

Central Fund of Canada Limited (Symbols: NYSE Amex - CEF, TORONTO - CEF.A) has today released selected comparative financial information relating to net assets and results of operations for the three months ended January 31, 2010.

CENTRAL FUND OF CANADA LIMITED

Statement of Net Assets

(expressed in U.S. dollars, unaudited)

	<i>January 31</i>	<i>October 31</i>
	<i>2010</i>	<i>2009</i>
Net assets:		
<i>Gold bullion, at market, average cost</i>		
<i>\$889,816,599 (2009: \$774,629,675)</i>	\$ 1,452,202,791	1,292,065,170
<i>Silver bullion, at market, average cost</i>		
<i>\$746,375,834 (2009: \$654,686,930)</i>	1,096,683,185	1,029,260,117
<i>Cash</i>	1,731,273	2,918,749
<i>Short-term deposits</i>	72,314,600	61,171,225
<i>Prepaid insurance, interest receivable and other</i>	221,702	225,275
	2,623,153,551	2,385,640,536
<i>Accrued liabilities</i>	(1,856,364)	(1,338,221)
<i>Dividends payable</i>	-	(1,960,177)
	\$ 2,621,297,187	2,382,342,138
Represented by:		
<i>Capital stock</i>		
<i>Class A shares issued:</i>		
<i>212,982,713 (2009: 196,007,713)</i>	\$ 1,713,695,465	1,493,321,705
<i>Common shares issued: 40,000 (2009: 40,000)</i>	19,458	19,458
	1,713,714,923	1,493,341,163
<i>Contributed surplus</i>	-	-
<i>Retained earnings inclusive of unrealized appreciation of holdings</i>	907,582,264	889,000,975
	\$ 2,621,297,187	2,382,342,138
Net asset value per share:		
<i>Class A shares</i>	\$ 12.31	12.15
<i>Common shares</i>	\$ 9.31	9.15
Exchange rate: U.S. \$1.00 = Cdn.		
	\$ 1.0650	1.0774
Net asset value per share expressed in Canadian dollars:		
<i>Class A shares</i>	\$ 13.11	13.09
<i>Common shares</i>	\$ 9.91	9.86

This analysis should be read in conjunction with Central Fund's financial statements prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles included in its 2009 Annual Reports and accompanying Management's Discussion and Analysis.

The change in net assets as reported in U.S. dollars from period to period is primarily a result of the public offerings completed during the period and the changing market prices of gold and silver and the proportion of each held by the Company. Changes in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to the Canadian dollar will also have an impact on net assets when reported in Canadian dollars.

Net assets increased by \$239.0 million during the three months ended January 31, 2010 as a result of the public offering completed on November 17, 2009 as well as the increase of the price of gold.

On November 17, 2009, the Company, through a public offering, issued 16,975,000 Class A shares for proceeds of \$220,973,760 net of underwriting fees of \$9,207,240. Costs relating to this public offering were approximately \$600,000 and net proceeds were approximately \$220,373,760. The Company used the net proceeds from this public offering to purchase 104,132 fine ounces of gold at a cost of \$115,186,924 and 5,206,600 ounces of silver at a cost of \$91,688,905, both in physical bar form. The balance of \$13,497,931 was retained by the Company in interest-bearing cash deposits for working capital purposes.

CENTRAL FUND OF CANADA LIMITED
Statement of Income
(expressed in U.S. dollars, unaudited)

	<i>Three months ended January 31</i>	
	<i>2010</i>	<i>2009</i>
Income:		
<i>Interest</i>	\$ 16,848	180,345
<i>Change in unrealized appreciation of holdings</i>	20,676,537	339,851,404
	20,693,385	340,031,749
Expenses:		
<i>Administration fees</i>	1,312,745	797,327
<i>Safekeeping, insurance and bank charges</i>	609,042	352,099
<i>Shareholder information</i>	47,361	46,862
<i>Directors' fees and expenses</i>	46,337	36,623
<i>Accounting fees</i>	40,448	13,580
<i>Stock exchange fees</i>	31,822	32,591
<i>Legal fees</i>	12,209	5,722
<i>Registrar and transfer agent fees</i>	12,132	15,560
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	-	315
<i>Foreign currency exchange loss</i>	-	491
<i>Total expenses</i>	2,112,096	1,301,170
<i>Net income inclusive of the change in unrealized appreciation of holdings</i>	\$ 18,581,289	338,730,579
Net income per share:		
<i>Class A shares</i>	\$ 0.09	2.23
<i>Common shares</i>	\$ 0.08	2.22

The net income (inclusive of the change in unrealized appreciation of holdings) for the three months ended January 31, 2010 was \$18.6 million compared to \$338.7 million for the comparative period in 2009. Virtually all of the income was due to the change in unrealized appreciation of holdings. Notwithstanding the increase in cash and cash equivalents, interest income decreased compared to the prior quarter as interest rates on interest-bearing cash deposits were significantly lower. Certain expenses, such as administration fees which are scaled, have varied in proportion to net asset levels or, in the case of stock exchange fees, with market capitalization based on the number of Class A shares issued. Administration fees, which are calculated monthly based on net assets at each month-end, increased during the three month period to \$1,312,745, from \$797,327 for the comparative period in 2009, as a direct result of the higher level of net assets under administration.

Expenses as a percentage of average month-end net assets for the three month period ended January 31, 2010 were 0.08%, compared to 0.09% for the same three month period in 2009. For the twelve months ended January 31, 2010, the expense ratio was 0.32% compared to 0.37% for the prior twelve month period.

Central Fund of Canada Limited is a specialized investment holding company which invests primarily in long-term holdings of allocated, segregated and unencumbered gold and silver bullion and does not speculate in gold and silver prices. At January 31, 2010, the Class A shares of Central Fund were backed 97.2% by gold and silver bullion and may be purchased or sold with ease on either the NYSE Amex (Symbol: CEF) or The Toronto Stock Exchange (Symbols: CEF.A in Canadian dollars and CEF.U in U.S. dollars).

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