

Central Fund of Canada Limited



2nd Quarter

INTERIM REPORT TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the six months ended April 30, 2010

Central Fund of Canada Limited

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 The governing articles of Central Fund require that at least 75% of Central Fund's non-cash assets be held in gold and silver bullion. 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, 2010, 97.5% of Central Fund's net assets were held in gold and silver bullion. Of this bullion, 99.5% was held in physical form and 0.5% was held 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 an allocated and fully segregated basis in the underground vaults of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (the "Bank"), one of the major Canadian banks.

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

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 NYSE Amex Equities (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 liquid markets 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.

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

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Central Fund currently holds 97.5% of its net assets in gold and silver bullion. At April 30, 2010, Central Fund's gold holdings were 1,338,075 fine ounces of physical bullion and 8,427 fine ounces of gold bullion certificates for a total of 1,346,502 fine ounces. Silver holdings were 67,066,928 ounces of physical bullion and 255,551 ounces of silver bullion certificates for a total of 67,322,479 ounces. Central Fund continues to fulfill its mandate as "The Sound Monetary Fund".

On behalf of the Board of Directors:

J.C. Stefan Spicer,
President

June 3, 2010

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 ("Canadian GAAP") including the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants ("CICA") Accounting Guideline 18. 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 2009 Annual Report and the accompanying MD&A.

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

Certain statements in this report may constitute forward-looking information within the meaning of securities laws. Forward-looking information may relate to the Company's future outlook and anticipated events and may relate to matters that are not historical facts. In particular, statements regarding the Company's objectives and strategies are forward-looking statements. These statements are based on certain factors and assumptions which are considered reasonable as of the current date but 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 2009 annual MD&A), that could cause future events and results to differ materially from what the Company currently foresees.

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Senior Executive Officers have ensured that there are disclosure controls and procedures in place that provide reasonable assurance that material information relating to the Company is disclosed on a timely basis. They believe these disclosure controls and procedures have been effective during the six months ended April 30, 2010.

Outstanding Shares

There were 212,982,713 Class A retractable shares and 40,000 Common shares issued and outstanding at April 30, 2010.

Subsequent event

On May 11, 2010, the Company, through a public offering, issued 25,300,000 Class A shares for proceeds of \$360,676,800 net of underwriting fees of \$15,028,200. Costs relating to this public offering were approximately \$600,000 and net proceeds were approximately \$360,076,800. The Company used the net proceeds from this public offering to purchase 157,732 fine ounces of gold at a cost of \$193,024,535 and 7,886,624 ounces of silver at a cost of \$151,502,047, all in physical bar form. The balance of \$15,550,218 was retained by the Company in interest-bearing cash deposits for working capital purposes.

Administrator, Administrative and Consulting Fees

Central Fund has no employees. It is party to an Administrative 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 who 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 the financial statements).

Results of Operations – Change in Net Assets

Net assets increased by \$529.6 million during the six months ended April 30, 2010 as a result of the public offering completed on November 17, 2009 as well as the increases in gold and silver prices.

The following table summarizes the quarterly financial information (amounts in millions except where stated on a per share basis):

| | <i>Quarter ended (U.S.\$)</i> | | | |
|---|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | <i>Apr. 30,</i> | <i>Jan. 31,</i> | <i>Oct. 31,</i> | <i>July 31,</i> |
| | <i>2010</i> | <i>2010</i> | <i>2009</i> | <i>2009</i> |
| <i>Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of holdings</i> | \$292.6 | \$20.7 | \$300.4 | \$124.1 |
| <i>Net income (loss)</i> | \$290.4 | \$18.6 | \$298.7 | \$122.6 |
| <i>Net income (loss) per Class A share</i> | \$1.37 | \$0.09 | \$1.55 | \$0.66 |
| <i>Total Net Assets</i> | \$2,911.9 | \$2,621.3 | \$2,382.3 | \$1,959.4 |
| | <i>Apr. 30,</i> | <i>Jan. 31,</i> | <i>Oct. 31,</i> | <i>July 31,</i> |
| | <i>2009</i> | <i>2009</i> | <i>2008</i> | <i>2008</i> |
| <i>Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of holdings</i> | \$(29.9) | \$339.9 | \$(563.8) | \$69.4 |
| <i>Net income (loss)</i> | \$(31.4) | \$338.7 | \$(564.9) | \$68.2 |
| <i>Net income (loss) per Class A share</i> | \$(0.20) | \$2.23 | \$(4.27) | \$0.53 |
| <i>Total Net Assets</i> | \$1,836.9 | \$1,542.8 | \$1,204.0 | \$1,647.6 |

Financial Results – Net Income

Central Fund's earned income objective is secondary to its objective of holding almost all of its net assets in gold and silver bullion. Generally, Central Fund seeks only to maintain cash reserves to enable it to pay expenses and Class A share dividends. Because gold and silver bullion are not loaned to generate income, Central Fund's realized income is a nominal percentage of its net assets. However, the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants ("CICA") Accounting Guideline 18, requires Central Fund to record changes in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of holdings in income.

The net income (inclusive of the change in unrealized appreciation of holdings) for the three months ended April 30, 2010 was \$290.4 million compared to a net loss of \$31.4 million for the comparative period in 2009. For the six months ended April 30, 2010, the net income (inclusive of the change in unrealized appreciation of holdings) was \$309.0 million compared to \$307.4 million for the same period in 2009. Virtually all of the income was due to the change in unrealized appreciation of holdings. Despite higher average balances in cash and cash equivalents, interest income decreased compared to the comparative three and six month periods in 2009 as interest rates on interest-bearing cash deposits have declined significantly. 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 \$1,327,207, from \$928,188 and for the six month period to \$2,639,952 from \$1,725,515 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 (the "expense ratio") for the three month period ended April 30, 2010 were 0.08%, compared to 0.09% for the same three month period in 2009. The expense ratio for the six-month period ended April 30, 2010 was 0.16%, compared to 0.18% for the same six-month period in 2009. For the twelve months ended April 30, 2010, the expense ratio was 0.32% compared to 0.36% for the comparable twelve month period ending April 30, 2009.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

All of Central Fund's assets are liquid. The Company's objective is to hold cash reserves that generate income primarily to be applied towards payment of expenses and Class A share dividends. The ability of Central Fund to have sufficient cash for expenses and dividend payments, and to meet demands for redemption (if any), is primarily dependent upon its ability to realize cash flow from its cash equivalents. Should Central Fund not have sufficient cash to meet its needs, portions of Central Fund's bullion holdings may be sold to fund dividend payments, provide working capital and pay for redemptions (if any) of Class A shares.

For the six months ended April 30, 2010, Central Fund's cash reserves increased by \$7,808,709 to \$71,898,683. The primary component of this increase was the amount retained in cash from the proceeds of the November 17, 2009 public offering (\$13,497,931), partially offset by amounts used to pay expenses and the fiscal 2009 year end Class A share dividend paid in November 2009. The Administrator and Senior Executive 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 is dated June 3, 2010. Additional information relating to the Company, including its Annual Information Form and 2009 Annual Report, is available on the SEDAR website at www.sedar.com.

Statement of Net Assets

(expressed in U.S. dollars, unaudited)

| | April 30 2010 | October 31 2009 |
|---|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Net assets: | | |
| Gold bullion, at market, average cost | | |
| \$889,816,599 (2009: \$774,629,675) (Note 2) | \$ 1,587,862,903 | 1,292,065,170 |
| Silver bullion, at market, average cost | | |
| \$746,375,834 (2009: \$654,686,930) (Note 2) | 1,253,544,561 | 1,029,260,117 |
| Cash | 712,483 | 2,918,749 |
| Short-term deposits (Note 3) | 71,186,200 | 61,171,225 |
| Prepaid insurance, interest receivable and other | 260,728 | 225,275 |
| | 2,913,566,875 | 2,385,640,536 |
| Accrued liabilities (Note 6) | (1,649,171) | (1,338,221) |
| Dividends payable | - | (1,960,177) |
| Net assets representing shareholders' equity | \$ 2,911,917,704 | 2,382,342,138 |

Represented by:

| | | |
|--|------------------|---------------|
| Capital stock (Note 4) | | |
| Class A shares issued: | | |
| 212,982,713 (2009: 196,007,713) | \$ 1,713,946,478 | 1,493,321,705 |
| Common shares issued: 40,000 (2009: 40,000) | 19,458 | 19,458 |
| | 1,713,965,936 | 1,493,341,163 |
| Contributed surplus (Note 5) | - | - |
| Retained earnings inclusive of unrealized appreciation of holdings | 1,197,951,768 | 889,000,975 |
| | \$ 2,911,917,704 | 2,382,342,138 |

Net asset value per share:

| | | |
|----------------|----------|-------|
| Class A shares | \$ 13.67 | 12.15 |
| Common shares | \$ 10.67 | 9.15 |

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------|--------|
| Exchange rate: | U.S. \$1.00 = Cdn. \$ | 1.0116 | 1.0774 |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------|--------|

Net asset value per share expressed in Canadian dollars:

| | | |
|----------------|----------|-------|
| Class A shares | \$ 13.83 | 13.09 |
| Common shares | \$ 10.79 | 9.86 |

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

On behalf of the Board:

"Douglas E. Heagle"
Director

"Philip M. Spicer"
Director

Statement of Income

(expressed in U.S. dollars, unaudited)

| | Six months ended April 30 | | Three months ended April 30 | |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 |
| Income: | | | | |
| Interest | \$ 26,737 | 267,374 | \$ 9,889 | 87,029 |
| Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of holdings | 313,275,707 | 309,946,934 | 292,599,170 | (29,904,470) |
| Total income | 313,302,444 | 310,214,308 | 292,609,059 | (29,817,441) |
| Expenses: | | | | |
| Administration fees (Note 6) | 2,639,952 | 1,725,515 | 1,327,207 | 928,188 |
| Safekeeping, insurance and bank charges | 1,232,718 | 743,876 | 623,676 | 391,777 |
| Shareholder information | 151,040 | 135,336 | 103,679 | 88,474 |
| Directors' fees and expenses | 81,345 | 65,205 | 35,008 | 28,582 |
| Legal fees (Note 6) | 74,721 | 40,336 | 62,512 | 34,614 |
| Stock exchange fees | 67,167 | 64,686 | 35,345 | 32,095 |
| Accounting fees | 63,620 | 39,495 | 23,172 | 25,915 |
| Registrar and transfer agent fees | 41,074 | 37,521 | 28,942 | 21,961 |
| Miscellaneous | 14 | 640 | 14 | 325 |
| Foreign currency exchange loss | - | 491 | - | - |
| Total expenses | 4,351,651 | 2,853,101 | 2,239,555 | 1,551,931 |
| Net income (loss) inclusive of the change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of holdings | \$308,950,793 | 307,361,207 | \$290,369,504 | (31,369,372) |
| Net income (loss) per share: | | | | |
| Class A shares | \$ 1.46 | 2.03 | \$ 1.37 | (0.20) |
| Common shares | \$ 1.46 | 2.03 | \$ 1.37 | (0.20) |

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Statement of Changes in Net Assets

(expressed in U.S. dollars, unaudited)

| | Six months ended April 30 | | Three months ended April 30 | |
|---|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 |
| Net assets at beginning of period | \$2,382,342,138 | 1,203,998,902 | \$2,621,297,187 | 1,542,830,963 |
| Add (deduct): | | | | |
| Net income (loss) inclusive of the change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of holdings | 308,950,793 | 307,361,207 | 290,369,504 | (31,369,372) |
| Increase in Class A capital | 220,624,773 | 325,526,911 | 251,013 | 325,425,429 |
| Increase in net assets during the period | 529,575,566 | 632,888,118 | 290,620,517 | 294,056,057 |
| Net assets at end of period | \$2,911,917,704 | 1,836,887,020 | \$2,911,917,704 | 1,836,887,020 |

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 | |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 |
| Retained earnings: | | | | |
| Balance at beginning of period | \$ 889,000,975 | 157,629,391 | \$ 907,582,264 | 497,480,795 |
| Net income (loss) inclusive of the change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of holdings | 308,950,793 | 307,361,207 | 290,369,504 | (31,369,372) |
| | 1,197,951,768 | 464,990,598 | 1,197,951,768 | 466,111,423 |
| Transferred from contributed surplus (Note 5) | - | 2,585,727 | - | 1,464,902 |
| Balance at end of period | \$1,197,951,768 | 467,576,325 | \$1,197,951,768 | 467,576,325 |

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Notes to Financial Statements

For the six months ended April 30, 2010

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

1. Summary of accounting policies:

The accounting policies applied in the preparation of these unaudited interim financial statements conform with those presented in Central Fund of Canada Limited's ("Central Fund" or the "Company") October 31, 2009 audited annual financial statements. These interim financial statements do not include all of the disclosures included in the audited annual financial statements and, accordingly, should be read in conjunction with the audited annual financial statements.

2. Gold and Silver Bullion:

Details of gold and silver bullion holdings at April 30, 2010, are as follows:

| Holdings | Gold | | Silver |
|--------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 400 fine oz bars | 1,325,186 | 1,000 oz bars | 67,066,928 |
| 100 fine oz bars | 12,889 | | |
| Certificates | 8,427 | Certificates | 255,551 |
| Total fine ounces | 1,346,502 | Total ounces | 67,322,479 |
| Market Value | Per Fine Ounce | | Per Ounce |
| April 30, 2010 | U.S. \$ 1,179.25 | | U.S. \$ 18.62 |
| October 31, 2009 | U.S. \$ 1,040.00 | | U.S. \$ 16.57 |

3. Short-term deposits:

As at April 30, 2010 the Company held five U.S. dollar fixed deposits with a Schedule I Canadian Bank for a total of \$70,000,000, all at a rate of 0.05% with maturity dates ranging from May 6, 2010 to June 3, 2010. The Company also held one Canadian dollar flexible GIC deposit with a Schedule I Canadian Bank in the amount of \$1,186,200 (Cdn. \$1,200,000) at a rate of 0.40% with a maturity date of January 28, 2011.

4. 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 212,982,713 Class A shares, which are retractable, and 40,000 Common shares issued and outstanding at April 30, 2010.

Since October 1989, holders of the Company's Class A shares have had the option to require the Company to redeem their Class A shares on the last day of each fiscal quarter of the Company (each a "Retraction Date") for 80% of the Company's net asset value per Class A share on the Retraction Date. Class A shareholders who wish to exercise this retraction right must submit their written redemption request at least 90 days prior to the desired Retraction Date. Since adoption of this redemption feature, no shareholders have submitted redemption requests.

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, all in physical bar form. The balance of \$13,497,931 was retained by the Company in interest-bearing cash deposits for working capital purposes.

On August 13, 2009, the Company, through a public offering, issued 11,040,000 Class A shares for proceeds of \$126,120,960 net of underwriting fees of \$5,255,040. Costs relating to this public offering were \$348,987 and net proceeds were \$125,771,973. The Company used the net proceeds from this public offering to purchase 69,342 fine ounces of gold at a cost of \$67,404,584 and 3,467,086 ounces of silver at a cost of \$52,595,695, all in physical bar form. The balance of \$5,771,694 was retained by the Company in interest-bearing cash deposits for working capital purposes.

On April 16, 2009, the Company, through a public offering, issued 20,000,000 Class A shares for proceeds of \$201,600,000 net of underwriting fees of \$8,400,000. Costs relating to this public offering were \$466,716 and net proceeds were \$201,133,284. The Company used the net proceeds from this public offering to purchase 123,700 fine ounces of gold at a cost of \$109,909,145 and 6,188,000 ounces of silver at a cost of \$78,088,690, all in physical bar form. The balance of \$13,135,449 was retained by the Company in interest-bearing cash deposits for working capital purposes.

On February 3, 2009, the Company, through a public offering, issued 12,500,000 Class A shares for proceeds of \$124,800,000 net of underwriting fees of \$5,200,000. Costs relating to this public offering were \$367,494 and net proceeds were \$124,432,506. The Company used the net proceeds from this public offering to purchase 78,663 fine ounces of gold at a cost of \$71,062,969 and 3,933,169 ounces of silver at a cost of \$48,278,562, all in physical bar form. The balance of \$5,090,975 was retained by the Company in interest-bearing cash deposits for working capital purposes.

5. Contributed surplus and retained earnings:

Prior to this fiscal year, amounts from contributed surplus were transferred to retained earnings to eliminate any deficit that arose from i) net losses before any change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of holdings and ii) the payment of the Class A shares' stated dividend per share. During the last quarter of fiscal 2009, the balance available for transfer from contributed surplus to retained earnings was drawn down to zero by utilizing a portion of the net loss before the change in unrealized appreciation of holdings, effectively eliminating this account.

6. Related party transactions and fees:

Central Fund has no employees. It is party to an Administrative 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 who provide administrative and consulting services to the Company. For such services, the Company pays an administrative and consulting fee, payable monthly, until at least October 31, 2015, at an annual rate of: 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.

Included in accrued liabilities at April 30, 2010, is \$460,939 (October 31, 2009: \$391,394) which relates to the April administration fee payable to the Administrator.

For the six months ended April 30, 2010, the Company incurred fees totaling \$56,391 (2009: \$32,978) to legal firms of which two of the Company's directors are partners or counsel, and \$2,639,952 (2009: \$1,725,515) to the Administrator, The Central Group Alberta Ltd. The Board of Directors is of the opinion that these services were undertaken under the same terms and conditions as services with unrelated parties.

7. Management of financial risks:

The Company has risk management policies and procedures in place to identify risks related to financial instruments. The objectives of these policies and procedures are to identify and mitigate risk. The Company's compliance with these policies and procedures is monitored by the Senior Officers, the Audit Committee and the Board of Directors of the Company. Market fluctuations are unpredictable and outside the control of the Company. New risk factors may emerge from time to time and it is not possible for the Company to predict all such risk factors.

Price risk

It is possible to determine the impact that changes in the market prices of gold and silver will have on the net asset values of Central Fund and its shares both in U.S.\$ and Cdn.\$. Assuming as a constant exchange rate the rate which existed on April 30, 2010 of Cdn. \$1.0116 for each U.S. dollar together with the 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 \$0.74 per share or Cdn. \$0.75 per share. A 10% change in the price of silver would increase or decrease the net asset value per share by approximately \$0.59 per share or Cdn. \$0.60 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 \$1.33 per share or Cdn. \$1.35 per share.

Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates.

When expressed in U.S. dollars, Central Fund's net asset value per share is largely unaffected by changes in the U.S./Canadian dollar exchange rate due to the fact that nearly all of Central Fund's net assets are priced in U.S. dollars. However, as over 99% of Central Fund's net assets are denominated in U.S. dollars, an increase or decrease in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to the Canadian dollar would change the net asset value per share as expressed in Canadian dollars in the same direction by approximately the same percentage change.

The impact of a 5% strengthening or weakening of the Canadian dollar relative to the U.S. dollar applied to balances outstanding at April 30, 2010 would not have had any material impact on the net income for the period ended April 30, 2010, assuming that all other variables, in particular interest rates, remained constant.

Credit risk

Credit risk on financial instruments is the risk of loss occurring as a result of the default of an issuer on its obligation to Central Fund. Credit risk is monitored on an ongoing basis and is managed by the Company dealing only with issuers that are believed to be creditworthy.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to generate adequate cash resources to fulfill its payment obligations. The Administrator regards all of Central Fund's assets as liquid. Central Fund traditionally has maintained sufficient cash reserves to enable it to pay expenses and dividends on its Class A shares. Furthermore, over 97% of its net assets are in the form of gold and silver bullion which are readily marketable.

8. Financial highlights:

| | Six months ended April 30 | | Three months ended April 30 | |
|---|------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------|--------|
| | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 |
| <i>Class A per share performance⁽¹⁾:</i> | | | | |
| Net asset value per share at beginning of period | \$ 12.15 | 7.90 | \$ 12.31 | 10.12 |
| Net loss before the change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of holdings | (0.02) | (0.02) | (0.01) | (0.01) |
| Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of holdings - gold | 0.85 | 0.91 | 0.64 | (0.22) |
| Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of holdings - silver | 0.63 | 1.03 | 0.73 | 0.04 |
| Total increase (decrease) ⁽²⁾ | 1.46 | 1.92 | 1.36 | (0.19) |
| Net asset value per share at end of period | \$ 13.67 | 9.93 | \$ 13.67 | 9.93 |
| Total return for period ⁽³⁾ | 12.5% | 25.7% | 11.0% | (1.9)% |
| <i>Percentages and supplemental data:</i> | | | | |
| Ratio as a percentage of average net assets: | | | | |
| Expenses ⁽³⁾ | 0.16% | 0.18% | 0.08% | 0.09% |
| Net loss before the change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of holdings ⁽³⁾ | 0.16% | 0.16% | 0.08% | 0.08% |

⁽¹⁾ The ratios are based on the weighted average number of shares during the period except for the net asset value per share which is based on the actual number of shares outstanding at the relevant time.

⁽²⁾ This table is not meant to be a reconciliation of opening to ending NAV.

⁽³⁾ Ratios not annualized.

9. Capital stewardship:

The capital of the Company is represented by the issued and outstanding Class A and Common shares and the net asset values attributable to participating shareholders. The Directors direct the Administrator to administer the capital of the Company in accordance with the Company's stated objectives and restrictions, as stipulated in the Articles of Incorporation as amended, while maintaining sufficient cash to pay the expenses of maintaining the Company and to meet demands for redemption (if any). The Company does not have any externally imposed capital requirements.

10. Canadian and United States generally accepted accounting principles:

The accounting policies followed in these financial statements, which are in accordance with Canadian GAAP, are consistent with those that would apply under U.S. GAAP except for the following classification difference in the Statement of Net Assets. This U.S. GAAP classification difference has no effect on the reported net asset value per Class A share.

Subject to the terms and conditions described in note 4 to these financial statements, the Class A shares are redeemable at the option of the holder. This redemption feature is the basis for the U.S. GAAP classification difference. The likelihood or probability of such redemption is not considered, nor is the fact that the Class A shares participate fully and proportionately with the common shares in changes in the value of the equity ownership of the Company. Since adoption of this redemption feature in 1989, no holders of Class A shares have tendered their shares to the Company for redemption.

Under Canadian GAAP these shares are considered to be permanent equity and are classified in shareholders' equity in the Statement of Net Assets. Under U.S. GAAP, the redemption value of these shares is calculated in accordance with the provisions of the redemption feature and classified outside of shareholders' equity as mezzanine equity for each reporting period, with

changes in the redemption value from the beginning of each reporting period to the end of that reporting period being charged (or credited) to retained earnings.

11. Future accounting policy:

In February 2008, Canada's Accounting Standards Board confirmed that Canadian GAAP, as used by publicly accountable enterprises, will be replaced by International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") for fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2011. Public companies and trusts will be required to provide IFRS comparative information for the previous fiscal year. Accordingly, the conversion from Canadian GAAP to IFRS will be applicable to the Company's reporting for the first quarter of the fiscal year to commence on November 1, 2011 and for which the current and comparative information will be prepared under IFRS. The Company has completed a preliminary review of the key elements within IFRS that may result in a change in accounting policies that will impact its financial statements and accompanying note disclosures. The assessment plan being implemented by the Company includes a position paper which highlights the material standards that need to be addressed under IFRS and preparation of an opening balance sheet and financial statements that incorporate IFRS accounting standards and policies. The major areas of focus identified by the assessment include first year implementation decisions; statement of cash flows; classification of redeemable Class A shares; income taxes and more extensive note disclosure requirements. The assessment will address the impact on its accounting system and internal control required to report under IFRS beginning on the implementation date. The Company will continue with the assessment and implementation in preparation for its first annual filing under IFRS for the year ended October 31, 2012.

12. Subsequent event:

On May 11, 2010, the Company, through a public offering, issued 25,300,000 Class A shares for proceeds of \$360,676,800 net of underwriting fees of \$15,028,200. Costs relating to this public offering were approximately \$600,000 and net proceeds were approximately \$360,076,800. The Company used the net proceeds from this public offering to purchase 157,732 fine ounces of gold at a cost of \$193,024,535 and 7,886,624 ounces of silver at a cost of \$151,502,047, all in physical bar form. The balance of \$15,550,218 was retained by the Company in interest-bearing cash deposits for working capital purposes.

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 Dale R. Spackman, Q.C. (E)
 J.C. Stefan Spicer (E)
 Philip M. Spicer (E)

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

Consultant

Malcolm A. Taschereau, Retired Director

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- (E) - Member of Executive Committee
- (I) - May be regarded as an independent director under Canadian securities administrators' guidelines.
- (L) - Lead Director

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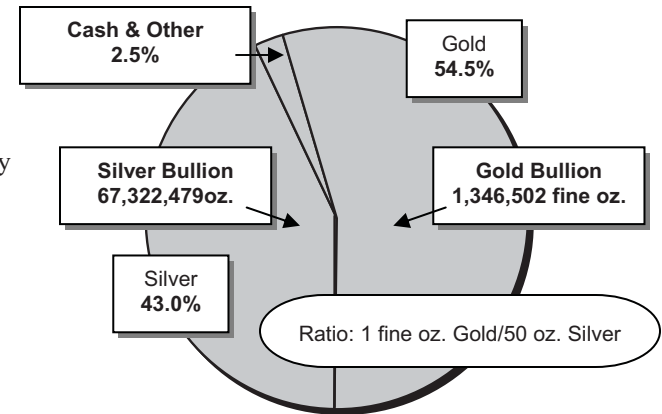
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Net Asset Summary
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Class A Shares Stock Exchange Listings

| | <u>Electronic Ticker Symbol</u> | <u>Newspaper Quote Symbol</u> |
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| NYSE Amex Equities | CEF | CFCda |
| The Toronto Stock Exchange | CEF.A in CDN \$ CEF.U in US \$ | CFund A |

Net Asset Value Information

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

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

- Barrons
- New York Times
- Wall Street Journal

In Canada (figures published in Canadian \$):

- National Post: Financial Post Section
- The Globe and Mail: Report on Business