

# Scotia Aria Progressive Build Portfolio

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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 Aria Progressive Build Portfolio.

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 Premium Series units of the Fund returned 1.2%. 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 benchmarks, the MSCI World Index (C\$) and the S&P/TSX Composite Index, returned 5.2% and 1.9%, respectively, during the same period. In accordance with National Instrument 81-106, we have included a comparison to broad-based indices to help you understand the Fund's performance relative to the general performance of the market, but caution that the Fund's mandate may be significantly different from the indices shown.

The Fund's blended benchmark, 35% S&P/TSX Composite Index, 30% FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index and 35% MSCI World Index (C\$), returned 2.7% during the same period. We have included this comparison, which more closely reflects the market sectors and/or asset classes in which the Fund invests, to provide a more useful comparative to the performance of the Fund.

To achieve its long term asset allocation mandate, the Fund invested directly in fund(s) managed by the Manager or by third party investment managers ("Underlying Fund(s)"). As a result the following commentary on investment portfolio activity relates

to the Underlying Fund(s). Commentary on income, expenses and unitholder activity relate to the Fund.

The Fund has a long term asset allocation of 70% equities and 30% bonds. During the period, the Fund underperformed the return of its blended benchmark because its fixed income and Canadian equity components underperformed their respective indices.

Canadian fixed income assets as measured by the FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index (+0.6%) continued to hold up quite well even as the U.S. Federal Reserve raised its benchmark rate by 0.25% in June and policymakers signaled the possibility of two more rate increases this year. Long-term bonds with 10+ years to maturity (+0.9%) slightly outperformed mid-term (+0.2%) and short-term bonds (+0.5%). Exposure to high yield fixed income and to U.S. fixed income funds detracted from performance relative to the index as the Barclays U.S. High Yield Very Liquid Index (C\$, Hedged) (−0.7%) and the Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index (C\$, Hedged) (−2.0%) underperformed the Canadian bond market.

Despite increased market volatility equity markets across regions moved higher over the six month period under review. Positive corporate earnings outweighed geopolitical concerns and ongoing global trade tensions. The Canadian equity market represented by the S&P/TSX Composite Index gained 2.0% over the period. Returns differed widely across sectors as Energy (+4.8%), Materials (+3.3%), Industrials (+6.6%) and the small Information Technology sector (+22.3%) had strong returns while Financials (−1.5%) and Utilities (−6.2%) fell. Income-oriented securities represented by the S&P/TSX Equity Income Index (−2.0%) and Canadian small-cap stocks represented by the BMO Blended Small Cap Weighted Index (−2.3%) fell even as the broad equity market advanced. In the Canadian equity component, Scotia Private Canadian Mid Cap Pool underperformed the broad Canadian equity market mainly due to unfavourable security selection in the Materials and Energy sectors. Exposure to Canadian small-cap equities with Scotia Private Canadian Small Cap Pool also detracted from relative performance as small-caps underperformed. The combined weighted return of the funds in the Canadian equity component lagged the S&P/TSX Composite Index.

Global equities represented by the MSCI World Index (C\$) gained 5.8%. U.S. equities outperformed and returns for Canadian investors were further enhanced by a strengthening U.S. Dollar. In fact, the S&P 500 gained 2.7% in U.S. dollars and 7.7% in Canadian dollars. In contrast, emerging markets as represented by the MSCI Emerging Markets Index (C\$) struggled over the period (−1.9%) weighed down by a stronger U.S. Dollar, trade-war fears, and political uncertainties in Latin America. In the global equity component, exposure to emerging markets through Scotia Private Emerging Markets Pool and 1832 AM Global Completion LP detracted from relative performance as the region underperformed. Scotia Global Growth Fund and Scotia U.S. Dividend Growers LP outperformed in the period as investors favoured growth stocks over income-generating stocks. The combined weighted return of the Fund's global equity component tracked the return of the MSCI World Index (C\$).

The Fund's net asset value increased by 63.5% to \$276.5 million at June 30, 2018, from \$169.1 million at December 31, 2017. This change was composed of net sales of \$104.6 million and investment performance of the Fund of \$2.8 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.

Certain series of the Fund, as applicable, may make distributions at a rate determined by the Manager from time to time. If the aggregate amount of distributions in such series exceeds the portion of net income and net realized capital gains allocated to such series, the excess will constitute a return of capital. The Manager does not believe that the return of capital distributions made by such series of the Fund have a meaningful impact on the Fund's ability to implement its investment strategy or to fulfill its investment objective.

## 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.

### *Management Fees*

The Manager is responsible for the day-to-day management and operations of the Fund. Certain series of the Fund pay the Manager a management fee for its services as described in the "Management Fee" section later in this document. The

management fee is an annualized rate based on the net asset value of each series of the Fund, accrued daily and paid monthly.

#### *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.

#### *Custodial Services*

Scotiabank, as the custodian of the Fund, earns a fee for providing custody and related services. The custodian holds the cash and investments of the Fund and keeps them safe to ensure that they are used only for the benefit of the investors of the Fund. The custodian fee is paid by the Manager, in exchange for a portion of the Fixed Administration Fee received from the Fund.

#### *Distribution Services*

Certain registered dealers through which units of the Fund are distributed are related parties to the Fund and the Manager. The Manager may pay to these related parties a trailer commission out of its management fees, representing distribution and servicing fees, based on the amount of assets held in the investors’ accounts. These fees are paid on the same basis and at the same rates that the Manager pays to non-affiliated dealers.

#### *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 did not rely 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>Premium Series</b>												
<b>June 30, 2018</b>	<b>11.44</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>(0.11)</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>0.12</b>	<b>0.14</b>	–	–	–	–	–	<b>11.58</b>
Dec. 31, 2017	10.62	0.67	(0.25)	0.27	0.22	0.91	–	(0.07)	–	–	(0.07)	11.44
Dec. 31, 2016	10.29	0.30	(0.20)	0.21	0.42	0.73	–	(0.09)	(0.13)	–	(0.22)	10.62
Dec. 31, 2015	9.80	0.54	(0.20)	0.00	(0.14)	0.20	–	(0.07)	(0.14)	–	(0.21)	10.29
Dec. 31, 2014*	10.00	0.29	(0.02)	0.00	(0.10)	0.17	(0.01)	(0.06)	(0.16)	–	(0.23)	9.80

\* Start date for Series Premium was November 19.

<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>Premium Series</b>							
<b>June 30, 2018</b>	<b>276,493</b>	<b>23,869,974</b>	<b>1.95</b>	<b>1.95</b>	<b>0.09</b>	–	<b>11.58</b>
Dec. 31, 2017	169,147	14,784,655	1.91	1.91	0.11	13.78	11.44
Dec. 31, 2016	28,474	2,680,580	1.92	1.92	0.10	12.54	10.62
Dec. 31, 2015	16,522	1,606,025	1.90	1.90	0.09	7.11	10.29
Dec. 31, 2014	1,608	164,048	2.09	2.58	0.11	–	9.80

<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 management fee is an annualized rate based on the net asset value of each series of the Fund, accrued daily and paid monthly. The management fees cover the costs of managing the Fund, arranging for investment analysis, recommendations and investment decision making for the Fund, arranging for distribution of the Fund, marketing and promotion of the Fund and providing or arranging for other services.

The breakdown of services received in consideration of management fees for each series, as a percentage of the management fees, are as follows:

	Management fees (%)	Dealer compensation (%)	Other† (%)
Series A	1.60	n/a	100.0
Premium Series	1.60	31.3	68.7

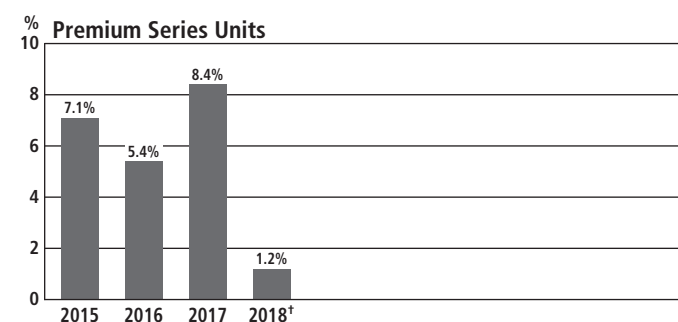
† Relates to all services provided by the Manager described above except dealer compensation.

## 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.



† 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.

The Fund invests primarily in mutual funds managed by the Manager and/or third party investment managers. The simplified prospectus, annual information form and other information about the Underlying Funds are available on the Internet at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

By Asset Type	% of net asset value <sup>(1)</sup>
Foreign Equity Funds	44.6
Canadian Equity Funds	30.0
Fixed Income Funds	24.6
Cash and Cash Equivalents	0.9
Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	(0.1)

## Top Holdings

Issuer	% of net asset value <sup>(1)</sup>
CI Cambridge Canadian Equity Corporate Class, Class I	14.9
Scotia Private International Equity Pool Series I	9.0
Scotia Global Growth Fund Series I	9.0
Scotia U.S. Dividend Growers LP Series I	8.5
Scotia Private Canadian Small Cap Pool Series I	7.5
Scotia Private High Yield Income Pool Series I	7.3
Scotia Private Emerging Markets Pool Series I	6.8
Scotia Private Canadian Corporate Bond Pool Series I	4.9
Scotia Private Global Real Estate Pool Series I	4.6
Scotia Private Canadian Mid Cap Pool Series I	4.5
1832 AM Global Completion LP Series I	4.5
PIMCO Monthly Income Fund (Canada) Series I	3.7
1832 AM North American Preferred Share LP Series I	3.7
Scotia Private Canadian All Cap Equity Pool Series I	3.0
Scotia Private American Core-Plus Bond Pool Series I	2.5
Scotia Canadian Income Fund Series I	2.5
Scotia Private U.S. Mid Cap Value Pool Series I	2.2
Cash and Cash Equivalents	0.9

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

