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# Investors U.S. Dividend Growth Fund

## **Interim Financial Report**

FOR THE SIX-MONTH PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

The accompanying interim financial statements have not been reviewed by the external auditors of the Fund. The external auditors will be auditing the annual financial statements of the Fund as at March 31, 2018, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards.

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## STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

at September 30, 2017 (unaudited) with comparative figures at March 31, 2017  
(in \$ 000 except per security amounts)

	Sep. 30 2017	Mar. 31 2017
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current assets:</b>		
Non-derivative investments	1,321,364	1,404,079
Cash and cash equivalents	4,869	8,158
Accrued interest receivable	-	2
Dividends receivable	2,132	1,446
Accounts receivable for investments sold	2,594	26,983
Accounts receivable for securities issued	-	-
Accounts receivable from the Manager	49	-
Margin on derivative contracts	-	-
Derivative assets	-	-
Other assets	-	-
	1,331,008	1,440,668
<b>Non-current assets:</b>		
Taxes recoverable	-	-
Other assets	-	-
	-	-
<b>Total assets</b>	1,331,008	1,440,668
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current liabilities:</b>		
Bank indebtedness	-	-
Accounts payable for investments purchased	774	22,594
Accounts payable for securities redeemed	-	-
Distributions payable	-	-
Accrued expenses and miscellaneous payables	84	1
Dividends payable on investments sold short	-	-
Derivative liabilities	-	-
Taxes payable	-	-
Other liabilities	-	9
<b>Total liabilities</b>	858	22,604
<b>Net assets attributable to securityholders</b>	1,330,150	1,418,064

## STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

for the six-month periods ended September 30 (unaudited)  
(in \$ 000 except per security amounts)

	2017	2016
<b>Income:</b>		
<b>Gains (losses) on derivative and non-derivative investments:</b>		
Dividends	16,228	15,496
Interest income	29	10
Net realized gain (loss)	40,629	71,061
Net unrealized gain (loss)	(73,176)	34,632
Income (loss) from derivatives	-	-
Income (loss) from short selling	-	-
Other	-	-
<b>Net gain (loss) on derivative and non-derivative investments</b>	(16,290)	121,199
Securities lending income	16	62
Other	-	-
<b>Total income</b>	(16,274)	121,261
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Management fees	12,479	12,394
Management fee rebates	(291)	(317)
Service fees	1,916	2,018
Service fee rebates	(270)	(278)
Administration fees	1,374	1,303
Trustee fees	382	362
Commissions and other portfolio transaction costs	1,068	813
Independent Review Committee costs	2	5
Other	4	10
<b>Expenses before amounts absorbed by Manager</b>	16,664	16,310
Expenses absorbed by Manager	-	-
<b>Net expenses</b>	16,664	16,310
<b>Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders</b>		
<b>from operations before tax</b>	(32,938)	104,951
Foreign withholding taxes paid (recovered)	2,210	2,083
Foreign income taxes paid (recovered)	-	-
Income tax paid (recovered)	-	-
<b>Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders</b>	(30,728)	107,034
<b>from operations</b>	(35,148)	102,868

### Net assets attributable to securityholders

	per security		per series	
	Sep. 30	Mar. 31	Sep. 30	Mar. 31
	2017	2017	2017	2017
Series A	15.27	15.68	475,799	543,752
Series B	15.12	15.54	91,268	85,742
Series C	14.93	15.37	121,589	136,276
Series Josc	15.42	15.82	381,581	450,394
Series Jnl	15.40	15.80	53,603	54,295
Series U	11.92	12.15	206,310	147,605
			1,330,150	1,418,064

### Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders from operations

	per security		per series	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	Series A	(0.41)	1.13	(13,912)
Series B	(0.41)	1.12	(2,359)	4,475
Series C	(0.38)	1.14	(3,256)	10,760
Series Josc	(0.39)	1.16	(10,877)	35,471
Series Jnl	(0.39)	1.15	(1,419)	3,321
Series U	(0.23)	0.97	(3,325)	6,523
			(35,148)	102,868

See accompanying notes.

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## STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION

for the six-month periods ended September 30 (unaudited) (in \$ 000 except when stated)

	TOTAL		SERIES A		SERIES B		SERIES C	
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016
<b>Net assets attributable to securityholders, beginning of period</b>	1,418,064	1,267,016	543,752	532,867	85,742	57,639	136,276	132,580
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders resulting from:								
<b>Operations</b>	(35,148)	102,868	(13,912)	42,318	(2,359)	4,475	(3,256)	10,760
<b>Distributions:</b>								
Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital gains	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Management fee rebates	(291)	(317)	-	-	-	-	(226)	(265)
Service fee rebates	(270)	(278)	-	-	-	-	(270)	(278)
<b>Total distributions</b>	(561)	(595)	-	-	-	-	(496)	(543)
<b>Security transactions:</b>								
Proceeds from sale of securities	149,889	81,026	7,275	28,070	23,449	6,439	2,404	2,872
Proceeds from securities issued on merger	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reinvested from distributions	531	570	-	-	-	-	466	518
Payment on redemption of securities	(202,625)	(121,573)	(61,316)	(53,324)	(15,564)	(10,610)	(13,805)	(11,274)
<b>Total security transactions</b>	(52,205)	(39,977)	(54,041)	(25,254)	7,885	(4,171)	(10,935)	(7,884)
<b>Increase (decrease) in assets attributable to securityholders</b>	(87,914)	62,296	(67,953)	17,064	5,526	304	(14,687)	2,333
<b>Net assets attributable to securityholders, end of period</b>	1,330,150	1,329,312	475,799	549,931	91,268	57,943	121,589	134,913
<b>Increase (decrease) in securities outstanding (in thousands):</b>								
<b>Securities outstanding, beginning of period</b>			34,673	38,377	5,519	4,193	8,868	9,745
Add (deduct):								
Securities sold			469	1,957	1,535	452	159	206
Securities issued on merger			-	-	-	-	-	-
Reinvested from distributions			-	-	-	-	31	37
Securities redeemed			(3,973)	(3,707)	(1,019)	(745)	(915)	(801)
<b>Securities outstanding, end of period</b>			31,169	36,627	6,035	3,900	8,143	9,187

	SERIES J <sub>DSC</sub>		SERIES J <sub>NL</sub>		SERIES U	
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016
<b>Net assets attributable to securityholders, beginning of period</b>	450,394	430,572	54,295	40,454	147,605	72,904
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders resulting from:						
<b>Operations</b>	(10,877)	35,471	(1,419)	3,321	(3,325)	6,523
<b>Distributions:</b>						
Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital gains	-	-	-	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
Management fee rebates	(55)	(45)	(10)	(7)	-	-
Service fee rebates	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total distributions</b>	(55)	(45)	(10)	(7)	-	-
<b>Security transactions:</b>						
Proceeds from sale of securities	28,752	30,387	15,043	5,156	72,966	8,102
Proceeds from securities issued on merger	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reinvested from distributions	55	45	10	7	-	-
Payment on redemption of securities	(86,688)	(34,645)	(14,316)	(5,170)	(10,936)	(6,550)
<b>Total security transactions</b>	(57,881)	(4,213)	737	(7)	62,030	1,552
<b>Increase (decrease) in assets attributable to securityholders</b>	(68,813)	31,213	(692)	3,307	58,705	8,075
<b>Net assets attributable to securityholders, end of period</b>	381,581	461,785	53,603	43,761	206,310	80,979
<b>Increase (decrease) in securities outstanding (in thousands):</b>						
<b>Securities outstanding, beginning of period</b>	28,478	30,744	3,437	2,893	12,152	6,780
Add (deduct):						
Securities sold	1,838	2,090	964	355	6,081	722
Securities issued on merger	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reinvested from distributions	4	3	1	1	-	-
Securities redeemed	(5,570)	(2,389)	(921)	(357)	(917)	(587)
<b>Securities outstanding, end of period</b>	24,750	30,448	3,481	2,892	17,316	6,915

See accompanying notes.

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## STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

for the six-month periods ended September 30 (unaudited) (in \$ 000 except when stated)

	2017	2016
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders from operations	(35,148)	102,868
<b>Less non-cash impact of:</b>		
Net realized (gain) loss	(40,629)	(71,061)
Change in net unrealized (gain) loss	73,176	(34,632)
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Proceeds from sale and maturity of investments	850,556	650,202
Purchases of investments	(797,819)	(593,620)
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable and other assets	(733)	(469)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and other liabilities	74	(8)
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>49,477</b>	<b>53,280</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>		
Proceeds from securities issued	59,541	57,041
Proceeds from securities issued on merger	-	-
Payments on redemption of securities	(112,277)	(97,333)
Distributions paid net of reinvestments	(30)	(25)
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities</b>	<b>(52,766)</b>	<b>(40,317)</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(3,289)</b>	<b>12,963</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	8,158	14,218
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash and cash equivalents	-	119
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of period</b>	<b>4,869</b>	<b>27,300</b>
Cash	569	1,026
Cash equivalents	4,300	26,274
Bank indebtedness	-	-
	4,869	27,300
<b>Supplementary disclosures on cash flow from operating activities:</b>		
Dividends received net of withholding taxes	13,385	12,951
Interest received net of withholding taxes	31	10
Interest paid	-	-

See accompanying notes.

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## SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

as at September 30, 2017 (unaudited)

	Country	Sector	No. of Units, Shares, or Par Value	Cost (CAD\$ 000)	Fair Value (CAD\$ 000)
<b>EQUITIES</b>					
Altria Group Inc.	United States	Consumer Staples	338,500	28,206	26,794
Amgen Inc.	United States	Health Care	173,000	36,471	40,258
Anthem Inc.	United States	Health Care	71,500	15,446	16,945
Apple Inc.	United States	Information Technology	267,800	37,194	51,513
Bank of America Corp.	United States	Financials	1,586,700	42,637	50,182
BB&T Corp.	United States	Financials	605,000	35,252	35,444
Cisco Systems Inc.	United States	Information Technology	340,000	13,763	14,271
Citigroup Inc.	United States	Financials	556,600	39,362	50,532
Comcast Corp. Class A	United States	Consumer Discretionary	630,000	27,877	30,257
CSX Corp.	United States	Industrials	605,000	38,382	40,972
Delta Air Lines Inc.	United States	Industrials	685,000	45,930	41,226
Discover Financial Services	United States	Financials	280,000	21,560	22,534
DowDuPont Inc.	United States	Materials	386,000	29,813	33,353
Dr. Pepper Snapple Group Inc.	United States	Consumer Staples	245,000	27,959	27,053
EOG Resources Inc.	United States	Energy	265,000	28,914	31,996
Expedia Inc.	United States	Consumer Discretionary	113,700	21,492	20,426
Fidelity National Information Services Inc.	United States	Information Technology	281,200	29,358	32,777
General Electric Co.	United States	Industrials	1,175,000	36,102	35,460
Helmerich & Payne Inc.	United States	Energy	337,500	30,146	21,950
Host Hotels & Resorts Inc.	United States	Real Estate	1,416,500	32,716	32,689
Invesco Ltd.	United States	Financials	759,650	31,709	33,222
Johnson & Johnson	United States	Health Care	235,000	41,097	38,131
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	United States	Financials	285,000	23,108	33,974
Lowe's Companies Inc.	United States	Consumer Discretionary	305,000	31,748	30,431
MasterCard Inc. Class A	United States	Information Technology	149,300	16,014	26,311
Medtronic PLC	United States	Health Care	139,000	11,378	13,492
Merck & Co. Inc.	United States	Health Care	385,000	28,757	30,768
Microsoft Corp.	United States	Information Technology	470,000	31,709	43,696
Nasdaq Inc.	United States	Financials	200,000	18,111	19,363
Nike Inc. Class B	United States	Consumer Discretionary	375,000	27,318	24,268
Occidental Petroleum Corp.	United States	Energy	445,000	36,007	35,662
Oracle Corp.	United States	Information Technology	660,000	40,915	39,828
PACCAR Inc.	United States	Industrials	376,850	32,510	34,025
PepsiCo Inc.	United States	Consumer Staples	152,500	19,008	21,208
Pfizer Inc.	United States	Health Care	765,000	30,086	34,086
Schlumberger Ltd.	United States	Energy	309,000	28,779	26,904
Starbucks Corp.	United States	Consumer Discretionary	599,000	47,476	40,154
Texas Instruments Inc.	United States	Information Technology	400,000	28,252	44,752
U.S. Bancorp	United States	Financials	395,000	21,268	26,420
Union Pacific Corp.	United States	Industrials	175,000	22,236	25,330
Verizon Communications Inc.	United States	Telecommunication Services	482,100	30,470	29,778
WEC Energy Group Inc.	United States	Utilities	165,000	11,662	12,929
				1,228,198	1,321,364
<b>COMMISSIONS AND OTHER PORTFOLIO TRANSACTION COSTS</b>				(834)	-
<b>TOTAL NON-DERIVATIVE INVESTMENTS</b>				<u>1,227,364</u>	<u>1,321,364</u>
<b>Net Assets (see asset composition):</b>					
Total non-derivative investments					1,321,364
Cash and cash equivalents					4,869
Other net assets (liabilities)					3,917
					<u>1,330,150</u>

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## Schedule of Asset Composition

as at September 30, 2017 (unaudited)

as at March 31, 2017

	% of net assets
<b>PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION</b>	
Equities	99.3
Cash and cash equivalents	0.4
Other net assets (liabilities)	0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<b>COUNTRY ALLOCATION</b>	
United States	<b>99.3</b>

<b>SECTOR ALLOCATION</b>	
Financials	20.4
Information Technology	19.0
Industrials	13.3
Health Care	13.1
Consumer Discretionary	10.9
Energy	8.8
Consumer Staples	5.6
Materials	2.5
Real Estate	2.5
Other	3.2
	<b>99.3</b>

	% of net assets
<b>PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION</b>	
Equities	99.0
Cash and cash equivalents	0.6
Other net assets (liabilities)	0.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<b>COUNTRY ALLOCATION</b>	
United States	<b>99.0</b>

<b>SECTOR ALLOCATION</b>	
Information Technology	20.7
Financials	18.6
Industrials	15.5
Health Care	10.0
Consumer Discretionary	9.0
Energy	9.0
Consumer Staples	7.8
Materials	3.3
Utilities	2.6
Telecommunication Services	2.5
	<b>99.0</b>

**1. ORGANIZATION OF THE FUND, FISCAL PERIODS AND GENERAL INFORMATION****(a) Organization of the Fund**

The Fund is organized as an open-ended mutual fund trust established under the laws of Manitoba and governed by a Declaration of Trust. The address of the Fund's registered office is 447 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. The Fund is authorized to issue an unlimited number of securities of multiple series. If issued, Series F, P, and S securities are only available for purchase by other Investors Group Funds or other qualified investors. All series generally share in the operations of the Fund on a pro rata basis except for items that can be specifically attributed to one or more series. Distributions for each series may vary, partly due to the differences in expenses between the series.

**(b) Financial periods**

The Statements of Financial Position are presented as at September 30, 2017 and March 31, 2017. The Statements of Comprehensive Income, Statements of Changes in Financial Position and Statements of Cash Flows are for the six-month periods ended September 30, 2017 and 2016. The Schedule of Investments is presented as at September 30, 2017. Where a Fund or series of a Fund was established during either period, the information for the Fund or series is provided from inception date.

**(c) General information**

I.G. Investment Management, Ltd. is the Manager and Trustee of the Fund. I.G. Investment Management, Ltd. and/or I.G. International Management Limited acts as Portfolio Advisor(s) to the Fund. In some cases, I.G. Investment Management (Hong Kong) Limited has been engaged as sub-advisor to provide investment services to the Fund. The Fund is distributed by Investors Group Financial Services Inc. and Investors Group Securities Inc. (collectively, the Distributors). These companies are, indirectly, wholly owned subsidiaries of IGM Financial Inc.

IGM Financial Inc. is a subsidiary of Power Financial Corp. and Power Corporation of Canada. Companies related to Power Financial Corporation are therefore considered affiliates of the Trustee, the Manager and the Distributors. The Fund may invest in certain securities within the Power Group of Companies, subject to certain governance criteria, and these holdings, as at the end of the period, have been identified on the Schedule of Investments for the Fund. Any transactions during the periods were executed through market intermediaries and under prevailing market terms and conditions.

**2. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND PRESENTATION**

These unaudited interim financial statements (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), including International Accounting Standard 34 Interim Financial Reporting (IAS 34), as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB). These financial statements were prepared using the same accounting policies, critical judgments and estimates as applied in the Fund's most recent audited annual financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2017. A summary of the Fund's significant accounting policies under IFRS is presented in Note 3.

These financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars, which is the Fund's functional currency, and rounded to the nearest thousand unless otherwise indicated. These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis using the historical cost basis, except for financial assets and liabilities that have been measured at fair value.

These financial statements were authorized for issue by the Manager on November 9, 2017.

Standards issued but not yet effective for the current accounting year are described in Note 3.

**3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES****(a) Financial instruments**

Investments include financial assets and liabilities such as debt and equity securities, open-ended investment funds and derivatives. The Fund classifies and measures financial instruments in accordance with IFRS 9 Financial Instruments (IFRS 9). Upon initial recognition, financial instruments are classified as fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL). All financial assets and liabilities are recognized in the Statement of Financial Position when the Fund becomes a party to the contractual requirements of the instrument. Financial instruments are derecognized when the right to receive cash flows from the instrument has expired or the Fund has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership. As such, investment purchase and sale transactions are recorded as of the trade date.

Financial instruments are subsequently measured as FVTPL with changes in fair value recognized in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

The cost of investments (cost) is based on the weighted average cost of investments and excludes commissions and other portfolio transaction costs, which are separately reported in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Realized gains and losses on disposition, including foreign exchange gains or losses on such investments, are determined based on the cost of investments. Gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of the investments are included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income for the period in which they arise. Gains and losses realized on certain derivatives, including interest rate and currency swaps, and futures are reported as Income (loss) from derivatives within the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

The Fund accounts for its holdings in unlisted open-ended investment funds at FVTPL. The Fund has concluded that unlisted open-ended investment funds in which it invests do not meet the definition of structured entities. The Fund's investment in unlisted open-ended funds, if any, is presented in the Schedule of Investments at fair value which represents the Fund's maximum exposure on these investments.

**(b) Fair value measurement**

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Fund's valuation policies are as follows:

**(i) Equity securities, fixed-income securities and other investment funds**

Fair value for securities listed on a public securities exchange or traded on an over-the-counter market is determined as the last traded market price or close price recorded by the security exchange on which the security is principally traded, where the close price falls within the bid-ask spread of the security.

In situations where the last traded market price is not within the bid-ask spread, the Manager selects the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value.

Fair value of fixed-income securities includes consideration of the creditworthiness of the issuer.

Investments in securities of another investment fund are valued at the net asset value per security calculated in accordance with the offering documents of such investment fund or as reported by that fund's manager.

Unlisted or non-exchange traded securities, or securities for which a last traded market price is unavailable or securities for which market quotations are, in the Manager's opinion, inaccurate, unreliable or not reflective of all available material information, are valued at their estimated fair value, determined by using appropriate and accepted industry valuation techniques including valuation models. The estimated fair value of a security 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 estimated fair value of a security may be determined using valuation techniques that are not supported by observable market data.

**(ii) Futures and swaps contracts**

Futures and swaps contracts are valued at the gain or loss that would be realized upon closure of the contract. The values for such contracts fluctuate and are best determined at the settlement price established each day by the board of trade or exchange on which the contracts are traded.

Margin accounts represent margin deposits held with brokers in respect of open futures and swaps contracts. Any change in the variation margin requirement is settled daily. Margin paid or deposited in respect of futures contracts or swaps is reflected as a receivable at fair value in the Statement of Financial Position.

**(iii) Forward contracts**

Forward contracts, including forward currency contracts, are valued at the gain or loss that would arise as a result of closing the position at the reporting date.

**(iv) Options contracts**

Premiums received from writing options are included in the Statement of Financial Position as a liability and subsequently adjusted daily to fair value.

**(c) Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on deposit with banks and short term investments that are readily convertible to cash, are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, and are used by the Fund in the management of short-term commitments. Cash and cash equivalents are reported at fair value which closely approximates their amortized cost due to their nature of being highly liquid and having short terms to maturity. Bank overdraft positions are presented as bank indebtedness in current liabilities in the Statement of Financial Position.

**(d) Currency**

All amounts are expressed in Canadian dollars. Foreign currency amounts have been expressed in Canadian dollars on the following bases:

**(i) Fair value of investments and other assets and liabilities at the rate of exchange at the end of the period.****(ii) Income, expenses, purchases and sales of investments at the rate of exchange on the dates of such transactions.****(e) Income recognition**

Interest income from interest bearing investments is recognized using the effective interest method. Dividends are accrued as of the ex-dividend date. Dividend income and distributions from open-ended investment funds are recognized when the Fund's right to receive payment is established which is typically on the ex-dividend or distribution date. Distributions received from income trusts and open-ended investment funds are included in interest income, dividend income or capital gains, as appropriate, based on the best information available to the Manager. Due to the nature of these investments, actual allocations could vary from this information.

**(f) Securities lending and repurchase transactions**

The Fund may be permitted to enter into securities lending, repurchase and reverse repurchase transactions as set out in the Fund's Simplified Prospectus. These transactions involve the temporary exchange of securities for collateral with a commitment to deliver the same securities on a future date. Income is earned from these transactions in the form of fees paid by the counterparty and, in certain circumstances, interest paid on cash or securities held as collateral. Income earned from these transactions is recognized on the accrual basis and included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Securities lending transactions are administered by The Bank of New York Mellon (the Securities Lending Agent). All the counterparties have a sufficient, approved credit rating and the value of cash or securities held as collateral must be at least 102% of the fair value of the securities loaned, sold or purchased. The value of securities loaned and collateral received from securities lending as of the end of the periods, if applicable, is disclosed in Note 12. Collateral received is comprised of debt obligations of the Government of Canada and other countries, Canadian provincial and municipal governments, and financial institutions.

**3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)****(g) Redeemable securities**

The Fund's redeemable securities entitle securityholders the right to redeem their interest in the Fund for cash equal to their proportionate share of the net asset value of the Fund, amongst other contractual rights. These redeemable securities involve multiple contractual obligations on the part of the Fund and therefore meet the criteria for classification as financial liabilities. The Fund's obligation for net assets attributable to securityholders is measured at FVTPL, with fair value being the redemption amount as of the reporting date.

**(h) Commissions and other portfolio transaction costs**

Commissions and other portfolio transaction costs are costs incurred to acquire, dispose of or otherwise transact financial assets or liabilities. They include fees and commissions paid to agents, exchanges, brokers and dealers, and other intermediaries.

**(i) Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders from operations**

Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders from operations per security for a series in the Statement of Comprehensive Income represents the weighted average increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders from operations for the series, per security outstanding during the period.

**(j) Offsetting**

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the Statement of Financial Position only when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognized amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. In the normal course of business, the Fund enters into various master netting agreements or similar agreements that do not meet the criteria for offsetting in the Statement of Financial Position but still allow for the related amounts to be set off in certain circumstances, such as bankruptcy or termination of the contracts.

Note 12 presents the amounts, if any, that are subject to master netting arrangements or other similar agreements and the net impact to the Statements of Financial Position if all such rights were exercised.

**(k) Mergers**

The Fund applies the acquisition method of accounting for Fund mergers. Under this method, one of the Funds in each merger is identified as the acquiring Fund, and is referred to as the Continuing Fund, and the other Fund involved in the merger is referred to as the Terminated Fund. This identification is based on the comparison of the relative net asset values of the Funds as well as consideration of the continuation of such aspects of the Continuing Fund as: investment advisors; investment objectives and practices; type of portfolio securities; and management fees and expenses.

**(l) Comparative figures**

Certain prior period comparative amounts have been reclassified to conform to current presentation including, as applicable, eliminations within the Statements of Cash Flows for non-cash transfers between series of the Fund, and reclassification of foreign withholding taxes from securities lending activity within the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

**(m) Future accounting changes**

The Fund has determined there are no material implications to the Fund's financial statements arising from IFRS issued but not yet effective.

**4. USE OF ACCOUNTING JUDGMENTS AND ESTIMATES**

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with IFRS requires judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the reporting date and the reported amounts of income and expenses during the period. However, existing circumstances and assumptions may change due to market changes or circumstances arising beyond the control of the Fund. Such changes are reflected in the assumptions when they occur. The following discusses the most significant accounting judgments and estimates made in preparing the financial statements:

**(a) Functional currency**

The Fund's functional and presentation currency is the Canadian dollar, which is the currency considered to most faithfully represent the economic effects of the Fund's underlying transactions, events and conditions taking into consideration the manner in which securities are issued and redeemed and how returns and performance by the Fund are measured.

**(b) Classification of financial instruments**

In classifying and measuring financial instruments held by the Fund, the Manager is required to make significant judgments in determining the most appropriate classification in accordance with IFRS 9. The Manager has assessed the Fund's business model, the manner in which all financial assets and financial liabilities are managed and performance evaluated as a group on a fair value basis, and concluded that FVTPL in accordance with IFRS 9 provides the most appropriate measurement and presentation of the Fund's financial assets and financial liabilities.

**(c) Estimations of fair value**

The Fund may, from time to time, hold investments that are not quoted in active markets, such as unlisted securities or private securities. To estimate fair value, the Manager uses valuation techniques that make use of observable data, to the extent practicable. The Fund categorizes the fair value of its assets and liabilities into three categories, which are differentiated based on the observable nature of the inputs and extent of estimation required.

**Level 1** – Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

**Level 2** – Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly. Examples of Level 2 valuations include quoted prices for similar securities, quoted prices on inactive markets and from recognized investment dealers, and the application of factors derived from observable data to non-North American quoted prices in order to estimate the impact of differences in market closing times. The estimated fair values for these securities may be different from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the investment existed.

**Level 3** – Inputs that are not based on observable market data. Various valuation techniques are utilized, depending on each situation. These methods and procedures may include, but are not limited to, performing comparisons with prices of comparable or similar securities, obtaining relevant information from issuers and/or other analytical data relating to the investment, and recent arm's length transactions. Key inputs and assumptions used are usually security specific and may include estimated discount rates, credit risk, volatility, correlations, and future cash flows. Changes in key inputs and assumptions could affect the reported fair value of these financial instruments held by the Fund. The estimated fair values for these securities may be significantly different from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the investment existed.

See Note 12 for the fair value classifications of the Fund.

**(d) Structured entities**

In determining whether unlisted open-ended investment funds in which the Fund invests, but that it does not consolidate, meet the definition of a structured entity, the Manager is required to make significant judgments about whether the Underlying Funds have the typical characteristics of a structured entity. The Manager has assessed the characteristics of the Underlying Funds and has concluded that they do not meet the definition of a structured entity because the Fund does not have contracts or financing arrangements with the Underlying Funds and does not have an ability to influence the activities of the Underlying Funds or the return it receives from its investment.

**5. MANAGEMENT FEES AND OTHER EXPENSES**

**(a)** Each series of the Fund will incur expenses that can be specifically attributed to that series. Common expenses of the Fund are allocated across the series of the Fund on a pro rata basis.

**(b)** The Manager provides or arranges for the provision of investment and advisory services for a management fee. See Note 12 for the annual rates paid (as a percent of average assets) by the Fund.

**(c)** The Fund pays the Manager an administration fee and in return the Manager will bear the operating expenses of the Fund, other than certain specified costs. See Note 12 for the annual rates paid (as a percent of average assets) by the Fund.

Other Fund costs include taxes (including but not limited to GST/HST and income tax), transaction costs related to the purchase and sale of investments and derivatives, interest and borrowing costs, and Independent Review Committee (IRC) costs.

**(d)** The Fund may pay the Distributors a service fee to compensate them for providing or arranging for the provision of services to the Fund. A portion of the service fee related to Series C and Tc is rebated by the Distributors to the Fund on a quarterly basis as outlined in the Fund's Prospectus. The rebate is distributed as a capital distribution to eligible securityholders and is reinvested in additional Series C or Tc securities of the Fund or another distributing Fund held by the securityholder. See Note 12 for the annual rates paid (as a percent of average assets) by the Fund.

**(e)** The Trustee is responsible for overall direction and management of the affairs of the Fund. See Note 12 for the annual rates paid (as a percent of average assets) to the Trustee by the Fund.

**(f)** An advisory fee is charged by the Distributors for investment advice and administrative services related to Series U and Tu, if issued. The advisory fee is payable monthly directly by investors in Series U and Tu, and not by the Fund.

**(g)** GST/HST paid by the Fund on its expenses is not recoverable. In these financial statements, reference to GST/HST includes QST (Québec sales tax), as applicable.

**(h)** Other expenses are comprised of interest and borrowing charges and other miscellaneous expenses.

**(i)** The Manager may, at its discretion, pay certain expenses of the Fund so the Fund's performance remains competitive; however, there is no assurance that this will occur in the future. Any expenses absorbed by the Manager during the periods have been identified in the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

**6. INCOME TAXES**

The Fund qualifies as a mutual fund trust under the provisions of the Income Tax Act (Canada) and, accordingly, is subject to tax on its income including net realized capital gains, which is not paid or payable to its securityholders. The Fund maintains a December year-end for tax purposes. The Fund may be subject to withholding taxes on foreign income. In general, the Fund treats withholding tax as a charge against income for tax purposes. The Fund intends to distribute sufficient amounts from net income for tax purposes, as required, so that the Fund will not pay income taxes other than refundable tax on capital gains, if applicable.

See Note 12 for the losses that were available to offset future income for tax purposes as at the last taxation year-end. The net capital losses can be carried forward indefinitely to reduce future realized capital gains. The non-capital losses may be utilized to reduce taxable income of future years and expire in December of the years indicated.



**7. COMMISSIONS AND OTHER PORTFOLIO TRANSACTION COSTS**

The total brokerage commissions incurred by the Fund in connection with portfolio transactions for the periods, together with other transaction charges, is disclosed in the Statements of Comprehensive Income. Brokerage business is allocated to brokers based on the best net result for the Fund. Subject to this criteria, commissions may be paid to brokerage firms which provide (or pay for) certain services, other than order execution, which may include investment research, analysis and reports, and databases or software in support of these services. Where applicable and ascertainable, the value of third-party services that were paid for by brokers during the periods is disclosed in Note 12. The value of certain proprietary services provided by brokers cannot be reasonably estimated.

**8. GUARANTEES AND INDEMNITIES**

Agreements between the individual members of the Fund's IRC and the Trustee, on behalf of the Fund, provides for the indemnification of each IRC member by the Fund from and against liabilities and costs in respect of any action or suit against the member by reason of being or having been a member of the IRC, provided that the member acted honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interest of the Fund, or, in the case of a criminal or administrative action or proceeding that is enforced by a monetary penalty, that they had reasonable grounds for believing that his/her conduct was lawful. No claims with respect to such occurrences have been made and, as such, no amount has been recorded in these financial statements with respect to these indemnifications.

**9. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT**

The capital structure of the Fund consists of redeemable securities in multiple series. The net capital received by the Fund is managed in accordance with the investment objective and strategies of the Fund and to maintain adequate liquidity to meet securityholder redemption requests. The Fund is not subject to externally imposed capital requirements and has no legal restrictions on the issue or redemption of securities beyond those included in the Fund's prospectus. Securities issued, reinvested and redeemed during the periods are reflected in the Statements of Changes in Financial Position.

**10. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT RISK**

The Fund's investment activities expose it to a variety of financial risks. See the Schedule of Investments for additional information about the securities held by the Fund as at the end of the period. Where significant, Note 12 presents the Fund's exposure, directly and, if applicable, indirectly through investments in other funds and/or derivative contracts, to financial instrument risks, as indicated below.

**(a) Liquidity risk**

The Fund is exposed to daily cash redemptions of redeemable securities. The issued securities of the Fund are redeemable on demand at the option of the securityholder at the current net asset value per security. In accordance with securities regulations, the Fund must maintain at least 90% of its assets in liquid investments (i.e. investments that are traded in an active market and can be readily sold). In addition, the Fund retains sufficient cash and short-term investments to maintain adequate liquidity. The Fund also has the ability to borrow up to 5% of its net assets for the purposes of funding redemptions.

**(b) Currency risk**

Currency risk is the risk that financial instruments which are denominated or exchanged in a currency other than the Canadian dollar, which is the Fund's functional currency, will fluctuate due to changes in exchange rates. Generally, foreign denominated investments increase in value when the value of the Canadian dollar (relative to foreign currencies) falls. Conversely, when the value of the Canadian dollar rises relative to foreign currencies, the values of foreign denominated investments fall.

Note 12 indicates the foreign currencies, if applicable, to which the Fund had significant exposure, including the amount of forward currency contracts in Canadian dollar terms. Other financial assets and liabilities (including dividends and interest receivable, and receivables/payables for investments sold/purchased) that are denominated in foreign currencies do not expose the Fund to significant currency risk.

**(c) Interest rate risk**

Interest rate risk arises on interest-bearing financial instruments such as bonds. The Fund is exposed to the risk that the value of interest-bearing financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in the prevailing levels of market interest rates. Generally, these securities increase in value when interest rates fall and decrease in value when interest rates rise. Cash and cash equivalents and other money market instruments are short term in nature and are not generally subject to significant amounts of interest rate risk. Note 12 summarizes the Fund's exposure, if significant, to interest rate risk.

**(d) Credit risk**

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation or commitment that it has entered into with the Fund. Note 12 summarizes the Fund's exposure, if significant, to credit risk.

All transactions in listed securities are settled/paid for upon delivery using approved third-party brokers. The risk of default is considered minimal, as delivery of investments sold by the Fund is only made once the broker has received payment. Payment is made by the Fund on a purchase only once the investments have been received by the broker.

The carrying amount of investments represents the maximum credit risk exposure. The carrying amount of other assets also represents the maximum credit risk exposure, as they will be settled in the short term.

The Fund may enter into securities lending transactions with counterparties whereby the Fund temporarily exchanges securities for collateral with a commitment by the counterparty to deliver the same securities on a future date. Credit risk associated with these transactions is considered minimal as all counterparties have a sufficient, approved credit rating and the value of cash or securities held as collateral must be at least 102% of the fair value of the investments loaned.

**(e) 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 other factors affecting all instruments traded in a market or market segment. All investments present a risk of loss of capital. The Manager moderates this risk through a careful selection of securities and other financial instruments within the parameters of the investment strategies. Except for certain derivative contracts, the maximum risk resulting from financial instruments is equivalent to their fair value. The maximum risk of loss on certain derivative contracts such as forwards, swaps and futures contracts is equal to their notional values. In the case of written call (put) options and futures contracts sold short, the maximum loss to the Fund increases, theoretically without limit, as the fair value of the underlying security increases (decreases). However, these instruments are generally used within the overall investment management process to manage the risk from the underlying investments and do not typically increase the overall risk of loss to the Fund. Note 12 summarizes the Fund's exposure, if significant, to other price risk.

**11. OTHER INFORMATION****(a) Abbreviations**

Foreign currencies, if any, are presented in these financial statements using the following abbreviated currency codes:

Currency Code	Description	Currency Code	Description
AUD	Australian dollars	MXN	Mexican peso
BRL	Brazilian real	MYR	Malaysian ringgit
CAD	Canadian dollars	NGN	Nigerian naira
CHF	Swiss franc	NOK	Norwegian krona
CKZ	Czech koruna	NTD	New Taiwan dollar
CLP	Chilean peso	NZD	New Zealand dollars
CNY	Chinese yuan	PEN	Peruvian nuevo sol
COP	Colombian peso	PHP	Philippine peso
DKK	Danish krone	PLN	Polish zloty
EUR	Euro	RON	Romanian leu
GBP	United Kingdom pounds	RUB	Russian ruble
HKD	Hong Kong dollars	SEK	Swedish krona
HUF	Hungarian forint	SGD	Singapore dollars
IDR	Indonesian rupiah	THB	Thailand baht
ILS	Israeli sheqel	TRL	Turkish lira
INR	Indian rupee	USD	United States dollars
JPY	Japanese yen	ZAR	South African rand
KOR	South Korean won	ZMW	Zambian kwacha

**(b) Additional information available**

A copy of the Fund's current Simplified Prospectus, Annual Information Form and/or Management Report of Fund Performance, will be provided, without charge, by writing to: Investors Group Financial Services Inc., 447 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3B 3H5 or, in Québec, 2001, Robert-Bourassa Boulevard, Bureau 2000, Montréal, Québec, H3A 2A6, or by calling toll-free 1-888-746-6344 (in Québec 1-800-661-4578).

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## 12. FUND SPECIFIC INFORMATION

### (a) Fund and series information

Effective January 1, 2017, the annual service fee rate for Series B and J<sub>U</sub> and the management fee rate for Series U decreased by 0.10%.

The deferred sales charge (DSC) purchase option of the Fund is closed to all new investments. For Series A and J<sub>SC</sub>, the DSC purchase option is still available for reinvested distributions and investments through switches from series of the Fund and other Investors Group Funds held under the DSC option. For Series C, the DSC purchase option is still available for reinvested distributions and investments through switches from Series C or T<sub>C</sub> of other Investors Group Funds held under the DSC option.

Effective October 23, 2017, the Manager has engaged Mackenzie Financial Corporation as sub-advisor to assist in investment management and trade execution for the Fund. This sub-advisor is a subsidiary of IGM Financial Inc. and, therefore, is considered an affiliate of the Trustee, the Manager and the Distributors.

Series	Date operations commenced <sup>1</sup>	Management fee <sup>2</sup> (%)	Service fee <sup>3</sup> (%)	Administration fee (%)	Trustee fee (%)
Series A	n/a	1.85	0.30	0.18	0.05
Series B	n/a	1.85	0.30	0.18	0.05
Series C	n/a	2.00	0.50	0.18	0.05
Series J <sub>SC</sub>	July 13, 2012	1.60	0.30	0.18	0.05
Series J <sub>U</sub>	July 13, 2012	1.60	0.30	0.18	0.05
Series U	July 12, 2013	0.75	-	0.18	0.05

The fee rates in the table above are rounded to two decimals.

<sup>1</sup> If within 10½ years.

<sup>2</sup> Until December 31, 2016, the annual management fee rate for Series U was 0.85%.

<sup>3</sup> Until December 31, 2016, the annual service fee rate for Series B and J<sub>U</sub> was 0.40%.

### (b) Income tax losses (\$ 000)

Total capital loss	Total non-capital loss	Expiration year for non-capital losses											
		2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	
415	129	-	-	-	129	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

### (c) Commissions

for the six-month period ended	(\$ 000)
September 30, 2017	276
September 30, 2016	177

### (d) Securities lending

as at	Value of securities loaned (\$ 000)	Value of collateral received (\$ 000)
September 30, 2017	33,062	34,765
March 31, 2017	33,853	35,625

for the six-month period ended	September 30, 2017		September 30, 2016	
	(\$ 000)	(%)	(\$ 000)	(%)
Gross securities lending income	22	100.0	83	100.0
Tax withheld	-	(0.7)	-	-
	22	99.3	83	100.0
Payments to securities lending agents	(6)	(29.3)	(21)	(24.7)
Securities lending income	16	70.0	62	75.3

### (e) Financial instrument risk

#### i) Risk management

The Manager seeks to minimize potential adverse effects of financial instrument risks on the Fund's performance by employing professional, experienced portfolio advisors, daily monitoring of the Fund's positions and market events, diversifying the investment portfolio within the constraints of the investment objective, and periodically may use derivatives to hedge certain risk exposures. To assist in managing risk, the Manager also uses internal guidelines that identify the target exposures for each type of risk, maintains a governance structure that oversees the Fund's investment activities and monitors compliance with the Fund's stated investment strategy, internal guidelines and securities regulations.

The Fund aims to provide income and long-term capital growth by primarily investing in dividend-paying U.S. equity securities.

## 12. FUND SPECIFIC INFORMATION

## (e) Financial instrument risk (continued)

## ii) Currency risk

The tables below indicate the foreign currencies to which the Fund had significant exposure in Canadian dollar terms. The tables also illustrate the potential impact to the Fund's net assets had the Canadian dollar strengthened or weakened by 5% relative to all foreign currencies, all other variables held constant. In practice, the actual trading results may differ and the difference could be material.

September 30, 2017					
Currency	Investments (\$ 000)	Cash and cash equivalents (\$ 000)	Derivative instruments (\$ 000)	Net exposure* (\$ 000)	Impact on net assets (\$ 000)
United States dollars	1,321,364	622	-	1,321,986	66,099
As percent of net assets (%)				99.4	5.0

March 31, 2017					
Currency	Investments (\$ 000)	Cash and cash equivalents (\$ 000)	Derivative instruments (\$ 000)	Net exposure* (\$ 000)	Impact on net assets (\$ 000)
United States dollars	1,404,079	736	-	1,404,815	70,241
As percent of net assets (%)				99.1	5.0

\*includes both monetary and non-monetary financial instruments.

## iii) Interest rate risk

As at September 30, 2017 and March 31, 2017, the Fund did not have a significant exposure to interest rate risk.

## iv) Credit risk

As at September 30, 2017 and March 31, 2017, the Fund did not have a significant exposure to credit risk.

## v) Other price risk

Other price risk arises from exposure to equity securities. The table below illustrates the potential increase or decrease in the Fund's net assets, had the prices on the respective stock exchanges for these securities increased or decreased by 10%, all other variables held constant. In practice, the actual trading results may differ and the difference could be material.

Impact on net assets	Increase by 10%		Decrease by 10%	
	(\$ 000)	(%)	(\$ 000)	(%)
September 30, 2017	132,136	9.9	132,136	9.9
March 31, 2017	140,408	9.9	140,408	9.9

## (f) Fair value of investments

The tables below summarize the fair value of the Fund's investments using the fair value categories described in Note 4.

as at September 30, 2017 (\$ 000)	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Bonds	-	-	-	-
Mutual Funds	-	-	-	-
Equities	1,321,364	-	-	1,321,364
Short-term investments	-	4,300	-	4,300
Derivative assets	-	-	-	-
Derivative liabilities	-	-	-	-
Total	1,321,364	4,300	-	1,325,664

as at March 31, 2017 (\$ 000)	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Bonds	-	-	-	-
Mutual Funds	-	-	-	-
Equities	1,404,079	-	-	1,404,079
Short-term investments	-	6,797	-	6,797
Derivative assets	-	-	-	-
Derivative liabilities	-	-	-	-
Total	1,404,079	6,797	-	1,410,876

During the periods, there were no significant transfers between Level 1 and Level 2.

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## 12. FUND SPECIFIC INFORMATION (continued)

### (g) Manager's investment in the Fund

The securities held by the Manager were as follows:

	as at September 30, 2017		as at March 31, 2017	
	No. of securities	Fair Value (\$ 000)	No. of securities	Fair Value (\$ 000)
Series U	5,441	65	5,441	66

### (h) IGM Financial Inc. pension plan investments

IGM Financial Inc. maintains a defined benefit employee pension plan and is the pension plan sponsor. The pension plan is a separate trust and its assets are invested in various mutual funds managed by the Manager. The pension plan investments included the following:

	as at September 30, 2017		as at March 31, 2017	
	No. of securities	Fair Value (\$ 000)	No. of securities	Fair Value (\$ 000)
Series C	1,188,516	17,749	1,170,418	17,986