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Second Quarter Report to Unitholders for the period ended June 20, 2021

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## To our Unitholders

On behalf of the Trustees of the A&W Revenue Royalties Income Fund (the "Fund"), I am pleased to report the results for the second quarter ended June 20, 2021.

Same store sales for A&W restaurants in the royalty pool increased by 33.5% for the second quarter of 2021 as compared to the second quarter of 2020. Same store sales for the 24-week period ended June 20, 2021 increased by 12.2% as compared to the comparable period in 2020. When comparing the results of the second quarter of 2021 to the second quarter of 2020 it is important to note that COVID-19 had the most pronounced impact on A&W restaurants to date in the second quarter of 2020. The strong growth in same store sales in the second quarter of 2021 is a reflection of Canada being on the road to recovery from COVID-19, which has led to increased guest counts and a reduction in the number of A&W restaurants that are temporarily closed, as compared to the second quarter of 2020.

Year to date distributable cash per equivalent unit has increased by 8.4 ¢ to 75.2 ¢ per unit. Same store sales growth is the primary driver of the increase in distributable cash per unit, and as a result of the strong performance in the first half of the year, we are pleased to be able to increase monthly distributions, from 13.5 ¢ per unit to 15.0 ¢ per unit. This brings the annualized rate of distribution to \$1.80 per unit.

As we reflect back on the second quarter of 2020, when we were at the height of the pandemic and 230 restaurants (out of the then 971 restaurants in the Royalty Pool) were temporarily closed due to government restrictions, we are appreciative of the progress that has been made in the battle against COVID-19 to bring us where we are today and we are hopeful that we will continue to see the impacts of COVID-19 diminish throughout the remainder of the year as Canadians continue to become fully vaccinated.

As at July 27, 2021, eight restaurants remained temporarily closed due to COVID-19. These temporarily closed A&W restaurants are expected to reopen when permitted to do so, however, there continues to be uncertainty related to COVID-19 and the impact on our business. It is possible that there could be temporary further closures or that the number of restaurants closed increases again as the situation evolves.

On behalf of the Trustees, I would like to thank all of our unitholders for the trust and confidence you have placed in the Fund and recognize the unwavering commitment and loyalty of our guests, A&W franchisees and employees.

John R. McLernon

Chairman, A&W Revenue Royalties Income Fund

On behalf of the Board of Trustees

# **A&W Revenue Royalties Income Fund Management Discussion and Analysis**

This Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) covers the second quarter period from March 29, 2021 to June 20, 2021 and the year to date period from January 1, 2021 to June 20, 2021. This MD&A is dated July 27, 2021. This MD&A should be read in conjunction with the unaudited interim condensed financial statements of the A&W Revenue Royalties Income Fund (the "Fund") for the quarter and year to date period ended June 20, 2021 and the audited annual consolidated financial statements of the Fund for the year ended December 31, 2020. Readers are also referred to the unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements of A&W Food Services of Canada Inc. ("Food Services") for the quarter and year to date period ended June 20, 2021 and the audited annual consolidated financial statements of Food Services for the 53 week year ended January 3, 2021. Such financial statements and additional information about the Fund and Food Services are available at www.sedar.com or www.awincomefund.ca.

The financial results reported in this MD&A are derived from the unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements of the Fund, which are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as applicable to interim financial reports, including International Accounting Standards ("IAS") 34, Interim Financial Reporting. The accounting policies applied in the unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements and this report are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Fund's annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2020.

The Fund uses a fiscal year ending December 31. Food Services uses a fiscal year comprising a 52- or 53-week period ending on the Sunday nearest December 31. Food Services' fiscal 2020 year was 53 weeks and ended January 3, 2021 (2019 – 52 weeks ended December 29, 2019). The Fund aligns its quarterly financial reporting with that of Food Services, and therefore the Fund's second quarter of 2021 ended June 20, 2021 (2020 – June 14, 2020), 24 weeks after Food Services' fiscal year end. Readers should be aware that 2021 first quarter results are not directly comparable to 2020 first quarter results, as there were 87 days of sales in Q1 2021 compared to 82 days in Q1 2020. The second quarter of both years had 84 days. Same Store Sales Growth<sup>(i)</sup> is based on an equal number of days in each quarter. References to year to date amounts in this MD&A are in respect of the period from January 1, 2021 to June 20, 2021.

## **KEY UPDATES**

- Same Store Sales Growth<sup>(1)</sup> was 33.5% for Q2 2021 as compared to Q2 2020 when the impact of COVID-19 on A&W restaurants was at its peak.
- Same Store Sales Growth<sup>(1)</sup> for the year to date period ended June 20, 2021 was 12.2%.
- The monthly distribution rate will be increased from 13.5¢ per Unit to 15.0¢ per Unit beginning with the July 2021 distribution that is payable August 31, 2021.

The following selected information, other than "Same Store Sales Growth", "Total distributable cash generated for distributions and dividends", "Distributable cash per equivalent unit", "Net

income, excluding non-cash items", "Total distributions and dividends declared and accrued per equivalent unit" and information with respect to numbers of restaurants have been derived from financial statements prepared in accordance with IFRS and all dollar amounts are reported in Canadian currency. See "Non-IFRS Measures".

(dollars in thousands except per unit amounts)	Period from Mar 29, 2021 to Jun 20, 2021	Period from Mar 23, 2020 to Jun 14, 2020	Period from Jan 1, 2021 to Jun 20, 2021	Period from Jan 1, 2020 to Jun 14, 2020
Same Store Sales Growth(i)	33.5%	-31.6%	12.2%	-18.7%
Number of restaurants in the Royalty Pool	994	971	994	971
Gross sales reported by A&W restaurants in the Royalty Pool <sup>(ii)</sup>	\$350,641	\$253,173	\$661,367	\$561,852
Royalty income	\$10,519	\$7,596	\$19,841	\$16,856
General and administrative expenses	96	214	302	407
Term loan and other interest (net)	611	543	1,217	1,052
Current income tax provision	1,893	1,967	3,925	2,997
Total distributable cash generated for distributions and dividends <sup>(iii)</sup>	\$7,919	\$4,872	\$14,397	\$12,400
Distributable cash per equivalent unit (2021 – 19,132,830 units; 2020 – 18,556,378 units) (iii)(iv)	\$0.414	\$0.262	\$0.752	\$0.668
Distributions and dividends declared per equivalent unit	\$0.405	-	\$0.640	\$0.318
Net income <sup>(v)</sup>	\$8,095	\$4,240	\$14,834	\$9,788
Net income excluding non-cash items <sup>(v)</sup>	\$7,865	\$3,727	\$13,989	\$11,432

#### Notes:

<sup>(</sup>i) "Same Store Sales" and "Same Store Sales Growth" are calculated as the change in the gross sales reported by A&W restaurants in the Royalty Pool (as defined below) that operated, or were temporarily closed at any point due to COVID-19, during the entire 12-week and 24-week periods ending June 20, 2021 and June 14, 2020 and is based on an equal number of days in each quarter. "Same Store Sales" and "Same Store Sales Growth" are non-IFRS measures – see "Non-IFRS Measures". This important information is provided as it is a key driver of growth in the Fund. See "Sales Performance".

<sup>&</sup>quot;Gross sales reported by A&W restaurants in the Royalty Pool" is calculated in respect of A&W restaurants in Canada in the Royalty Pool (as defined below), as the amount of gross sales reported to Food Services by franchisees of such A&W restaurants in the Royalty Pool without audit, verification or other form of independent assurance and the gross sales of A&W restaurants owned and operated by Food Services in the Royalty Pool, in each case, after deducting amounts for discounts for coupons and other promotional offerings and applicable sales taxes

<sup>(</sup>iii) "Distributable cash", "distributable cash per equivalent unit", "total distributions and dividends declared and accrued per equivalent unit" and "payout ratio" are non-IFRS measures. See "Non-IFRS Measures". This information is provided as it identifies the amount of actual cash generated to pay distributions to unitholders and dividends to Food Services. See "Distributable Cash" and footnote (iv) below for more information, including a description of how these non-IFRS measures are calculated.

<sup>(</sup>iv) Equivalent units includes Units of the Fund ("Units") and Limited Voting Units of the Fund ("Limited Voting Units") and together with the Units, the "Trust Units") and common shares of Trade Marks that are exchangeable

for Trust Units. The number of equivalent units and distributable cash per equivalent unit in 2021 is calculated on a fully-diluted basis and includes the 116,329 LP units (as hereinafter defined) exchangeable for 232,658 common shares of Trade Marks representing the remaining 20% of the initial consideration for the January 5, 2021 adjustment to the Royalty Pool, which LP units are held back until the number of LP units is determined in December 2021 based on the actual annual sales reported by the new restaurants. See "Adjustment to the Royalty Pool". The number of equivalent units and distributable cash per equivalent unit in Q2 2020 is calculated on a fully-diluted basis and includes 152,965 LP units, exchangeable for 305,930 common shares of Trade Marks representing the remaining 20% of the initial consideration for the January 5, 2020 adjustment to the Royalty Pool but does not include the adjustment to reduce the final consideration by 5,193 LP units, equivalent to 10,386 common shares of Trade Marks, made in December 2020 based on the actual system sales for the A&W Restaurants added to the Royalty Pool as part of the January 5, 2020 adjustment to the Royalty Pool.

(v) Net income in 2021 and 2020 includes unrealized gains and losses on an interest rate swap, amortization of deferred financing fees and deferred income taxes. These non-cash items have no impact on the Fund's ability to pay distributions to unitholders. The Fund's net income excluding these non-cash items is presented for information purposes only. "Net income excluding non-cash items" is a non-IFRS measure – see "Non-IFRS Measures".

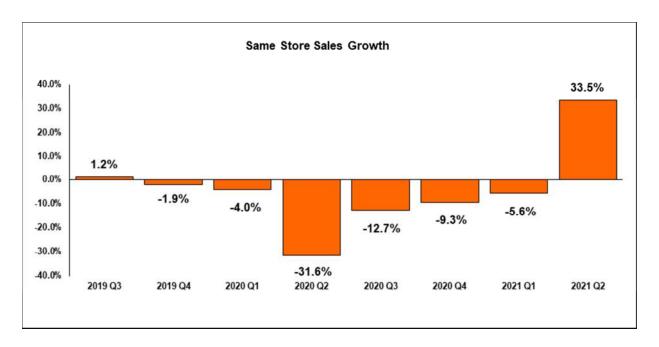
## SALES PERFORMANCE

Same Store Sales Growth<sup>(i)</sup>, which is reported in respect of A&W restaurants for which the royalty is payable (the "Royalty Pool") by Food Services to A&W Trade Marks Limited Partnership (the "Partnership") is a key performance indicator for the Fund. Same Store Sales Growth<sup>(1)</sup> is the change in sales of A&W restaurants in the Royalty Pool that operated, or were temporarily closed at any point due to COVID-19, during the entire 12- and 24-week periods ending June 20, 2021 and June 14, 2020.

Same Store Sales<sup>(i)</sup> for the second quarter of 2021 increased by 33.5% as compared to the same quarter of 2020. Same Store Sales<sup>(i)</sup> for the 24-week period ended June 20, 2021 increased by 12.2% as compared to the comparable period in 2020. When comparing the results of the second quarter of 2021 to the second quarter of 2020 it is important to note that COVID-19 had the most pronounced impact on A&W restaurants to date in the second quarter of 2020. During the second quarter of 2020 the number of A&W's restaurants that were temporarily closed due to restrictions or other COVID-19 related reasons peaked at 230 and the A&W restaurants that remained open were restricted to drive thru operations, delivery and take-out for most of the quarter. The Same Store Sales Growth<sup>(i)</sup> of 33.5% for the second quarter of 2021 is a reflection of Canada being on the road to recovery from COVID-19, which has led to increased guest counts and a reduction in the number of A&W restaurants that are temporarily closed, as compared to the second quarter of 2020.

Actions required in response to COVID-19 have adversely impacted A&W restaurant operations across Canada, particularly for those restaurants located on urban street fronts and in shopping centres. Throughout the year to date period ended June 20, 2021, there continued to be A&W restaurants that were either temporarily closed or were not able to offer dine-in services due to government imposed COVID-19 restrictions. As at June 20, 2021, 27 restaurants remained temporarily closed. As at July 27, 2021, eight restaurants remained temporarily closed. See "Impact of COVID-19".

Since the second quarter of 2020, when COVID-19 impacts on A&W were at their peak, Same Store Sales Growth<sup>(i)</sup> has trended upwards. The chart below shows the Same Store Sales Growth<sup>(i)</sup> by A&W restaurants in the Royalty Pool for the eight most recently completed quarters.



Gross sales reported by A&W restaurants in the Royalty Pool for the second quarter of 2021 were \$350,641,000, a 38.5% increase against gross sales of \$253,173,000 for the second quarter of 2020. Year to date gross sales reported by A&W restaurants in the Royalty Pool were \$661,367,000, a 17.7% increase from sales of \$561,852,000 for the comparable period in 2020. The increase in gross sales for the quarter and year-to-date period is attributable to the increase in Same Store Sales<sup>(i)</sup> and the gross sales from the 23 net new restaurants added to the Royalty Pool on January 5, 2021. The five additional days in the year to date period for fiscal 2021 also contributed to the year to date increase in gross sales. See "Impact of COVID-19" and "Adjustment to the Royalty Pool".

As a result of the performance by restaurants in the Royalty Pool, the monthly distribution to unitholders will increase from 13.5 cents per Unit to 15.0 cents per Unit beginning with the July distribution which is payable on August 31, 2021. The new distribution rate translates into an annualized distribution rate of \$1.80 per Unit, an increase of 11.1% from the prior level of \$1.62 per Unit.

## **OVERVIEW**

The Fund is a limited purpose trust established in 2001 under the laws of the Province of British Columbia pursuant to the Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust (the "Declaration of Trust"). The Units trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol AW.UN. The Fund's place of business is located at 300 – 171 West Esplanade, North Vancouver, BC. The Fund was established to invest in A&W Trade Marks Inc. ("Trade Marks"), which through its ownership interest in the Partnership, owns the A&W trade-marks used in the A&W quick service restaurant business in Canada. The Partnership has granted Food Services a licence (the Amended and Restated Licence and Royalty Agreement) to use the A&W trade-marks in Canada for a term expiring December 30, 2100, for which Food Services is required to pay a royalty of 3% of the gross sales reported to Food Services by A&W restaurants in the Royalty Pool. Food Services is a leading franchisor of hamburger quick service restaurants in Canada.

The Partnership distributes its available cash, after satisfaction of any debt service, provision for operating and other expenses and any amounts retained as reserves, by way of distributions on limited partnership units ("LP units") held by Trade Marks. Trade Marks subsequently distributes its available cash, after satisfaction of debt service and income tax obligations, provisions for administrative expenses of Trade Marks and the Fund, and retention of reasonable working capital reserves, by way of dividends on its common shares held by the Fund and Food Services and one special share held by Food Services. The Fund in turn makes distributions to unitholders, after allowing for reasonable reserves.

Trade Marks' general and administrative expenses include the expenses of the Fund as the Fund has entered into an administration agreement with Trade Marks whereby Trade Marks, at its expense, provides or arranges for the provision of services required in the administration of the Fund.

A key attribute of the Fund is that the distributable cash<sup>(iii)</sup> available to make distributions to unitholders is based on the gross sales of the A&W restaurants in the Royalty Pool, less operating expenses associated with operating the Fund, interest and taxes and an allowance for reasonable reserves. The Fund is a top-line fund, meaning it is not subject to variability of earnings or expenses associated with an operating business, but is subject to variability in revenues of the A&W restaurants in the Royalty Pool.

Another important aspect of the Fund is that, as at June 20, 2021, excluding the issuance of the excess exchangeable LP units that represent the remaining 20% of the initial consideration for the January 5, 2021 adjustment to the Royalty Pool that are payable in December 2021, Food Services owned the equivalent of 23.3% (December 31, 2020 – 24.2%) of the Units on a fully-diluted basis through its ownership of Limited Voting Units and common shares of Trade Marks, both of which are exchangeable, at the option of Food Services, for Units. As a result, the interests of Food Services are closely aligned with the interests of unitholders.

Growth in the Fund is achieved in two ways: first, and most importantly, by increasing the Same Store Sales<sup>(i)</sup> of the A&W restaurants in the Royalty Pool, and second by increasing the number of A&W restaurants to the Royalty Pool each year.

The Royalty Pool is adjusted annually to reflect gross sales from new A&W restaurants added to the Royalty Pool, net of the gross sales of any A&W restaurants that have permanently closed. Food Services is paid for the additional royalty stream related to the gross sales of the net new restaurants, based on a formula set out in the Amended and Restated Licence and Royalty Agreement. The formula provides for a payment to Food Services based on 92.5% of the amount of estimated gross sales from the net new A&W restaurants and the current yield on the Units, adjusted for income taxes payable by Trade Marks. The consideration is paid to Food Services in the form of additional units in the Partnership. The additional LP units are, at the option of Food Services, exchangeable for additional common shares of Trade Marks, which are in turn exchangeable for Trust Units on the basis of two common shares for one Trust Unit.

## **IMPACT OF COVID-19**

The effects of COVID-19 on many businesses, especially restaurants, have been unexpected, sudden and unprecedented. The future effect of COVID-19 on Canadians, in general, remains

uncertain. Since the onset, in March 2020, jurisdictions across Canada have had varying levels of COVID-19 related restrictions in place and many of those restrictions have been modified multiple times in response to the fluctuating number of COVID-19 cases.

Actions required in response to the COVID-19 pandemic have adversely affected A&W restaurant operations in Canada, including the temporary closure of A&W restaurants. At its peak impact in the second quarter of 2020, a total of 230 A&W restaurants (out of the then 971 restaurants in the Royalty Pool) were temporarily closed due to public health measures in response to COVID-19. With COVID-19 case numbers in Canada steadily declining throughout most of the second quarter of 2021, a number of restaurants that were temporarily closed have been able to re-open. As at June 20, 2021 there were 27 restaurants that remained temporarily closed (42 as at December 31, 2020). As at July 27, 2021, eight restaurants remained temporarily closed. These temporarily closed A&W restaurants are expected to reopen when permitted to do so. It is possible that there could be temporary further closures or that the number of restaurants closed increases as the situation evolves.

Food Services and its franchisees continue to work together on initiatives to help accelerate sales recovery. These initiatives include, but are not limited to promotional activity, strengthening and expanding partnerships with third party delivery service providers, increasing the speed of service for drive-thru and enhancing the A&W mobile app. Food Services and its franchisees also continue to take and maintain significant measures in their restaurants and broader operations to protect the health of employees and guests in compliance with physical distancing recommendations and mandates of relevant public health authorities. Various levels of government have announced a number of important financial programs which have helped support individual restaurant businesses, including A&W franchisees; however, the duration of those programs remains uncertain. See "Risks and Uncertainties".

In March 2020, and as a response to the sudden onset of COVID, the Fund temporarily suspended monthly distributions on the Units; accordingly, no distributions were declared by the Fund in the second quarter of 2020. Regular monthly distributions to unitholders resumed at 10 cents per Unit in the third quarter of 2020 and special distributions totaling 50 cents per Unit were paid in the fourth quarter of 2020. The monthly distribution rate was then increased to 13.5 cents per Unit beginning with the February 2021 distribution that was paid March 31, 2021 and will be increased again to 15.0 cents per Unit beginning with the July distribution which is payable on August 31, 2021.

Trade Marks is currently, and based upon the projections, expects to remain, in compliance with all covenants related to its term loan.

## ADJUSTMENT TO THE ROYALTY POOL

The 2021 annual adjustment to the Royalty Pool took place on January 5, 2021. The number of A&W restaurants in the Royalty Pool was increased by 34 new restaurants less 11 restaurants that permanently closed during 2020. The addition of these 23 net new restaurants brought the total number of A&W restaurants in the Royalty Pool to 994. The estimated annual sales of the 34 new A&W restaurants were \$45,248,000 at the time they were added to the Royalty Pool and annual sales for the 11 permanently closed restaurants were \$6,199,000 based on their sales during the first year such restaurants were included in the Royalty Pool. The initial consideration

for the estimated additional royalty stream was \$16,588,000, calculated by discounting the estimated additional royalties by 7.5% and dividing the result by the yield on the Units for the 20-trading days ending October 26, 2020. The yield was adjusted to reflect the income tax payable by Trade Marks. The Partnership paid Food Services 80% of the initial consideration or \$13,271,000, by issuance of 465,316 LP units which were subsequently exchanged for 930,632 non-voting common shares of Trade Marks. The remaining 20% or \$3,318,000 and a final adjustment to the consideration based on the actual annual sales reported by the new restaurants will be paid in December 2021 by issuance of additional LP units, which may be exchanged for non-voting common shares of Trade Marks.

## **COMMON SHARES OF TRADE MARKS**

The common shares of Trade Marks are owned by the Fund and Food Services, with their respective ownership as at the end of the two most recently completed financial years and the current quarter being as follows:

(dollars in thousands)	J	Fund		Food Services			Tota	al
	Number of shares	Trade Marks' book value \$	%	Number of shares	Trade Marks' book value \$	%	Number of shares	Trade Marks' book value \$
Balance as at December 31, 2019	28,129,271	164,605	79.1	7,453,763	95,339	20.9	35,583,034	259,944
January 5, 2020 adjustment to the Royalty Pool <sup>(1)</sup>	-	-	(3.3)	1,519,260	28,881	3.3	1,519,260	28,881
Balance as at December 31, 2020	28,129,271	164,605	75.8	8,973,023	124,220	24.2	37,102,294	288,825
January 5, 2021 adjustment to the Royalty Pool <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-	(1.8)	930,632	13,271	1.8	930,632	13,271
April 16, 2021 exchange of common shares for Trust Units	4,056,040	63,193	10.6	(4,056,040)	(63,193)	(10.6)	-	-
Balance as at June 20, 2021	32,185,311	227,798	84.6	5,847,615	74,298	15.4	38,032,926	302,096

<sup>(1)</sup> The number of common shares includes the 147,772 LP units exchanged for 295,544 common shares of Trade Marks representing the remaining consideration paid in December 2020 for the January 5, 2020 adjustment to the Royalty Pool.

<sup>(2)</sup> The number of common shares does not include any LP units exchangeable for common shares of Trade Marks in respect of the remaining consideration payable to Food Services for the January 5, 2021 adjustment to the Royalty Pool, which LP units, if any, are held back until the number of LP units is determined in December 2021 based on the actual annual sales reported by the new restaurants. See "Adjustment to the Royalty Pool".

On April 16, 2021, A&W of Canada Inc. ("A&W Canada"), an indirect shareholder of Food Services, completed a reorganization to provide liquidity for some of its shareholders and to simplify the indirect ownership of Food Services (the "Reorganization").

As part of the Reorganization, and pursuant to the Declaration of Trust and the Amended and Restated Exchange Agreement, Food Services exchanged 1,042,000 common shares of Trade Marks for 521,000 Units, which Units were then purchased by shareholders of A&W Canada at a price of \$36.42 per Unit. The 521,000 Units sold are subject to a four-month statutory hold period under applicable securities laws. After the exchange and sale of these Units, and as at June 20, 2021 and July 27, 2021, there were 14,585,673 Units outstanding.

The shareholders who purchased the 521,000 Units also entered into an agreement with three individuals (each a "Designated Representative"), which agreement provides that any two of the Designated Representatives are entitled to exercise the voting rights attached to the 521,000 Units while they remain held by those shareholders. There is no agreement, arrangement, commitment or understanding among the Designated Representatives themselves or amongst the Designated Representatives and those shareholders as to how the voting rights attached to the 521,000 Units will be exercised in any particular circumstance. The Designated Representatives, individually, therefore do not have control or direction over any of the 521,000 Units.

In addition, Food Services exchanged 3,014,040 of its common shares of Trade Marks for 1,507,020 Limited Voting Units. Limited Voting Units may be converted to Units and have equal rights and privileges to Units except that holders of the Limited Voting Units, together with the common shares of Trade Marks that are exchangeable for Trust Units, are not entitled in the aggregate to cast more than 40% of the votes cast upon a resolution with respect to the appointment or removal of Trustees of the Fund (the "Trustees") and are not entitled to cast votes upon a resolution to amend the Declaration of Trust.

Prior to the Reorganization, Food Services owned 26.0% of the common shares of Trade Marks which are exchangeable into 26.0% of the total outstanding voting securities of the Fund on a fully diluted basis. Following the Reorganization, but excluding the issuance of the excess exchangeable LP units that represent the remaining 20% of the initial consideration for the January 5, 2021 Adjustment to the Royalty Pool that are payable in December 2021, Food Services owned 15.4% of the exchangeable common shares of Trade Marks and 9.4% of the Fund's Trust Units. Food Services' ownership of exchangeable common shares of Trade Marks and Trust Units equated to Food Services owning 23.3% of the total outstanding voting securities of the Fund on a fully diluted basis.

Including the issuance of the excess exchangeable LP units that represent the remaining 20% of the initial consideration for the January 5, 2021 adjustment to the Royalty Pool that are payable in December 2021, Food Services' ownership in the outstanding voting securities of the Fund is approximately 23.8% on a fully diluted basis (26.5% prior to the Reorganization). Overall, the Reorganization was not dilutive to unitholders of the Fund because the calculation of the number of the fully diluted Trust Units did not change. Post Reorganization, Food Services holds both Limited Voting Units in the Fund and exchangeable common shares of Trade Marks, whereas prior to the Reorganization, Food Services only held exchangeable common shares of Trade Marks.

The Fund did not receive any proceeds from the Reorganization and Food Services paid for the expenses of the Reorganization. The Reorganization does not constitute a change of control of Food Services, as the existing shareholders will continue to maintain majority control of Food Services. There is no change in management or the operations of the Food Services' business in connection with the Reorganization.

## OWNERSHIP OF THE FUND

The table below shows the ownership of the Fund as of June 20, 2021 and December 31, 2020 on a fully-diluted basis, where the ownership of the Fund as at June 20, 2021 includes the issuance of the excess exchangeable LP units that represent the remaining 20% of the initial consideration for the January 5, 2021 adjustment to the Royalty Pool that are payable to Food Services in December 2021.

	June 20, 2021		December 31, 2020		
	Number of units	%	Number of units	%	
Units held by public unitholders Limited Voting Units held by Food	14,585,673	76.2	14,064,673	75.8	
Services <sup>(1)</sup> Number of Trust Units issuable upon	1,507,020	7.9	-	-	
exchange of securities of Trade Marks held by Food Services <sup>(2)</sup>	3,040,137	15.9	4,486,512	24.2	
Total equivalent units	19,132,830	100.0	18,551,185	100.0	

<sup>(1)</sup> Limited Voting Units in the Fund held by Food Services may be exchanged for Units on the basis of one Limited Voting Unit for one Unit.

## FINANCIAL RESULTS

## INCOME

Royalty income for the second quarter of 2021 was \$10,519,000 based on gross sales reported by restaurants in the Royalty Pool<sup>(ii)</sup> of \$350,641,000, compared to royalty income of \$7,596,000 and gross sales reported by A&W restaurants in the Royalty Pool<sup>(ii)</sup> of \$253,173,000 for the second quarter of 2020. Year to date royalty income for 2021 was \$19,841,000 based on gross sales reported by restaurants in the Royalty Pool<sup>(ii)</sup> of \$661,367,000, compared to royalty income of \$16,856,000 and gross sales reported by A&W restaurants in the Royalty Pool<sup>(ii)</sup> of \$561,852,000 for the comparable period in 2020. The increase in royalty income and gross sales for the quarter and year to date is driven by the increase in Same Store Sales<sup>(i)</sup> and the additional net 23 new restaurants added to the Royalty Pool on January 5, 2021. The five additional days in the year to date period for fiscal 2021 also contributed to the year to date increase in royalty income. See "Sales Performance", "Impact of COVID-19", "Risks and Uncertainties" and "Outlook".

<sup>(2)</sup> Common shares of Trade Marks held by Food Services may be exchanged for Trust Units on the basis of two common shares for one Trust Unit.

## **EXPENSES**

The Fund's cash expenses excluding income taxes were as follows:

(dollars in thousands)	Period from Mar 29, 2021 to Jun 20, 2021	Period from Mar 23, 2020 to Jun 14, 2020	Period from Jan 1, 2021 to Jun 20, 2021	Period from Jan 1, 2020 to Jun 14, 2020
General and administrative expenses	\$96	\$214	\$302	\$407
Term loan and other interest (net)	\$611	\$543	\$1,217	\$1,052

General and administrative expenses for the second quarter of 2021 decreased by \$118,000 to \$96,000 from \$214,000 for the second quarter of 2020. Year to date general and administrative expenses were \$302,000 compared to \$407,000 for the comparable period in 2020. The decrease in general and administrative expenses in 2021 is primarily attributable to additional costs incurred in 2020 for special meetings and advisory services related to COVID-19 that were non-recurring in 2021.

Term loan and other interest (net) was \$611,000 for the second quarter of 2021, \$68,000 higher compared to the second quarter of 2020. The increase was due to a higher effective interest rate on the term loan. An interest rate swap agreement is used to manage risks from fluctuations in interest rates and facilitate uniform monthly distributions when paid. See "Liquidity and Capital Resources".

## **UNREALIZED (GAIN) LOSS ON INTEREST RATE SWAP**

The Fund's net income included unrealized gains and losses on the interest rate swap equal to the change in the fair value of the interest rate swap. These non-cash items had no impact on the Fund's cash available to pay distributions.

(dollars in thousands)	Period from	Period from	Period from	Period from
	Mar 29, 2021	Mar 23, 2020 to	Jan 1, 2021 to	Jan 1, 2020 to
	to Jun 20, 2021	Jun 14, 2020	Jun 20, 2021	Jun 14, 2020
Unrealized (gain) loss on interest rate swap	\$(381)	\$99	\$(745)	\$1,936

See "Liquidity and Capital Resources".

## **INCOME TAXES**

The Fund's provision for (recovery of) income taxes was as follows:

(dollars in thousands)	Period from Mar 29, 2021 to Jun 20, 2021	Period from Mar 23, 2020 to Jun 14, 2020	Period from Jan 1, 2021 to Jun 20, 2021	Period from Jan 1, 2020 to Jun 14, 2020
Current				
Current income tax provision	\$1,893	\$1,967	\$3,925	\$2,997
Refundable income tax	54	1,145	408	968
Deferred	144	(620)	(115)	(308)
Total provision for income taxes	\$2,091	\$2,492	\$4,218	\$3,657

The Fund as a legal entity is not currently taxed on its income as dividends received from Trade Marks are not subject to the tax on Specified Investment Flow-Through (SIFT) trusts, which applies to income trusts such as the Fund. The provision for income taxes on the Fund's consolidated statement of income is the expected current and deferred tax payable by Trade Marks as a legal entity.

Trade Marks' taxable income is taxed at an effective rate of 20.0% (2020 – 20.0%), plus an additional tax of 30.67% (2020 – 30.67%) on investment income which is refundable at a rate of 38.33% (2020 – 38.33%) for each dollar Trade Marks pays out in taxable dividends to its shareholders. Trade Marks' provision for income taxes for 2021 year to date includes a payable of refundable income tax of \$110,000 based on its year to date share of annual estimated taxable income and dividends paid in 2021, as well as an adjustment of \$298,000 related to 2020 refundable income tax payable. Under IFRS, refundable income tax is recognized on the income statement when it is paid or payable and subsequently when it is received or receivable. Management expects that the net refundable income tax paid in prior years will be recovered in future years when sufficient dividends are paid by Trade Marks.

Deferred income tax is recorded on the temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the consolidated financial statements. Deferred income tax is a non-cash item and has no impact in the current year on the Fund's cash available to pay distributions.

## **NET INCOME AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

Net income and comprehensive income was as follows:

(dollars in thousands)	Period from Mar 29, 2021 to Jun 20, 2021	Period from Mar 23, 2020 to Jun 14, 2020	Period from Jan 1, 2021 to June 20, 2021	Period from Jan 1, 2020 to Jun 14, 2020
Net income and comprehensive income attributable to public unitholders of the Fund	\$6,158	\$3,248	\$11,152	\$7,498
Net income and comprehensive income attributable to Food Services' ownership of Limited Voting Units	504	-	504	-
Net income and comprehensive income attributable to Food Services' non- controlling interest that arises from Food Services' ownership of common shares of Trade Marks	1,433	992	3,178	2,290
Total net income and comprehensive income	\$8,095	\$4,240	\$14,834	\$9,788

## **DISTRIBUTABLE CASH**

The measures "distributable cash", "distributable cash per equivalent unit", "total distributions declared and accrued per equivalent unit" and "payout ratio" are reported by the Fund as they identify the amount of actual cash generated to pay distributions to unitholders and dividends to Food Services and provide information regarding the extent to which the Fund distributes cash. "Distributable cash", "distributable cash per equivalent unit", "total distributions declared and accrued per equivalent unit" and "payout ratio" are non-IFRS measures – see "Non-IFRS Measures".

Distributable cash is calculated as the operating cash flows of the Fund, adjusted for net changes in items of working capital. Changes in items of working capital are excluded as the Fund's working capital requirements are not permanent and are primarily due to the timing of payments between related parties. No deduction is made for capital expenditures as the Fund has no capital expenditures. Distributable cash per equivalent unit is calculated as distributable cash divided by the weighted average number Units of the Fund outstanding during the relevant period on a fully diluted basis. There are no restrictions on distributions by the Fund arising from compliance with financial covenants. Total distributions and dividends declared and accrued per equivalent unit is calculated as the sum of (i) distributions and dividends declared per equivalent unit in respect of each full calendar month in the applicable period, and (ii) the aggregate run-rate amount of the current monthly distribution for the remainder of the calendar year, with the sum of (i) and (ii) pro-rated based on the number of days in such period. The payout ratio is calculated by dividing total distributions declared and accrued per equivalent unit, by the distributable cash per equivalent unit generated in that period.

As discussed under "Income Taxes", Trade Marks' provision for income taxes includes refundable income tax paid or recoverable. This refundable income tax is not deducted in calculating the amount of distributable cash generated, in order to more accurately reflect the actual amount of cash generated by the business to pay distributions to unitholders and dividends

to Food Services. Management expects that net refundable income tax paid in prior years will be recovered in future years when sufficient dividends are paid by Trade Marks.

The following chart reconciles distributable cash to net cash generated from operating activities including net changes in items of working capital, the most directly comparable measure calculated in accordance with IFRS.

(dollars in thousands)	Period from Mar 29, 2021 to Jun 20, 2021	Period from Mar 23, 2020 to June 14, 2020	Period from Jan 1, 2021 to Jun 20, 2021	Period from Jan 1, 2020 to Jun 14, 2020
Net cash generated from (used in) operating activities	\$8,540	\$(716)	\$13,358	\$6,569
Changes in non-cash working capital including interest and tax	(621)	5,588	1,039	5,831
Distributable cash(iii)	\$7,919	\$4,872	\$14,397	\$12,400
Cumulative surplus – beginning of period	7,862	7,202	8,967	7,429
Distributable cash <sup>(iii)</sup> for public unitholders at current annual distribution rate (2021 –\$1.585 per unit, 2020 - \$1.018 per unit)	(5,280)	(482)	(10,594)	(6,494)
Distributable cash <sup>(iii)</sup> for Food Services' ownership of Limited Voting Units at equivalent annual distribution rate (2021 – \$1.585 per equivalent unit, 2020 - \$1.018 per equivalent unit)	(432)	-	(432)	-
Distributable cash <sup>(iii)</sup> for Food Services' ownership of common shares of Trade Marks at equivalent annual distribution rate (2021 – \$1.585 per equivalent unit, 2020 - \$1.018 per equivalent unit)	(1,267)	(154)	(3,182)	(2,074)
Refundable income tax (see "Income Taxes")	(54)	(1,145)	(408)	(968)
Cumulative surplus – end of period	\$8,748	\$10,293	\$8,748	\$10,293
Number of equivalent units(iv)	19,132,830	18,556,378	19,132,830	18,556,378
Distributable cash <sup>(iii)</sup> per equivalent unit <sup>(iv)</sup>	\$0.414	\$0.262	\$0.752	\$0.668
Distributions and dividends declared per equivalent unit (1)	\$0.405	-	\$0.640	\$0.318
Total distributions and dividends declared and accrued per equivalent unit <sup>(iii)</sup>	\$0.365	-	\$0.743	\$0.462
Payout ratio(iii)	88.2%	-	98.8%	69.2%

<sup>(1)</sup> In accordance with the Fund's Declaration of Trust, the Fund declares and records distributions in respect of any particular calendar month at the beginning of the immediate subsequent month, with the exception of the distribution for December of each year, which is declared and recorded in December of each year. Distributions in respect of any particular calendar month are paid on the last business day of the immediate subsequent month.

The distributions declared in the first quarter of each year are in respect of the calendar months January and February.

(iii) (iv) Refer to footnotes on page 4.

Distributable cash generated in the second quarter of 2021 to pay distributions to unitholders and dividends to Food Services was \$7,919,000 compared to \$4,872,000 in the second quarter of 2020. Distributable cash generated in the 2021 year to date period to pay distributions to unitholders and dividends to Food Services was \$14,397,000 compared to \$12,400,000 in the comparable period in 2020. The \$1,997,000 year to date increase in distributable cash was attributable to the \$2,985,000 increase in royalty income and the \$105,000 decrease in general and administrative expenses, partially offset by the \$928,000 increase in the current income tax provision (excluding refundable income tax) and the \$165,000 increase in net interest expense.

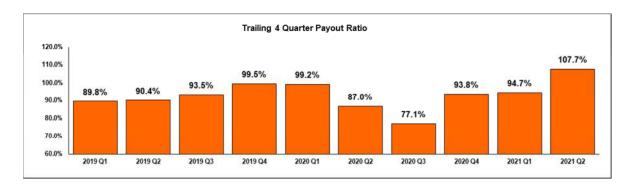
Distributable cash per equivalent unit increased by 15.2 cents to 41.4 cents per Unit in the second quarter of 2021 from 26.2 cents per Unit for the second quarter of 2020. Year to date distributable cash per equivalent unit increased by 8.4 cents to 75.2 cents per Unit for 2021 from 66.8 cents per Unit for the comparable period in 2020. The increase in distributable cash per equivalent unit is a result of the increase in distributable cash discussed above, partially offset by the increase in the number of equivalent units.

Three monthly distributions totaling 40.5 cents per Unit were declared in the second quarter of 2021. No monthly distributions were declared in the second quarter of 2020 as the Trustees had temporarily suspended monthly distributions on the Units commencing with the March 2020 distribution that would ordinarily have been declared in April 2020. Five monthly distributions totaling 64.0 cents per Unit were declared in the 2021 year to date period compared to two monthly distributions totaling 31.8 cents per Unit for the comparable period in 2020. Total distributions declared and accrued per equivalent unit year to date were 74.3 cents for 2021 compared to 46.2 cents for the comparable period in 2020.

The current monthly distribution rate of 13.5 cents per Unit translates to an annualized distribution of \$1.62 per Unit. Due to the performance by restaurants in the Royalty Pool, the monthly distribution to unitholders will increase from 13.5 cents per Unit to 15.0 cents per Unit beginning with the July distribution which is payable on August 31, 2021. The new distribution rate translates into an annualized distribution rate of \$1.80 per Unit, an increase of 11.1% from the prior level of \$1.62 per Unit.

The payout ratio for the second quarter of 2021 was 88.2% compared to 0.0% for the same quarter of 2020 as no distributions were paid due to a COVID-19 related temporary suspension of distributions in the second quarter of 2020. The year to date payout ratio for 2021 was 98.8% compared to 69.2% for the comparable period in 2020. The Fund's long-term objective is to maintain an annual payout ratio at or below 100%; however, as the Fund strives to provide unitholders with regular monthly distributions (absent unique circumstances, such as those resulting in the declaration of special distributions or a temporary suspension due to COVID-19), and as a result of seasonality of sales in A&W restaurants, the Fund historically experiences seasonal fluctuations in its payout ratio.

The following table shows the trailing four quarter payout ratios for 2019, 2020 and 2021. Payout ratio is a non-IFRS measure - see "Non-IFRS Measures".



The cumulative surplus of distributable cash on reserve at the end of the second quarter of 2021 was \$8,748,000, compared to a cumulative surplus of distributable cash on reserve of \$8,967,000 at the beginning of the year, a decrease of \$219,000.

## **DISTRIBUTIONS TO UNITHOLDERS**

Distributions declared and paid during 2021 were as follows:

(dollars in thousands except per unit amounts) Month	Record date	Per Trust Unit	Amount paid/payable to public Unitholders	Amount paid/payable to Food Services	Total amount paid/payable
January	February 15, 2021	\$0.100	\$1,407	n/a	\$1,407
February	March 15, 2021	0.135	1,898	n/a	1,898
March	April 15, 2021	0.135	1,898	n/a	1,898
April	May 15, 2021	0.135	1,970	203	2,173
May	June 15, 2021	0.135	1,970	203	2,173
		\$0.640	\$9,143	\$406	\$9,549

The May 2021 distribution was declared on June 1, 2021 and paid subsequent to the period end on June 30, 2021, and is reported as a current liability as at June 20, 2021.

## TAX TREATMENT OF DISTRIBUTIONS

All of the distributions declared in 2021 are designated as non-eligible dividends.

## **DIVIDENDS ON TRADE MARKS' COMMON SHARES**

During 2021 year to date, Trade Marks declared and paid dividends on its voting and non-voting common shares as follows:

(dollars in thousands except per amounts)	share	Amount paid/payable to	Amount paid/payable
Month declared/paid	Per share	paid/payable to the Fund	to Food Services
January	\$0.0500	\$1,407	\$496
February	0.0675	1,898	668
March	0.0675	1,898	668
April	0.0675	2,173	395
May	0.0675	2,173	395
	\$0.3200	\$9,549	\$2,622

The May dividend was declared on June 1, 2021 and paid on June 30, 2021 and Food Services' share of \$395,000 is reported as a current liability as at June 20, 2021.

## **SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS**

The following selected quarterly results, other than "Distributable cash" and "Distributable cash per equivalent unit", have been prepared in accordance with IFRS and all dollar amounts are reported in Canadian currency. See "Non-IFRS Measures".

(dollars in thousands except per unit amounts)	Q2 2021	<b>Q1</b> 2021	<b>Q4</b> 2020	<b>Q3</b> 2020
Number of restaurants in the Royalty Pool	994	994	971	971
Royalty income	\$10,519	\$9,322	\$13,350	\$10,216
General and administrative expenses	96	206	463	124
Net interest on term loan and other	611	606	681	444
Amortization of deferred financing fees	7	8	11	7
Unrealized gain on interest rate swap	(381)	(364)	(342)	(232)
Current income tax expense	1,893	2,032	2,798	1,447
Refundable income tax expense (recovery)	54	354	(1,165)	507
Deferred income tax expense (recovery)	144	(259)	(290)	527
Net income	\$8,095	\$6,739	\$11,194	\$7,392
Distributable cash <sup>(1)</sup>	\$7,919	\$6,478	\$9,408	\$8,201
Number of equivalent units(iv)	19,132,830	19,132,830	18,551,185	18,556,378
Distributable cash per equivalent unit <sup>(1)(iv)</sup> Distributions and dividends declared per equivalent unit <sup>(2)</sup>	\$0.414	\$0.339	\$0.508	\$0.442
-	\$0.405	\$0.235	\$0.900	\$0.300
Number of days in the quarter (dollars in thousands except per unit	94 <b>Q2</b>	87 <b>Q1</b>	116 <b>Q4</b>	94 Q3
amounts)	2020	2020	2019	2019
Number of restaurants in the Royalty Pool	971	971	934	934
Royalty income	\$7,596	\$9,260	\$13,539	\$11,111
General and administrative expenses	214	193	342	51
Net interest on term loan and other	543	509	545	573
Amortization of deferred financing fees	8	8	10	8
Unrealized (gain)/loss on interest rate swap	99	1,837	(720)	(203)
Current income tax expense	1,967	1,030	2,442	2,125
Refundable income tax recovery	1,145	(177)	(36)	(67)
Deferred income tax expense	(620)	312	231	11
Net income	\$4,240	\$5,548	\$10,725	\$8,613
Distributable cash <sup>(1)</sup>	\$4,872	\$7,528	\$10,210	\$8,362
Number of equivalent units(iv)	18,556,378	18,556,378	17,791,555	17,659,154
Distributable cash per equivalent unit <sup>(1)(iv)</sup> Distributions and dividends declared per	\$0.262	\$0.406	\$0.574	\$0.474
equivalent unit <sup>(2)</sup>	-	\$0.318	\$0.636	\$0.472
Number of days in the quarter	84	82	114	84

Distributable cash and distributable cash per equivalent unit are non-IFRS measures. See "Non-IFRS Measures" and "Distributable Cash".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(2)</sup> The distribution for December of each year, which is paid on the last business day of January of the following

year, is declared and recorded in the year in which it is earned. Therefore, four monthly distributions are declared in the fourth quarter of each year, and two monthly distributions are declared in the first quarter of each year. No distributions were declared in the second quarter of 2020 due to the impact of COVID-19. The Trustees approved the resumption of monthly distributions on July 7, 2020 commencing with the June distribution of 10 cents per Unit that was paid on July 31, 2020 to unitholders of record as of the close of business on July 15, 2020.

(iv) Refer to footnotes on page 4.

#### **SEASONALITY**

Sales at A&W restaurants typically fluctuate seasonally however in 2021 and 2020, due to COVID-19, the impact of seasonality was less pronounced. In typical years for A&W restaurants in shopping centres, sales tend to fluctuate due to, among other things, higher traffic during the back-to-school, "Black Friday" and Christmas shopping seasons. In the freestanding and other concepts of A&W restaurants, weather and summer travel, among other things, typically impact sales.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Modifications to the operations of A&W restaurants in the Royalty Pool in response to COVID-19, as well as temporary restaurant closures, have impacted and are expected to continue to impact system sales at A&W restaurants and therefore, gross sales of A&W restaurants in the Royalty Pool. There is the potential that COVID-19 and related restrictions imposed on restaurant operations will drive future reductions of system sales which have a direct impact on the amount of royalties payable to and earned by the Fund, and correspondingly, funds available to distribute to unitholders of the Fund.

The Fund's normal policy is to distribute all available cash, after allowing for reasonable reserves, in order to maximize returns to unitholders over time. In light of seasonal variances inherent to the restaurant industry and fluctuations in business performance, the Fund's normal policy is to make equal distribution payments to unitholders on a monthly basis (absent unique circumstances, such as those resulting in the declaration of special distributions or a temporary suspension due to COVID-19) in order to smooth out these fluctuations. The Trustees review distribution levels on a regular basis and any change in monthly distributions is expected to be implemented with a view to maintain the continuity of uniform monthly distributions. It is expected that any future distributions will be funded entirely by cash flow from operations and the cash reserve.

Trade Marks has a \$2,000,000 demand operating loan facility with a Canadian chartered bank (the "Bank") to fund working capital requirements and for general corporate purposes. Amounts advanced under the facility bear interest at the Bank's prime rate plus 0.4% and are repayable on demand. As at July 27, 2021 and June 20, 2021, the amount of the facility available was \$2,000,000 (December 31, 2020- \$2,000,000).

Trade Marks has a \$60,000,000 term loan with the Bank in the form of a banker's acceptance. The term loan is repayable on December 22, 2022. The term loan contains covenants including the requirement to meet certain earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization and non-cash charges/income ("EBITDA") levels and debt to EBITDA ratios during each trailing four quarter period. Interest only is payable monthly, providing that Trade Marks' EBITDA tested quarterly on a trailing four quarter basis is not less than specified amounts. In the event that EBITDA is less than these specified amounts, the term loan will be fully amortized over the

greater of three years and the remaining term and repayment will be by way of blended monthly instalments of principal and interest. Trade Marks was in compliance with all of its financial covenants as at July 27, 2021, June 20, 2021 and December 31, 2020.

Trade Marks uses interest rate swap agreements to manage risks from fluctuations in interest rates. To manage the interest rate risk associated with the \$60,000,000 term loan, Trade Marks has entered into an interest rate swap, with an effective date of December 22, 2015 and a maturity date of December 22, 2022. Under this interest rate swap, as at June 20, 2021, the term loan's effective interest rate was 4.20% per annum (December 31, 2020 – 4.20%), comprising 2.80% per annum which is fixed under the swap agreement until December 22, 2022 plus a 1.40% per annum stamping fee. Depending on the performance of the business of Trade Marks, the stamping fee can range between 1.40% and 0.90% in accordance with the following:

Debt to EBITDA Ratio	Credit Charge
< 1.00:1	0.90% per annum
$\geq$ 1:00:1 and $\leq$ 1:50:1	1.15% per annum
≥ 1:50:1	1.40% per annum

The fair value of the interest rate swap as at June 20, 2021 was \$1,926,000 unfavourable (December 31, 2020 - \$2,671,000 unfavourable) and the change in fair value is recorded in the consolidated statements of income as an unrealized gain on interest rate swaps.

A general security agreement over the assets of Trade Marks has been provided as collateral for the demand operating loan facility and term loan. The Partnership has provided its guarantee in favour of the Bank of all of the indebtedness, covenants and obligations of Trade Marks to the Bank.

The following is a summary of contractual obligations payable by the Fund:

Payments due by period		Less than	1 – 3	4 – 5	After 5
(dollars in thousands)	Total	1 year	years	years	years
Term loan	\$60,000	\$0	\$60,000	\$0	\$0

The Fund, Trade Marks and the Partnership have no other contractual or purchase obligations except as described under the section "Related Party Transactions and Balances". The Fund, Trade Marks and the Partnership do not have any capital expenditures; their operating and administrative expenses are expected to be stable and reasonably predictable and are considered to be in the ordinary course of business.

Subsequent to quarter end on July 27, 2021, Trade Marks received approval from its Board of Directors and has reached an agreement with the Bank to renew its \$60,000,000 term loan, \$2,000,000 demand operating loan and interest rate swap (collectively the "Credit Facility"), all of which mature on December 22, 2022. Trade Marks proposes to extend the Credit Facility for an additional five years on terms and conditions consistent with those of the existing Credit Facility. Management is undertaking this early renewal of the Credit Facility to ensure stability in

the interest rate and to ensure stability in the associated interest expense impact on distributable cash over the renewed five year term.

Similar to the existing term loan, the interest rate on the renewed term loan is expected to be comprised of a fixed swap rate and a stamping fee that ranges from 0.90% to 1.40%, depending on Trade Mark's debt to EBITDA ratio.

It is anticipated that the existing general security agreement over the assets of Trade Marks will remain as collateral for the Credit Facility. Consistent with the current Credit Facility, the renewed Credit Facility is expected to contain a number of covenants including the requirement for Trade Marks to meet certain EBITDA levels and debt to EBITDA ratios during each trailing four quarter period. Similar to the existing term loan, it is proposed that interest will only be payable monthly, provided that Trade Marks' EBITDA tested quarterly on a trailing four quarter basis is not less than specified amounts. In the event that EBITDA is less than these specified amounts, the term loan is expected to be fully amortized over the greater of three years and the remaining term and repayment will be by way of blended monthly instalments of principal and interest. The Partnership intends to provide its guarantee in favour of the Bank of all of the indebtedness, covenants and obligations of Trade Marks. The details of the Credit Facility are still to be settled by the parties and there can be no assurance that the parties will reach a definitive agreement.

## **OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

The Fund, Trade Marks and the Partnership have no off-balance sheet arrangements.

## RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES

During the year to date period, royalty income of \$19,841,000 (2020 - \$16,856,000) was earned from Food Services of which \$3,597,000 is receivable at June 20, 2021 (December 31, 2020 - \$3,452,000). Royalty income earned during the quarter was \$10,519,000 (2020 - \$7,596,000).

During the year to date period, Trade Marks declared common share dividends payable to Food Services of \$2,622,000 (2020 - \$1,380,000). Dividends declared payable by Trade Marks to Food Services during the quarter were \$1,458,000 (2020 - \$nil). The \$395,000 dividend declared on June 1, 2021 was paid to Food Services subsequent to the period end on June 30, 2021 is reported as a current liability as at June 20, 2021 (December 31, 2020 - \$nil).

During the quarter and year to date period, the Fund declared distributions payable to Food Services of \$406,000 (2020 - \$nil) as a result of Food Services' ownership of Limited Voting Units in the Fund. The \$203,000 distribution declared on June 1, 2021 was paid to Food Services subsequent to the period end on June 30, 2021 is reported as a current liability as at June 20, 2021 (December 31, 2020 - \$nil).

Other related party transactions and balances are referred to elsewhere in this MD&A, including, without limitation, under the headings "Adjustment to the Royalty Pool", "Common Shares of Trade Marks" and "Ownership of the Fund".

## CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGMENTS

Significant areas requiring the use of a management estimate are the fair value of the interest rate swap and of the indefinite life intangible assets. The fair value of the interest rate swap is not a "critical accounting estimate" as (i) it does not require the Fund to make assumptions about matters that are highly uncertain at the time the estimate is made, and (ii) a different estimate that could have been used, or changes in the accounting estimates that are reasonably likely to occur from period to period, would not have had a material impact on the Fund's financial condition, changes in financial condition or financial performance. The fair value of the interest rate swap as at June 20, 2021 was \$1,926,000 unfavourable (December 31, 2020 - \$2,671,000 unfavourable) and the change in fair value is recorded in the consolidated statements of income as an unrealized gain on interest rate swaps.

## FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Fund's financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, distributions payable to unitholders, income taxes payable/recoverable, the demand operating loan facility, the term loan, and the interest rate swap. The Fund classifies its financial instruments as follows:

- Cash and cash equivalents and accounts receivable as financial assets at amortized cost,
  which are initially measured at the amount expected to be received, less, when material, a
  discount to reduce the assets to fair value. Subsequently, financial assets at amortized
  cost are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method less a provision
  for impairment.
- Accounts payable and accrued liabilities, income taxes payable, distributions payable to
  unitholders, and the term loan as financial liabilities at amortized cost. Accounts payable
  and accrued liabilities and income taxes payable are initially recognized at the amount
  required to be paid, less, when material, a discount to reduce the payables to fair value.
  Subsequently, accounts payable and accrued liabilities are measured at amortized cost
  using the effective interest method. Distributions payable to unitholders are recognized at
  the amount required to be paid. The term loan is recognized initially at fair value, net of
  any transaction costs incurred, and subsequently at amortized cost using the effective
  interest method.
- Derivatives as a financial asset at fair value through profit or loss. The Fund's derivatives are interest rate swaps with changes in fair value recorded in the consolidated statements of income.

Management estimates that the fair values of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, distributions payable to unitholders, income taxes payable, and the term loan approximate their carrying values given the short term to maturity of these instruments. The fair value of the interest rate swap is \$1,926,000 unfavourable (December 31, 2020- \$2,671,000 unfavourable).

The Trustees have oversight responsibilities for risk management policies. The Trustees closely monitor the cash position and internal controls, along with the level of distributions of the Fund. The Fund, through dividends from Trade Marks, is expected to have sufficient financial resources to pay future distributions.

The Fund's exposure to credit risk is as indicated by the carrying amount of its accounts receivable. All of the accounts receivable as at June 20, 2021 relate to royalties due from Food Services to the Partnership which were paid in full by Food Services on July 16, 2021.

The primary sources of liquidity risk are the monthly distributions to unitholders and dividends to Food Services. The Fund's primary source of funds to pay distributions and dividends is the 3% royalty income it receives from Food Services. Additionally, the Fund manages liquidity risk by actively monitoring forecast and actual cash flows.

The demand operating loan facility and the term loan bear floating rates of interest. Trade Marks has used an interest rate swap to fix the rate of interest on the term loan. Cash and cash equivalents earn interest at market rates. All of the Fund's other financial instruments are non-interest bearing.

## **CAPITAL DISCLOSURE**

The Fund's capital consists of unitholders' equity and the term loan. The Fund's capital management objectives are to have sufficient cash and cash equivalents to pay distributions to its unitholders, after satisfaction of its debt service and income tax obligations; provisions for general and administrative expenses; retention of reasonable working capital reserves; and amounts that may be paid by the Fund in connection with any cash redemptions of Units. The Fund manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it in light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of the underlying assets. In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Fund may adjust the amount of distributions paid to its unitholders.

## INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

The CEO and the CFO have designed, or caused to be designed under their supervision, internal controls over financial reporting to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of the Fund's financial reporting and the preparation of its financial statements for external purposes in accordance with the Fund's generally accepted accounting principles. The control framework used to design the Fund's internal control over financial reporting is "Internal Control – Integrated Framework: 2013" which was released in May 2013 by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO").

There has been no change in the Fund's internal controls over financial reporting during the period covered by this MD&A that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Fund's internal control over financial reporting.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation.

## RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES COVID-19

Since March 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic has had significant impacts on the Canadian economy, the QSR industry, and the willingness of the general public to dine outside their homes and travel. These have negatively impacted Food Services, its franchisees and the Fund (including Trade Marks and the Partnership), and have adversely affected each of their respective

investments, results of operations and financial condition. Restrictions on the operations of A&W restaurants in response to COVID-19, as well as temporary restaurant closures, continues to impact system sales at A&W restaurants in 2021. System sales drive the fees payable to Food Services by its franchisees and the amount of royalties payable to the Fund (through the Partnership), and correspondingly, the funds available to be paid as dividends by Trade Marks to Food Services and the Fund and available to distribute to unitholders of the Fund. Food Services may become liable for the lease obligations of certain of its franchisees, if such franchisees default on their leases as a result of the impacts of COVID-19 or otherwise, and such obligations may be significant and Food Services may be unsuccessful in seeking recovery from such franchisees, all of which may adversely affect Food Services' investments, results of operations and financial condition. Food Services' projections may be inaccurate, and do not represent a financial forecast and actual results may differ materially from those anticipated by the projections. Monthly distributions on Units are not guaranteed and may be reduced, suspended or terminated at any time. Recent sales improvements for restaurants in the Royalty Pool may not continue and may slow or regress. Certain A&W restaurants that are currently temporarily closed may not reopen, and further locations may close temporarily or permanently due to the impacts of COVID-19. Government restrictions related to COVID-19 may have their durations extended, or may be reinstated in the case of those that have recently been lifted, which measures may restrict the ability of A&W restaurants to operate, or result in forced closures, further reduced guest traffic, supply interruptions or staff shortages. Government programs expected to be helpful to A&W franchisees may not be available to some franchisees, and may not be available in amounts expected for those franchisees for which such programs are available and may be terminated at any time. As at July 27, 2021, eight restaurants in the Royalty Pool are temporarily closed due to COVID-19. See "Impact of COVID-19".

In addition, it is unknown if and to what extent the COVID-19 pandemic will alter consumer behaviour and demand for QSR services. Health epidemics or pandemics can adversely affect consumer spending and confidence levels and supply availability and costs, as well as the local operations in impacted markets, all of which can adversely affect the financial results, condition and outlook of Food Services and A&W franchisees. Importantly, the global pandemic resulting from COVID-19 has disrupted global health, economic and market conditions, consumer behavior and A&W restaurant operations beginning in early 2020. Local and national governmental mandates or recommendations and public perceptions of the risks associated with the COVID-19 pandemic have caused, and may continue to cause, consumer behavior to change and worsening or volatile economic conditions, which could continue to adversely affect Food Services' and A&W franchisees' business.

The COVID-19 pandemic may also heighten other risks disclosed herein, such as, but not limited to, those related to consumer behavior, consumer perceptions of the A&W brand, supply chain interruptions, interest rates, commodity costs and labor availability and cost.

Information regarding the other risks and uncertainties applicable to the business operations of the Fund is contained elsewhere in this MD&A, including under the heading "Forward-Looking Information", and in the Fund's most recent Annual Information Form under the heading "Risk Factors". Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to the Trustees or that are currently not considered to be material may also impair the Fund's business operations. If any of the risks actually occur, the Fund's business, results of operations and financial condition, and the amount of cash available for distribution to unitholders, could be adversely affected.

## **OUTLOOK**

Food Services believes that the food service industry, and more particularly the quick service restaurant (QSR) segment of the industry, will recover from the impact of COVID-19. However, the timing and strength of the recovery cannot yet be predicted with any degree of certainty. Against this backdrop, the success of the A&W brand and individual franchised A&W restaurants is paramount to the long-term success of the overall A&W system and, in turn, to the Fund. Both Food Services and its franchisees have worked diligently to develop and implement plans and programs to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Food Services' objective is to ensure that as many as possible of A&W's 1,016 restaurants are able to safely operate (as permitted by health authorities and government regulations mandated from time to time) with the objective of emerging from this period of uncertainty in financial condition that enables them to compete effectively and grow their businesses.

Food Services believes that its mission "To become #1 with millennial burger lovers, chosen and trusted for truly good food and the convenience they crave" will help it to rebound from the impact of COVID-19. Strategic initiatives, including repositioning and differentiating the A&W brand through the use of natural ingredients; continued new restaurant growth, and delivering an industry leading guest experience, have all contributed to A&W's strong appeal and the trust it has built with Canadian consumers over many years. These strengths will be key to delivering strong results and improved market share as the QSR industry and the QSR burger market resume growth.

A&W is proud to be a Canadian company, 100% Canadian owned and operated, and a leader in sourcing simple, great-tasting ingredients, farmed with care. In 2013, Food Services became the first and only national burger chain in Canada to serve beef raised without artificial hormones or steroids, and since then Food Services has introduced countless other natural ingredient firsts; including chicken raised without the use of antibiotics, Organic Fairtrade coffee, eggs from hens fed a diet without animal by–products, bacon from pork raised without the use of antibiotics, real cheese on all burgers and breakfast sandwiches, and A&W Root Beer served in restaurants made from natural cane sugar and all-natural flavours.

In 2018, A&W further strengthened its positioning as a leader in food and innovation with the introduction of the BEYOND MEAT<sup>(1)</sup> branded plant-based burger. Food Services was very excited to be the first national burger chain in Canada to offer burger lovers across Canada this burger patty made using 100% plant-based protein with peas, rice, mung beans, coconut oil, pomegranates, potatoes, apples and beets. A&W continues to enhance its position as a leader in great tasting plant-based options with regular introductions of new recipes and products to its plant-based line-up.

In 2020, A&W announced that all of its beef is grass-fed, from cattle that only graze on grass and other forage, like hay.

A&W continues to innovate to serve the increasing number of guests that are mobile app users and offered its mobile app users unlimited free coffee for the month of March 2021 through a trial of the A&W 'Sipscription', a coffee subscription program. On April 1, 2021 Food Services announced that it is expanding the beverage offerings at A&W restaurants with the phased rollout

<sup>(1)</sup> Trademark of Beyond Meat, Inc., used under license.

of the A&W Brew Bar<sup>TM</sup>. The A&W Brew Bar offers a variety of frozen beverages as well as hot and cold espresso-based beverages.

A&W is also committed to reducing its environmental impact through conscious use of packaging, waste, energy and water, and high-efficiency equipment is being introduced into A&W restaurants to use less energy.

Food Services has continued to grow new A&W restaurants, particularly in the key Ontario and Quebec markets. As at June 20, 2021, fifteen new restaurants had been opened across the country in 2021, nine of which opened in the second quarter, and an additional 35 restaurants are under construction or in varying stages of permitting.

The health and safety of A&W's customers and restaurant team members remains a top priority. A&W has implemented stringent protocols in its dining rooms to limit contact and ensure physical distancing. Other services that encourage physical distancing such as drive-thru, third party delivery and pickup through A&W's mobile app are available to A&W's guests.

A&W's brand positioning is strong. Growth of new locations, industry leading innovation, a safe and stable supply chain, and continued efforts to consistently deliver great food and a better guest experience are all expected to contribute to building loyalty and enhancing performance over the long term. Food Services remains committed to the long-term health and success of its franchise network and the Fund.

## **NON-IFRS MEASURES**

The Fund believes that disclosing certain non-IFRS financial measures provides readers of this MD&A with important information regarding the Fund's financial performance and its ability to pay distributions to unitholders. By considering these measures in combination with the most closely comparable IFRS measure, if any, the Fund believes that readers are provided with additional and more useful information about the Fund than readers would have if they simply considered IFRS measures alone.

The Fund uses "Same Store Sales", "Same Store Sales Growth", "Distributable cash", "Distributable cash per equivalent unit", "Total distributions and dividends declared and accrued per equivalent unit", "Payout Ratio" and "net income, excluding non-cash items" as non-IFRS measures in this report. These measures do not have a standardized meaning prescribed by IFRS and the Fund's method of calculating these measures may differ from those of other issuers or companies and may not be comparable to similar measures used by other issuers or companies. For further details, including how such measures are calculated by the Fund, see "Key Updates" and "Distributable Cash" above.

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## FORWARD LOOKING INFORMATION

Certain statements in this MD&A contain forward-looking information within the meaning of applicable securities laws in Canada (forward-looking information). The words "anticipates", "believes", "budgets", "could", "estimates", "expects", "forecasts", "intends", "may", "might", "plans", "projects", "schedule", "should", "will", "would" and similar expressions are often intended to identify forward-looking information, although not all forward-looking information contains these identifying words.

The forward-looking information in this MD&A includes, but is not limited to: the expectation that currently closed A&W restaurants will reopen when they are able to do so; the expectation that the Trustees will continue to review distribution levels on a regular basis and that any change in monthly distributions will be implemented with a view to maintain the continuity of uniform monthly distributions; the expectation that the monthly distribution rate will be increased from 13.5 cents per Unit to 15.0 cents per Unit beginning with the July 2021 distribution that is payable August 31, 2021; expectations with respect to timing for the payment of the remaining \$3,318,000 by the Partnership to Food Services and a final adjustment to the consideration based on the actual annual sales reported by the new restaurants; the expectation that Trade Marks' Credit Facility will be renewed and the terms under which such renewal will occur; the expectation that the Partnership will provide its guarantee in favour of the Bank of all of the indebtedness, covenants and obligations of Trade Marks; the impact of COVID-19, including its impact on the global economy in general and on the businesses of Food Services and A&W franchisees in particular; statements with respect to government restrictions on business operations, and in particular restaurants; statements regarding the extent to which COVID-19 will alter consumer behaviour and demand for QSR services; expectations regarding improvements in sales trends at the A&W restaurants in the Royalty Pool; statements regarding the duration of various government support programs; Food Services' expectation that the food service industry, and more particularly the OSR segment, will recover; the success of the A&W brand and individual franchised restaurants being paramount to the long-term success of the overall A&W system and, in turn, to the unitholders of the Fund; Food Services' objectives with respect to the A&W restaurants and its planned strategies to achieve those objectives; statements regarding future restrictions on the operations of A&W restaurants as well as temporary restaurant closures and the corresponding reductions to the amounts of royalties payable to and earned by the Fund, as well as funds available to distribute to unitholders of the Fund; the expectation that Trade Marks will remain in compliance with all covenants related to its term debt based on current projections; management's expectation that its refundable income tax will be recovered in future years when sufficient dividends are paid by Trade Marks; the Fund's long-term objective to maintain an annual payout ratio at or below 100%; Food Services' belief that its mission "to become #1 with millennial burger lovers, chosen and trusted for truly good food and the convenience they crave" will help it to rebound from the impact of COVID-19; Food Services' belief that strategic initiatives will be key to delivering strong results and improved market share as the QSR industry and the QSR burger market resume growth; growth of new locations, industry leading innovation, a safe and stable supply chain, and continued efforts to consistently deliver great food and a better guest experience are all expected to contribute to building loyalty and enhancing performance over the long term; Food Services remaining committed to the long-term health and success of its franchise network and the Fund; the Fund's expectations that future distributions will continue to be funded entirely by cash flow from operations and the cash reserve; and statements regarding the stability and predictability of the operating and administrative expenses of the Fund, Trade Marks and the Partnership.

The forward looking information is based on various assumptions that include, but are not limited to:

- the general risks that affect the restaurant industry will not arise, other than those related to COVID-19:
- there are no changes in availability of experienced management and hourly employees;
- there are no material changes in government regulations concerning menu labelling and disclosure and drive-thru restrictions;

- no publicity from any food borne illness;
- no material changes in competition;
- no material increases in food and labour costs;
- the continued availability of quality raw materials;
- continued additional franchise sales and maintenance of franchise operations;
- Food Services is able to maintain and grow the current system of franchises;
- Food Services is able to locate new retail sites in desirable locations;
- Food Services is able to obtain qualified operators to become A&W franchisees;
- no material impact from new or increased sales taxes upon gross sales;
- continued availability of key personnel;
- continued ability to preserve intellectual property;
- no material litigation from guests at A&W restaurants;
- Food Services continues to pay the royalty;
- Food Services can continue to comply with its obligations under its credit arrangements;
- Trade Marks can continue to comply with its obligations and covenants under its credit arrangements;
- current store closures will be temporary and restaurant performance will continue to improve;
- the Fund will receive sufficient revenue in the future (in the form of royalty payments from Food Services) to maintain the payment of monthly distributions;
- the projections for the A&W business provided by Food Services are accurate;
- the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the A&W system will not significantly worsen; and
- Food Services will be successful in executing on its business strategies and such strategies will achieve their intended results.

The forward-looking information is subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors related to the quick service restaurant industry that include, but are not limited to:

- the general risks that affect the restaurant industry in general and the quick service segment in particular, including competition with other well-capitalized franchisors and operators of quick service restaurants:
- changes in consumer preferences that adversely affect the consumption of quick service restaurant hamburgers, chicken, fries, breakfast items or soft drinks;
- negative publicity, litigation or complaints from perceived or actual food safety events or other events involving the foodservice industry in general or A&W restaurants in particular;
- changes in the availability and quality of raw materials, including A&W's natural ingredients;
- the possible lack of success of new products and advertising campaigns;
- changes in climate or increases in environmental regulation;
- changes in Food Services' ability to continue to grow same store sales, locate new retail sites in desirable locations and obtain qualified operators to become A&W franchisees;
- increases in closures of A&W restaurants adversely affecting the royalty;
- decreases in traffic at shopping centres and other retail modes;
- changes in Food Services' ability to pay the royalty due to changes in A&W franchisees' ability to generate sales and pay franchise fees and other amounts to Food Services;
- changes in government regulation that affect the restaurant industry in general or the quick service restaurant industry in particular, including franchise legislation and sales tax legislation;
- changes in the availability of key personnel, including qualified franchise operators;
- changes in the ability to enforce or maintain intellectual property;
- technological breakdowns, cybersecurity breaches and the security of consumer and personal information;
- the amplificatory effects of media and social media;

- risks related to global health crises, disease outbreaks (including COVID-19), and other unexpected events which could affect Food Services' and A&W franchisees' supply chains, business continuity, and financial results;
- the availability and adequacy of insurance coverage;
- occurrence of catastrophic events; and
- risks related to COVID-19 set forth in this MD&A, including under the headings "Risks and Uncertainties COVID-19" and "Impact of COVID-19".

The forward-looking information is subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors related to the structure of the Fund that include, but are not limited to:

- dependence of the Fund on Trade Marks, Partnership and Food Services;
- dependence of the Partnership on Food Services;
- risks related to leverage and restrictive covenants;
- the risk that cash distributions are not guaranteed and will fluctuate with the Partnership's performance and could be reduced or suspended at any time;
- risks related to the unpredictability and volatility of Unit prices;
- risks related to the nature of Units;
- risks related to the distribution of securities on redemption or termination of the Fund;
- risks related to the Fund issuing additional Units diluting existing unitholders' interests;
- risks related to income tax matters and investment eligibility;
- risks related to the limitations of internal controls over financial reporting;
- risks related to COVID-19 set forth in this MD&A, including under the headings "Risks and Uncertainties COVID-19" and "Impact of COVID-19"; and
- risks related to Food Services not meeting its objectives, and the possibility that its strategies to meet its objectives may not be successful.

These risks, uncertainties and other factors are more particularly described above under the heading "Risks and Uncertainties" and in the Fund's most recent Annual Information Form under the heading "Risk Factors".

All forward-looking information in this MD&A is qualified in its entirety by this cautionary statement and, except as required by law, the Fund undertakes no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking information as a result of new information, future events or otherwise after the date hereof.

## **A&W Revenue Royalties Income Fund** Interim Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

Unaudited

(in thousands of dollars)					
	N-4-		June 20 2021	D	ecember 31 2020
Assets	Note		2021		2020
Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents		\$	10,897	Ф	8,548
Accounts receivable	9	Ψ	3,597	Ψ	3,530
Prepaid interest	3		3,337		191
Trepaid interest			14,494		12,269
Non-current assets			14,434		12,209
Intangible assets	3		357,295		340,707
Total assets	<u> </u>	\$	371,789	\$	352,976
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Liabilities					
Current liabilities					
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		\$	340	\$	670
Interest payable			337		-
Dividends payable to A&W Food Services of Canada Inc.	9		395		-
Distributions payable to Unitholders	7, 9		2,173		1,406
Income taxes payable			489		1,253
			3,734		3,329
Non-current liabilities					
Term loan	4		59,950		59,935
Fair value of interest rate swaps	4		1,926		2,671
Deferred income tax liabilities			13,839		13,953
Other liabilities	3		3,318		-
			82,767		79,888
Unitholders' Equity					
Trust Units	5		398,884		332,950
Accumulated deficit			(182,220)		(181,586)
			216,664		151,364
Non-controlling interest			72,358		121,724
Total equity			289,022		273,088
Total liabilities and equity		\$	371,789	\$	352,976

Subsequent events

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Interim Condensed Consolidated Statement of Income and Comprehensive Income Unaudited

(in thousands of dollars except per Unit amounts)								
		Period from		Period from		Period from		Period from
		•		ar 23, 2020 to		an 1, 2021 to		an 1, 2020 to
	lote	Jun 20, 2021		Jun 14, 2020		Jun 20, 2021		Jun 14, 2020
Royalty income	9	\$ 10,519	\$	7,596	\$	19,841	\$	16,856
Expenses								
General and administrative		96		214		302		407
Interest expense								
Term loan and other interest (net)		611		543		1,217		1,052
Amortization of financing fees		7		8		15		16
		714		765		1,534		1,475
Operating income		9,805		6,831		18,307		15,381
(Gain) loss on interest rate swaps	4	(381)		99		(745)		1,936
Net income before income taxes		10,186		6,732		19,052		13,445
Provision for (recovery of) income taxes								
Current								
Current income tax provision	6	1,893		1,967		3,925		2,997
Refundable income tax	6	54		1,145		408		968
Deferred	6	144		(620)		(115)		(308)
		2,091		2,492		4,218		3,657
Net income and comprehensive income for the period		\$ 8,095	\$	4,240	\$	14,834	\$	9,788
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Net income and comprehensive income attributable to:			_		_		_	
Unitholders of A&W Revenue Royalties Income Fund		\$ 6,662	\$	3,248	\$	11,656	\$	7,498
A&W Food Services of Canada Inc.'s non-controlling interest in A&W Tr	ade	4 400		000		0.470		0.000
Marks Inc.		1,433		992		3,178		2,290
		\$ 8,095	\$	4,240	\$	14,834	\$	9,788
Basic and diluted income per weighted average Trust Uni	t							
outstanding	-	\$ 0.425	\$	0.231	\$	0.785	\$	0.533
Weighted average number of Trust Units outstanding		15,658,117		14,064,673		14,847,418		14,064,673

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Interim Condensed Consolidated Statement of Unitholders' Equity

Unaudited

(in thousands of dollars)

			Accumulated		Non- controlling	
	Note	Trust Units	deficit	Total	interest	Total equity
Balance - December 31, 2019	\$	332,950 \$	<b>(</b> 181,744) <b>\$</b>	151,206 \$	92,788	243,994
Net income for the period		-	7,498	7,498	2,290	9,788
Distributions on Trust Units		-	(4,473)	(4,473)	-	(4,473)
Dividends on common shares of a subsidiary		-	-	-	(1,380)	(1,380)
Issue of common shares of a subsidiary		-	-	-	23,263	23,263
Balance - June 14, 2020	\$	332,950 \$	<b>(</b> 178,719) <b>\$</b>	154,231 \$	116,961	271,192
Net income for the period		-	14,010	14,010	4,576	18,586
Distributions on Trust Units		-	(16,877)	(16,877)	-	(16,877)
Dividends on common shares of a subsidiary		-	-	-	(5,431)	(5,431)
Issue of common shares of a subsidiary		-	<u>-</u>	-	5,618	5,618
Balance - December 31, 2020	\$	332,950 \$	<b>(</b> 181,586) <b>\$</b>	151,364 \$	121,724	273,088
Net income for the period		-	11,656	11,656	3,178	14,834
Distributions on Trust Units	7	-	(9,549)	(9,549)	-	(9,549)
Dividends on common shares of a subsidiary	9	-	-	-	(2,622)	(2,622)
Issue of common shares of a subsidiary	3	-	-	-	13,271	13,271
Common shares exchanged for Trust Units	5	65,934	(2,741)	63,193	(63,193)	
Balance - June 20, 2021	\$	398,884 \$	<b>(</b> 182,220) <b>\$</b>	216,664 \$	72,358	289,022

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## Interim Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

## Unaudited

(in thousands of dollars)					
		Period from	Period from	Period from	Period from
	N	lar 29, 2021 to	Mar 23, 2020 to	Jan 1, 2021 to	Jan 1, 2020 to
		Jun 20, 2021	Jun 14, 2020	Jun 20, 2021	Jun 14, 2020
Operating activities					
Net income for the period	:	8,095	\$ 4,240	\$ 14,834	\$ 9,788
Adjustments for:					
Non-cash (gain) loss on interest rate swaps	4	(381)	99	(745)	1,936
Amortization of financing fees		7	8	15	16
Deferred income taxes	6	144	(620)	(115)	(308)
Refundable income tax	6	54	1,145	408	968
Interest expense		611	543	1,217	1,052
Current income tax provision	6	1,893	1,967	3,925	2,997
Net changes in items of non-cash working capital		(516)	(7,684)	(397)	(7,381)
Interest paid		(26)	(414)	(687)	(488)
Income tax paid		(1,341)	-	(5,097)	(2,011)
Net cash generated from (used in) operating activities		8,540	(716)	13,358	6,569
Financing activities					
Dividends paid to non-controlling interest		(1,731)	(690)	(2,227)	(1,380)
Distributions paid to Unitholders		(5,970)	(2,237)	(8,782)	(6,709)
Net cash used in financing activities		(7,701)	(2,927)	(11,009)	(8,089)
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		839	(3,643)	2,349	(1,520)
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of period		10,058	9,253	8,548	7,130
Cash and cash equivalents - end of period	:	10,897	\$ 5,610	\$ 10,897	\$ 5,610

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

Notes to Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)
June 20, 2021

(in thousands of dollars)

## 1. General information

A&W Revenue Royalties Income Fund (the Fund) is a limited purpose trust established on December 18, 2001 with an unlimited number of Units and Limited Voting Units, (collectively the "Trust Units"), under the laws of the Province of British Columbia pursuant to the Declaration of Trust. The Fund is listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol AW.UN. The Fund's place of business is located at 300 – 171 West Esplanade, North Vancouver, BC. The Fund was established to invest in A&W Trade Marks Inc. ("Trade Marks"), which through its ownership interest in A&W Trade Marks Limited Partnership ("the Partnership") owns the A&W trade-marks used in the A&W quick service restaurant business in Canada.

## 2. Basis of preparation

These interim condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), as applicable to interim financial reports including International Accounting Standards ("IAS") 34, Interim Financial Reporting. The interim condensed consolidated financial statements do not include all of the information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the Fund's audited annual consolidated financial statements as at December 31, 2020.

The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the interim condensed consolidated financial statements are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Fund's annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2020.

These interim condensed consolidated financial statements were authorized for issue by the Board of Trustees of the Fund on July 27, 2021.

## 3. Intangible assets

	Royalty Pool	Amount \$
Balance as at December 31, 2020	971	340,707
Annual adjustment January 5, 2021	23	16,588
Balance as at June 20, 2021	994	357,295

The intangible assets are the A&W trade-marks used in the A&W quick service restaurant business in Canada. The Partnership has granted A&W Food Services of Canada Inc. ("Food Services") a licence (the Amended and Restated Licence and Royalty Agreement) to use the A&W trade-marks in Canada for a term expiring December 30, 2100, for which Food

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(in thousands of dollars)

Services pays a royalty of 3% of sales reported to Food Services by specific A&W restaurants (the "Royalty Pool").

The gross sales reported by the 994 (2020 - 971) A&W restaurants in the Royalty Pool for the year to date period ended June 20, 2021 were \$661,367,000 (2020 - \$561,852,000). The gross sales reported by A&W restaurants in the Royalty Pool during the quarter were \$350,641,000 (2020 - \$253,173,000).

The Fund performed its annual impairment test on the indefinite life intangible asset as at December 31, 2020, using a value-in-use model to determine the recoverable amount of the indefinite life intangible assets. The calculations were based on the Fund's and Food Services' internal forecasts and represent management's best estimates at a specific point in time, and as a result are subject to estimation uncertainty. In arriving at its estimated future cash flows, the Fund and Food Services considered past experience, economic trends and forecasted industry trends. The Fund projected royalties from the gross sales of A&W restaurants in the Royalty Pool, gross profit and cash flows for a period of five years and extrapolated cash flows beyond that using an estimated terminal growth rate of 2%. The Fund assumed a pre-tax discount rate of 10.2% in order to calculate the present value of its projected cash flows. As a result of this test, it was concluded that no impairment was required. There was no impairment as at June 20, 2021.

## **Annual Adjustment to the Royalty Pool**

The Royalty Pool is adjusted annually to reflect sales from new A&W restaurants, net of the sales of any A&W restaurants that have permanently closed. Food Services is paid for the additional royalty stream related to the sales of the net new restaurants, based on a formula set out in the Amended and Restated Licence and Royalty Agreement. The formula provides for a payment to Food Services based on 92.5% of the amount of estimated sales from the net new restaurants and the current yield on the Units, adjusted for income taxes payable by Trade Marks. The consideration is paid to Food Services in the form of additional limited partnership units ("LP units"). The additional LP units are, at the option of Food Services, exchangeable for additional shares of Trade Marks which are in turn exchangeable for Trust Units on the basis of two common shares for one Trust Unit. The consideration paid for the annual adjustment to the Royalty Pool is recorded as an increase in the value of the A&W trade-marks.

The 2021 annual adjustment to the Royalty Pool took place on January 5, 2021. The number of A&W restaurants in the Royalty Pool was increased by 34 new restaurants less 11 restaurants that permanently closed during 2020. The estimated annual sales of the 34 new A&W restaurants are \$45,248,000 at the time they were added to the Royalty Pool and annual sales for the 11 permanently closed restaurants were \$6,199,000 based on their sales during the first year such restaurants were included in the Royalty Pool. The initial consideration for the estimated additional royalty stream was \$16,588,000, calculated by discounting the estimated additional royalties by 7.5% and dividing the result by the yield on

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the Units for the 20 trading days ending October 26, 2020. The yield was adjusted to reflect the income tax payable by Trade Marks. The Partnership paid Food Services 80% of the initial consideration or \$13,271,000, by issuance of 465,316 LP units which were subsequently exchanged for 930,632 non-voting common shares of Trade Marks. The remaining consideration payable to Food Services for the January 5, 2021 adjustment to the Royalty Pool of \$3,318,000 is to be paid by issuance of additional LP units, which issuance is held back until the number of LP units is determined in December 2021 based on the actual annual sales reported by the new restaurants. The actual amount of the consideration paid in December 2021 may differ from this amount depending on the actual annual sales reported by the new A&W restaurants.

## 4. Term loan, operating loan facility and interest rate swap

Trade Marks has a \$2,000,000 demand operating loan facility with HSBC Bank Canada (the "Bank") to fund working capital requirements and for general corporate purposes. Amounts advanced under the facility bear interest at the Bank's prime rate plus 0.4% and are repayable on demand. As at June 20, 2021, the amount of the facility available was \$2,000,000 (December 31, 2020 - \$2,000,000).

Trade Marks has a \$60,000,000 term loan with the Bank in the form of a banker's acceptance. The term loan is repayable on December 22, 2022. The term loan contains covenants including the requirement to meet certain earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization and non-cash charges/income ("EBITDA") levels and debt to EBITDA ratios during each trailing four quarter period. Interest only is payable monthly, providing that Trade Marks' EBITDA tested quarterly on a trailing four quarter basis is not less than specified amounts. In the event that EBITDA is less than these specified amounts, the term loan will be fully amortized over the greater of three years and the remaining term and repayment will be by way of blended monthly instalments of principal and interest. Trade Marks was in compliance with all of its financial covenants as at June 20, 2021 and December 31, 2020.

Trade Marks uses interest rate swap agreements to manage risks from fluctuations in interest rates. To manage the interest rate risk associated with the \$60,000,000 term loan Trade Marks has entered into an interest rate swap, with an effective date of December 22, 2015 and a maturity date of December 22, 2022. Under this interest rate swap, as at June 20, 2021, the term loan's effective interest rate was 4.20% per annum (December 31, 2020 – 4.20%), comprising 2.80% per annum which is fixed under the swap agreement until December 22, 2022 plus a 1.40% per annum stamping fee. The stamping fee ranges from 0.90% and 1.40%, depending on Trade Mark's debt to EBITDA ratio. The fair value of this interest rate swap as at June 20, 2021 was \$1,926,000 unfavourable (December 31, 2020 - \$2,671,000 unfavourable) and the change in fair value is recorded in the consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income as a \$745,000 gain on interest rate swaps for the year to date period ended June 20, 2021 (loss of \$1,936,000 for the year to date

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period ended June 14, 2020). A gain on interest rate swaps of \$381,000 was recognized in the quarter (2020 – loss of \$99,000).

A general security agreement over the assets of Trade Marks has been provided as collateral for the demand operating loan facility and term loan. The Partnership has provided its guarantee in favour of the Bank of all the indebtedness, covenants and obligations of Trade Marks to the Bank.

The term loan comprises:

•	June 20,	December 31,
	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Term loan	60,000	60,000
Financing fees	(50)	(65)
-	59,950	59,935

Subsequent to the quarter ended June 20, 2021, on July 27, 2021, Trade Marks received approval from its Board of Directors and has reached an agreement with the Bank to renew its \$60,000,000 term loan, \$2,000,000 demand operating loan and interest rate swap (note 10).

## 5. Trust Units

The Trust Units are comprised of two classes, Units and Limited Voting Units. Both Units and Limited Voting Units have equal undivided beneficial interests in any distributions of the Fund and in the net assets of the Fund. Limited Voting Units and Units have equal rights and privileges except that holders of the Limited Voting Units, together with the common shares of Trade Marks that are exchangeable for Limited Voting Units, are not entitled in the aggregate to cast more than 40% of the votes cast upon a resolution with respect to the appointment or removal of Trustees of the Fund and are not entitled to cast votes upon a resolution to amend the Declaration of Trust.

On April 16, 2021, A&W of Canada Inc. ("A&W Canada"), an indirect shareholder of Food Services, completed a reorganization to provide liquidity for some of its shareholders and to simplify the indirect ownership of Food Services (the "Reorganization").

As part of the Reorganization, and pursuant to the Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust and the Amended and Restated Exchange Agreement, Food Services exchanged 1,042,000 common shares of Trade Marks for 521,000 Units, which were then purchased by shareholders of A&W Canada at a price of \$36.42 per Unit. The 521,000 Units sold are subject to a four-month statutory hold period under applicable securities laws. After the exchange and sale of these Units, and as at June 20, 2021, there were 14,585,673 Units outstanding.

In addition, Food Services exchanged 3,014,040 of its common shares of Trade Marks for

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## 1,507,020 Limited Voting Units.

The 4,056,040 common shares of Trade Marks exchanged by Food Services for 2,028,020 Trust Units had a book value of \$63,193,000 and the 2,028,020 Trust Units issued by the Fund had a book value of \$65,934,000. The difference of \$2,741,000 was recognized in accumulated deficit as the exchange reduced Food Services' proportional ownership in Trade Marks which resulted in a \$63,193,000 decrease in non-controlling interest.

	Number of Units	Number of Limited Voting Units	Total Number of Trust Units
Balance as at December 31, 2020	14,064,673		14,064,673
Trust Units issued in exchange for common shares of A&W	14,004,073	<u> </u>	14,004,073
Trade Marks Inc.	521,000	1,507,020	2,028,020
Balance as at June 20, 2021	14,585,673	1,507,020	16,092,693
	Equity – Units	Equity - Limited Voting	Total Equity - Trust Units
	Equity – Units		
Balance as at December 31, 2020		Limited Voting Units	Trust Ûnits
	\$	Limited Voting Units	Trust Ûnits \$
2020 Trust Units issued in exchange	\$	Limited Voting Units	Trust Ûnits \$

Prior to the Reorganization, Food Services owned 26.0% of the common shares of Trade Marks which are exchangeable into 26.0% of the total outstanding voting securities of the Fund on a fully diluted basis. Following the Reorganization, but excluding the issuance of the excess exchangeable LP units that represent the remaining 20% of the initial consideration for the January 5, 2021 Adjustment to the Royalty Pool that are payable in December 2021, Food Services owned 15.4% of the exchangeable common shares of Trade Marks and 9.4% of the Trust Units. Food Services' ownership of exchangeable common shares of Trade Marks and Trust Units equated to Food Services owning 23.3% of the total outstanding voting securities of the Fund on a fully diluted basis.

Including the issuance of the excess exchangeable LP units that represent the remaining 20% of the initial consideration for the January 5, 2021 adjustment to the Royalty Pool that are payable in December 2021, Food Services' ownership in the outstanding voting securities of the Fund is approximately 23.8% on a fully diluted basis (26.5% prior to the

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Reorganization). Overall, the Reorganization was not dilutive to unitholders of the Fund because the calculation of the number of the fully diluted Trust Units did not change. Post Reorganization, Food Services holds both Limited Voting Units and exchangeable common shares of Trade Marks, whereas prior to the Reorganization, Food Services only held exchangeable common shares of Trade Marks.

The Fund did not receive any proceeds from the Reorganization and Food Services paid for the expenses of the Reorganization.

#### 6. Income taxes

The Fund as a legal entity is not subject to the Specified Investment Flow-Through ("SIFT") tax, as its only source of income is dividends from Trade Marks which are not subject to SIFT tax. The provision for income taxes shown in the consolidated statements of income is the expected current and deferred tax payable by Trade Marks, and differs from the amount obtained by applying statutory tax rates to Trade Marks' income before income taxes for the following reasons:

	Period from Mar 29, 2021 to Jun 20, 2021 \$	Period from Mar 23, 2020 to Jun 14, 2020 \$	Period from Jan 1, 2021 to Jun 20, 2021 \$	Period from Jan 1, 2020 to Jun 14, 2020 \$
Statutory combined federal and provincial income tax rates on investment				
income	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%
Provision for current income taxes	1,893	1,967	3,925	2,997
Provision for (recovery of) deferred income taxes	144	(620)	(115)	(308)
Provision for income taxes based on statutory income tax rates Adjustment to prior year refundable	2,037	1,347	3,810	2,689
income tax	_	_	298	_
Refundable income tax	54	1,145	110	968
Provision for income taxes	2,091	2,492	4,218	3,657
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Trade Marks' taxable income is taxed at an effective rate of 20.0% (2020 - 20.0%), plus an additional tax of 30.67% on investment income that has not been distributed to its shareholders as dividends. This additional tax is refundable in a future year when Trade Marks pays sufficient dividends. Under IFRS, refundable income tax is required to be expensed on the income statement when paid or payable. Subsequently, these amounts are recognized on the income statement as income taxes recoverable when received or receivable.

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## 7. Distributions

During the year to date period ended June 20, 2021, the Fund declared distributions to its Unitholders of \$9,549,000 or \$0.640 per Trust Unit. The record dates and amounts of these distributions are as follows:

Month	Record date		Per Trust
		Amount	Unit
		\$	\$
January 2021	February 15, 2021	1,407	0.100
February 2021	March 15, 2021	1,898	0.135
March 2021	April 15, 2021	1,898	0.135
April 2021	May 15, 2021	2,173	0.135
May 2021	June 15, 2021	2,173	0.135
•	_	9,549	0.640

The May 2021 distribution was declared on June 1, 2021 and paid subsequent to the period end on June 30, 2021, and is reported as a current liability of \$2,173,000 as at June 20, 2021 (December 31, 2020 - \$1,406,000).

## 8. Compensation to key management

Key management personnel are the Trustees of the Fund. During the year to date period, the Trustees earned \$70,000 (2020 - \$131,000). During the quarter, the Trustees earned \$35,000 (2020 - \$99,000).

## 9. Related party transactions and balances

During the year to date period, royalty income of \$19,841,000 (2020 - \$16,856,000) was earned from Food Services of which \$3,597,000 is receivable at June 20, 2021 (December 31, 2020 - \$3,452,000). Royalty income earned during the quarter was \$10,519,000 (2020 - \$7,596,000).

During the year to date period, Trade Marks declared common share dividends payable to Food Services of \$2,622,000 (2020 - \$1,380,000). Dividends declared payable by Trade Marks to Food Services during the quarter were \$1,458,000 (2020 - \$nil). The \$395,000 dividend declared on June 1, 2021 was paid to Food Services subsequent to the period end on June 30, 2021 is reported as a current liability as at June 20, 2021 (December 31, 2020 – \$nil).

During the quarter and year to date period, the Fund declared distributions payable to Food Services of \$406,000 (2020 - n/a) as a result of Food Services' ownership of Limited Voting Units in the Fund. The \$203,000 distribution declared on June 1, 2021 was paid to Food Services subsequent to the period end on June 30, 2021 is reported as a current liability as at June 20, 2021 (December 31, 2020 - n/a).

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Other related party transactions and balances are referred to in note 5.

## 10. Subsequent events

- A) On July 6, 2021, the Fund declared a distribution to Unitholders of \$0.135 per Trust Unit or \$2,173,000 payable on July 30, 2021 to unitholders of record as at July 15, 2021. Of the \$2,173,000 payable, \$203,000 is payable to Food Services.
- B) On July 6, 2021, Trade Marks declared dividends of \$2,568,000 on its common shares held by the Fund and Food Services of which \$395,000 is payable to Food Services.
- C) On July 27, 2021, Trade Marks received approval from its Board of Directors and has reached an agreement with the Bank to renew its \$60,000,000 term loan, \$2,000,000 demand operating loan and interest rate swap (collectively the "Credit Facility"), all of which mature on December 22, 2022. Trade Marks proposes to extend the Credit Facility for an additional five years on terms and conditions consistent with those of the existing Credit Facility.

Similar to the existing term loan, the interest rate on the renewed term loan is expected to be comprised of a fixed swap rate and a stamping fee that ranges from 0.90% to 1.40% depending on Trade Mark's debt to EBITDA ratio.

It is anticipated that the existing general security agreement over the assets of Trade Marks will remain as collateral for the Credit Facility. Consistent with the current Credit Facility, the renewed Credit Facility is expected to contain a number of covenants including the requirement for Trade Marks to meet certain EBITDA levels and debt to EBITDA ratios during each trailing four quarter period. Similar to the existing term loan, it is proposed that interest will only be payable monthly, provided that Trade Marks' EBITDA tested quarterly on a trailing four quarter basis is not less than specified amounts. In the event that EBITDA is less than these specified amounts, the term loan is expected to be fully amortized over the greater of three years and the remaining term and repayment will be by way of blended monthly instalments of principal and interest. The Partnership intends to provide its guarantee in favour of the Bank of all of the indebtedness, covenants and obligations of Trade Marks. The details of the Credit Facility are still to be settled by the parties and there can be no assurance that the parties will reach a definitive agreement.

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