

# Renaissance Canadian Dividend Fund

# **Annual Management Report of Fund Performance**

for the financial year ended August 31, 2018

All figures are reported in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted.

This annual management report of fund performance contains financial highlights but does not contain the complete annual financial statements of the investment fund. If you have not received a copy of the annual financial statements with this annual management report of fund performance, you can get a copy of the annual financial statements at your request, and at no cost, by calling us toll-free at 1-888-888-FUND (3863), by writing to us at Renaissance Investments, 1500 Robert-Bourassa Boulevard, Suite 800, Montreal, QC, H3A 3S6, by visiting the SEDAR website at sedar.com, or by visiting renaissanceinvestments.ca.

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#### **Management Discussion of Fund Performance**

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

Investment Objective: Renaissance Canadian Dividend Fund (the *Fund*) seeks to generate a high level of income and long-term capital growth by investing primarily in income-producing securities including common shares, preferred shares, income trusts, and fixed income securities.

Investment Strategies: The Fund seeks to provide a consistent, long-term income stream and capital growth. The Fund selects securities based on the outlook for market conditions and uses fundamental analysis to determine the best potential investments. Tax effectiveness is also considered.

#### Risk

The Fund is a Canadian dividend and income equity fund that is suitable for long-term investors who can tolerate low to medium investment risk.

For the period ended August 31, 2018, the Fund's overall level of risk remains as discussed in the simplified prospectus.

#### **Results of Operations**

The Fund's portfolio advisor is CIBC Asset Management Inc. (*CAMI*, the *Manager* or *Portfolio Advisor*). The commentary that follows provides a summary of the results of operations for the period ended August 31, 2018. All dollar figures are expressed in thousands, unless otherwise indicated.

The Fund's net asset value decreased by 15% during the period, from \$1,076,418 as at August 31, 2017 to \$911,527 as at August 31, 2018. Net redemptions of \$219,773 were partially offset by positive investment performance, resulting in an overall decrease in net asset value.

Class A units of the Fund posted a return of 3.6% for the period. The Fund's benchmark, the S&P/TSX Composite Dividend Index (the *benchmark*), returned 9.7% for the same period. The Fund's return is after the deduction of fees and expenses, unlike the benchmark's

return. See *Past Performance* for the returns of other classes of units offered by the Fund.

Over the period, equity markets were strong, with most major indices moving toward record highs. While valuations became more of a challenge, the underlying operating results of Canadian businesses remained sound. There was increased caution in the Canadian housing market after housing prices in key markets rebounded and the Bank of Canada raised interest rates.

Uncertainty about the North American Free Trade Agreement negotiations resulted in heightened investor concerns. Trade issues dominated news headlines over the period. More specifically, protectionist trade policies and tariffs increased between the U.S. and its various trading partners. U.S. dollar strength led to weaker commodity prices, particularly for gold and copper. A strong U.S. dollar also resulted in more challenging conditions generally for emerging markets.

Oil prices benefited from an improving supply and demand balance driven by growing demand and the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries' production cuts. Difficulties in getting heavy oil out of Western Canada led to wider price differentials for Canadian crude oil prices.

A moderate underweight allocation to the outperforming financials sector was a modest detractor from the Fund's performance. A slight overweight allocation to the energy sector modestly detracted from performance as the sector underperformed. Stock selection in the financials and energy sectors significantly detracted from the Fund's performance.

Significant individual detractors from the Fund's performance included overweight holdings in underperforming natural gas producers such as Bonavista Energy Corp. Weak natural gas prices and excess supply led to weaker equity prices. Underweight holdings in outperforming banks such as The Toronto-Dominion Bank led to moderate underperformance in the Fund's financials sector holdings. Banks in

general continued to exhibit high-single-digit growth in earnings and dividends per share.

Stock selection in the information technology sector, and to a lesser extent, the materials sector, modestly contributed to the Fund's performance. Significant individual contributors to the Fund's performance included an overweight holding in Microsoft Corp., which benefited from strong growth. Overweight allocations to Brookfield Asset Management Inc. and Brookfield Business Partners L.P. were also significant contributors to the Fund's performance. Brookfield Asset Management Inc. benefited from positive operating results across its group of subsidiary companies. Brookfield Business Partners L.P. successfully executed on its capital recycling initiatives including an investment in new Ontario casinos.

During the period, Cenovus Energy Inc. was added to the Fund. The Portfolio Advisor believes that the company has a high-quality asset base. Cenovus Energy has significantly lowered the level of risk in its balance sheet and will continue to reduce its debt with further sales and cash flow generation. In addition, the company has upgraded its executive team with recent hires.

The Fund's existing holding in First Quantum Minerals Ltd. was increased given the recent decline in both copper prices and the company's share price. The Portfolio Advisor has taken a longer-term view that China is not heading toward an imminent recession, but rather that the price of copper can eventually work its way back to \$3 USD per pound. The company is expected to continue to work toward bringing on new production, which will leave it in a stronger position as global supply struggles to keep up with demand.

Saputo Inc. was eliminated in response to challenges stemming from lower commodity prices, North American Free Trade Agreement negotiation concerns and overall lower growth characteristics.

The Fund reduced its exposure to Shopify Inc. The company remains strong, as does the e-commerce market in general. However, the Portfolio Advisor believes that there is little to support the company's valuation should it encounter any challenges in growing its business. The Fund maintains a small weighting in the stock and may add to this weighting should an attractive opportunity to purchase additional shares arise.

#### **Recent Developments**

There were no recent events or activities that had a material impact on the Fund.

#### **Related Party Transactions**

CIBC and its affiliates have the following roles and responsibilities with respect to the Fund, and receive the fees described below in connection with their roles and responsibilities.

Manager, Trustee, and Portfolio Advisor of the Fund

CAMI, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CIBC, is the Fund's Manager, Trustee, and Portfolio Advisor. CAMI receives management fees with respect to the Fund's day-to-day business and operations, calculated based on the net asset value of each respective class of units of the Fund as described in *Management Fees*. As Trustee, CAMI holds title

to the Fund's property (cash and securities) on behalf of its unitholders. As Portfolio Advisor, CAMI provides, or arranges to provide, investment advice and portfolio management services to the Fund. CAMI also compensates dealers in connection with their marketing activities regarding the Fund. From time to time, CAMI may invest in units of the Fund.

#### Distributor

Dealers and other firms sell units of the Fund to investors. These dealers and other firms include CAMI's related dealers such as the CIBC Investor's Edge discount brokerage division of CIBC Investor Services Inc. (CIBC ISI), the CIBC Imperial Service division of CIBC ISI, and the CIBC Wood Gundy division of CIBC World Markets Inc. (CIBC WM). CIBC ISI and CIBC WM are wholly-owned subsidiaries of CIBC.

CAMI may pay sales commissions and trailing commissions to these dealers and firms in connection with the sale of units of the Fund. These dealers and other firms may pay a portion of these sales commissions and trailing commissions to their advisors who sell units of the Fund to investors.

#### Brokerage Arrangements and Soft Dollars

The Portfolio Advisor makes decisions, including the selection of markets and dealers and the negotiation of commissions, with respect to the purchase and sale of portfolio securities, certain derivative products and the execution of portfolio transactions. Brokerage business may be allocated by the Portfolio Advisor to CIBC WM and CIBC World Markets Corp., each a subsidiary of CIBC. CIBC WM and CIBC World Markets Corp. may also earn spreads on the sale of fixed income securities, other securities, and certain derivative products to the Fund. A spread is the difference between the bid and ask prices for a security in the applicable marketplace, with respect to the execution of portfolio transactions. The spread will differ based upon various factors such as the nature and liquidity of the security.

Dealers, including CIBC WM and CIBC World Markets Corp., may furnish goods and services, other than order execution, when CAMI processes trades through them (referred to in the industry as "soft-dollar" arrangements). These goods and services are paid for with a portion of brokerage commissions and assist CAMI with investment decision-making services for the Fund or relate directly to the execution of portfolio transactions on behalf of the Fund.

The fees and spreads for services of the Custodian directly related to the execution of portfolio transactions by the Fund are paid by CAMI and/or dealer(s) directed by CAMI, up to the amount of the credits generated under soft dollar arrangements from trading on behalf of the Fund during that month.

In addition, the Manager may enter into commission recapture arrangements with certain dealers with respect to the Fund. Any commission recaptured will be paid to the Fund.

During the period, the Fund paid brokerage commissions and other fees of \$129,343 to CIBC WM; the Fund did not pay any brokerage

commissions or other fees to CIBC World Markets Corp. Spreads associated with fixed income and other securities are not ascertainable and, for that reason, cannot be included when determining these amounts.

#### Fund Transactions

The Fund may enter into one or more of the following transactions (the *Related Party Transactions*) in reliance on the standing instructions issued by the Independent Review Committee (*IRC*):

- invest in or hold equity securities of CIBC or issuers related to a portfolio sub-advisor;
- invest in or hold non-exchange-traded debt securities of CIBC or an issuer related to CIBC in a primary offering and in the secondary market;
- make an investment in the securities of an issuer for which CIBC WM, CIBC World Markets Corp., or any affiliate of CIBC (a Related Dealer) acts as an underwriter during the offering of the securities at any time during the 60-day period following the completion of the offering of such securities (in the case of a "private placement" offering, in accordance with the exemptive relief order granted by the Canadian securities regulatory authorities and in accordance with the policies and procedures relating to such investment);
- purchase equity or debt securities from or sell them to a Related Dealer, where it is acting as principal;
- undertake currency and currency derivative transactions where a Related Dealer is the counterparty; and
- purchase securities from or sell securities to another investment fund or a managed account managed by the Manager or an affiliate of the Manager.

At least annually, the IRC reviews the Related Party Transactions for which they have issued standing instructions. The IRC is required to advise the Canadian securities regulatory authorities, after a matter has been referred to or reported to it by the Manager, if it determines that an investment decision was not made in accordance with conditions imposed by securities legislation or the IRC in any Related Party Transactions requiring its approval.

#### Custodian

CIBC Mellon Trust Company is the custodian of the Fund (the *Custodian*). The Custodian holds all cash and securities for the Fund and ensures that those assets are kept separate from any other cash or securities that the custodian might be holding. The Custodian also provides other services to the Fund including record-keeping and processing of foreign exchange transactions. The fees and spreads for services of the Custodian directly related to the execution of portfolio transactions by the Fund are paid by CAMI and/or dealer(s) directed by CAMI, up to the amount of the credits generated under soft dollar arrangements from trading on behalf of the Fund during that month. All other fees and spreads for the services of the Custodian are paid by the Manager and charged to the Fund on a recoverable basis. CIBC owns a 50% interest in the Custodian.

#### Service Provider

CIBC Mellon Global Securities Services Company (*CIBC GSS*) provides certain services to the Fund, including securities lending, fund accounting and reporting, and portfolio valuation. Such servicing fees are paid by the Manager and charged to the Fund on a recoverable basis. CIBC indirectly owns a 50% interest in CIBC GSS.

#### **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 period ended August 31.

#### The Fund's Net Assets per Unit1 - Class A Units

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$ 14.93	\$ 14.66	\$ 14.08	\$ 16.30	\$ 13.34	
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.48	
Total expenses	(0.34)	(0.36)	(0.33)	(0.35)	(0.34)	
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.11	1.52	(0.05)	(0.01)	0.21	
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.31	(0.87)	0.85	(1.94)	2.99	
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.71	\$ 0.92	\$ (1.83)	\$ 3.34	
Distributions:						
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.27	
From dividends	0.03	0.04	0.08	0.05	0.07	
From capital gains	0.93	-	_	-	_	
Return of capital	-	0.09	0.06	0.08	0.06	
Total Distributions <sup>3</sup>	\$ 1.22	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.40	
Net Assets, end of period	\$ 14.24	\$ 14.93	\$ 14.66	\$ 14.08	\$ 16.30	

This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements. The Fund adopted IFRS on September 1, 2014. Previously, the Fund prepared its financial statements in accordance with Canadian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (*GAAP*) as defined in Part V of the CPA Canada Handbook. Under Canadian GAAP, the Fund measured fair values of its investments in accordance with CICA Handbook Section 3855 which required the use of bid prices for long positions and ask prices for short positions. As such, the net assets per unit figure presented in the financial statements may differ from the net asset value calculated for fund pricing purposes. An explanation of these differences can be found in the notes to the financial statements issued prior to September 1, 2014. Upon adoption of IFRS, the Fund measures the fair value of its investments by using the close market prices, where the close market price falls within the bid-ask spread. As such, the Fund's accounting policies for measuring the fair value of investments in the financial statements are consistent with those used in measuring the net asset value for transactions with unitholders. Accordingly, the opening net asset figure as at September 1, 2013 was restated to reflect accounting policy adjustments made in accordance with IFRS.

#### **Ratios and Supplemental Data - Class A Units**

	2018		2017		2016		2015		2014	
\$	73,023	\$	84,371	\$	91,146	\$	101,808	\$	140,507	
5	,128,135		5,649,425		6,217,129		7,231,380		8,621,306	
	2.16%		2.15%		2.25%		2.25%		2.24%	
	2.22%		2.23%		2.55%		2.52%		2.53%	
	0.14%		0.18%		0.08%		0.08%		0.03%	
	59.84%		91.20%		40.71%		31.07%		13.37%	
\$	14.24	\$	14.93	\$	14.66	\$	14.08	\$	16.30	
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> This information is presented as at August 31 of the period(s) shown.

Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The total increase (decrease) from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding during the period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Distributions were paid in cash, reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both.

Management expense ratio is based on the total expenses of the fund (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs), incurred by or allocated to a class of units for the period shown, expressed as an annualized percentage of the daily average net asset value of that class during the period. The management expense ratio includes the fees attributable to exchange traded funds.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The decision to waive and/or absorb management fees and operating expenses is at the discretion of the Manager. The practice of waiving and/or absorbing management fees and operating expenses may continue indefinitely or may be terminated at any time without notice to unitholders. The management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions includes the fees attributable to exchange traded funds.

The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs before income taxes expressed as an annualized percentage of the daily average net asset value during the period. Spreads associated with fixed income securities trading are not ascertainable and, for that reason, are not included in the trading expense ratio calculation. Previously, the trading expense ratio included the fees attributable to exchange traded funds which are now no longer included in in the TER. Prior year fees attributable to exchange traded funds have been reclassified to the management expense ratio and management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions.

The portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the portfolio advisor and/or portfolio sub-advisor manages the portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to a fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the period. The higher a portfolio turnover rate in a period, the greater the trading costs payable by a fund in the period, 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 a fund.

#### The Fund's Net Assets per Unit1 - Class F Units

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$ 12.69	\$ 12.24	\$ 11.56	\$ 13.16	\$ 10.59	
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.39	
Total expenses	(0.12)	(0.13)	(0.11)	(0.11)	(0.10)	
Realized gains (losses) for the period	80.0	1.31	(0.01)	-	0.18	
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.23	(0.86)	0.67	(1.78)	2.41	
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$ 0.54	\$ 0.68	\$ 0.93	\$ (1.51)	\$ 2.88	
Distributions:						
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.19	
From dividends	0.08	0.08	0.10	0.09	0.09	
From capital gains	0.77	_	_	_	_	
Return of capital	-	0.01	_	_	0.01	
Total Distributions <sup>3</sup>	\$ 1.04	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.29	
Net Assets, end of period	\$ 12.26	\$ 12.69	\$ 12.24	\$ 11.56	\$ 13.16	

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#### **Ratios and Supplemental Data - Class F Units**

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	
Total Net Asset Value (000s) <sup>4</sup>	\$ 4,985	\$ 4,495	\$ 3,667	\$ 2,347	\$ 1,505	
Number of Units Outstanding <sup>4</sup>	406,694	354,370	299,481	203,033	114,357	
Management Expense Ratio <sup>5</sup>	0.84%	0.83%	0.82%	0.82%	0.81%	
Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>6</sup>	0.97%	0.96%	0.98%	1.05%	1.04%	
Trading Expense Ratio <sup>7</sup>	0.14%	0.18%	0.08%	0.08%	0.03%	
Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>8</sup>	59.84%	91.20%	40.71%	31.07%	13.37%	
Net Asset Value per Unit	\$ 12.26	\$ 12.69	\$ 12.24	\$ 11.56	\$ 13.16	

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Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The total increase (decrease) from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding during the period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Distributions were paid in cash, reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Management expense ratio is based on the total expenses of the fund (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs), incurred by or allocated to a class of units for the period shown, expressed as an annualized percentage of the daily average net asset value of that class during the period. The management expense ratio includes the fees attributable to exchange traded funds.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs before income taxes expressed as an annualized percentage of the daily average net asset value during the period. Spreads associated with fixed income securities trading are not ascertainable and, for that reason, are not included in the trading expense ratio calculation. Previously, the trading expense ratio included the fees attributable to exchange traded funds which are now no longer included in in the TER. Prior year fees attributable to exchange traded funds have been reclassified to the management expense ratio and management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions.

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#### The Fund's Net Assets per Unit1 - Class O Units

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$ 11.97	\$ 11.53	\$ 10.84	\$ 12.31	\$ 9.85	
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.36	
Total expenses	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.01)	(0.01)	_	
Realized gains (losses) for the period	80.0	1.22	(0.02)	_	0.17	
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.26	(0.77)	0.71	(1.40)	2.23	
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.77	\$ 1.03	\$ (1.06)	\$ 2.76	
Distributions:						
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.18	
From dividends	0.14	0.16	0.14	0.16	0.11	
From capital gains	0.96	_	-	_	-	
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Distributions <sup>3</sup>	\$ 1.29	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.29	
Net Assets, end of period	\$ 11.35	\$ 11.97	\$ 11.53	\$ 10.84	\$ 12.31	

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#### **Ratios and Supplemental Data - Class O Units**

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	
Total Net Asset Value (000s) <sup>4</sup>	\$ 833,519	\$ 987,552	\$ 882,498	\$ 817,536	\$ 644,218	
Number of Units Outstanding <sup>4</sup>	73,420,252	82,535,930	76,571,525	75,425,866	52,331,089	
Management Expense Ratio <sup>5</sup>	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%	0.01%	0.00%	
Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>6</sup>	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%	0.01%	0.00%	
Trading Expense Ratio <sup>7</sup>	0.14%	0.18%	0.08%	0.08%	0.03%	
Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>8</sup>	59.84%	91.20%	40.71%	31.07%	13.37%	
Net Asset Value per Unit	\$ 11.35	\$ 11.97	\$ 11.53	\$ 10.84	\$ 12.31	

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Management expense ratio is based on the total expenses of the fund (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs), incurred by or allocated to a class of units for the period shown, expressed as an annualized percentage of the daily average net asset value of that class during the period. The Fund does not pay any management fees or operating expenses with respect to Class O units of the Fund, but may have a MER as a result of its holdings in exchange traded funds, representing the weighted average MER of those exchange traded funds for the reporting period.

The decision to waive and/or absorb management fees and operating expenses is at the discretion of the Manager. The practice of waiving and/or absorbing management fees and operating expenses may continue indefinitely or may be terminated at any time without notice to unitholders. The Fund does not pay any management fees or operating expenses with respect to Class 0 units of the Fund, but may have a MER as a result of its holdings in exchange traded funds, representing the weighted average MER of those exchange traded funds for the reporting period.

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The portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the portfolio advisor and/or portfolio sub-advisor manages the portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to a fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the period. The higher a portfolio turnover rate in a period, the greater the trading costs payable by a fund in the period, 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 a fund.

#### **Management Fees**

The Fund pays CAMI an annual management fee to cover the costs of managing the Fund. Management fees are based on the Fund's net asset value and are calculated daily and paid monthly. Management fees are paid to CAMI in consideration for providing, or arranging for the provision of, management, distribution, and portfolio advisory services. Advertising and promotional expenses, office overhead expenses related to the Manager's activities, and trailing commissions are paid by CAMI out of the management fees received from the Fund. The Fund is required to pay applicable taxes on the management fees paid to CAMI. Refer to the simplified prospectus for the annual management fee rate for each class of units.

For Class O units, the management fee is negotiated with and paid by, or as directed by, unitholders or dealers and discretionary managers on behalf of unitholders. Such Class O management fee will not exceed the Class F unit management fee rate.

The following table shows a breakdown of the services received in consideration of the management fees, as a percentage of the management fees collected from the Fund for the period ended August 31, 2018. These amounts do not include waived fees or absorbed expenses.

	Class A Units	Class F Units
Sales and trailing commissions paid to dealers	42.69%	0.00%
General administration, investment advice, and profit	57.31%	100.00%

#### **Past Performance**

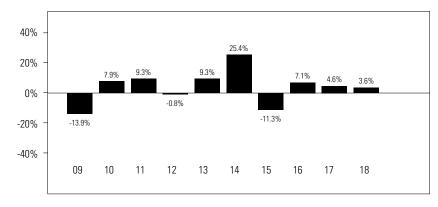
The performance data provided assumes reinvestment of distributions only and does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution, or other optional charges payable by any unitholder that would have reduced returns. Past performance does not necessarily indicate how a fund will perform in the future.

The Fund's returns are after the deduction of fees and expenses, and the difference in returns between classes of units is primarily due to differences in the management expense ratio. See *Financial Highlights* for the management expense ratio.

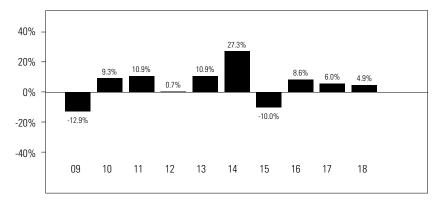
#### **Year-by-Year Returns**

These bar charts show the annual performance of each class of units of the Fund for each of the periods shown, and illustrate how the performance has changed from period to period. These bar charts show, in percentage terms, how an investment made on September 1 would have increased or decreased by August 31, unless otherwise indicated.

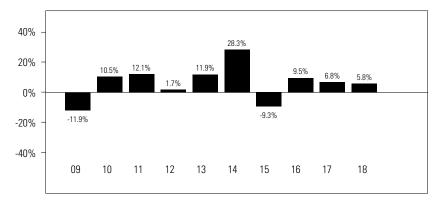
#### Class A Units



#### Class F Units



#### Class O Units



### **Annual Compound Returns**

This table shows the annual compound return of each class of units of the Fund for each indicated period ended on August 31, 2018. The annual compound return is also compared to the Fund's benchmark.

The Fund's benchmark is the S&P/TSX Composite Dividend Index.

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years*	or	Since Inception*	Inception Date
Class A units	3.6%	5.1%	5.2%	3.6%			November 8, 2002
S&P/TSX Composite Dividend Index	9.7%	10.7%	9.2%	5.5%			
Class F units	4.9%	6.5%	6.7%	5.0%			October 19, 2005
S&P/TSX Composite Dividend Index	9.7%	10.7%	9.2%	5.5%			
Class O units	5.8%	7.4%	7.6%	6.0%			August 11, 2005
S&P/TSX Composite Dividend Index	9.7%	10.7%	9.2%	5.5%			

<sup>\*</sup> If a class of units has been outstanding for less than 10 years, the annual compound return since inception is shown.

**S&P/TSX Composite Dividend Index** aims to provide a broad-based benchmark of Canadian dividend-paying stocks. It includes all stocks in the S&P/TSX Composite Index with positive annual dividend yields as of the latest rebalancing of the S&P/TSX Composite Index.

A discussion of the Fund's relative performance compared to its benchmark can be found in Results of Operations.

## **Summary of Investment Portfolio** (as at August 31, 2018)

The summary of investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the investment fund. A quarterly update is available by visiting renaissanceinvestments.ca. The Top Positions table shows a fund's 25 largest positions. For funds with fewer than 25 positions in total, all positions are shown. Cash and cash equivalents are shown in total as one position.

	% of Net Asset
Portfolio Breakdown	Value
Financials	38.8
Energy	19.3
Industrials	12.3
Materials	7.6
Telecommunication Services	5.3
Consumer Discretionary	4.6
Health Care	3.0
Real Estate	2.9
Information Technology	2.6
Other Equities	2.1
Other Assets, less Liabilities	1.0
Cash & Cash Equivalents	0.5

	% of Net Asset
Top Positions	Value
Toronto-Dominion Bank (The)	7.0
Royal Bank of Canada	5.9
Bank of Nova Scotia	5.8
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	5.2
Brookfield Asset Management Inc., Class 'A'	5.0
Suncor Energy Inc.	4.4
Bank of Montreal	4.3
Enbridge Inc.	3.8
Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.	3.1
Canadian National Railway Co.	3.1
TELUS Corp.	2.8
Nutrien Ltd.	2.7
Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd.	2.5
Brookfield Business Partners L.P.	2.5
Manulife Financial Corp.	1.9
Waste Connections Inc.	1.8
Spin Master Corp.	1.6
Sun Life Financial Inc.	1.6
Rogers Communications Inc., Class 'B'	1.6
Brookfield Infrastructure Partners L.P.	1.4
SNC-Lavalin Group Inc.	1.4
Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.	1.3
NFI Group Inc.	1.2
Encana Corp.	1.2
FirstService Corp.	1.1

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