



Interim Management Report of Fund Performance | As at June 30, 2018

# EMPIRE LIFE MUTUAL FUNDS<sup>®</sup>

**Empire Life Emblem Balanced Portfolio**

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### Management Discussion of Fund Performance

#### Result of operations

For the six-month period ending June 30, 2018 (the "Period"), Empire Life Emblem Balanced Portfolio (the "Fund"), Series A, returned -0.51%. The net returns of other series of this Fund are provided under the section titled "Past Performance". The series have different returns due to the expenses charged to each series. The Fund's benchmark, the S&P/TSX Composite Index, broadly representative of the Canadian equity market, returned 1.95% for the same Period. The Fund's mandate is to invest in a diversified target asset mix of equity securities (50%) and fixed-income securities (50%). Fund returns are reported net of all management fees and expenses for all series, unlike the returns of the Fund's benchmark, which are based on the performance of an index that does not pay fees or incur expenses.

The Fund's blended benchmark returned 1.61% for the Period. The blended benchmark is composed of 50% FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index, 30% S&P/TSX Composite Index, 7.5% S&P 500 Index (CAD), 7.5% MSCI EAFE Index (CAD) and 5% S&P/TSX Small Cap Index. In the portfolio manager's view, this comparison more closely reflects the market sectors in which the Fund invests, to provide a more useful comparative to the performance of the Fund.

The Fund underperformed its blended benchmark over the Period. A modestly short duration (interest rate sensitivity) in the bond portion of the Fund detracted from performance as bond yields declined towards the latter part of the Period amid global trade risks. Stock selection in Canadian equities, particularly in the Energy and Industrials sectors, also detracted from performance. Within the U.S. Consumer Discretionary and Health Care sectors, stock selection was another detractor from the Fund's performance.

An overweight exposure to U.S. equities and an underweight allocation to bonds contributed to the Fund's performance. Within the Fund's bond holdings, an overweight exposure to corporate bonds contributed to performance as these outperformed government bonds during the first six months of 2018. Stock selection in the international equity portion of the Fund, particularly in the Financials, Industrials and Health Care sectors, also contributed to performance.

During the Period, the U.S. Federal Reserve Board ("the Fed") raised interest rates twice, while the Bank of Canada ("BoC") raised its overnight target interest rate once. The threat of a trade war late in the Period caused Canadian government bond yields to decline, as the possibility of U.S.-imposed tariffs on automobiles has the potential to significantly impact Canadian gross domestic product. In the Canadian bond market, longer-duration bonds outperformed short- and medium-duration bonds, and corporate bonds outperformed Government of Canada bonds.

Driven by strong economic data, the 10-year U.S. Treasury yield rose sharply in January and February. As fears of higher borrowing costs set in, equity markets experienced volatility to degrees not seen in over a year. First-quarter corporate earnings results were very strong, as U.S. tax cuts took effect at the beginning of the year. Average earnings growth for S&P 500 Index companies was the strongest since 2010.

European equity markets were negatively affected by the Italian elections held in March. With two opposing populist parties garnering the most votes, fears rose of an exit from the eurozone, particularly as the threat of a follow-up election to determine power led to fears of the populists gaining further momentum. The eventual formation of a coalition government later in the Period, and the naming of a finance minister that is not seen as a vocal supporter of a eurozone exit, somewhat eased market concerns.

Oil prices rebounded, with the West Texas Intermediate ("WTI") price rising from approximately U.S.\$60 per barrel at the beginning of the Period to U.S.\$74 per barrel at the end of June. The oil price rebound, and a narrowing of the Canadian oil discount to WTI, helped the Canadian Energy sector post strong gains in the latter half of the Period.

Following a period of equity market volatility, the Fund's accumulated cash from fund flows was deployed into U.S. and international equities to better balance with the Fund's Canadian equity investments. At the end of the Period, the Fund's asset mix was 40% bonds, 32% Canadian equities, 13% U.S. equities, 9% international equities and 6% in short-term investments. The bond portion of the Fund has maintained a shorter duration than the blended benchmark and an overweight allocation to corporate bonds in order to better manage interest rate sensitivity. The equity portion of the Fund remains oriented to higher-quality companies with attractive cash flow characteristics.

#### Recent developments

The portfolio manager's outlook for Canadian bonds is cautious, given rising interest rates. The market expects the Fed to increase interest rates twice more this year, and the BoC to raise interest rates once more. The portfolio manager's outlook for the Fund overall is less cautious, given its underweight position in bonds, its focus on corporate bonds and its lower duration.

With respect to Canadian equities, the portfolio manager's outlook is more positive. The Financials sector, particularly the banks and life insurance companies, is likely to benefit from rising interest rates. The Canadian Energy sector should benefit from an improved oil price environment as the transportation issues are partially relieved by increased crude-by-rail capacity over the near term, and with new pipeline projects coming online over the medium-to-longer term.

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The portfolio manager's near-term outlook for U.S. equities remains cautiously optimistic, as they should be supported by a strong economy and the positive effects of tax reform. However, risks exist in the form of the Fed increasing interest rates, a rising equity market that is extended by historical standards, and trade disputes that may trigger the next recession if tensions with China erupt into a trade war. The near-term outlook for international equities is generally positive, as the political risks that impacted performance during the Period subside, and the European equity market potentially catches up to the performance in North American markets.

### Related party transactions

Empire Life Investments Inc. is the Manager, Trustee and Portfolio Manager of the Fund. The Manager is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Empire Life Insurance Company.

The Manager provides or arranges for the provision of all the management and administrative services for the day-to-day operations of the Fund, including providing or arranging the provision of investment advice, record keeping and other administrative services, some of which are provided by an affiliate of the Manager. In consideration of the management and administrative services, the Fund pays the Manager a monthly management fee calculated as a percentage of daily net asset value of each series of the Fund. The rates for each series are disclosed under "Management fees".

During the Period, the Manager absorbed \$111,867 of total expenses otherwise payable by the Fund, as compared to \$178,408 for the year ended December 31, 2017. The amount of expenses waived or absorbed is determined annually on a series by series basis at the discretion of the Manager and the Manager can terminate the waiver or absorption at any time.

### Series description

The Fund offers the following series: A, T6, T8, F and I. Series A, T6 and T8 units are available to all investors. Series T6 and T8 are designed for investors seeking regular monthly cash flows from a Fund. Series F units are only available to investors who have a fee-based account with their dealer and whose dealer has signed an agreement with Empire Life Investments Inc. Management fees are payable by the Funds on all series except for series I. Series I units are available to institutional investors who meet a minimum investment threshold and who have entered into a Series I agreement. The management fee for Series I units is negotiated between Empire Life Investments Inc. and the investor and is payable directly to Empire Life Investments Inc. by the investor.

### Financial highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the period and each of the other periods as shown below. This information is derived from the Fund's unaudited interim financial statements for the period.

#### The Fund's net assets per unit<sup>(1)</sup>

Series A Units	For the 6 months ended June 30, 2018	For the year ended December 31, 2017	For the year ended December 31, 2016	For the year ended December 31, 2015	For the year ended December 31, 2014	For the year ended December 31, 2013
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	\$ 12.94	\$ 12.54	\$ 12.11	\$ 11.86	\$ 11.07	\$ 10.23
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	0.17	0.32	0.31	0.32	0.31	0.32
Total expenses	(0.15)	(0.29)	(0.28)	(0.30)	(0.29)	(0.26)
Realized gains (losses)	0.09	0.23	0.09	0.05	0.41	0.24
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.20)	0.29	0.42	0.07	0.57	1.03
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>\$ (0.09)</b>	<b>\$ 0.55</b>	<b>\$ 0.54</b>	<b>\$ 0.14</b>	<b>\$ 1.00</b>	<b>\$ 1.33</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From income	—	—	—	—	—	(0.13)
From dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—
From capital gains	—	(0.15)	(0.07)	—	(0.20)	(0.16)
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ (0.15)</b>	<b>\$ (0.07)</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ (0.20)</b>	<b>\$ (0.29)</b>
<b>Net Assets, end of period<sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 12.88</b>	<b>\$ 12.94</b>	<b>\$ 12.54</b>	<b>\$ 12.11</b>	<b>\$ 11.86</b>	<b>\$ 11.07</b>

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Series T6 Units	For the 6 months ended June 30, 2018	For the year ended December 31, 2017	For the year ended December 31, 2016	For the year ended December 31, 2015	For the year ended December 31, 2014	For the year ended December 31, 2013
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.27	\$ 9.52	\$ 9.91	\$ 9.84	\$ 9.59
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	0.12	0.23	0.24	0.26	0.27	0.29
Total expenses	(0.10)	(0.20)	(0.21)	(0.24)	(0.24)	(0.24)
Realized gains (losses)	0.07	0.17	0.07	0.03	0.31	0.21
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.13)	0.20	0.31	0.04	0.51	1.02
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>\$ (0.04)</b>	<b>\$ 0.40</b>	<b>\$ 0.41</b>	<b>\$ 0.09</b>	<b>\$ 0.85</b>	<b>\$ 1.28</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From income	–	–	–	(0.01)	(0.03)	(0.07)
From dividends	–	–	–	–	–	–
From capital gains	–	(0.10)	(0.06)	–	(0.16)	(0.14)
Return of capital	(0.27)	(0.56)	(0.57)	(0.60)	(0.59)	(0.58)
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>\$ (0.27)</b>	<b>\$ (0.66)</b>	<b>\$ (0.63)</b>	<b>\$ (0.61)</b>	<b>\$ (0.78)</b>	<b>\$ (0.79)</b>
<b>Net Assets, end of period<sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 8.68</b>	<b>\$ 9.00</b>	<b>\$ 9.27</b>	<b>\$ 9.52</b>	<b>\$ 9.91</b>	<b>\$ 9.84</b>

Series T8 Units	For the 6 months ended June 30, 2018	For the year ended December 31, 2017	For the year ended December 31, 2016	For the year ended December 31, 2015	For the year ended December 31, 2014	For the year ended December 31, 2013
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	\$ 7.89	\$ 8.30	\$ 8.70	\$ 9.31	\$ 9.40	\$ 9.36
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	0.10	0.21	0.21	0.24	0.26	0.28
Total expenses	(0.09)	(0.18)	(0.19)	(0.22)	(0.24)	(0.23)
Realized gains (losses)	0.06	0.15	0.06	(0.04)	0.39	0.22
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.11)	0.16	0.31	0.12	0.39	0.78
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>\$ (0.04)</b>	<b>\$ 0.34</b>	<b>\$ 0.39</b>	<b>\$ 0.10</b>	<b>\$ 0.80</b>	<b>\$ 1.05</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From income	–	–	–	(0.06)	–	(0.07)
From dividends	–	–	–	–	–	–
From capital gains	–	(0.09)	(0.05)	–	(0.16)	(0.14)
Return of capital	(0.32)	(0.66)	(0.70)	(0.74)	(0.75)	(0.75)
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>\$ (0.32)</b>	<b>\$ (0.75)</b>	<b>\$ (0.75)</b>	<b>\$ (0.80)</b>	<b>\$ (0.91)</b>	<b>\$ (0.96)</b>
<b>Net Assets, end of period<sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 7.53</b>	<b>\$ 7.89</b>	<b>\$ 8.30</b>	<b>\$ 8.70</b>	<b>\$ 9.31</b>	<b>\$ 9.40</b>

Series F Units	For the 6 months ended June 30, 2018	For the year ended December 31, 2017	For the year ended December 31, 2016	For the year ended December 31, 2015	For the year ended December 31, 2014	For the year ended December 31, 2013†
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	\$ 12.84	\$ 12.44	\$ 11.98	\$ 11.70	\$ 10.88	\$ 10.00 *
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	0.17	0.32	0.31	0.32	0.31	0.30
Total expenses	(0.07)	(0.14)	(0.13)	(0.16)	(0.15)	(0.13)
Realized gains (losses)	0.09	0.24	0.08	0.02	0.37	0.24
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.23)	0.24	0.41	0.08	0.33	0.72
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>\$ (0.04)</b>	<b>\$ 0.66</b>	<b>\$ 0.67</b>	<b>\$ 0.26</b>	<b>\$ 0.86</b>	<b>\$ 1.13</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From income	–	(0.08)	(0.06)	(0.11)	(0.09)	(0.13)
From dividends	–	(0.06)	(0.04)	–	–	–
From capital gains	–	(0.15)	(0.07)	–	(0.20)	(0.16)
Return of capital	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>\$ –</b>	<b>\$ (0.29)</b>	<b>\$ (0.17)</b>	<b>\$ (0.11)</b>	<b>\$ (0.29)</b>	<b>\$ (0.29)</b>
<b>Net Assets, end of period<sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 12.85</b>	<b>\$ 12.84</b>	<b>\$ 12.44</b>	<b>\$ 11.98</b>	<b>\$ 11.70</b>	<b>\$ 10.88</b>

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Series I Units	For the 6 months ended June 30, 2018	For the year ended December 31, 2017	For the year ended December 31, 2016	For the year ended December 31, 2015	For the year ended December 31, 2014	For the year ended December 31, 2013
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	\$ 13.56	\$ 13.13	\$ 12.64	\$ 12.30	\$ 11.36	\$ 10.34
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	0.18	0.35	0.33	0.34	0.33	0.33
Total expenses	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.03)	(0.02)
Realized gains (losses)	0.10	0.25	0.11	(0.03)	0.46	0.27
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.17)	0.31	0.46	(0.02)	0.64	0.82
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 0.10</b>	<b>\$ 0.89</b>	<b>\$ 0.88</b>	<b>\$ 0.27</b>	<b>\$ 1.40</b>	<b>\$ 1.40</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From income	–	(0.17)	(0.15)	(0.20)	(0.14)	(0.22)
From dividends	–	(0.13)	(0.10)	–	–	–
From capital gains	–	(0.16)	(0.08)	–	(0.21)	(0.17)
Return of capital	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>\$ –</b>	<b>\$ (0.46)</b>	<b>\$ (0.33)</b>	<b>\$ (0.20)</b>	<b>\$ (0.35)</b>	<b>\$ (0.39)</b>
<b>Net Assets, end of period<sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 13.64</b>	<b>\$ 13.56</b>	<b>\$ 13.13</b>	<b>\$ 12.64</b>	<b>\$ 12.30</b>	<b>\$ 11.36</b>

## Ratios and supplemental data

Series A Units	For the 6 months ended June 30, 2018	For the year ended December 31, 2017	For the year ended December 31, 2016	For the year ended December 31, 2015	For the year ended December 31, 2014	For the year ended December 31, 2013
<b>Total Net Asset Value</b>	\$ 13,656,184	\$ 15,812,463	\$ 18,432,361	\$ 16,059,675	\$ 9,066,333	\$ 1,740,143
<b>Number of units outstanding</b>	1,060,594	1,221,804	1,469,590	1,325,737	764,190	157,195
Management expense ratio <sup>(5)</sup>	2.25%	2.26%	2.25%	2.25%	2.24%	2.25%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	2.65%	2.49%	2.57%	2.73%	3.87%	10.33%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(6)</sup>	0.07%	0.07%	0.07%	0.12%	0.16%	0.14%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(7)</sup>	24.15%	100.51%	138.74%	141.44%	169.77%	95.58%
<b>Net Asset Value per unit</b>	<b>\$ 12.88</b>	<b>\$ 12.94</b>	<b>\$ 12.54</b>	<b>\$ 12.11</b>	<b>\$ 11.86</b>	<b>\$ 11.07</b>

Series T6 Units	For the 6 months ended June 30, 2018	For the year ended December 31, 2017	For the year ended December 31, 2016	For the year ended December 31, 2015	For the year ended December 31, 2014	For the year ended December 31, 2013
<b>Total Net Asset Value</b>	\$ 7,771,613	\$ 7,840,775	\$ 7,824,422	\$ 6,070,494	\$ 1,499,090	\$ 180,930
<b>Number of units outstanding</b>	895,394	871,349	843,881	637,884	151,252	18,394
Management expense ratio <sup>(5)</sup>	2.25%	2.26%	2.25%	2.24%	2.24%	2.25%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	2.85%	2.67%	2.57%	2.61%	3.15%	6.91%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(6)</sup>	0.07%	0.07%	0.07%	0.12%	0.16%	0.14%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(7)</sup>	24.15%	100.51%	138.74%	141.44%	169.77%	95.58%
<b>Net Asset Value per unit</b>	<b>\$ 8.68</b>	<b>\$ 9.00</b>	<b>\$ 9.27</b>	<b>\$ 9.52</b>	<b>\$ 9.91</b>	<b>\$ 9.84</b>

Series T8 Units	For the 6 months ended June 30, 2018	For the year ended December 31, 2017	For the year ended December 31, 2016	For the year ended December 31, 2015	For the year ended December 31, 2014	For the year ended December 31, 2013
<b>Total Net Asset Value</b>	\$ 362,036	\$ 384,383	\$ 423,552	\$ 403,207	\$ 71,431	\$ 21,109
<b>Number of units outstanding</b>	48,049	48,691	51,020	46,333	7,676	2,246
Management expense ratio <sup>(5)</sup>	2.25%	2.26%	2.25%	2.24%	2.24%	2.25%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	8.58%	7.79%	2.48%	2.69%	5.00%	15.94%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(6)</sup>	0.07%	0.07%	0.07%	0.12%	0.16%	0.14%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(7)</sup>	24.15%	100.51%	138.74%	141.44%	169.77%	95.58%
<b>Net Asset Value per unit</b>	<b>\$ 7.53</b>	<b>\$ 7.89</b>	<b>\$ 8.30</b>	<b>\$ 8.70</b>	<b>\$ 9.31</b>	<b>\$ 9.40</b>

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Series F Units	For the 6 months ended June 30, 2018	For the year ended December 31, 2017	For the year ended December 31, 2016	For the year ended December 31, 2015	For the year ended December 31, 2014	For the year ended December 31, 2013†
<b>Total Net Asset Value</b>	\$ 1,879,060	\$ 2,445,895	\$ 2,383,437	\$ 2,040,598	\$ 709,488	\$ 64,923
<b>Number of units outstanding</b>	146,188	190,452	191,530	170,354	60,633	5,965
Management expense ratio <sup>(5)</sup>	1.10%	1.10%	1.10%	1.10%	1.09%	1.10% **
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	2.07%	1.88%	1.11%	1.25%	1.82%	6.97% **
Trading expense ratio <sup>(6)</sup>	0.07%	0.07%	0.07%	0.12%	0.16%	0.14% **
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(7)</sup>	24.15%	100.51%	138.74%	141.44%	169.77%	95.58%
<b>Net Asset Value per unit</b>	<b>\$ 12.85</b>	<b>\$ 12.84</b>	<b>\$ 12.44</b>	<b>\$ 11.98</b>	<b>\$ 11.70</b>	<b>\$ 10.88</b>

Series I Units	For the 6 months ended June 30, 2018	For the year ended December 31, 2017	For the year ended December 31, 2016	For the year ended December 31, 2015	For the year ended December 31, 2014	For the year ended December 31, 2013
<b>Total Net Asset Value</b>	\$ 210,590,599	\$ 196,637,234	\$ 137,977,364	\$ 76,841,249	\$ 10,487,125	\$ 3,111,767
<b>Number of units outstanding</b>	15,437,082	14,502,886	10,508,071	6,080,725	852,809	273,985
Management expense ratio <sup>(5)</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	0.04%	0.04%	0.16%	0.27%	1.51%	4.62%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(6)</sup>	0.07%	0.07%	0.07%	0.12%	0.16%	0.14%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(7)</sup>	24.15%	100.51%	138.74%	141.44%	169.77%	95.58%
<b>Net Asset Value per unit</b>	<b>\$ 13.64</b>	<b>\$ 13.56</b>	<b>\$ 13.13</b>	<b>\$ 12.64</b>	<b>\$ 12.30</b>	<b>\$ 11.36</b>

\* Initial offering price.

\*\* Annualized.

† From January 15, 2013 to December 31, 2013.

- (1) This information is derived from the Fund's unaudited interim and annual audited financial statements. The financial statements are prepared using International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).
- (2) Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the financial period.
- (3) Distributions were paid in cash or reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both.
- (4) This is not a reconciliation of the beginning and ending net assets per unit.
- (5) The management expense ratio (MER) is based on total expenses (excluding withholding tax and other transaction costs) as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the Period.
- (6) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the Period.
- (7) 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 year. The higher a fund's portfolio turnover rate in a year, the greater the trading costs payable by the fund in the year, 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. Portfolio turnover rate is calculated based on the lesser of the cumulative cost of purchases or cumulative proceeds of sales divided by the average market value of the portfolio, excluding short-term investments.

## Management fees

The management fee for Series A, T6, T8 and F units is an annualized rate calculated as a percentage of net assets of the applicable series of the Fund and accrued daily and paid monthly to Empire Life Investments Inc. The management fee for Series I units is negotiated and paid directly by the investor, not by the Fund.

The Fund's management fees were used by Empire Life Investments Inc. to pay for the costs of the overall business and affairs of the Fund including activities related to making units of the Fund available to investors, and providing or arranging for the provision of investment advisory services and marketing services to the Fund.

	As percentage of management fees		
	Management fee rates	Dealer compensation	General administration, investment advice and profit
Series A	1.95%	48.05%	51.95%
Series T6	1.95%	52.31%	47.69%
Series T8	1.95%	50.50%	49.50%
Series F	0.80%	-	100.00%

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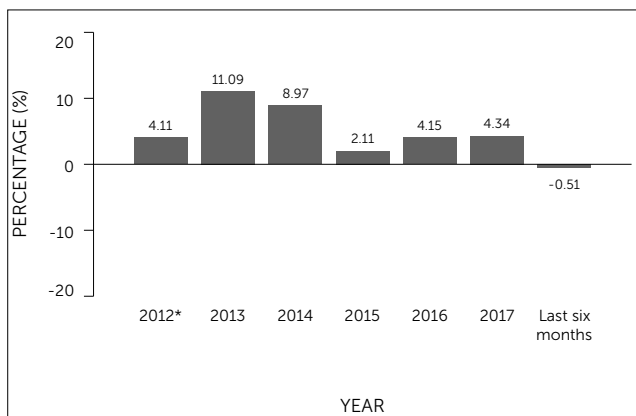
### Past performance

The indicated rates of return assume reinvestment of all distributions. They do not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or optional sales charges that would have reduced returns. The past performance of the Fund is not necessarily an indication of how it will perform in the future.

### Year-by-year returns

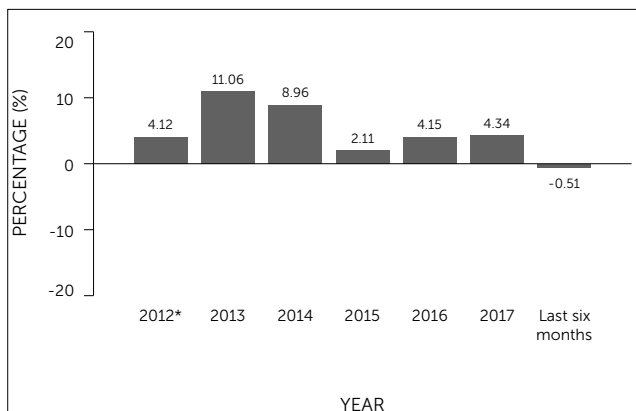
The following bar charts show the annual performance for each series of the Fund and illustrate how that series' performance has varied from year to year. The charts show, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of each financial year would have increased or decreased by the end of the period. For the first year of a series, the percentage shown is the actual return of the series from its commencement of operations.

**Series A**



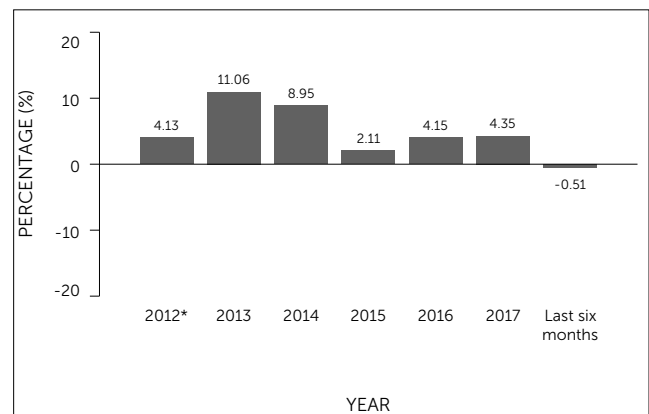
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**Series T6**



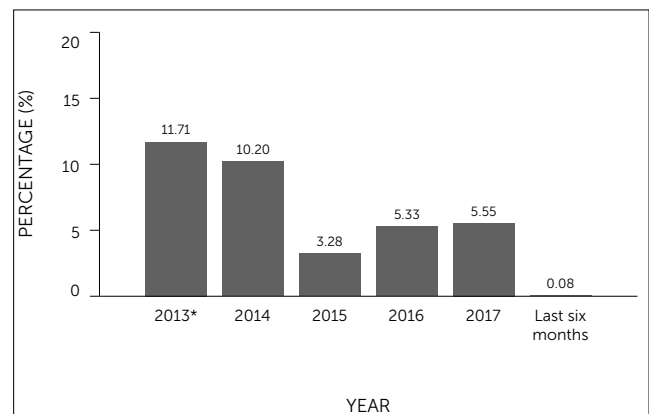
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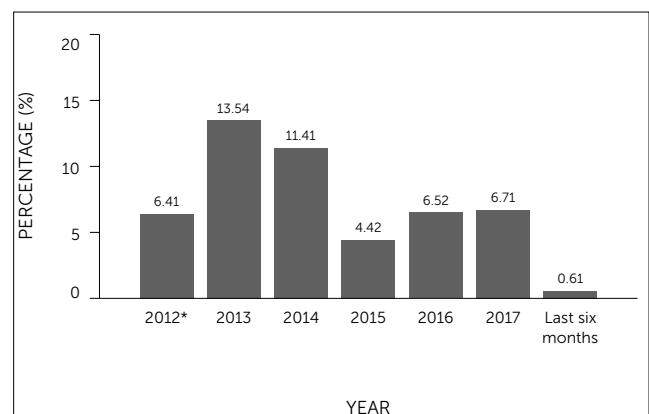
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**Series F**



\*From January 15, 2013 to December 31, 2013 (not annualized)

**Series I**



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# Empire Life Emblem Balanced Portfolio

## Interim Management Report of Fund Performance

### Summary of investment portfolio

The summary of investment portfolio may have changed since June 30, 2018, due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund. Quarterly updates are available within 60 days after quarter-end, except for December 31st, the Fund's fiscal year-end, when they are available within 90 days.

Top 25 Holdings	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
Royal Bank of Canada 1.200% July 3, 2018*	3.7
Government of Canada 1.250% November 1, 2019*	3.3
Toronto-Dominion Bank	2.2
Royal Bank of Canada	2.0
Bank of Nova Scotia	1.8
Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc. 'B'	1.3
Shaw Communications Inc. 'B'	1.3
Bank of Montreal	1.3
Brookfield Asset Management Inc. 'A'	1.3
Government of Canada 1.191% July 26, 2018*	1.3
Keyera Corporation	1.3
Rogers Communications Inc. 'B'	1.1
Canada Housing Trust 1.250% December 15, 2020*	1.1
PrairieSky Royalty Limited	1.1
Enbridge Inc.	1.0
Province of Nova Scotia 4.500% June 1, 2037*	1.0
Saputo Inc.	1.0
Province of Ontario 2.800% June 2, 2048*	1.0
Scotiabank Capital Trust Floating Rate 5.650% December 31, 2056*	1.0
Canadian National Railway Company	1.0
Nutrien Limited	1.0
Molson Coors Brewing Company	0.9
DowDuPont Inc.	0.9
Firstbank 1.356% July 6, 2018*	0.9
Maxar Technologies Limited	0.8
	<b>34.5</b>

\* Debt Instruments

### Portfolio by Category

Asset Type	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
Equities	54.9
Fixed Income	39.9
Short-term Investments	5.9
Cash & Cash Equivalents	0.3
Warrants	0.0
Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	(1.0)
	<b>100.0</b>

Sector	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
Corporate Bonds	19.6
Financials	13.6
Provincial Bonds	10.3
Energy	8.2
Government Bonds	8.1
Industrials	7.2
Consumer Discretionary	5.9
Consumer Staples	5.4
Information Technology	4.4
Materials	4.3
Term Deposit Receipts	3.7
Health Care	2.2
Telecommunication Services	1.6
Real Estate	1.5
Treasury Bills	1.3
U.S. Corporate Bonds	1.2
Bankers' Acceptances	0.9
Utilities	0.6
Municipal Bonds	0.5
Cash & Cash Equivalents	0.3
Foreign Bonds	0.2
Exchange Traded Fund (ETF)/Shares	0.0
Warrants	0.0
Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	(1.0)
	<b>100.0</b>

Country	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
Canada	78.1
United States	13.2
United Kingdom	2.2
Japan	1.6
Germany	0.7
France	0.6
Netherlands	0.5
Bermuda	0.5
Switzerland	0.4
Australia	0.4
Denmark	0.3
Ireland	0.3
Cash & Cash Equivalents	0.3
Finland	0.3
Italy	0.3
Norway	0.3
China	0.2
Belgium	0.1
India	0.1
Sweden	0.1
Spain	0.1
Luxembourg	0.1
Cayman Islands	0.1
South Korea	0.1
Jersey	0.1
Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	(1.0)
	<b>100.0</b>

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