# Dividend 15 Split Corp. II

2021 Annual Report

Dividend 15

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The above-mentioned list of important factors is not exhaustive. You should consider these and other factors carefully before making any investment decisions and you should avoid placing undue reliance on forward-looking statements. While the Company currently anticipates that subsequent events and developments may cause the Company’s views to change, the Company does not undertake to update any forward-looking statements.

This is the annual Management Report of Fund Performance (MRFP) for the year ended November 30, 2021. This MRFP contains financial highlights but does not contain the complete financial statements of the Company. The annual financial statements and accompanying notes are attached to this report.

Investors may also obtain a copy of the Company's proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record, or quarterly portfolio disclosure by visiting our website at www.dividend15.com or by writing to the Company at Investor Relations, 200 Front Street West, Suite 2510, Toronto, Ontario M5V 3K2.

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## Investment Objectives and Strategies

The Company invests in a portfolio of dividend yielding common shares which will include each of the 15 Canadian companies listed below:

Bank of Montreal
Bank of Nova Scotia
BCE Inc.
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce
CI Financial Corp.
Enbridge Inc.
Manulife Financial
National Bank of Canada
Royal Bank of Canada
Sun Life Financial Inc.
TC Energy Corp.
TELUS Corporation
Thomson Reuters Corporation
The Toronto-Dominion Bank
TransAlta Corporation

The Company may also invest up to 15% of the net asset value in equity securities of issuers other than the 15 companies listed above. In order to supplement the dividends received on the portfolio and to reduce risk, the Company will from time to time write covered call options in respect of some or all of the common shares in the portfolio.

The Company offers two types of shares:

**Preferred shares:**

The investment objectives with respect to the Preferred shares are as follows:

1. To provide holders of the Preferred shares with fixed, cumulative preferential monthly cash dividends in the amount of $0.04792 on the $10 repayment amount per Preferred share to yield 5.75%; and
2. On or about the termination date of December 1, 2024 (subject to further 5 year extensions thereafter), to pay the holders of the Preferred shares the $10 repayment value of those shares.

**Class A shares**

The investment objectives with respect to the Class A shares are as follows:

1. To provide holders of the Class A shares with regular monthly cash dividends targeted to be $0.10 per Class A share. The net asset value per unit must be above the required $15 per unit threshold in order for monthly dividends to be declared; and
2. On or about the termination date, to pay the holders of Class A shares at least the original issue price of those shares.

## Risk

The risks of investing in the Company remain as discussed in the Annual Information Form dated February 23, 2022. In addition, note 5 of the financial statements ("Management of Risk of Financial Instruments") contains disclosure on specific types of risks related to the financial investments held by the Company.

## Results of Operations

North American equity markets continued to advance during the year ended November 30, 2021, driven by record fiscal and monetary stimulus programs, mass vaccination campaigns and progress in the reopening of economies.

The acceleration of the mass vaccination programs in Canada earlier in the year prompted market participants to anticipate a broader economic recovery and a return to a more normalized living and economic environment sooner than previously expected. The Canadian government continued to support this recovery through record spending including support payments to large parts of the population and businesses.

The Bank of Canada remained committed to a very accommodative monetary policy during the year indicating that it would maintain interest rates at or near historic lows until well into 2022. With inflation reaching its highest level in decades due to supply chain bottlenecks, surging energy prices and pent-up demand, the Bank of Canada indicated that it would continue to monitor inflation expectations and labour costs to ensure that what it had characterized as temporary forces driving up prices do not become permanent.

The increase in inflation triggered an increase in longer-term interest rates which improved the outlook for net interest margins for Canadian banks held in the portfolio. In addition, commodity price increases during the year, including a sharp rise in the price of oil, provided a very favourable backdrop for the Canadian equity markets.

North American equity markets finished the fiscal year with concerns over the potential impact of the new Omicron variant of Covid-19.

Overall, the companies held in the portfolio appreciated significantly during the year.

The net assets per unit finished the year at $15.30 as at November 30, 2021, after the payment of distributions. A combined total of $1.38 was paid in distributions during the year, bringing total distributions paid per unit to $22.10 since inception.

The Company announced on May 25, 2021 that the TSX accepted its notice of intention to make a Normal Course Issuer Bid (the "NCIB") to purchase its Preferred shares and Class A shares through the facilities of the TSX and/or alternative Canadian trading systems. The NCIB commenced on May 27, 2021 and will terminate on May 26, 2022. Pursuant to the NCIB, the Company proposes to purchase, from time to time, if it is considered advisable, up to 1,384,704 Preferred shares and 1,376,074 Class A shares of the Company, representing 10% of the public float of the Preferred shares and Class A shares. The Company will not purchase, in any given 30-day period, in the aggregate, more than 276,940 Preferred shares or more than 276,940 Class A shares, being 2% of the issued and outstanding Preferred shares and Class A shares as of May 14, 2021. The previous NCIB which commenced on May 13, 2020 terminated on May 12, 2021. There were no Preferred shares nor Class A shares purchased for cancellation during the year ended November 30, 2021.

On May 19, 2021, the Company commenced an at-the-market equity program (the "ATM Program") which allows the Company to issue shares to the public from time to time, at the Company's discretion. Any Class A shares or Preferred shares sold in the ATM Program will be sold through the TSX or any other marketplace in Canada on which the Class A shares and Preferred shares are listed, quoted or otherwise traded at the prevailing market price at the time of sale.

During the year ended November 30, 2021, 6,947,900 Preferred shares were sold through the ATM Program at an average selling price of $10.07 per Preferred share. Gross proceeds, net proceeds and commissions on the Preferred share sales were $69,980,127, $68,243,152 and $1,736,975, respectively.

During the year ended November 30, 2021, 7,947,900 Class A shares were sold through the ATM Program at an average selling price of $6.33 per Class A share. Gross proceeds, net proceeds and commissions on the Class A share sales were $50,280,251, $49,156,038 and $1,124,213, respectively.

The Company issued 3,518,000 Preferred shares at $10.10 per share and 2,518,000 Class A shares at $6.45 per share for gross proceeds of $51,772,900 pursuant to a secondary offering that was completed on October 29, 2021. Agents' fees and issuance costs were $1,946,804 in connection with this offering.

Net assets of the Company finished the year at $372 million.

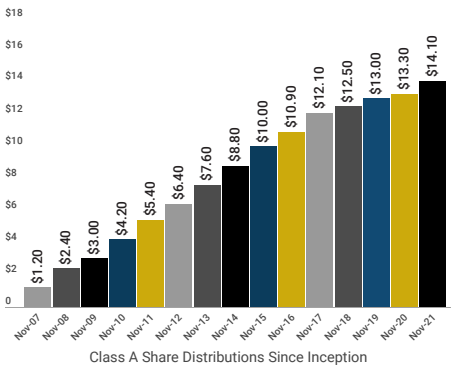
The covered call writing program continued to provide additional income and supplemented the dividend income earned in the portfolio.

**Class A shares – Distributions**

Class A shareholders are entitled to receive monthly cash dividends targeted to be $0.10 per Class A share. The net asset value per unit must be greater than $15 in order to declare monthly dividends. Total distributions per Class A share during the year amounted to $0.80.

**Preferred shares – Distributions**

Preferred shareholders are entitled to fixed, cumulative preferential monthly cash dividends in the amount of $0.04792 per Preferred share to yield 5.75% per annum on the $10 repayment amount. Distributions during the year were at the fixed rate for a total of $0.5750 per Preferred share.




Class A Share Distributions Since Inception

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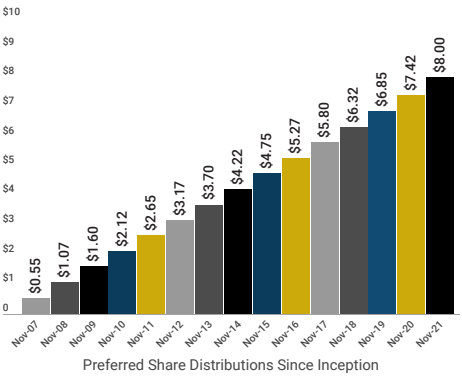
Cumulative total of distributions paid to Class A share since inception




Preferred Share Distributions Since Inception

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Cumulative total of distributions paid to Preferred share since inception

## Recent Developments

Financial markets and equity markets in particular have experienced significant volatility in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. The investment portfolio of the Company has been subject to these market fluctuations and may continue to experience significant volatility as the situation evolves.

## Related Party Transactions

Quadravest Capital Management Inc. ("Quadravest") as investment manager and Manager earns fees from the Company as described below in the Management Fees section.

## Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected financial information about the Company and are intended to help you understand the Company's financial performance for the past five years. This information is derived from the Company's audited annual financial statements. The information in the following table is presented in accordance with National Instrument ("NI") 81-106 and, as a result, does not act as a continuity of opening and closing net assets per unit.

**The Company's net assets per unit**

| | Years ended November 30 | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **2021** | **2020** | **2019** | **2018** | **2017** |
| Net assets per unit, beginning of the year[1] | 13.33 | 15.29 | 14.26 | 15.62 | 15.66 |
| Increase (decrease) from operations | | | | | |
| Total revenue | 0.53 | 0.60 | 0.56 | 0.56 | 0.54 |
| Total expenses | (0.19) | (0.14) | (0.15) | (0.15) | (0.19) |
| Realized gains (losses) for the year | (0.12) | 0.25 | 0.35 | 0.18 | 0.35 |
| Unrealized gains (losses) for the year | 2.52 | (1.80) | 1.29 | (1.03) | 0.81 |
| Total increase (decrease) from operations[2] | 2.74 | (1.09) | 2.05 | (0.44) | 1.51 |
| Distributions[3] | | | | | |
| Canadian dividends | (1.38) | (0.88) | (1.03) | (0.93) | (1.73) |
| Total annual distributions | (1.38) | (0.88) | (1.03) | (0.93) | (1.73) |
| Net assets per unit at end of year | 15.30 | 13.33 | 15.29 | 14.26 | 15.62 |
| | | | | | |
| Net assets per Preferred share | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| Net assets per Class A share | 5.30 | 3.33 | 5.29 | 4.26 | 5.62 |
| Net assets per unit at end of year | 15.30 | 13.33 | 15.29 | 14.26 | 15.62 |

(1) Net assets per unit is the difference between the aggregate amount of the Company's assets and the aggregate amount of its liabilities, excluding Preferred shares and net assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A shares, at the valuation date, divided by the number of units then outstanding.

(2) Total increase (decrease) from operations is before the payment of Preferred and Class A share distributions and other income (charges) related to Preferred shares and is calculated based on the weighted average number of units outstanding during the year.

(3) Distributions on the Preferred shares and Class A shares are based on the number of Preferred shares and Class A shares outstanding on the record date for each distribution in the year and were paid in cash. Characterization of distributions is based on the tax treatment that is received by investors.

## Ratios and Supplemental Data (based on net asset value)

| | Years ended November 30 | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 |
| Net asset value (millions)[1] | $372.0 | $184.6 | $247.8 | $234.4 | $256.8 |
| Number of units outstanding[2] | 24,312,949 | 13,847,049 | 16,207,114 | 16,434,214 | 16,434,214 |
| Base Management expense ratio[3] | 1.15% | 1.01% | 0.99% | 0.98% | 1.16% |
| Management expense ratio including one time secondary offering expenses[4] | 3.23% | 1.01% | 0.99% | 0.98% | 1.82% |
| Management expense ratio per Class A share[5] | 21.3% | 22.9% | 14.2% | 14.2% | 14.25% |
| Portfolio turnover rate[6] | 8.99% | 4.72% | 7.41% | 5.42% | 22.05% |
| Trading expense ratio[7] | 0.09% | 0.10% | 0.04% | 0.03% | 0.04% |
| Closing market price (TSX): Preferred shares | $9.99 | $10.10 | $10.13 | $9.96 | $10.08 |
| Closing market price (TSX): Class A shares | $6.25 | $3.01 | $5.14 | $4.00 | $8.47 |

(1) This information is provided as at November 30.

(2) At times when there is an unequal number of Class A and Preferred shares outstanding, a notional unit amount will be determined based on the net assets attributable to each of the Class A and Preferred shares as a proportion of the net asset value of the Company.

(3) A separate base management expense ratio per unit has been presented to reflect the ongoing operating expenses of the Company. The base management expense ratio per unit is based on total expenses for the stated year, excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs, distributions on Preferred shares and any one time offering expenses and is expressed as an annualized percentage of the average net asset value of the Company during the year.

(4) Share issue expenses including all agents' fees and other offering expenses are one time expenses connected with any secondary offering. Any expenses incurred with secondary offerings were offset by the accretion to net asset value per unit of such offerings.

(5) Management expense ratio per Class A share is based on the requirements of NI 81-106. This instrument requires that all split share companies produce an expense ratio which allocates all ongoing operating expenses of the Company (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs), all distributions on Preferred shares and all issuance costs to the Class A shares and expresses this as an annualized percentage of the average net asset value attributable to the Class A shares during the year. The management expense ratio per Class A share should not be interpreted as the required return necessary for the Company or the Class A shares to cover the operating expenses of the Company. This calculation is based only on a portion of the Company's assets whereas the Company utilizes its entire assets to generate investment returns. Management believes that the base management expense ratio per unit disclosed in the table above is the most representative ratio in assessing the ongoing efficiency of the administration of the Company, making comparisons to the expense ratios of single unit mutual funds or determining the minimum investment returns necessary by the Company to achieve growth in net asset value per unit.

(6) The Company's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively Quadravest manages the portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Company buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the year. The Company employs a covered call writing strategy which can cause the portfolio turnover rate to be higher than conventional mutual funds. The higher the Company's portfolio turnover rate in a year, the greater the trading costs payable by the Company in the year and the greater chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of the Company.

(7) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of the average net asset value of the Company during the year.

## Management Fees

Pursuant to the terms of the investment management agreement, Quadravest is entitled to a base management fee payable in arrears at an annual rate equal to 0.65% of the net asset value of the Company, which includes the outstanding Preferred shares, calculated as at each month-end valuation date. In addition, Quadravest is entitled to receive a performance fee subject to the achievement of certain pre-established total return thresholds.

Pursuant to the management agreement, the Manager is entitled to an administration fee payable monthly in arrears at an annual rate equal to 0.1% of the net asset value of the Company, which includes the outstanding Preferred shares, calculated as at each month-end valuation date and an amount equal to the service fee payable to dealers on the Class A shares at a rate of 0.50% per annum. No service fee will be paid in any calendar quarter if regular dividends are not paid to holders of Class A shares in respect of each month in such calendar quarter.

The base management fee was used by Quadravest to provide investment analysis, make investment decisions, and make brokerage arrangements for the purchase and sale of securities including the covered call writing program. The administration fee was used to provide or arrange administrative services required by the Company which includes all operational services, financial accounting, shareholder reporting and regulatory reporting.

## Past Performance

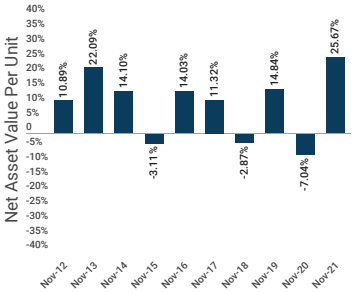
### Year-by-Year Returns

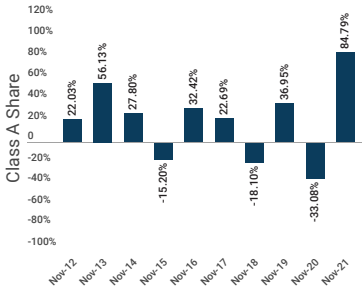
The past performance of 1) the net asset value per unit; 2) the Preferred share on a net asset value basis; and 3) the Class A share on a net asset value basis for each of the last ten years are presented in the bar charts below. Each bar in the chart reflects the change in percentage terms of how a unit, a Preferred share or a Class A share would have increased or decreased during the applicable year. In respect to the charts displayed below, please note the following:

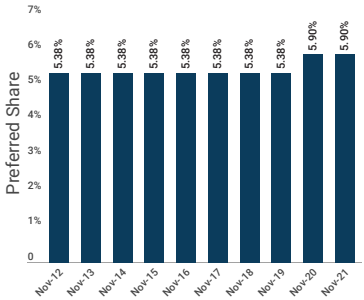
a) The performance information shown assumes that all cash distributions made by the Company during the years shown were reinvested in the applicable additional securities of the Company;

b) The performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges that would have reduced returns or performance; and

c) Past performance of the Company does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.



## Annual Compound Performance

The following table shows the Company's annual compound return for the one, three, five and ten years ended November 30, 2021 and since inception:

| | One year | Three years | Five years | Ten years | Since inception |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dividend 15 Split Corp. II - Unit | 25.67% | 10.29% | 7.72% | 9.49% | 6.22% |
| Dividend 15 Split Corp. II - Preferred share | 5.90% | 5.73% | 5.59% | 5.48% | 5.44% |
| Dividend 15 Split Corp. II - Class A share | 84.79% | 19.20% | 11.22% | 16.62% | 8.73% |
| **Market indices[1]** | | | | | |
| S&P TSX 60 Index | 25.55% | 14.60% | 10.44% | 9.35% | 6.84% |

(1) As a result of the Company being limited to a specific universe of stocks and that a covered call writing program is implemented to generate additional income, the investment profile of the Company is quite unique and any comparisons with any other external market indices may not be appropriate.

## Summary of Investment Portfolio

**All holdings as at November 30, 2021**

| Name | Weighting (%) |
|---|---|
| Bank of Montreal | 8.9 |
| Sun Life Financial Inc. | 7.1 |
| TC Energy Corp. | 6.2 |
| Toronto-Dominion Bank | 6.1 |
| Royal Bank of Canada | 6.0 |
| Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce | 5.9 |
| Thomson Reuters Corp. | 5.7 |
| National Bank of Canada | 5.1 |
| BCE Inc. | 5.0 |
| Manulife Financial Corporation | 4.5 |
| Bank of Nova Scotia | 4.2 |
| Enbridge Inc. | 4.1 |
| TELUS Corporation | 3.8 |
| Suncor Energy Inc. | 3.7 |
| TransAlta Corporation | 2.0 |
| CI Financial Corp. | 1.9 |
| Loblaw Companies Ltd. | 1.0 |
| TMX Group Inc. | 1.0 |
| AGF Management Ltd. | 1.0 |
| Emera Inc. | 0.7 |
| **Total long positions as a percentage of net assets** | **83.9** |
| Cash | 17.0 |
| Other net assets (liabilities) | -0.9 |
| | 100.0 |

The summary of investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Company. Updates are available quarterly.

## Portfolio Breakdown

The following pie chart shows the composition of the Company's holdings between Canadian core and other Canadian investments.


## Dividend 15 Split Corp. II

### Management's Responsibility for Financial Reporting

The financial statements of Dividend 15 Split Corp. II (the "Company") have been prepared by Quadravest Capital Management Inc. (the "Manager" of the Company) and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company. The Manager is responsible for the information and representations contained in these financial statements and the other sections of the annual report.

The Manager maintains appropriate procedures to ensure that relevant and reliable financial information is produced. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. The significant accounting policies applicable to the Company are described in note 3 to the financial statements.

The Board of Directors of the Company is responsible for ensuring that management fulfills its responsibilities for financial reporting and has reviewed and approved these financial statements.

The Manager with the approval of the Board of Directors of the Company has appointed PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the external auditor of the Company. They have audited the financial statements of the Company in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards to enable them to express to shareholders their opinion on the financial statements. The auditor has full and unrestricted access to the Audit Committee to discuss its findings.

**Wayne Finch**

Chief Executive Officer, President and Director
Quadravest Capital Management Inc.

**Silvia Gomes**

Chief Financial Officer
Quadravest Capital Management Inc.

# *Independent auditor's report*

To the Shareholders of Dividend 15 Split Corp. II (the Company)

## *Our opinion*

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as at November 30, 2021 and 2020, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IFRS).

**What we have audited**
The Company's financial statements comprise:

- the statements of financial position as at November 30, 2021 and 2020;
- the statements of comprehensive income/(loss) for the years then ended;
- the statements of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A shares for the years then ended;
- the statements of cash flow for the years then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, which include significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

## *Basis for opinion*

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Independence**
We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

## *Other information*

Management is responsible for the other information of the Company. The other information comprises the Annual Management Report of Fund Performance and the information, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon, included in the annual report.

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Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements of the Company, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements of the Company or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

## *Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the financial statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

## *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements*

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Joseph Pinizzotto.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Toronto, Ontario
February 16, 2022

## Dividend 15 Split Corp. II
### Statements of Financial Position
**As at November 30, 2021 and November 30, 2020**

| | November 30, 2021 ($) | November 30, 2020 ($) |
|---|---|---|
| **ASSETS** | | |
| Current Assets | | |
| Investments | 312,024,555 | 173,035,573 |
| Cash | 63,353,314 | 12,848,777 |
| Interest, dividends and other receivables | 896,145 | 593,488 |
| | **376,274,014** | **186,477,838** |
| **LIABILITIES** | | |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Written options | 187,318 | 1,074,557 |
| Fees and other accounts payable | 506,041 | 168,303 |
| Distributions payable | 3,596,371 | 663,551 |
| Preferred shares (note 6) | 243,129,490 | 138,470,490 |
| Class B shares | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| | **247,420,220** | **140,377,901** |
| **NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE CLASS A SHARES** | **128,853,794** | **46,099,937** |
| Number of units (1 Preferred share and 1 Class A share) outstanding (note 6) | 24,312,949 | 13,847,049 |
| Number of Preferred shares outstanding | 24,312,949 | 13,847,049 |
| Number of Class A shares outstanding | 24,312,949 | 13,847,049 |
| Net assets per unit | $15.30 | $13.33 |
| Net assets per Preferred share | $10.00 | $10.00 |
| Net assets per Class A share | $5.30 | $3.33 |

**Approved on behalf of the Board of Directors**

**Wayne Finch**
Director

**Peter Cruickshank**
Director

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

## Dividend 15 Split Corp. II
### Statements of Comprehensive Income / (Loss)
For the years ended November 30

| | 2021 ($) | 2020 ($) |
|---|---|---|
| **INCOME** | | |
| **Net gain (loss) on investments and derivatives (note 5)** | | |
| Net realized gain (loss) | (1,920,433) | 3,527,198 |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation | 40,171,796 | (25,140,933) |
| Dividends | 8,530,741 | 8,394,428 |
| Interest for distribution purposes | - | 8,256 |
| **Net gain (loss) on investments and derivatives** | **46,782,104** | **(13,211,051)** |
| **Other gain (loss)** | | |
| Realized gain (loss) on currency | (144) | 1,535 |
| | **46,781,960** | **(13,209,516)** |
| **EXPENSES (note 7)** | | |
| Management fees | 1,841,911 | 1,378,418 |
| Service fee | 321,874 | 13,689 |
| Audit fees | 21,979 | 32,901 |
| Director's fees | 23,584 | 23,584 |
| Independent Review Committee fees | 4,268 | 4,268 |
| Custodial fees | 86,000 | 72,186 |
| Legal fees | 22,889 | 28,193 |
| Shareholder reporting costs | 22,443 | 18,979 |
| Other operating expenses | 111,728 | 85,051 |
| Harmonized sales tax | 298,148 | 182,021 |
| Transaction costs | 224,921 | 173,406 |
| | **2,979,745** | **2,012,696** |
| **Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A shares before distributions and other income(charges) on Preferred shares** | **43,802,215** | **(15,222,212)** |
| Distributions on Preferred shares | (9,389,238) | (8,015,309) |
| Premium (discount) on issuance of Preferred shares | 852,927 | - |
| Issuance costs on Preferred shares | (2,965,188) | - |
| **Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A shares** | **32,300,716** | **(23,237,521)** |
| **Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders per redeemable Class A share (note 8)** | **2.02** | **(1.67)** |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# Dividend 15 Split Corp. II
## Statements of Changes in Net Assets Attributable To Holders Of Redeemable Class A Shares
For the years ended November 30

| | 2021 ($) | 2020 ($) |
|---|---|---|
| **Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A shares - Beginning of year** | **46,099,937** | **85,730,695** |
| Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A shares | 32,300,716 | (23,237,521) |
| Gross proceeds on issuance of Class A shares | 66,521,351 | - |
| Issuance costs on Class A shares | (2,017,321) | - |
| Net proceeds on issuance of Class A shares | 64,504,030 | - |
| Class A share redemptions | - | (12,202,462) |
| **Distributions on Class A shares** | | |
| Canadian dividends | (14,050,889) | (4,190,775) |
| **Change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A shares** | **82,753,857** | **(39,630,758)** |
| **Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A shares - End of year** | **128,853,794** | **46,099,937** |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# Dividend 15 Split Corp. II
## Statements of Cash Flow
For the years ended November 30

| | 2021 ($) | 2020 ($) |
|---|---|---|
| **Cash flows from (used in) operating activities** | | |
| Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A shares | 32,300,716 | (23,237,521) |
| Adjustment for: | | |
| Distributions on Preferred shares | 9,389,238 | 8,015,309 |
| Net realized (gain) loss on investments and derivatives | 1,920,433 | (3,527,198) |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation of investments and derivatives | (40,171,796) | 25,140,933 |
| (Premium) discount on issuance of Preferred shares | (852,927) | - |
| Issuance costs on Preferred shares | 2,965,188 | - |
| Purchase of investments, net of option premiums | (112,179,776) | (7,979,676) |
| Proceeds from sale of investments | 10,554,918 | 40,297,882 |
| (Increase) decrease in interest, dividends and other receivables | (302,657) | 8,337 |
| Increase (decrease) in fees and other accounts payable | 242,932 | (152,020) |
| Net cash flows from (used in) operating activities | (96,133,731) | 38,566,046 |
| **Cash flows from (used in) financing activities** | | |
| Gross proceeds from issue of Class A and Preferred shares | 172,033,278 | - |
| Issuance costs on Class A and Preferred shares | (4,887,703) | - |
| Amounts paid on redemption of Class A shares and Preferred shares | - | (35,799,411) |
| Distributions on Class A shares | (11,619,595) | (5,811,487) |
| Distributions on Preferred shares | (8,887,712) | (8,060,819) |
| Net cash flows from (used in) financing activities | 146,638,268 | (49,671,717) |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash | 50,504,537 | (11,105,671) |
| Cash at beginning of the year | 12,848,777 | 23,954,448 |
| **Cash at end of the year** | **63,353,314** | **12,848,777** |
| Dividends received* | 8,233,029 | 8,402,765 |
| Interest received* | - | 8,256 |

* Included as part of Cash Flows from Operating Activities.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

## Dividend 15 Split Corp. II
### Schedule of Portfolio Investments
As at November 30, 2021

| No. of shares (contracts) | Description | Average Cost ($) (Premiums received) | Fair Value ($) |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **Canadian Common Equities** | | |
| | **15 Core Holdings** | | |
| 248,333 | Bank of Montreal | 29,500,942 | 33,038,222 |
| 197,150 | Bank of Nova Scotia | 14,504,625 | 15,728,627 |
| 287,458 | BCE Inc. | 16,628,907 | 18,480,675 |
| 154,000 | Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce | 18,979,918 | 21,937,300 |
| 249,256 | CI Financial Corp. | 7,706,094 | 7,019,049 |
| 318,100 | Enbridge Inc. | 14,912,610 | 15,246,533 |
| 739,250 | Manulife Financial Corporation | 16,984,352 | 16,884,470 |
| 189,700 | National Bank of Canada | 8,513,390 | 18,831,519 |
| 177,282 | Royal Bank of Canada | 17,673,910 | 22,390,717 |
| 388,600 | Sun Life Financial Inc. | 22,891,130 | 26,358,738 |
| 387,450 | TC Energy Corp. | 23,022,313 | 23,216,004 |
| 478,468 | TELUS Corporation | 10,156,243 | 13,971,266 |
| 138,197 | Thomson Reuters Corp. | 9,815,208 | 21,123,411 |
| 251,300 | Toronto-Dominion Bank | 15,731,954 | 22,654,695 |
| 567,800 | TransAlta Corporation | 6,919,879 | 7,375,722 |
| | **Total Core Portfolio Equities (91.2%)** | **233,941,475** | **284,256,948** |
| | **Other Canadian Common Equities** | | |
| 486,700 | AGF Management Ltd. | 6,257,335 | 3,776,792 |
| 45,500 | Emera Inc. | 2,177,279 | 2,670,395 |
| 40,000 | Loblaw Companies Ltd. | 1,997,066 | 3,852,000 |
| 447,700 | Suncor Energy Inc. | 13,311,032 | 13,932,424 |
| 28,523 | TMX Group Inc. | 1,806,673 | 3,535,996 |
| | **Total Other Canadian Common Equities (8.9%)** | **25,549,385** | **27,767,607** |
| | **Total Canadian Common Equities (100.1%)** | **259,490,860** | **312,024,555** |

| No. of shares (contracts) | Description | Average Cost ($) (Premiums received) | Fair Value ($) |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **Call Options written (100 shares per contract)** | | |
| | **Canadian call options written** | | |
| (100) | Bank of Montreal @ $145 December 2021 | (4,000) | (1,500) |
| (100) | Bank of Nova Scotia @ $83 December 2021 | (8,000) | (2,300) |
| (525) | BCE Inc. @ $66 January 2022 | (17,325) | (20,213) |
| (150) | Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce @ $150 December 2021 | (18,755) | (8,775) |
| (150) | Emera Inc. @ $60 January 2022 | (9,300) | (8,250) |
| (950) | Enbridge Inc. @ $53 December 2021 | (15,200) | (4,750) |
| (175) | Loblaw Companies Ltd. @ $102 January 2022 | (16,713) | (10,500) |
| (200) | Manulife Financial Corporation @ $25 January 2022 | (8,000) | (4,300) |
| (100) | Manulife Financial Corporation @ $26 December 2021 | (1,809) | (175) |
| (549) | Manulife Financial Corporation @ $26 January 2022 | (14,968) | (3,569) |
| (135) | National Bank of Canada @ $107 December 2021 | (9,993) | (1,148) |
| (225) | Royal Bank of Canada @ $132 December 2021 | (35,553) | (10,013) |
| (190) | Sun Life Financial Inc. @ $71 December 3, 2021 | (11,400) | (16) |
| (430) | Sun Life Financial Inc. @ $71 December 17, 2021 | (18,060) | (5,160) |
| (85) | Sun Life Financial Inc. @ $72 January 2022 | (5,950) | (2,125) |
| (500) | TC Energy Corp. @ $64 December 2021 | (10,000) | (4,000) |
| (200) | TELUS Corporation @ $29 December 2021 | (5,410) | (8,500) |
| (375) | TELUS Corporation @ $30 January 2022 | (4,500) | (7,688) |
| (248) | Thomson Reuters Corp. @ $160 December 2021 | (38,440) | (9,052) |
| (150) | Thomson Reuters Corp. @ $160 January 2022 | (31,950) | (25,575) |
| (300) | Toronto-Dominion Bank @ $93 December 2021 | (23,850) | (36,300) |
| (870) | TransAlta Corporation @ $14 January 2022 | (38,280) | (13,050) |
| (940) | TransAlta Corporation @ $15 December 2021 | (14,570) | (359) |
| | **Total Canadian call options written (-0.1%)** | **(362,026)** | **(187,318)** |
| | | **259,128,834** | **311,837,237** |
| | Less adjustments for transaction costs | (149,720) | |
| | **Total Investments (100%)** | **258,979,114** | **311,837,237** |

## 1. Incorporation

Dividend 15 Split Corp. II (the "Company") is a mutual fund corporation established under the laws of the Province of Ontario on September 28, 2006 that began investment operations on November 16, 2006. The manager and the investment manager of the Company is Quadravest Capital Management Inc. ("Quadravest" or "Manager"). The termination date of the Company is December 1, 2024 and may be extended thereafter at the Company's discretion for additional terms of five years each. The Company's principal office is located at 200 Front Street West, Suite 2510, Toronto, Ontario M5V 3K2. The Company invests in an actively managed portfolio of common shares comprised primarily of 15 core large capitalization dividend yielding Canadian companies. The Company employs an active covered call writing program to enhance the income earned from the portfolio.

## 2. Basis of presentation

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"). These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of financial assets and financial liabilities (including derivative financial instruments) at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL").

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors of the Company on February 16, 2022.

## 3. Summary of significant accounting policies

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies followed by the Company.

### Investments and financial instruments

The Company classifies its investments, including derivatives, based on both the Company's business model for managing those financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. The portfolio of financial assets is managed and performance is evaluated on a fair value basis. The Company is primarily focused on fair value information and uses that information to assess the assets' performance and to make decisions. The Company has not taken the option to irrevocably designate any equity securities as fair value in other comprehensive income ("FVOCI"). Consequently, all investments, including derivatives are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

The Company's obligations for net assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A shares are presented at the annual redemption amount, which approximates their fair value. All other financial assets and liabilities are recognized initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortized cost, which approximates fair value.

The Company recognizes regular purchases and sales of financial instruments on the trade date, which is the date on which it commits to purchase or sell the instrument. Transaction costs, such as brokerage commissions, related to financial assets and financial liabilities at FVTPL are expensed as incurred and transaction costs related to financial instruments not at FVTPL are included in the carrying amounts thereof. A financial asset is derecognized when the rights to receive cash flows from the investment have expired or have been transferred and when the Company has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset. Dividends are recognized as income on the ex-dividend date. Realized gains and losses and unrealized appreciation and depreciation are determined on an average cost basis. The cost of investments is determined using the average cost method.

Written option premiums received by the Company are, so long as the options are outstanding, reflected as a liability, in the Statements of Financial Position and are valued at an amount equal to the current market value of an option that would have the effect of closing the position. Gains or losses realized upon expiration or exercise of the option are included in net realized gain (loss) on investments and derivatives in the Statements of Comprehensive Income/(Loss).

The Preferred shares rank prior to the Class A and Class B shares and are thus not subordinate to all other classes of puttable instruments and therefore, the shares have been classified as financial liabilities. These shares are carried at amortized cost. Amortization of premiums or discounts on the issuance of Preferred shares is included in the Statements of Comprehensive Income/(Loss).

The Class B shares are subordinate to the Preferred shares but rank prior to the Class A shares and are thus not subordinate to all other classes of puttable instruments and therefore, the shares have been classified as financial liabilities. These shares are carried at amortized cost.

The Class A shares may be retracted monthly, annually, or on the termination date of the Company. As a result, the shares contain multiple contractual obligations, and therefore, have been presented as financial liabilities.

The net asset value of the Company is determined in accordance with requirements of law, including National Instrument 81-106, Investment Fund Continuous Disclosure, and is used to process shareholder transactions. For financial reporting purposes, net assets of the Company is determined as the difference between the aggregate amount of the Company's assets and the aggregate amount of its liabilities, excluding Preferred shares and net assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A shares ("Net Assets of the Company"). Preferred Shares and Class A Shares are issued on the basis that an equal number of Preferred shares and Class A shares (together, a "unit") will be issued and outstanding at all material times. At times when there is an unequal number of Class A and Preferred shares outstanding, a notional unit amount will be determined based on the net assets attributable to each of the Class A and Preferred shares as a proportion of the net asset value of the Company.

**Valuation of investments**

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets (such as publicly traded shares and options) are based on the last traded prices at the close of trading on the reporting date. The Company uses the last traded market price for both financial assets and financial liabilities where the last traded price falls within that day's bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid-ask spread, the Manager determines the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value based on the specific facts and circumstances. The Company's policy is to recognize transfers into and out of the fair value hierarchy levels as of the date of the event or change in circumstances giving rise to the transfer.

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market is determined using valuation techniques. The Company uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each reporting date. Valuation techniques include the use of comparable recent arm's length transactions, reference to other instruments that are substantially the same, discounted cash flow analysis, option pricing models and others commonly used by market participants and which make the maximum

use of observable inputs. Refer to note 5 for further information about the Company's fair value measurements.

**Cash**

Cash is comprised of demand deposits with a financial institution.

**Translation of foreign currencies**

The Company's functional and presentation currency is Canadian dollars. The fair value of investments and other assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into the Company's functional currency at the rates of exchange prevailing at each measurement date. Purchases and sales of investments, income and expenses are translated at the rates of exchange prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions.

**Management fees, administration fees and performance fees**

Management fees and administration fees are accrued by the Company over time, as services are rendered by Quadravest. At each measurement date, the Company recognizes an expense and financial liability based on the amount, if any, of performance fees expected to be paid based on the net asset value of the Company. Refer to note 7 for further information about the calculation of management, administration fees and performance fees, if any, of the Company.

**Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders per redeemable Class A share**

Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders per redeemable Class A share is based on the increase or decrease in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A shares divided by the weighted average number of such shares outstanding during the year. Refer to note 8 for the calculation.

**Taxation**

The Company qualifies as a mutual fund corporation under the Income Tax Act (Canada) (the "Tax Act") and it is subject to income tax in each taxation year on the amount of its net income for the taxation year, including net realized taxable capital gains, if any, at the rate applicable to mutual fund corporations. The general income tax rules associated with a public corporation also apply to a mutual fund corporation with the exception that taxes payable on net realized capital gains are refundable on a formula basis when its shares are redeemed or when it pays capital gains dividends out of its capital gains dividend account to its shareholders.

Interest and foreign income are taxed at normal corporate rates applicable to mutual fund corporations and can be reduced by permitted deductions for tax purposes.

All of the Company's expenses including management fees, administration fees and operating expenses will be taken into account in determining its overall tax liability.

As a mutual fund corporation, taxable dividends received from taxable Canadian corporations are subject to a Part IV tax of 38 1/3%. Such taxes are fully refundable upon payment of taxable dividends to its shareholders on a basis of $1.15 for every $3 of dividends paid. Any such tax paid is reported as an amount receivable until recovered through the payment to shareholders of dividends out of net investment income. All tax on net taxable realized capital gains is refundable when the gains are distributed to shareholders as capital gains dividends or through redemption of shares at the request of shareholders, while the Company qualifies

as a mutual fund corporation. As a result of the capital gains refund mechanism and Part IV tax refunds, the Company recovers any Canadian income taxes paid in respect of its capital gains and taxable Canadian dividends. As a result, the Company has determined that it is in substance not taxable. Consequently, the tax benefit of capital and non-capital losses and other temporary differences have not been reflected in the Statements of Financial Position as deferred income tax assets or liabilities.

The Company has estimated accumulated non capital losses for tax purposes as at November 30, 2021 of $28,117,150 (November 30, 2020-$23,646,784) that are available to lower taxable income in future years if required and expire after the scheduled termination date of the Company on December 1, 2024. The Company also has estimated accumulated capital losses for tax purposes of $6,878,304 (November 30, 2020-$6,353,442) which may be used to lower future capital gains if required and which do not expire.

**4. Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments**

The preparation of these financial statements include estimates and assumptions by management based on past experiences, present conditions and expectations of future events. Where estimates were made, the reported amounts for assets, liabilities, income and expenses may differ from the amounts that would otherwise be reflected if the ultimate outcome of all uncertainties and future events were known at the time these financial statements were prepared. The Company's most significant estimates involve the measurement of investments and derivatives at fair value as described in note 5.

**5. Management of Risk of Financial Instruments**

The Company classifies fair value measurements within a hierarchy which gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities and lowest priority to unobservable inputs. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are:

Level 1 - Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can assess at the measurement date;

Level 2 - Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and

Level 3 - Inputs that are unobservable for the asset or liability.

The following table illustrates the classification of the Company's financial instruments within the fair value hierarchy as at November 30, 2021 and November 30, 2020:

| | Financial assets and liabilities at fair value as at November 30, 2021 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
| Equities | $312,024,555 | - | - | $312,024,555 |
| Options | ($187,318) | - | - | ($187,318) |
| | **$311,837,237** | **-** | **-** | **$311,837,237** |

| | Financial assets and liabilities at fair value as at November 30, 2020 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
| Equities | $173,035,573 | - | - | $173,035,573 |
| Options | ($1,074,557) | - | - | ($1,074,557) |
| | **$171,961,016** | **-** | **-** | **$171,961,016** |

All fair value measurements above are recurring and fair values are classified as Level 1 when the related security or derivative is actively traded and a quoted price is available. There were no transfers or reclassifications between levels for the years ended November 30, 2021 and 2020.

The Company's investment activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including price risk, interest rate risk and currency risk), credit risk and liquidity risk.

Any sensitivity analysis presented below may differ from actual results and the difference could be material.

**Market Price Risk**

All securities investments present a risk of loss of capital. The 15 core holdings in the portfolio were selected because of their long term history of market price appreciation and dividend growth. These portfolio companies were selected from the S&P/TSX 60 index and are among the largest companies in Canada.

The market price risk is affected by three main components: price risk, interest rate risk and foreign currency movements.

**Price risk**

Other price risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk).

Financial markets and equity markets in particular have experienced significant volatility in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. The investment portfolio of the Company has been subject to these market fluctuations and may continue to experience significant volatility as the situation evolves.

The Manager manages market price risk by limiting investment in any one portfolio company to no more than 10% of the net asset value of the Company at the time of purchase.

In addition, the supplemental covered call writing program generates an additional stream of income to the portfolio which may also help mitigate against market price declines during years in which a particular portfolio company has a covered call option written against that position.

The Company is exposed to other price risk from its investment in equity securities and written options. As at November 30, 2021, had the prices on the respective stock exchanges for these equity securities increased by 10%, with all other variables held constant, Net Assets of the Company would have increased by approximately $29,628,000 (November 30, 2020–$14,284,000). Similarly, had the prices on the respective stock exchanges for these equity securities decreased by 10%, with all other variables held constant, Net Assets of the Company would have decreased by approximately $31,099,000 (November 30, 2020–$16,425,000).

**Interest rate risk**

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of interest bearing financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. The majority of the Company's financial assets and liabilities are non interest bearing. As a result, the Company is not subject to significant amounts of risk due to fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates and considers interest rate risk insignificant (consistent with previous year).

**Currency risk**

Currency risk is the risk that financial instruments that are denominated in a currency other than the Canadian dollar, which is the Company's reporting currency, will fluctuate due to changes in exchange rates. All portfolio holdings and other net assets of the Company are denominated in Canadian dollars and therefore there is no currency risk (consistent with previous year).

**Other risks**

**Credit risk**

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty will be unable to pay amounts in full when due. All of the Company's transactions are in listed securities and options and are settled and paid for using approved brokers. The risk of default is considered minimal as delivery of securities sold is only made once the broker has received payment (consistent with previous year). Payment is made on purchase once the securities have been received by the broker. Credit risk of cash is considered low as it is held at a AA-rated Canadian bank (consistent with prior year).

**Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company may not be able to settle or meet its obligations on time or at a reasonable price. The Company is exposed to liquidity risk primarily through its monthly and annual retractions of Class A shares and Preferred shares. The Company receives adequate notice for all retraction requests. The Company's portfolio is invested in highly liquid large capitalization investments that trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") (consistent with previous year). All Class A shares and Preferred shares outstanding are redeemable on a monthly and annual basis but are scheduled to be redeemed upon termination of the Company. All other financial liabilities are payable within three months from the end of the year.

**Concentration risk**

The Company's 15 core holdings are concentrated in the S&P/TSX 60 index and as such will be exposed to some of the specific factors that affect this index (consistent with previous year). An individual portfolio holding may represent no more than 10% of the net asset value of the Company at the time of purchase.

**The Company's investment portfolio is concentrated in the following segments as at:**

| | November 30, 2021 | November 30, 2020 |
|---|---|---|
| Canadian Core Common Equities | 76.4% | 83.6% |
| Other Canadian Equities | 7.5% | 10.2% |
| Call Options written | -0.1% | -0.6% |
| Other Assets less Liabilities (excluding Preferred shares) | 16.2% | 6.8% |
| | 100% | 100% |

## 6. Redeemable Units

### Preferred shares

The Company is authorized to issue an unlimited number of Preferred shares.

| Preferred share transactions | November 30, 2021 | November 30, 2020 |
|---|---|---|
| Beginning of year | 13,847,049 | 16,207,114 |
| Issued during the year | 10,465,900 | - |
| Redeemed during the year | - | (2,360,065) |
| End of year | 24,312,949 | 13,847,049 |

Effective December 1, 2019, Preferred shares are entitled to cumulative monthly cash dividends of $0.04792 per Preferred share to yield 5.75% per annum on the $10 repayment value. All Preferred shares outstanding on the termination date will be redeemed by the Company on that date. The Preferred shares have been presented as liabilities in the financial statements.

Preferred shares trade under the symbol "DF.PR.A" on the TSX. The trading price of Preferred shares on the TSX was $9.99 as at November 30, 2021 (November 30, 2020-$10.10). Preferred shares may be surrendered at any time for retraction at specified retraction amounts, but will be retracted only on the last day of each month. Shareholders who concurrently retract a Preferred share and a Class A share in the month of August in each year will be entitled to receive an amount equal to the net asset value per unit calculated on the last day of August. Preferred shares retracted in any other month will receive a retraction price based on a discounted specified retraction formula. Under the terms of a recirculation agreement, the Company may, but is not obligated to, require the recirculation agent to use its best efforts to find purchasers for any Preferred shares or Class A shares tendered for retraction. Gains or losses from the redemption of shares, if any, are recorded in gain (loss) on redemptions on the Statements of Comprehensive Income/(Loss).

The Preferred shares rank in priority to the Class A shares and Class B shares with respect to the payment of dividends. Preferred shares rank in priority to the Class A shares upon termination of the Company.

The Company announced on May 25, 2021 that the TSX accepted its notice of intention to make a Normal Course Issuer Bid (the "NCIB") to purchase its Preferred shares and Class A shares through the facilities of the TSX and/or alternative Canadian trading systems. The NCIB commenced on May 27, 2021 and will terminate on May 26, 2022. Pursuant to the NCIB, the Company proposes to purchase, from time to time, if it is considered advisable, up to 1,384,704 Preferred shares and 1,376,074 Class A shares of the Company, representing 10% of the public float of the Preferred shares and Class A shares. The Company will not purchase, in any given 30-day period, in the aggregate, more than 276,940 Preferred shares or more than 276,940 Class A shares, being 2% of the issued and outstanding Preferred shares and Class A shares as of May 14, 2021.

The previous NCIB which commenced on May 13, 2020 terminated on May 12, 2021.

There were no Preferred shares nor Class A shares purchased for cancellation during the years ended November 30, 2021 and 2020.

On May 19, 2021, the Company commenced an at-the-market equity program (the "ATM Program") which allows the Company to issue shares to the public from time to time, at the Company's discretion. Any Class A shares or Preferred shares sold in the ATM Program will be sold through the TSX or any other marketplace in Canada on which the Class A shares and Preferred shares are listed, quoted or otherwise traded at the prevailing market price at the time of sale.

During the year ended November 30, 2021, 6,947,900 Preferred shares were sold through the ATM

Program at an average selling price of $10.07 per Preferred share. Gross proceeds, net proceeds and commissions on the Preferred share sales were $69,980,127, $68,243,152 and $1,736,975, respectively.

The Company issued 3,518,000 Preferred shares at $10.10 per share for gross proceeds of $35,531,800 pursuant to a secondary offering that was completed on October 29, 2021. Agents' fees and issuance costs on the Preferred shares were $1,140,954 in connection with this offering.

**Class A shares and Class B shares**

Authorized
An unlimited number of Class A shares
1,000 Class B shares

| Class A share transactions | November 30, 2021 | November 30, 2020 |
|---|---|---|
| Beginning of year | 13,847,049 | 16,207,114 |
| Issued during the year | 10,465,900 | - |
| Redeemed during the year | - | (2,360,065) |
| End of year | 24,312,949 | 13,847,049 |

Class A shares were originally issued at $15 per share. Class A share distributions are targeted at $0.10 per month per share. The net asset value per unit must remain above the required $15 per unit threshold for distributions to be declared. All Class A shares outstanding on the termination date will be redeemed by the Company on that date.

Class A shares trade under the symbol "DF" on the TSX. The trading price of Class A shares on the TSX was $6.25 as at November 30, 2021 (November 30, 2020-$3.01). Class A shares may be surrendered at any time for retraction at specified retraction amounts, but will be retracted only on the last day of each month. Shareholders who concurrently retract a Class A share and a Preferred share in the month of August in each year will be entitled to receive an amount equal to the net asset value per unit calculated on the last day of August. Class A shares retracted in any other month will receive a retraction price based on a discounted specified retraction formula. Under the terms of a recirculation agreement, the Company may, but is not obligated to, require the recirculation agent to use its best efforts to find purchasers for any Preferred shares or Class A shares tendered for retraction. Gains or losses from the redemption of shares, if any, are recorded in gain (loss) on redemptions on the Statements of Comprehensive Income/(Loss).

The Preferred shares rank in priority to the Class A shares with respect to the payment of dividends. Upon the termination of the Company, Class A shareholders will receive an amount equal to the net asset value per unit less $10 (the redemption value of the Preferred shares).

During the year ended November 30, 2021, 7,947,900 Class A shares were sold through the ATM Program at an average selling price of $6.33 per Class A share. Gross proceeds, net proceeds and commissions on the Class A share sales were $50,280,251, $49,156,038 and $1,124,213, respectively.

The Company issued 2,518,000 Class A shares at $6.45 per share for gross proceeds of $16,241,100 pursuant to a secondary offering that was completed on October 29, 2021. Agents' fees and issuance costs on the Class A shares were $805,850 in connection with this offering.

The holders of Class B shares are not entitled to receive dividends. The Class B shares are retractable at a price of $1.00 per share. Class B shareholders are entitled to one vote per share. On November 16, 2007, the Company issued 1,000 Class B shares to Dividend 15 Split Corp. II Holding Trust for cash consideration of $1,000.

**7. Expenses**

The Company is responsible for all expenses incurred in connection with the operation and administration of the Company, including, but not limited to, accounting and administration fees, custodian fees, transfer agent fees, legal and audit expenses, fees payable to the independent directors of the Company and the Company's independent review committee, regulatory filing and stock exchange fees, costs of reporting to shareholders and costs and expenses arising as a result of complying with all applicable laws, regulations and policies.

Pursuant to the management agreement, Quadravest is entitled to an administration fee payable monthly in arrears at an annual rate of 0.10% of the net asset value of the Company, which includes the outstanding Preferred shares, calculated as at each month-end valuation date and an amount equal to the service fee payable to dealers on the Class A shares at a rate of 0.50% of the net asset value attributable to Class A shares per annum. No service fee will be paid in any calendar quarter if regular dividends are not paid to holders of Class A shares in respect of each month in such calendar quarter.

Pursuant to the terms of the investment management agreement, Quadravest is entitled to a base management fee payable in arrears at an annual rate equal to 0.65% of the net asset value of the Company, which includes the outstanding Preferred shares, calculated as at each month-end valuation date. In addition, Quadravest is entitled to receive a performance fee subject to the achievement of certain pre-established total return thresholds.

Total management fees of $1,841,911 (November 30, 2020-$1,378,418) incurred during the year include the administration fee and base management fee. As at November 30, 2021, $225,073 (November 30, 2020-$112,503) was payable to the Manager with respect to management and administrative fees. No performance fees were paid in 2021 or 2020.

The brokerage commissions paid during the year by the Company for its portfolio transactions were $224,921 (November 30, 2020-$173,406).

**8. Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders per redeemable Class A share**

The increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders per redeemable unit for the years ended November 30, 2021 and 2020 is calculated as follows:

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|---|---|---|
| Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A shares | $32,300,716 | ($23,237,521) |
| Weighted average Class A shares outstanding | 15,985,732 | 13,938,699 |
| Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders per redeemable Class A share | $2.02 | ($1.67) |

**9. Distributions**

Distributions per share were as follows:

| | November 30, 2021 | November 30, 2020 |
|---|---|---|
| Preferred shares | $0.5750 | $0.5750 |
| Class A shares | $0.80 | $0.30 |

**10. Capital Management**

The Company considers its capital to consist of Class A, Class B and Preferred shares.

The Company's objectives in managing its capital are:

i) to provide holders of Preferred shares with fixed cumulative preferential monthly cash dividends in an amount of $0.04792 per Preferred share to yield 5.75% per annum on the $10 repayment value and to return the $10 repayment value to their holders on the termination date; and

ii) to provide holders of Class A shares with regular monthly cash distribution targeted to be $0.10 per Class A share and return at least the original issue price to their holders on the termination date. The net asset value per unit must be above the required $15 per unit in order for monthly dividends to be declared.

In order to manage its capital structure, the Company may adjust the amount of dividends paid to shareholders or return capital to shareholders.

**11. Reconciliation of net asset value per Class A share to net assets attributable to holders per redeemable Class A share**

As at November 30, 2021 and November 30, 2020, there were no differences between net asset value per Class A share used for transactional purposes and net assets attributable to holders per redeemable Class A share for financial reporting purposes.

## Quadravest Capital Management Inc.

Quadravest Capital Management Inc. was formed in 1997 and is focused on the creation and management of enhanced yield products for retail investors. The investment strategy combines fundamental based equity investing with covered call writing. Guided by four key principles, Quadravest sets attainable investment objectives that allow the team to stay focused on a long-term investment strategy.

The four principles – innovation in financial products, discipline in investment management, solid results for investors, and excellence in client service – form the foundation of Quadravest. Each member of the firm's tight-knit team is committed to upholding these principles, ensuring a coherence and dedication that is unique to the Company.

Quadravest has raised over $2.5 billion in initial public offerings.

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