

## Appendix 1

### IRC 2015 Report to Security Holders

Caldwell Balanced Fund  
Caldwell Income Fund  
Clearpoint Global Dividend Fund  
Caldwell U.S. Dividend Advantage Fund

#### **Reporting Period**

The original members of the Independent Review Committee (IRC) were appointed on May 1, 2007 by the Manager and the IRC for the Funds became operational on November 1, 2007. The information disclosed in this annual report covers the period beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015, the fiscal year end of the Funds.

National Instrument 81-107 (3.3(4)) Vacancies and Reappointments states that a member may not serve on an independent review committee for longer than six years unless the manager agrees to the reappointment.

Sharon Kent and Robert Guilday were both appointed to the IRC in May 2007 and have been requested by the manager to remain on the IRC for an additional three years. F. Michael Walsh joined the IRC on June 1, 2011.

#### **Holding of Securities**

The members of the IRC do not serve on an IRC of any other investment fund. As of December 31, 2015, the percentage of the Funds beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, in aggregate, by all members of the IRC did not exceed 10 percent. Members of the IRC do not have any ownership interest in the Manager or in any person or company that provides services to the Funds or the Manager.

#### **IRC Compensation and Indemnities**

The aggregate compensation paid by the Funds to the IRC for the period January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 was \$30,000. This amount was allocated equally among the Funds.

No indemnities were paid to the IRC by the Funds or the Manager during the period.

The initial compensation of the IRC was set by the Manager. As of the date of this report, each member of the IRC receives an annual fee of \$10,000. At least annually, the IRC reviews compensation in a manner consistent with good governance practices, giving consideration to the following factors:

- a) the best interest of the Funds;
- b) the number, nature and complexity of the Funds;
- c) the nature and extent of the workload of each IRC member, including commitment of time and energy that is expected from each member;
- d) industry best practices, including industry averages and surveys on IRC compensation, and
- e) the IRC's most recent annual self assessment, as well as any recommendation about IRC compensation and expenses made by the Manager.

The IRC concluded that the compensation was reasonable and no changes were made.

**Conflict of Interest**

The IRC is not aware of any instance in which the Manager acted in a conflict of interest matter for which the IRC did not give a positive recommendation.

**Policies and Standing Instructions**

The Manager has policies and procedures in the form of Standing Instructions to address the handling of conflict of interest matters. During the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 the Manager relied upon the following Standing Instructions that have been approved by the IRC:

- (1) Brokerage Policy
- (2) Fairness Policy regarding Trade Allocations
- (3) Soft Dollar Policy
- (4) New Asset Value Error Correction Policy
- (5) Proxy Voting Policy
- (6) Fee and Expense Policy for the Funds
- (7) Complaint Handling Policy
- (8) Principal Trading of Fixed Income Securities
- (9) Policy Regarding the Fair Value of Securities Held Within the Funds
- (10) Inter-Fund Trading Policy

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End of Report

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