



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

This combined 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 U.S. Equity Income Private Pool Class (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 period ending December 31, 2016 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](http://www.irs.gov), by searching “Form 8621 Instructions”.

Please find the attached Combined 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. Because the Fund holds securities of one or more underlying mutual funds, you are receiving 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](mailto:info@sentry.ca). Thank you for investing in funds managed by Sentry Investments Inc.

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\* Shares/units of the Fund are referred to as “Securities” and shareholders/unitholders of the Fund are referred to as “Securityholders”.



**Sentry U.S. Equity Income Private Pool Class  
Combined PFIC Annual Information Statement  
For the Period Ending December 31, 2016**

1) This Information Statement applies to the taxable period of the Fund for the period beginning July 4, 2016 and ending on December 31, 2016.

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	\$0.24831	\$0.00000
Series F	\$0.24831	\$0.00000
Series O	\$0.27976	\$0.00000

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 period.

- i. If you owned the same number of securities from July 4, 2016 through December 31, 2016, multiply the number of such securities by the amounts above.
- ii. If you did not own the same number of securities from July 4, 2016 through December 31, 2016, multiply the number of securities you owned by the amounts above as well as by the number of days the securities were held in 2016 and divide the result by 181.

*Example 1: On July 4, 2016, you acquired 10,000 units of Series A which earned \$0.24831 ordinary earnings per unit and \$0.00000 net capital gains per unit, and held them throughout the period. Your pro-rata share of Series A's ordinary earnings and net capital gains would be US\$2,483.10 (i.e., 10,000 units x \$0.24831) and US\$0.00 (i.e., 10,000 units x \$0.00000) respectively.*

*Example 2: On August 1, 2016, you acquired 10,000 units of Series F which earned \$0.24831 ordinary earnings per unit, and \$0.00000 net capital gains per unit, and held them throughout the remainder of the period (153 days). Your pro rata share of Series F's ordinary earnings and net capital gains per unit would be US\$2,098.97 (i.e., 10,000 units x \$0.24831 x 153/181) and US\$0.00 (i.e., 10,000 units x \$0.00000 x 153/181) respectively.*

*Example 3: On August 1, 2016, you acquired another 2,000 units of Series A in addition to the 10,000 units in example 1 and held 12,000 units for the remainder of the period, (153 days.) Your total pro-rata share of Series A's ordinary earnings would be US\$2,902.89 (\$2,483.10 + (2,000 units x \$0.24831 x 153/181)). Your total pro-rata share of Series A's net capital gains would be US\$0.00 (\$0.00 + (2,000 units x \$0.00000 x 153/181)).*



3) Your pro-rata share of cash distributions<sup>1</sup> and property distributions for each Series of the Fund for the period specified in paragraph (1) are as follows:<sup>2</sup>

Series	Property Distributions (US\$)	Cash Distributions (US\$)
Series A	\$0.11368	\$0.00000
Series F	\$0.11368	\$0.00000
Series O	\$0.11368	\$0.00000

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 period.

- i. If you owned the same number of securities from July 4, 2016 through December 31, 2016, multiply the number of such securities by the amounts above.
- ii. If you did not own same number of securities from July 4, 2016 through December 31, 2016, multiply the number of securities you owned by the amounts above as well by the number of days the securities were held in 2016 and divide the result by 181.

4) Please note that for reporting purposes you may need to separately report your pro-rata share of income and pro-rata distribution of cash and property distribution from the Fund and for each underlying fund. Information below is intended to provide this information. Please consult your tax advisor.

Your pro-rata share of ordinary earnings and net capital gains for each Series of the Fund and its underlying funds for the period specified in paragraph (1) are as follows:

	Ordinary Earnings (US\$)	Net Capital Gains (US\$)	Period End
<b>Series A</b>			
Sentry U.S. Equity Income Private Pool Class	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	Dec 31, 2016
Sentry U.S. Equity Income Private Trust-Series Z	<u>\$0.24831</u>	<u>\$0.00000</u>	Dec 31, 2016
	\$0.24831	\$0.00000	
<b>Series F</b>			
Sentry U.S. Equity Income Private Pool Class	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	Dec 31, 2016
Sentry U.S. Equity Income Private Trust-Series Z	<u>\$0.24831</u>	<u>\$0.00000</u>	Dec 31, 2016
	\$0.24831	\$0.00000	
<b>Series O</b>			
Sentry U.S. Equity Income Private Pool Class	\$0.03145	\$0.00000	Dec 31, 2016
Sentry U.S. Equity Income Private Trust-Series Z	<u>\$0.24831</u>	<u>\$0.00000</u>	Dec 31, 2016
	\$0.27976	\$0.00000	

<sup>1</sup> Cash distributions only represent distributions in U.S. currency. Distributions in Canadian currency are reported as property distributions for U.S. tax purposes.

<sup>2</sup> 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 period. 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 period. You should consult your U.S. tax advisor to determine your basis in the fund securities during the period.



Your pro-rata share of cash distributions and property distributions received from underlying Funds for each Series of the Funds for the period specified in paragraph (1) are as follows:

	Property Distributions (US\$)	Cash Distributions (US\$)
<b>Series A</b>		
Sentry U.S. Equity Income Private Trust-Series Z	\$0.55927	\$0.00000
<b>Series F</b>		
Sentry U.S. Equity Income Private Trust-Series Z	\$0.55927	\$0.00000
<b>Series O</b>		
Sentry U.S. Equity Income Private Trust-Series Z	\$0.55927	\$0.00000

5) 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 are 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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Date: April 10, 2017

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