

Annual Report 2012

**World Financial Split Corp.**



## Letter to Shareholders

We are pleased to present the 2012 annual report containing the management report of fund performance and the audited financial statements for World Financial Split Corp.

During the 2012 fiscal year, the Fund paid cash distributions of \$0.53 per Preferred share though no distributions were paid on the Class A shares in accordance with the terms of the prospectus as the net asset value per Unit was less than \$15.00. The annual total return of the Fund, including reinvestment of distributions, was 16.7 percent. The net asset value (“NAV”) increased from \$9.93 per Unit at December 31, 2011 to \$11.02 per Unit at December 31, 2012. The growth in NAV during the year was enhanced by the Strathbridge Selective Overwriting strategy (see “The Fund”) which generated a net realized gain on options of \$0.14 per Unit. 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 shareholders for their continued support and encourage shareholders to review the more detailed information contained within the annual report.



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

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## The Fund

The Fund is a split share corporation designed to provide Preferred shareholders with fixed cumulative preferential quarterly distributions and the Class A shareholders with attractive quarterly distributions and the return of the original issue price of each class on the termination date of the Fund. The shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the ticker symbols WFS.PR.A for the Preferred shares and WFS for the Class A shares. A Unit of the Fund consists of one Preferred share and one Class A share. To accomplish its objectives the Fund invests in a portfolio which includes common equity securities selected from the ten largest financial services companies by market capitalization in each of Canada, the United States and the Rest of the World.

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

This annual management report of fund performance contains the financial highlights for the year ended December 31, 2012 of World Financial Split Corp. (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, Standard Life Centre, P.O. Box 113, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 3T9, 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.

## Investment Objectives and Strategies

The Fund's investment objectives are to:

- (1) provide holders of Preferred shares with fixed cumulative preferential quarterly cash distributions in the amount of \$0.131250 per Preferred share representing a yield on the issue price of the Preferred shares of 5.25 percent per annum,
- (2) provide holders of Class A shares with regular quarterly cash distributions targeted to be 8.0 percent per annum, and
- (3) return the original issue price to holders of both Preferred shares and Class A shares at the time of redemption of such shares on the termination date.

The Fund suspended payment of distributions to holders of Class A shares effective December 2008 in accordance with terms of the prospectus which states: "No distribution will be paid to the Class A shares if: (i) the distributions payable on the Preferred shares are in arrears; or (ii) after the payment of the distribution by the Fund, the net asset value per unit would be less than \$15.00".

The Fund invests in a portfolio (the "Portfolio") which includes common equity securities selected from the ten largest Financial Services companies by market capitalization in each of Canada, the United States and the Rest of the World (the "Portfolio Universe"). In addition, the issuers of the securities in the Fund's Portfolio, other than those of Canadian issuers, must have a minimum local currency issuer credit rating of "A" from Standard & Poor's Rating Services or a comparable rating from an equivalent rating agency.

In addition, up to 20 percent of the net asset value of the Fund may be invested in common equity securities of Financial Services companies that are not in the Portfolio Universe as long as such companies have a market capitalization at the time of investment of at least US\$10.0 billion and for non-Canadian issuers, a minimum local currency issuer credit rating of "A" from Standard & Poor's Rating Services or a comparable rating from an equivalent rating agency.

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.

## Risk

Risks associated with an investment in the securities of the Fund are discussed in the Fund's 2012 annual information form, which is available on the Fund's website at [www.strathbridge.com](http://www.strathbridge.com) or on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://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, 2012, cash distributions of \$0.53 per Preferred share were paid to Preferred shareholders which were unchanged from the prior year. Distributions to Class A shareholders remained suspended in accordance with the terms of the prospectus which states: "No distribution will be paid to the Class A shares if (i) the distributions payable on the Preferred shares are in arrears; or (ii) after the payment of the distribution by the Fund, the net asset value per unit would be less than \$15.00".

Since the inception of the Fund in February 2004, the Fund has paid total cash distributions of \$4.66 per Preferred share and \$5.54 per Class A share.

### Revenue and Expenses

The Fund's total revenue was \$0.30 per Unit for the year ended December 31, 2012, down \$0.03 per Unit compared to 2011, due to lower dividend income and a gain on foreign exchange translation of short-term investments in the prior year. Total expenses in 2012 were \$0.25 per Unit, down from \$0.27 per Unit in 2011 which included a one-time expenditure of \$0.02 per Unit associated with the special resolution regarding the term extension of the Fund. The Fund had a net realized and unrealized gain of \$1.46 per Unit in 2012 as compared to a net realized and unrealized loss of \$1.45 per Unit a year ago.

## Net Asset Value

The net asset value per Unit of the Fund increased 11.0 percent from \$9.93 per Unit at December 31, 2011 to \$11.02 per Unit at December 31, 2012, mainly attributable to an increase in net assets from operations, partially offset by cash distributions to Preferred shareholders. However, as a result of the Unit redemptions totalling \$7.3 million during the year, the aggregate net asset value of the Fund decreased \$4.0 million from \$35.2 million at December 31, 2011 to \$31.2 million at December 31, 2012.

For the year ended December 31, 2012, the annual total return of the Fund was 16.7 percent primarily reflecting a broad-based recovery of the Global Financial Services industry. During the same period, the MSCI World/Finance Index (the "Financials Index") total return in Canadian dollar terms was 27.3 percent. As a result of the Fund being limited to a specific universe of stocks and utilizing a covered call writing strategy to generate income, comparison with a market index may not be appropriate. The Financials Index is calculated without the deduction of management fees and fund expenses, whereas the performance of the Fund is calculated after deducting such fees and expenses.

## Recent Developments

There were no recent developments pertaining to the Fund during the year.

## Future Accounting Policy Changes

Strathbridge Asset Management Inc., as the Manager of the Fund, has developed a changeover plan to meet the timetable published by the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants ("CICA") for changeover to International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

The changeover plan was prepared to address the requirements and includes disclosures of the qualitative and quantitative impact, if any, of the changeover to IFRS in the 2012 financial statements and the preparation of the 2013 financial statements in accordance with IFRS with comparatives. In January 2011, the Canadian Accounting Standards Board ("AcSB") approved a two year deferral from IFRS adoption for investment companies applying Accounting Guideline 18 - Investment Companies ("AcG-18"). Subsequently, in December 2011, AcSB extended the deferral for another year to January 1, 2014. As a result, the Fund will adopt IFRS for its fiscal period beginning January 1, 2014 and will issue its first annual financial statements in accordance with IFRS, with comparative information, for the year ending December 31, 2014.

As at December 31, 2012, some anticipated changes to financial reporting include:

- Compliance with the full body of IFRS without industry specific exemptions. Unlike Canadian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("Canadian GAAP") where investment fund accounting was based upon guidance in AcG-18,
- Changes to the presentation of shareholder equity to consider puttable instruments,
- Presentation of comparative information, and
- Additional financial statement note disclosures on the recognition and classification of financial instruments.

Based on the Manager's current understanding and analysis of IFRS as compared to the accounting policies under Canadian GAAP, the Manager does not anticipate that the transition to IFRS will have a material impact on the Fund's net assets per share, nor systems and processes, and it is expected that it will mainly result in additional note disclosure in the financial statements.

## Related Party Transactions

On October 3, 2011, Mulvihill Capital Management Inc. ("MCM"), the Manager and Investment Manager of the Fund, announced a name change to Strathbridge Asset Management Inc. ("Strathbridge").

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 MCM dated January 27, 2004 and amended as of November 6, 2009.

Strathbridge is the Manager of the Fund pursuant to a Management Agreement made between the Fund and MCM dated January 27, 2004. 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.

The net assets per Unit presented in the financial statements differs from the net asset value per Unit calculated weekly, primarily as a result of investments being valued at bid prices for financial statements purposes and at closing prices for weekly net asset value purposes.

Years ended December 31	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
<b>THE FUND'S NET ASSETS PER UNIT</b>					
<b>Net Assets, beginning of year (based on bid prices)<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 9.92</b>	<b>\$ 11.57</b>	<b>\$ 13.10</b>	<b>\$ 12.47</b>	<b>\$ 19.48</b>
INCREASE (DECREASE) FROM OPERATIONS					
Total revenue	0.30	0.33	0.26	0.11	0.81
Total expenses	(0.25)	(0.27)	(0.25)	(0.24)	(0.26)
Realized gain (loss) for the period	(0.66)	(0.41)	(1.65)	(3.29)	(5.97)
Unrealized gain (loss) for the period	2.12	(1.04)	0.35	4.35	(0.18)
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>1.51</b>	<b>(1.39)</b>	<b>(1.29)</b>	<b>0.93</b>	<b>(5.60)</b>
DISTRIBUTIONS					
<b>Class A Share</b>					
Non-taxable distributions	—	—	—	—	(0.90)
<b>Total Class A Share Distributions</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(0.90)</b>
<b>Preferred Share</b>					
From net investment income	—	—	—	—	(0.25)
Non-taxable distributions	(0.53)	(0.53)	(0.53)	(0.53)	(0.28)
<b>Total Preferred Share Distributions</b>	<b>(0.53)</b>	<b>(0.53)</b>	<b>(0.53)</b>	<b>(0.53)</b>	<b>(0.53)</b>
<b>Total Distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>(0.53)</b>	<b>(0.53)</b>	<b>(0.53)</b>	<b>(0.53)</b>	<b>(1.43)</b>
<b>Net Assets, as at December 31 (based on bid prices)<sup>(1)(4)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 11.02</b>	<b>\$ 9.92</b>	<b>\$ 11.57</b>	<b>\$ 13.10</b>	<b>\$ 12.47</b>

(1) Net Assets per Unit is the difference between the aggregate value of the assets including the valuation of securities at bid prices and the aggregate value of the liabilities, excluding the Redeemable Preferred Share liability, 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), net of withholding tax and foreign exchange gain (loss), less expenses, excluding Preferred share distributions, 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 shareholders are based on the number of shares outstanding on the record date for each distribution and were paid in cash.

(4) Net Assets per Unit has been adjusted for the consolidation of the Class A shares effective the opening of trading on July 4, 2011. Each shareholder received 0.562426082 new Class A shares for each Class A share held. The total value of a shareholder's investment did not change; however, the number of Class A shares reflected in the shareholder's account declined and the Net Assets per Class A share increased proportionately. (See Note 3 to the Financial Statements).

Years ended December 31	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
<b>RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA</b>					
Net Asset Value, excluding the Redeemable Preferred Share liability (millions) <sup>(1)</sup>					
	\$ 31.17	\$ 35.23	\$ 76.62	\$ 107.26	\$ 147.77
Net Asset Value (\$millions) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 2.90	\$ —	\$ 10.41	\$ 25.44	\$ 29.41
Number of Units outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	2,827,248	3,548,506	6,621,726	8,181,810	11,835,359
Management expense ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	1.88%	2.21%	1.89%	1.59%	1.43%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(3)</sup>	253.71%	272.71%	190.63%	148.58%	61.65%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(4)</sup>	0.46%	0.50%	0.39%	0.41%	0.17%
Net Asset Value per Unit <sup>(5)(6)</sup>	\$ 11.02	\$ 9.93	\$ 11.57	\$ 13.11	\$ 12.48
Closing market price - Class A	\$ 1.24	\$ 0.75	\$ 1.36	\$ 3.07	\$ 1.49
Closing market price - Preferred	\$ 9.10	\$ 8.35	\$ 9.80	\$ 9.73	\$ 8.99

(1) This information is provided as at December 31. One Unit consists of one Class A share and one Preferred share.

(2) The management expense ratio ("MER") is the sum of all fees and expenses for the stated period, including federal and provincial sales taxes and capital tax but excluding transaction fees, income taxes and Preferred share distributions, divided by the average net asset value, excluding the Redeemable Preferred Share liability. The MER for 2011 includes warrant exercise fees and special resolution expense. The MER for 2011 excluding warrant exercise fees and special resolution expense is 1.68%. The MER for 2010 and 2009 includes the warrant offering costs and warrant exercise fees. The MER for 2010 and 2009 excluding warrant offering costs and warrant exercise fees is 1.51% and 1.45% respectively. The MER, including Preferred share distributions, is 6.87%, 6.87%, 6.14%, 5.78% and 4.64% or 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009 and 2008 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, excluding the Redeemable Preferred share liability, divided by the number of Units then outstanding.

(6) Net Asset Value per Unit has been adjusted for the consolidation of the Class A shares effective the opening of trading on July 4, 2011. Each shareholder received 0.562426082 new Class A shares for each Class A share held. The total value of a shareholder's investment did not change; however, the number of Class A shares reflected in the shareholder's account declined and the Net Asset Value per Class A share increased proportionately. (See Note 3 to the Financial Statements).

### 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 Management 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 Management Agreement include providing or arranging for required administrative services to the Fund.

### Past Performance

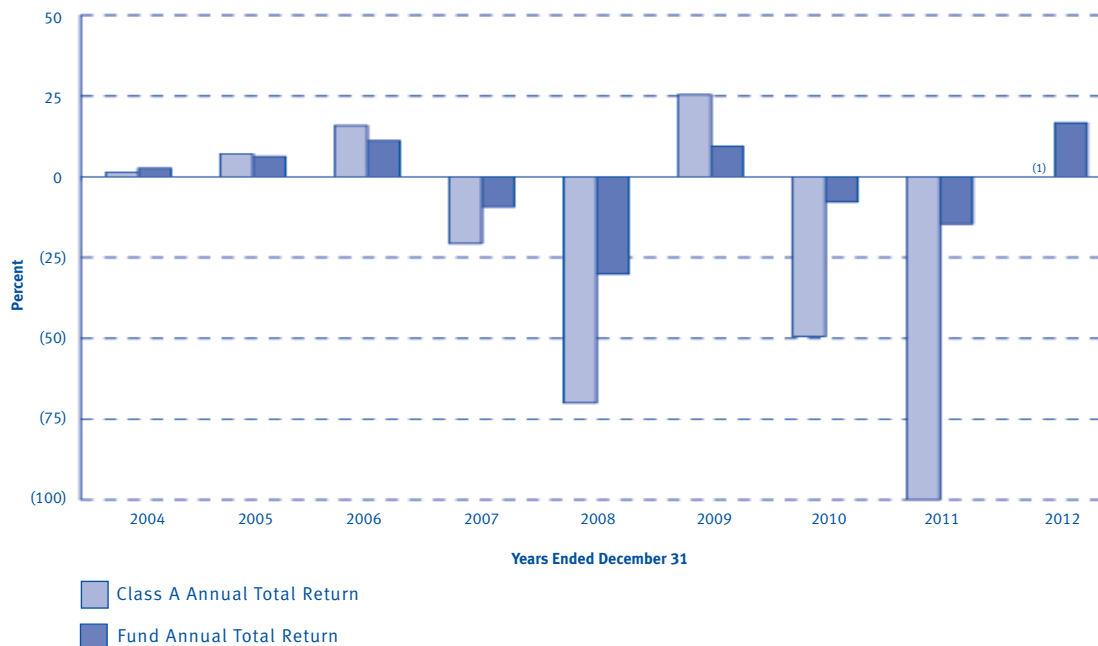
The following chart sets out the Fund’s year-by-year past performance. It is important to note that the:

- (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 annual total return varied from year to year for each of the past nine years. The chart also shows, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on January 1 in each year or the date of inception in 2004 would have increased or decreased by the end of the fiscal year.

#### Annual Total Return



(1) The Class A total return was infinite as the net asset value per Class A share increased from nil at December 31, 2011 to \$1.02 at December 31, 2012.

## Annual Compound Returns

The following table shows the Fund's historical annual compound return (net of expenses) for the periods ended December 31, 2012 as compared to the performance of the MSCI World/Finance Index.

(In Canadian Dollars)	One Year	Three Years	Five Years	Since Inception <sup>(1)</sup>
World Financial Split Corp.	<b>16.70 %</b>	(2.71)%	(6.73)%	(2.81)%
World Financial Split Corp. - Class A	∞ % <sup>(2)</sup>	(42.35)%	(40.86)%	(25.62)%
World Financial Split Corp. - Preferred Share	<b>6.11 %</b>	5.36 %	5.36 %	5.35 %
MSCI World/Finance Index <sup>(3)</sup>	<b>27.26 %</b>	2.21 %	(7.09)%	(3.44)%

(1) From date of inception on February 17, 2004.

(2) The Class A return was infinite as the net asset value per Class A share increased from nil at December 31, 2011 to \$1.02 at December 31, 2012.

(3) The MSCI World/Finance Index is a capitalization-weighted index that monitors the performance of financial stocks from around the world.

The equity performance benchmark shown here provides 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

The Canadian economy grew at a relatively modest pace in 2012 as compared to the prior year in the face of some headwinds. The European sovereign debt crisis, declining growth in China, hurricane Sandy and the Fiscal Cliff budgetary problems all led to concerns of a further slowdown in global growth. Full year Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in Canada expanded 1.8 percent, which is the smallest growth since the economic downturn in 2009. Unemployment in Canada improved, ending the year at 7.1 percent down from 7.5 percent a year ago. The housing market initially looked firm but softened after tighter mortgage rules were introduced in July 2012. Small signs of economic improvement were not enough to stimulate change to the easy monetary policy at the Bank of Canada. The key lending rate has remained unchanged at 1.0 percent since September 2010. The Canadian dollar maintained its position above the U.S. dollar for much of 2012 but closed the year below par.

The year 2012 was dominated by coverage of the pending U.S. presidential election, even in Canada. U.S. growth was weak in the first half of the year but picked up in the third quarter and beat consensus estimates. The Federal Reserve extended Operation Twist in June 2012 which morphed into quantitative easing by the end of the year with an intention to stay the course as long as the unemployment rate was above 6.5 percent. European sovereign debt concerns came to the forefront in the middle of the year and it took an implicit guarantee from the President of the European Central Bank, Mario Draghi, to gradually stabilize the Global financial markets. Continued easy monetary policy from central banks helped buoy markets into the year end.

The total return for the MSCI World/Finance Index in Canadian dollars was 27.3 percent as Financials strongly outperformed Global equities in 2012. The three regions of investment of the Fund, Canada, United States and International, produced strong total returns in Canadian dollar terms for the period. In Canada, the S&P/TSX Capped Financials Index total return was 17.1 percent, in the United States, the S&P 500 Financials Index total return was 28.9 percent, while the International MSCI EAFE Financials Index total return was 33.6 percent. In general, these returns are reflective of the improved environment for many Financial Services companies as most major global central banks continue to provide monetary stimulus and liquidity to the financial system. Credit risks associated with the European sovereign debt crisis have also declined since August as the European Central Bank indicated they would implement a bond buying program designed to lower costs. The annual total return of the Fund, including reinvestment of distributions, for the year ended December 31, 2012 was 16.7 percent. The Fund underperformed the MSCI World/Finance Index due to underweight positions in Bank of America Corporation and American International Group, Inc. for most of 2012 as well as an underweight position in the International Financials sector until September.

Volatility levels for Global Financial Services companies traded at the low end of the range established over the past few years since the global financial crisis. The covered call writing activity was opportunistic over the period and took advantage of signals generated by the Strathbridge Selective Overwriting ("SSO") strategy. The Fund ended 2012 with approximately 4 percent of the portfolio subject to covered calls. The Fund also opportunistically purchased some protective puts on individual holdings as well as the iShares S&P/TSX Capped Financials Index Fund and The Financial Select Sector SPDR Fund during the year due to concerns of European sovereign default risk rising again as well as concerns about the global economic recovery. For 2012, the net realized gain on options attributable to the SSO strategy was \$0.14 per unit.

During the course of the year, the Fund had varying exposures to the U.S. dollar due to the investments in U.S. Financial Services equities along with International Financial Services equities through the ADR market. The U.S. dollar exposure varied over the first six months of 2012 with only 41 percent hedged at the end of the second quarter but increased through the remainder of the year and ended 2012 being 100 percent hedged.



The Fund ended 2012 with a regional asset mix of 26 percent invested in Canada, 33 percent in United States and 41 percent in International. This asset mix changed from the end of the previous year, when the Fund ended 2011 with a regional asset mix of 34 percent invested in Canada, 37 percent in United States and 29 percent in International. Although the Fund had varying exposures to the regions over the course of the year, it ended 2012 with the highest allocation to International Financials primarily due to attractive valuations.

The Global Financial Services companies demonstrated improved fundamentals and profitability in 2012 as Global equity markets were stronger and interest rates continued to remain at record lows. The Global economy is expected to continue to improve in 2013 on the back of better economic numbers out of the United States and China. However, volatility and uncertainty will remain with U.S. debt ceiling talks and continued European sovereign debt concerns. The valuations of companies in the portfolio trade at attractive levels when measured by price to earnings ratios and current dividend yields, which should continue to act as a major support for share prices. With continued improvement in the global economy, more Global Financial Services companies are likely to start returning capital to shareholders in the form of increased dividends and share repurchases and also start to look to make acquisitions in order to improve their return on capital.

### 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

December 31, 2012

	% OF NET ASSET VALUE*
International	40 %
United States	32 %
Canada	26 %
Cash	4 %
Other Assets (Liabilities)	(2)%
	100 %

\*The Net Asset Value excludes the Redeemable Preferred Share liability.

### Top 25 Holdings

December 31, 2012

	% OF NET ASSET VALUE*		% OF NET ASSET VALUE*
Bank of America Corporation	6 %	Lloyds Banking Group PLC ADR	4 %
Citigroup Inc.	6 %	JPMorgan Chase & Co.	3 %
Sun Life Financial Inc.	5 %	The Bank of Nova Scotia	3 %
HSBC Holdings PLC ADR	5 %	Barclays PLC ADR	3 %
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	5 %	Royal Bank of Canada	3 %
UBS ADR	5 %	American International Group, Inc.	3 %
Manulife Financial Corporation	5 %	BlackRock, Inc.	3 %
Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria S.A. ADR	4 %	China Life Insurance Company Limited ADR	2 %
Deutsche Bank ADR	4 %	ING Groep N.V. ADR	2 %
The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.	4 %	Morgan Stanley	2 %
Cash	4 %	Prudential PLC ADR	2 %
Westpac Banking Corporation ADR	4 %	Berkshire Hathaway Inc.	2 %
The Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC ADR	4 %		

\*The Net Asset Value excludes the Redeemable Preferred Share liability.

### 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 World Financial Split Corp. (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 Directors (the "Board").

The financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles 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 5 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 Audit Committee 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 Audit Committee and the Board.



John P. Mulvihill  
Director  
Strathbridge Asset Management Inc.  
March 5, 2013



John D. Germain  
Director  
Strathbridge Asset Management Inc.

## To the Shareholders of World Financial Split Corp.

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of World Financial Split Corp., which comprise the statement of investments as at December 31, 2012, the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the statements of operations and deficit, changes in net assets and 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 Canadian generally accepted accounting principles, 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 World Financial Split Corp. as at December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the results of its operation, its changes in net assets, and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

*Deloitte LLP*

Chartered Professional Accountants  
Chartered Accountants  
Licensed Public Accountants  
March 5, 2013  
Toronto, Ontario



## Statements of Financial Position

As at December 31

	2012	2011
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Investments at fair value (cost - \$26,781,313; 2011 - \$37,418,784)	\$ 30,287,114	\$ 34,129,492
Short-term investments at fair value (cost - nil; 2011 - \$349,132)	-	349,132
Cash	1,265,373	642,081
Dividends receivable	110,017	148,486
Accrued interest	-	697
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 31,662,504</b>	<b>\$ 35,269,888</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Due to brokers - investments	\$ 420,417	\$ -
Accrued liabilities	56,484	40,079
Accrued management fees	29,073	32,948
Redeemable Preferred shares (Note 8)	28,272,480	35,196,861
	<b>28,778,454</b>	<b>35,269,888</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Class A and Class J shares (Note 8)	55,459,832	69,608,166
Deficit	(52,575,782)	(69,608,166)
	<b>2,884,050</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 31,662,504</b>	<b>\$ 35,269,888</b>
<b>Number of Units Outstanding (Note 8)</b>	<b>2,827,248</b>	<b>3,548,506</b>
<b>Net Assets per Unit</b>		
Preferred Share (Notes 6 and 8)	\$ 10.0000	\$ 9.9188
Class A Share	1.0201	-
<b>Net Assets per Unit (Note 7)</b>	<b>\$ 11.0201</b>	<b>\$ 9.9188</b>

On behalf of the Board of Directors,



John P. Mulvihill, Director



Robert W. Korthals, Director

## Statements of Operations and Deficit

Years ended December 31

	2012	2011
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Dividends	\$ 1,026,117	\$ 1,831,943
Interest, net of foreign exchange	3,141	48,839
Withholding taxes	(49,392)	(63,092)
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>979,866</b>	<b>1,817,690</b>
<b>EXPENSES (Note 9)</b>		
Management fees	367,255	665,891
Service fees	5,809	16,309
Administrative and other expenses	78,650	94,236
Transaction fees (Note 11)	156,122	303,250
Custodian fees	49,223	54,828
Audit fees	34,334	34,240
Director fees	19,946	20,575
Independent review committee fees	7,976	8,731
Legal fees	3,019	3,393
Shareholder reporting costs	20,240	37,161
Harmonized sales tax	46,570	82,263
<b>Subtotal Expenses</b>	<b>789,144</b>	<b>1,320,877</b>
Special resolution expense (Note 9)	-	129,809
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>789,144</b>	<b>1,450,686</b>
<b>Net Investment Income before Distributions</b>	<b>190,722</b>	<b>367,004</b>
Preferred share distributions	(1,674,078)	(2,825,779)
<b>Net Investment Loss</b>	<b>(1,483,356)</b>	<b>(2,458,775)</b>
Net realized loss on investments	(2,988,130)	(6,808,757)
Net realized gain on derivatives	876,237	4,591,766
<b>Net Loss on Sale of Investments</b>	<b>(2,111,893)</b>	<b>(2,216,991)</b>
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation of investments	6,795,093	(5,672,354)
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation of short-term investments	11,077	(8,357)
<b>Net Gain (Loss) on Investments</b>	<b>4,694,277</b>	<b>(7,897,702)</b>
<b>Reduction/(Recovery) in Value of Redeemable Preferred Shares (Note 6)</b>	<b>(229,621)</b>	<b>288,199</b>
<b>Net Allocations on Retractions of Redeemable Preferred Shares (Note 8)</b>	<b>(57,345)</b>	<b>919</b>
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 2,923,955</b>	<b>\$ (10,067,359)</b>
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS) PER CLASS A SHARE</b>		
(based on the weighted average number of Class A shares outstanding during the year of 3,216,858; 2011 - 5,466,029)	\$ 0.9089	\$ (1.8418)
<b>DEFICIT</b>		
Balance, beginning of year	\$ (69,608,166)	\$ (73,668,065)
Net allocations on retractions of Class A shares (Note 8)	14,108,429	14,127,258
Net income (loss) for the year	2,923,955	(10,067,359)
<b>BALANCE, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ (52,575,782)</b>	<b>\$ (69,608,166)</b>

## Statements of Changes in Net Assets

Years ended December 31

	2012	2011
NET ASSETS - CLASS A AND J SHARES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ -	\$ 10,367,747
<b>Net Investment Income before Distributions</b>	<b>190,722</b>	367,004
<b>Net Gain (Loss) on Investments</b>	<b>4,694,277</b>	(7,897,702)
<b>Reduction/(Recovery) in Value of Redeemable Preferred Shares (Note 6)</b>	<b>(229,621)</b>	288,199
<b>Net Allocations on Retractions of Redeemable Preferred Shares (Note 8)</b>	<b>(57,345)</b>	919
<b>Class A Share Capital Transactions</b>		
Proceeds from issuance of Class A shares, net of warrant exercise fees	-	1,415,931
Value for Class A shares redeemed	<b>(39,905)</b>	(1,716,319)
	<b>(39,905)</b>	(300,388)
<b>Distributions</b>		
<b>Preferred Shares</b>		
Non-taxable distributions	<b>(1,674,078)</b>	(2,825,779)
<b>Changes in Net Assets during the Year</b>	<b>2,884,050</b>	(10,367,747)
NET ASSETS - CLASS A AND J SHARES, END OF YEAR	<b>\$ 2,884,050</b>	\$ -

## Statements of Cash Flows

Years ended December 31

	2012	2011
CASH AND SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 991,213	\$ 13,361,264
<b>Cash Flows Provided by (Used In) Operating Activities</b>		
<b>Net Investment Income before Distributions</b>	<b>190,722</b>	367,004
<b>Adjustments to Reconcile Net Cash Flows Provided by (Used In) Operating Activities</b>		
Purchase of investment securities	<b>(78,823,227)</b>	(152,033,247)
Proceeds from disposition of investment securities	<b>87,348,805</b>	175,539,555
(Increase)/decrease in dividends receivable, accrued interest and due from brokers - investments	<b>39,166</b>	1,389,875
Increase/(decrease) in accrued liabilities, accrued management fees and due to brokers - investments	<b>432,947</b>	(2,375,038)
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation of cash and short-term investments	<b>11,077</b>	(8,357)
	<b>9,008,768</b>	22,512,788
<b>Cash Flows Provided by (Used In) Financing Activities</b>		
Proceeds from issuance of Units, net of warrant exercise fees	-	12,652,131
Distributions to Preferred shares	<b>(1,674,078)</b>	(2,825,779)
Preferred share redemptions	<b>(7,211,347)</b>	(43,177,481)
Class A share redemptions	<b>(39,905)</b>	(1,898,714)
	<b>(8,925,330)</b>	(35,249,843)
<b>Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Short-Term Investments During the Year</b>	<b>274,160</b>	(12,370,051)
CASH AND SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS, END OF YEAR	<b>\$ 1,265,373</b>	\$ 991,213
<b>Cash and Short-Term Investments comprised of:</b>		
Cash	<b>\$ 1,265,373</b>	\$ 642,081
Short-Term Investments	-	349,132
CASH AND SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS, END OF YEAR	<b>\$ 1,265,373</b>	\$ 991,213

## Statement of Investments

As at December 31, 2012

	Number of Shares	Average Cost	Fair Value	% of Net Assets
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>				
<b>Canadian Common Shares</b>				
<b>Financials</b>				
Bank of Montreal	11,000	\$ 655,536	\$ 668,910	
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	19,000	1,457,877	1,519,430	
Great-West Lifeco Inc.	28,300	654,410	687,973	
Manulife Financial Corporation	104,000	1,245,739	1,401,920	
Royal Bank of Canada	17,050	1,027,976	1,020,101	
Sun Life Financial Inc.	61,400	1,478,671	1,617,276	
The Bank of Nova Scotia	18,200	1,013,913	1,045,044	
<b>Total Financials</b>		7,534,122	7,960,654	25.5 %
<b>Total Canadian Common Shares</b>		\$ 7,534,122	\$ 7,960,654	25.5 %
<b>Non-North American Common Shares</b>				
<b>Financials</b>				
Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria S.A. ADR	146,000	\$ 1,213,300	\$ 1,370,858	
Barclays PLC ADR	60,000	763,535	1,034,730	
China Life Insurance Company Limited ADR	15,100	664,033	746,189	
Deutsche Bank ADR	30,400	1,267,395	1,340,624	
HSBC Holdings PLC ADR	28,800	1,367,492	1,521,842	
ING Groep N.V. ADR	79,000	555,898	746,485	
Lloyds Banking Group PLC ADR	343,282	743,365	1,086,941	
Prudential PLC ADR	24,800	579,826	704,747	
The Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC ADR	106,500	850,687	1,143,132	
UBS ADR	93,100	1,191,646	1,460,018	
Westpac Banking Corporation ADR	9,200	1,050,543	1,261,391	
<b>Total Financials</b>		10,247,720	12,416,957	39.9 %
<b>Total Non-North American Common Shares</b>		\$ 10,247,720	\$ 12,416,957	39.9 %
<b>United States Common Shares</b>				
<b>Financials</b>				
American International Group, Inc.	29,000	\$ 990,897	\$ 1,019,297	
Bank of America Corporation	167,000	1,572,856	1,930,530	
Berkshire Hathaway Inc.	7,800	636,886	697,272	
BlackRock, Inc.	4,400	828,132	905,656	
Citigroup Inc.	46,300	1,478,464	1,824,671	
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	24,300	947,893	1,064,359	
Morgan Stanley	38,500	658,823	732,954	
The Allstate Corporation	17,000	697,392	679,953	
The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.	10,000	1,154,976	1,270,710	
<b>Total Financials</b>		8,966,319	10,125,402	32.5 %
<b>Total United States Common Shares</b>		\$ 8,966,319	\$ 10,125,402	32.5 %

## Statement of Investments

As at December 31, 2012

	Number of Contracts	Average Cost/ Proceeds	Fair Value	% of Net Assets
<b>Forward Exchange Contracts</b>				
Sold USD \$3,800,000, Bought CAD \$3,736,312 @ 1.01705 - January 16, 2013			\$ (48,633)	
Sold USD \$1,030,000, Bought CAD \$1,006,423 @ 1.02343 - January 16, 2013			(19,492)	
Sold USD \$1,100,000, Bought CAD \$1,073,050 @ 1.02512- January 16, 2013			(22,586)	
Bought USD \$1,200,000, Sold CAD \$1,187,520 @ 1.01051 - February 13, 2013			8,423	
Sold USD \$1,100,000, Bought CAD \$1,082,015 @ 1.01662 - February 13, 2013			(14,256)	
Sold USD \$4,800,000, Bought CAD \$4,728,000 @ 1.01523 - February 13, 2013			(55,738)	
Sold USD \$850,000, Bought CAD \$845,070 @ 1.00583 - March 6, 2013			(2,429)	
Sold USD \$5,000,000, Bought CAD \$5,019,500 @ 0.99612 - March 13, 2013			33,309	
Sold USD \$5,900,000, Bought CAD \$5,832,150 @ 1.01163 - April 17, 2013			(56,100)	
<b>Total Forward Exchange Contracts</b>			<b>\$ (177,502)</b>	<b>(0.6)%</b>
<b>Options</b>				
<b>Purchased Put Options</b> (100 shares per contract)				
The Financial Select Sector SPDR Fund - February 2013 @ \$15	1,401	\$ 101,200	\$ 2,621	0.0 %
<b>Written Covered Call Options</b> (100 shares per contract)				
Bank of Montreal - March 2013 @ \$58	(30)	(5,310)	(7,237)	
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce - March 2013 @ \$78	(42)	(10,710)	(7,295)	
Deutsche Bank ADR - January 2013 @ \$44	(152)	(19,194)	(26,486)	
<b>Total Written Covered Call Options</b>		<b>(35,214)</b>	<b>(41,018)</b>	<b>(0.1)%</b>
<b>Total Options</b>		<b>\$ 65,986</b>	<b>\$ (38,397)</b>	<b>(0.1)%</b>
Adjustment for transaction fees		(32,834)		
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b>		<b>\$ 26,781,313</b>	<b>\$ 30,287,114</b>	<b>97.2 %</b>
<b>OTHER NET ASSETS</b>			<b>869,416</b>	<b>2.8 %</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS, excluding the Redeemable Preferred Share liability</b>			<b>\$ 31,156,530</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>



## 1. Corporate Information

World Financial Split Corp. (the “Fund”) is a mutual fund corporation incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario on December 5, 2003. The Fund began operations on February 17, 2004. All shares outstanding on June 30, 2018 (the “Termination Date”) will be redeemed by the Fund on that date unless otherwise determined by a majority vote of each class of shareholders.

Strathbridge Asset Management Inc. (“Strathbridge”) is the Manager as well as the Investment Manager of the Fund. On October 3, 2011, Mulvihill Capital Management Inc. announced a name change to Strathbridge. RBC Investor Services Trust is the Custodian of the Fund.

## 2. Reorganization

On May 31, 2011, holders of Class A shares and Preferred shares approved a proposal to extend the term of the Fund for seven years beyond the scheduled termination date of June 30, 2011. As part of the extension of the Fund, the Fund also made other changes including: (i) automatically extending the Fund for successive seven year terms after June 30, 2018 and allowing shareholders to retract their Class A shares or Preferred shares at net asset value (“NAV”) prior to any such additional extension; (ii) allowing the Fund to calculate a diluted NAV per Unit (a “Unit” being considered to consist of one Class A share and one Preferred share) and calculating and paying retraction prices in respect of the Class A shares and Preferred shares based on the diluted NAV per Unit if warrants of the Fund are outstanding; and (iii) changing the monthly retraction prices for the Class A shares and the Preferred shares so that they are calculated by reference to market price in addition to NAV and changing the notice period as well as payment period for the exercise of such rights and the payment of the retraction amount relating thereto.

## 3. Class A Share Consolidation

On June 24, 2011, the Fund announced a Class A share consolidation ratio of 0.562426082 new Class A shares for each Class A share held, effective the opening of trading on July 4, 2011. The total value of a shareholder’s investment did not change; however, the number of Class A shares reflected in the shareholder’s account declined and the NAV per share increased proportionately.

## 4. Investment Objectives of the Fund

The Fund’s investment objectives are to:

- (i) provide holders of Preferred shares with fixed cumulative preferential quarterly cash distributions in the amount of \$0.131250 per Preferred share representing a yield on the issue price of the Preferred shares of 5.25 percent per annum,
- (ii) to provide holders of Class A shares with regular quarterly cash distributions targeted to be 8.0 percent per annum, and
- (iii) return the original issue price to holders of both Preferred shares and Class A shares at the time of redemption of such shares on the termination date.

The Fund invests in a portfolio (the “Portfolio”) which includes common equity securities selected from the ten largest Financial Services companies by market capitalization in each of Canada, the United States and the Rest of the World (the “Portfolio Universe”). In addition, the issuers of the securities in the Fund’s Portfolio, other than those of Canadian issuers, must have a minimum local currency issuer credit

rating of “A” from Standard & Poor’s Rating Services or a comparable rating from an equivalent rating agency.

In addition, up to 20 percent of the NAV of the Fund may be invested in common equity securities of Financial Services companies that are not in the Portfolio Universe as long as such companies have a market capitalization at the time of investment of at least U.S. \$10.0 billion and for non-Canadian issuers, a minimum local currency issuer credit rating of “A” from Standard & Poor’s Rating Services or a comparable rating from an equivalent rating agency.

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.

Foreign exchange forward contracts may be used to hedge the Fund’s exposure to potential fluctuations in foreign exchange. The hedging strategy can include the hedging of all or a portion of the currency exposure of an existing investment or group of investments and will vary based upon the Manager’s assessment of market conditions. There can be no assurance that the use of foreign exchange forward contracts will be effective. Losses may arise due to changes in the value of the foreign currency or if the counterparty does not perform under the contract.

## 5. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles (“Canadian GAAP”), which include estimates and assumptions made by management that may affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses during the reported periods. Primary estimates include valuation of investments. While management believes that the estimates used in preparing its financial statements are reasonable and prudent, actual results could differ from these estimates.

### Financial Instruments – Disclosures

The Fund uses a three-tier hierarchy as a framework for disclosing fair value based on inputs used to value the Fund’s investments. See additional note disclosures in Note 13.

The significant accounting policies of the Fund are as follows:

### Valuation of Investments

Investments are recorded in the financial statements at their fair value which is determined by the closing bid price for long positions and by the closing ask price for short positions from the recognized stock exchange on which the securities are listed or principally traded. If no bid or ask prices are available, the securities are valued at the closing sale price or the Manager may estimate fair value using appropriate and accepted industry valuation techniques including valuation models. The fair value of an investment, determined using valuation models, requires the use of inputs and assumptions based on observable market data including volatility and other applicable rates or prices. In limited circumstances, the fair value of a security may be determined

using valuation techniques that are not supported by observable market data. Over-the-counter options are valued using the Black-Scholes valuation model.

Short-term investments are included in the Statement of Investments at their cost. This value together with accrued interest approximates fair value at bid price.

The value of a forward exchange contract shall be the gain or loss that would be realized if, on the valuation date, the position in the forward exchange contract, as the case may be, was to be closed out.

### Transaction Fees

Transaction fees have been expensed as incurred and included in the transaction fees line in the Statement of Operations and Deficit. Transaction fees are costs that are directly attributable to portfolio transactions which include fees and commissions paid to brokers and dealers.

### Investment Transactions and Income

Investment transactions are accounted for on a trade date basis. Realized gains and losses on the sale of investments and change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation of investments are determined on an average cost basis. 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 related to options are included in net realized gain (loss) on sale of derivatives.

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 appreciation/depreciation of investments. 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 recorded daily as it is earned.

### Redeemable Preferred Shares

Each Redeemable Preferred share is valued for financial statement purposes at the lesser of: (i) \$10.00; and (ii) the NAV of the Fund divided by the number of Preferred shares outstanding.

### Foreign Currency Translation

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Canadian dollars at the prevailing rate of exchange on each valuation date. Purchases and sales of investments, and income derived from investments, are translated at the rate of exchange prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions.

Foreign exchange gains (losses) on short-term investments are reflected as interest income (loss). Realized gains and losses relating to forward exchange contracts are included in net realized gain (loss) on derivatives. Other foreign exchange gains (losses) are recorded as net realized or unrealized gain (loss) on investments, as appropriate.

### 6. Reduction/(Recovery) in Value of Redeemable Preferred Shares

Each Redeemable Preferred share is valued for financial statement purposes at the lesser of: (i) the original redemption value of \$10.00; and (ii) the net assets of the Fund divided by the number of Redeemable Preferred shares outstanding. The net assets is equal to the difference between the aggregate value of the assets of the Fund and the aggregate value of the liabilities excluding Redeemable Preferred shares of the Fund on a particular date and including the valuation of securities at bid price. As a result, the value of the Redeemable Preferred shares was increased by \$229,621 in 2012 compared to a reduction of \$288,199 in the prior year. This reduction/(recovery) is reflected in both the carrying value of the Redeemable Preferred shares in the Statement of Financial Position and the Statement of Operations and Deficit.

### 7. Net Asset Value

The net asset value of the Fund is calculated using the fair value of investments at the close or last trade price. The net assets per Unit is calculated using the fair value of investments at the closing bid price. The net assets per Unit for financial reporting purposes and net asset value per Unit for pricing purposes will not be the same due to the use of different valuation techniques.

The difference between the net asset value per Unit for pricing purposes and the net assets per Unit reflected in the financial statements is as follows:

	2012	2011
Net Asset Value per Unit (for pricing purposes)	\$11.0249	\$ 9.9285
Difference	(0.0048)	(0.0097)
Net Assets per Unit (for financial statement purposes)	\$11.0201	\$ 9.9188

### 8. Share Capital

The Fund is authorized to issue an unlimited number of Preferred shares, Class A shares and 100 Class J shares. Together, a Preferred share and a Class A share constitute a Unit.

#### Preferred Shares

Preferred shares may be surrendered at any time for retraction, but will be retracted only on the monthly valuation date. Preferred shares whose shares are surrendered for retraction will be entitled to receive a price per share equal to 96 percent of the lesser of: (a) the difference between (i) the NAV per Unit on the applicable valuation date and (ii) the cost to the Fund of purchasing a Class A share in the market for cancellation; and (b) the lesser of (i) the sum of the Class A market price and the Preferred market price less the cost to the Fund of purchasing a Class A share in the market for cancellation and (ii) \$10.00. The cost of

the purchase of a Class A share will include the purchase price of the Class A share, commission and such other costs, if any, related to the liquidation of any portion of the Portfolio to fund the purchase of the Class A share. Preferred shares also have an annual retraction right under which a shareholder may concurrently retract one Preferred share and one Class A share on the June month-end valuation date. The price paid will be equal to the NAV per Unit. Net allocations on retractions of Preferred shares represent gains or losses on retractions where the price paid upon retraction is less than or greater than the carrying value of the retracted shares. Losses on retractions of \$57,345, as compared to gains on retractions of \$919 in the prior year, are reflected in the Statement of Operations and Deficit.

The Fund's Preferred shares have been classified as liabilities in accordance with Canadian GAAP. Accordingly, the net loss for the year is stated after Preferred share distributions.

### Class A Shares

The policy of the Board of Directors of the Fund is to pay quarterly non-cumulative distributions to the holders of Class A shares in an amount targeted to be at least 8.0 percent per annum. There can be no assurance that the Fund will be able to pay distributions to the holders of Class A shares. No distributions will be paid to Class A shares if: (i) the distributions payable on the Preferred shares are in arrears; or (ii) after the payment of the distribution by the Fund, the NAV per unit would be less than \$15.00. The Fund has continued to suspend distributions on its Class A shares as the NAV per Unit is below the \$15.00 suspension threshold.

Class A shares may be surrendered at any time for retraction, but will be retracted only on the monthly valuation date. Class A shares whose shares are surrendered for retraction will be entitled to receive a price per share equal to 96 percent of the lesser of: (a) the difference between (i) the NAV per Unit on the applicable valuation date and (ii) the cost to the Fund of purchasing a Preferred share in the market for cancellation; and (b) the difference between (i) the sum of the Class A market price and the Preferred share market price and (ii) the cost to the Fund of purchasing a Preferred share in the market for cancellation. The cost of the purchase of a Preferred share will include the purchase price of the Preferred share, commission and such other costs, if any, related to the liquidation of any portion of the Portfolio to fund the purchase of the Preferred share. If the NAV per Unit is less than \$10.00 the retraction price of a Class A share will be nil. Class A shares also have an annual retraction right under which a shareholder may concurrently retract one Preferred share and one Class A share on the June month-end valuation date. The price paid will be equal to the NAV per unit.

Net allocations on retractions of Class A shares represent gains on retractions where the price paid upon retraction is less than the carrying value of the retracted shares. In the current year, the gain was \$14,108,429 (2011 - \$14,127,258) reflected in the Statement of Operations and Deficit.

### Class J Shares

Holders of Class J shares are not entitled to receive dividends and are entitled to one vote per share. Class J shares are redeemable and retractable at a price of \$1.00 per share. The Class J shares rank subsequent to both the Preferred shares and the Class A shares with respect to distributions on the dissolution, liquidation or winding-up of the Fund.

During the year, 721,258 (2011 - 3,073,220) each of Preferred shares and Class A shares were redeemed with a total retraction value of \$7,251,252 (2011 - \$43,683,800).

### Issued and Outstanding

	2012	2011
2,827,248 Preferred shares (2011 - 3,548,506)	<b>\$28,272,480</b>	\$35,196,861
2,827,248 Class A shares (2011 - 3,548,506)	<b>\$55,459,732</b>	\$69,608,066
100 Class J shares (2011 - 100)	<b>100</b>	100
	<b>\$55,459,832</b>	\$69,608,166

On July 13, 2011, the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") accepted a normal course issuer bid filed by the Fund. Under the terms of the normal course issuer bid, the Fund proposed to purchase up to a maximum of 358,230 Class A shares and 358,230 Preferred shares or approximately 10 percent of the Fund's public float as determined in accordance with the rules of the TSX. The normal course issuer bid remained in effect until July 14, 2012 and at such time nil Units (2011 - nil) had been purchased by the Fund.

### Warrants

In 2010, the Fund issued 6,994,526 warrants to Class A shareholders of record at the close of business on August 23, 2010 at a cost of \$150,012. All Class A shareholders as of the record date received warrants on a basis of one warrant for each share held. Each warrant entitled the shareholder thereof to acquire one Unit upon payment of \$11.43 on or before January 17, 2011. During 2011, 1,123,620 warrants were exercised for gross proceeds of \$12,842,976 and warrant exercise fees totalling \$190,845 were incurred and charged to Class A shareholders' equity.

## 9. Management Fees and Expenses

Strathbridge, as Manager under the terms of the Management 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. The Fund is also responsible for commissions and other costs of portfolio transactions and any extraordinary expenses of the Fund which may be incurred from time to time.

The Manager pays a service fee to each dealer whose clients hold Class A shares. The service fee is calculated and paid at the end of each calendar quarter and is equal to 0.40 percent annually of the value of the Class A shares held by clients of the dealer. For these purposes, the value of the Class A share is the NAV per Unit less \$10.00.

In 2011, special resolution expenses pertaining to the fund extension amounted to \$129,809 of which \$42,064 were solicitation fees.

## 10. Income Taxes

The Fund is a "mutual fund corporation" as defined in the Income Tax Act (Canada) (the "Act") and is subject to tax in respect of its net realized capital gains. This tax is refundable in certain circumstances. Also, the Fund is generally subject to a tax of 33 1/3 percent under Part IV of the Act on taxable dividends received in the year. This tax is fully refundable upon payment of sufficient dividends. The Fund is also

subject to tax on the amount of its interest and foreign dividend income that is not offset by operating expenses and share issue expenses.

The Fund is also a “financial intermediary corporation” as defined in the Act and, as such, is not subject to tax under Part IV.1 of the Act on dividends received nor is it generally liable to tax under Part VI.1 on dividends paid on taxable preferred shares.

The Fund has offset the refundable tax liability with the refund expected upon payment of capital gains or ordinary dividends. As a result, the refundable tax liability is eliminated.

No amount is payable on account of income taxes in 2012 or 2011.

Accumulated non-capital losses of approximately \$0.8M (2011 - \$1.3M) and accumulated capital losses of approximately \$131.6M (2011 - \$128.8M) are available for utilization against realized gains on sale of investments in future years. The capital losses can be carried forward indefinitely. The non-capital losses expire as follows:

Expiration Date	Amount (in \$M)
2030	\$0.3
2031	0.3
2032	0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0.8</b>

Issue costs of \$0.2M (2011 - \$0.3M) remain undeducted for tax purposes at year-end.

## 11. Transaction Fees

Total transaction fees for the year ended December 31, 2012 in connection with portfolio transactions were \$156,122 (2011 - \$303,250). Of this amount \$11,419 (2011 - \$69,228) was directed to cover payment of research services provided to the Investment Manager.

## 12. Capital Disclosures

Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants (“CICA”) Handbook Section 1535, “Capital Disclosures” 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 4, information on the Fund’s unitholders’ equity is described in Note 8 and the Fund does not have any externally imposed capital requirements.

## 13. Financial Instruments and Risk Management

The Fund’s financial instruments consist of cash, investments, receivables, payables, Redeemable Preferred shares and certain derivative contracts. In accordance with CICA Handbook Section 3862, “Financial Instruments - Disclosures”, the Fund uses a three-tier hierarchy as a framework for disclosing fair value based on inputs used to value the Fund’s investments. The hierarchy of inputs is summarized below:

- (i) Level 1 - for unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities,
- (ii) Level 2 - for inputs, other than quoted prices included 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

- (iii) Level 3 - for inputs that are based on unobservable market data.

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of December 31, 2012 in valuing the Fund’s investments and derivatives carried at fair value:

	Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)	Total
Canadian Common Shares	\$ 7,960,654	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,960,654
Non-North American Common Shares	12,416,957	-	-	12,416,957
United States Common Shares	10,125,402	-	-	10,125,402
Forward Exchange Contracts	-	(177,502)	-	(177,502)
Options	(26,486)	(11,911)	-	(38,397)
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>\$ 30,476,527</b>	<b>\$ (189,413)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 30,287,114</b>

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of December 31, 2011 in valuing the Fund’s investments and derivatives carried at fair value:

	Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)	Total
Short-Term Investments	\$ -	\$ 349,829	\$ -	\$ 349,829
Canadian Common Shares	11,800,359	-	-	11,800,359
Non-North American Common Shares	10,141,675	-	-	10,141,675
United States Common Shares	12,624,565	-	-	12,624,565
Forward Exchange Contracts	-	116,979	-	116,979
Options	(286,739)	(267,347)	-	(554,086)
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>\$ 34,279,860</b>	<b>\$ 199,461</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 34,479,321</b>

There were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 during 2012 and 2011.

The Fund is exposed to various types of risks that are associated with its investment strategies, financial instruments and markets in which it invests. The most important risks include other price risk, liquidity risk, interest rate risk, currency risk and credit risk.

These risks and related risk management practices employed by the Fund are discussed below:

### Other Price Risk

Other price risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate or currency 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 other 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 global financial services industry. The Fund’s market 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 98 percent (2011 - 98 percent) of the Fund’s net assets, excluding the Redeemable Preferred Share liability, held at December 31, 2012 were publicly traded equities. If equity prices on the exchange increased or decreased by 10 percent as at December 31, 2012, the net assets, excluding the Redeemable Preferred Share liability, of the Fund would have increased or decreased by \$3.1M (2011 - \$3.5M) respectively or 9.8 percent (2011 - 9.8 percent) of the net assets, excluding the Redeemable Preferred Share liability, all other factors remaining constant. In practice, actual trading results may differ and the difference could be material.

### 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. Liabilities are payable within one year except the Redeemable Preferred Share liability which matures on June 30, 2018 (see Note 8).

Cash is required to fund redemptions. Shareholders must surrender shares at least 10 business days prior to the last day of the month and receive payment on or before 10 business days following the month end valuation date. Therefore the Fund has a maximum of 20 business days to generate sufficient cash to fund redemptions mitigating liquidity issues.

### 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.

### Currency Risk

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. The portfolio includes securities and options denominated in foreign currencies. The net asset value of the Fund and the value of the dividends and option premiums received by the Fund will be affected by fluctuations in the value of the foreign currencies relative to the Canadian dollar. The Fund uses foreign exchange contracts to actively hedge the majority of its foreign currency exposure.

Approximately 75 percent (2011 - 65 percent) of the Fund's net assets, excluding the Redeemable Preferred Share liability, held at December 31, 2012 were held in securities denominated in U.S. currency. Currency risk is mitigated by the Fund through the use of forward contracts. At December 31, 2012, if the Canadian dollar strengthened or weakened by 1 percent in relation to the U.S. currency, the net assets, excluding the Redeemable Preferred share liability, of the Fund would have decreased or increased, by approximately \$11K (2011 - \$63K) or 0.0 percent (2011 - 0.2 percent) of the net assets, excluding the Redeemable Preferred share liability, with all other factors remaining constant.

### 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 credit risk is mitigated 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.

The following are the credit ratings for the counterparties to derivative financial instruments that were authorized for trading with the Fund during the year based on Standard & Poor's credit ratings as of December 31, 2012:

Dealer	Long-Term Local Currency Rating	Short-Term Local Currency Rating
Bank of Montreal	A+	A-1
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	A+	A-1
Citigroup Inc.	A-	A-2
Deutsche Bank	A+	A-1
National Bank of Canada	A-	A-2
Royal Bank of Canada	AA-	A-1+
The Bank of Nova Scotia	A+	A-1
The Toronto-Dominion Bank	AA-	A-1+
UBS AG	A	A-1

The following are the credit ratings for the counterparties to derivative financial instruments that were authorized for trading with the Fund during the prior year based on Standard & Poor's credit ratings as of December 31, 2011:

Dealer	Long-Term Local Currency Rating	Short-Term Local Currency Rating
Bank of Montreal	A+	A-1
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	A+	A-1
Citigroup Inc.	A-	A-2
National Bank of Canada	A	A-1
Royal Bank of Canada	AA-	A-1+
The Toronto-Dominion Bank	AA-	A-1+
UBS AG	A+	A-1

The Fund held no short-term investments at December 31, 2012.

The following is the credit rating for short-term investments held by the Fund based on Standard & Poor's credit ratings as of December 31, 2011:

Type of Short-Term Investment	Rating	% of Short-Term Investments
Bankers' Acceptances	A-1+	100%
<b>Total</b>		<b>100%</b>

The carrying amount of these investments represents their maximum credit risk exposure, as they will be settled in the short-term.

## 14. Future Accounting Policy Changes

The Fund was required to adopt International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") for the year beginning on January 1, 2011. In January 2011, the Canadian Accounting Standards Board ("AcSB") approved a two year deferral from IFRS adoption for investment companies applying Accounting Guideline 18 – Investment Companies. Subsequently, in December 2011, AcSB extended the deferral for another year to January 1, 2014. As a result, the Fund will adopt IFRS for the year beginning on January 1, 2014 and will issue its first annual statements, with comparative information, for the year ending December 31, 2014.

## Statement of Corporate Governance Practices

The Board of Directors of the Fund is responsible for the overall stewardship of the Fund's business and affairs. The Fund has investment objectives and investment strategies that are set out in the prospectus of the Fund. The Fund's manager, Strathbridge Asset Management Inc. (the "Manager" or the "Investment Manager"), administers, either directly or indirectly through third party service organizations, every function associated with the operations of the Fund pursuant to a management agreement entered into at the time the Fund issued its shares to the public. Under this agreement the Manager is responsible for day to day operations of the Fund including the payment of distributions on its shares and attending to the retraction or redemption of its shares in accordance with their terms.

The Board consists of five directors, three of whom are independent of the Manager. The Board believes that the number of directors is appropriate for the Fund and only directors independent of the Fund are compensated. Amounts paid as compensation are reviewed for adequacy to ensure that they realistically reflect the responsibilities and risk involved in being an effective director. Individual directors may engage an outside advisor at the expense of the Fund in appropriate circumstances subject to the approval of the Board.

To assist the Board in its monitoring of the Fund's financial reporting and disclosure, the Board has an Audit Committee. The Audit Committee consists of three members, all of whom are independent of the Manager. The responsibilities of the Audit Committee include, but are not limited to, review of the annual financial statements and the annual audit performed by the independent auditor, and oversight of the Fund's compliance with tax and securities laws and regulations. The Audit Committee has direct communication channels with the independent auditor to discuss and review specific issues as appropriate.

The Board is responsible for developing the Fund's approach to governance issues and, together with the Investment Manager, has established a best practices governance procedure.

The Fund maintains an Investor Relations line (toll free: 1-800-725-7172 or e-mail: [info@strathbridge.com](mailto:info@strathbridge.com)) and website ([www.strathbridge.com](http://www.strathbridge.com)) to respond to inquiries from shareholders.

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Gold Participation and Income Fund  
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Top 10 Canadian Financial Trust

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