



March 23, 2017

Dear Investor,

On behalf of the Independent Review Committee (the “IRC”) for the funds listed in Annex A to this Report (the “Funds”), I am pleased to present the Report to Securityholders for the period ending December 31, 2016.

Our formal mandate is to consider matters in which CI Investments Inc. (“CI”) as the manager of the Funds may have a conflict of interest and to recommend what action CI should take to achieve a fair and reasonable result for the Funds. We are guided by the view that CI must place the interests of the Funds above its own corporate interests and the interests of its officers and employees and otherwise manage the Funds in a fair and prudent manner.

Mr. James Werry was appointed a member of the IRC effective January 3, 2017. All six members of the committee are independent of CI and its affiliates. Together, we bring to bear extensive experience in the field of business and investing.

At CI, the IRC is known as the Board of Governors (the “Board”). CI first established the Board in 1998 and in April 2007, the Board adopted the mandate for an IRC as set out by Canadian securities regulators. All publicly offered investment funds in Canada must have an IRC.

The full mandate of the Board is available on the CI website at www.ci.com (under “About Us”).

Our reports to securityholders are done on an annual basis and posted to the CI website. Separate reports are provided for those Funds with a fiscal year-end of December 31 and those with a fiscal year-end of March 31.

Stuart P. Hensman
Chair of the Board of Governors

**INDEPENDENT REVIEW COMMITTEE
FOR
UNITED FUNDS,
SKYLON GROWTH & INCOME TRUST AND DDJ HIGH YIELD FUND
REPORT TO SECURITYHOLDERS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016**

The Independent Review Committee:

The members of the Board of Governors for the investment funds listed in Annex A to this Report (the “Funds”) act as the Independent Review Committee for the Funds. All members are independent from the manager of the Funds and persons and companies related to CI Investments Inc. (the “Manager”).

Member¹	Length of Service – Date First Appointed²
William Harding	June 2005
Stuart P. Hensman (Chair)	December 2004
Christopher Hopper ³	May 2007
John Reucassel	March 2015
Mary M. Robertson	September 2014

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, 2016, was \$376,000. 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 Skylon Growth & Income Trust and DDJ High Yield Fund, which pay their pro rata share of this compensation directly.

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

¹ Each member of the Board of Governors is a member of the Independent Review Committee of Marret Asset Management Inc.

² Messrs. Harding and Hensman were 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.

³ Mr. Hopper is also a director and member of the independent review committee of the VentureLink Fund.

- 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, 2016.

Ownership of Securities by the Independent Review Committee

As at December 31, 2016, 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 the Manager: Nil
- Any series or class of securities of CI Financial Corp., the indirect parent company of the Manager: Nil
- 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 2016, the Independent Review Committee carried out the mandate prescribed by the Canadian securities regulators for independent review committees of publicly offered investment funds. 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, 2016 and the name of the policy the Independent Review Committee recommended the Manager follows or the recommended action the Independent Review Committee recommended the Manager 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	Personal Trading Policy
3. Monitoring of services provided to the Funds by entities related to the Manager	Conflicts Policy
4. Frequent trading in Fund Securities	Frequent Trading Policy
5. Registered persons of the Manager being	Outside Business Activity Policy and

Conflict of Interest Matter	Related Policy and Procedure
registered persons of another registrant	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 through affiliate broker	Trading Policy and Procedures and 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 related issuers, including other Funds managed by the Manager.	CIX Securities Trading Policy and Conflicts Policy
11. Correction of Errors made in Calculating Net Asset Value	Pricing Discrepancy Correction Policy
12. Inter-Fund Trading	Trading Policy and Procedures

Conflict of Interest Matters

- Instances when the Manager acted without positive recommendation:

The IRC is not aware of any instance where, during the most recently completed financial year, the Manager acted in a conflict of interest matter referred to the IRC for which the IRC did not provide a positive recommendation.

- Instances when the Manager failed to meet conditions:

The Manager reported to the IRC in March 2017 that, prior to December 1, 2016, the Manager inadvertently caused certain of the Funds to purchase certain securities from and/or sell certain securities to other Funds in a manner that was not in compliance with NI 81-107 and therefore not in compliance with a condition imposed by the IRC in its standing instructions approving such trades. Specifically, the subject trades were not transacted in accordance with the “market integrity requirements” as that term is defined in paragraph 6.1(1)(b) of NI 81-107. In all other respects the trades were in accordance with the requirements of NI 81-107 and the IRC’s Standing Instruction regarding inter-fund trading.

The IRC is of the view that the Manager has taken appropriate steps to deal with the matter and also that the inadvertent non-compliance did not impact the Funds and therefore did not harm the Funds.

Other than explained above, the IRC is not aware of any instance, during the most recently completed financial year, where the Manager acted in a conflict of interest matter but did not meet a condition imposed by the IRC in its recommendation or approval.

- Reliance on standing instructions, recommendations and approvals:

During the financial year, the Manager relied on standing instructions noted above.

**ANNEX A – INVESTMENT FUNDS
DECEMBER YEAR-END FUNDS**

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 Growth Pool
Emerging Markets Equity Pool
Enhanced Income Pool
US Equity Small Cap Pool

Skylon Growth & Income Trust
DDJ High Yield Fund