

# Next Edge AHL Fund

Annual Financial Statements – 2017  
As at and for the year ended December 31, 2017



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## Next Edge AHL Fund

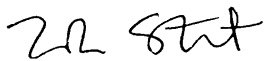
### Management's responsibility for financial reporting

Next Edge Capital Corp. (the "Manager") is responsible for the accompanying financial statements and all the information in this report. These financial statements have been approved by the Board of Directors of Next Edge Capital Corp., as Manager and Trustee. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and, where appropriate, reflect management's judgment and best estimates.

Management has established systems of internal controls that provide assurance that assets are safeguarded from loss or unauthorized use and produce reliable accounting records for the preparation of financial information. The systems of internal controls meet management's responsibilities for the integrity of the financial statements.

The Manager recognizes its responsibility to conduct the Fund's affairs in the best interest of its unitholders.

Respectfully,



Toreigh N. Stuart  
Chief Executive Officer



David Scobie  
Chief Operating Officer

Next Edge Capital Corp.  
April 2, 2018

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the unitholders of  
Next Edge AHL Fund (the "Fund")

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Fund, which comprise the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the statements of comprehensive income (loss), changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units and cash flows for the years then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained in our audits is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as at December 31, 2017 and 2016, and its financial performance and cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

Toronto, Canada  
April 2, 2018

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Next Edge AHL Fund  
Statements of financial position

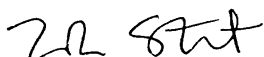
| As at December 31,  | Notes | 2017              | 2016              |
|---|-------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>   |       |                   |                   |
| <b>Current assets</b>   |       |                   |                   |
| Cash  |       | 30,227,756        | 50,207,402        |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss                   |       |                   |                   |
| Investment in Underlying Fund   | 4,7   | 23,024,856        | 24,030,649        |
| Subscriptions receivable  |       | 56,000            | 63,000            |
|   |       | <b>53,308,612</b> | <b>74,301,051</b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>  |       |                   |                   |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>  |       |                   |                   |
|   | 10    |                   |                   |
| Redemptions payable   |       | 224,789           | 1,261,238         |
| Management fees payable   |       | 3,932             | 59,142            |
| Accrued liabilities   |       | 4,088             | 117,549           |
|   |       | <b>232,809</b>    | <b>1,437,929</b>  |
| <b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units</b>           |       | <b>53,075,803</b> | <b>72,863,122</b> |
| <b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per class</b> |       |                   |                   |
|   | 11    |                   |                   |
| Class A   |       | 18,213,427        | 27,045,401        |
| Class B   |       | 2,831,524         | 5,859,889         |
| Class C   |       | 1,659,036         | 3,263,920         |
| Class F   |       | 14,092,543        | 15,928,754        |
| Class G   |       | 441,955           | 708,398           |
| Class H   |       | 3,608,340         | 3,562,642         |
| Class J   |       | 2,521,699         | 4,698,441         |
| Class K   |       | 348,781           | 778,218           |
| Class L   |       | 714,979           | 1,057,676         |
| Class M   |       | 8,643,519         | 9,959,783         |
|   |       | <b>53,075,803</b> | <b>72,863,122</b> |

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Statements of financial position (continued)

| As at December 31,   | 2017      | 2016      |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Number of redeemable units outstanding per class</b>                |           |           |
| Class A  | 1,794,336 | 2,752,906 |
| Class B  | 279,479   | 596,901   |
| Class C  | 163,771   | 332,434   |
| Class F  | 1,245,134 | 1,473,118 |
| Class G  | 48,074    | 79,602    |
| Class H  | 310,848   | 324,776   |
| Class J  | 264,715   | 505,200   |
| Class K  | 35,234    | 81,433    |
| Class L  | 59,404    | 91,675    |
| Class M  | 677,588   | 825,803   |
| <b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit</b> |           |           |
| Class A  | 10.15     | 9.82      |
| Class B  | 10.13     | 9.82      |
| Class C  | 10.13     | 9.82      |
| Class F  | 11.32     | 10.81     |
| Class G  | 9.19      | 8.90      |
| Class H  | 11.61     | 10.97     |
| Class J  | 9.53      | 9.30      |
| Class K  | 9.90      | 9.56      |
| Class L  | 12.04     | 11.54     |
| Class M  | 12.76     | 12.06     |

Approved by Next Edge Capital Corp.



Toreigh N. Stuart  
Chief Executive Officer



David Scobie  
Chief Operating Officer

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# Next Edge AHL Fund

## Statements of comprehensive income (loss)

| For the years ended December 31,   | Note | 2017             | 2016               |
|--|------|------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Income</b>  | 8    |                  |                    |
| Interest income for distribution purposes  |      | 421,201          | 386,997            |
| Other changes in fair value of investments   |      |                  |                    |
| Net realized gain (loss)   |      | (1,521,602)      | 2,813,366          |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)                                 |      | 4,770,353        | (8,375,771)        |
| Net income (loss) on investments   |      | 3,248,751        | (5,562,405)        |
| <b>Total income (loss)</b>   |      | <b>3,669,952</b> | <b>(5,175,408)</b> |
| <b>Expenses</b>  | 13   |                  |                    |
| Management fees  | 14   | 850,732          | 1,407,171          |
| General operating expenses   |      | 305,547          | 280,656            |
| Unitholder reporting costs   |      | 37,069           | 68,514             |
| Audit fees   |      | 39,790           | 39,220             |
| Legal fees   |      | 61,757           | 23,388             |
| Independent Review Committee fees  | 14   | 30,524           | 48,256             |
| Harmonized sales tax   |      | 132,049          | 193,641            |
| Custody fees   |      | 10,746           | 12,648             |
| Transaction costs  |      | 1,687            | 4,353              |
| <b>Total expenses</b>  |      | <b>1,469,901</b> | <b>2,077,847</b>   |
| <b>Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units</b> |      | <b>2,200,051</b> | <b>(7,253,255)</b> |

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# Next Edge AHL Fund

## Statements of comprehensive income (loss) (continued)

| For the years ended December 31,   | 2017             | 2016               |
|--|------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per class</b> |                  |                    |
| Class A  | 632,134          | (3,090,727)        |
| Class B  | 83,329           | (750,851)          |
| Class C  | 53,781           | (397,730)          |
| Class F  | 635,094          | (1,505,876)        |
| Class G  | 16,264           | (110,203)          |
| Class H  | 199,989          | (322,040)          |
| Class J  | 58,402           | (353,308)          |
| Class K  | 11,100           | (27,583)           |
| Class L  | 18,847           | (99,221)           |
| Class M  | 491,111          | (595,716)          |
|  | <u>2,200,051</u> | <u>(7,253,255)</u> |
| <b>Average number of units outstanding</b>   |                  |                    |
| Class A  | 2,080,036        | 3,161,003          |
| Class B  | 447,489          | 824,648            |
| Class C  | 252,188          | 419,077            |
| Class F  | 1,303,922        | 1,469,690          |
| Class G  | 64,690           | 124,074            |
| Class H  | 316,793          | 317,212            |
| Class J  | 364,249          | 675,126            |
| Class K  | 55,585           | 91,162             |
| Class L  | 77,893           | 90,760             |
| Class M  | 740,344          | 771,791            |
| <b>Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit</b>  |                  |                    |
| Class A  | 0.30             | (0.98)             |
| Class B  | 0.19             | (0.91)             |
| Class C  | 0.21             | (0.95)             |
| Class F  | 0.49             | (1.02)             |
| Class G  | 0.25             | (0.89)             |
| Class H  | 0.63             | (1.02)             |
| Class J  | 0.16             | (0.52)             |
| Class K  | 0.20             | (0.30)             |
| Class L  | 0.24             | (1.09)             |
| Class M  | 0.66             | (0.77)             |

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## Statements of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units

| For the years ended December 31,  | 2017         | 2016         |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| <u>Class A</u>  |              |              |
| Beginning of year   | 27,045,401   | 37,936,914   |
| Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units from operations | 632,134      | (3,090,727)  |
| Proceeds from issuance of units   | 1,959,643    | 2,724,182    |
| Consideration paid for redemption of units  | (11,423,751) | (10,524,968) |
| End of year   | 18,213,427   | 27,045,401   |
| <u>Class B</u>  |              |              |
| Beginning of year   | 5,859,889    | 10,940,036   |
| Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units from operations | 83,329       | (750,851)    |
| Consideration paid for redemption of units  | (3,111,694)  | (4,329,296)  |
| End of year   | 2,831,524    | 5,859,889    |
| <u>Class C</u>  |              |              |
| Beginning of year   | 3,263,920    | 5,177,932    |
| Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units from operations | 53,781       | (397,730)    |
| Consideration paid for redemption of units  | (1,658,665)  | (1,516,282)  |
| End of year   | 1,659,036    | 3,263,920    |
| <u>Class F</u>  |              |              |
| Beginning of year   | 15,928,754   | 16,447,220   |
| Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units from operations | 635,094      | (1,505,876)  |
| Proceeds from issuance of units   | 2,620,066    | 7,279,394    |
| Consideration paid for redemption of units  | (5,091,371)  | (6,291,984)  |
| End of year   | 14,092,543   | 15,928,754   |
| <u>Class G</u>  |              |              |
| Beginning of year   | 708,398      | 1,555,413    |
| Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units from operations | 16,264       | (110,203)    |
| Consideration paid for redemption of units  | (282,707)    | (736,812)    |
| End of year   | 441,955      | 708,398      |

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## Statements of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units (continued)

| For the years ended December 31,  | 2017        | 2016        |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| <u>Class H</u>  |             |             |
| Beginning of year   | 3,562,642   | 3,422,830   |
| Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units from operations | 199,989     | (322,040)   |
| Proceeds from issuance of units   | 6,229       | 1,593,269   |
| Consideration paid for redemption of units  | (160,520)   | (1,131,417) |
| End of year   | 3,608,340   | 3,562,642   |
| <u>Class J</u>  |             |             |
| Beginning of year   | 4,698,441   | 8,853,348   |
| Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units from operations | 58,402      | (353,308)   |
| Proceeds from issuance of units   | -           | 15,190      |
| Consideration paid for redemption of units  | (2,235,144) | (3,816,789) |
| End of year   | 2,521,699   | 4,698,441   |
| <u>Class K</u>  |             |             |
| Beginning of year   | 778,218     | 1,260,092   |
| Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units from operations | 11,100      | (27,583)    |
| Consideration paid for redemption of units  | (440,537)   | (454,291)   |
| End of year   | 348,781     | 778,218     |
| <u>Class L</u>  |             |             |
| Beginning of year   | 1,057,676   | 1,130,685   |
| Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units from operations | 18,847      | (99,221)    |
| Proceeds from issuance of units   | 28,070      | 66,840      |
| Consideration paid for redemption of units  | (389,614)   | (40,628)    |
| End of year   | 714,979     | 1,057,676   |
| <u>Class M</u>  |             |             |
| Beginning of year   | 9,959,783   | 10,815,670  |
| Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units from operations | 491,111     | (595,716)   |
| Proceeds from issuance of units   | 848,024     | 1,514,359   |
| Consideration paid for redemption of units  | (2,655,399) | (1,774,530) |
| End of year   | 8,643,519   | 9,959,783   |

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# Next Edge AHL Fund

## Statements of cash flows

| For the years ended December 31,   | 2017                | 2016                |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>  |                     |                     |
| Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units                                      | 2,200,051           | (7,253,255)         |
| <b>Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets attributable to holders to net cash from operating activities</b> |                     |                     |
| Proceeds from sale of investments  | 20,378,560          | 27,897,501          |
| Purchase of investments  | (16,124,016)        | (25,315,377)        |
| Change in unrealized (appreciation) depreciation of investments  | (4,770,353)         | 8,375,771           |
| Net realized (gain) loss on investments  | 1,521,602           | (2,813,366)         |
| (Decrease) increase in other payables and accrued liabilities  | (168,671)           | 19,174              |
| <b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>   | <b>3,037,173</b>    | <b>910,448</b>      |
| <b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>  |                     |                     |
| Proceeds from redeemable units issued  | 5,469,032           | 13,185,134          |
| Amount paid on redemption of redeemable units  | (28,485,851)        | (32,050,083)        |
| <b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>   | <b>(23,016,819)</b> | <b>(18,864,949)</b> |
| Net decrease in cash   | (19,979,646)        | (17,954,501)        |
| Cash, beginning of year  | 50,207,402          | 68,161,903          |
| <b>Cash, end of year</b>   | <b>30,227,756</b>   | <b>50,207,402</b>   |
| Cash comprises:  |                     |                     |
| Cash at bank   | 30,227,756          | 50,207,402          |
| <b>Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:</b>   |                     |                     |
| Interest received  | 421,201             | 386,997             |

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# Next Edge AHL Fund

## Schedule of investments

As at December 31, 2017

The total fair value of the Fund's investments is based on the Fund's investment in Man AHL DP Limited (the "Underlying Fund"), an exempted company with limited liability incorporated in the Cayman Islands (see Note 4 in the notes to the financial statements).

| Number of Shares | Name   | Average Cost<br>(CAD) | Fair Value<br>(CAD) |
|------------------|--|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 124,625          | Man AHL DP Limited – Class A CAD Shares                      | 21,599,325            | 22,167,049          |
| 4,506            | Man AHL DP Limited – Class C CAD Shares                      | 843,062               | 857,807             |
|                  | Total investment in Underlying Fund                          | 22,442,387            | 23,024,856          |
|                  | Cash   |                       | 30,227,756          |
|                  | Other liabilities  |                       | (176,809)           |
|                  | Total net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units |                       | 53,075,803          |

The balance sheet of Man AHL DP Limited as at December 31, 2017 is listed below:

|   | USD         | %     |
|---|-------------|-------|
| Cash at bank  | 5,988,115   | 33%   |
| Cash with brokers   | 7,771,693   | 42%   |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss <sup>1</sup>                      | 8,890,923   | 49%   |
| Prepayments and other assets  | 516         | 0%    |
| Balances due to brokers   | (116,071)   | (1%)  |
| Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss <sup>1</sup>                 | (4,087,703) | (22%) |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses   | (139,636)   | (1%)  |
| Net assets attributable to holders of Redeemable Participating Shares (IFRS)            | 18,307,837  | 100%  |
| Net assets attributable to holders of Redeemable Participating Shares (Valuation)       | 18,307,837  |       |
| Net assets attributable to holders of Redeemable Participating Shares (Valuation) (CAD) | 23,024,856  |       |
| Redeemable Participating Shares in issue - Class A                                      | 124,625     |       |
| Net Asset Value per Redeemable Participating Share - Class A (CAD) <sup>1</sup>         | 177.87      |       |
| Number of Shares attributable to the Fund - Class A                                     | 124,625     |       |
| Aggregate value of Shares attributable to the Fund - Class A (CAD)                      | 22,167,049  |       |
| Redeemable Participating Shares in issue - Class C                                      | 4,507       |       |
| Net Asset Value per Redeemable Participating Share - Class C (CAD) <sup>1</sup>         | 190.37      |       |
| Number of Shares attributable to the Fund - Class C                                     | 4,507       |       |
| Aggregate value of Shares attributable to the Fund - Class C (CAD)                      | 857,807     |       |

1. The investments consist predominately of futures contracts written across a range of global markets including currencies, bonds, stocks, energy, metals and interest rates (the "Underlying Assets") and have a substantially larger notional value than is reflected by the investment amount with the result that the portfolio is exposed to a form of leverage. Such futures contracts may be purchased or sold resulting in a long or short investment position.
2. There is a difference between the NAV as per the financial statements and the NAV for subscription and redemption purposes, calculated in accordance with the Underlying Fund Offering Memorandum. For financial statement purposes, financial assets and liabilities have been valued in accordance with IFRS.

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### Schedule of investments (continued)

The following shows the underlying assets allocation by asset class and the top 25 holdings as presented in the Man AHL DP Limited Management Report on Fund Performance posted on SEDAR. The underlying assets may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions. For further details, see the Man AHL DP Limited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2017 as posted on SEDAR.

#### Portfolio Allocation

| Asset Class                     | % of Net Asset Value <sup>2</sup> | Asset Class            | % of Net Asset Value <sup>2</sup> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Long positions</b>           |                                   | <b>Short positions</b> |                                   |
| Cash & equivalents <sup>3</sup> | 74.52%                            | Currency               | (16.54%)                          |
| Fund                            | 21.94%                            | Interest rate          | (2.00%)                           |
| Currency                        | 15.61%                            | Energy                 | (1.16%)                           |
| Metal                           | 3.45%                             | Stock index            | (0.95%)                           |
| Stock index                     | 2.54%                             | Agricultural           | (0.88%)                           |
| Energy                          | 2.14%                             | Metal                  | (0.81%)                           |
| Agricultural                    | 1.85%                             |                        |                                   |
| Interest rate                   | 1.05%                             |                        |                                   |
| <b>Total long</b>               | <b>123.10%</b>                    | <b>Total short</b>     | <b>(22.34%)</b>                   |
| Total investments               | 100.76%                           |                        |                                   |
| Other net liabilities           | (0.76%)                           |                        |                                   |
| <b>Total Net Asset Value</b>    | <b>100.00%</b>                    |                        |                                   |

#### Top 25 Long Positions

| Issuer                                       | % of Net Asset Value <sup>2</sup> |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| Investment in AHL Evolution Ltd <sup>4</sup> | 21.94%                            |
| ZAR/USD Forward exchange contract            | 3.01%                             |
| CAD/USD Forward exchange contract            | 1.00%                             |
| PALLADIUM FUTURE Mar18                       | 0.96%                             |
| PLN/USD Forward exchange contract            | 0.66%                             |
| COPPER FUTURE Mar18                          | 0.61%                             |
| AUD/USD Forward exchange contract            | 0.57%                             |
| LME ALUMINUM FORWARD Mar18                   | 0.56%                             |
| PLN/EUR Forward exchange contract            | 0.55%                             |
| KRW/USD Forward exchange contract            | 0.51%                             |
| COCOA FUTURE – ICE Mar18                     | 0.50%                             |
| INR/USD Forward exchange contract            | 0.47%                             |
| FTSE 100 IDX FUT Mar18                       | 0.40%                             |
| COTTON NO.2 FUTR Mar18                       | 0.39%                             |
| LME ZINC FORWARD Mar18                       | 0.37%                             |
| SDG/USD Forward exchange contract            | 0.33%                             |
| RUB/USD Forward exchange contract            | 0.33%                             |
| LME COPPER FORWARD Mar18                     | 0.32%                             |
| BRENT CRUDE FUTR Mar18                       | 0.32%                             |
| MSCI EmgMkt Mar18                            | 0.32%                             |
| NY Harb ULSD Fut Feb18                       | 0.31%                             |
| Low Su Gasoil G Jan18                        | 0.29%                             |
| CLP/USD Forward exchange contract            | 0.28%                             |
| ZAR/USD Forward exchange contract            | 0.27%                             |
| DOLLAR INDEX Mar18                           | 0.27%                             |

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### Schedule of investments (continued)

#### Top 25 Short Positions

| Issuer                                | % of Net Asset Value <sup>2</sup> |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| NATURAL GAS FUTR Feb18                | (0.81%)                           |
| USD/NZD Forward exchange contract     | (0.75%)                           |
| Euro-BTP Future Mar18                 | (0.66%)                           |
| MXN/USD Forward exchange contract     | (0.64%)                           |
| Sugar #11 (WORLD) Mar18               | (0.61%)                           |
| USD/EUR Forward exchange contract     | (0.56%)                           |
| USD/AUD Forward exchange contract     | (0.54%)                           |
| BRL/USD Forward exchange contract     | (0.51%)                           |
| GBP/AUD Forward exchange contract     | (0.48%)                           |
| USD/CAD Forward exchange contract     | (0.44%)                           |
| USD/CHF Forward exchange contract     | (0.42%)                           |
| USD/CAD Forward exchange contract     | (0.42%)                           |
| USD/AUD Forward exchange contract     | (0.42%)                           |
| JPY/EUR Forward exchange contract     | (0.38%)                           |
| USD/Silver Forward commodity contract | (0.35%)                           |
| Euro-OAT Future Mar18                 | (0.33%)                           |
| EUR/AUD Forward exchange contract     | (0.32%)                           |
| USD/CHF Forward exchange contract     | (0.32%)                           |
| USD/GBP Forward exchange contract     | (0.30%)                           |
| JPY/AUD Forward exchange contract     | (0.30%)                           |
| USD/TRY Forward exchange contract     | (0.29%)                           |
| USD/EUR Forward exchange contract     | (0.26%)                           |
| USD/AUD Forward exchange contract     | (0.25%)                           |
| JPY/USD Forward exchange contract     | (0.25%)                           |
| USD/TRY Forward exchange contract     | (0.24%)                           |

**Total Net Asset Value of the Underlying Fund:** **23,024,856 CAD<sup>1</sup>**

1. The total fair value of the Fund's investments is referable to Class A and Class C redeemable participating shares issued by Man AHL DP Limited. As at December 31, 2017, 124,625 Class A shares with a NAV of approximately \$22.2 million representing 100% of the outstanding Class A shares, and 4,507 Class C shares with a NAV of approximately \$0.8 million representing 100% of the outstanding Class C Shares were issued to the Fund.
2. The percentage of the Asset Class net assets refers to the amount of margin required in cash terms to be pledged against the relevant investments. The cash requirement has then been converted into a percentage of the Net Asset Value of Man AHL DP Limited. The investments of Man AHL DP Limited consist predominately of futures contracts in the AHL Portfolio written across a range of global markets including currencies, bonds, stocks, energy, agricultural commodities, metals and interest rates and may have a substantially larger notional value than is reflected by the investment amount with the result that the portfolio is exposed to a form of leverage. Such futures contracts may be purchased or sold resulting in a long or short investment position.
3. Cash comprises cash in bank deposits and cash held with brokers in order to meet margin requirements.
4. Investment in AHL Evolution Ltd. is 9.52% of Net Asset Value of the Next Edge AHL Fund.

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements*

# Next Edge AHL Fund

## Notes to the financial statements – December 31, 2017 and 2016

### 1. FUND INFORMATION

Next Edge AHL Fund (the “Fund”) is a commodity pool structured as an open-ended investment trust established under the laws of the Province of Ontario and governed by a Declaration of Trust dated November 12, 2009 and amended June 27, 2014.

The Fund’s investment activities are managed by Next Edge Capital Corp. The Fund’s transfer agent, custodian, valuation agent and administrator is RBC Investor & Treasury Services beginning May 9, 2016 and was Citigroup Fund Services Canada Inc. prior to May 9, 2016. The registered office of the Fund is located at 1 Toronto Street, Suite 200, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M5C 2V6.

The Fund’s investment objective is to provide holders of units (the “unitholders”) with the opportunity to realize capital appreciation through investment returns that have a low correlation to traditional forms of stock and bond securities. The Fund is intended to provide added diversification and enhance the risk/reward profile of conventional investment portfolios.

To pursue its investment objectives, the Fund obtains exposure to the returns of a diversified portfolio of financial instruments (the “Underlying Assets”) across a range of global markets including, without limitation, stocks, bonds, currencies, short-term interest rates, energy, metals and agricultural commodities managed by AHL Partners LLP (the “Investment Manager” or “AHL”), a division of Man Group plc, using a predominantly trend-following trading program (the “AHL Diversified Programme”). The AHL Diversified Programme is implemented and managed by the Investment Manager.

The Fund may have an unlimited number of classes of units and may issue an unlimited number of units of each class. All classes of units of the Fund are redeemable at the unitholders’ option. Each class of units is intended for different types of investors. All of the classes of units have the same investment strategy and restrictions but differ with respect to one or more of their features, such as management fees, expenses, redemption fees, commissions or distributions. The net asset value per unit (the “Net Asset Value per Unit” or “NAV per Unit”) of each class is not the same as a result of the different fees, expenses and distributions allocable to each class of units.

The Schedule of investments of the Fund is as at December 31, 2017. The Statements of financial position of the Fund are as at December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the Statements of comprehensive income (loss), Statements of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units and Statements of cash flows are for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, except for classes established during either period, in which case the information presented is from the inception date, as applicable, to December 31, 2017 or 2016.

These financial statements were approved for issuance by the Manager on April 2, 2018.

### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND ADOPTION OF IFRS

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”). The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis using the historical-cost convention. However, the Fund is an investment entity and primarily all financial assets and financial liabilities are measured at fair value in accordance with IFRS. Accordingly, the Fund’s accounting policies for measuring the fair value of investments and derivatives are consistent with those used in measuring the Net Asset Value (“NAV”) for transactions with unitholders.

In applying IFRS, management may make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses during the reporting periods. Actual results may differ from such estimates.

The financial statements have been presented in Canadian dollars, which is the Fund’s functional currency.

# Next Edge AHL Fund

## Notes to the financial statements – December 31, 2017 and 2016 (continued)

### 3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Financial instruments

The Fund recognizes financial instruments at fair value upon initial recognition, plus transaction costs in the case of financial instruments measured at amortized cost. Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognized at their trade date. The Fund's investment in the Underlying Fund is designated as fair value through profit or loss upon initial recognition and is measured at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL"). The Fund's obligation for net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units is presented at the redemption amount. All other financial assets and liabilities are measured at amortized cost. Under this method, financial assets and liabilities reflect the amount required to be received or paid, discounted, when appropriate, at the contract's effective interest rate.

#### Fair value and subsequent measurement of financial instruments

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the reporting date. The Fund uses the last traded market price for both financial assets and financial liabilities where the last traded price falls within that day's bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid-ask spread, the Manager determines the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value based on the specific facts and circumstances. The Fund's policy is to recognize transfers into and out of the fair value hierarchy levels as of the date of the event or change in circumstances giving rise to the transfer.

The fair value of the investment in the Underlying Fund is valued at the NAV reported by the Underlying Fund's manager, which is equivalent to the proceeds that the Fund would receive on redemption of any Underlying Fund shares.

#### Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units

Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units are classified as financial liabilities and are redeemable at the unitholder's option at prices based on the Fund's NAV per unit at the time of redemption. The amounts are continuously measured at their redemption value.

The NAV measured as at the close of business on every Monday of each week, or, if not a business day, on the following business day and on any other day as the Manager determines (a "Valuation Date"), will be obtained by the valuation agent by taking the then fair value of the assets of the Fund less the aggregate amount of its liabilities excluding those attributable to holders of redeemable units. The NAV per unit of any class of units of the Fund for a Valuation Date will be obtained by dividing the then fair value of the assets of the Fund less the aggregate amount of its liabilities (excluding those attributable to holders of redeemable units) in each case attributable to that class of units, by the total number of units of the class outstanding at the time the calculation is made on the Valuation Date and adjusting the result to a maximum of four decimal places ("NAV per Unit"). The NAV and the NAV per Unit, as at the relevant Valuation Date, are calculated by the valuation agent on or about the fourth business day following the relevant Valuation Date.

For each Fund unit sold, the Fund receives an amount equal to the NAV per Unit, on the date of the transaction. Units are redeemable at the option of the unitholders at their NAV per Unit on the redemption date. For each unit redeemed, the number of issued and outstanding units is reduced and the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units is reduced by the related NAV on the date of redemption.

The calculation of the value of net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units ("Net Assets") for financial statement purposes in accordance with IFRS is consistent with the calculation of NAV for transactional purposes.



## Next Edge AHL Fund

### Notes to the financial statements – December 31, 2017 and 2016 (continued)

#### **Investment transactions and income recognition**

Investment transactions are accounted for as of the trade date. Income and expenses are recorded on an accrual basis. Interest income for distribution purposes is recorded as it is earned.

Realized gains and losses from security transactions are calculated using the average cost basis.

The year-over-year change in the difference between fair value and the average cost is shown as the net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments.

Transactions costs such as brokerage commissions incurred in the purchase and sale of securities by the Fund are charged to net income in the year.

#### **Functional and presentation currency**

The Fund's functional and presentation currency is the Canadian dollar ("CAD"), which is the currency of the primary economic environment in which it operates. The Fund's performance is evaluated and its liquidity is managed in CAD. Therefore, the CAD is considered as the currency that most faithfully represents the economic effects of the underlying transactions, events and conditions. The Fund's subscriptions and redemptions are denominated in CAD.

Transactions during the year, including purchases and sales of securities, income and expenses, are translated into Canadian dollars at the rate of exchange prevailing on the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the functional currency rate of exchange ruling at the reporting date.

Foreign currency transaction gains and losses on financial instruments classified as fair value through profit or loss are included in profit or loss in the Statements of comprehensive income (loss) as part of the "net realized gain (loss)".

#### **Cash**

Cash comprises deposits with financial institutions.

#### **Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit**

The increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units of each class is calculated by dividing the increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units by the weighted average number of units outstanding of the class during the year.

#### **Income and expense allocation**

The realized and unrealized gains or losses, income, and expenses (other than class-specific operating expenses and management fees) of the Fund are allocated on each Valuation Date to the redeemable participating unitholders in proportion to the respective prior day's NAV, which includes redeemable participating unitholder trade(s) dated for that day, of each class at the date on which the allocation is made. Class-specific operating expenses and management fees are applied to the corresponding classes accordingly. All operating expenses are paid by the Manager and are collected from the Fund on a recoverable basis.

# Next Edge AHL Fund

## Notes to the financial statements – December 31, 2017 and 2016 (continued)

### Taxation

The Fund qualifies as a mutual fund trust under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) (the “Tax Act”). All of the Fund’s net income for tax purposes and sufficient net capital gains realized in any period are required to be distributed to unitholders such that no income tax is payable by the Fund. As a result, the Fund does not record income taxes. Since the Fund does not record income taxes, the tax benefit of capital and non-capital losses has not been reflected in the Statements of financial position as a deferred income tax asset.

See Note 12, Income Taxes.

### 4. DISCLOSURE OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO OF THE UNDERLYING FUND

The Fund obtains exposure to the Underlying Assets through its investment in Man AHL DP Limited (“AHL DP Limited” or the “Underlying Fund”), an exempted company with limited liability incorporated in the Cayman Islands. AHL DP Limited acquired and maintains the Underlying Assets.

The return to the Fund, and consequently to unitholders, will depend on the performance of the Underlying Fund, which, in turn, will be based on the performance of the Underlying Assets. The investment strategies employed by the Investment Manager include entering into futures and forward contracts and investments in other financial instruments.

The return to the holders of Class A units, Class B units, Class C units, Class F units, Class G units, Class H units, Class L units, and Class M units is referable to the Class A CAD Redeemable Participating Shares (“Class A Shares”) issued by the Underlying Fund. The return to the holders of Class J and K units is referable to the Class C CAD Redeemable Participating Shares (“Class C Shares”) issued by the Underlying Fund. The Class A Shares and Class C Shares issued by the Underlying Fund differ in their management fees, at up to approximately 2.00% and 1.00% of the NAV per annum respectively.

As at December 31, 2017, the Fund held 124,625 (2016: 142,519) of the Class A Shares and 4,507 (2016: 7,411) of the Class C Shares of the Underlying Fund, representing 100% (2016: 100%) and 100% (2016: 100%) of the issued shares for each class respectively.

### 5. STANDARDS ISSUED BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE

Standards issued but not yet effective up to the date of issuance of the Fund’s financial statements are listed below. The Fund will adopt any applicable standards when they become effective.

#### Future accounting standards - IFRS 9, *Financial Instruments*

IFRS 9, *Financial Instruments* replaces IAS 39, *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement* and is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018, with early application permitted. IFRS 9 brings together three aspects of the accounting for financial instruments: classification and measurement, impairment and hedge accounting.

The Fund will adopt IFRS 9 for annual periods beginning January 1, 2018. Based on the Fund’s business model and contractual cash flow characteristics, the Manager anticipates that all portfolio investments will continue to be measured at fair value. As the Fund does not apply hedge accounting and primarily all financial instruments are measured at fair value, the Manager expects no significant impact on the Fund’s net assets and results of operations on adoption of IFRS 9.

# Next Edge AHL Fund

## Notes to the financial statements – December 31, 2017 and 2016 (continued)

### IFRS 15, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*

IFRS 15, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* establishes a five-step model to account for revenue arising from contracts with customers and is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018, with early adoption permitted. Given that primarily all of the revenue streams of the Funds fall outside of the scope of IFRS 15, the Manager has assessed that there is minimal impact to the financial statements arising on the adoption of this standard.

## 6. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGMENTS, ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS

The preparation of financial statements requires management to use judgment in applying its accounting policies and to make estimates and assumptions about the future. The following discusses the most significant accounting judgments and estimates that the Fund has made in preparing the financial statements:

### Assessment as investment entity

Entities that meet the definition of an investment entity within IFRS 10, *Consolidated Financial Statements*, are required to measure their subsidiaries at FVTPL rather than consolidate them. The criteria that define an investment entity are as follows:

- an entity that obtains funds from one or more investors for the purpose of providing those investors with investment services;
- an entity that commits to its investors that its business purpose is to invest funds solely for returns from capital appreciation, investment income or both; and
- an entity that measures and evaluates the performance of substantially all of its investments on a fair value basis.

The Fund's prospectus details the objective of providing investment management services to investors, which includes investing in AHL DP Limited for the purpose of returns in the form of investment income and capital appreciation.

The Fund reports to its investors via monthly investor information, and to its management, via internal management reports, on a fair value basis. All investments are reported at fair value to the extent allowed by IFRS in the Fund's financial statements. The Fund has a clearly documented exit strategy for all of its investments.

The Manager has also concluded that the Fund meets the additional characteristics of an investment entity, in that it has more than one underlying investment; the underlying investments are predominantly in the form of stocks, bonds, currencies, short-term interest rates, energy, metals and agricultural commodities; it has more than one investor and its investors are not related parties.

These conclusions will be reassessed on an annual basis, if any of these criteria or characteristics change.

## 7. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS RISK

As at December 31, 2017 and 2016, the portfolio of the Fund is composed of an investment in the Underlying Fund. The table below presents financial instruments measured at fair value in the Statements of financial position in accordance with the fair value hierarchy. The hierarchy groups financial assets and liabilities into three levels based on the significance of inputs used in measuring the fair value of the financial assets and liabilities. The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

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### Notes to the financial statements – December 31, 2017 and 2016 (continued)

Level 1 – inputs are unadjusted quoted prices of identical instruments in active markets.

Level 2 – inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 – one or more significant inputs used in a valuation technique are unobservable in determining fair values of the instruments.

As at December 31, 2017, the financial instruments measured at fair value in the Statements of financial position are grouped into the fair value hierarchy as follows:

|                               | Level 1<br>CAD | Level 2<br>CAD | Level 3<br>CAD | Total<br>CAD |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Investment in Underlying Fund | -              | 23,024,856     |                | 23,024,856   |

As at December 31, 2016, the financial instruments measured at fair value in the Statements of financial position are grouped into the fair value hierarchy as follows:

|                               | Level 1<br>CAD | Level 2<br>CAD | Level 3<br>CAD | Total<br>CAD |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Investment in Underlying Fund | -              | 24,030,649     | -              | 24,030,649   |

All fair value measurements above are recurring. The carrying values of cash, subscriptions receivable, interest receivable, payable for investments purchased, redemptions payable, distributions payable, accrued liabilities and the Fund's obligation for net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units are measured at amortized cost. Fair values are classified as Level 1 when the related security or derivative is actively traded and a quoted price is available. If an instrument classified as Level 1 subsequently ceases to be actively traded, it is transferred out of Level 1. In such cases, instruments are reclassified into Level 2, unless the measurement of its fair value requires the use of significant unobservable inputs, in which case it is classified as Level 3.

#### a) Investment in Underlying Fund

The Fund's investment in the Underlying Fund is valued at the NAV per unit reported by the Underlying Fund's manager. This measure approximately represents the fair value of the investment. The inputs that are significant to valuation are generally observable and therefore the Fund's investment in the Underlying Fund has been classified as Level 2. There were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016.

The investments of the Underlying Fund are denominated primarily in U.S. dollars and any return of any such investments will therefore be in the same currency. However, the Fund's functional currency and the Underlying Fund shares are denominated in Canadian dollars. Therefore, the Fund is exposed to currency risk; a fluctuation in Canadian dollars against the U.S. dollar could cause the value of the underlying investments to diminish or increase irrespective of performance. The Underlying Fund uses a hedging programme to reduce this exposure.

## 8. NET GAINS (LOSSES) ON INVESTMENTS AND DERIVATIVES

The Fund's investment in the Underlying Fund is designated as fair value through profit or loss upon initial recognition and are measured at FVTPL. All other financial assets and liabilities are measured at amortized cost.

The following table presents the net gains (losses) on investments and derivatives by category for the respective years.

## Next Edge AHL Fund

### Notes to the financial statements – December 31, 2017 and 2016 (continued)

|  | Financial assets<br>classified as held<br>for trading | Financial assets<br>designated at<br>FVTPL | Total            |
|--|---|--|------------------|
| <b>For the year ended December 31, 2017</b>      |   |  |                  |
| Interest income for distribution purposes        | -   | 421,201                                    | 421,201          |
| Net realized loss on investments                 | -   | (1,521,602)                                | (1,521,602)      |
| Change in unrealized appreciation on investments | -   | 4,770,353                                  | 4,770,353        |
| <b>Total</b>                                     | <b>-</b>  | <b>3,669,952</b>                           | <b>3,669,952</b> |

|  | Financial assets<br>classified as held<br>for trading | Financial assets<br>designated at<br>FVTPL | Total              |
|--|---|--|--------------------|
| <b>For the year ended December 31, 2016</b>      |   |  |                    |
| Interest income for distribution purposes        | -   | 386,997                                    | 386,997            |
| Net realized gain on investments                 | -   | 2,813,366                                  | 2,813,366          |
| Change in unrealized depreciation on investments | -   | (8,375,771)                                | (8,375,771)        |
| <b>Total</b>                                     | <b>-</b>  | <b>(5,175,408)</b>                         | <b>(5,175,408)</b> |

## 9. UNDERLYING FUND RISK

The Fund's investment in the Underlying Fund exposes it to the risks of Man AHL DP Limited, the Underlying Fund. The risks described below are applicable to Man AHL DP Limited.

The Underlying Fund's investment activities expose it to the various types of risks that are associated with the financial instruments and markets in which it invests. The most important types of financial risks to which the Underlying Fund is exposed to are market risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. Market risk includes security price risk, interest rate risk and foreign currency risk. The Investment Manager manages these risks on an aggregate basis along with the risks associated with its investing activities as part of its overall risk management policies.

The nature and extent of the financial instruments outstanding at the date of Statements of financial position and the risk management policies employed by the Investment Manager are discussed below.

### Overall risk management of the Underlying Fund

The Underlying Fund seeks to generate returns through investing in the AHL Diversified Programme, through its underlying investments, which are managed by the Investment Manager.

The Investment Manager distinguishes between two primary risk levels, which are risks at the Underlying Fund level and risks at the underlying investment level. Accordingly, the Investment Manager has implemented procedures to manage risks associated with both the Underlying Fund and its underlying investments.

### At the Underlying Fund level

Risk management at the Underlying Fund level can be segregated into pre- and post-investment risk management. Pre-investment risk management involves determining asset allocation and portfolio construction. Thereafter, risk management involves conducting risk and return analysis, monitoring the portfolio restrictions and investment guidelines and managing currency, interest rate, credit and liquidity risks at the Underlying Fund level and making relevant adjustments to asset allocation and portfolio construction.

Risk considerations or the need to bring the portfolio back in line with product guidelines may trigger a rebalancing of the portfolio, which is typically reviewed on a weekly basis by the Investment Manager's portfolio management team.

## Next Edge AHL Fund

### Notes to the financial statements – December 31, 2017 and 2016 (continued)

#### **The Underlying Fund Investment Manager, AHL**

AHL manages the AHL Diversified Programme, which employs sophisticated computerized processes to identify trends in markets around the world. Trading signals are generated and executed via a finely tuned trading and implementation infrastructure. This process is quantitative and primarily directional in nature, meaning that investment decisions are entirely driven by mathematical models based on market trends and other historical relationships. It is underpinned by rigorous risk control, ongoing research, diversification and the constant quest for efficiency.

The cornerstone of the investment philosophy is that financial markets exhibit persistent trends and other inefficiencies. Trends are a manifestation of serial correlation in financial markets – the phenomenon whereby past price movements influence future price behaviour. Although they vary in their intensity, duration and frequency, price trends are universally recurrent across all sectors and markets. Trends are an attractive focus for active trading styles applied across a diverse range of global markets.

Trading takes place around-the-clock and real-time price information is used to respond to price moves across a diverse range of global markets. The AHL Diversified Programme invests in a varied portfolio of instruments including, but not limited to futures, options, forward contracts, swaps and other financial derivatives both on and off exchange. These markets may be accessed directly or indirectly and include, without limitation, stocks, bonds, currencies, short-term interest rates, energies, metals, credit and agriculturals.

As well as emphasizing sector and market diversification, the AHL Diversified Programme has been constructed to achieve diversification by allocating to multiple trading systems. Most of these systems work by sampling prices in real time and measuring price momentum and breakouts, aiming to capture price trends and close out positions when there is a high probability of a different trend developing. Signals are generated across different time frames, ranging from a few days to several months. In aggregate, the systems currently run around 2,000 price samples each day spread across the 300 or so markets traded. The AHL Diversified Programme also includes other technical systems, as well as quantitative models based on a variety of fundamental inputs, such as interest rate and equity valuation data.

In line with the principle of diversification, the approach to portfolio construction and asset allocation is premised on the importance of deploying investment capital across the full range of sectors and markets. Particular attention is paid to correlation of markets and sectors, expected returns, market access costs and market liquidity. Portfolios are regularly reviewed and, when necessary, adjusted to reflect changes in these factors. A systematic process for adjusting market risk exposure in real time to reflect changes in the volatility of individual markets is also in place. Through AHL's ongoing investment in research and technology, the number and diversity of markets and strategies traded directly or indirectly by the AHL Diversified Programme may change over the life of the investment, but always subject to the restrictions set out in the Offering Memorandum. It should also be noted that the AHL Diversified Programme traded by the Underlying Fund may differ from the AHL Diversified Programme traded by other investment products managed by entities within the Man Group.

The constituent components of the investment strategy are not exhaustive and may change over time. In seeking to fulfil the Underlying Fund's investment objective, the Investment Manager may reduce in whole or in part the allocation of assets to one or more investment styles and may allocate assets to new investment approaches, either within the AHL Diversified Programme or elsewhere. The composition and description of these strategies and approaches may also change over time.

#### **Market risk in the Underlying Fund**

Market risk is the risk that fair value or future cash flows of financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in market variables such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates and security prices.

## Next Edge AHL Fund

### Notes to the financial statements – December 31, 2017 and 2016 (continued)

There are many risk measures used by the Investment Manager; however, one generally understood measure is annualized volatility. Annualized volatility is a measure of risk that is calculated as the standard deviation of the returns on the NAV per Redeemable Participating Share from beginning of the year until the year-end date.

As it is based on the NAV per Redeemable Participating Share, annualized volatility incorporates all performance characteristics of the Underlying Fund including the impact of interest rate movements and currency exchange differences from inception. Although the direct investments of the Underlying Fund may change, the investment strategies employed by its underlying investments will not significantly change, meaning that the risk and return characteristics that the Underlying Fund is exposed to are broadly consistent.

Annualized volatility has limitations as it assumes a normal distribution of periodic returns, which may not be fully representative of hedge fund behaviour. Annualized volatility is based upon historical data. There is no guarantee of trading performance and past performance is no indication of future performance or results.

As at December 31, 2017, the annualized volatility for the Underlying Fund was 32.49% (2016: 36.77%).

#### **Interest rate risk in the Underlying Fund**

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

The Underlying Fund is directly exposed to interest rate risk through its investment strategy, which is deliberately designed to generate returns through trading strategies focussed on exploiting price differentials in rates. The sensitivity of these exposures is modelled through the overall volatility analysis provided in the market risk section.

The Underlying Fund is exposed to interest rate risk on cash at bank and brokers and interest rate futures held at December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016.

#### **Currency risk in the Underlying Fund**

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates.

The Underlying Fund is exposed to currency risk through its investments in non-USD denominated investments. The Investment Manager has an active procedure to monitor foreign exchange exposures and manages this risk through offsetting non-USD denominated balances and entering into offsetting forward contracts.

The Underlying Fund is also indirectly exposed to foreign exchange risk through the underlying strategies of the managed funds held, where foreign exchange risk trading forms part of the mandated investment strategy.

#### **Other price risk of the Underlying Fund**

Other price risk is the risk that the price of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market conditions influencing, directly or indirectly, the value of the instrument.

The Underlying Fund is exposed to other price risk from its investments. Due to the nature of the trading strategies followed by these investments, no direct relationship between any market factors and the expected prices of the investments can be reliably established.

Other price risk is managed through the overall risk management processes described above.



## Next Edge AHL Fund

### Notes to the financial statements – December 31, 2017 and 2016 (continued)

#### Credit/counterparty risk in the Underlying Fund

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or counterparty will be unable to meet a commitment that it has entered into with the Underlying Fund.

The Underlying Fund's maximum exposure to credit risk (not taking into account the value of any collateral or other security held) in the event that the counterparties fail to perform their obligations as of December 31, 2017 in relation to each class of recognised financial assets, other than derivatives, is the carrying amount of those assets in the Statements of financial position.

With respect to derivative financial instruments, credit risk arises from the potential failure of counterparties to meet their obligations under the contract or arrangement. Credit risk is mitigated for the AHL Diversified Programme through the diversity of counterparties and regular monitoring of concentration risk.

The significant exposures are to the banks and the brokers.

The table below analyzes the Underlying Fund's exposure of cash at bank and cash at brokers by rating agency category at December 31, 2017 (Source: Moody's).

| Counterparty                  | Moody's Rating | December 31, 2017 USD | Underlying Fund's net assets % |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV | A1             | 7,082,670             | 38.01                          |
| HSBC Bank plc                 | Aa3            | 2,322,995             | 12.47                          |
| JP Morgan                     | Aa3            | 2,205,218             | 11.83                          |
| Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc      | A3             | 2,110,124             | 11.32                          |
| Credit Suisse AG              | Baa2           | 2,016,258             | 10.82                          |
| Royal Bank of Scotland plc    | Baa3           | 1,885,355             | 10.12                          |
| Deutsche Bank AG              | Baa2           | 1,011,010             | 5.43                           |
|                               |                | <b>18,633,630</b>     | <b>100.00</b>                  |

| Counterparty                  | Moody's Rating | December 31, 2016 USD | Underlying Fund's net assets % |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Sumitomo Mitsui Banking       | A1             | 3,325,086             | 21.49                          |
| Credit Suisse AG              | A1             | 2,872,206             | 18.56                          |
| JP Morgan                     | A3             | 2,237,171             | 14.46                          |
| Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc      | Baa1           | 2,045,985             | 13.22                          |
| HSBC Bank plc                 | Aa2            | 1,759,547             | 11.37                          |
| Deutsche Bank AG              | A3             | 1,229,826             | 7.95                           |
| Royal Bank of Scotland plc    | A3             | 1,061,729             | 6.86                           |
| Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV | Aa1            | 942,526               | 6.09                           |
|                               |                | <b>15,474,076</b>     | <b>100.00</b>                  |

The Investment Manager performs due diligence on all counterparties before they become a service provider or counterparty to the Underlying Fund, and credit quality checks are part of this process. The credit quality of the banks, brokers and any lenders is regularly monitored and factored into allocation decisions.



## Next Edge AHL Fund

### Notes to the financial statements – December 31, 2017 and 2016 (continued)

#### Liquidity risk in the Underlying Fund

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Underlying Fund will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. Redeemable Participating Shareholder redemption requests are the main liquidity risk for the Underlying Fund.

The Underlying Fund's Redeemable Participating Shares are redeemable at the Redeemable Participating Shareholders' option on each weekly Dealing Day. Redeemable Participating Shareholders may redeem their Redeemable Participating Shares subject to providing written notice no later than 16:00 (London time) one business day prior to the Dealing Day upon which the redemption is required to be effected. The Underlying Fund is therefore potentially exposed to weekly redemptions by its Redeemable Participating Shareholders. The exposure to liquidity risk through Redeemable Participating Shareholder redemption requests is managed by specifically setting the redemption notice period to accommodate the expected liquidity of the underlying investments as agreed by the Investment Manager.

The Underlying Fund invests in a managed investment fund with a redemption notice period equal to that of the Underlying Fund or utilizes a dealing arrangement facility to ensure investments in managed investment funds can be purchased from the Underlying Fund should there be insufficient liquidity at a price equal to the last available price per Redeemable Participating Share on the date of purchase.

The Underlying Fund's investments include exchange-traded futures contracts which are considered readily realizable as they are all listed on major recognized exchanges.

The Underlying Fund's financial instruments also include investments in derivative contracts traded over-the-counter, which are not quoted in an active public market and which generally may be illiquid. As a result, the Underlying Fund may not be able to liquidate quickly some of its investments in these instruments at an amount close to their fair value in order to meet its liquidity requirements.

The liquidity risk of the underlying investments is managed by AHL, subject to the general controls as noted above.

#### 10. OTHER RISK FACTORS

In addition to the risks that the Fund is exposed to as a result of its investment in the Underlying Fund, there are other financial risks:

##### Liquidity risk of the Fund

As at December 31, 2017 and 2016, liquidity risk for the Fund is the possibility that the Fund will not be able to liquidate its investment in the Underlying Fund in order to settle unit redemption requests from unitholders. While unitholders may redeem their units, under conditions where the Underlying Fund restricts or suspends redemptions to the Fund, then the unitholder redemptions may be temporarily restricted or suspended.

The tables below analyze the Fund's financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period to the contractual maturity date. The amounts in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows.

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### December 31, 2017

| Financial liabilities  | On demand | < 3 months | Total   |
|------------------------|-----------|------------|---------|
| Redemptions payable    | 224,789   | -          | 224,789 |
| Management fee payable | -         | 3,932      | 3,932   |
| Accrued liabilities    | -         | 4,088      | 4,088   |

### December 31, 2016

| Financial liabilities  | On demand | < 3 months | Total     |
|------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Redemptions payable    | 1,261,238 | -          | 1,261,238 |
| Management fee payable | -         | 59,142     | 59,142    |
| Accrued liabilities    | -         | 117,549    | 117,549   |

### Interest rate risk on cash

The Fund holds cash subject to variable interest rates, which exposes the Fund to cash flow interest rate risk.

## 11. REDEEMABLE UNITS

As at and for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Fund offered ten classes of redeemable units: Class A units, Class B units, Class C units, Class F units, Class G units, Class H units, Class J units, Class K units, Class L units, and Class M units. Units were available for purchase on an upfront selling commission basis, and may have provided regular distributions, depending upon the class of units purchased. The class of units selected affected the fees that were payable by an investor, the management fee payable by the Fund, the distributions paid in respect of the units and the compensation that a dealer received in respect of the sale of units.

All of the classes had the same investment objective, strategy and restrictions but differed in respect of one or more features, such as the management fee, sales commission, service commission and distributions. The NAV per unit of each class would not necessarily be the same as a result of the different fees, expenses and distributions allocable to each class of units. The Fund and the Manager did not charge a fee or commission when investors purchase units of the Fund. An authorized broker, dealer or advisor may have charged investors an upfront selling commission of up to 3.00% at the time of purchase of Class A units, which would have reduced the amount of money invested in the Class A units of the Fund.

The number of units issued, redeemed or cancelled during the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 for each respective class is summarized in the following tables.

| For the years ended December 31, | 2017        | 2016      |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>Class A</b>                   |             |           |
| Balance, beginning               | 2,752,906   | 3,493,554 |
| Units issued for cash            | 200,723     | 258,682   |
| Units redeemed                   | (1,159,293) | (999,330) |
| Balance, ending                  | 1,794,336   | 2,752,906 |
| <b>Class B</b>                   |             |           |
| Balance, beginning               | 596,901     | 1,006,698 |
| Units issued for cash            | -           | 966       |
| Units redeemed                   | (317,422)   | (410,763) |
| Balance, ending                  | 279,479     | 596,901   |

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| For the years ended December 31, | 2017      | 2016      |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Class C</b>                   |           |           |
| Balance, beginning               | 332,434   | 476,865   |
| Units redeemed                   | (168,663) | (144,431) |
| Balance, ending                  | 163,771   | 332,434   |
| <b>Class F</b>                   |           |           |
| Balance, beginning               | 1,473,118 | 1,392,418 |
| Units issued for cash            | 240,064   | 621,284   |
| Units redeemed                   | (468,048) | (540,584) |
| Balance, ending                  | 1,245,134 | 1,473,118 |
| <b>Class G</b>                   |           |           |
| Balance, beginning               | 79,602    | 157,086   |
| Units issued for cash            | -         | 982       |
| Units redeemed                   | (31,528)  | (78,466)  |
| Balance, ending                  | 48,074    | 79,602    |
| <b>Class H</b>                   |           |           |
| Balance, beginning               | 324,776   | 289,466   |
| Units issued for cash            | 581       | 134,802   |
| Units redeemed                   | (14,509)  | (99,492)  |
| Balance, ending                  | 310,848   | 324,776   |
| <b>Class J</b>                   |           |           |
| Balance, beginning               | 505,200   | 886,213   |
| Units issued for cash            | -         | 4,730     |
| Units redeemed                   | (240,485) | (385,743) |
| Balance, ending                  | 264,715   | 505,200   |
| <b>Class K</b>                   |           |           |
| Balance, beginning               | 81,433    | 124,709   |
| Units redeemed                   | (46,199)  | (43,276)  |
| Balance, ending                  | 35,234    | 81,433    |
| <b>Class L</b>                   |           |           |
| Balance, beginning               | 91,675    | 89,639    |
| Units issued for cash            | 2,432     | 5,263     |
| Units redeemed                   | (34,703)  | (3,227)   |
| Balance, ending                  | 59,404    | 91,675    |

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| For the years ended December 31, | 2017      | 2016      |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Class M</b>                   |           |           |
| Balance, beginning               | 825,803   | 831,914   |
| Units issued for cash            | 70,657    | 123,704   |
| Units redeemed                   | (218,872) | (129,815) |
| Balance, ending                  | 677,588   | 825,803   |

### Capital management

As a result of the ability to issue and redeem redeemable units, the capital of the Fund can vary depending on the demand for redemptions from and subscriptions to the Fund. The Fund is not subject to externally imposed capital requirements and has no restrictions on the issue and redemptions of redeemable units other than those set out in the Prospectus.

The Fund's objectives for managing capital are:

- To invest the capital in investments meeting the description, risk exposure and expected return indicated in the Prospectus;
- To maintain sufficient liquidity to meet the expenses of the Fund, and to meet redemption requests as they arise; and
- To maintain sufficient size to make the operation of the Fund cost-efficient.

## 12. INCOME TAXES

It is generally assumed that the Fund will qualify at all times as a "mutual fund trust" within the meaning of the Tax Act and that the Fund will validly elect under the Tax Act to be a mutual fund trust from the date it was established.

The Fund will be subject to tax in each taxation year under Part I of the Tax Act on the amount of its income for the year, including net realized taxable capital gains, less the portion thereof that it claims in respect of amounts paid or payable to unitholders (whether in cash or in units) in the year. An amount will be considered to be payable to a unitholder in a taxation year if it is paid in the year by the Fund or the unitholder is entitled in that year to enforce payment of the amount. The Fund intends to make sufficient distributions in each year of its net income and net capital gains for tax purposes, thereby permitting the Fund to deduct sufficient amounts so that the Fund will generally not be liable in such year for non-refundable income tax under Part I of the Tax Act.

The Fund will be entitled for each taxation year throughout which it is a mutual fund trust for purposes of the Tax Act to reduce (receive a refund in respect of) its liability, if any, for tax on its net realized capital gains by an amount determined under the Tax Act based on the redemptions of units during the year (the "Capital Gains Refund"). The Capital Gains Refund in a particular taxation year may not completely offset the tax liability of the Fund for such taxation year that may arise upon the disposition of securities included in the investment in the Underlying Fund in connection with the redemption of units.

The Fund does not anticipate having income and therefore the Manager does not anticipate that the Fund will make any distributions on classes of units. If the Fund does have income for tax purposes that is in excess of any distributions paid or made payable to unitholders during the year and the net realized capital gains of the Fund, the tax on which would be recovered by the Fund in the year by reason of the capital gains refund provisions of the Tax Act, in order to ensure that the Fund will not generally be liable for income tax under Part I of the Tax Act.

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As at December 31, 2017, the Fund has non-capital losses of \$4,022,100 (2016: \$3,842,873) of which \$515,162 (2016: \$515,162) will expire in 2030, \$1,025,001 (2016: \$1,025,001) will expire in 2031, \$2,302,710 (2016: \$2,302,710) will expire in 2033, and \$179,227 will expire in 2037, and may be carried forward and used to reduce taxable income in future years. The Fund also has available capital losses of \$26,861,092 (2016: \$26,861,092) that may be carried forward indefinitely to offset future capital gains. The benefit, if any, of these losses has not been recognized in the financial statements.

#### 13. FEES AND OPERATING EXPENSES

For its services to the Fund, the Manager was entitled to receive from the Fund, a management fee (the “Management Fee”) at (up to) an annual rate of: (i) 2.25% of the portion of its NAV represented by the Class A units, Class B units, and Class C units; (ii) 2.30% of the portion of its NAV represented by the Class G units; (iii) 2.00% of the portion of its NAV represented by the Class J units; (iv) 1.25% of the portion of NAV is represented by the Class I units; (v) 1.00% of the portion of its NAV represented by the Class F units, and Class K units; (vi) 1.25% of the portion of its NAV represented by the Class L units; and (vii) 0% of the portion of its NAV represented by the Class H and Class M units, calculated weekly and paid monthly in arrears, plus applicable taxes.

The Fund pays for all expenses incurred in connection with its operation and administration, which are to be allocated pro rata to each class of units.

These expenses include unitholder reporting costs for preparing, mailing and printing expenses of periodic reports to unitholders; fees payable to any custodian of the assets of the Fund; fees payable to auditors and legal advisors; taxes payable by the Fund or to which the Fund is subject and other general operating expenses. General operating expenses include other unitholder communications, fees payable to the valuation agent and the independent pricing service for performing certain valuation services; fees payable to the registrar and transfer agent for performing certain financial, record keeping, reporting and general administrative services; fees payable to accountants; ongoing regulatory fees, licensing fees and other fees; and expenses relating to portfolio transactions.

The Manager may establish an upper limit on the total annual operating expenses of the Fund. The Manager or its affiliates may pay for certain operating expenses of the Fund in order to maintain the Fund’s annual operating expenses within any such established limit. The amounts absorbed by the Manager, if any, are shown in the Statements of comprehensive income (loss). The Manager may cease to absorb expenses at any time.

Each class of units is responsible for the expenses specifically related to that class and a proportionate share of the expenses that are common to all classes of units.

For the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, “soft dollars”, in which a brokerage firm is paid for its services through commission revenue by executing trades at the brokerage, did not apply to the commissions and transaction costs of the Fund.

#### 14. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Fund’s investment activities are managed by Next Edge Capital Corp.

##### (a) Management fees

Under the terms of the investment management agreement, the Fund appointed the Manager to provide management services (see Note 13, Fees and Operating Expenses). Total management fees for the year ended December 31, 2017 amounted to \$850,732 (2016: \$1,407,171) and reported in the Statements of comprehensive income (loss), with \$3,932 in outstanding accrued fees due to the Manager as at December 31, 2017 (2016: \$59,142) reported in the Statements of financial position.

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#### (b) Independent Review Committee fees

The total remuneration paid to members of the Independent Review Committee during the year ended December 31, 2017 was \$30,524 (2016: \$48,256) and is reported in the Statements of comprehensive income (loss) and consisted only of fixed fees. There were no outstanding payables relating to Independent Review Committee fees as at December 31, 2017 and 2016.

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