

# MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

## THE RAVENSOURCE FUND

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## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

#### THE FUND

The Ravensource Fund ("Ravensource" or "Fund") is a closed-end investment fund with 1,672,870 units currently outstanding. As of December 31, 2019, the net assets of the Fund were \$29.7 million and the net asset value ("NAV") per unit was \$17.76. Ravensource units are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol RAV.UN and can be purchased / sold like any other publicly listed security. The closing / last bid for Ravensource units as of December 31, 2019, was \$17.75.

#### THE INVESTMENT MANAGER

By way of a special meeting of unitholders, Stornoway Portfolio Management Inc. ("Stornoway" or "Investment Manager") was appointed as the investment manager to the Ravensource Fund effective July 1, 2008. Stornoway's responsibilities for Ravensource include the evaluation, selection and negotiation of investments, the ongoing monitoring and evaluation of such investments and the recommendation of the appropriate timing and structure for disposition of such investments.

#### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGIES**

The principal objective of Ravensource is to achieve superior absolute long-term returns, with an emphasis on capital gains, through investments in selected North American debt instruments, creditor claims and equity securities. The investment objectives of the Fund are stated in the Declaration of Trust and on the Fund's website at www.ravensource.ca.

To achieve its investment objectives, Ravensource's investments primarily fall into three strategies:

- 1. *Distressed Securities:* investing in corporate debt, creditor claims and/or equity securities of companies that are in, perceived to be in, or emerging from financial distress at a price materially different from what we believe to be the underlying fundamental value of the securities.
- 2. *Alternative Credit:* investing in corporate debt, on either a primary or secondary basis, that is reasonably expected to be repaid at or above par at or before its stated maturity in a manner consistent with the terms of its indenture and earn a yield that we believe is attractive given the underlying credit risk.
- 3. *Special Situations Equities*: investing primarily in Canadian and U.S. small- and mid-cap equities that are attractively valued with catalysts to unlock value.

#### **RISKS**

Risks associated with an investment in the units of Ravensource are discussed in the Annual Information Form and in the notes attached to the financial statements, which are available on the SEDAR website at www.sedar.com and on the Ravensource website at www.ravensource.ca.

The Fund has not altered its stated investment strategies or implemented other changes that would materially affect the risk of investing in Ravensource over the course of 2019. An investment in the Fund continues to be appropriate only for investors who have the capacity to absorb a loss of some or all of their investment, who seek long-term capital growth, have a long-term investment horizon, and possess a medium to high-risk tolerance to withstand the ups and downs that go along with investing in out-of-favor securities.

#### **LEVERAGE**

The Fund's total indebtedness cannot exceed 30% of the total assets of the Fund. Unsettled securities transactions are not considered borrowings for purposes of the limitation on the use of indebtedness calculations. During 2019, Ravensource did not employ leverage.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS FROM JANUARY 1, 2019 TO DECEMBER 31, 2019

Ravensource's net assets increased by \$0.9 million or 3.14% during 2019 as a result of a \$1.4 million net operating gain — comprised of realized and unrealized gains and losses, interest payments and dividends on its investment portfolio less fund expenses — partially offset by \$0.5 million of distributions to unitholders. In comparison, Ravensource's net assets increased by \$3.8 million or 15% after paying \$0.5 million in distributions over 2018.

#### **Investment Performance**

Ravensource's net asset value per unit ("NAV") increased by \$0.84 or 4.9% over 2019 — including distributions to unitholders — due to the performance of its investment portfolio. Of the indices the Manager provides investors for comparison purposes, the Fund underperformed the S&P/TSX Composite Total Return Index (+22.9%), the S&P/TSX Small Cap Total Return Index (+15.8%), and the ICE BofAML US High Yield Index (+14.4%), while outperforming the Credit Suisse Distressed Hedge Fund Index (1.4%). All index and fund returns are calculated on a total return basis.

The largest contributor to Ravensource's performance over 2019 was its investment in Dundee Corp.'s preferred shares. The Fund's investments in Spanish Broadcasting System Inc.'s bonds and preferred shares, Firm Capital American Realty Partners Trust's units, and Plaza Retail REIT's units also contributed to the Fund's performance during 2019. Detracting from the Fund's performance were its investments in Crystallex International Corp.'s senior notes and Genworth Financial Inc.'s common shares. We encourage Ravensource Fund investors to read the Management's Letter to Unitholders (the "LTU") in which we share our

investment philosophy and approach that guides our investment decisions. In addition, the LTU provides a deeper look at Ravensource's investment results and developments in the portfolio during 2019 with the objective of helping you better understand your investment.

Over the longer term, Ravensource's NAV has increased by 177.0% in aggregate / 9.3% compounded annually including re-invested distributions to unitholders since Stornoway took over its management in July 2008. Over the same period, Ravensource outperformed the S&P/TSX Composite Total Return Index (+66.4% / 4.5%), the S&P/TSX Small Cap Total Return Index (+20.5% / 1.6%), the ICE BofAML US High Yield Index (+142.0% / 8.0%) and the Credit Suisse Distressed Hedge Fund Index (+47.6% / 3.4%).

#### **Distributions**

Ravensource's distribution policy is to make semi-annual distributions to unitholders in an amount to ensure that it does not incur any tax liability and to provide a reasonable yield for investors. The Fund made distributions totalling \$0.30 per unit - \$0.15 on June 28, 2019 and \$0.15 per unit on December 30, 2019 - compared to \$0.30 per unit distributions paid in 2018.

## Redemptions and Recirculation of Units Tendered for Redemption

Ravensource Fund provides for an annual redemption privilege that allows unitholders to redeem 100% of their units for cash at a price equal to the Net Asset Value — adjusted to reflect expenses incurred to affect the redemption — calculated as of the Annual Redemption Date. In the event that unitholders elect to redeem units under the annual redemption privilege, the Fund has the right to enter into a recirculation agreement with an investment dealer who will use commercially reasonable effort to find purchasers for the units tendered for redemption at the redemption price. For further details, please refer to the Declaration of Fund, which can be found in the "Key Documents" section of the Ravensource Website at www.ravensourcefund.ca and on the SEDAR website at www.sedar.com.

In 2019, 60,542 Ravensource units were tendered for redemption under the annual redemption privilege representing 3.6% of units outstanding at a price of \$17.8565 for a total redemption value of \$1,081,068. The Fund successfully re-circulated all of the units tendered for redemption. As such, the number of units outstanding remained unchanged at 1,672,870 as at December 31, 2019. The number of units tendered for redemption and successfully recirculated in 2018 was 56,961 / 3.4% of units outstanding.

#### Liquidity

The Fund's net cash position decreased from 26.8% of the Fund's net assets at the beginning of fiscal 2019 to 20.4% at December 31, 2019 as the Fund's investment purchases outpaced its divestitures.

Investment purchases during 2019 represented 23.1% of December 31, 2019, net assets primarily from establishing a new position in Hudson's Bay Co.'s common shares, an addition to our position in Quad Graphics Inc.'s common shares and establishing a new position in Delphi Energy Corp.'s debentures and common shares.

Investment divestitures during the period increased net cash by 16.6% of December 31, 2019 net assets. The most prominent were full divestitures in our positions in Flow Capital Corp.'s debentures and common shares and Plaza Retail REIT's units.

Lastly, cash distributions to unitholders, foreign exchange contract net profits, dividend/interest payments received, changes in non-cash working capital items and various fund fees and expenses increased the Fund's net cash position by 1.0% of December 31, 2019, net assets during the year.

## **Fees and Expenses**

Ravensource's expenses consist of Investment Manager fees, Trustee & Transfer Agent fees and expenses, TSX listing fees, taxes (including but not limited to GST/HST), interest and borrowing costs, accounting and audit expenses, Independent Review Committee ("IRC") expenses, legal and professional expenses.

The annualized Management Expense Ratio ("MER") measures the amount of annual fund expenses, excluding transaction costs, expressed as a ratio to average net assets. To understand Ravensource's MER, we must first explain our methodology. Incentive Fees are different from other fund expenses as the amount incurred is a function of the increase in the Fund's NAV over and above the 5% hurdle rate along with meeting other conditions. If the increase in the NAV during the year is less than 5% after all other fees and expenses but prior to distributions, the Incentive Fee will be zero and the burden to make up for the year's under-performance will be carried into the future before the Investment Manager receives an Incentive Fee. In contrast, accountants, auditors, lawyers and other sources of fee expenses will demand full payment regardless of whether the Fund performs well or not. As such, we believe the appropriate way to incorporate the Incentive Fee is to report the MER on both a pre- and post-incentive fee basis and not to annualize the Incentive Fee for interim periods.

Incorporating the Fund's direct expenses but excluding the Incentive Fee, Ravensource's MER for 2019 was 2.10% (2018 – 2.07%). The 3 basis point increase in this year's MER versus 2018 is primarily attributable to an increase in the net Management and Administrative Fees (35 basis points) partially offset by a decline in interest expenses (33 basis points).

Net Management and Administrative Fees during 2019 was 1.13% of average net assets compared to 0.78% during 2018 as the Investment Manager did not earn advisory fees from investee companies in 2019. For further information, see "Related Party Transactions".

The decrease in interest expenses is primarily a result of the Fund using foreign exchange contracts to hedge US Dollar foreign exchange risk during 2019 versus maintaining negative US Dollar balances – and incurring the associated interest charges – during 2018.

As the Fund's 4.9% increase in NAV was lower than its 5% hurdle rate, the Investment Manager did not earn an Incentive Fee for 2019. This compares to an Incentive Fee of \$884,579 / 3.36% for 2018 when the Fund generated a 17.0% increase in NAV. The year-over-year decrease in Incentive Fee highlights the alignment between the Investment Manager and unitholders where both parties do well only when the Fund performs well.

Factoring in the impact of the Incentive Fee, Ravensource's MER for 2019 was 2.1% (2018 – 5.43%).

#### RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

## **Declaration of Trust Amendments**

On August 7, 2019 the Trustee approved amendments to Ravensource's Declaration of Trust ("DOT") to:

- 1. Remove inconsistencies in the defined terms for "Business Day" and "Close of Business" to only make reference to Toronto, Ontario, the location of the Investment Manager.
- 2. Bring the DOT into conformity with securities regulation and industry practices in regards to publicly disseminating the net asset value of Ravensource via its website, www.ravensource.ca.

#### RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

## **SFG Services Agreement**

The Fund historically had a significant investment in the securities of Specialty Foods Group LLC ("SFG"). During 2012, the Investment Manager entered into a services agreement with SFG ("SFG Services Agreement"), whereby the Investment Manager would provide strategic advice and analysis to SFG and in return earn a fee for these services. As per its internal policy, the Investment Manager reduced the Management Fees and Administrative Fees that it charged to the Fund in order to pass along the economic benefit of the fees earned by the Investment Manager from the SFG Services Agreement in an amount proportionate to the Fund's relative investment in SFG securities.

On October 1, 2018, SFG was sold to Indiana Packers Corporation. On the completion of the sale of SFG to Indiana Packers Corporation, the SFG Services Agreement was terminated. Accordingly, the Investment Manager received the last payment under the SFG Services Agreement in Q3 2018.

As the SFG Services Agreement is terminated, during the year ended December 31, 2019, the Investment Manager made no reductions to Management Fees (2018 - \$54,111) or Administrative Fees (2018 - \$29,137) and does not expect any Management and Administrative Fee reductions going forward. Any reductions would have been subject to harmonized sales tax ("HST"). Therefore, the total impact of the fee reductions during the period amounted to \$nil, inclusive of HST (2018 - \$94,071), as noted in the financial statements.

## **Investment Manager Compensation**

The Investment Manager receives compensation for performing various responsibilities and services for Ravensource. The total compensation accrues from various components: Management Fee, Administration Fee, Investor Relations Fee and Incentive Fee. The aggregate fees incurred over the year ended December 31, 2019 amounted to \$347,511, including HST (2018 - \$1,103,010). In addition, in 2019 the Investment Manager earned \$nil for services performed under the SFG Services Agreement as it was terminated October 1, 2018 (2018 - \$94,071). The breakdown of the fees is as follows:

## i. Management Fee

The Management Fee is based on the Fund's average weekly net assets and payable on the last business day of each calendar month as follows:

## Average weekly net assets

Up to and including \$250 million Between \$250 million and \$500 million \$500 million and more

#### **Management Fee**

0.65% of net asset value plus HST 0.60% of net asset value plus HST 0.55% of net asset value plus HST

The net Management Fee for 2019 amounted to \$217,094 (2018 - \$133,141). During the year ended December 31, 2019, the Investment Manager reduced the net Management Fee by \$nil (2018 - \$54,111) due to the aforementioned SFG Services Agreement which would have been subject to HST. In the absence of the Management Fee reduction, the total net Management Fee would have amounted to approximately \$217,094 (2018 - \$194,286), inclusive of HST.

#### ii. Administrative Fee

Subject to the supervision of the Trustee, the Investment Manager has agreed to be responsible for and provide certain administrative services to the Fund. The Administrative Fee is based on the Fund's average weekly net assets and payable on the last business day of each month as follows:

## Average weekly net assets

Up to and including \$250 million Between \$250 million and \$500 million \$500 million and more

## **Administrative Fee**

0.35% of net asset value plus HST 0.30% of net asset value plus HST 0.25% of net asset value plus HST

The net Administrative Fee for 2019 amounted to \$116,897 inclusive of HST (2018 - \$71,691). During the year ended December 31, 2019, the Investment Manager reduced the Administrative Fee by \$nil (2018 - \$29,137) due to the aforementioned SFG Services Agreement which would have been subject to HST. In the absence of this reduction, the Administrative Fee would have amounted to approximately \$116,897 (2018 - \$104,616), inclusive of HST.

#### iii. Investor Relations Fee

The Investment Manager is paid a monthly Investor Relations Fee of \$1,000 plus applicable sales tax for unitholder reporting and other services provided under a service agreement. The aggregate Investor Relations Fee for 2019 amounted to \$13,520, inclusive of HST (2018 - \$13,600).

#### iv. Incentive Fee

The Investment Manager will earn an incentive fee equal to 20% of the amount by which the net asset value per unit at the end of the year, adjusted for contributions, distributions, and redemptions during the year, exceeds the net asset value per unit at the beginning of the year by more than 5%, plus any shortfalls from prior years. The Incentive Fee for 2019 amounted to \$nil, inclusive of HST (2018 - \$884,579).

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

## For the years ended December 31, 2015 to December 31, 2019

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 5 years.

The Fund's Net Assets per Redeemabe Unit (\$) (1)	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Opening Net Assets per Redeemable Unit	17.22	14.97	14.39	13.69	12.31
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Interest and dividend revenue	0.46	0.34	0.14	0.13	0.17
Expenses	(0.39)	(0.87)	(0.30)	(0.28)	(0.24)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.10	4.46	2.65	(0.05)	0.72
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.67	(1.38)	(1.54)	1.20	0.04
Total increase (decrease) from operations (2)	0.84	2.55	0.95	1.00	0.69
Distributions:					
From income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	(0.02)	-
From dividends	-	-	-	(0.10)	-
From capital gains	-	-	-	-	-
Return of capital	(0.30)	(0.30)	(0.37)	(0.18)	(0.30)
Total distributions (3)	(0.30)	(0.30)	(0.37)	(0.30)	(0.30)
Net Assets per Redeemable Unit, end of period	17.76	17.22	14.97	14.39	13.69

- (1) This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements. The net assets per unit presented in the financial statements may differ from the net asset value calculated for fund pricing purposes.
- (2) Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding.
- (3) Distributions were paid in cash.

Ratios and Supplemental Data	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Total net asset value (000's) (1)	\$29,713	\$28,808	\$25,048	\$24,066	\$22,921
Number of units outstanding (1)	1,672,870	1,672,870	1,672,870	1,672,870	1,674,670
Management expense ratio (2)	2.10%	5.43%	2.03%	2.02%	1.79%
Management expense ratio before	2.10%	5.79%	2.56%	2.59%	2.34%
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Trading expense ratio (4)	0.10%	0.11%	0.06%	0.02%	0.04%
Portfolio turnover rate (5)	16.81%	14.05%	24.49%	4.70%	10.70%
Net asset value per redeemable unit	\$17.76	\$17.22	\$14.97	\$14.39	\$13.69
Closing market price (6)	\$17.75	\$15.28	\$14.00	\$13.38	\$12.17

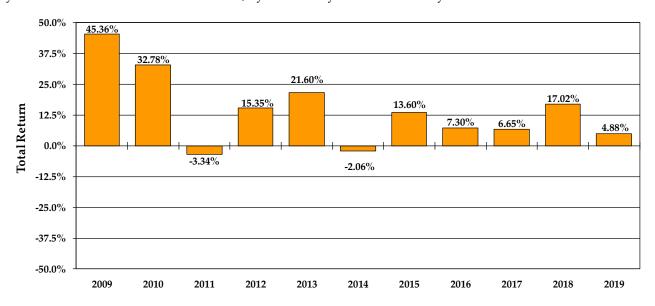
- (1) This information is provided as at December 31 of each year.
- (2) Management expense ratio is based on total expenses (excluding commissions and transaction costs) for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of weekly average net asset value.
- (3) The Investment Manager reduced Management Fees and Administrative Fees in order to pass the economic benefit of fees earned in connection with the SFG Services Agreement to unitholders. This figure represents what the MER would have been in these fee reductions. The SFG Services Agreement was terminated on October 1, 2018.
- (4) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of weekly average net asset value during the period.
- (5) The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio adviser manages its investments and is based on investment purchases or sales for the stated period (whichever is less) expressed as an annualized percentage of weekly average net asset value. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in the portfolio on in the course of the year. The higher a fund's portfolio turnover rate in a year, the greater the trading costs payable by the fund in the year, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of the fund.
- (6) The Closing market price refers to the last bid for a given period end.

#### PAST PERFORMANCE

The following performance information is based on the net asset value of the Fund, after all fees and expenses have been taken into account. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

## **Year-by-Year Fund Returns**

The following bar chart shows the performance of the Fund for each of the financial years ended 2009 to 2019. This chart shows in percentage terms how an investment in the Fund made on the first day of each financial year would have increased or decreased, by the last day of each financial year.



## **Annual Compounded Returns**

The table below compares the Fund's historical annual compound returns to various Comparable Indices. The performance information presented assumes that all distributions made by the Fund are used to purchase additional units of the Fund. Please read the Appendix for further information on Ravensource's use of Comparable Indices.

					Since (2)
As at December 31, 2019	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	July 1, 2008
Ravensource Fund - RAV.UN (1)	4.9%	9.5%	9.9%	11.0%	9.3%
S&P/TSX Composite Total Return Index	22.9%	6.9%	6.3%	6.9%	4.5%
S&P/TSX Small Cap Total Return Index	15.8%	(0.9%)	3.2%	3.1%	1.6%
ICE BofAML US High Yield Index (4)	14.4%	6.3%	6.1%	7.5%	8.0%
Credit Suisse Distressed Hedge Fund Index (4)	1.4%	2.3%	1.5%	4.2%	3.4%

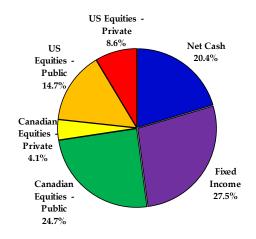
- (1) Based on net asset value per unit, assuming all distributions are reinvested in Units at net asset value. Returns are net of all fees and expenses.
- (2) Stornoway Portfolio Management was appointed as Manager of Ravensource Fund effective July 1, 2008.
- (3) Returns are annualized.
- (4) Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

# SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

# As at December 31, 2019

By Industrial Group	% of
	Portfolio
Metals & Mining	27.1%
Financial	23.6%
Media & Publishing	18.0%
Real Estate	10.8%
Retail	9.6%
Oil & Gas	5.1%
Technology	4.5%
Food & Beverage	1.3%
Total	100.0%

## By Security Type - % of Net Assets



Top 25 Holdings	% of
Issuer/Security	Net Assets
Crystallex International 9.375% Senior Notes **	21.6%
Net Cash *	20.4%
Dundee Corp. Series 3 Preferred Shares	9.4%
Genworth Financial Inc.	9.3%
Firm Capital American Realty Partners Corp.	8.6%
Spanish Broadcasting System Inc. 10.75% Preferred Shares	7.1%
Hudson's Bay Co.	6.5%
Quad Graphics Inc.	5.4%
GXI Acquisition Corp Class B Common Shares **	2.5%
Spanish Broadcasting System Inc. 12.50% Senior Secured Notes	1.9%
Delphi Energy Corp. Note Subscription Receipts **	1.8%
Delphi Energy Corp. 10% Secured Notes	1.6%
Old PSG Wind-Down Ltd. **	1.2%
GXI Acquisition Corp Class A Common Shares **	1.0%
Colabor Group Inc. 6% Convertible Bonds	0.7%
Delphi Energy Corp. Equity Subscription Receipts **	0.6%
Specialty Foods Group, LLC - Post closing payment rights **	0.3%
Delphi Energy Corp.	0.1%
Flow Capital Corp.	0.1%
GVIC Communications Corp Class B Common Shares	0.0%
Dundee Corp. Series 2 Preferred Shares	0.0%
Total % of Net Assets	100.0%

<sup>\*</sup> Net Cash includes interest & dividends receivable, net of liabilities.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Not publicly traded. Valued by independent 3rd parties, model, and/or last transaction price.

By Investment Strategy	% of Investment Portfolio		
	31-Dec-19	31-Dec-18	
Special Situation Equities	37.4%	38.3%	
Distressed Securities	55.1%	54.1%	
Alternative Credit	7.5%	7.6%	
Total	100.0%	100.0%	

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## **Ravensource Independent Review Committee**

To adhere to National Instrument 81-107 and to provide an arms-length vehicle to deal with matters that involve potential conflicts of interest between the Fund and the Investment Manager, Ravensource established and maintains an Independent Review Committee ("IRC"). The role, composition and responsibilities of the IRC can be summarized as follows:

- size of the IRC is 3 members that are independent from the Investment Manager with no material relationships to the Investment Manager;
- its mandate is to consider and provide impartial judgment on any conflict of interest referred to it by the Investment Manager;
- when a conflict of interest is referred, the IRC will review and recommend to the Investment Manager what action it should take to achieve a fair and reasonable result for Ravensource;
- report to the relevant securities regulators any instance where the Investment Manager acted in a conflict of interest matter in such a way that did not comply with conditions imposed by securities legislation or the IRC;
- meet at least annually with at least one of the meetings to be held "in camera";
- for each calendar year, the IRC must prepare a report that describes the IRC and its activities for the fiscal year. This report is posted on the Fund's website @ <a href="www.ravensource.ca">www.ravensource.ca</a>

The IRC is comprised of Michael Siskind (Chairman), David Magahey and Steven Schaus.

The fees and other reasonable expenses of members of the IRC are paid by the Fund. For 2019, the annual compensation for ordinary IRC members is \$9,000 while the Chair of the IRC will be compensated \$12,000. In addition, IRC members are entitled to \$600 per meeting for any additional meetings other than the annual meeting that occur during the year.

#### Access to Information

Ravensource Fund continues to be in compliance with the requirements of National Instrument 81-106 and publishes its 25 largest holdings quarterly and its net asset value weekly. All of the key Fund documents along with further information on the Fund and the investment team that manages your investments can be accessed through the website (<a href="www.ravensource.ca">www.ravensource.ca</a>). Stornoway is committed to keeping the website current and you are encouraged to make use of this resource tool. Aside from the website, Fund documents can also be retrieved through SEDAR (<a href="www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>).

## **Fund Information**

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## Ravensource's Use of Comparable Indices

Given the idiosyncratic nature of the Fund's investment strategy, the Investment Manager does not believe there is an index that sufficiently resembles the Fund to the degree it should be considered or used as a "benchmark". However, the Investment Manager provides historical performance data for several indices in addition to the results of the Fund for comparison purposes. The Investment Manager has chosen indices that it believes are relevant to the investment mandate of the Fund and / or to capital markets in general. However, while each of these indices overlap with certain aspects of the Fund's mandate, none of them share significant similarities with the Fund's investment portfolio:

- The S&P/TSX Composite Total Return Index ("S&P/TSX") is the principal broad-based measure commonly accepted by investors to measure the performance of Canadian equity markets. The S&P/TSX is a relevant index for comparison purposes as the Fund's investment portfolio contains Canadian equity investments and the Fund's debt investments are frequently converted into equity securities as part of the restructuring process. However, the performance of the S&P/TSX will vary greatly from the Fund as its investment portfolio is primarily comprised of securities that are not included in the S&P/TSX.
- The S&P/TSX Small Cap Total Return Index ("TSX Small Cap") tracks the performance of the Canadian small cap equity market. The TSX Small Cap is a relevant index for comparison purposes as the Fund invests in Canadian small cap companies that are attractively valued with catalysts to unlock value. However, the performance of the TSX Small Cap will vary greatly from the Fund as its investment portfolio is primarily comprised of securities that are not included in the TSX Small Cap.
- The ICE BofAML US High Yield Index ("BAMLHY") is a USD-denominated index that tracks the performance of USD, sub-investment grade rated corporate debt. BAMLHY is a relevant index for comparison purposes as the Fund invests in corporate debt securities that are rated below investment grade. However, the Fund's investment portfolio also includes defaulted debt and equity securities which are not included in the BAMLHY and thus the Fund's performance may vary greatly from BAMLHY.
- The Credit Suisse Distressed Hedge Fund Index ("CSDHFI") is a USD-denominated index that tracks the aggregate performance of investment funds that focus on investing in companies that are subject to financial or operational distress or bankruptcy proceedings. The CSDHFI is a relevant index for comparison purposes as the Fund's investment mandate broadly overlaps that of the funds that make up the CSDHFI. However, it is likely that the composition of the Fund's investment portfolio is unique from these peers and thus the Fund's performance may vary greatly from the CSDHFI.

As the Fund makes idiosyncratic investments in securities which are overlooked by the capital markets, the Fund's investment portfolio contains investments that are not likely included in any of the above indices and thus an investment in the Fund should not be considered a substitute or proxy for the underlying index. For the reasons stated above, these indices should not be considered a benchmark for the Fund and there can be no assurance that any historical correlation or relationship will continue in the future. Index data is provided by ICE Data Services and Credit Suisse.