financial statements.

Based on the Fund's initial assessment, IFRS 9 is not expected to have a material impact to the Fund's financial statements.

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