

# FDP CANADIAN DIVIDEND EQUITY PORTFOLIO, SERIES A AND I

# Interim Management Report of Fund Performance

June 2018

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You may also contact us using one of these methods to request a copy of the Portfolio's proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure records and quarterly portfolio disclosure.

#### PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

#### **Investment Objective and Strategies**

The Portfolio seeks to provide income and achieve medium- and long-term capital growth through investment diversification. The Portfolio invests primarily in equity securities, including income trust units of Canadian issuers that pay income or dividends. The Portfolio may also invest in securities of foreign issuers that pay income or dividends and in debt instruments of Canadian and foreign issuers. The Portfolio Manager seeks to add value, principally through the selection of stocks that pay dividends and offer the best investment opportunities. A bottom-up approach is used to select stocks offering the best potential, and a top-down approach to control risks in terms of positions in different sectors.

#### Risk

The Portfolio invests primarily in equities of Canadian issuers. Derivatives may also be used for hedging purposes or to establish market positions. The risks related to investments in the Portfolio remain as set out in the Simplified Prospectus. The risks associated with the Portfolio and its holdings are as follows: stock markets risk, sector risk, specific issuer risk, interest rate risk, credit risk, large transactions risk, foreign securities risk, currency risk, derivatives risk, securities lending risk, exchange-traded funds risk, underlying funds risk, multi-series risk, short selling risk and loss restrictions risk.

#### Operating Results

The FDP Canadian Dividend Equity Portfolio, Series A posted a net return of 1.28% for the first six-month period of 2018, versus -1.4% for 2017. The FDP Canadian Dividend Equity Portfolio, Series I posted a net return of 1.8% for the same period.

The Canadian stock market, as measured by the S&P/TSX Dividend Index, posted a 1.3% return during the same period. More than half of the index's component sectors posted positive returns. The rising oil price, which went from USD60.42 a barrel in late December 2017 to USD74.15 a barrel as at June 30, 2018, representing a 22.7% increase, enabled the Energy sector, which makes up over 21% of the Canadian index, to post a 5.6% return over the six-month period. Conversely, sectors sensitive to interest rate fluctuations, such as Utilities (-6.8%), Telecommunications (-5.0%) and Financials (-1.0%), were affected by the actual and anticipated increases of the Bank of Canada's bank rate.

Said rate was increased by 0.25% in January and July, reaching 1.75%. Over the same period, the 10-year government bond yield grew from 2.05% to 2.31%. Even if the Canadian market should be able to support slight bank rate increases thanks to the global economy's sustained growth, NAFTA renegotiations and trade war risks are generating uncertainty, thereby affecting stock prices and the Canadian dollar. Bottom line, inflation remains under control in Canada, with the consumer price index reaching 2.5% last June (1.8% when excluding foodstuffs and Energy) and unemployment at 6.0%.

#### **Recent Developments**

There are currently no events to report for 2018.

#### **Related Party Transactions**

The Manager of the FDP Canadian Dividend Equity Portfolio is Professionals' Financial – Mutual Funds Inc. The Manager is in charge of the portfolio's research, analyses, selections and transactions. The Investment Committee of Professionals' Financial – Mutual Funds Inc. supervises the execution of the mandates entrusted to the internal managers and to other external managers, as the case may be.

Monthly management fees, calculated daily at an annual percentage of the Portfolio's net assets after deducting the value of interfund investments, are paid to the Manager.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following tables illustrate key financial data concerning the Portfolio. Their purpose is to help you understand its financial results for the past five years.

This information comes from the audited annual financial statements and the June 30, 2018 unaudited interim financial statements of the Portfolio. You can obtain the financial statements on the website at www.professionalsf.com.

#### Portfolio's Distributions and Net Assets per Unit (in dollars)

Six months ended	June 30	ne 30 Years ended December 31					
Series A	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	
Net assets, beginning of period	9.426	9.329	8.867	10.205	10.728	9.920	
Increase (decrease)							
from operations:							
Total revenue	0.130	0.282	0.254	0.276	0.319	0.335	
Total expenses	(0.064)	(0.121)	(0.110)	(0.124)	(0.142)	(0.131)	
Realized gains (losses)	0.084	0.380	0.174	0.368	1.568	0.998	
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.043)	(0.092)	0.556	(0.764)	(0.370)	0.704	
Total increase (decrease)							
from operations (1)	0.107	0.449	0.874	(0.244)	1.375	1.906	
Distributions:							
from income	0.075	_	_	_	0.135	_	
from dividends	_	0.173	0.196	0.189	_	0.195	
from capital gains	_	0.199	0.299	1.064	1.778	0.900	
from capital returns	_	_	_	_	_	_	
Total distributions (2)	0.075	0.372	0.495	1.253	1.913	1.095	
Net assets at the end of the period	9.469	9.426	9.329	8.867	10.205	10.728	

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Six months ended	l June 30		Years end	led Decemb	er 31	
Series I	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Net assets, beginning of period	10.302	10.161	9.802	10.000	n.a.	n.a.
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	0.143	0.303	0.295	0.261	n.a.	n.a.
Total expenses	(0.012)	(0.016)	(0.013)	(0.011)	n.a.	n.a.
Realized gains (losses)	0.092	0.408	0.358	0.140	n.a.	n.a.
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.034)	(0.051)	0.640	(0.350)	n.a.	n.a.
Total increase (decrease) from operations (1)	0.189	0.644	1.280	0.040	n.a.	n.a.
Distributions:						
from income	0.131	_	_	_	n.a.	n.a.
from dividends	_	0.279	0.272	0.229	n.a.	n.a.
from capital gains	_	0.208	0.543	0.396	n.a.	n.a.
from capital returns	_	_	_	_	n.a.	n.a.
Total distributions (2)	0.131	0.487	0.815	0.625	n.a.	n.a.
Net assets at the end of the period	10.358	10.302	10.161	9.802	n.a.	n.a.

<sup>(1)</sup> Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase or decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the financial period.

#### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Six months ended June 30		Years ended December 31				
Series A	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Net asset value						
(in thousands of dollars) (1)	71,029	74,905	69,468	89,257	217,142	199,531
Number of units						
outstanding (thousands) (1)	7,501	7,946	7,447	10,066	21,279	18,599
Management expense ratio (%) (2)	1.392	1.299	1.217	1.210	1.233	1.240
Management expense ratio before						
waivers and absorptions (%)	1.392	1.299	1.217	1.210	1.233	1.240
Portfolio turnover rate (%)(3)	35.87	448.09	602.38	636.97	562.27	507.14
Trading expense ratio (%) (4)	0.09	0.44	1.00	0.94	0.91	0.92
Net asset value per unit	9.469	9.426	9.329	8.867	10.205	10.728

Six months ended June 30		Years ended December 31				
Series I	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Net asset value						
(in thousands of dollars) (1)	220,244	217,326	227,204	160,716	n.a.	n.a.
Number of units						
outstanding (thousands) (1)	21,262	21,096	22,361	16,396	n.a.	n.a.
Management expense ratio (%) (2)	0.243	0.156	0.133	0.113	n.a.	n.a.
Management expense ratio before						
waivers and absorptions (%)	0.243	0.156	0.133	0.113	n.a.	n.a.
Portfolio turnover rate (%) (3)	35.87	448.09	602.38	636.97	n.a.	n.a.
Trading expense ratio (%) (4)	0.09	0.44	1.00	0.94	n.a.	n.a.
Net asset value per unit	10.358	10.302	10.161	9.802	n.a.	n.a.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(1)</sup> For the years ended December 31, 2015 and before, the information is derived from the audited annual financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles as defined in Part V of the Canada CPA Handbook. As a result, net assets per unit presented in the financial statements differ from the net asset value calculated for the purposes of calculating unit prices and the differences are explained in the notes to the financial statements. For the following fiscal years, the information is derived from audited annual financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). In compliance with these Standards, net assets per unit presented in the financial statements generally equal the net asset value calculated to establish unit prices.

#### **MANAGEMENT FEES**

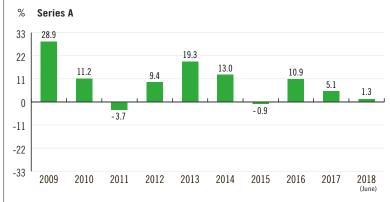
Series A and Series I units pay management fees to the Manager, Professionals' Financial—Mutual Funds Inc., for service rendered to the unitholders, and investment management and administration services. Series A units' annual management fees of 1.10% and 0.10% for Series I are calculated daily according to the net assets and paid monthly after deducting the value of interfund investments. For the first six months of the year 2018, Series A units paid \$450,000 and \$123,000 for Series I to its Manager.

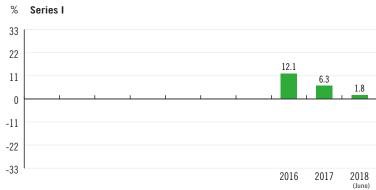
## **PAST PERFORMANCE**

Information on performance presupposes that the Portfolio's distributions during the periods presented have been totally reinvested in additional units of the same series. The returns do not include deductions for sales fees, transfer, redemption or other optional fees (because there are none) or income taxes payable, and would be lower if they included such items. The Portfolio's past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance.

#### **Annual Performance**

The following bar graphs indicate the Portfolio's annual returns for each year. They show the year-to-year variation in the Portfolio's return. The graphs present, in percentage form, what would have been the upward or downward variation, on the last day of the period, of an investment made on the first day of that year.





<sup>(2)</sup> Distributions were reinvested in additional units of the Fund.

<sup>(2)</sup> Management expense ratio includes management fees and operating expenses. It excludes income tax withheld on dividend income and transaction costs, and is expressed as a percentage of the daily average annualized net asset value during the fiscal year.

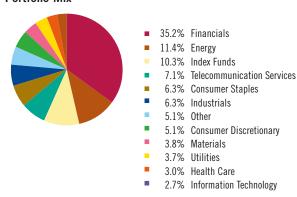
<sup>(9)</sup> The portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the portfolio manager manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the period. The higher portfolio turnover rate in a period, the greater the trading costs payable by the Fund in the period, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the period. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a Fund.

<sup>(4)</sup> The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period.

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# **OVERVIEW OF PORTFOLIO**

### Portfolio Mix



Top 25 Portfolio Holdings

	% of net asset value
iShares S&P/TSX 60 Index ETF	6.5
Cash and Equivalents	5.1
Royal Bank of Canada	4.9
The Toronto-Dominion Bank	4.5
SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust	3.8
Scotiabank	3.7
Rogers Communications Inc., Cl. B	2.7
Power Financial Corporation	2.4
Metro Inc.	2.4
Sun Life Financial Inc.	2.4
Nutrien Ltd.	2.2
Bank of Montreal	1.9
TELUS Corporation	1.9
Cenovus Energy Inc.	1.7
BCE Inc.	1.7
Shaw Communications Inc., Cl. B	1.5
Husky Energy Inc.	1.4
Enbridge Inc.	1.4
Inter Pipeline, Ltd.	1.4
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	1.3
Enbridge Income Fund Holdings Inc.	1.3
Brookfield Property Partners LP	1.3
RioCan Real Estate Investment Trust	1.2
Intact Financial Corporation	1.2
Manulife Financial Corporation	1.2

This portfolio may change due to continual trading in the Portfolio. An update of this data is available every quarter on our website at www.professionalsf.com.