

Central Fund of Canada Limited



2nd Quarter

INTERIM REPORT TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the six months ended April 30, 2006

The Role of Central Fund

***To serve investors as "The Sound Monetary Fund".
To hold gold and silver bullion on a secure basis for the
convenience of investors in the shares of Central Fund.***

Investment Policies & Restrictions Articles of incorporation require that at least 75% of Central Fund's non-cash assets be invested in gold and silver bullion investments. This cannot be changed without shareholder approval.

The stated investment policy of the Board of Directors requires Central Fund to maintain a minimum of 90% of its net assets in gold and silver bullion of which at least 85% must be in physical form. On April 30, 2006, 98.6% of Central Fund's net assets were invested in gold and silver bullion. Of this bullion, 99.2% was in physical form and 0.8% was in certificate form.

Central Fund's physical gold and silver bullion holdings may not be loaned, subjected to options or otherwise encumbered in any way.

Safeguards Central Fund's bullion is stored on a fully segregated basis in the underground vaults of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, one of the largest banks in North America in terms of total assets.

The Bank may only release physical bullion holdings upon receipt of an authorizing resolution of Central Fund's Board of Directors.

The physical gold and silver bullion holdings are insured against destruction, disappearance or wrongful abstraction.

Bullion holdings and bank vault security are inspected twice annually by directors and/or officers of Central Fund. On every occasion, inspections are required to be performed in the presence of both Central Fund's external auditors and bank personnel.

Central Fund is subject to the extensive regulations and reporting requirements of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, two stock exchanges and various Canadian provincial securities regulatory authorities.

Conveniences Central Fund's Class A shares are listed on the American Stock Exchange (CEF) and on the Toronto Stock Exchange (CEF.A in Canadian dollars and CEF.U in U.S. dollars). Making a gold and silver bullion investment through Central Fund is as easy as calling one's stockbroker or investment dealer.

The stock exchange listings provide a readily quoted, liquid market for the Class A shares of Central Fund. The bid/ask spread is considerably less than the buying and selling prices of outright bullion purchases, especially for small transactions.

All expenses of handling, storage and insurance of bullion are paid by Central Fund. Unlike most other forms of bullion investment, there are no ownership costs paid directly by the investor. As well, there are no bullion assay charges to the shareholder upon the sale, redemption or liquidation of the Class A shares of Central Fund.

2nd QUARTER REPORT

Central Fund is currently 98.6% invested in gold and silver bullion. At April 30, 2006 Central Fund's gold holdings were 631,717 fine oz. of physical bullion and 5,349 fine oz. of gold bullion certificates. Silver holdings were 31,601,942 oz. of physical bullion and 245,572 oz. of silver bullion certificates. The physical bullion is insured and held in allocated safekeeping by a Canadian chartered bank in segregated vault storage. Central Fund continues to fulfil its mandate as "The Sound Monetary Fund".

On behalf of the Board of Directors:

J.C. Stefan Spicer, President

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A)

The following discussion is based on the financial statements of Central Fund of Canada Limited ("Central Fund" or the "Company") which are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Canada. These principles are substantially the same as United States' generally accepted accounting principles.

This analysis should be read in conjunction with Central Fund's financial statements prepared in accordance with Canadian GAAP included in its Annual Report and the accompanying MD&A.

Throughout this discussion, all amounts are in currency of the United States.

Certain statements in this report may constitute forward-looking information within the meaning of securities laws. Forward-looking information may relate to our future outlook and anticipated events and may relate to matters that are not historical facts. In particular, statements regarding our objectives and strategies are forward-looking statements. These statements are based on certain factors and assumptions which we believe are reasonable as of the current date. While we believe these assumptions to be reasonable based on information currently available to us, they may prove to be incorrect. Forward-looking information is also subject to certain factors, including risks and uncertainties (described in "Risk Factors" of the Company's 2005 annual MD&A) that could cause results to differ materially from what we currently expect. Therefore future events and results may vary significantly from what we currently foresee.

Outstanding Shares

There were 97,504,532 Class A retractable shares and 40,000 Common shares issued and outstanding at April 30, 2006.

On April 27, 2006, the Company, through a public offering issued 3,208,212 Class A shares for proceeds of \$26,948,981 net of underwriting fees of \$1,122,874. Costs relating to this public offering were approximately \$500,000 and net proceeds were approximately \$26,448,981.

The Company used the net proceeds from this public offering to purchase 17,475 fine ounces of gold at a cost of \$10,462,625 and 873,800 ounces of silver at a cost of \$11,215,730, both in physical bar form. The balance of \$4,770,626, was retained by the Company in interest-bearing cash deposits for working capital purposes.

Administrator and Administration and Consulting Fees

Central Fund has no employees. It is party to an Administration and Consulting Agreement with The Central Group Alberta Ltd., which is related to the Company through four of its officers and directors. The Central Group Alberta Ltd., which acts as Administrator, has operating offices with employees, advisors and consultants which provide administrative and consulting services to the Company. For such services, the Company pays an administrative and consulting fee, payable monthly (See note 6 to financial statements).

Results of Operations – Change in Net Assets

Net assets increased by \$280,628,173 during the six months ending April 30, 2006 as a result of the April 27, 2006 public offering and increases in gold and silver prices.

The following table summarizes the quarterly financial information:

	Quarter ended (US\$)			
	Apr. 30, 2006	Jan. 31, 2006	Oct. 31, 2005	July 31, 2005
Unrealized appreciation of investments (in millions)	\$256.3	\$127.2	\$45.1	\$1.0
Net income (in millions)	\$254.2	\$126.2	\$44.3	\$0.3
Net income per share	\$1.35	\$1.34	\$0.47	\$0.00
	Apr. 30, 2005	Jan. 31, 2005	Oct. 31, 2004	July 31, 2004
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments (in millions)	\$16.4	\$(16.7)	\$37.3	\$13.8
Net income (loss) (in millions)	\$15.6	\$(17.5)	\$36.7	\$13.2
Net income (loss) per share	\$0.17	\$(0.19)	\$0.53	\$0.20

Recent Developments

The Canadian Federal 2006 Budget proposes to accelerate the elimination of the federal large corporations capital tax retroactive to January 1, 2006.

As the large corporations tax is a significant expense to Central Fund, the elimination of the tax would be a positive benefit to the Company and its cash position.

Forward-looking Observations

Changes in the market prices of gold and silver impact the net asset value per Class A share. Assuming as a constant exchange rate the rate which existed on April 30, 2006 of \$1.1203 Cdn. for each U.S. dollar together with holdings of gold and silver bullion which existed on that date, a 10% change in the price of gold would increase or decrease the net asset value per share by approximately \$0.42 per share or Cdn. \$0.47 per share. A 10% change in the price of silver would increase or decrease the net asset value per share by approximately \$0.41 per share or Cdn. \$0.46 per share. If both gold and silver prices were to change by 10% simultaneously in the same direction, the net asset value per share would increase or decrease by approximately \$0.83 per share or Cdn. \$0.93 per share.

Financial Results – Net Income

Central Fund's income objective is secondary to its investment objective of holding the vast majority of its net assets in gold and silver bullion. Generally, Central Fund only seeks to maintain adequate cash reserves to enable it to pay operating expenses, taxes and Class A share dividends. Because gold and silver bullion does not generate income, Central Fund's realized income is a minuscule percentage of its net assets. However, CICA Accounting Guideline 18, Investment Companies requires Central Fund to record unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments in income.

The net income (inclusive of unrealized appreciation of investments) for the six months ended April 30, 2006 was \$254,179,192 compared to a net loss (inclusive of unrealized depreciation of investments) of \$1,886,250 for the same period in 2005. Since April 30, 2005, net assets have increased by \$324,262,287 or 65%. Certain expenses, such as administration fees that are scaled, and income taxes, vary 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. Not only did safekeeping fees and bullion insurance costs increase to reflect the dollar prices of gold and silver bullion being held, but the custodian increased its rates significantly in its schedule of fees. Administration fees remitted to The Central Group Alberta Limited for the six months increased to \$934,573 from \$772,802, such increase being at the rate of one-fifth of one percent per annum on the increased assets under administration.

Operating expenses (which exclude income taxes) as a percentage of average net assets for the six month period ended April 30, 2006 were 0.26%, the same as for the identical six-month period in 2005. For the twelve months ended April 30, 2006, the operating expense ratio was 0.51% compared to 0.49% for the prior twelve-month period.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Virtually all of Central Fund's assets are gold and silver bullion that are readily liquidable.

Central Fund's dollar liquidity objective is to hold cash reserves primarily for the payment of operating expenses, taxes and Class A share dividends. Should Central Fund not have sufficient cash to meet its needs, a nominal portion of Central Fund's bullion holdings may be sold to fund tax and dividend payments, provide working capital, and pay for redemptions, if any, of Class A shares.

For the six months ended April 30, 2006, Central Fund's cash reserves increased by \$2,274,006 to \$12,469,385. The increase was a result of the cash portion retained from the proceeds of the public offering completed in April, 2006, offset by amounts used to pay expenses, taxes and the Class A share dividend. The Administrator and senior officers monitor Central Fund's cash position with an emphasis on maintaining its mandate to hold maximum amounts of gold and silver bullion.

Additional Information

This MD&A was prepared on June 8, 2006. Additional information relating to the Company, including its Annual Information Form, is available on the SEDAR website at www.sedar.com.

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

(expressed in U.S. dollars, unaudited)

	April 30 2006	October 31 2005
Net assets:		
Gold bullion, at market, average cost		
\$257,296,231 (2005: \$246,833,606) (note 2)	\$ 410,270,733	291,672,631
Silver bullion, at market, average cost		
\$227,805,197 (2005: \$216,589,467) (note 2)	399,845,539	240,510,890
Marketable securities, at market		
average cost - \$89,430 (2005: \$89,430)	98,733	65,954
Interest-bearing cash deposits	12,469,385	10,195,379
Prepaid insurance, interest receivable and other	32,241	76,477
	822,716,631	542,521,331
Accrued liabilities	(1,087,015)	(576,925)
Dividends payable	-	(942,963)
Net assets representing shareholders' equity	\$ 821,629,616	541,001,443
Represented by:		
Capital stock (note 3)		
97,504,532 (2005: 94,296,320)		
Class A shares issued	\$ 479,103,071	452,654,090
40,000 Common shares issued	19,458	19,458
	479,122,529	452,673,548
Contributed surplus (note 4)	17,487,799	19,595,783
Retained earnings inclusive of unrealized appreciation of investments	325,019,288	68,732,112
	\$ 821,629,616	541,001,443
Net asset value per share:		
Class A shares	\$ 8.42	5.74
Common shares	\$ 5.42	2.74
Net asset value per share expressed in Canadian dollars:		
Class A shares	\$ 9.44	6.77
Common shares	\$ 6.08	3.23
Exchange rate:	U.S. \$1.00 = Cdn. \$	1.1203 1.1801

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

On behalf of the Board:

"Douglas E. Heagle"
Director

"Philip M. Spicer"
Director

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
(expressed in U.S. dollars, unaudited)

	Six months ended April 30		Three months ended April 30	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Net assets at beginning of period	\$541,001,443	418,349,579	\$667,184,845	481,788,154
Add (deduct):				
Net income (loss)	254,179,192	(1,886,250)	127,995,790	15,579,175
Net issuance of Class A shares	26,448,981	80,904,000	26,448,981	-
Increase in net assets during the period	280,628,173	79,017,750	154,444,771	15,579,175
Net assets at end of period	\$821,629,616	497,367,329	\$821,629,616	497,367,329

STATEMENT OF INCOME (LOSS)
(expressed in U.S. dollars, unaudited)

	Six months ended April 30		Three months ended April 30	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Income:				
Interest	\$ 177,417	104,202	\$ 88,412	54,180
Dividends	260	764	130	634
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	256,287,176	(246,109)	129,100,424	16,442,524
	256,464,853	(141,143)	129,188,966	16,497,338
Expenses:				
Administration fees (note 5)	934,573	772,802	500,402	385,984
Safekeeping, insurance & bank charges	414,423	154,064	221,613	86,810
Shareholder information	111,719	116,584	71,687	88,310
Stock Exchange fees	90,739	70,171	29,925	22,500
Legal fees (note 5)	66,237	68,501	18,088	64,299
Directors' fees and expenses	52,270	47,834	23,964	20,569
Registrar and transfer agent fees	30,357	47,275	16,926	38,287
Accounting fees	28,393	20,534	11,081	8,570
Miscellaneous	984	611	434	312
Foreign currency exchange loss (gain)	6,944	31,132	(1,443)	35
Total operating expenses	1,736,639	1,329,508	892,677	715,676
Net income (loss) before income taxes (note 6)	254,728,214	(1,470,651)	128,296,289	15,781,662
Income taxes	(549,022)	(415,599)	(300,499)	(202,487)
Net income (loss)	\$254,179,192	(1,886,250)	\$127,995,790	15,579,175
Net income (loss) per share:				
Class A shares	\$ 2.69	(.02)	\$ 1.35	.17
Common shares	\$ 2.69	(.02)	\$ 1.35	.17

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF RETAINED EARNINGS
(expressed in U.S. dollars, unaudited)

	Six months ended April 30		Three months ended April 30	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Retained earnings:				
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 68,732,112	22,940,214	\$195,918,864	6,251,581
Net income (loss)	254,179,192	(1,886,250)	127,995,790	15,579,175
	322,911,304	21,053,964	323,914,654	21,830,756
Transferred from contributed surplus (note 4)	2,107,984	1,640,141	1,104,634	863,349
Balance at end of period	\$325,019,288	22,694,105	\$325,019,288	22,694,105

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the six months ended April 30, 2006

(amounts expressed in U.S. dollars unless otherwise stated)

1. Summary of accounting policies:

The accounting policies used in the preparation of these unaudited interim financial statements conform with those presented in Central Fund's October 31, 2005 audited annual financial statements. These interim financial statements do not include all of the disclosures included in the annual financial statements and accordingly should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements.

2. Gold and Silver Bullion:

Details of gold and silver bullion holdings at April 30, 2006, are as follows:

Holdings	Gold	Silver
100 & 400 fine oz bars	631,717	1000 oz bars 31,601,942
Certificates	5,349	Certificates 245,572
Total fine ounces	637,066	Total ounces 31,847,514
Market Value:	Per Fine Ounce	Per Ounce
October 31, 2005	U.S. \$ 470.75	U.S. \$ 7.765
April 30, 2006	U.S. \$ 644.00	U.S. \$ 12.555

3. Capital stock:

The authorized share capital consists of an unlimited number of Class A non-voting shares without nominal or par value and 50,000 Common shares without nominal or par value.

There were 97,504,532 Class A shares which are retractable and 40,000 Common shares issued and outstanding at April 30, 2006.

On April 27, 2006, the Company, through a public offering issued 3,208,212 Class A shares for proceeds of \$26,948,981 net of underwriting fees of \$1,122,874. Costs relating to this public offering were approximately \$500,000 and net proceeds were approximately \$26,448,981.

The Company used the net proceeds from this public offering to purchase 17,475 fine ounces of gold at a cost of \$10,462,625 and 873,800 ounces of silver at a cost of \$11,215,730, both in physical bar form. The balance of \$4,770,626, was retained by the Company in interest-bearing cash deposits for working capital purposes.

On November 3, 2004, the Company, through a public offering issued 15,000,000 Class A shares for proceeds of \$81,504,000 net of underwriting fees of \$3,396,000. Costs relating to this public offering were \$561,304 and net proceeds were \$80,942,696.

The Company used the net proceeds from this public offering to purchase 96,000 fine ounces of gold at a cost of \$40,790,400 and 4,800,000 ounces of silver at a cost of \$35,376,000, both in physical bar form except for 67 ounces of gold which were received in certificate form. The balance of \$4,776,296, was retained by the Company in interest-bearing cash deposits for working capital purposes.

4. Contributed Surplus and Retained Earnings:

Contributed surplus is used to eliminate any deficit that may arise from net losses before unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments and on the payment of the Class A shares' stated dividend per share. Accordingly, \$2,107,984 (2005, \$1,640,141) was transferred from contributed surplus on April 30, 2006 and 2005 representing the net loss before unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments for the six months then ended. This change does not affect the net asset value of the Company.

5. Related party transactions and fees:

For the six months ended April 30, 2006, the Company incurred fees totaling \$65,385 (2005: \$45,739) to legal firms of which two of the Company's directors are partners, and \$934,573 (2005: \$772,802) to the Administrator, the Central Group Alberta Ltd. The Board is of the opinion that these services were undertaken under the same terms and conditions as services with unrelated parties.

Of the \$1,087,015 balance in accrued liabilities at April 30, 2006, \$182,151 (2005: \$127,564) relates to the April administration fee payable to the Administrator.

For such services, the Company pays an administrative and consulting fee, payable monthly, that was from 1996 to October 31, 2005 at an annual rate of 1/2 of one percent based on the Company's net assets up to \$50,000,000, 3/8 of one percent on the next \$50,000,000 in net assets and 1/4 of one percent on any excess over \$100,000,000.

Effective November 1, 2005, an Amended and Restated Administration and Consulting Agreement reduced the annual administration and consulting fee schedule for at least the next ten year term to 0.30% on the first \$400 million of total net assets, 0.20% on the next \$600 million of total net assets and 0.15% on total net assets exceeding one billion dollars.

6. Change in accounting policy:

For the year ended October 31, 2004, with retroactive application to prior periods, the Company early adopted CICA Accounting Guideline 18, Investment Companies ("AcG - 18"), which requires that, for qualifying entities, investments held are to be measured and reported in the financial statements at their fair value with changes in fair value recognized in income in the period in which the change occurred. While the Company's accounting policy, prior to adoption of AcG - 18, had been to measure its investments at market value, the Company did not recognize the unrealized gains and losses in income, but instead recognized them only as a separate component of shareholders' equity until realized, at which time they would be recognized in income.

7. Comparative figures:

Certain figures for the comparative preceding period have been reclassified.

Corporate Information

Directors

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Robert R. Sale (A)(C)(I)
Dale R. Spackman Q.C. (E)
J.C. Stefan Spicer (E)
Philip M. Spicer (E)
Malcolm A. Taschereau (A)(C)(I)

Officers

Philip M. Spicer, Chairman
Dale R. Spackman Q.C., Vice-Chairman
J.C. Stefan Spicer, President & CEO
John S. Elder Q.C., Secretary
Catherine A. Spackman CMA, Treasurer
Teresa E. Poper, Assistant Treasurer

Advisors to the Administrator

Ian M.T. McAvity, Toronto, Ontario
– Market Analyst
Dr. Hans F. Sennholz, Grove City, PA
– Monetary Advisor

- (A) - Member of Audit Committee
(C) - Member of Corporate Governance Committee
(E) - Member of Executive Committee
(I) - May be regarded as an independent director under Canadian Securities Administrators' rules.
(L) - Lead Director

Administrator

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Calgary, Alberta

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Banker

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce
at Calgary, Alberta

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Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver

Share Ownership Certificates

Certificates of share ownership registered in shareholders' names at their own addresses for delivery to them for their own safekeeping may be obtained upon the request of holders and payment of any applicable fees to the relevant Registrar and Transfer Agent of the Company.

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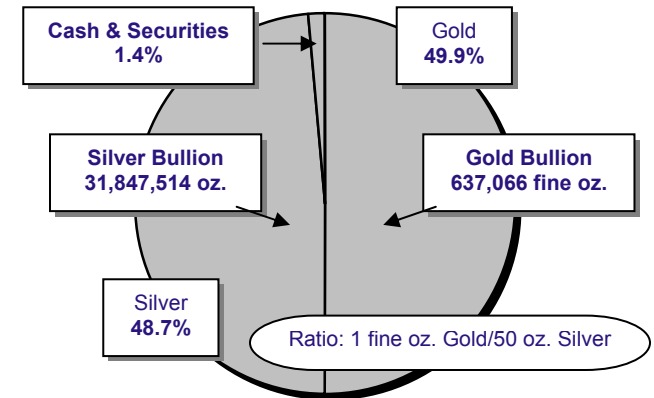
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Central Fund of Canada Limited

Portfolio
at
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Class A Shares Stock Exchange Listings

	<u>Electronic TickerSymbol</u>	<u>Newspaper Quote Symbol</u>
American Stock Exchange	CEF	CFCda
The Toronto Stock Exchange	CEF.A in CDN\$ CEF.U in U.S.\$	CFund A

Net Asset Value Information

The net asset value per Class A share is calculated daily and is available at www.centrafund.com or by calling the Administrator's Investor Inquiries office at (905) 648-7878 or by sending an email to info@centrafund.com. The Thursday net asset value is published on a regular basis in several financial newspapers among which are the following:

In the United States (figures published in U.S. \$):

- Wall Street Journal
- Barrons
- New York Times

In Canada (figures published in Canadian \$):

- Globe and Mail Report on Business
- National Post, Financial Post Section