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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 Canadian Equity Growth Fund



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## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

### Investment Objective and Strategies

The fundamental investment objective of Sun Life MFS Canadian Equity Growth Fund (the "Fund") is to aim for long-term capital growth primarily by investing in Canadian growth equity securities. The Fund may invest in global equity securities or 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 seeks to invest in equity securities of companies it believes to have above-average earnings growth potential compared to other companies. The Fund may invest in companies of any size with issuers located primarily in Canada. The Fund may also invest up to 40% of the Fund's assets in non-Canadian securities. Using a bottom-up investment approach – investments are selected primarily based on fundamental analysis of issuers and their potential in light of their current financial condition and industry position, as well as market, economic, political and regulatory conditions; considers factors such as earnings, cash flows, competitive position and management ability of issuers.

### 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 \$56.9 million to \$86.9 million. The increase in net asset value was due to positive performance, partially offset by net redemptions during the period.

During the period, the Fund returned 1.5% for Series A units. This result surpassed the Fund's benchmark (75% S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index, 25% MSCI World C\$ Index), which returned -2.0%. 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 and an underweight position in the Energy sector also boosted relative performance. Not owning shares of natural gas company EnCana was a positive factor for relative returns.

Within the global equity portion of the Fund, stock selection in the Financials sector supported relative results. The Fund's overweight positions in investment management and banking firm UBS (Switzerland) and banking firm KBC Groep (Belgium) strengthened relative results. Holdings of banking firm HDFC Bank (India) also benefited relative returns.

Stock selection in the Information Technology sector was another area of relative strength within global equities. The Fund's overweight positions in management consulting firm Accenture, internet search giant Alphabet (formerly Google) and global payments technology company Visa contributed to relative returns as all three companies performed strongly over the reporting period.

During the reporting period, the Fund's foreign currency exposure was another contributor to relative results as the Canadian dollar depreciated relative to most global currencies, including the U.S. dollar, euro and British pounds.

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.

An underweight position in the Telecommunication Services sector also detracted from relative results as this was one of the relatively strong-performing sectors over the reporting period. Not owning shares of communications services

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providers BCE and Rogers Communication and information technology and business process solutions company CGI Group also weakened relative returns.

Within the global equity portion of the Fund, weak stock selection in Consumer Discretionary and Consumer Staples dampened relative performance. Within Consumer Discretionary, not owning internet retailer Amazon.com and overweight positions in global media firm Twenty-First Century Fox and luxury goods retailer Burberry (United Kingdom) weighed on relative returns. Within Consumer Staples, the Fund's overweight position in snack foods and beverages company Want Want China Holdings (China) also hurt relative results.

## 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 (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.

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## 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 February 13, 2008, and the date of creation for Series I units was March 24, 2005. Prior to April 2, 2012, these series were called classes. Effective April 2, 2012, Class O units of the Fund were renamed as Series I units and Class C units were reclassified as Series I units. Prior to April 2, 2012, these series were called classes. Effective April 2, 2012, Class O units of the Fund were renamed as Series I units and Class C units were reclassified as Series I units. 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 Canadian Equity Growth Fund – Series A

	2015 (\$)	2014 (\$)	2013 (\$)	2012 (\$)	2011 (\$)
Net asset value, beginning of period	44.17	39.76	33.06	30.44	37.94
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	1.00	0.90	0.80	0.80	0.72
Total expenses	(1.35)	(1.15)	(0.93)	(0.72)	(0.73)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	3.53	3.71	2.18	(0.85)	(1.41)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(3.04)	0.79	4.85	4.82	(6.98)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>0.14</b>	<b>4.25</b>	<b>6.90</b>	<b>4.05</b>	<b>(8.40)</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	–	–	–	(0.01)	(0.05)
From dividends	(0.01)	–	(0.10)	(0.11)	(0.17)
From capital gains	(2.51)	–	–	–	–
Return of capital	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>(2.52)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(0.10)</b>	<b>(0.12)</b>	<b>(0.22)</b>
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	<b>42.31</b>	<b>44.17</b>	<b>39.76</b>	<b>33.02</b>	<b>30.44</b>

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## Sun Life MFS Canadian Equity Growth Fund – Series D

	2015 (\$)	2014 (\$)	2013 (\$)	2012 (\$)	2011 (\$)
Net asset value, beginning of period	45.50	40.70	33.68	30.92	38.46
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	1.03	0.93	0.80	0.83	0.71
Total expenses	(0.96)	(0.79)	(0.64)	(0.50)	(0.51)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	3.55	3.92	2.26	(0.31)	(1.05)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(2.42)	0.83	4.71	3.09	(6.31)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>1.20</b>	<b>4.89</b>	<b>7.13</b>	<b>3.11</b>	<b>(7.16)</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	–	–	–	(0.03)	(0.08)
From dividends	(0.07)	(0.08)	(0.21)	(0.24)	(0.29)
From capital gains	(2.60)	–	–	–	–
Return of capital	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>(2.67)</b>	<b>(0.08)</b>	<b>(0.21)</b>	<b>(0.27)</b>	<b>(0.37)</b>
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	<b>43.86</b>	<b>45.50</b>	<b>40.70</b>	<b>33.63</b>	<b>30.92</b>

## Sun Life MFS Canadian Equity Growth Fund – Series E

	2015 (\$)	2014 (\$)
Net asset value, beginning of period	10.64	10.00
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>		
Total revenue	0.25	0.16
Total expenses	(0.31)	(0.21)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	1.16	0.73
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(1.53)	(0.01)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>(0.43)</b>	<b>0.67</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>		
From income (excluding dividends)	–	–
From dividends	(0.07)	(0.03)
From capital gains	(0.60)	–
Return of capital	–	–
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>(0.67)</b>	<b>(0.03)</b>
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	<b>10.12</b>	<b>10.64</b>

## Sun Life MFS Canadian Equity Growth Fund – Series F

	2015 (\$)	2014 (\$)	2013 (\$)	2012 (\$)	2011 (\$)
Net asset value, beginning of period	44.64	39.98	33.13	30.62	37.59
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	0.98	0.92	0.79	1.05	0.61
Total expenses	(0.80)	(0.65)	(0.53)	(0.41)	(0.40)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	2.91	3.79	2.24	(0.51)	(0.08)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	2.11	0.94	4.70	5.63	(8.31)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>5.20</b>	<b>5.00</b>	<b>7.20</b>	<b>5.76</b>	<b>(8.18)</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	–	–	–	(0.07)	(0.01)
From dividends	(0.07)	(0.25)	(0.36)	(0.51)	(0.04)
From capital gains	(2.56)	–	–	–	–
Return of capital	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>(2.63)</b>	<b>(0.25)</b>	<b>(0.36)</b>	<b>(0.58)</b>	<b>(0.05)</b>
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	<b>43.13</b>	<b>44.64</b>	<b>39.98</b>	<b>33.08</b>	<b>30.62</b>

## Sun Life MFS Canadian Equity Growth Fund – Series I

	2015 (\$)	2014 (\$)	2013 (\$)	2012 (\$)	2011 (\$)
Net asset value, beginning of period	45.26	40.53	33.55	–	38.58
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	1.04	0.93	0.81	0.69	–
Total expenses	(0.06)	(0.06)	(0.02)	(0.01)	–
Realized gains (losses) for the period	3.55	3.80	2.22	(0.70)	–
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(4.52)	1.14	4.55	0.82	(6.90)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>5.81</b>	<b>7.56</b>	<b>0.80</b>	<b>(6.90)</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.01)	–	–	(0.10)	–
From dividends	(0.79)	(0.83)	(0.85)	(0.69)	–
From capital gains	(2.61)	–	–	–	–
Return of capital	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>(3.41)</b>	<b>(0.83)</b>	<b>(0.85)</b>	<b>(0.79)</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	<b>43.61</b>	<b>45.26</b>	<b>40.53</b>	<b>33.50</b>	<b>–</b>

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## Sun Life MFS Canadian Equity Growth Fund – Series O

	2015 (\$)	2014 (\$)
Net asset value, beginning of period	10.65	10.00
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>		
Total revenue	0.24	0.14
Total expenses	(0.04)	(0.03)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.89	0.31
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.76)	1.36
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>0.33</b>	<b>1.78</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>		
From income (excluding dividends)	–	–
From dividends	(0.17)	(0.20)
From capital gains	(0.61)	–
Return of capital	–	–
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>(0.78)</b>	<b>(0.20)</b>
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	<b>10.26</b>	<b>10.65</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 Canadian Equity Growth Fund – Series A

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Total net asset value (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	2,394,387	1,890,568	949,811	642,167	357,423
Number of units outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	56,591	42,802	23,891	19,422	11,730
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	2.36	2.46	2.41	2.31	2.05
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	2.36	4.05	4.35	2.69	2.05
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.10	0.07	0.07	0.11	0.05
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	84.70	39.53	33.21	85.58	20.00
Net asset value per unit (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	42.31	44.17	39.76	33.06	30.47

## Sun Life MFS Canadian Equity Growth Fund – Series D

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Total net asset value (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	15,162,448	16,466,547	16,744,369	17,658,547	21,443,909
Number of units outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	345,726	361,929	411,380	524,327	692,995
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	1.62	1.62	1.64	1.53	1.39
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	1.62	2.67	2.97	1.79	1.39
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.10	0.07	0.07	0.11	0.05
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	84.70	39.53	33.21	85.58	20.00
Net asset value per unit (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	43.86	45.50	40.70	33.68	30.94

## Sun Life MFS Canadian Equity Growth Fund – Series E

	2015	2014
Total net asset value (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	128,987	10,675
Number of units outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	12,740	1,004
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	2.36	2.45
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	2.36	4.05
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.10	0.07
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	84.70	39.53
Net asset value per unit (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	10.12	10.64

## Sun Life MFS Canadian Equity Growth Fund – Series F

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Total net asset value (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	3,176,363	9,753,074	8,923,021	8,900,611	222,247
Number of units outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	73,640	218,479	223,168	268,692	7,252
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	1.35	1.36	1.38	1.30	1.11
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	1.35	2.24	2.49	1.52	1.11
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.10	0.07	0.07	0.11	0.05
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	84.70	39.53	33.21	85.58	20.00
Net asset value per unit (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	43.13	44.64	39.98	33.13	30.65

## Sun Life MFS Canadian Equity Growth Fund – Series I

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Total net asset value (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	65,768,652	28,568,469	28,121,093	27,546,250	–
Number of units outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	1,508,147	631,168	693,880	821,036	–
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.05	–
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	0.06	0.10	0.14	0.06	–
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.10	0.07	0.07	0.11	–
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	84.70	39.53	33.21	85.58	–
Net asset value per unit (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	43.61	45.26	40.53	33.55	–



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## Sun Life MFS Canadian Equity Growth Fund – Series O

	2015	2014
Total net asset value (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	259,699	172,561
Number of units outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	25,307	16,203
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	0.23	0.23
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	0.23	0.38
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.10	0.07
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	84.70	39.53
Net asset value per unit (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	10.26	10.65

<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) 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.

## 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	1.25	12	88
Series E Units	1.95	50	50
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 portfolio Series O investors pay management fees directly manager.

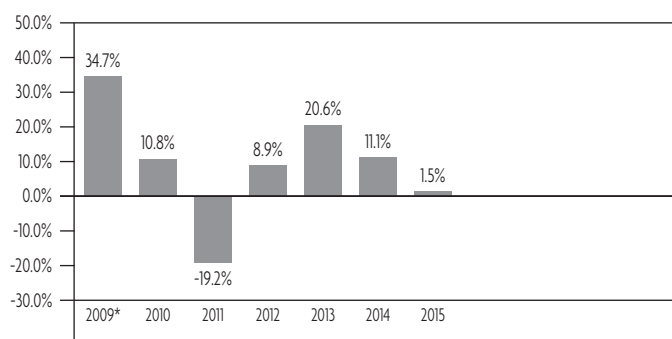
## PAST PERFORMANCE

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.

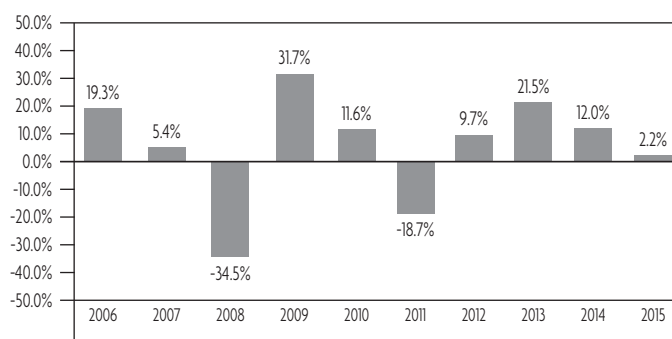
### Year-by-Year Returns

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



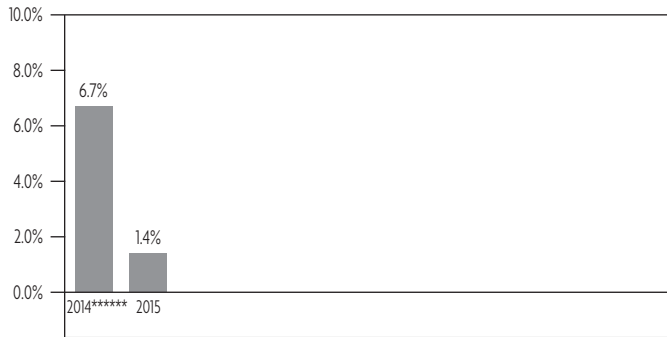
Series D Units – Annual return for the periods ended December 31, 2015



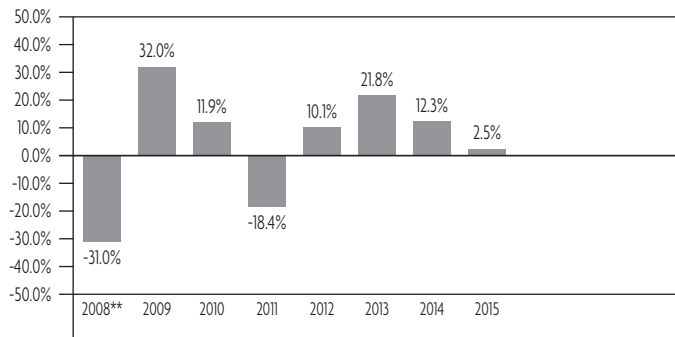


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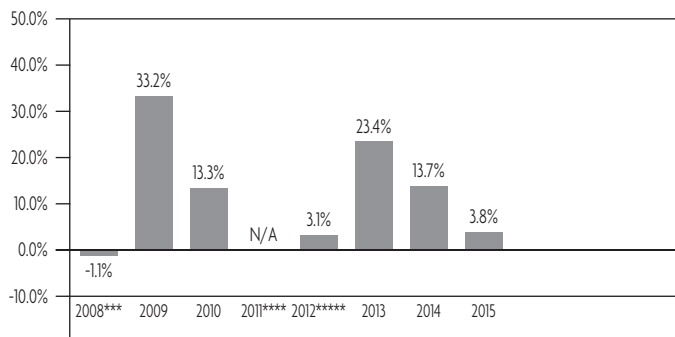
**Series E Units – Annual return for the periods ended December 31, 2015**



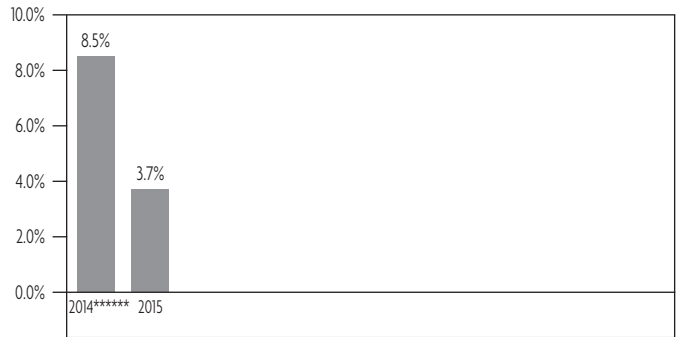
**Series F Units – Annual return for the periods ended December 31, 2015**



**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 February 13, 2008 to December 31, 2008

\*\*\* for the period of November 28, 2008 to December 31, 2008

\*\*\*\* Returns not available for this time period because there were no investors in this series for a continuous calendar year.

\*\*\*\*\* for the period of April 2, 2012 to December 31, 2012

\*\*\*\*\* 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 comprised of 75% S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index and 25% MSCI World C\$ 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 Series A units underperformed the benchmark since inception and over the past five years, but outperformed the benchmark over the past three years and over the past year.

	Performance				
	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Start Date <sup>(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)</sup>
Sun Life MFS Canadian Equity Growth Fund – Series A	1.5%	10.8%	3.6%	N/A	9.0%
Blended Benchmark (75% S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index; 25% MSCI World C\$ Index)	(2.0)%	8.9%	5.4%	N/A	10.8%
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%
Sun Life MFS Canadian Equity Growth Fund – Series E	1.4%	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.6%
Sun Life MFS Canadian Equity Growth Fund – Series O	3.7%	N/A	N/A	N/A	6.9%
Blended Benchmark (75% S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index; 25% MSCI World C\$ Index)	(2.0)%	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.9%

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	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Performance Start Date <sup>(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)</sup>
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%
Sun Life MFS Canadian Equity Growth Fund – Series D	2.2%	11.6%	4.4%	4.2%	N/A
Blended Benchmark (75% S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index; 25% MSCI World C\$ Index)	(2.0)%	8.9%	5.4%	5.1%	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
Sun Life MFS Canadian Equity Growth Fund – Series F	2.5%	11.9%	4.7%	N/A	3.2%
Blended Benchmark (75% S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index; 25% MSCI World C\$ Index)	(2.0)%	8.9%	5.4%	N/A	4.3%
S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index	(8.3)%	4.6%	2.3%	N/A	2.8%
MSCI World C\$ Index	18.9%	22.5%	15.0%	N/A	8.5%
Sun Life MFS Canadian Equity Growth Fund – Series I	3.8%	13.4%	N/A	N/A	11.5%
Blended Benchmark (75% S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index; 25% MSCI World C\$ Index)	(2.0)%	8.9%	N/A	N/A	7.9%
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%

<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 February 15, 2008. 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>(4)</sup> The performance start date for Series I units was April 2, 2012. The performance start date for Series I units was April 2, 2012. Annual compound returns are not available for Series I units because there were no investors in the fund during the applicable time period(s), causing a break in performance. Any calculation of compound returns would therefore be inaccurate.

<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 The Toronto-Dominion Bank	5.7
2 Royal Bank of Canada	5.5
3 Canadian National Railway Co.	4.5
4 Suncor Energy Inc.	3.1
5 The Bank of Nova Scotia	3.0
6 Manulife Financial Corp.	2.7
7 Enbridge Inc.	2.6
8 Valeant Pharmaceuticals International Inc.	2.5
9 Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc., Class B	2.3
10 Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.	2.0
11 Thomson Reuters Corp.	2.0
12 Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd.	1.9
13 Cash	1.8
14 Element Financial Corp.	1.8
15 Magna International Inc.	1.7
16 Loblaw Companies Limited	1.6
17 Agrium Inc.	1.6
18 TransCanada Corporation	1.5
19 Goldcorp Inc.	1.4
20 Canadian Tire Corp., Ltd., Class A	1.2
21 Gildan Activewear Inc.	1.2
22 Bank of Montreal	1.1
23 Intact Financial Corp.	1.1
24 CCL Industries Inc., Class B	1.1
25 Constellation Software Inc.	1.0
<b>55.9</b>	
<b>Total Net Asset Value (000's)</b>	<b>\$ 86,891</b>

### Sector Allocation

	Percentage of Net Asset Value of the Fund (%)
Financials	26.2
Consumer Discretionary	14.1
Energy	12.5
Industrials	11.9
Consumer Staples	8.5
Health Care	8.1
Materials	7.8
Information Technology	7.8
Cash and Cash Equivalents <sup>(2)</sup>	1.6
Telecommunication Services	1.0
Utilities	0.5
<b>100.0</b>	

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## Asset Mix

	Percentage of Net Asset Value of the Fund (%)
Canadian Equities	71.1
International Equities	14.7
U.S. Equities	12.6
Cash and Cash Equivalents <sup>(2)</sup>	1.6
	<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> 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

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