

### Fund Data

Inception date:	October 30, 1996
Ticker (Preferred / Class A share):	PIC.PR.A / PIC.A
Units outstanding:	9,995,191 Units
Total Net Asset Value <sup>(1)</sup>	\$233.96 mm
NAV Per Preferred Shares <sup>(1)</sup> :	\$15.00
NAV Per Class A Shares <sup>(1)</sup> :	\$8.41
Total Market Capitalization	\$232.19 mm
Market price Per Preferred Shares	\$15.20
Market price Per Class A Shares	\$8.03
Management fee:	0.90% p.a.

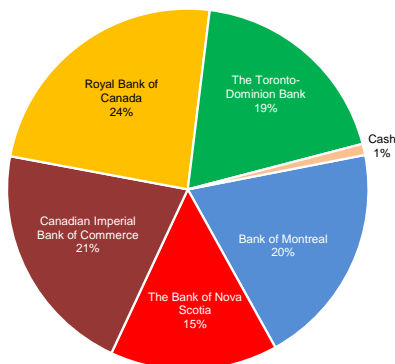
### Distributions (Class A share)

Distribution:	\$0.81276 p.a.
Most recent distribution <sup>(2)</sup> :	\$0.20319
Distribution frequency:	Quarterly
Current yield <sup>(3)</sup> :	10.1%
Cumulative distributions:	\$23.99251

### Top Holding

Royal Bank of Canada	24.4%
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	20.9%
Bank of Montreal	20.0%
Toronto-Dominion Bank	18.5%
The Bank of Nova Scotia	15.0%
Cash	1.0%

### Sector Allocation



Notes:  
 (1) As at January 31, 2018  
 (2) January distribution  
 (3) Calculated as most recent distribution annualized divided by closing market price on January 31, 2018

### Fund Overview

The Fund is a split share corporation designed to provide investors with exposure to six Canadian banks. The Fund utilizes Strathbridge's proprietary SSO covered call writing strategy to enhance the income generated by the portfolio and to reduce volatility.

### Objectives

The fund's investment objectives are:

- to provide Preferred shareholders with cumulative preferential quarterly cash distributions of \$0.215625 per share, representing an annual yield of 5.75% on the original issue price of the Preferred shares; and
- to provide Class A shareholders with quarterly cash distributions of \$0.20319 per share; and
- to return the original issue price to holders of both preferred share and Class A shares upon windup of the Fund.

### Rationale

The six Canadian banks have a history of strong earnings growth, which has resulted in increases in their dividend rates and share price appreciation. The preferred shares are appropriate for an investor looking for a more secure investment than common equities with an attractive distribution. The class A shares are appropriate for an investor seeking a leveraged play on the six banks included in the portfolio while earning attractive distributions.

### Portfolio Manager Commentary – January 2018

The Canadian banks generated strong performance during the fourth quarter with the S&P/TSX Diversified Banks Sub Index up 3.4% on a total return basis, outperforming the broader S&P/TSX Composite Index which rose 0.2% over the same period.

The banks within the portfolio produced varying returns during the quarter with the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce ("CIBC") leading the way with a total return of 8.5%. Meanwhile, the Bank of Nova Scotia ("BNS") lagged the group with a total return of -0.9% during the period.

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## Portfolio Manager Commentary – cont'd

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The Bank of Montreal, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and the National Bank of Canada each announced a dividend increase in the quarter, increasing it by 3.3%, 2.3% and 3.4% respectively.

Volatility levels for the Canadian banks remained at the low end of the range of the past few years so the Fund continued to be less active with its covered-call writing strategy during the quarter with an average 4.2% of the portfolio subject to covered calls vs. 2.8% in the previous quarter. Similar to the previous quarter, due to the low level of volatility and the manager's favourable outlook for the banks, the Fund opportunistically purchased some call options on Royal Bank of Canada and The Toronto-Dominion Bank during the quarter that ended the period totaling 0.46% of NAV.

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## Manager

- ✓ Strathbridge Asset Management Inc., experienced issuer with 10 listed closed-end funds
- ✓ One of Canada's most experienced option strategy managers, with over 20 years of investment management experience in Canada
- ✓ Proprietary selective call writing strategy utilized to enhance income generated from the portfolio and reduce volatility

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