# SUN LIFE GLOBAL INVESTMENTS (CANADA) INC.

#### ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

for the financial year ended December 31, 2015

Sun Life Granite Balanced Growth Class (formerly Sun Life Managed Balanced Growth Class)





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# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

### Investment Objectives and Strategies

The fundamental objective of the Sun Life Granite Balanced Growth Class (the "Fund") is to seek capital appreciation and income, with a bias towards capital appreciation, through exposure to primarily fixed income and equity securities by investing primarily in units of Sun Life Granite Balanced Growth Portfolio or its successor fund (the "Portfolio").

In pursuing the Portfolio's investment objective, the portfolio manager typically invests between 60% and 80% of the Portfolio's assets in equity mutual funds and between 20% and 40% of the Portfolio's assets in fixed income mutual funds. The Portfolio Manager uses an asset allocation strategy to determine the balance between the portion of the Portfolio invested in equity mutual funds and the portion of the Portfolio invested in fixed income mutual funds. The equity portion of the Portfolio typically has exposure to Canadian equity securities, U.S. equity securities and international equity securities. The fixed income portion typically selects fixed income mutual funds with exposure to Canadian debt instruments and global debt instruments.

#### Risk

There were no changes in the Fund's investment objective or strategy during the period which materially impacted the overall level of risk in the Fund. The risks associated with investing in the Fund remain as outlined in the Fund's Simplified Prospectus.

### **Results of Operations**

During the period the net asset value of the Fund increased from \$10.7 million to \$29.8 million. The increase in net asset value was attributable to positive net sales, as well as positive performance in the period.

During the period, the Fund returned 7.3% for Series A shares. This result trailed the Fund's blended benchmark, which returned 10.5%. The blended benchmark is comprised of 17.5% Canadian bonds (FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index), 12.5% Global bonds (JPM Global Government Bond C\$ Index),

19.0% Canadian equities (S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index), 51.0% Global equities (MSCI World C\$ Index). The performance returns for other series of this Fund are similar to those of Series A except for differences in expense structures. Please refer to the 'Past Performance' section of this report for performance of each series.

The Fund currently invests substantially all of its holdings in the Portfolio. The following commentary relates to the Portfolio.

In the first quarter, the North American economy contracted largely owing to weather-related interruptions and commodity price volatility. Emerging markets continued to grow at a reduced pace due to structural forces, while Continental Europe and Japan saw their economies grow at a moderate pace, buoyed by accommodative monetary policy and trade improvements. Equity markets strengthened, led by international and emerging market equities, while global bonds surged as the European Central Bank launched its asset purchase program.

In the second quarter, the North American economy experienced somewhat of a rebound from the first quarter wherein hiring, spending and other activities were interrupted. The Canadian economy still struggled to gain traction, with its trade deficit hitting record highs and business spending continuing to be weak. Continental Europe continued to grow, although at a slower pace than the first quarter as a sovereign debt crisis in Greece unfolded. Emerging market economies also grew, helped by better global growth, but saw stresses arising from higher bond yields and external financing concerns. Overall, equity markets had a weaker quarter as expectations that the U.S. Federal Reserve would increase the Fed Funds rate grew, and as a Greece debt payment to the International Monetary Fund ("IMF") came due. Bond markets also fell sharply on the back of improved U.S. economic data and fears over the Greece debt crisis.

In the third quarter investors started to come to the realization that economic growth in China was slowing down materially. China also devalued its currency, which shocked international markets. Commodity-dependent countries like Canada were hit hard, given that China consumes over 50% of global commodities. Overall, there was significant

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weakness in global equity markets, which triggered a flight to quality and helped higher quality bond issues within the Portfolio to perform well.

In the fourth quarter, bond yields moved higher following the U.S. Federal Reserve's decision to start raising interest rates. This led to negative returns for U.S. and global bonds. There was also weakness in the Canadian economy as oil fell to \$35 a barrel (in U.S. dollars). The selloff in commodities and oil caused the Canadian equity market to post a negative return. Given the weakness in the equity markets during the quarter, Sun Life Global Investments (Canada) Inc. (the "Manager") raised cash in the Portfolio to take advantage of potential opportunities.

The U.S. economy continued to show strength in the fourth quarter, and U.S. equities rallied but ended the year with a small gain on a total return basis. The Manager took a more conservative approach to the Portfolio, shifting to U.S. large market capitalization stocks for a more defensive position.

The Eurozone economy also improved, with the unemployment rate decreasing. In addition, the possibility of additional monetary stimulus in the Eurozone and a weaker currency helped support equity markets. Emerging markets as an asset class faced divergences in returns among countries, with the strong U.S. dollar continuing to be a headwind. The Chinese market saw strong positive returns, while most other major emerging markets weakened.

### Recent Developments

The Manager's view of the U.S. economy has not changed, but U.S. equity returns will likely be modest at best, and as a result, the Manager has grown more cautious. In the Eurozone, the Manager remains positive as long as quantitative easing continues and the Euro remains weak. This is a longer-term investment for the Portfolio, with confidence in this market increasing. In Canada, the impact of falling oil prices will result in more jobs losses and a weaker economy. Although the Energy sector is attractive at current price levels, the Portfolio is not expecting to increase its energy exposure at this time. Overall, volatility will be more prominent in 2016 and further upside in most equity and bond markets may be limited. This will be a year when thoughtful asset allocation will be vital, as there will likely be more divergence among markets.

Effective July 29, 2015, the Fund changed its name from the Sun Life Managed Balanced Growth Class to the Sun Life Granite Balanced Growth Class.

### **Related Party Transactions**

Sun Life Global Investments (Canada) Inc. (the "Manager") is the manager and portfolio manager of the Fund.

The Manager is responsible for the provision of all general management and administrative services required by the Fund in its day-to-day operations, including providing or arranging for the provision of investment advice, bookkeeping, recordkeeping and other administrative services for the Fund.

For its services, the Manager receives a management fee that is calculated as a percentage of the average net asset value of the Fund. This fee is calculated daily and payable monthly.

As portfolio manager, the Manager is responsible for managing the investment portfolio of the Fund directly or through sub-advisors.

The Manager is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Sun Life Financial Inc.

#### **Fund Administrative Expenses**

The Manager pays certain of the operating expenses of each Fund (the "Administration Expenses") in return for a fixed administration fee paid to the Manager by each Fund ("Administration Fee"). The Administration Fee is based on the net asset value of each series of the Fund. The Administration Expenses include, but are not limited to, record keeper fees, accounting, audit and legal fees, bank and interest charges, safekeeping and custodial fees, taxes, administrative and systems costs, costs of reports to investors, prospectuses and other disclosure documents, regulatory filing fees (including those incurred by the Manager) and trustee fees for registered plans. The amount of this charge is disclosed as a fund administrative expense in the Fund's Statement of Comprehensive Income found in the annual financial statements (audited).

Each Fund also pays certain operating expenses directly (the "Fund Costs"). Fund Costs include: borrowing costs incurred by the Fund from time to time; costs in connection with portfolio transactions; fees and expenses payable to or in connection with the Fund's Independent Review Committee ("IRC"); taxes payable by the Fund; and the costs of complying with any new regulatory or legal requirement imposed on the Fund. Each Fund allocates Fund Costs proportionately among its series of shares. The Fund Costs that are specific to a series of shares are allocated to that series. These amounts are paid out of the assets attributed to each series of shares of the Fund, which reduces the return you may receive.

#### Series Description

The Fund offers the following series of shares: A, AT5, AT8, E, EF, F and O. The date of creation for Series A, AT5, AT8 and F shares was August 1, 2013, the date of creation for Series E and O shares was April 1, 2014 and the date of creation for Series EF was August 10, 2015.

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Series A, AT5 and AT8 shares are available to all investors.

Series AT5 and AT8 shares are designed to provide investors with a fixed monthly distribution based upon a target annualized distribution rate of 5% and 8%, respectively, of the net asset value per share as at the end of the prior year.

Series E shares are available to investors through the Private Client program and must be purchased through a Private Client account. Investors in Series E shares are eligible for management fee reductions, if any, based on the value of Series E shares held in their Private Client account. Any management fee reduction will be paid to investors as a fee distribution by the Fund, which will be reinvested in additional Series E shares. As announced on December 15, 2015, in connection with changes to the Private Client Program, all Series E shares will be converted to Series A shares on February 5, 2016. Please refer to the Fund's simplified prospectus for more details about the captioned change and for details about the Private Client Program.

Series EF shares are available to investors through the Private Client program and only available to investors who have a Private Client fee-based account with their dealer and whose dealer has signed an agreement with the Manager. Series EF shares must be purchased through a Private Client fee-based account. Instead of paying sales charges, investors buying Series EF shares pay fees to their dealer for investment advice and other services. Investors in Series EF shares are eligible for management fee reductions, if any, based on the value of Series EF shares held in their Private Client fee-based account, which management fee reduction will be paid to the investors by reinvesting in additional Series EF shares. The Manager does not pay any commissions to dealers in respect of Series EF shares. As announced on December 15, 2015, in connection with changes to the Private Client Program, all Series EF shares will be converted to Series F shares on February 5, 2016. Please refer to the Fund's simplified prospectus for more details about the captioned change and for details about the Private Client Program.

Series F shares are available to investors who have a fee-based account with their dealer and whose dealer has signed an agreement with the Manager. Instead of paying sales charges, investors buying Series F shares pay fees to their dealer for investment advice and other services. The Manager does not pay any commissions to dealers in respect of Series F shares, so the Manager can charge a lower management fee.

Series O shares are available to investors through the Private Client program and must be purchased through a Private Client account. Each Series O investor pays a management fee directly to the Manager and is eligible for management fee reductions, if any, based on the value of Series O shares held in the investor's Private Client account. Series O

management fee is paid, after subtracting any management fee reductions, by a redemption of Series O shares in the investor's account.

#### 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 from the date of inception to December 31, 2015.

The Fund's Net Asset Value per Share (\$)<sup>(1)</sup>
Sun Life Granite Balanced Growth Class (formerly Sun Life Managed Granite Balanced Growth Class) – Series A

	2015 (\$)	2014 (\$)	2013
Net assets value, beginning of period	11.78	10.82	10.00
Increase (decrease) from operations:			
Total revenue	0.29	0.41	0.28
Total expenses	(0.30)	(0.26)	(0.10)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.49	0.98	0.27
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.06	(0.10)	0.44
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup>	0.54	1.03	0.89
Distributions:			
From income (excluding dividends)	_	_	_
From dividends	(0.07)	(0.06)	(0.05)
From capital gains	(0.39)	(0.05)	_
Return of capital	_	_	_
Total annual distributions <sup>(3)</sup>	(0.46)	(0.11)	(0.05)
Net assets value, end of period	12.18	11.78	10.82

#### Sun Life Granite Balanced Growth Class (formerly Sun Life Managed Granite Balanced Growth Class) – Series AT5

	2015 (\$)	2014 (\$)	2013 (\$)
Net assets value, beginning of period	16.51	15.92	15.00
Increase (decrease) from operations:			
Total revenue	0.69	0.42	0.51
Total expenses	(0.45)	(0.37)	(0.15)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	1.13	1.04	0.48
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(1.22)	0.41	0.51
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup>	0.15	1.50	1.35
Distributions:			
From income (excluding dividends)	_	_	_
From dividends	(0.09)	(0.09)	(0.07)
From capital gains	(0.55)	(80.0)	_
Return of capital	(0.83)	(0.78)	(0.31)
Total annual distributions <sup>(3)</sup>	(1.47)	(0.95)	(0.38)
Net assets value, end of period	16.23	16.51	15.92

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Sun Life Granite Balanced Growth Class (formerly Sun Life Managed Granite Balanced Growth Class) – Series AT8

	2015 (\$)	2014 (\$)	2013 (\$)
Net assets value, beginning of period	15.80	15.71	15.00
Increase (decrease) from operations:			
Total revenue	0.64	1.01	0.32
Total expenses	(0.39)	(0.36)	(0.15)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	1.05	2.33	0.30
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.47)	(1.14)	0.82
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup>	0.83	1.84	1.29
Distributions:			
From income (excluding dividends)	_	_	_
From dividends	(0.09)	(0.19)	(0.07)
From capital gains	(0.52)	(0.08)	_
Return of capital	(1.26)	(1.14)	(0.50)
Total annual distributions <sup>(3)</sup>	(1.87)	(1.41)	(0.57)
Net assets value, end of period	15.08	15.80	15.71

Sun Life Granite Balanced Growth Class (formerly Sun Life Managed Granite Balanced Growth Class) – Series E

	2015 (\$)	2014 (\$)
Net assets value, beginning of period	10.56	10.00
Increase (decrease) from operations:		
Total revenue	0.55	0.51
Total expenses	(0.28)	(0.17)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.90	1.14
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.73)	(0.88)
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup>	0.44	0.60
Distributions:		
From income (excluding dividends)	_	_
From dividends	(0.06)	(0.05)
From capital gains	(0.35)	_
Return of capital	_	_
Total annual distributions <sup>(3)</sup>	(0.41)	(0.05)
Net assets value, end of period	10.93	10.56

Sun Life Granite Balanced Growth Class (formerly Sun Life Managed Granite Balanced Growth Class) – Series EF

	2015 (\$)
Net assets value, beginning of period	10.00
Increase (decrease) from operations:	
Total revenue	0.24
Total expenses	(0.07)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.39
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.64)
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup>	(0.08)
Distributions:	
From income (excluding dividends)	_
From dividends	(0.06)
From capital gains	_
Return of capital	_
Total annual distributions <sup>(3)</sup>	(0.06)
Net assets value, end of period	9.86

Sun Life Granite Balanced Growth Class (formerly Sun Life Managed Granite Balanced Growth Class) – Series F

	2015 (\$)	2014 (\$)	2013 (\$)
Net assets value, beginning of period	11.96	10.87	10.00
Increase (decrease) from operations:			
Total revenue	0.91	0.43	0.22
Total expenses	(0.23)	(0.13)	(0.05)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	1.45	0.98	0.21
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(1.76)	(0.32)	0.54
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup>	0.37	0.96	0.92
Distributions:			
From income (excluding dividends)	_	_	_
From dividends	(0.07)	(0.06)	(0.05)
From capital gains	(0.40)	(0.05)	_
Return of capital	_	_	_
Total annual distributions <sup>(3)</sup>	(0.47)	(0.11)	(0.05)
Net assets value, end of period	12.50	11.96	10.87

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Sun Life Granite Balanced Growth Class (formerly Sun Life Managed Granite Balanced Growth Class) – Series O

	2015	2014
	(\$)	(\$)
Net assets value, beginning of period	10.71	10.00
Increase (decrease) from operations:		
Total revenue	0.42	0.39
Total expenses	(0.06)	(0.02)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.69	0.87
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.19)	(0.56)
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup>	0.86	0.68
Distributions:		
From income (excluding dividends)	_	_
From dividends	(0.07)	(0.05)
From capital gains	(0.36)	_
Return of capital	_	_
Total annual distributions <sup>(3)</sup>	(0.43)	(0.05)
Net assets value, end of period	11.30	10.71

<sup>(1)</sup> This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements.

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Sun Life Granite Balanced Growth Class (formerly Sun Life Managed Granite Balanced Growth Class) – Series A

	2015	2014	2013
Total net asset value (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	5,027,679	3,220,673	301,321
Number of shares outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	412,776	273,307	27,840
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	2.28	2.31	2.26
Management expense ratio			
before waivers or absorption (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	2.28	2.31	2.26
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.08	0.09	0.09
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	14.30	18.33	22.56
Net asset value per share (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	12.18	11.78	10.82

#### Sun Life Granite Balanced Growth Class (formerly Sun Life Managed Granite Balanced Growth Class) – Series AT5

	2015	2014	2013
Total net asset value (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	642,434	43,028	20,000
Number of shares outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	39,572	2,606	1,256
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	2.32	2.38	2.33
Management expense ratio before			
waivers or absorption (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	2.32	2.38	2.33
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.08	0.09	0.09
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	14.30	18.33	22.56
Net asset value per share (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	16.23	16.51	15.92

#### Sun Life Granite Balanced Growth Class (formerly Sun Life Managed Granite Balanced Growth Class) – Series AT8

2015	2014	2013
1,547,135	503,515	10,868
102,567	31,877	692
2.16	2.36	2.34
2.16	2.36	2.34
0.08	0.09	0.09
14.30	18.33	22.56
15.08	15.80	15.71
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#### Sun Life Granite Balanced Growth Class (formerly Sun Life Managed Granite Balanced Growth Class) – Series E

	2015	2014
Total net asset value (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	4,073,887	608,271
Number of shares outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	372,789	57,596
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	2.17	2.19
Management expense ratio before waivers or		
absorption (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	2.17	2.19
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.08	0.09
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	14.30	18.33
Net asset value per share (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	10.93	10.56

#### Sun Life Granite Balanced Growth Class (formerly Sun Life Managed Granite Balanced Growth Class) – Series EF

	2015
Total net asset value (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	9,923
Number of shares outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	1,006
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	1.20
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	1.20
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.08
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	14.30
Net asset value per share (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	9.86

#### Sun Life Granite Balanced Growth Class (formerly Sun Life Managed Granite Balanced Growth Class) – Series F

	2015	2014	2013
Total net asset value (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	1,451,268	107,009	10,918
Number of shares outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	116,129	8,945	1,004
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	1.21	1.21	1.20
Management expense ratio before			
waivers or absorption (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	1.21	1.21	1.20
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.08	0.09	0.09
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	14.30	18.33	22.56
Net asset value per share (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	12.50	11.96	10.87

<sup>(2)</sup> Net Assets and distributions are based on the actual number of shares outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of shares outstanding over the financial period.

<sup>(3)</sup> Distributions were paid in cash, reinvested in additional shares of the Fund, or both.

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Sun Life Granite Balanced Growth Class (formerly Sun Life Managed Granite Balanced Growth Class) – Series O

	2015	2014
Total net asset value (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	17,078,295	6,244,484
Number of shares outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	1,511,112	582,816
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	0.24	0.23
Management expense ratio before waivers		
or absorption (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	0.24	0.23
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.08	0.09
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	14.30	18.33
Net asset value per share (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	11.30	10.71

- (1) This information is provided as at December 31 of the period shown, as applicable.
- (2) Management expense ratio is based on total expenses (excluding broker commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) including the Fund's allocated percentage of Fund-on-Funds' expenses for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average Net Asset Value during the period.
- (3) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average Net Asset Value during the period.
- (4) The Fund's portfolio turnover ratio indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio manager manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover ratio of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the year. The higher a Fund's portfolio turnover ratio 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 portfolio turnover rate and the performance of the Fund.
- (5) Percentages are annualized.

### Management Fees

The annual maximum management fee paid by the Fund is a percentage of the average daily net asset value of each series exclusive of any applicable taxes and operating expenses, which is accrued daily and is paid to the Manager monthly in arrears. Management fees pay for portfolio and investment advisory services, oversight of any service providers, marketing and promotional activities, arranging for the distribution and sale of securities of the Fund, general administration of fund operations and sales and trailing commissions paid to dealers.

The percentages and major services paid for out of the management fees are set out below:

		As a Percentage of Management Fees		
	Maximum Annual Management Fee Rate (%)	Dealer Compensation (%) <sup>1</sup>	General Administration, Investment Advice and Profit (%)	
Series A Shares	1.85	49	51	
Series AT5 Shares	1.85	56	44	
Series AT8 Shares	1.85	44	56	
Series E Shares	1.85	54	46	
Series EF Shares	0.85	_	100	
Series F Shares	0.85	-	100	
Series O Shares <sup>2</sup>	0.85	_	100	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes sales and trailing commissions and marketing support programs.

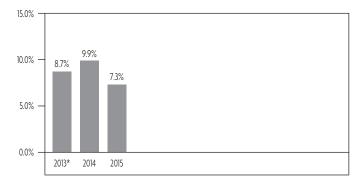
#### PAST PERFORMANCE

The indicated rates of return are the historical annualized and annual compounded total returns including changes in share value and reinvestment of all distributions and do not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or optional charges or income taxes payable by any shareholder that would have reduced returns. Mutual funds are not guaranteed. How a fund performed in the past does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.

#### Year-by-Year Returns

The following bar chart shows the Fund's annual performance for the period shown. The chart shows, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of each financial year would have grown or decreased by the last day of each financial year.

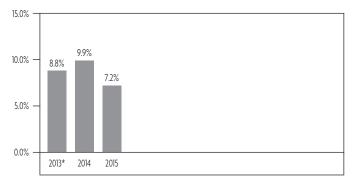
# Series A Shares – Annual return for the periods ended December 31, 2015



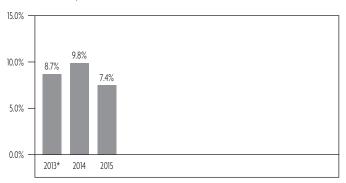
Series O management fees are not paid by the fund. Series O investors pay management fees directly to the manager.

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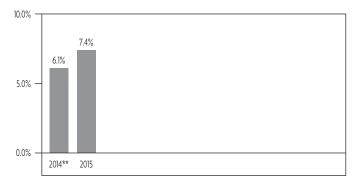
Series AT5 Shares – Annual return for the periods ended December 31, 2015



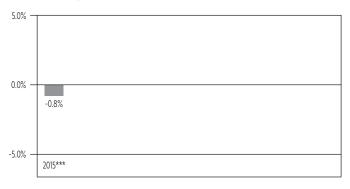
Series AT8 Shares – Annual return for the periods ended December 31, 2015



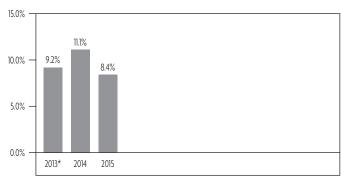
Series E Shares – Annual return for the periods ended December 31, 2015



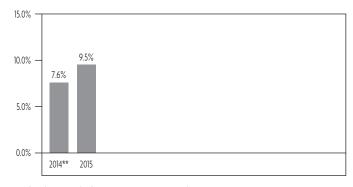
Series EF Shares – Annual return for the period ended December 31, 2015



Series F Shares – Annual return for the periods ended December 31, 2015



Series O Shares – Annual return for the periods ended December 31, 2015



- $^{\star}~~$  for the period of August 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013
- \*\* for the period of April 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014
- \*\*\* for the period of August 10, 2015 to December 31, 2015

#### **Annual Compound Returns**

The following table compares the historical annual compound total returns of Series A, AT5, AT8, E, F and O shares of the Portfolio with the blended benchmark. The blended benchmark is comprised of 17.5% Canadian bonds (FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index), 12.5% Global bonds

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(JPM Global Government Bond C\$ Index), 19.0% Canadian equities (S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index), 51.0% Global equities (MSCI World C\$ Index).

The series A shares underperformed the blended benchmark since inception and over the past year.

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	P 10 Year	erformance Start Date <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>
Sun Life Granite Balanced Growth Class – Series A	7.3%	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.8%
Sun Life Granite Balanced Growth Class – AT5	7.2%	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.8%
Sun Life Granite Balanced Growth Class – AT8	7.4%	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.8%
Sun Life Granite Balanced Growth Class – Series F	8.4%	N/A	N/A	N/A	12.0%
Blended Benchmark (17.5% FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond; 12.5% JPM Global Government Bond C\$; 19.0% S&P/TSX Capped Composite; 51.0% MSCI World C\$)	10.5%	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.4%
FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond	3.5%	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.2%
JPM Global Government Bond C\$	16.8%	N/A	N/A	N/A	12.5%
S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index	(8.3%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.8%
MSCI World C\$	18.9%	N/A	N/A	N/A	20.2%
Sun Life Granite Balanced Growth Class – Series E	7.4%	N/A	N/A	N/A	7.7%
Sun Life Granite Balanced Growth Class – Series O	9.5%	N/A	N/A	N/A	9.8%
Blended Benchmark (17.5% FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond; 12.5% JPM Global Government Bond C\$; 19.0% S&P/TSX Capped Composite; 51.0% MSCI World C\$)	10.5%	N/A	N/A	N/A	9.9%
FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond	3.5%	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.4%
JPM Global Government Bond C\$	16.8%	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.1%
S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index	(8.3%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	(2.6%)
MSCI World C\$	18.9%	N/A	N/A	N/A	15.8%

 $<sup>^{(1)}</sup>$  The performance start date for Series A, AT5, AT8 and F shares was August 1, 2013.

### SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO<sup>(1)</sup>

as at December 31, 2015

Top 25 Investments<sup>(3)</sup>

Но	ldings	Percentage of Net Asset Value of the Fund (%)
1	Sun Life MFS International Value Fund, Series I <sup>(2)</sup>	15.1
2	Sun Life BlackRock Canadian Universe Bond Fund,	
	Series I <sup>(2)</sup>	13.7
	iShares Core S&P 500 ETF <sup>(2)</sup>	12.3
	Sun Life MFS U.S. Growth Fund, Series I <sup>(2)</sup>	7.5
5	Sun Life Sentry Infrastructure Fund, Series I <sup>(2)</sup>	6.5
6	Sun Life BlackRock Canadian Composite Equity	
	Fund, Series I <sup>(2)</sup>	5.9
	Sun Life Money Market Fund, Series I <sup>(2)</sup>	4.8
8	Beutel Goodman Canadian Equity Fund, Class I <sup>(2)</sup>	4.6
9	Sun Life Beutel Goodman Canadian Bond Fund,	
	Series I <sup>(2)</sup>	4.5
	Sun Life MFS International Growth Fund, Series I <sup>(2)</sup>	4.3
	RBC Global High Yield Bond Fund, Series O <sup>(2)</sup>	3.6
12	Invesco Global Real Estate Fund, Series I <sup>(2)</sup>	3.6
13	Sun Life MFS Canadian Equity Growth Fund,	
	Series I <sup>(2)</sup>	3.1
14	Sun Life Schroder Emerging Markets Fund, Series I <sup>(2)</sup>	2.3
15	Templeton Global Bond Fund, Series O <sup>(2)</sup>	1.6
16	Sun Life NWQ Flexible Income Fund, Series I <sup>(2)</sup>	1.5
17	Brandes U.S. Small Cap Equity Fund, Class I <sup>(2)</sup>	1.5
18	Sun Life Dynamic Energy Fund, Series I <sup>(2)</sup>	1.5
19	Sun Life Sentry Global Mid Cap Fund, Series I <sup>(2)</sup>	1.0
20	Sun Life Sionna Canadian Small Cap Equity Class,	
	Series I <sup>(2)</sup>	0.7
	ABSL Umbrella UCITS Fund <sup>(2)</sup>	0.7
22	Cash and Cash Equivalents <sup>(4)</sup>	(0.3)
		100.0
Tot	tal Net Asset Value (000's)	\$ 29,831

### Asset Mix<sup>(3)</sup>

	Percentage of Net Asset Value of the Fund (%)
Equity	72.1
Fixed Income	28.2
Cash and Cash Equivalents <sup>(4)</sup>	(0.3)
	100.0

<sup>(1)</sup> All information is as at December 31, 2015. The summary of investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund. You may obtain quarterly updates to these holdings free of charge by calling us at 1-877-344-1434, visiting our website at <a href="https://www.sunlifeglobalinvestments.com">www.sunlifeglobalinvestments.com</a> or by sending an email to us at <a href="mailto:info@sunlifeglobalinvestments.com">info@sunlifeglobalinvestments.com</a>.

<sup>(2)</sup> The performance start date for Series E and O shares was April 1, 2014.

<sup>(3)</sup> Performance for Series EF shares is not shown as Series EF has not been distributed under a simplified prospectus for 12 months.

<sup>(2)</sup> The Fund invests in another investment fund. The prospectus of the underlying investment fund and other information can be found on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

<sup>(3)</sup> The Fund invests substantially all of its assets directly in the Portfolio. The summary of investment portfolio for the Fund presents the investments as a percentage of the net asset value of the Portfolio.

<sup>(4)</sup> Cash and Cash Equivalents, for the purpose of this chart, includes other assets less liabilities.

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