Market Commentary

For the month of January, U.S. stocks declined 3.2%, pulling back from the run-up experienced in 2013. Non-U.S. stocks declined 4.2%. Global real estate securities were up for the month, gaining 1.2%. Following a modestly down year in 2013, investment-grade bonds, as measured by the Fund’s custom bond index, rose 1.5%. High-yield bonds were also up, gaining 0.7%; inflation linked bonds led, rising 2.2%. January saw Fund A decline 2.1%, underperforming the benchmark return of -1.6%, gross of fees. Non-U.S. equity and Global Real Estate Securities were the main contributors to the shortfall. For the trailing twelve months ending January 31, 2014, Fund A is up 11.3%, ahead of the benchmark return of 9.9%, gross of fees. For the ten years ending January 31, 2014, Fund A is up 7.0% compounded annually, ahead of the benchmark return of 6.7%, gross of fees. Fund A continues to focus on the longer-term, adhering to its overall strategic asset allocation, seeking to deliver solid, long-term results through a blend of asset classes.

** INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE:

Total investment portfolio market value: $505.1 million*  

** UNIT VALUE HISTORY:

Total fund market value: $509.5 million***  |  Units outstanding: 438,171.70  |  Unit value: $1,162.82

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* Fund A investment performance returns are before deduction of fees or distributions paid or accrued, and are unaudited. All returns for periods greater than one year are annualized. Past performance does not guarantee future results.

** Benchmark: 35% Russell 3000 Index, 25% MSCI All Country World ex-U.S. Index, 10% Citigroup BB/B Cash Pay Capped Index, 15% Custom Citigroup Bond Index, 10% of Custom Dow Jones Global Real Estate Securities Index (60% Dow Jones U.S. Real Estate Securities Index and 40% Dow Jones Global Ex-U.S. Real Estate Securities Index), and 5% Citigroup U.S. Inflation Linked Securities Index.

*** This total includes accruals, liabilities, deposits between monthly valuation dates, and operating cash. This is the amount from which a monthly management fee of 1/12 of 1% is deducted.

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