

# BMG Silver BullionFund

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## Semi-Annual Management Report of Fund Performance

For the six-month period ended June 30, 2019



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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 and 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 the first six months of 2019.

### 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 the first six months of 2019.

### Results of Operations

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

During the first six months of 2019, the net asset value (“NAV”) of the BMG Fund increased 123.7% from \$4.5 million at December 31, 2018 to \$10.0 million at June 30, 2019. The increase was primarily driven by \$6.1 million in net subscriptions, offset by \$0.5 million in unrealized and realized losses on bullion investment. As at June 30, 2019, the BMG Fund’s silver holdings were 496,190 ounces, compared to 207,131 ounces at December 31, 2018.

For the six months ended June 30, 2019, the NAV per unit of the BMG Fund’s Class A units declined by 7.5% in Canadian dollars, and by 3.3% in US dollars, while the NAV per unit of the BMG Fund’s Class F units declined by 7.0% in Canadian dollars, and by 2.8% in US dollars. The better performance in US dollars is due to the Canadian dollar appreciation of 4.5% against the US dollar in the first six months of 2019. Please see *Past Performance* for the performance data of other classes.

Daily average net assets increased by 37.5%, from \$5.6 million during the first six months of 2018 to \$7.7 million for the same period in 2019. For the first six months of 2019, total expenses increased by 6.5% compared with the same period in 2019. This increase is lower than the increase in daily average net assets, because Class I units were issued in 2019 for which no management fees are charged to, or payable by, the BMG Fund.

Silver started the year at US\$15.47 per ounce, reached a high of US\$16.08 in January, fell to a low of US\$14.38 per ounce in May, and closed at US\$15.22 on June 30, 2019.

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

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### **Recent Developments**

At the time of writing, gold is trading at a six-year high. This reversal of fortune is mostly driven by the battered equity markets continuing on the turmoil characterized by US President Donald Trump's re-escalation of the trade war between the US and China, and the prospects of a return to ultra-loose monetary policy by the Federal Reserve. While other asset classes do not like increased volatility, precious metals tend to benefit as heightened uncertainty increases the appeal of gold's and silver's safe-haven characteristics. There are few indications that the US-China trade war is going to end any time soon and, as a result, traders are flocking into more risk-averse positions as volatility continues to push higher.

Amid weak global growth and escalating trade tensions, on July 31, 2019, the Federal Reserve lowered interest rates for the first time since 2008 to help stave off the possibility of an economic downturn, and it has indicated the possibility of further rate cuts later in the year. The US is not alone; the European Central Bank, the Bank of Japan, and the central banks of various emerging markets are expected to follow suit and make changes to their monetary policy to accommodate for slower growth. Furthermore, central banks are increasing their gold reserves and decreasing their holdings of US Treasuries. Notably, Russia is stockpiling gold and is now officially the world's largest gold buyer. Higher gold prices will likely continue, as interest rates are at historic lows. They are likely to remain low due to the cooling economic outlook. Low interest rates lower the opportunity cost of holding non-yielding bullion and weigh on the dollar, thus making gold attractive to buyers.

A new uptrend in gold is clearly underway, but silver's performance has so far trailed gold's. This is evidenced by the gold/silver ratio, which has climbed above 90 and hit a new 26-year high this year. The gold/silver ratio is the proportional relationship between the respective spot prices of gold and silver, or simply how many ounces of silver can be bought with one ounce of gold. Typically the ratio rises during precious metals' bear markets (the gap between their values widens), and falls during bull markets (gold becomes less valuable in relation to silver, because silver is traditionally the more volatile metal). The gold/silver ratio is likely to remain historically high over the short to medium term due to economic and political uncertainties. However, by looking at the price behaviour of both metals over the past six-plus years, we can see that silver usually trails gold in the beginning stages of a precious metals bull market, yet eventually surpasses the total return of gold. Thus, historically silver's current lag is temporary, and gold's breakout is an indication that silver is officially on the launch pad and due to explode.

### **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 June 30, 2019, the Manager held no 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 six months ended June 30, 2019, the BMG Fund incurred management fees of \$42,578.

#### *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.

#### *Independent Review Committee*

The Manager has created an independent review committee ("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 past six months ended June 30, 2019, and the years 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	2019	2018	2017	2016*
Net assets - beginning of period <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 7.53	\$ 7.80	\$ 8.37	\$ 10.00
<b>Decrease from operations:</b>				
Total revenue	-	-	0.01	-
Total expenses (excluding distributions)	(0.12)	(0.24)	(0.25)	(0.07)
Realized losses for the period	(0.05)	(0.41)	(0.06)	-
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.40)	0.28	(0.58)	(1.38)
<b>Total decrease from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>(0.57)</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>-</b>
<b>Net assets – end of period</b>	<b>\$ 6.96</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>	\$ 3,058	\$ 3,536	\$ 4,884	\$ 1,750
Number of units outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	439,192	469,731	625,973	209,162
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	3.25	3.25	3.06	3.06
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (%)	4.79	5.58	5.00	15.27
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	-	-	-	-
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)</sup>	7.05	13.78	8.00	-
Net asset value per unit	\$ 6.96	\$ 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.

THE FUND'S NET ASSETS PER CLASS D UNIT	2019	2018*
Net assets - beginning of period <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 9.69	\$ 10.00
<b>Decrease from operations:</b>		
Total revenue	-	-
Total expenses (excluding distributions)	(0.11)	(0.22)
Realized losses for the period	(0.06)	(0.55)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.58)	0.83
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>(0.75)</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>-</b>
<b>Net assets – end of period</b>	<b>\$ 8.99</b>	<b>\$ 9.69</b>
<b>RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:</b>		
Total net asset value (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 440	\$ 328
Number of units outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	48,882	33,883
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	2.50	2.50
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (%)	3.99	5.14
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	-	-
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)</sup>	7.05	13.78
Net asset value per unit	\$ 8.99	\$ 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.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS *(continued)*

THE FUND'S NET ASSETS PER CLASS F UNIT	2019	2018	2017	2016*
Net assets - beginning of period <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 7.72	\$ 7.91	\$ 8.40	\$ 10.00
<b>Decrease from operations:</b>				
Total revenue	-	-	0.01	-
Total expenses (excluding distributions)	(0.08)	(0.16)	(0.17)	(0.05)
Realized losses for the period	(0.05)	(0.43)	(0.06)	-
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.44)	0.51	(0.47)	(1.64)
<b>Total decrease from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>(0.57)</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>-</b>
<b>Net assets – end of period</b>	<b>\$ 7.17</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>	\$ 398	\$ 590	\$ 633	\$ 223
Number of units outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	55,485	76,429	80,065	26,521
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	2.14	2.15	2.02	2.02
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (%)	3.80	4.64	4.09	21.15
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	-	-	-	-
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)</sup>	7.05	13.78	8.00	-
Net asset value per unit	\$ 7.17	\$ 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.

### 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.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

### 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 (maximum rate as a percentage of management fees)	44.4%	16.7%	0%

Out of the management fees that the Manager received from the BMG Fund, the Manager paid trailer fees of \$15,601 during the six months ended June 30, 2019.

### Operating Expenses

For the six months ended June 30, 2019, the Manager absorbed BMG Fund operating expenses of \$32,267. The decision to reduce operating expenses is made at the discretion of the Manager, and may be changed at any time.

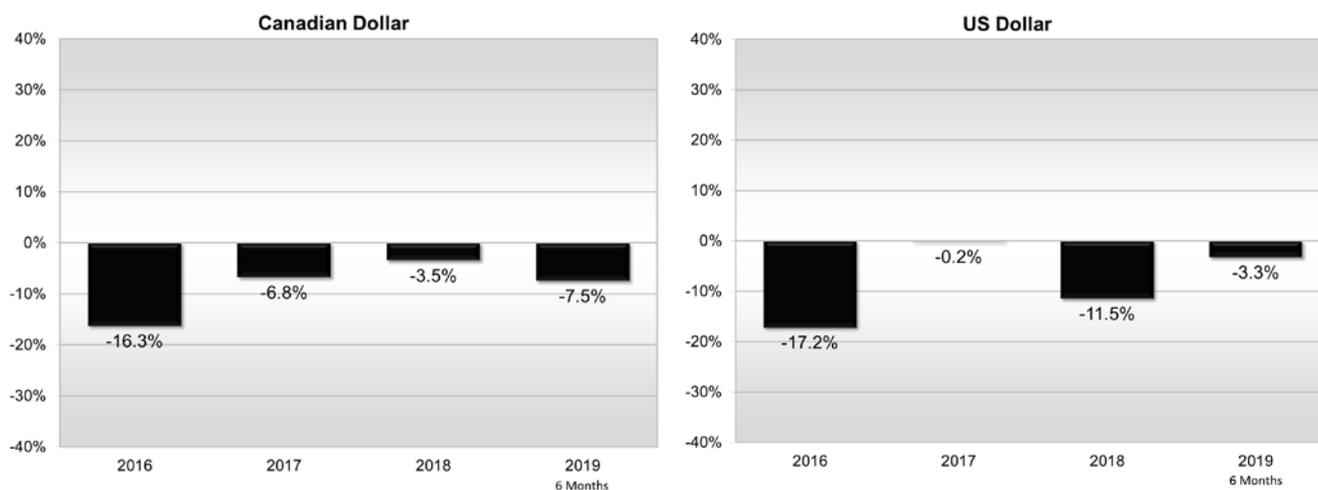
## PAST PERFORMANCE

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.

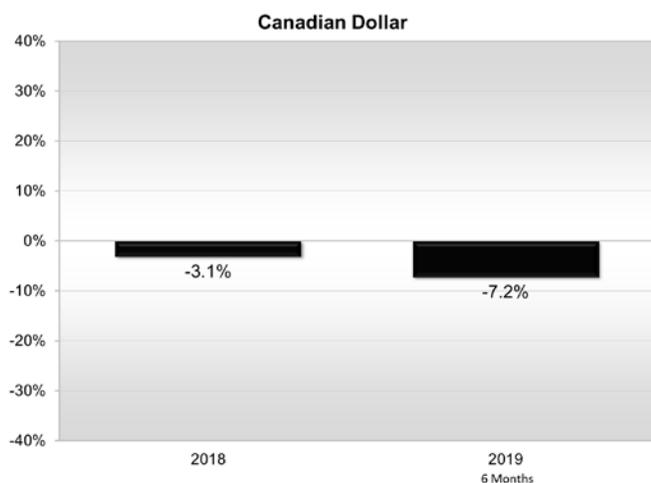
#### Class A



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

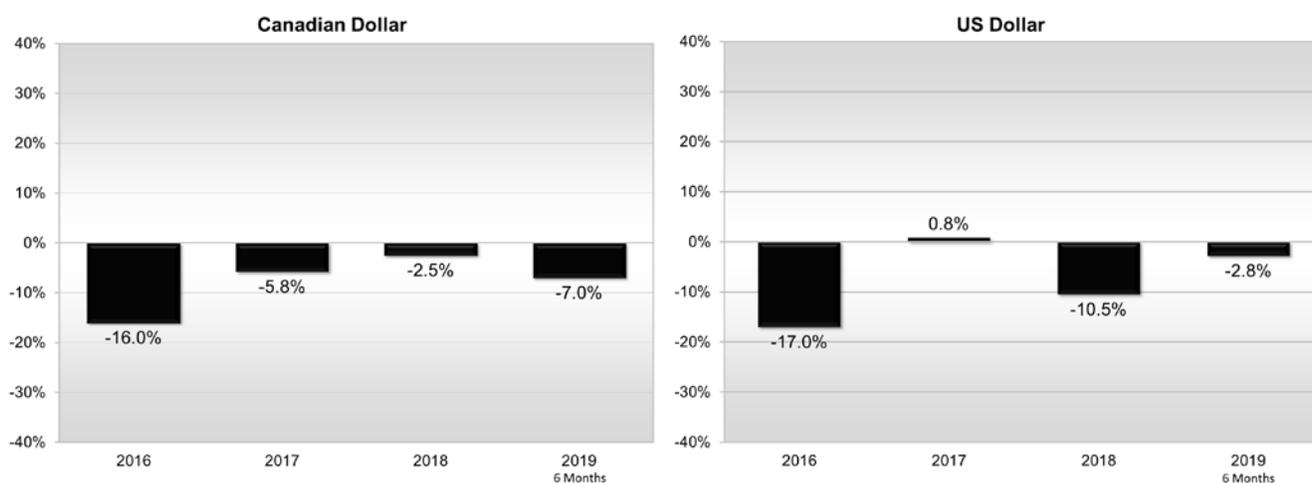
## PAST PERFORMANCE (continued)

### Class D



The return shown for 2018 is for the period from January 18, 2018, the date the Class D 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.

## SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

As at June 30, 2019

	Allocated ounces	Unallocated ounces	Total Fine ounces	Average Cost \$	Fair Value \$	Total %
Silver Bullion	491,238.389	4,951.212	496,189.601	10,631,740	9,868,549	98.9
Cash				107,314	107,141	1.1
<b>Total Investment</b>				<b>10,739,054</b>	<b>9,975,690</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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