

# BMG Silver BullionFund

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## Annual Management Report of Fund Performance

For the year ended December 31, 2018



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## MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

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### Investment Objective and Strategies

BMG Silver BullionFund (the “BMG Fund”) invests in unencumbered, fully allocated physical silver that is held by the Bank of Nova Scotia. The BMG Fund’s objective is to provide a secure, convenient method for investors seeking to hold silver bullion for capital preservation, long-term appreciation, portfolio diversification and portfolio hedging purposes.

All physical bullion purchased by the BMG Fund meets the London Good Delivery standard as set out by the London Bullion Market Association (LBMA).

The economic factors that determine the price of silver are, in most cases, opposed to the factors that determine the prices of most other financial assets. Ownership of BMG Fund units, therefore, acts as a hedge against the volatility of other investments. Units of a class of the BMG Fund are only intended to be one part of an investment strategy.

A small portion of the BMG Fund's assets (generally no more than 5%) may be held in cash to allow the BMG Fund to pay its expenses, and to facilitate any redemption of units of a class of the BMG Fund. The BMG Fund will not use derivatives or invest in securities or certificates of companies that produce silver bullion. The BMG Fund will not invest in foreign securities, and it does not hedge its holdings. The value of the BMG Fund, therefore, is purely a function of the spot price of silver bullion. The BMG Fund’s objectives and strategies did not change in 2018.

### Risk

The risks associated with investing in the BMG Fund remain as stated in the simplified prospectus dated November 27, 2018. The principal risk associated with investing in the BMG Fund is the fluctuating price of silver, as well as fluctuations in the relationship between the Canadian and US dollars. In addition, the BMG Fund will be subject to precious metals risk, non-hedging strategy risk and specialization risk. Our view of the BMG Fund’s risk rating was unchanged in 2018.

### Results of Operations

**All monetary amounts are expressed in Canadian dollars, unless otherwise indicated.**

In 2018, the net asset value (“NAV”) of the BMG Fund decreased 25% from \$5.9 million at December 31, 2017 to \$4.5 million at December 31, 2018. The decrease was primarily driven by \$1.3 million in net redemptions. As at December 31, 2018, the BMG Fund’s silver holdings were 207,131 ounces, compared to 279,078 ounces at December 31, 2017.

For the year ended December 31, 2018, the NAV per unit of the BMG Fund’s Class A units declined by 3.5% in Canadian dollars, and by 11.5% in US dollars, while the NAV per unit of the BMG Fund’s Class F units declined by 2.5% in Canadian dollars, and by 10.5% in US dollars.

Silver started the year at US\$16.87 per ounce, reached a high of US\$17.52 in January, fell to a low of US\$13.97 per ounce in November, and closed at US\$15.47 on December 31.

### Recent Developments

Following a weakening of precious metals prices mid-year, silver rallied during December 2018 as safe-haven buying returned to the market due to volatility and a decline in equities globally. Some one-day swings in the equity markets are increasingly testing previous records or setting new ones, such as the worst Christmas Eve decline ever recorded by the Dow Jones Industrial Average (“DJIA”) and S&P 500. The next business day, the DJIA recorded the biggest points gain in its history. A number of significant, complex macroeconomic and geopolitical issues culminated to warrant elevated investor concerns about the economic outlook. Those concerns include a global growth slowdown amid trade tensions, the pace of normalization of monetary policy, rising protectionism, the upward trajectory of massive global indebtedness, and uncertainty over Brexit: will it be an orderly exit or a no-deal exit.

The IMF recently lowered the forecast for the 2019 global GDP growth rate to 3.5% from the 3.7% predicted only a few months ago in October 2018 and the 3.9% forecast a year ago. Growth in China is slowing down; it was 6.6% for 2018, the lowest since 1990, due to a growing trade dispute with the US and a maturing of its market. The US is also facing a slowdown from both the expected diminishing effect of its tax stimulus, and trade wars initiated with China and other trading partners with the introduction of tariffs. Japan’s economy shrank in both the first and third quarters of 2018, and it is expected to have

## MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE (*continued*)

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negative growth in the fourth quarter as well. Eurozone GDP growth is also slowing down, with its largest economy, Germany, experiencing lower growth in 2018 of 1.5% compared to 2.2% in 2017. The IMF forecasts growth in 2019 to be even lower at 1.3%. France's growth dropped to 1.5% in 2018 from 2.3% in 2017. Italy experienced a mild recession in the second half of 2018.

Ten years after the financial crisis and recession of 2008, global debt has risen from US\$178 trillion to US\$244 trillion, a 37% increase, as the economic recovery has been fueled by an expansionary monetary policy. In recent years, the US commenced the process of normalization and, in 2018, the Federal Reserve hiked rates four times and is currently shrinking its balance sheet, although it is indicating a policy of patience and a normalization of its balance sheet sooner and to a larger size than previously estimated. The European Central Bank ended its quantitative easing at the end of 2018 but remains accommodating, as it has not announced any plans to shrink its balance sheet. Japan's central bank is still accommodative. Rising interest rates are a major concern for emerging markets with foreign currency denominated debt, as their ability to service, repay or refinance the debt becomes increasingly difficult. Advanced economies will also be faced with hard choices, as debt servicing consumes a larger portion of budgets for all levels of government, corporations and households. The flattening of the yield curve in the past year is both a reflection of concerns over the economic slowdown and monetary policy. In an economic slowdown, central banks are in a weaker position than a decade ago to use monetary policy tools with vastly inflated balance sheets, and interest rates are lower (or even negative) in certain jurisdictions.

### **Silver**

The silver price ended the year at US\$15.47, a decrease of 8.3% from the prior year's close. In Canadian dollars, the price was flat over the same period.

The latest GFMS/Silver Institute Interim Silver Market Review estimates that there will be a surplus in the physical silver market as demand is declining in all key sectors, led by investment demand for coins and bars, a trend that started in 2016. Industrial demand, which accounts for an estimated 60% of the total silver demand, is expected to decline as well, although this decline is not uniform for all industrial applications, as some industrial sectors are experiencing growth while others are contracting. A robust uptick in investor demand is heavily dependent on sentiments of where the global financial markets are heading, and the level of volatility. Industrial demand, on the other hand, will depend on the outcome of trade tensions and the level of global growth.

The gold:silver ratio at the end of 2018 expanded to 83:1 compared to 77:1 at the end of 2017.

### **Subsequent Event**

In March 2019, the Fund experienced a "loss restriction event" due to a single unitholder becoming a majority interest beneficiary of the Fund holding more than 50% of the Fund's NAV. As a result, the Fund will have a March 2019 deemed year-end for tax purposes and will be subject to loss restriction rules including a deemed realization of any unrealized capital losses and restrictions on the Fund's ability to carry-forward losses.

### **Related-Party Transactions**

#### *Manager and Trustee*

BMG Management Services Inc. (the "Manager") is the manager, trustee, registrar and transfer agent for the BMG Fund. The Manager provides, or arranges for the provision of, all management and administrative services for day-to-day operations, including providing fund and unitholder accounting, recordkeeping and other administrative services. At December 31, 2018, the Manager held 7,817 Class D units and 5,000 Class F units of the BMG Fund.

In consideration of management and administrative services, the BMG Fund pays the Manager a monthly management fee based on the NAV of the various classes of units of the BMG Fund, calculated daily. For the year ended December 31, 2018, the BMG Fund incurred management fees of \$103,316.

#### *Distributor*

BMG Marketing Services Inc., an affiliate of the Manager, has been retained by the Manager to assist with the marketing and distribution of units of the BMG Fund in the exempt market pursuant to prospectus exemptions.

## MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE *(continued)*

### *Independent Review Committee*

The Manager has created an independent review committee (the "IRC") to review and provide impartial judgment on conflict of interest matters. The IRC reviews potential conflicts of interest referred to it by the Manager, and makes recommendations on whether a course of action is fair and reasonable for the BMG Fund. The IRC prepares an annual report of its activities for interested parties. A copy of the IRC's report for 2018 is available at [www.bmg-group.com](http://www.bmg-group.com).

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following tables show selected key financial information about each class of units of the BMG Fund, and are intended to help you understand the BMG Fund's financial performance for the for the year shown ended December 31, and/or from the period since the particular class was first offered. The information is derived from the BMG Fund's financial statements.

THE FUND'S NET ASSETS PER CLASS A UNIT	2018	2017	2016*
Net assets - beginning of year <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 7.80	\$ 8.37	\$ 10.00
<b>Decrease from operations:</b>			
Total revenue	-	-	-
Total expenses (excluding distributions)	(0.24)	(0.24)	(0.07)
Realized losses for the period	(0.41)	(0.06)	-
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.28	(0.58)	(1.38)
<b>Total decrease from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>(0.37)</b>	<b>(0.88)</b>	<b>(1.45)</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>			
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-
From dividends	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net assets at December 31 of year shown</b>	<b>\$ 7.53</b>	<b>\$ 7.80</b>	<b>\$ 8.37</b>
<b>RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:</b>			
Total net asset value (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 3,536	\$ 4,884	\$ 1,750
Number of units outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	469,731	625,973	209,162
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	3.25	3.06	3.06
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (%)	5.58	5.00	15.27
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	-	-	-
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)</sup>	13.78	8.00	-
Net asset value per unit	\$ 7.53	\$ 7.80	\$ 8.37

\*Data is from September 26, 2016, the date the Class A units were first offered, to December 31, 2016. For explanatory notes, please refer to "Explanatory Notes to Financial Highlights" at the end of the section.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

THE FUND'S NET ASSETS PER CLASS D UNIT	2018*
Net assets - beginning of year <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 10.00
<b>Decrease from operations:</b>	
Total revenue	-
Total expenses (excluding distributions)	(0.22)
Realized losses for the period	(0.55)
Unrealized gains for the period	0.83
<b>Total increase from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>0.06</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>	
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	-
From dividends	-
From capital gains	-
Return of capital	-
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net assets at December 31 of year shown</b>	<b>\$ 9.69</b>
<b>RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:</b>	
Total net asset value (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 328
Number of units outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	33,883
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	2.50
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (%)	5.14
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	-
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)</sup>	13.78
Net asset value per unit	\$ 9.69

\*Data is from January 16, 2018, the date the Class D units were first offered, to December 31, 2018. For explanatory notes, please refer to "Explanatory Notes to Financial Highlights" at the end of the section..

THE FUND'S NET ASSETS PER CLASS F UNIT	2018	2017	2016*
Net assets - beginning of year <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 7.91	\$ 8.40	\$ 10.00
<b>Decrease from operations:</b>			
Total revenue	-	-	-
Total expenses (excluding distributions)	(0.16)	(0.16)	(0.05)
Realized losses for the period	(0.43)	(0.06)	-
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.51	(0.47)	(1.64)
<b>Total decrease from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>(0.08)</b>	<b>(0.69)</b>	<b>(1.69)</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>			
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-
From dividends	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net assets at December 31 of year shown</b>	<b>\$ 7.72</b>	<b>\$ 7.91</b>	<b>\$ 8.40</b>
<b>RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:</b>			
Total net asset value (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 590	\$ 633	\$ 223
Number of units outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	76,429	80,065	26,521
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	2.15	2.02	2.02
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (%)	4.64	4.09	21.15
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	-	-	-
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)</sup>	13.78	8.00	-
Net asset value per unit	\$ 7.72	\$ 7.91	\$ 8.40

\*Data is from September 26, 2016, the date the Class F units were first offered, to December 31, 2016. For explanatory notes, please refer to "Explanatory Notes to Financial Highlights" at the end of the section.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

### Explanatory Notes to Financial Highlights

#### *Fund's Net Assets per Unit of each Class*

(1) This information is derived from the BMG Fund's financial statements. In the period a BMG Fund or class is established, the financial information is provided from the date a particular class was first offered to the end of the period. The NAV per class presented in the financial statements does not differ from the NAV per class calculated for fund pricing purposes.

(2) Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase (decrease) in net assets from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the fiscal period. This table is not intended to be a reconciliation of opening and closing net assets per unit.

(3) The BMG Fund did not make any distributions.

#### *Ratios and Supplemental Data*

(1) This information is provided as at the end of the period shown.

(2) The management expense ratio is based on total expenses for the stated period, and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average NAV during the period.

(3) The trading expense ratio represents the total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of NAV during the period.

(4) The BMG Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the BMG Fund's silver bullion investments are traded. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the BMG Fund buying and selling all its silver bullion once in the course of the relevant period. There is no trading cost payable by the BMG Fund. The higher a portfolio turnover rate in a year, 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 the BMG Fund.

### Management Fees

Management fees are paid by each class of the BMG Fund to the Manager, and are calculated at the applicable annual percentage of the NAV of each class of the BMG Fund. A portion of the management fees paid by the BMG Fund is for trailer fees paid to dealers. The trailer fees are a percentage of the daily average NAV of the applicable class of units of the BMG Fund that are held by the dealers' clients. No trailer fees are paid with respect to Class F units of the BMG Fund. The table below outlines the BMG Fund's annual management fees for Class A, Class D and Class F units, and how those fees are split between trailer fees and portfolio administration.

	Class A	Class D	Class F
Management Fee	2.25%	1.50%	1.25%
Portfolio Administration Fee	55.6%	83.3%	100%
Trailer Fee ( <i>maximum rate as a percentage of management fees</i> )	44.4%	16.7%	0%

Out of the management fees that the Manager received from the BMG Fund, the Manager paid trailer fees of \$41,359 during the year ended December 31, 2018.

### Operating Expenses

For the year ended December 31, 2018, the Manager absorbed BMG Fund operating expenses of \$116,212. The decision to reduce operating expenses is made at the discretion of the Manager, and may be changed at any time.

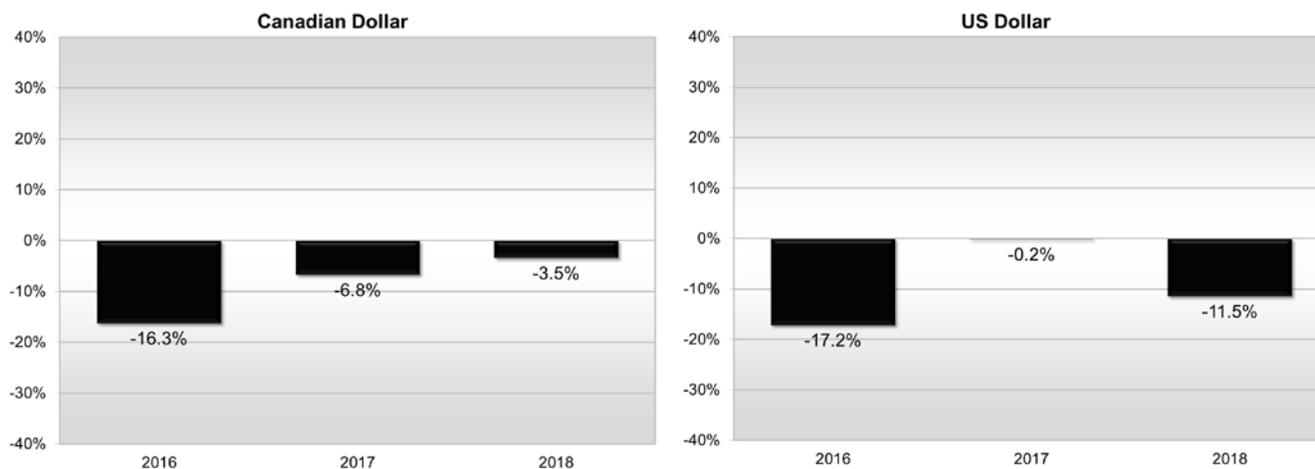
## PAST PERFORMANCE

The following information does not take into account sales or redemption charges that would have reduced returns. Past performance does not necessarily indicate how the BMG Fund will perform in the future.

### Year-by-Year Returns

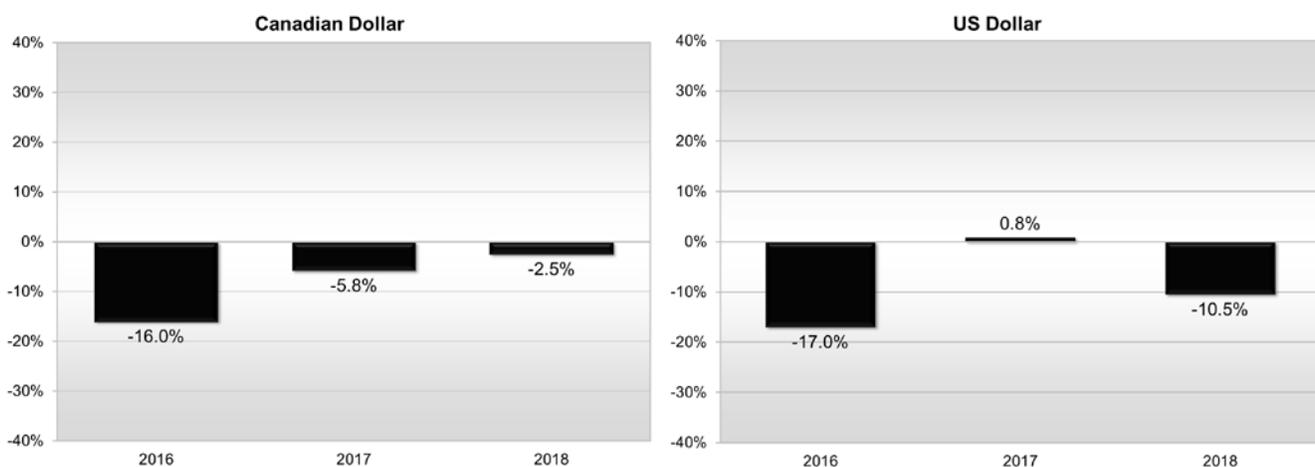
The following bar charts show the BMG Fund's performance for each class of units of the BMG Fund in Canadian and US dollars, as applicable, in each of the years shown. They illustrate how the BMG Fund's performance has changed from year to year. In percentage terms, the charts show how much an investment made on the first day of each financial year has increased or decreased by the last day of each financial year.

#### Class A



The return shown for 2016 is for the period from September 26, 2016, the date the Class A units were first offered.

#### Class F



The return shown for 2016 is for the period from September 26, 2016, the date the Class F units were first offered.

## PAST PERFORMANCE (continued)

### Annual Compound Returns

The following table shows the annual compound total returns for each class of units of the BMG Fund in Canadian and US dollars since inception, or for the ten, five, three and one year periods ended on December 31, 2018, as applicable. Annual returns in Canadian dollars are compared to inflation as measured by the Canadian Consumer Price Index (“CPI”) as calculated by Statistics Canada, as well as to Bank of Canada’s 3-month Treasury Bills. Annual returns in US dollars are compared to inflation as measured by the US CPI as calculated by the US Department of Labor, as well as to US 3-month Treasury Bills.

#### Class A

	Since Inception (September 2016)	1 Year
The BMG Fund Class A CDN\$	-11.8%	-3.5%
Inflation (CPI, Statistics Canada)	1.6%	2.0%
Bank of Canada, 3-month Treasury Bills	1.0%	1.4%
The BMG Fund Class A US\$	-12.9%	-11.5%
Inflation (CPI, US Dept. of Labor)	1.8%	1.9%
US, 3-month Treasury Bills	1.3%	2.0%

#### Class F

	Since Inception (September 2016)	1 Year
The BMG Fund Class F CDN\$	-10.8%	-2.5%
Inflation (CPI, Statistics Canada)	1.6%	2.0%
Bank of Canada, 3-month Treasury Bills	1.0%	1.4%
The BMG Fund Class F US\$	-12.0%	0.8%
Inflation (CPI, US Dept. of Labor)	1.8%	1.9%
US, 3-month Treasury Bills	1.3%	2.0%

## SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

As at December 31, 2018

	Allocated ounces	Unallocated ounces	Total Fine ounces	Average Cost \$	Fair Value \$	Total %
Silver Bullion	206,130.826	1,000.655	207,131.481	4,711,763	4,375,061	98.4
Cash				69,780	70,003	1.6
<b>Total Investment</b>				<b>4,781,543</b>	<b>4,445,064</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Due to ongoing portfolio transactions, the Summary of Investment Portfolio may have changed by the time you purchase units of the BMG Fund. A quarterly update is available. To obtain a copy, please contact our Client Services team at 1.888.474.1001, or visit [www.bmg-group.com](http://www.bmg-group.com).



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