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# SUN LIFE GLOBAL INVESTMENTS (CANADA) INC.

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## ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

for the financial year ended December 31, 2015

Sun Life MFS Balanced Growth Fund



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## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

### Investment Objective and Strategies

The fundamental investment objective of the Sun Life MFS Balanced Growth Fund (the "Fund") is to provide a high rate of return consistent with a conservative investment policy through a mix of long term capital growth and fixed income securities issued primarily by Canadian issuers. The Fund may invest in securities of other mutual funds.

The Fund's sub-advisor is MFS Investment Management Canada Limited ("MFSIM") and the sub-advisor to MFSIM is MFS Institutional Advisors, Inc. ("MFS"). In pursuing the Fund's investment objective, the sub-advisor normally invests in a combination of equity securities and debt instruments. Between 40% and 80% of the Fund's assets are in equity securities and at least 15% of the Fund's assets in debt instruments. The Fund seeks to invest in equity securities of companies it believes to have above-average earnings growth potential compared to other companies with a focus on large capitalized companies. The Fund's debt portfolio focuses on debt instruments rated investment grade but may also invest in non-investment grade securities.

The Fund considers factors for equity securities such as earnings, cash flows, competitive position and management ability of issuers. For debt securities the Fund considers factors such as an instrument's credit quality, collateral characteristics, and indenture provisions and the issuer's management ability, capital structure, leverage, and ability to meet its current obligations.

### 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 \$63.4 million to \$64.1 million. The increase in net asset value was due to positive performance in the period, partially offset by net redemptions.

During the period, the Fund returned 4.7% for Series A units. This result surpassed the Fund's blended benchmark, which returned 4.1%. The blended benchmark is comprised of 30% S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index, 30% MSCI World C\$ Index, 35% FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index, 5% FTSE TMX Canada 91Day T-Bill Index. The performance returns for other series of this Fund are similar to those of Series A except for differences in expenses structures. Please refer to 'Past Performance' section of this report for performance of each series.

Within the Fund's Canadian equity component, strong selection and an underweight position in the Materials sector was a primary contributor to relative performance. Most notably, the Fund's overweight position in labels producer CCL Industries benefited relative performance. The Fund's underweight position in shares of fertilizer producer Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan also aided relative results as the company performed poorly over the reporting period.

Stock selection in the Information Technology sector within U.S. securities also contributed to relative performance. The Fund's overweight positions in internet search giant Alphabet, software company Adobe Systems, global payments technology company Visa, social networking service provider Facebook and customer information software manager Salesforce.com benefited relative performance. The Fund's underweight position in computer and personal electronics maker Apple also aided relative performance.

In terms of asset mix, the preference for stocks over bonds contributed to relative results, as equities generally outpaced bonds during the reporting period.

Within international equities, stock selection and an underweight position in the Financials sector was a positive factor for relative results. Shares of banking firm HDFC Bank (India) benefited relative performance. The Fund's overweight position in investment management and banking firm UBS (Switzerland) and banking firm KBC Groep (Belgium) also aided relative results as both company's shares appreciated during the reporting period.

Within the Fund's fixed income component, bond selection in financials was an area of relative strength, led by the portfolio's holdings of AA-rated deposit notes in the 10-year part of the curve. The Fund's overweight position in Financials, one of the better performing corporate sectors

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from a spread perspective, also contributed to relative returns.

Within the Fund's Canadian equity component, stock selection and an underweight position in the Financials sector dampened relative performance. Not owning shares of asset management company Brookfield Asset Management and diversified financial services firm Sun Life Financial held back relative performance.

Stock selection in the Industrials sector within international equities was another detractor from relative performance. Most notably, the Fund's overweight position in engineering equipment and services provider Weir Group (United Kingdom) weakened relative performance as the company turned in poor performance for the period. Holdings of integrated industrials company Rolls-Royce Holdings and electrical distribution equipment manufacturer Schneider Electric also held back relative returns.

The Fund's cash and/or cash equivalents position, within the U.S. equity portion of the Fund, during the period was a detractor from relative performance. Under normal market conditions, the Fund strives to be fully invested and generally holds cash to buy new holdings and to provide liquidity. In a period when equity markets rose, as measured by the Fund's benchmark, holding cash hurt performance versus the benchmark, which has no cash position.

Within the Fund's fixed income component, a shorter relative duration, and in particular the Fund's underweight to bonds with remaining term to maturity between one and five years, detracted during a period when government bond yields edged meaningfully lower and the Bank of Canada cut its policy rate twice.

## Recent Developments

Sluggish global growth weighed on both developed and emerging market ("EM") economies during the year. EM economies have been particularly lackluster. While the U.S. Federal Reserve began raising interest rates at the end of the year, other large developed economies continued to keep interest rates low, particularly the European Central Bank and the Bank of Japan. Focus remained on China after policy missteps by the Chinese government shook up global markets over the summer, beginning with the uncoordinated response to the stock market's boom and bust and then the decision to devalue the renminbi in August. China subsequently ramped up a wide range of monetary and fiscal measures to stimulate the economy and boost sentiment. Its economy appeared to stabilize late in the period. Also at the end of the period, the Chinese renminbi was granted reserve currency status by the International Monetary Fund ("IMF"), which announced its inclusion in the IMF's Special Drawing Rights currency basket effective October 1, 2016.

During the second half of the year, the U.S. faced an earnings recession caused primarily by the sharp decline in the prices of oil and other commodities. Earnings contractions were concentrated primarily in the Energy, Materials and Industrial sectors. An additional challenge for earnings was the sharp rise in the U.S. Dollar over the period. Exports were depressed by the dollar's strength and falling demand in emerging markets. Consumer spending held up well during the second half of year amid a modest increase in real wages and a boost from falling gasoline prices. Demand for autos reached near-record highs late in the period. In emerging markets, two key factors weighed on economies and asset prices: weaker Chinese growth, and the resulting decline in commodity prices, in addition to expectations for higher U.S. interest rates. Structural factors like floating exchange rates and fiscal buffers partially offset these cyclical headwinds.

## Related Party Transactions

Sun Life Global Investments (Canada) Inc. (the "Manager") is the manager, trustee 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.

As trustee, the Manager holds legal title to the Fund's investments in trust for unitholders. 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 has retained MFS Investment Management Canada Limited ("MFSIM"), an affiliate, to act as a sub-advisor for the Fund.

The Manager is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Sun Life Financial Inc., which also has an indirect majority ownership interest in MFSIM.

## 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

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(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 units. The Fund Costs that are specific to a series of units are allocated to that series. These amounts are paid out of the assets attributed to each series of units of the Fund, which reduces the return you may receive.

## Series Description

The Fund offers the following series of units: A, D, E, F, I and O. The date of creation for Series A units was March 31, 2009, the date of creation for Series D units was July 15, 1988, the date of creation for Series F units was April 2, 2012, the date of creation for Series I units was November 28, 2008 and the date of creation for Series E and O units was April 1, 2014.

Series A units are available to all investors.

Series D units are only available for purchase by existing investors who held Class D units of the Fund on March 30, 2012. Investors may switch their Series D units of one fund into Series D units of another Sun Life Global Investments Mutual Fund, but may not switch units of another series into Series D units. Once a Series D investor no longer owns any Series D units, the investor may not purchase additional Series D units. In addition, Series D units may be switched into any other series (if available), if the investor meets the applicable requirements for those series.

Series E units are available to investors through the Private Client program and must be purchased through a Private Client account. Investors in Series E units are eligible for management fee reductions, if any, based on the value of Series E units 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 units. As announced on December 15, 2015, in connection with changes to the Private Client Program, all Series E units will be re-designated as Series A units 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 units 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 units 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 units, so the Manager can charge a lower management fee.

Series I units are special purpose securities that are currently only available to other mutual funds and eligible institutional investors. Series I units are not sold to the general public. Each Series I investor negotiates its own management and advisory fee that is paid directly to the Manager.

Series O units 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 units held in the investor's Private Client account. Series O management fees are paid, after subtracting any management fee reductions, by a redemption of Series O units 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 Unit (\$) <sup>(1)(4)</sup> Sun Life MFS Balanced Growth Fund – Series A

	2015 (\$)	2014 (\$)	2013 (\$)	2012 (\$)	2011 (\$)
Net asset value, beginning of period	24.24	22.38	19.86	18.70	20.57
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	0.54	0.57	0.50	0.55	0.57
Total expenses	(0.60)	(0.55)	(0.49)	(0.43)	(0.39)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	1.52	1.51	0.95	0.10	(0.16)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.48)	0.36	1.78	1.12	(1.57)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>0.98</b>	<b>1.89</b>	<b>2.74</b>	<b>1.34</b>	<b>(1.55)</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	–	(0.04)	(0.03)	(0.10)	(0.14)
From dividends	–	(0.11)	(0.14)	(0.05)	(0.05)
From capital gains	–	–	–	–	(0.24)
Return of capital	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total annual distributions <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(0.15)</b>	<b>(0.17)</b>	<b>(0.15)</b>	<b>(0.43)</b>
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	<b>25.38</b>	<b>24.24</b>	<b>22.38</b>	<b>19.84</b>	<b>18.70</b>

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## Sun Life MFS Balanced Growth Fund – Series D

	2015 (\$)	2014 (\$)	2013 (\$)	2012 (\$)	2011 (\$)
Net asset value, beginning of period	24.70	22.69	20.00	18.81	20.68
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	0.55	0.56	0.49	0.53	0.55
Total expenses	(0.34)	(0.31)	(0.28)	(0.23)	(0.21)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	1.58	1.53	0.95	0.07	(0.09)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.29)	0.53	1.71	1.18	(1.52)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>1.50</b>	<b>2.31</b>	<b>2.87</b>	<b>1.55</b>	<b>(1.27)</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.02)	(0.07)	(0.05)	(0.21)	(0.24)
From dividends	(0.18)	(0.20)	(0.20)	(0.12)	(0.10)
From capital gains	–	–	–	–	(0.24)
Return of capital	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>(0.20)</b>	<b>(0.27)</b>	<b>(0.25)</b>	<b>(0.33)</b>	<b>(0.58)</b>
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	<b>25.95</b>	<b>24.70</b>	<b>22.69</b>	<b>19.99</b>	<b>18.81</b>

## Sun Life MFS Balanced Growth Fund – Series E

	2015 (\$)	2014 (\$)
Net asset value, beginning of period	10.37	10.00
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>		
Total revenue	0.25	0.22
Total expenses	(0.26)	(0.18)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.62	0.55
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.41)	(0.32)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>0.27</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>		
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.01)	(0.04)
From dividends	(0.08)	(0.13)
From capital gains	–	–
Return of capital	–	–
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>(0.09)</b>	<b>(0.17)</b>
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	<b>10.77</b>	<b>10.37</b>

## Sun Life MFS Balanced Growth Fund – Series F

	2015 (\$)	2014 (\$)	2013 (\$)	2012 (\$)
Net asset value, beginning of period	24.59	22.36	19.75	19.66
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>				
Total revenue	0.54	0.51	0.49	0.47
Total expenses	(0.36)	(0.32)	(0.29)	(0.18)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	1.56	1.52	0.94	0.25
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.33)	0.59	1.74	1.32
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>1.41</b>	<b>2.30</b>	<b>2.88</b>	<b>1.86</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>				
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.01)	–	(0.05)	(0.21)
From dividends	(0.14)	–	(0.22)	(0.11)
From capital gains	–	–	–	–
Return of capital	–	–	–	–
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>(0.15)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(0.27)</b>	<b>(0.32)</b>
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	<b>25.85</b>	<b>24.59</b>	<b>22.36</b>	<b>19.74</b>

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	2015 (\$)	2014 (\$)	2013 (\$)	2012 (\$)	2011 (\$)
Net asset value, beginning of period	23.41	21.50	18.98	–	19.64
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	0.53	0.54	0.47	0.43	–
Total expenses	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	–
Realized gains (losses) for the period	1.51	1.45	0.90	(0.18)	–
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.44)	0.46	1.67	0.22	(1.20)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>1.59</b>	<b>2.44</b>	<b>3.03</b>	<b>0.46</b>	<b>(1.20)</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.04)	(0.13)	(0.10)	(0.27)	(0.22)
From dividends	(0.46)	(0.41)	(0.42)	(0.14)	(0.10)
From capital gains	–	–	–	–	–
Return of capital	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>(0.50)</b>	<b>(0.54)</b>	<b>(0.52)</b>	<b>(0.41)</b>	<b>(0.32)</b>
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	<b>24.58</b>	<b>23.41</b>	<b>21.50</b>	<b>18.97</b>	<b>–</b>

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## Sun Life MFS Balanced Growth Fund – Series O

	2015 (\$)	2014 (\$)
Net asset value, beginning of period	10.47	10.00
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>		
Total revenue	0.24	0.27
Total expenses	(0.03)	(0.02)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.68	0.43
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.19)	0.40
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>0.70</b>	<b>1.08</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>		
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.02)	(0.06)
From dividends	(0.19)	(0.19)
From capital gains	—	—
Return of capital	—	—
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>(0.21)</b>	<b>(0.25)</b>
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	<b>10.99</b>	<b>10.47</b>

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

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

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

<sup>(4)</sup> 2015, 2014 and 2013 figures are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). Prior to 2013, comparatives are prepared in accordance with Canadian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("Canadian GAAP").

## Ratios and Supplemental Data<sup>(6)</sup>

### Sun Life MFS Balanced Growth Fund – Series A

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Total net asset value (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	5,569,745	4,852,902	2,887,316	1,599,860	1,653,355
Number of units outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	219,437	200,236	129,025	80,563	88,349
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	2.36	2.33	2.32	2.27	1.95
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	2.36	2.46	2.41	2.27	1.95
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.06	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.04
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	30.54	38.20	27.04	48.96	35.00
Net asset value per unit (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	25.38	24.24	22.38	19.86	18.71

### Sun Life MFS Balanced Growth Fund – Series D

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Total net asset value (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	44,759,979	46,692,618	48,820,367	55,736,705	75,301,978
Number of units outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	1,724,814	1,890,098	2,152,074	2,786,278	3,999,993
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	1.29	1.30	1.30	1.23	1.05
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	1.29	1.37	1.35	1.23	1.05
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.06	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.04
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	30.54	38.20	27.04	48.96	35.00
Net asset value per unit (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	25.95	24.70	22.69	20.00	18.83

## Sun Life MFS Balanced Growth Fund – Series E

	2015	2014
Total net asset value (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	454,891	103,815
Number of units outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	42,232	10,010
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	2.34	2.46
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	2.34	2.59
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.06	0.08
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	30.54	38.20
Net asset value per unit (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	10.77	10.37

## Sun Life MFS Balanced Growth Fund – Series F

	2015	2014	2013	2012
Total net asset value (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	4,546,866	4,793,678	10,733,222	10,899,244
Number of units outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	175,892	194,943	479,963	551,785
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	1.37	1.39	1.39	1.38
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	1.37	1.47	1.44	1.38
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.06	0.08	0.07	0.07
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	30.54	38.20	27.04	48.96
Net asset value per unit (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	25.85	24.59	22.36	19.75

## Sun Life MFS Balanced Growth Fund – Series I

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Total net asset value (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	4,025,489	3,358,234	3,072,400	3,337,449	—
Number of units outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	163,790	143,476	142,904	175,819	—
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	0.06	0.08	0.08	0.05	—
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	0.06	0.08	0.08	0.05	—
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.06	0.08	0.07	0.07	—
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	30.54	38.20	27.04	48.96	—
Net asset value per unit (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	24.58	23.41	21.50	18.98	—

## Sun Life MFS Balanced Growth Fund – Series O

	2015	2014
Total net asset value (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	4,761,239	3,635,211
Number of units outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	433,360	347,327
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	0.23	0.25
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	0.23	0.26
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.06	0.08
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	30.54	38.20
Net asset value per unit (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	10.99	10.47

<sup>(1)</sup> This information is provided as at December 31 of the period shown, as applicable.

<sup>(2)</sup> 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. Prior to 2015, the Manager of the Fund waived some of its management fees and/or absorbed some expenses that would normally be charged to the Fund.

<sup>(3)</sup> 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.

<sup>(4)</sup> 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.

<sup>(5)</sup> Percentages are annualized.

<sup>(6)</sup> 2015, 2014 and 2013 figures are prepared in accordance with IFRS. Prior to 2013, comparatives are prepared in accordance with Canadian GAAP.



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## 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:

	Maximum Annual Management Fee Rate (%)	As a Percentage of Management Fees	
		Dealer Compensation (%) <sup>1</sup>	General Administration, Investment Advice and Profit (%)
Series A Units	1.95	43	57
Series D Units	0.95	14	86
Series E Units	1.95	47	53
Series F Units	1.00	—	100
Series I Units	—	—	—
Series O Units <sup>2</sup>	1.00	—	100

<sup>1</sup> Includes sales and trailing commissions.

<sup>2</sup> Series O management fees are not paid by the fund. Series O investors pay management fees directly to the manager.

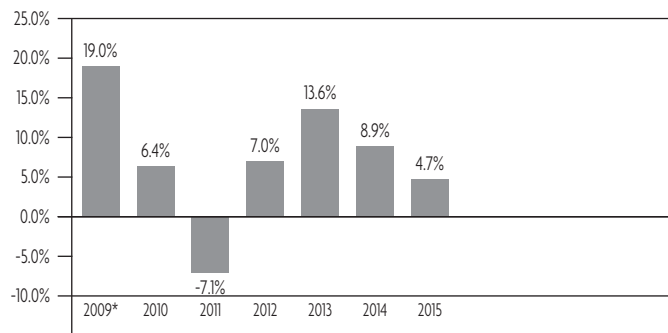
## PAST PERFORMANCE

The indicated rates of return are the historical annualized and annual compounded total returns including changes in unit value and reinvestment of all distributions and do not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or optional charges or income taxes payable by any unitholder 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.

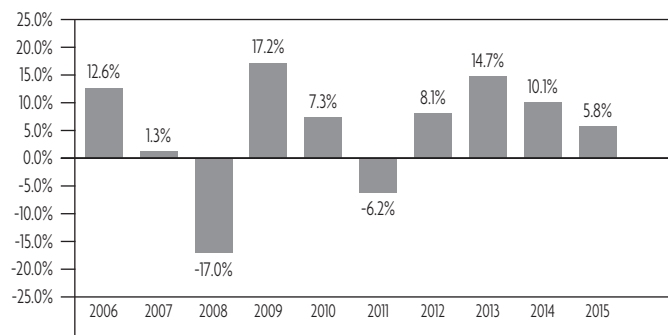
## Year-by-Year Returns

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 period.

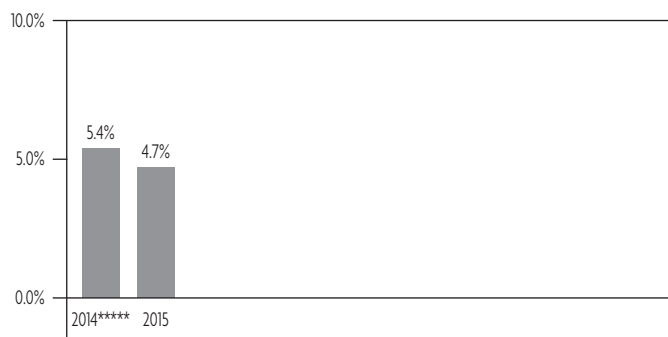
**Series A Units – Annual return for the periods ended December 31, 2015**



**Series D Units – Annual return for the periods ended December 31, 2015**



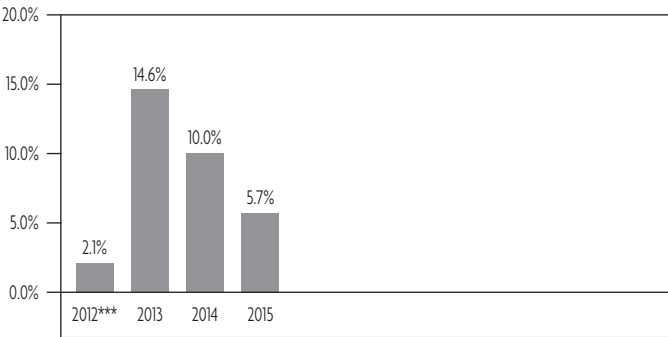
**Series E Units – Annual return for the periods ended December 31, 2015**



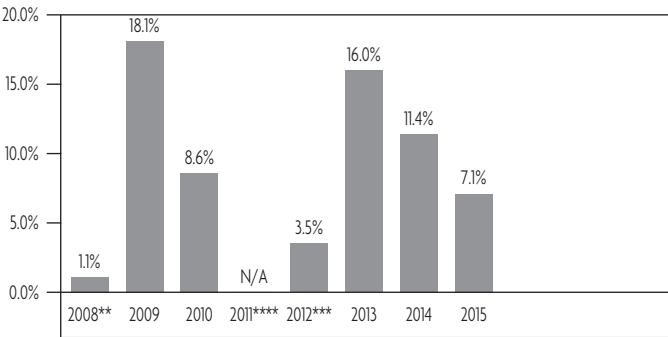


# Sun Life MFS Balanced Growth Fund

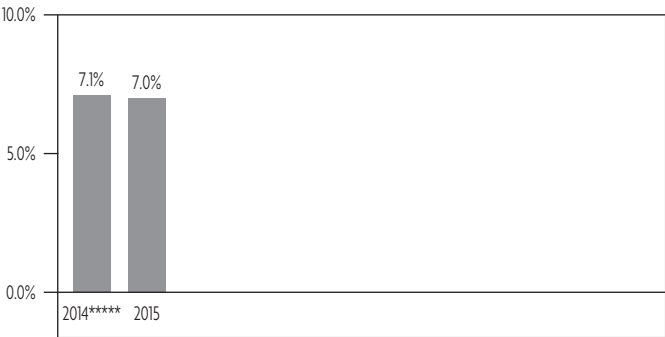
Series F Units – Annual return for the periods ended December 31, 2015



Series I Units – Annual return for the periods ended December 31, 2015



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



\* for the period of March 31, 2009 to December 31, 2009  
 \*\* for the period of November 28, 2008 to December 31, 2008  
 \*\*\* for the period of April 2, 2012 to December 31, 2012  
 \*\*\*\* Returns not available for this time period because there were no investors in this series for a continuous calendar year.  
 \*\*\*\*\* for the period April 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014

## Annual Compound Returns

The following table compares the historical annual compound total returns of series A, D, E, F, I and O units of the Fund with the blended benchmark index comprised of 30% S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index, 30% MSCI World C\$ Index, 35% FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index, and 5% FTSE TMX Canada 91 Day T-Bill Index.

The S&P/TSX Capped Composite covers approximately 95% of the Canadian equities market, and has been the primary gauge for Canadian-based, Toronto Stock Exchange-listed companies since 1977. The MSCI World C\$ Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed markets. The FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index is designed to be a broad measure of the Canadian investment-grade fixed income market. The FTSE TMX Canada 91 Day T-Bill Index measures the return attributable to 91 day Treasury Bills.

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The Series A units underperformed the benchmark since inception, over the past five years, and over the past three years, and outperformed the benchmark over the past year.

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Performance Start Date <sup>(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)</sup>
Sun Life MFS Balanced Growth Fund – Series A	4.7%	9.0%	5.2%	N/A	7.5%
Blended Benchmark (30% S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index; 30% MSCI World C\$ Index; 35% FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index; 5% FTSE TMX Canada 91 Day T-Bill Index)	4.1%	9.3%	7.0%	N/A	9.3%
S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index	(8.3%)	4.6%	2.3%	N/A	9.2%
MSCI World C\$ Index	18.9%	22.5%	15.0%	N/A	15.4%
FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index	3.5%	3.6%	4.8%	N/A	5.1%
FTSE TMX Canada 91 Day T-Bill Index	0.6%	0.8%	0.9%	N/A	0.8%
Sun Life MFS Balanced Growth Fund – Series E	4.7%	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.8%
Sun Life MFS Balanced Growth Fund – Series O	7.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	8.1%
Blended Benchmark (30% S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index; 30% MSCI World C\$ Index; 35% FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index; 5% FTSE TMX Canada 91 Day T-Bill Index)	4.1%	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.8%
S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index	(8.3%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	(2.6)%
MSCI World C\$ Index	18.9%	N/A	N/A	N/A	15.8%
FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index	3.5%	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.4%
FTSE TMX Canada 91 Day T-Bill Index	0.6%	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.8%
Sun Life MFS Balanced Growth Fund – Series D	5.8%	10.1%	6.2%	4.9%	N/A
Blended Benchmark (30% S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index; 30% MSCI World C\$ Index; 35% FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index; 5% FTSE TMX Canada 91 Day T-Bill Index)	4.1%	9.3%	7.0%	5.5%	N/A
S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index	(8.3)%	4.6%	2.3%	4.4%	N/A
MSCI World C\$ Index	18.9%	22.5%	15.0%	6.8%	N/A
FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index	3.5%	3.6%	4.8%	5.0%	N/A
FTSE TMX Canada 91 Day T-Bill Index	0.6%	0.8%	0.9%	1.7%	N/A
Sun Life MFS Balanced Growth Fund – Series F	5.7%	10.0%	N/A	N/A	8.6%
Blended Benchmark (30% S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index; 30% MSCI World C\$ Index; 35% FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index; 5% FTSE TMX Canada 91 Day T-Bill Index)	4.1%	9.3%	N/A	N/A	8.2%
S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index	(8.3%)	4.6%	N/A	N/A	4.1%
MSCI World C\$ Index	18.9%	22.5%	N/A	N/A	18.6%
FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index	3.5%	3.6%	N/A	N/A	3.9%
FTSE TMX Canada 91 Day T-Bill Index	0.6%	0.8%	N/A	N/A	0.9%
Sun Life MFS Balanced Growth Fund – Series I	7.1%	11.5%	N/A	N/A	10.1%
Blended Benchmark (30% S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index; 30% MSCI World C\$ Index; 35% FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index; 5% FTSE TMX Canada 91 Day T-Bill Index)	4.1%	9.3%	N/A	N/A	8.3%
S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index	(8.3%)	4.6%	N/A	N/A	4.4%
MSCI World C\$ Index	18.9%	22.5%	N/A	N/A	18.7%
FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index	3.5%	3.6%	N/A	N/A	3.9%
FTSE TMX Canada 91 Day T-Bill Index	0.6%	0.8%	N/A	N/A	0.9%

<sup>(1)</sup> The performance start date for Series A units was April 1, 2009.

<sup>(2)</sup> The performance start date for Series D units was December 31, 1988. The performance start date may be different from the series creation date as the Manager did not distribute securities to the public immediately after their creation. The performance start date reflects the date the Manager began accepting subscriptions and calculating a daily net asset value for the series.

<sup>(3)</sup> The performance start date for Series F units was April 2, 2012.

<sup>(4)</sup> The performance start date for Series I units was April 2, 2012.

<sup>(5)</sup> The performance start date for Series E and O units was April 1, 2014.

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

as at December 31, 2015

### Top 25 Investments

Holdings	Percentage of Net Asset Value of the Fund (%)
1 Sun Life MFS International Growth Fund, Series I <sup>(2)</sup>	16.2
2 Sun Life MFS U.S. Growth Fund, Series I <sup>(2)</sup>	14.7
3 Canada Housing Trust No. 1, 1.70%, Dec 15, 2017	3.2
4 Cash	2.6
5 The Toronto-Dominion Bank	2.5
6 Royal Bank of Canada	2.5
7 Canadian Government Bond, 0.25%, Nov 01, 2017	2.4
8 Canadian National Railway Co.	1.9
9 Suncor Energy Inc.	1.4
10 The Bank of Nova Scotia	1.4
11 Manulife Financial Corp.	1.2
12 Enbridge Inc.	1.2
13 Valeant Pharmaceuticals International Inc.	1.2
14 Province of Quebec, 5.00%, Dec 01, 2038	1.1
15 Canada Housing Trust No. 1, 1.75%, Jun 15, 2018	1.1
16 Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc., Class B	1.0
17 Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.	0.9
18 Thomson Reuters Corp.	0.9
19 Province of Ontario, 4.70%, Jun 02, 2037	0.8
20 Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd.	0.8
21 Element Financial Corp.	0.8
22 Magna International Inc.	0.8
23 Province of Ontario, 1.90%, Sep 08, 2017	0.7
24 Province of Ontario, 6.50%, Mar 08, 2029	0.7
25 Agrium Inc.	0.7
	<b>62.7</b>
<b>Total Net Asset Value (000's)</b>	<b>\$ 64,118</b>

### Sector Allocation

	Percentage of Net Asset Value of the Fund (%)
Financials	13.8
Canadian Corporate Bond	12.7
Consumer Discretionary	9.4
Canadian Provincial Government Bond	8.9
Canadian Federal Government Bond	8.4
Information Technology	7.2
Health Care	7.0
Industrials	6.9
Consumer Staples	6.7
Energy	5.9
Materials	4.6
Cash and Cash Equivalents <sup>(3)</sup>	3.8
U.S. Corporate Bond	2.4
International Corporate Bond	0.8
Canadian Municipal Bond	0.8
Telecommunication Services	0.5
Utilities	0.2
	<b>100.0</b>

# Sun Life MFS Balanced Growth Fund

## Asset Mix

	Percentage of Net Asset Value of the Fund (%)
Canadian Equities	32.1
Canadian Fixed Income	30.8
International Equities	16.7
U.S. Equities	13.4
Cash and Cash Equivalents <sup>(3)</sup>	3.8
U.S. Fixed Income	2.4
International Fixed Income	0.8
	<b>100.0</b>

<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 [www.sunlifeglobalinvestments.com](http://www.sunlifeglobalinvestments.com) or by sending an email to us at [info@sunlifeglobalinvestments.com](mailto:info@sunlifeglobalinvestments.com).

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

<sup>(3)</sup> Cash and Cash Equivalents, for the purpose of this chart, includes other assets less liabilities.

## Forward-Looking Statements

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## ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

### Sun Life MFS Balanced Growth Fund

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