## Important Tax Notice to U.S. Securityholders*

This statement is provided to securityholders who are United States persons for purposes of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("IRC") and the regulations thereunder. It is not relevant to other securityholders.

Sentry Balanced Income Portfolio (formerly, Sentry Income Portfolio) (the "Fund") may be deemed to be classified as a Passive Foreign Investment Company ("PFIC") as defined in Section 1297(a) of the IRC for the year ending December 31, 2015 and thus, its securityholders are securityholders of the PFIC.

We recommend that all U.S. taxpayer clients consult a tax advisor concerning the overall tax consequences of their ownership of securities of the Fund and their U.S. tax reporting requirements. You can also find information on U.S. tax rules applicable to investments in a PFIC on the IRS website, www.irs.gov, by searching "Form 8621 Instructions".

Please find the attached PFIC Annual Information Statement ("AIS") for the Fund. The PFIC AIS is being provided pursuant to the requirements of Treasury Regulation §1.1295-1(g)(1). The PFIC AIS contains information to enable you, should you so choose based on the advice of your tax advisor in light of your personal tax circumstances, to elect to treat the Fund as a qualified electing fund ("QEF").

Generally, an election is filed for each mutual fund for which you wish to make a QEF election. If you hold securities of the Fund and the Fund holds securities of one or more underlying mutual funds, you will receive a combined PFIC AIS containing information that will enable you to elect to treat any or all of the funds as a QEF as you choose, as well as information relating to your securities and values in your indirect holdings.

Please be aware that cash and property distributions reported on the PFIC AIS are converted into U.S. dollars based on the U.S. Federal Reserve spot rate in effect on the date the distribution is paid. We recommend that clients who do not file U.S. federal income tax returns on a cash basis consult their tax advisors regarding the appropriate U.S. dollar conversion rate.

Note that the information attached with this letter is intended to help you make one or more QEF elections, if you decide to do so, and neither such information nor this letter constitutes tax advice. The taxpayer should seek advice based on their particular circumstances from an independent tax advisor.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact your advisor, a U.S. tax advisor or our Client Services Department at 1-866-221-7692 (Client) or 1-888-698-5553 (Advisor) or email info@sentry.ca. Thank you for investing in funds managed by Sentry Investments Inc.

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## Sentry Balanced Income Portfolio (formerly, Sentry Income Portfolio) <br> PFIC Annual Information Statement For the Year Ending December 31, 2015

1) This Information Statement applies to the taxable year of the Fund for the year beginning on January 1, 2015 and ending on December 31, 2015.
2) Your pro-rata per share amounts of ordinary earnings and net capital gains for each Series of the Fund for the period specified in paragraph (1) are as follows:

| Series | Ordinary Earnings (US\$) | Net Capital Gains (US\$) |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Series A | $\$ 0.00000$ | $\$ 0.00000$ |
| Series F | $\$ 0.00000$ | $\$ 0.00386$ |
| Series I | $\$ 0.06692$ | $\$ 0.00476$ |
| Series P | $\$ 0.00000$ | $\$ 0.00000$ |
| Series PF | $\$ 0.00101$ | $\$ 0.00476$ |
| Series O* | $\$ 0.07292$ | $\$ 0.00476$ |
| Series T5 | $\$ 0.00000$ | $\$ 0.00000$ |
| Series T7 | $\$ 0.00000$ | $\$ 0.00000$ |
| Series FT5 | $\$ 0.00000$ | $\$ 0.00239$ |
| Series FT7 | $\$ 0.00000$ | $\$ 0.00114$ |

* Series O started on March 25, 2015. The pro-rata share amounts provided above are annualized for the year ending December 31, 2015. If you owned the same number of securities for Series O from March 25, 2015 through December 31, 2015, multiply the number of securities you owned by the amounts above as well as the number of days the securities were held in 2015 (282 days) and divide the result by 365 .

To determine your pro-rata share of the amounts above, multiply the amounts by the number of securities of each Series you held during the year.
i. If you owned the same number of securities from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, multiply the number of such securities by the amounts above.
ii. If you did not own the same number of securities from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, multiply the number of securities you owned by the amounts above as well as by the number of days the securities were held in 2015 and divide the result by 365 .

Example 1: On January 1, 2015 you acquired 10,000 securities of Series I which earned $\$ 0.06692$ ordinary earnings per security and $\$ 0.00476$ net capital gains per security, and held them throughout the year. Your pro-rata share of Series I's ordinary earnings and net capital gains would be US $\$ 669.20$ (i.e., 10,000 securities $x \$ 0.06692$ ) and US $\$ 47.60$ (i.e., 10,000 securities $x$ $\$ 0.00476$ ) respectively.

Example 2: On July 1, 2015 you acquired 10,000 securities of Series PF which earned $\$ 0.00101$ ordinary earnings per security, and $\$ 0.00476$ net capital gains per security, and held them throughout the remainder of the year ( 184 days). Your pro rata share of Series PF's ordinary earnings and net capital gains per security would be US\$5.09 (i.e., 10,000 securities $x \$ 0.00101 x$ 184/365) and US $\$ 24.00$ (i.e., 10,000 securities $x \$ 0.00476 \times 184 / 365$ ) respectively.

Example 3: On August 1, 2015 you acquired another 2,000 securities of Series I in addition to the 10,000 securities in example 1 and held 12,000 securities for the remainder of the year (153 days). Your total pro-rata share of Series I's ordinary earnings would be US $\$ 725.30$ ( $\$ 669.20+(2,000$ securities $x \$ 0.06692 \times 153 / 365)$ ). Your total pro-rata share of Series I's net capital gains would be US $\$ 51.59$ ( $\$ 47.60+(2,000$ securities $x \$ 0.00476 \times 153 / 365)$ ).
3) Your pro-rata share of cash distributions ${ }^{1}$ and property distributions for each Series of the Fund for the period specified in paragraph (1) are as follows: ${ }^{2}$

| Series | Property Distributions (US\$) | Cash Distributions (US\$) |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Series A | $\$ 0.39136$ | $\$ 0.00000$ |
| Series F | $\$ 0.39136$ | $\$ 0.00000$ |
| Series I | $\$ 0.39136$ | $\$ 0.00000$ |
| Series P | $\$ 0.39136$ | $\$ 0.00000$ |
| Series PF | $\$ 0.39136$ | $\$ 0.00000$ |
| Series O* | $\$ 0.39136$ | $\$ 0.00000$ |
| Series T5 | $\$ 0.38104$ | $\$ 0.00000$ |
| Series T7 | $\$ 0.52933$ | $\$ 0.00000$ |
| Series FT5 | $\$ 0.38198$ | $\$ 0.00000$ |
| Series FT7 | $\$ 0.53120$ | $\$ 0.00000$ |

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To determine your pro-rata share of the amounts above, multiply the amounts by the number of securities of each Series you held during the year.
i. If you owned the same number of securities from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, multiply the number of such securities by the amounts above.
ii. If you did not own same number of securities from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, multiply the number of securities you owned by the amounts above as well by the number of days the securities were held in 2015 and divide the result by 365 .
4) The Fund will, upon receipt of a request, permit you to inspect and copy its permanent books of account, records, and other such documents as may be maintained by the Fund that are necessary to establish its ordinary earnings and net capital gains computed in accordance with U.S. income tax principles under IRC Section 1293 and to verify these amounts and your pro-rata share thereof.


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[^1]THIS INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS TAKEN FROM THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE VARIOUS SENTRY INVESTMENT FUNDS AND IS PROVIDED IN ORDER TO ASSIST SECURITYHOLDERS IN MAKING CALCULATIONS AND DOES NOT CONSTITUTE TAX ADVICE. COPIES OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE AT WWW.SENTRY.CA. SECURITYHOLDERS ARE ADVISED TO CONSULT THEIR OWN TAX ADVISORS CONCERNING THE OVERALL TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES ARISING IN THEIR OWN PARTICULAR SITUATIONS UNDER UNITED STATES FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL OR FOREIGN LAW.


[^0]:    * Shares/units of the Fund are referred to as "Securities" and shareholders/unitholders of the Fund are referred to as "Securityholders".

[^1]:    ${ }^{1}$ Cash distributions only represent distributions in U.S. currency. Distributions in Canadian currency are reported as property distributions for U.S. tax purposes.
    2 Distributions represent average distributions that are not reinvested in the fund. If you have elected to reinvest your distributions, the above amount may not be reflective of the actual distribution amount you received during the year. If you have made a QEF election, your basis in your fund securities is based on your investment in the fund before the election, plus your share of ordinary earnings and/or net capital gains less the actual distributions you have received during the year. You should consult your U.S. tax advisor to determine your basis in the fund securities during the year.

