

# Scotia U.S. Dividend Growers LP

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## Interim Management Report of Fund Performance

For the period ended June 30, 2018

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Securityholders may also contact us using one of these methods to request a copy of the investment fund's proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record or quarterly portfolio disclosure.

1832 Asset Management L.P. is the manager (the "Manager") of the fund. In this document, "we", "us", "our" and the "Manager" refer to 1832 Asset Management L.P. and the "Fund" refers to Scotia U.S. Dividend Growers LP.

The term "net asset value" or "net asset value per unit" in this document refers to the net asset value determined in accordance with Part 14 of National Instrument 81-106 – Investment Fund Continuous Disclosure ("National Instrument 81-106"); while the term "net assets" or "net assets per unit" refers to total equity or net assets attributable to unitholders of the Fund as determined in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

### Caution Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

*Certain portions of this report, including, but not limited to, "Recent Developments", may contain forward-looking statements about the Fund and the underlying funds, as applicable, including statements with respect to strategies, risks, expected performance events and conditions. Forward-looking statements include statements that are predictive in nature, that depend upon or refer to future events or conditions, or that include words such as "expects", "anticipates", "intends", "plans", "believes", "estimates", "projects" and similar forward-looking expressions or negative versions thereof.*

*In addition, any statement that may be made concerning future performance, strategies or prospects and possible future action by the Fund is also a forward-looking statement. Forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and projections about future general economic, political and relevant market factors, such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates, equity and capital markets, and the general business environment, in each case assuming no changes to applicable tax or other laws or government regulation. Expectations and projections about future events are inherently subject to, among other things, risks and uncertainties, some of which may be unforeseeable. Accordingly, current assumptions concerning future economic and other factors may prove to be incorrect at a future date.*

*Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and actual results or events could differ materially from those expressed or implied in any forward-looking statements made by the Fund. Any number of important factors could contribute to these digressions, including, but not limited to, general economic, political and market factors in North America and internationally, such as interest and foreign exchange rates, global equity and capital markets, business competition, technological change, changes in government relations, unexpected judicial or regulatory proceedings and catastrophic events. We stress that the above mentioned list of important factors is not exhaustive. Some of these risks, uncertainties and other factors are described in the Fund's simplified prospectus, under the heading "Specific risks of mutual funds".*

*We encourage you to consider these and other factors carefully before making any investment decisions. Forward-looking statements should not be unduly relied upon. Further, you should be aware of the fact that the Fund has no specific intention of updating any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, prior to the release of the next management report of fund performance, and that the forward-looking statements speak only to the date of this management report of fund performance.*

### Results of Operations

For the six month period ended June 30, 2018 (the "period"), the Series I units of the Fund returned 6.9%. Fund returns are reported net of all management fees and expenses, unlike the returns of the Fund's benchmark, which is based on the performance of an index that does not pay fees or incur expenses.

The Fund's broad-based benchmark, the Standard & Poor's 500 Index (C\$), returned 7.5% during the same period. In accordance with National Instrument 81-106, we have included a comparison to this broad-based index to help you understand the Fund's performance relative to the general performance of the market.

The Fund tracked the performance of the broad-based benchmark as a result of the underlying financial strength of its holdings and their consistently higher dividend growth.

Over the period, the U.S. equity market benefited from strong earnings growth and a large recovery in revenue growth. Lower corporate tax rates had a generally positive impact on U.S. companies. The Canadian dollar declined relative to the U.S. dollar.

The Fund's overweight position in the Consumer Discretionary sector contributed to performance, as the sector benefited from news of the potential purchase of Twenty-First Century Fox Inc (Fox), by The Walt Disney Co. (Disney) or Comcast Corp (Comcast). An underweight position in the Consumer Staples

sector also contributed. Individual contributors to performance included Fox, Cintas Corp. and Hormel Foods Corp (Hormel). Fox's media content became a potential acquisition target for Disney or Comcast. Cintas posted strong earnings growth, supported by the successful integration of its acquisition of G&K Services Inc. Consumer Staples company Hormel outperformed in the weak consumer packaged foods and meats industry.

An overweight position in the weak Industrials sector detracted from performance, as trade policy risk offset tax gains for the sector. The Fund's positioning in the Information Technology sector also detracted. Returns in the sector were dominated by the "FAANG stocks" (Facebook Inc., Apple Inc., Amazon.com Inc., Netflix Inc. and Alphabet Inc.'s Google), which typically pay no dividends and are therefore not generally held by the Fund. Lack of exposure to the Energy sector detracted as oil prices rose to enter the US\$70 per barrel range.

Starbucks Corp., Southwest Airlines Co. and Oracle Corp. were among the largest individual detractors. Starbucks struggled with perceived weakness in domestic sales growth. Southwest Airlines was hampered by flat revenue growth, resulting from some weakness in bookings and unit cost increases. Oracle issued a change in disclosure about cloud revenues that was not well received by investors.

During the period, we added Texas Instruments Inc., The Estee Lauder Companies Inc., The PNC Financial Services Group Inc. and The Boeing Co. to the Fund. We exited holdings in Snap-On Inc., Stryker Corp., Hormel Foods and Walt Disney.

We rebalanced the Fund's portfolio to equalize its weightings in March and again in June, which resulted in multiple positions being increased or decreased. Among the increased positions were Ingersoll-Rand PLC, Honeywell International Inc., Starbucks, Oracle and Southwest Airlines. The reduced positions included Fox, Cintas, Danaher Corp., The Home Depot Inc. and Roper Technologies Inc.

The Fund's net asset value decreased by 0.4% to \$599.6 million at June 30, 2018, from \$602.2 million at December 31, 2017. This change was composed of net redemptions of \$43.8 million and investment performance of the Fund of \$41.2 million. The investment performance of the Fund includes income and expenses which vary year over year. The Fund's income and expenses changed compared to the previous year mainly as a result of fluctuations in average net assets, portfolio activity and changes in the Fund's income earning investments.

## Recent Developments

### *IFRS 9, Financial Instruments*

The Funds have adopted IFRS 9, Financial Instruments in the current reporting period commencing January 1, 2018. The adoption of IFRS 9 has been applied retrospectively and does not result in a change to the classification or measurement of financial instruments, in either the current or prior period.

The impact to the Fund will include additional disclosures related to changes to the classification of certain financial instruments to align with the classifications under IFRS 9. Adoption of the standard does not impact net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units.

## Related Party Transactions

The Manager is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Bank of Nova Scotia ("Scotiabank"). Scotiabank also owns, directly or indirectly, 100% of Scotia Securities Inc. and Tangerine Investment Funds Limited, each a mutual fund dealer, and Scotia Capital Inc. (which includes ScotiaMcLeod and Scotia iTRADE), an investment dealer.

The Manager, on behalf of the Fund, may enter into transactions or arrangements with other members of Scotiabank or certain other companies that are related or connected to the Manager (each a "related party"). All transactions between the Fund and the related parties are in the normal course of business and are carried out at arm's length terms.

The purpose of this section is to provide a brief description of any transaction involving the Fund and a related party.

### *Fixed Administration Fees and Other Fund Costs*

The Manager pays the operating expenses of the Fund, other than Other Fund Costs, in exchange for the payment by the Fund of a fixed rate administration fee (the "Fixed Administration Fee") to the Manager with respect to each series of the Fund. The expenses charged to the Fund in respect of the Fixed Administration Fee are disclosed in the Fund's financial statements. The Fixed Administration Fee is equal to a specified percentage of the net asset value of a series, calculated and paid in the same manner as the management fees for the Fund. Further details about the Fixed Administration Fee can be found in the Fund's most recent simplified prospectus.

In addition, each series of the Fund is responsible for its proportionate share of certain operating expenses ("Other Fund Costs"). Further details about Other Fund Costs can be found in the Fund's most recent simplified prospectus.

The Manager, at its sole discretion, may waive or absorb a portion of a series' expenses. These waivers or absorptions may be terminated at any time without notice.

### *Related Brokerage Commissions*

From time to time, the Fund may enter into portfolio securities transactions with Scotia Capital or other related dealers in whom Scotiabank has a significant interest (a "Related Broker"). These Related Brokers may earn commission or spreads on such transactions, which are made on terms and conditions that are comparable to transactions made with non-related brokers.

During the period, the Fund paid \$5,223 in commissions to Related Brokers.

*Other Fees*

The Manager, or its affiliates, may earn fees and spreads in connection with various services provided to, or transactions with, the Fund, such as banking, custody, brokerage, foreign exchange and derivatives transactions. The Manager, or its affiliates, may earn a foreign exchange spread when unitholders switch between series of funds denominated in different currencies.

*Independent Review Committee*

The Manager has established an independent review committee (the "IRC") in accordance with National Instrument 81-107 – Independent Review Committee for Investment Funds ("NI 81-107") with a mandate to review and provide recommendations or approval, as required, on conflict of interest matters referred to it by the Manager on behalf of the Fund. The IRC is responsible for overseeing the Manager's decisions in situations where the Manager is faced with any present or perceived conflicts of interest, all in accordance with NI 81-107.

The IRC may also approve certain mergers between the Fund and other funds, and any change of the auditor of the Fund. Subject to any corporate and securities law requirements, no securityholder approval will be obtained in such circumstances, but you will be sent a written notice at least 60 days before the effective date of any such transaction or change of auditor. In certain circumstances, securityholder approval may be required to approve certain mergers.

The IRC has five members, Carol S. Perry (Chair), Stephen J. Griggs, Simon Hitzig, Heather A. T. Hunter and Jennifer L. Witterick, each of whom is independent of the Manager. On April 30, 2018, Brahm Gelfand and D. Murray Paton resigned as members of the IRC. On May 15, 2018, the IRC appointed Mr. Griggs and Ms. Hunter as members.

The IRC prepares and files a report to the securityholders each fiscal year that describes the IRC and its activities for securityholders as well as contains a complete list of the standing instructions. These standing instructions enable the Manager to act in a particular conflict of interest matter on a continuing basis provided the Manager complies with its policies and procedures established to address that conflict of interest matter and reports periodically to the IRC on the matter. This report to the securityholders is available on the Manager's website or, at no cost, by contacting the Manager.

The compensation and other reasonable expenses of the IRC will be paid out of the assets of the Fund as well as out of the assets of the other investment funds for which the IRC may act as the independent review committee. The main components of compensation are an annual retainer and a fee for each committee meeting attended. The chair of the IRC is entitled to an additional fee. Expenses of the IRC may include premiums for insurance coverage, travel expenses and reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.

The Fund received the following standing instructions from the IRC with respect to related party transactions:

- Paying brokerage commissions and spreads to a related party for effecting security transactions on an agency and principal basis on behalf of the Fund;
- Purchases or sales of securities of an issuer from or to another investment fund managed by the Manager;
- Investments in the securities of issuers for which a related underwriter acted as an underwriter during the distribution of such securities and the 60-day period following the completion of such distribution;
- Executing foreign exchange transactions with a related party on behalf of the Fund;
- Purchases of securities of a related party;
- Entering into over-the-counter derivatives on behalf of the Fund with a related party;
- Outsourcing products and services to related parties which can be charged to the Fund;
- Acquisition of prohibited securities as defined by securities regulations;
- Trading in mortgages with a related party.

The Manager is required to advise the IRC of any breach of a condition of the standing instructions. The standing instructions require, among other things, that the investment decision in respect to a related party transaction: (a) is made by the Manager free from any influence by an entity related to the Manager and without taking into account any consideration to any associate or affiliate of the Manager; (b) represents the business judgment of the Manager uninfluenced by considerations other than the best interests of the Fund; and (c) is made in compliance with the Manager's written policies and procedures. Transactions made by the Manager under the standing instructions are subsequently reviewed by the IRC to monitor compliance.

The Fund relied on IRC standing instructions regarding related party transactions during the period.

## Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about each series of the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the periods indicated. The information on the following tables is based on prescribed regulations and as a result, is not expected to add down due to the increase (decrease) in net assets from operations being based on average units outstanding during the period and all other numbers being based on actual units outstanding at the relevant point in time. Footnotes for the tables are found at the end of the Financial Highlights section.

### The Fund's Net Assets per Unit<sup>(1)</sup>

For the period ended	Net Assets, beginning of period (\$)	Increase (decrease) from operations:					Distributions:					Net Assets, end of period (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>
		Total revenue	Total expenses	Realized gains (losses) for the period	Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup>	From net investment income (excluding dividends)	From dividends	From capital gains	Return of capital	Total distributions <sup>(3)</sup>	
<b>Series I</b>												
<b>June 30, 2018</b>	<b>16.85</b>	<b>0.13</b>	<b>(0.03)</b>	<b>0.94</b>	<b>0.14</b>	<b>1.18</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>18.00</b>
Dec. 31, 2017	14.99	0.25	(0.05)	0.64	1.04	1.88	-	-	-	-	-	16.85
Dec. 31, 2016	15.08	0.22	(0.05)	0.36	(0.49)	0.04	-	-	-	-	-	14.99
Dec. 31, 2015	12.08	0.18	(0.04)	0.66	2.28	3.08	-	-	-	-	-	15.08
Dec. 31, 2014*	10.00	0.08	(0.01)	0.18	2.06	2.31	-	-	-	-	-	12.08

\* Start date for Series I was May 26.

<sup>(1)</sup> This information is derived from the Fund's interim and audited annual financial statements. The net assets per unit presented in the financial statements may differ from the net asset value calculated for Fund pricing purposes. An explanation of these differences can be found in note 2 of the Fund's financial statements. The net asset value per unit at the end of the period is disclosed in Ratios and Supplemental Data.

<sup>(2)</sup> Net assets per unit and distributions per unit are based on the actual number of units outstanding for the relevant series at the relevant time. The increase (decrease) in net assets from operations per unit is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the period.

<sup>(3)</sup> Distributions were paid in cash or reinvested in additional units of the Fund.

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

As at	Total net asset value (000's) (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	Number of units outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	Management expense ratio ("MER") (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	MER before waivers or absorptions (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)</sup>	Net asset value per unit (\$)
<b>Series I</b>							
<b>June 30, 2018</b>	<b>599,550</b>	<b>33,308,104</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>23.86</b>	<b>18.00</b>
Dec. 31, 2017	602,190	35,744,607	0.08	0.08	0.02	55.52	16.85
Dec. 31, 2016	542,733	36,208,500	0.08	0.08	0.02	66.28	14.99
Dec. 31, 2015	490,748	32,537,643	0.08	0.08	0.03	62.04	15.08
Dec. 31, 2014	137,215	11,357,375	0.06	0.06	0.05	52.46	12.08

<sup>(1)</sup> This information is provided as at the period end of the years shown.

<sup>(2)</sup> The management expense ratio is based on the total expenses (including sales tax, and excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) of each series of the Fund and a proportional share of underlying funds' expenses (mutual funds, ETFs and closed-end funds), where applicable, for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period.

<sup>(3)</sup> The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs of the Fund and the underlying funds, where applicable, expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value of the Fund during the period.

<sup>(4)</sup> The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio advisor manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the period. The higher a fund's portfolio turnover rate in a period, the greater the trading costs payable by the fund in the period, and the greater the 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 a fund.

### Management Fees

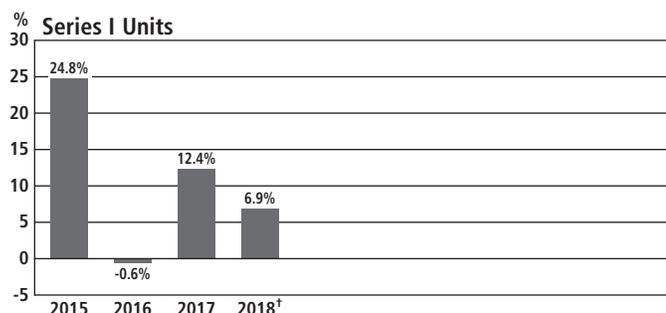
The Manager is not entitled to a management fee payable by the Fund in respect of Series I units. The management fee is negotiable and paid by unitholders directly to the Manager.

### Past Performance

The following shows the past performance for each series and will not necessarily indicate how the Fund will perform in the future. The information shown assumes that all distributions made by each series of the Fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional units of the relevant series. In addition, the information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges that would have reduced returns or performance.

## Year-by-Year Returns

The following charts show the performance for each series of the Fund and illustrate how performance has varied from year to year. The charts show, in percentage terms, how much an investment held on the first day of each calendar year would have increased or decreased by the last day of each calendar year for that series.



<sup>†</sup> Six month period ended June 30, 2018.

## Summary of Investment Portfolio

The Summary of Investment Portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions. A quarterly portfolio update is available to the investor at no cost by calling 1-800-268-9269, or by visiting [www.scotiafunds.com](http://www.scotiafunds.com), 60 days after quarter end, except for December 31, which is the calendar year end, when they are available after 90 days.

By Industry	% of net asset value <sup>(1)</sup>
Industrials	27.1
Information Technology	22.4
Consumer Discretionary	19.0
Financials	13.1
Health Care	9.1
Real Estate	4.8
Consumer Staples	4.3
Cash and Cash Equivalents	0.2
Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	0.0

## Top Holdings

Issuer	% of net asset value <sup>(1)</sup>
Twenty-First Century Fox Inc.	5.7
American Tower Corporation	4.8
Southwest Airlines Company	4.7
Ross Stores, Inc.	4.7
Cisco Systems, Inc.	4.6
Visa Inc.	4.6
Ingersoll-Rand PLC	4.6
Home Depot Inc., The	4.6
UnitedHealth Group Incorporated	4.6
Cintas Corporation	4.5
Roper Technologies Inc.	4.5
Danaher Corporation	4.5
Texas Instruments Incorporated	4.5
Honeywell International Inc.	4.5
Bank of America Corporation	4.4
Bank of New York Mellon Corporation, The	4.4
Broadcom Ltd.	4.4
Estee Lauder Companies Inc., The	4.3
PNC Financial Services Group, Inc., The	4.3
Oracle Corporation	4.3
Boeing Company, The	4.3
Starbucks Corporation	4.0
Cash and Cash Equivalents	0.2

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on the net asset value, therefore, weightings presented in the Schedule of Investments may differ from the ones disclosed above.

