







## INDEPENDENT REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR CI FUNDS, CASTLEROCK FUNDS, UNITED FUNDS AND SKYLON FUNDS

# **REPORT TO SECURITYHOLDERS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011**

## The Independent Review Committee:

The members of the Board of Governors for the Funds listed in the annex to this Report act as the Independent Review Committee for the Funds. All members are independent from the managers of the Funds and persons and companies related to CI Investments Inc. (the "Manager").

Mr. James M. Werry has been appointed as a member to the Board of Governors and Independent Review Committee for the Funds effective September 13, 2011.

Member	Length of Service – Date First Appointed <sup>1</sup>
William Harding	June 2005
Stuart P. Hensman <sup>2</sup> (Chair)	December 2004
Christopher Hopper <sup>3</sup>	May 2007

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Each member of the Board of Governors, other than Mr. Hopper and Mr. Werry, was first appointed at a time when the Board of Governors acted in an advisory capacity to CI Investments Inc. and oversaw matters relating to the funds.

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  Mr. Hensman is also a member of the independent review committee for the investment funds managed by Creststreet Mutual Funds Limited.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Mr. Christopher Hopper is also a director and member of the independent review committee of the VentureLink Funds.

Member	Length of Service – Date First Appointed <sup>1</sup>
Sharon Ranson	December 2004
James M. Werry	September 2011

## **Compensation and Indemnities Paid to the Independent Review Committee**

The aggregate compensation paid to the members of the Board of Governors, in their capacity as the Independent Review Committee for the Funds and the other investment funds managed by the Manager for the year ended December 31, 2011, was \$347,916.67. The Funds paid their pro rata share of the total compensation paid by all funds managed by the Manager. The Manager reimburses the Funds for these costs, other than the Skylon Funds, which pay their pro rata share of this compensation.

At least annually, the Board of Governors reviews its compensation. It considers the following factors in that review:

- the best interests of the Funds
- the number, nature and complexity of the Funds
- the nature and extent of the workload of each member of the Board of Governors, including the types of conflicts of interest matters referred to it in its capacity of the Independent Review Committee and any additional mandate carried out by the Board of Governors
- any recommendations for such compensation made by the Manager of the Funds
- the results of its annual self-assessment and
- compensation paid to independent review committees of fund complexes that are comparable in size and structure to the Funds.

No payments were made to a member of the Independent Review Committee under any indemnity granted in their favour during the year ended December 31, 2011.

# **Ownership of Securities by the Independent Review Committee**

As at December 31, 2011, the members of the Independent Review Committee owned beneficially, directly or indirectly, in aggregate the following securities:

- Any series or class of any Fund: NIL
- Any series or class of securities of a Manager: NIL

- Any series or class of securities of CI Financial Corp., the indirect parent company of the Managers: NIL
- Any series or class of securities of The Bank of Nova Scotia, being a 36 percent shareholder of CI Financial Corp: Less than one percent.
- Any securities of any person or company that provides services to any of the Funds or the Manager: NIL

# **Duties of the Independent Review Committee**

During 2011, the Independent Review Committee carried out the mandate prescribed by the Canadian securities regulators for independent review committees of publicly offered investment funds. The Board of Governors also acted as the audit committee for the Funds for the purpose of reviewing the financial statements of the Funds with their auditors.

The Independent Review Committee reaffirmed, without modification, its standing instructions previously granted to the Manager to follow its policies and procedures relating to applicable conflict of interest matters in all material respects and to report to the Independent Review Committee on a periodic basis. Below is a list of conflicts identified to the Independent Review Committee as of December 31, 2011 and the name of the policy the Independent Review Committee recommended the Managers follow or the recommended action the Independent Review Review Committee recommended the Managers take:

Conflict of Interest Matter		Related Policy and Procedure
1.	Allocation of operating expenses amongst certain of the Funds (closed-end funds)	Conflicts Policy
2.	Employee Trading in Securities	Code of Ethics and Conduct
3.	Monitoring of services provided to the Funds by entities related to the Managers	Conflicts Policy
4.	Frequent trading in Fund Securities	Code of Ethics and Conduct and Frequent Trading Policy
5.	Registered persons of the Managers being registered persons of another registrant	Code of Ethics and Conduct, Outside Business Activity Policy and Policies and Procedures re: NI 31-103
6.	Allocation of securities amongst the Funds	Trading Policy and Procedures and Fairness Policy
7.	Best execution for portfolio transactions for the Funds, including placing transactions	Trading Policy and Procedures and

Conflict of Interest Matter		Related Policy and Procedure
	through affiliate broker	Conflicts Policy
8.	Proxy voting and other corporate actions	Proxy Voting Policy
9.	Negotiation of soft dollars and use of commissions	Soft Dollar Policy
10.	Investments by the Funds in CI Financial Corp. and Bank of Nova Scotia and related issuers	CIX and BNS Securities Trading Policy
11.	Investments by the Funds in securities underwritten by an affiliate	Conflicts Policy
12.	Correction of Errors made in Calculating Net Asset Value	Pricing Discrepancy Correction Policy
13.	Inter-Fund Trading	Trading Policy and Procedures

### ANNEX – INVESTMENT FUNDS DECEMBER YEAR-END FUNDS

### **Castlerock Funds**

Castlerock Growth Portfolio Castlerock Balanced Growth Portfolio Castlerock Balanced Portfolio Castlerock Conservative Portfolio Castlerock Capital Appreciation Fund Castlerock Global Leaders Fund Castlerock International Equity Fund Castlerock U.S. Dividend Growth Fund Castlerock Canadian Dividend Fund Castlerock Canadian Dividend Growth Fund Castlerock Canadian Stock Fund Castlerock Canadian Value Fund Castlerock Canadian Balanced Fund Castlerock Global Balanced Fund Castlerock Canadian Bond Fund Castlerock Global High Income Fund Castlerock Canadian Money Market Fund Castlerock Canadian Growth Companies Fund Castlerock Enhanced Yield Fund Castlerock Total Return Fund Castlerock Pure Canadian Equity Fund

#### **United Pools**

Cash Management Pool Short Term Income Pool Canadian Fixed Income Pool Global Fixed Income Pool Real Estate Investment Pool Canadian Equity Small Cap Pool Canadian Equity Value Pool Canadian Equity Growth Pool US Equity Value Pool US Equity Growth Pool International Equity Value Pool International Equity Value Pool Emerging Markets Equity Pool Enhanced Income Pool US Equity Small Cap Pool

### **Skylon Funds**

Convertible & Yield Advantage Trust High Yield & Mortgage Plus Trust High Yield & Mortgage Plus Fund Signature Diversified Value Trust Signature Ongoing Business Trust Skylon Global Capital Yield Trust Skylon Global Capital Yield Trust II Skylon Global High Yield Trust Skylon Global Yield Fund Limited Skylon Growth & Income Trust Skylon International Advantage Yield Trust Skylon All Asset Trust Yield Advantage Income Trust Yield Advantage Income Fund Trident Performance Corp. Trident Performance Corp. II DDJ High Yield Fund

### **Pooled Funds**

CI Global Opportunities Fund Trident Global Opportunities Fund CI Signature Canadian Balanced Fund (formerly KBSH Balanced Fund) CI Signature Canadian Bond Plus Fund (formerly KBSH Canadian Bond Fund) KBSH EAFE Equity Fund KBSH Global Equity Fund KBSH Money Market Fund KBSH U.S. Growth Equity Fund CI Signature Canadian Equity Plus Fund