## SUN LIFE GLOBAL INVESTMENTS (CANADA) INC.

#### SEMI-ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

for the period ended June 30, 2017

Sun Life Money Market Class





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# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

#### **Results of Operations**

During the period, the net asset value of the Sun Life Money Market Class (the "Fund") decreased from \$13.5 million to \$10.6 million. The decrease in net asset value was due to negative performance, partially offset by positive net sales during the period.

During the period, the Fund returned -0.01% for Series A shares. This result lagged the Fund's benchmark, the FTSE TMX Canada 91 Day T-Bill, which returned 0.19%. 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 units of the Sun Life Money Market Fund (the "underlying Trust Fund"). The following commentary relates to the underlying Trust Fund.

The underlying Trust Fund's commitment to high-quality provincial holdings and commercial paper helped boost the underlying Trust Fund's overall yield during a period of low real interest rates.

The underlying Trust Fund's term to maturity, which was below that of the benchmark throughout the period, had a positive effect on performance given a modest degree of steepening of the curve.

There were no material detractors during the period.

### **Recent Developments**

The core economic views of MFS Investment Management Canada Limited (the underlying Trust Fund's sub-advisor, the "sub-advisor") have not changed. The sub-advisor continues to expect moderate non-recessionary global growth with low inflation and ongoing headwinds from excess debt. The sub-advisor does not expect U.S. fiscal stimulus to meet current optimistic expectations in terms of timing or impact on growth. The sub-advisor instead expects it to arrive later and with less upside to the U.S. and global growth. Moreover, trade rhetoric is a potential headwind, particularly to Canada

where U.S. exports are roughly 25% of Canadian Gross Domestic Product. Late in the quarter, the Bank of Canada surprisingly began to communicate a more hawkish stance and in turn the market has priced in a 0.50% increase in interest rates in 2017. Given the low level of inflation, high level of consumer debt and recent softening of housing activity the sub-advisor is concerned about the potential negative impact of rising interest rates on the Canadian economy.

The Bank of Canada maintained its key policy rate at 0.50% during the period, but the yield curve steepened as three month Canada Treasury Bill yields rose 0.18% while twelve month yields rose 0.33%.

Effective February 5, 2016, all Series E and EF shares were converted to Series A shares, under the Front End Sales Charge option, and Series F shares, respectively, of the same Fund. Please refer to the Fund's simplified prospectus for more details about the captioned change and for details about the Private Client Program.

### **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

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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 semi-annual financial statements (unaudited).

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, F and O. The date of creation for Series A and F shares was August 1, 2013, and the date of creation for Series O shares was April 1, 2014

Series A are available to all investors.

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 June 30, 2017.

## The Fund's Net Asset Value per Share (\$)<sup>(1)</sup> Sun Life Money Market Class – Series A

	2017 (\$)	2016	2015 (\$)	2014	2013
Not continue beginning of	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(7)
Net asset value, beginning of	10.07	1006	10.05	10.02	10.00
period	10.07	10.06	10.05	10.02	10.00
Increase (decrease) from					
operations:					
Total revenue	0.03	0.07	0.08	0.10	0.04
Total expenses	(0.03)	(0.06)	(0.07)	(0.07)	(0.03)
Realized gains (losses) for the					
period	_	_	_	_	_
Unrealized gains (losses) for the					
period	_	_	-	_	-
Total increase (decrease) from					
operations <sup>(2)</sup>	_	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.01
Distributions:					
From income (excluding dividends)	_	_	_	_	_
From dividends	_	_	_	_	_
From capital gains	_	_	_	_	_
Return of capital	_	_	_	_	_
Total annual distributions <sup>(3)</sup>	_	-	_	_	-
Net asset value, end of period	10.07	10.07	10.06	10.05	10.02

#### Sun Life Money Market Class – Series F

	2017 (\$)	2016 (\$)	2015 (\$)	2014 (\$)	2013 (\$)
Net asset value, beginning of					
period	10.16	10.12	10.09	10.03	10.00
Increase (decrease) from					
operations:					
Total revenue	0.03	0.07	0.08	0.11	0.05
Total expenses	(0.02)	(0.03)	(0.04)	(0.05)	(0.02)
Realized gains (losses) for the					
period	_	_	_	_	_
Unrealized gains (losses) for the					
period	_	_	_	_	_
Total increase (decrease) from					
operations <sup>(2)</sup>	0.01	0.04	0.04	0.06	0.03
Distributions:					
From income (excluding dividends)	_	_	_	_	_
From dividends	_	_	_	_	_
From capital gains	_	_	_	_	_
Return of capital	-	-	-	_	_
Total annual distributions <sup>(3)</sup>	-	-	-	-	_
Net asset value, end of period	10.17	10.16	10.12	10.09	10.03

#### Sun Life Money Market Class – Series O

	2017 (\$)	2016 (\$)	2015 (\$)	2014 (\$)
Net asset value, beginning of				
period	10.21	10.15	10.07	10.00
Increase (decrease) from				
operations:				
Total revenue	0.04	0.07	0.08	0.08
Total expenses	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.01)
Realized gains (losses) for the				
period	_	_	_	_
Unrealized gains (losses) for the				
period	_	_	_	_
Total increase (decrease) from				
operations <sup>(2)</sup>	0.03	0.06	0.06	0.07
Distributions:				
From income (excluding dividends)	_	_	_	_
From dividends	_	_	_	_
From capital gains	_	_	_	_
Return of capital	_	_	_	
Total annual distributions <sup>(3)</sup>	_	_	_	_

<sup>(1)</sup> This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements and from the semi-annual unaudited financial statements for the current period ended June 30, 2017.

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10.15

10.07

### Ratios and Supplemental Data Sun Life Money Market Class – Series A

Net asset value, end of period

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Total net asset					
value (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	6,716,246	9,206,773	3,265,493	2,397,332	1,563,303
Number of shares					
outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	667,119	914,505	324,602	238,485	156,091
Management expense					
ratio (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	0.56	0.55	0.65	0.74	0.71
Management expense					
ratio before waivers					
or absorption (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	0.56	0.55	0.65	0.74	0.71
Trading expense					
ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	_	_	_	_	_
Portfolio turnover					
rate (%) <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	59.33	185.77	145.56	300.81	171.31
Net asset value per					
share (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	10.07	10.07	10.06	10.05	10.02

#### Sun Life Money Market Class – Series F

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Total net asset value (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	2,320,987	819,413	582,463	1,383,413	1,010,227
Number of shares					
outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	228,113	80,650	57,531	137,151	100,758
Management expense					
ratio (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	0.27	0.27	0.38	0.47	0.41
Management expense					
ratio before waivers or					
absorption (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	0.27	0.27	0.38	0.47	0.41
Trading expense					
ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	-	_	_	-	_
Portfolio turnover					
rate (%) <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	59.33	185.77	145.56	300.81	171.31
Net asset value per					
share (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	10.17	10.16	10.12	10.09	10.03

#### Sun Life Money Market Class – Series O

	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total net asset value (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	1,589,152	3,466,948	1,994,372	443,816
Number of shares				
outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	155,204	339,532	196,539	44,052
Management expense				
ratio (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.09
Management expense ratio				
before waivers or				
absorption (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.09
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	_	_	_	-
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	59.33	185.77	145.56	300.81
Net asset value per share (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	10.24	10.21	10.15	10.07

<sup>(1)</sup> This information is provided as at December 31 of the period shown, except for the most recent semi-annual period, which is at June 30, 2017.

## 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.

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<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.

<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.

<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.

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	1.00	42	58	
Series F Shares	0.75	-	100	
Series O Shares <sup>2</sup>	0.75	_	100	

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

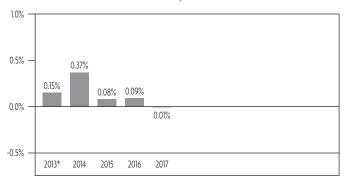
#### **PAST PERFORMANCE**

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.

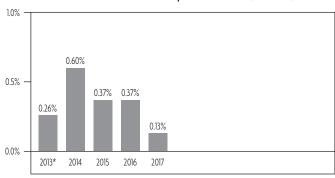
#### Year-by-Year Returns

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.

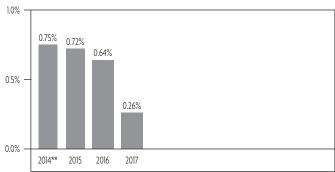
#### Series A Shares – Annual return for the period ended December 31 and the six month period ended June 30, 2017



#### Series F Shares – Annual return for the period ended December 31 and the six month period ended June 30, 2017



#### Series O Shares – Annual return for the period ended December 31 and the six month period ended June 30, 2017



- \* for the period of August 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013
- \*\* for the period of April 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014

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

## SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO(1)

as at June 30, 2017 (unaudited)

#### Top 25 Investments<sup>(2)</sup>

Holdings		Net A	centage of sset Value e Fund (%)
1 Gove	ernment of Canada, 0.53%, Sep 07, 2017		10.6
2 Cana	dian Treasury Bill, 0.49%, Aug 10, 2017		7.6
3 Cana	dian Treasury Bill, 0.52%, Aug 24, 2017		6.3
4 Cana	dian Treasury Bill, 0.44%, Jul 13, 2017		4.4
5 Cana	dian Imperial Bank of Commerce, 0.77%,		
Aug 2	22, 2017		4.0
6 Natio	onal Bank of Canada, 0.77%, Jul 26, 2017		4.0
7 Bank	of Nova Scotia, 0.84%, Jul 28, 2017		3.9
8 Provi	nce of Manitoba, 0.56%, Aug 23, 2017		3.8
9 Provi	nce of Ontario, 0.56%, Aug 30, 2017		3.3
10 Roya	Bank of Canada, 0.83%, Jul 17, 2017		2.4
11 Provi	nce of Ontario, 0.65%, Oct 25, 2017		2.4
12 Cana	dian Treasury Bill, 0.54%, Sep 21, 2017		2.3
13 Nest	é Capital Canada Ltd., 0.62%, Jul 25, 2017		2.2
14 Provi	nce of Quebec, 0.60%, Jul 07, 2017		2.2
15 Provi	nce of Quebec, 0.59%, Jul 28, 2017		1.9
16 Manu	ılife Bank of Canada, 1.10%, Jan 03, 2018		1.8
17 The 1	oronto-Dominion Bank, 0.75%, Aug 28, 2017		1.7
18 Toyo	ta Credit Canada Inc., 0.96%, Jan 03, 2018		1.6
19 Toyo	ta Credit Canada Inc., 0.97%, Jan 12, 2018		1.6
20 Roya	Bank of Canada, 1.05%, Feb 14, 2018		1.6
21 Manu	ılife Bank of Canada, 1.10%, Mar 06, 2018		1.5
22 The T	oronto-Dominion Bank, 0.83%, Jul 17, 2017		1.4
23 Provi	nce of British Columbia, 0.79%, Sep 22, 2017		1.4
24 Provi	nce of Ontario, 0.74%, Dec 06, 2017		1.4
25 Provi	nce of Alberta, 0.60%, Jul 25, 2017		1.2
-			76.5
Total Ne	t Asset Value (000's)	\$	10,626

### Sector Allocation<sup>(2)</sup>

	Percentage of Net Asset Value of the Fund (%)
Cash and Cash Equivalents <sup>(3)</sup>	76.5
Canadian Corporate	15.3
Provincial Government	8.2
	100.0

All information is as at June 30, 2017. 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="https://www.sunlifeglobalinvestments.com">info@sunlifeglobalinvestments.com</a>.

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This management report of fund performance may contain forward-looking statements about the Fund, including its strategy, results of operations, performance and condition. Forward-looking statements include statements that are predictive in nature, or that depend upon or refer to future events or conditions. They are based on current beliefs, expectations and projections about future events and are inherently subject to, among other things, risks, uncertainties and assumptions about the Fund and various economic factors. Many factors could cause the Fund's actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements that may be expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These factors could include, among other things, general economic, political and market factors, including interest and foreign exchange rates, business competition, technological changes, changes in government regulations or in tax laws. Although the forward-looking statements contained in this report are based upon what management currently believes to be reasonable assumptions, the Manager cannot assure current or prospective investors that actual results, performance or achievements will be consistent with these forward-looking statements. The words "may", "could", "would", "should", "believe", "plan", anticipate", "expect", "intend", "forecast", "objective", and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements.

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<sup>(2)</sup> The Fund invests substantially all of its assets directly in the underlying Trust Fund. The summary of investment portfolio for the Fund presents the investments as a percentage of the net asset value of the underlying Trust Fund.

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

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