

Investors Group Funds Independent Review Committee 2015 Report to Securityholders

Dear Securityholder,

The Independent Review Committee (the "IRC") for the Investors Group mutual funds¹ (collectively, the "Funds", or individually, a "Fund") became fully operational on November 1, 2007 pursuant to the provisions of National Instrument 81-107, Independent Review Committee for Investment Funds ("NI 81-107").

The Funds are managed by I.G. Investment Management, Ltd. ("IGIM", or the "Manager"). IGIM is also the portfolio advisor for certain of the Funds, as disclosed in the prospectuses of the Funds.

Under NI 81-107, the IRC reviews potential conflicts of interest referred to us by IGIM and makes recommendations on whether a proposed course of action achieves a fair and reasonable result for the Funds, or any individual Fund. Only upon making such a determination do we recommend to IGIM that any particular transaction proceed. This includes regular reviews of potential transactions and other matters and the policies and procedures of IGIM related to conflicts of interest. The IRC would like to recognize the rigorous attention of the Manager to the breadth of the policies overseen and their associated compliance and monitoring.

We are pleased to publish this annual report to securityholders of the Funds that describes the IRC and our activities for the financial year ended March 31, 2015. Securityholders in the Funds may request a copy of this report free of charge by emailing Investors Group at contact-e@investorsgroup.com (for service in English) or contact-f@investorsgroup.com (for service in French) or by calling 1-888-746-6344 (in Canada) or 1-800-661-4578 (Quebec only) or by visiting www.investorsgroup.com or www.sedar.com.

Cordially, Robert Tessier

Chair of the Investors Group Funds Independent Review Committee

April 22, 2015

¹ Please see Appendix 'A' for a listing of the Investors Group mutual funds, which include the Investors Group Unit Trust Funds, the mutual fund Pools offered through the iProfile™ Managed Asset Program, and the Investors Group Income Funds, all for which I.G. Investment Management, Ltd. is the trustee, as well as the mutual fund classes offered by Investors Group Corporate Class Inc.

Members of the Independent Review Committee

- ► Robert Tessier (Chair)
- ► The Hon. Otto Lang, P.C., O.C., Q.C.
- ▶ Iean Lamarre
- Theresa McLeod
- Russell Goodman

The members of the IRC have a broad range of experience, including backgrounds in the mutual fund industry as well as financial reporting, legal, governance and accounting experience. All of the members of the IRC were initially appointed by the Manager, as required by NI 81-107, except for Russell Goodman who was appointed by the IRC itself, as contemplated by NI 81-107. Mr. Robert Tessier serves as Chair of the IRC. All of the members of the IRC have been re-appointed to additional terms following their original appointments. The Manager has provided its consent to the re-appointments.

At the date of this report, none of the members of the IRC serve as a member of an independent review committee for any mutual funds other than the Investors Group Funds, and none of the members of the IRC are engaged in any relationships that could compromise their independence in sitting on the IRC.

Ownership of securities by IRC members:

In the Funds

At the date of this report, the members of the IRC did not beneficially own, directly or indirectly, in aggregate, above ten (10%) percent of the units or shares in any series or class of any Fund.

In the Manager

At the date of this report, none of the members of the IRC beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, more than 0.01% of any voting or equity securities in the Manager.

In any Service Providers

At the date of this report, none of the members of the IRC beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, more than 0.01% of any voting or equity securities of a person or company providing services to the Funds or to the Manager.

Compensation and indemnities

The aggregate compensation paid to the members of the IRC for the period from April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015 was \$334,564. This amount includes an annual retainer payable to each member, a fee for each meeting attended by the members, and reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred by members of the IRC in the performance of their duties (such as travel and accommodation). This amount was allocated on a fair basis among the Funds. No indemnities were paid to the members of the IRC for the period from April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015.

The initial compensation of the IRC was established by the Manager. Thereafter, the members of the IRC on an annual basis have authority to establish their own compensation. This is done after taking into consideration any recommendations from the Manager and giving consideration to the following criteria:

- 1. The best interests of the Funds and their securityholders;
- 2. Industry best practices;
- 3. The number, nature and complexity of the Funds; and
- 4. The nature and extent of the workload of each member of the IRC, including the commitment of time and energy that is expected from each member.

Conflicts of interest

Since inception, the IRC has endeavored to carry out its mandate to review conflict of interest matters referred to it by the Manager and provide impartial advice and make recommendations on whether a proposed course of action achieves a fair and reasonable result for the Funds, or any individual Fund, as applicable. This includes the following:

- ► Considering individual conflict of interest matters referred to the IRC by the Manager for approval;
- Providing standing instructions to the Manager to take certain actions on a continuing basis for certain types of regularly occurring conflicts of interest (please see the heading "Standing Instructions" below for more information); and
- ▶ Any other matters referred to the IRC which are consistent with NI 81-107.

Specific Recommendations and Other Matters

Acting in accordance with NI 81-107, the IRC has a duty to provide specific recommendations to the Manager for any potential conflict of interest matters specifically referred to the IRC by the Manager. In such cases, after reviewing the course of action proposed by the Manager, the duty of the IRC is to consider whether a proposed transaction would achieve a fair and reasonable result for the applicable Fund(s). For the period from April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015, potential conflict of interest matters that were specifically referred to the IRC by the Manager for which the IRC made a recommendation that the transaction proceed include:

- ▶ Changes of sub-advisors within *iProfile* U.S. Equity Pool. The Manager desired to change the sub-advisors for the Large Cap Growth Mandate and for the Core Equity Mandate within this Fund. These changes replaced arm's length sub-advisors with sub-advisors from affiliated companies. While overall management fees would be the same and sub-advisory fees would be lower and paid to an affiliated company, the Manager advised that its recommendations were based on the track records of the affiliated companies in managing similar mandates. The IRC recommended to the Manager that the proposed changes achieved a fair and reasonable result for this Fund.
- ▶ Change of property manager for Investors Real Property Fund. As trustee and investment fund manager for this Fund, the Manager had retained a number of third party property management and leasing companies across Canada to manage properties owned by this Fund. The Manager desired to change property managers for several of the Fund's properties, including to one property manager that would be an affiliated corporation. The Manager advised that doing so would reduce the time committed to multiple property managers, help reduce operating costs and provide additional benefits. The IRC recommended that retaining the new property managers achieved a fair and reasonable result for this Fund.
- ▶ **Approval of Fund Mergers**. The Manager proposed merging several Funds (as described below) into other Funds. The Manager referred the proposed mergers to the IRC for review with respect to any actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest. The IRC determined that the proposed mergers achieved a fair and reasonable result for these Funds:

Mergers reviewed by the IRC that have taken place

- Investors U.S. Equity Fund was merged into Investors Core U.S. Equity Fund;
- Investors U.S. Equity Class was merged into Investors Core U.S. Equity Class:
- IG Mackenzie U.S. Growth Class was merged into IG Putnam U.S. Growth Class; and
- Investors Income Portfolio was merged into Investors Fixed Income Flex Portfolio.

Mergers reviewed by the IRC that have not yet taken place¹

- Investors Capital Yield Class (all Series other than Series I and TI²) is expected to be merged into Investors Canadian Bond Fund
- Investors Capital Yield Class (Series I) is expected to be merged into *iProfile* Fixed Income Pool; and
- Investors Short Term Capital Yield Class is expected to be merged into Investors Mortgage and Short Term Income Fund.

¹ Mergers are subject to securityholder approval

² Series TI was discontinued

Mergers reviewed and approved³ by the IRC

■ Investors Premium Money Market Fund is expected to be merged into Investors Canadian Money Market Fund.

At the date of this report, the IRC is not aware of any instance in which the Manager acted contrary to the specific recommendation of the IRC. No other transactions were specifically referred to the IRC by the Manager during the period.

^{3 60} days prior notice of merger will be provided to securityholders in accordance with *National Instrument* 81-102 – *Investment Funds*

Standing Instructions

The IRC has issued standing instructions to the Manager that require the Manager to comply with its related policies and procedures in respect of potential conflicts of interest matters, and to report to the IRC as to its compliance with those policies and procedures. At least annually, the Manager conducts a review and assessment of each of those policies and procedures and reports to the IRC. For the period ended March 31, 2015, standing instructions were issued to the Manager for potential conflict of interest matters addressed by the following policies:

- ► Allocation of Expenses Policy
- ► Best Execution Policy
- ► Client Commissions Usage Policy
- ► Client Complaint Policy
- ► Conflicts of Interest Policy
- Dissemination of Portfolio Information Policy
- ► Employee Code of Conduct Policy
- ► Fund of Fund Investment Policy
- ► Gain/Loss Accounting Policy for Funds
- ► Gift & Business Entertainment Policy
- Investment in Securities of a Related Issuer Policy
- ► Investors Group Corporate Class Inc. Dividend Policy
- ► Investors Group Mutual Fund Trading Policy for Directors and Access Persons
- Outside Activities Disclosure Policy

- Personal Trading Conduct Policy
- Policy on the Acquisition or Sale by Investors Group Mutual Funds of Mortgage Backed Securities Issued by I.G. Investment Management, Ltd.
- Privacy Policy
- ► Proxy Voting Guidelines Policy
- ► Purchase, Redemption, Settlement and Trust Accounting Policy
- ► Short-Term Trade Monitoring Policy
- ► Sub-Advisor Oversight Policy
- Supply of Mortgages to Investors Mortgage and Short Term Income Fund and Investors Canadian Corporate Bond Fund Policy
- ► Trade Allocation Policy
- Trading Between Mutual Fund Accounts Policy
- ▶ Valuation Policy

The IRC is not aware of any instance in which the Manager acted contrary to any conditions imposed by the IRC in its standing instructions.

Conclusion

The IRC would like to recognize the important contribution of the Manager and its representatives to the ongoing operation of the IRC. In particular we appreciate the complete and detailed information they provide to us, the expertise of its senior officers and their responsiveness to any inquiries that we have and the other assistance that they give us.

This report is for the operating period of the IRC from April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015.

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Cordially,

The Investors Group Funds Independent Review Committee

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April 22, 2015

Appendix A – Investors Group mutual funds

This report covers the following Investors Group mutual funds:

UNIT TRUST FUNDS

Allegro Aggressive Canada Focus Portfolio

Allegro Aggressive Portfolio ¹ Allegro Conservative Portfolio ¹ Allegro Moderate Aggressive Canada

Focus Portfolio

Allegro Moderate Aggressive Portfolio ¹ Allegro Moderate Conservative Portfolio ¹

Allegro Moderate Portfolio 1

Alto Aggressive Canada Focus Portfolio

Alto Aggressive Portfolio ¹ Alto Conservative Portfolio ¹

Alto Moderate Aggressive Canada Focus Portfolio

Alto Moderate Aggressive Portfolio ¹ Alto Moderate Conservative Portfolio ¹

Alto Moderate Portfolio 1

Alto Monthly Income and Enhanced

Growth Portfolio

Alto Monthly Income and Global Growth Portfolio

Alto Monthly Income and Growth Portfolio

Alto Monthly Income Portfolio IG AGF Canadian Balanced Fund

IG AGF Canadian Diversified Growth Fund

IG AGF Canadian Growth Fund IG AGF Global Equity Fund IG AGF U.S. Growth Fund

IG Beutel Goodman Canadian Balanced Fund IG Beutel Goodman Canadian Equity Fund IG Beutel Goodman Canadian Small Cap Fund

IG FI Canadian Allocation Fund IG FI Canadian Equity Fund IG FI U.S. Large Cap Equity Fund

IG Franklin Bissett Canadian Equity Fund IG Mackenzie Canadian Equity Growth Fund IG Mackenzie Cundill Global Value Fund IG Mackenzie Dividend Growth Fund

IG Mackenzie Dividend Growth Fund IG Mackenzie Floating Rate Income Fund

IG Mackenzie Income Fund
IG Mackenzie Ivy European Fund
IG Mackenzie Strategic Income Fund
IG Putnam Emerging Markets Income Fund
IG Putnam Low Volatility U.S. Equity Fund

IG Putnam U.S. Growth Fund

IG Putnam U.S. High Yield Income Fund IG Templeton International Equity Fund

Investors Canadian Balanced Fund Investors Canadian Bond Fund

Investors Canadian Corporate Bond Fund

Investors Canadian Equity Fund

Investors Canadian Equity Income Fund

Investors Canadian Growth Fund

Investors Canadian High Yield Income Fund Investors Canadian Large Cap Value Fund Investors Canadian Money Market Fund 1 Investors Canadian Natural Resource Fund

Investors Canadian Small Cap Fund

Investors Canadian Small Cap Growth Fund
Investors Core Canadian Equity Fund
Investors Core U.S. Equity Fund
Investors Cornerstone I Portfolio
Investors Cornerstone II Portfolio

Investors Dividend Fund

Investors European Equity Fund

Investors Cornerstone III Portfolio 1

Investors European Mid-Cap Equity Fund Investors Fixed Income Flex Portfolio

Investors Global Bond Fund Investors Global Dividend Fund

Investors Global Financial Services Fund Investors Global Fixed Income Flex Portfolio

Investors Global Fund

Investors Global Real Estate Fund

Investors Global Science & Technology Fund

Investors Greater China Fund Investors Growth Plus Portfolio Investors Growth Portfolio Investors Income Plus Portfolio Investors International Equity Fund

Investors Mortgage and Short Term Income Fund

Investors Mutual of Canada

Investors North American Equity Fund Investors Pacific International Fund Investors Pan Asian Equity Fund Investors Premium Money Market Fund Investors Quebec Enterprise Fund

Investors Quebec Enterprise Fund Investors Real Property Fund

Investors Retirement Growth Portfolio Investors Retirement Plus Portfolio Investors Summa SRI™ Fund

Investors U.S. Dividend Growth Fund

INVESTORS GROUP FUNDS INDEPENDENT REVIEW COMMITTEE 2015 REPORT TO INVESTORS

Investors U.S Large Cap Value Fund Investors U.S. Money Market Fund Investors U.S. Opportunities Fund Investors U.S. Dividend Registered Fund

iPROFILE™ FUNDS

iProfile Canadian Equity Class** iProfile Canadian Equity Pool* *i*Profile Emerging Markets Class** iProfile Emerging Markets Pool* iProfile Fixed Income Pool* *i*Profile International Equity Class** *i*Profile International Equity Pool* iProfile Money Market Pool* iProfile U.S. Equity Class** *i*Profile U.S. Equity Pool*

INVESTORS GROUP CORPORATE **CLASS FUNDS** Allegro Balanced Growth Canada Focus Portfolio Class Allegro Balanced Growth Portfolio Class Allegro Balanced Portfolio Class Allegro Growth Canada Focus Portfolio Class Allegro Growth Portfolio Class Allegro Income Balanced Portfolio Class IG AGF Canadian Diversified Growth Class IG AGF Canadian Growth Class **IG AGF Global Equity Class** IG AGF U.S. Growth Class IG Beutel Goodman Canadian Equity Class IG FI Canadian Equity Class IG FI U.S. Large Cap Equity Class IG Franklin Bissett Canadian Equity Class IG Mackenzie Canadian Equity Growth Class IG Mackenzie Cundill Global Value Class **IG Mackenzie Emerging Markets Class** IG Mackenzie Global Precious Metals Class

IG Mackenzie Ivy European Class

IG Mackenzie Ivy Foreign Equity Class

IG Putnam Low Volatility U.S. Equity Class IG Putnam U.S. Growth Class IG Templeton International Equity Class **Investors Canadian Equity Class Investors Canadian Growth Class** Investors Canadian Large Cap Value Class **Investors Canadian Small Cap Class** Investors Canadian Small Cap Growth Class Investors Capital Yield Class*** **Investors Core Canadian Equity Class** Investors Core U.S. Equity Class **Investors Dividend Class Investors European Equity Class** Investors European Mid-Cap Equity Class **Investors Global Class Investors Global Consumer Companies Class Investors Global Financial Services Class** Investors Global Health Care Class Investors Global Infrastructure Class **Investors Global Natural Resources Class** Investors Global Science & Technology Class **Investors Greater China Class Investors International Equity Class Investors International Small Cap Class** Investors Managed Yield Class*** **Investors North American Equity Class Investors Pacific International Class** Investors Pan Asian Equity Class Investors Québec Enterprise Class **Investors Short Term Capital Yield Class Investors Summa SRITM Class** Investors U.S. Large Cap Value Class Investors U.S. Opportunities Class Investors U.S. Small Cap Class

* Unit Trust Fund ** Corporate Class Fund *** Also an iProfile Class ¹ Also an RDSP Series Fund