

FRONSAC | Real Estate  
Investment Trust

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# Management Discussion & Analysis

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**Q1 2018**

Period ended March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018

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## SUMMARY OF SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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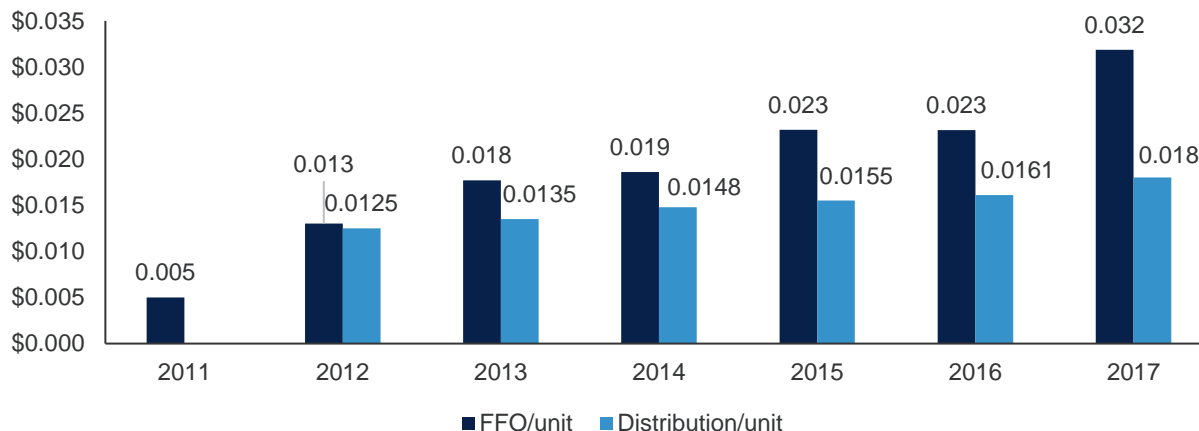
Periods ended March 31	3 months		Δ	%
	2018	2017		
<b>Financial info</b>				
Property rental income	1,361,751	969,635	392,116	40%
Total revenue	1,376,751	969,635	407,116	42%
NOI <sup>(1)</sup>	1,088,893	781,131	307,762	39%
FFO <sup>(1)</sup>	792,049	509,113	282,936	56%
Recurring FFO <sup>(1)</sup>	777,049	509,113	267,936	53%
AFFO <sup>(1)</sup>	790,780	500,268	290,512	58%
EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	1,014,097	691,099	322,998	47%
Investment properties <sup>(2)</sup>	77,974,669	50,873,143	27,101,526	53%
Total assets	77,151,567	50,318,833	26,832,734	53%
Total mortgage/loans/long term debt <sup>(3)</sup>	37,809,315	24,991,267	12,818,048	51%
Total exchangeable preferred units	-	956,072	(956,072)	(100%)
Total convertible debentures	254,714	253,259	1,455	1%
Total equity	37,690,821	23,022,113	14,668,708	64%
Weighted average units o/s - basic	85,659,099	59,269,263	26,389,836	45%
<b>Amounts on a per unit basis</b>				
FFO	0.0092	0.0086	0.0008	9%
Recurring FFO	0.0091	0.0086	0.0005	6%
AFFO	0.0092	0.0084	0.0008	9%
Distributions	0.0050	0.0045	0.0005	10%
<b>Financial ratios</b>				
Weighted avg. interest rate - fixed loans/mortgages	3.6%	3.2%	0.4%	
Debt to gross assets - including converts	49%	52%	(3%)	
Debt to gross assets - excluding converts <sup>(3)</sup>	49%	50%	(1%)	
Interest coverage ratio	3.6	3.3	0.3	
Debt service coverage ratio	1.9	1.8	0.1	
Distributions as a % of FFO	55%	52%	3%	
Distributions as a % of Recurring FFO	56%	52%	4%	
Distributions as a % of AFFO	55%	53%	2%	
<b>Leasing information</b>				
Occupancy	100%	100%	0%	
<b>Mix of tenancy based on net revenue</b>				
National	76%	75%	1%	
Regional	19%	21%	(2%)	
Local	5%	4%	1%	
<b>Property type breakdown</b>				
Gas/Convenience store	14	10	4	
Gas/Convenience store/Fast food	7	7	-	
Fast food	11	9	2	
Auto parts	2	-	2	
Retail	3	-	3	
	37	26	11	
<b>Other</b>				
Average term to maturity - mortgages	4.6	3.6	1.0	
Average term to maturity - leases	8.7	7.5	1.2	
IFRS capitalization rate	6.11%	6.04%	0.07%	

<sup>(1)</sup> Non-IFRS financial measures

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes value of investment properties owned through joint ventures

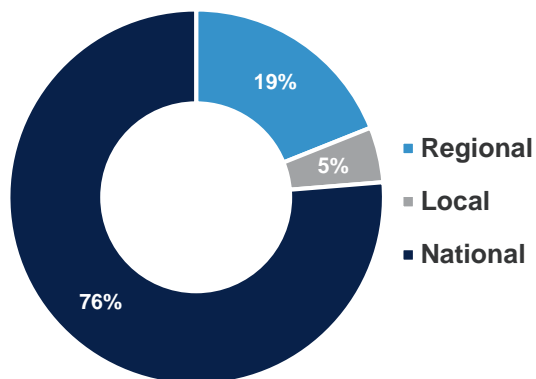
<sup>(3)</sup> Excludes convertible debentures and exchangeable preferred units

## HISTORICAL SELECTED FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

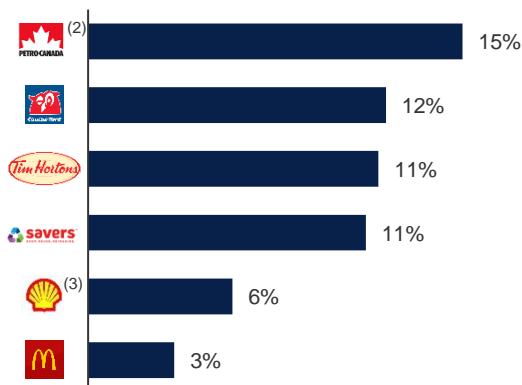


## TENANT OVERVIEW – Q1 2018<sup>(1)</sup>

### TENANT MIX



### KEY TENANTS (58%)



Notes:

- (1) Based on net operating income
- (2) Petro-Canada is operated by Suncor
- (3) Shell is operated by Sobeys

## BREAKDOWN OF PROPERTIES & OPERATING SECTORS

#	Address	City	Type	Ownership
1	40-50 Brunet Street	Mont St-Hilaire	Fast food, gas, convenience store	100%
2	230 St-Luc Blvd.	St-Jean-sur-Richelieu	Gas, convenience store	100%
3	196 Hôtel-de-Ville Blvd.	Rivière-du-Loup	Gas, convenience store	100%
4	1349-1351 Road 117	Val-David	Fast food, gas, convenience store	100%
5	275 Barkoff Street	Trois-Rivières	Gas, convenience store	65%
6	530 Barkoff Street	Cap-de-la-madeleine	Gas, convenience store	50%
7	340-344 Montée du Comté	Les Coteaux	Fast food, gas, convenience store	100%
8	1440-50 St-Laurent East Blvd.	Louiseville	Fast food, gas, convenience store	50%
9	1460 St-Laurent East Blvd.	Louiseville	Fast food	50%
10	490-494 De L'Atrium Blvd.	Québec City	Gas, convenience store	100%
11	7335 Guillaume Couture Blvd.	Lévis	Fast food	100%
12	1319 Brookdale Avenue	Cornwall (Ontario)	Fast food	100%
13	4200 Bernard-Pilon Street	St-Mathieu de Beloeil	Gas, convenience store	100%
14	1901 Raymond Blais Street	Sainte-Julie	Gas, convenience store	100%
15	2000 Leonard de Vinci Street	Sainte-Julie	Fast food	100%
16	2050 Leonard de Vinci Street	Sainte-Julie	Gas	100%
17	2051 Nobel Street	Sainte-Julie	Fast food	100%
18	16920-16930 St-Louis Ave.	St-Hyacinthe	Fast food, gas, convenience store	100%
19	3726 Des Forges Blvd.	Trois-Rivières	Fast food	100%
20	2871-2885 Des Prairies Street	Trois-Rivières	Fast food, gas, convenience store	100%
21	2350 Chemin des Patriotes	Richelieu	Fast food, gas, convenience store	100%
22	4932 Des Sources Blvd.	Pierrefonds	Fast food	100%
23	314 De Montigny Street	St-Jérôme	Fast food	100%
24	288 Valmont Street	Repentigny	Gas, convenience store	100%
25	2439 Ste Sophie Blvd.	Sainte-Sophie	Gas, convenience store	50%
26	2429 Sainte-Sophie Blvd.	Sainte-Sophie	Fast food	50%
27	610 Saint-Joseph Blvd.	Gatineau	Auto Parts	100%
28	513 Des Laurentides Blvd.	Laval	Auto Parts	100%
29	123 St-Laurent East Blvd	St-Eustache	Gas, convenience store	100%
30	507 Chemin de la Grande Côte	St-Eustache	Gas, convenience store	100%
31	4 North Street	Waterloo (Quebec)	Gas, convenience store	100%
32	3355 de la Pérade Street	Quebec City	Retail	100%
33	2555 Montmorency Blvd	Quebec City	Retail	100%
34	3592 Laval Street	Lac Mégantic	Gas, convenience store	100%
35	536 Algonquin Boul.	Timmins (Ontario)	Fast food	100%
36	1730 Jules Vernes Ave.	Cap Rouge	Fast food	50%
37	235 Montée Paiement	Gatineau	Retail	100%
38	510 Bethany Ave.*	Lachute	Fast food, gas, convenience store	50%

\*Development launched in Q2 2018



## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS

### SCOPE OF ANALYSIS

This Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") of the financial condition and results of operations of Fronsac Real Estate Investment Trust ("Fronsac" or the "Trust") is intended to provide readers with an assessment of performance and summarize the results of operations and financial condition for the 3 months period ended March 31, 2018. It should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements for the period ended March 31, 2018 and the Trust's Consolidated Financial Statements and MD&A for the period ended March 31, 2017. The financial data contained in this MD&A has been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") and all amounts are in Canadian dollars. You will find all copies of Fronsac's recent financial reports on Fronsac's website [fronsacreit.com](http://fronsacreit.com) and on [sedar.com](http://sedar.com).

Dated May 25, 2018, this MD&A reflects all significant information available as of that date and should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements for the quarter ended March 31, 2018 and accompanying notes included in this report.

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### CAUTION REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Securities laws encourage companies to present forward-looking information to provide investors with a better understanding of the Trust's future prospects and help them make informed decisions. This MD&A contains forward-looking statements about the Trust's objectives, strategies, financial position, results of operations, cash flows and operations, which are based on management's current expectations, estimates and assumptions about the markets in which it operates.

Statements based on management's current expectations contain known and unknown inherent risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements may include verbs such as "believe," "anticipate," "estimate," "expect," "intend" and "assess" or related expressions, used in the affirmative and negative forms. These statements represent the Trust's intentions, plans, expectations or beliefs and are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors, many of which are beyond the Trust's control. Actual results may vary from expectations. The reader is cautioned not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements.

Please note that the forward-looking statements contained in this MD&A describe our expectations as at May 25, 2018.

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### DESCRIPTION OF THE ISSUER'S BUSINESS

Fronsac is an active Trust operating in the commercial real estate market. The Trust is currently traded on the TSX Venture using the ticker symbol GAZ.UN. The Trust owns and rents commercial real estate properties directly and through its wholly owned subsidiaries. Since inception the Trust has made a series of acquisitions and has steadily increased its real estate portfolio.

As at March 31, 2018 the Trust held 37 investment properties, 35 residing in the province of Quebec and 2 in the province of Ontario. Over the three month period ending on March 31, 2018, the only vacancy in Fronsac's portfolio was a 2,500 square foot premises for which a leasing agreement with a new tenant has since been reached. The properties are occupied by 5 distinct groups of tenants composed of: (1) fast food chains, (2) major oil/gas companies, (3) convenience store chains, (4) auto parts businesses and (5) major retailers.

These properties are leased to tenants on a management free basis with triple net leases. Under this type of arrangement, the tenant is responsible for paying real estate taxes, insurance and any general maintenance required, in addition to the base rent already stipulated in the lease terms. These types of leases ensure stable recurring cash flows with an opportunity for growth.

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## MAJOR EVENTS OF THE QUARTER

**On March 29, 2018**, Fronsac announced the acquisition of a property located in Gatineau, Qc. The property is a retail store operated by Staples Canada under the Bureau en Gros banner and was acquired under a sale and lease-back agreement with Staples Canada. Total consideration paid for the property was \$7,500,000 and was settled in cash, representing a 6.5% capitalization rate on the average net operating income of the property for the next five years. There were no previous ties between Fronsac and Staples Canada prior to the transaction.

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## OUTLOOK 2018 & SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Fronsac is constantly looking for acquisitions of commercial real estate properties that have triple net leases and are management free. These types of acquisitions limit the overhead required to run the business and in turn allow management to focus on adding value through strategic acquisitions that are accretive to the Trust's FFO/AFFO per unit.

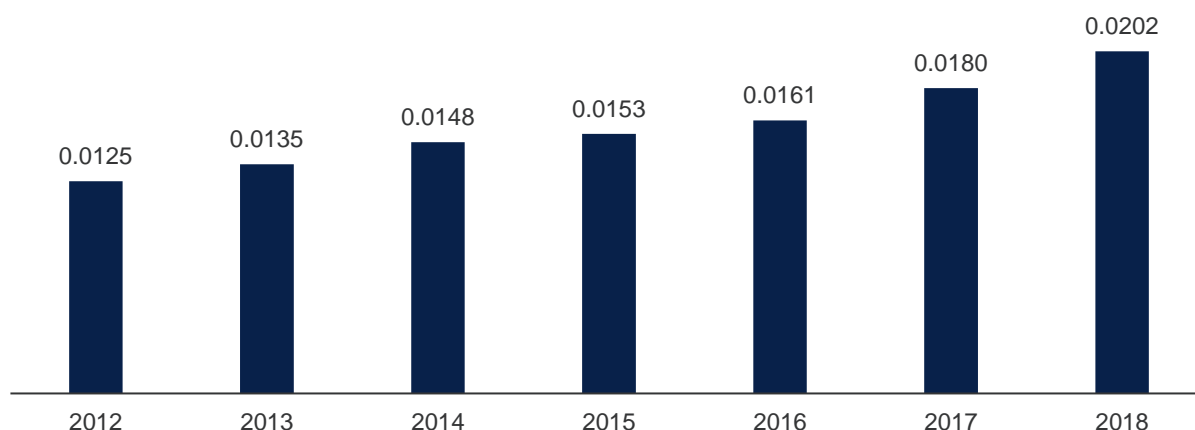
On April 25, 2018, Fronsac and its partner Odacité Immobilier announced the launch of a new 12,500 square feet commercial development in the city Lachute, Qc, composed of a stand-alone Benny & Co restaurant, a Beau-Soir convenience store, a Petro-Canada gas station, as well as three quick service restaurants: A&W, Thai Express and Amir. The project is located on 510 Bethany Avenue at exit 260 of highway 50. Project costs are expected to total approximately \$8,000,000. Fronsac will retain a 50% interest in the project.

Fronsac is looking for acquisitions that will sustain its growth. The Trust's capital and debt structure puts it in a selective position for other potential acquisitions.

Depending on the magnitude of future acquisitions, the Trust could issue additional units. Fronsac will seek to maintain a debt/equity ratio of 50/50.

Fronsac does not foresee any major repairs on its commercial properties as their construction is relatively recent and their present condition is excellent.

The Trust believes in a long term growth strategy through acquiring properties that will increase its funds from operations per unit, distributions per unit and as a result increase total unitholders value.

**ANNUAL CASH DISTRIBUTION PER UNIT (\$)****EXPLANATION OF NON-IFRS FINANCIAL MEASURES**

This document contains various non-IFRS financial measures, which are used to explain the financial results of the Trust. The terms explained in this section do not have any standardized IFRS meaning and as such may not be comparable to other issuers.

**Funds From Operations (FFO)** is not an IFRS financial measure. FFO is an industry term and its calculation is prescribed in publications of the Real Property Association of Canada (REALpac). FFO as calculated by Fronsac may not be comparable to similar titled measures reported by other entities. FFO is an industry standard widely used for measuring operating performance and is exclusive of unrealized changes in the fair value of investment properties, deferred income taxes and gains or losses on property dispositions (see reconciliation to profit for the period attributable to unitholders on page 8). Fronsac considers FFO a meaningful additional measure as it adjusts for certain non-cash items that do not necessarily provide an appropriate picture of a Trust's recurring performance. It more reliably shows the impact on operations of trends in occupancy levels, rental rates, net property operating income and interest costs compared to profit determined in accordance with IFRS. As well, FFO allows some comparability amongst different real estate entities that have adopted different accounting with respect to investment properties (some entities use the cost model and whereas others use the fair value model to account for investment properties).

**FFO per unit** is not an IFRS financial measure. Fronsac calculates FFO per unit as FFO divided by the weighted average number of units outstanding.

**Recurring Funds From Operations (FFO)** is not an IFRS financial measure. Fronsac calculates recurring FFO by subtracting from the base FFO material non-recurring revenues and adding material non-recurring charges.

**Recurring FFO per unit** is not an IFRS financial measure. Fronsac calculates Recurring FFO per unit as recurring FFO divided by the weighted average number of units outstanding.

**Adjusted Funds From Operations (AFFO)** is an industry term used to help evaluate dividend or distribution capacity. AFFO as calculated by Fronsac may not be comparable to similar titled measures reported by other entities. AFFO primarily adjusts FFO for other non-cash revenues and expenses and operating capital and leasing requirements that must be made merely to preserve the existing rental stream. Most of these expenditures would normally be considered investing activities in the statement of cash flows. Capital expenditures, which generate a new investment or revenue stream, such as the development of a new property or redevelopment of an existing property, would not be included in determining AFFO. AFFO



excludes the impact of working capital changes as they are viewed as short-term cash requirements or surpluses. In addition, non-recurring costs that impact operating cash flow may be adjusted.

**AFFO per unit** is not an IFRS financial measure. Fronsac calculates AFFO per unit as AFFO divided by the weighted average number of units outstanding.

**Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, and Amortization (EBITDA)** is not an IFRS financial measure. EBITDA, as calculated by Fronsac, may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other entities. EBITDA is used in calculations that measure the Trust's ability to service debt. Its calculation is profit before financial expenses, income tax expense, amortization and unrealized changes in fair value of investment properties.

FFO, Recurring FFO, AFFO and EBITDA are not defined by IFRS, and therefore should not be considered as alternatives to profit or net income calculated in accordance with IFRS.

## ADDITIONAL IFRS FINANCIAL MEASURES USED IN THIS DOCUMENT

**Net Property Operating Income (NOI)** is an industry term in widespread use. The Trust includes NOI as an additional IFRS measure in its consolidated statement of income and comprehensive income. NOI as calculated by Fronsac may not be comparable to similar titled measures reported by other entities. Fronsac considers NOI a meaningful additional measure of operating performance of property assets, prior to financing considerations. Its calculation is total revenues less total operating expenses as shown in the consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income (property revenues less total property operating costs, including operating ground rents).

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

### QUARTERLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	2018	2017				2016		
	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2
Rental income	1,361,751	1,316,577	1,096,653	976,412	969,635	874,879	713,597	646,806
Net income attributable to unitholders	1,373,354	1,839,189	538,675	322,928	1,840,152	678,913	1,474,531	(485,256)
Net income per unit Basic	0.0160	0.0241	0.0078	0.0050	0.0310	0.0115	0.0257	(0.0105)
FFO <sup>(1)</sup> Basic	792,049	548,042	581,433	508,628	509,113	394,989	129,594	269,978
FFO per unit Basic	0.0092	0.0072	0.0084	0.0079	0.0086	0.0067	0.0023	0.0058
Value of investment properties (000's) <sup>(2)</sup>	77,975	69,589	59,266	53,417	50,873	48,065	43,420	34,174
Total assets (000's)	77,152	70,006	59,102	53,494	50,319	48,355	43,884	34,449
Mortgages, and other debts (000's)	37,809	31,717	29,732	23,114	24,991	24,548	20,896	17,593
Equity (000's)	37,691	36,708	27,865	27,639	23,022	21,419	20,982	14,838
Weighted avg. units o/s Basic (000's)	85,659	76,378	69,503	64,233	59,269	59,249	57,438	46,419

<sup>(1)</sup> FFO is a Non-IFRS financial measure.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes value of investment properties owned through joint ventures



**RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO FFO**

Periods ended March 31	3 months		Δ
	2018	2017	
Net income attributable to unitholders	1,373,354	1,840,152	(466,798)
Δ in value of investment properties	(674,827)	(1,334,751)	659,924
Δ in value of investment properties in joint ventures	60,489	(31,140)	91,629
Unit based compensation	41,080	28,475	12,605
Δ in liability component of exch. preferred units & debentures	4,133	14,352	(10,219)
Δ in fair value of derivative financial instruments	(12,180)	(7,975)	(4,205)
Income taxes	-	-	-
FFO <sup>(1)</sup> - basic	792,049	509,113	56%
FFO per unit - basic	0.0092	0.0086	8%
Distributions paid on exchangeable units (if dilutive)	-	13,897	(13,897)
FFO - diluted	792,049	523,010	51%
FFO per unit - diluted	0.0092	0.0083	11%
Recurring FFO - basic	777,049	509,113	53%
Recurring FFO per unit - basic	0.0091	0.0086	6%
Distributions	431,785	266,847	164,938
Distributions per unit	0.0050	0.0045	12%
FFO - basic after distributions	0.0042	0.0041	0.0001
Recurring FFO - basic after distributions	0.0040	0.0041	(0.0001)
Distributions as a % of FFO - basic	55%	52%	3%
Distributions as a % of Recurring FFO - basic	56%	52%	4%
Weighted avg. units o/s			
Basic	85,659,099	59,269,263	26,389,836
Diluted	86,240,494	62,938,858	23,301,636

<sup>(1)</sup> FFO is a Non-IFRS financial measure

**ADJUSTED FUNDS FROM OPERATIONS (AFFO)**

Periods ended March 31	3 months		Δ
	2018	2017	
Basic FFO <sup>(1)</sup>	792,049	509,113	282,936
Amortization of finance charges included in interest expense	-	-	-
Debenture issuance cost	-	-	-
NCI interest adjustment	-	-	-
Non-cash revenue (straight line rent)	-	-	-
Maintenance/cap-ex on existing properties	(1,269)	(8,845)	(7,576)
Leasing costs on existing properties	-	-	-
Debt extinguishment penalties	-	-	-
AFFO <sup>(1)</sup> - basic	790,780	500,268	58%
AFFO per unit - basic	0.0092	0.0084	9%
Distributions paid on exchangeable units (if dilutive)	-	13,897	(13,897)
AFFO - diluted	790,780	514,165	54%
AFFO per unit - diluted	0.0092	0.0082	12%
Distributions	0.0050	0.0045	12%
AFFO -basic after distributions	0.0042	0.0039	0.0003
Distributions as a % of AFFO - basic	55%	53%	2%
Weighted avg. units o/s			
Basic	85,659,099	59,269,263	26,389,836
Diluted	86,240,494	62,938,858	23,301,636

<sup>(1)</sup> FFO and AFFO are a Non-IFRS financial measures

**CASH FLOW AND LIQUIDITY**

For the 3-month period ended March 31, 2018, the Trust was able to increase rental income revenues and as such used said funds to pay down various working capital obligations. These funds are the primary source to fund mortgage/loan and other debt payments, with the residual used to fund distributions to unit holders.

Funds from investing activities can mainly be attributed to the acquisitions that took place over the course of the quarter.

Cash derived from financing activities amounted to \$5.7M (\$177K in Q1 2017). This amount is the result of the money raised through new mortgages used to fund our acquisitions.

**CASH FLOWS**

Periods ended March 31	3 months		Δ
	2018	2017	
Operating activities	687,712	443,011	244,701
Investing activities	(6,469,756)	(564,618)	(5,905,138)
Financing activities	5,701,462	176,464	5,524,998
Increase in cash & cash equivalents	(80,582)	54,857	(135,439)
Cash & cash equivalents - Beginning of period	279,433	65,087	214,346
Cash & cash equivalents - End of period	198,851	119,944	78,907

**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2018**

For the quarter ended March 31, 2018, the Trust had rental income of \$1,362K (\$970K in Q1 2017). This increase in rental income is due to the addition of new properties and the increases in rent of certain existing properties. These rents are composed primarily of fixed monthly rents as well as variable rents based on gross sales for certain tenants.

Gains in Q1 2018 and Q1 2017 include fluctuations as a result of the variation in the fair value of investment properties (see page 10 for details). These variations affect the value of the assets in question, recorded as "Investment properties" on the Statement of Financial Position. Changes in the fair value of the investment properties largely affect the net income of the Trust, as the total asset base is very susceptible to the capitalization rates applied on the adjusted rental incomes derived from these properties.

**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

Quarters ended March 31	2018	2017	Δ
Rental Income	1,361,751	969,635	392,116
Other revenues	15,000	-	15,000
Increase/(decrease) in fair values of investment properties	674,827	1,334,751	(659,924)
Financial expenses	255,081	216,838	38,243
Net income attributable to unitholders	1,373,354	1,840,152	(466,798)
Net income per unit Basic	0.0160	0.0310	(0.0150)
FFO - basic <sup>(1)</sup>	792,049	509,113	56%
FFO per unit	0.0092	0.0086	8%
Recurring FFO - basic	777,049	509,113	53%
Recurring FFO per unit - basic	0.0091	0.0086	6%
Weighted avg. units o/s Basic	85,659,099	59,269,263	26,389,836
EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	1,014,097	691,099	322,998
Interest coverage	3.6	3.3	0.3
Debt service coverage	1.9	1.8	0.1

<sup>(1)</sup> Refer to "Non-IFRS financial measures" & "Additional IFRS financial measures"

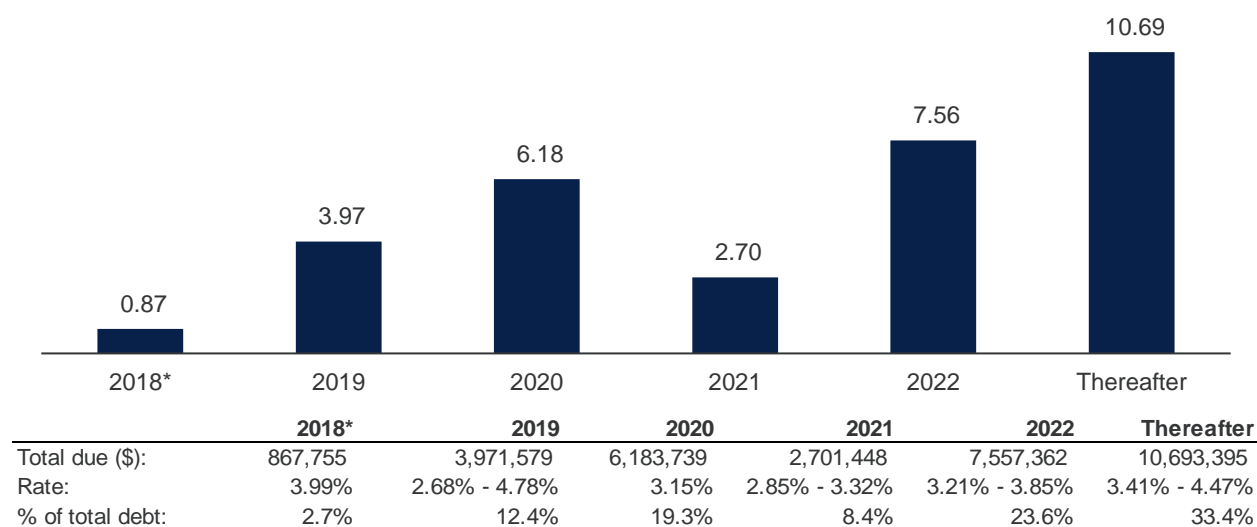
The Trust's main operating expenses were financial in nature and were almost entirely made up of interest on mortgages and bank loans, which amounted to \$255K in Q1 2018 compared to \$217K for the same period last year.

For the quarter ended March 31, 2018, the Trust recorded recurring FFO of \$777K in comparison to \$509K in Q1 2017. Recurring FFO per unit increased by 6% from 0.86¢ to 0.91¢ for the same period

## CAPITAL STRUCTURE

The real estate business requires capital in order to continue to fund acquisitions, which is a key part to growth and success. The Trust is authorized to issue an unlimited number of trust units. During the 3 month period ended March 31, 2018, the Trust issued 80,000 units at \$0.53 per unit for a total of \$42,400 to certain members of management for services rendered. The total amount of units outstanding at March 31, 2018 was 85,671,543.

### MORTGAGE BALANCES DUE AT MATURITY (in \$M)



\*This mortgage has since been renewed for a period of 5 years following March 31, 2018

Debts are composed of mortgages, loans, convertible debentures and secured credit facilities. As at March 31, 2018 there are 22 mortgages (excluding Fronsac's interest in mortgages held through joint ventures) with Canadian financial institutions with a total carrying value of \$36,954,315 (\$31,581,924 at December 31, 2017). These mortgages require the Trust to make payments of \$24.3M over the next 5 years and \$12.7M thereafter. The mortgages outstanding currently have an average term to maturity of 4.7 years (4.4 years at December 31, 2017). Convertible debentures in circulation as at March 31, 2018 have a carrying value of \$255K (\$251K at December 31, 2017). The Trust currently has 2 secured lines of credit with authorized limits of \$4.5M and \$0.7M. These lines of credit have a \$720K balance as at March 31, 2018 (\$0M at December 31, 2017).

Management believes that Fronsac's blend of debt and equity in its capital base provides stability and reduces risk, while generating an acceptable return on investment. This compliments the long-term business strategy of the Trust, which is to grow its presence in the commercial real estate market in Canada.

## SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

The preparation of the Trust's consolidated financial statements requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of certain assets and liabilities at the reporting date and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. The significant estimates and judgments include the assessment of fair values of properties, the discount rates used in the

valuation of the Trust's assets and liabilities, capitalization rates, the relative credit worthiness of the Trust to its counterparties, the ability to use tax losses and other tax measurements, the determination of the accounting basis for investments and joint arrangements, the amount of borrowing costs to capitalize the properties under development and the selection of accounting policies.

One significant judgment and key estimate that affects the reported amounts of assets at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of profit or loss during the period, relates to property valuations. Investment properties, which are carried on the consolidated statements of financial position at fair value, are valued either by the Trust or by external valuers. The valuation of investment properties is one of the principal estimates and uncertainties of these financial statements. The valuations are based on a number of assumptions, such as appropriate discount rates and capitalization rates and estimates of future rental income, operating expenses and capital expenditures. These investment properties are sensitive to fluctuations in capitalization and discount rates. Please consult Note 5 of the consolidated financial statements for more information regarding estimates used to derive this fair value.

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## FUTURE ACCOUNTING POLICY CHANGES

### *IFRS 16 - Leases ("IFRS 16")*

In January 2016, the IASB has published a new standard, IFRS 16. The new standard brings most leases on balance sheet for the lessee under a single model, eliminating the distinction between operating and finance leases. Lessor accounting however remains essentially unchanged and the distinction between operating and finance leases is retained. IFRS 16 is effective for periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019. Earlier application is permitted for entities that apply IFRS 15. The Trust is currently assessing the impact of the new standard on its consolidated financial statements.

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## RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

All property investments are subject to a degree of risk and uncertainty. Property investments are affected by various factors including general economic conditions and local market circumstances. Local business conditions such as oversupply of space or a reduction in demand for space particularly affect property investments. At March 31, 2018 the Trust held interests in 37 properties in Quebec and Ontario, across 5 market segments. The Trust is exposed to credit risk, interest rate risk and liquidity risk. In order to limit the effects of changes in interest rates on its expenses and cash flows, the Trust constantly follows the evolution of the market interest rate risk and consequently determines the composition of its debts.

**Credit Risk** comes primarily from the potential inability of customers to discharge their rental obligations. Fronsac strives to obtain rent payments on a monthly basis in order to limit this risk while maintaining a limited receivable balance (\$119K as at March 31, 2018 compared to \$183K as at December 31, 2017). The composition of this balance mostly includes major Canadian oil companies and gas companies with a small credit risk. The remainder of receivables represents amounts owing from Government agencies, which pose a minimum credit risk.

**Interest Rate Risk** affects the Trust through its loans receivable, mortgages, long term debt, convertible debentures and bank loans. These instruments bear fixed interest rates and as such expose the Trust to fair value risk. Lines of credit with a floating interest rate expose the Trust to a cash flow risk. If market conditions warrant, the Trust may attempt to renegotiate its existing debt to take advantage of lower interest rates. The trust has an ongoing requirement to access debt makers and there is a risk that lenders will not refinance such maturing debt on terms and conditions acceptable to the Trust or on any terms at all.

**Liquidity risk** is the risk of being unable to honour financial commitments by the deadlines set out under the terms of such commitments. Senior management manages the Trust's cash resources with respect to financial forecasts and anticipated cash flows.

The Trust has cash availability which allows it to control its current liquidity risks, mainly composed of accounts payable, current portion of mortgages and long-term debt and its bank indebtedness.

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## RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Rental income includes \$136,569 (Q1 2017: \$131,667) from companies controlled by a trustee and individuals related to the trustee for which an amount of \$0 (Q4 2017: \$468) is included in the receivables as at March 31, 2018.

During the period, the Trust paid \$8,000 (Q1 2017: \$17,700) in professional fees to trustees and to an entity controlled by a trustee.

The Trust rents a portion of its property located in Saint-Hilaire, to a company controlled by the wife of a trustee, for an amount of \$110,000 annually and for a period of 5 years ending January 15, 2019. The rent is adjusted annually with the consumer price index; a minimum adjustment of 2% and a maximum of 5% is part of the rent agreement. The terms of the rent also include a variable rent of \$0.0075 calculated on the numbers of liters of fuel sold annually in excess of 3,500,000 liters. The tenant can exercise two (2) renewal options of five (5) years each. The first renewal option was exercised on January 15, 2014.

The Trust rents its property located in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, to a company controlled by one (1) trustee, for an amount of \$177,000 annually and for a period of 10 years ending June 30, 2019. The rent is adjusted annually with the consumer price index; a minimum adjustment of 2% and a maximum of 5% is part of the rent agreement. The terms of the rent also include a variable rent of 10% calculated on the annual sales of the car-wash. The variable rent cannot exceed \$5,000. The tenant can exercise three (3) renewal options of five (5) years each.

The Trust rents a portion of its property located in Richelieu, to a company controlled by a trustee, for an amount of \$110,000 annually and for a period of 10 years ending August 31, 2026. The rent will be adjusted annually as of the 4th year with the consumer price index. The tenant can exercise four (4) renewal options of five (5) years each.

The loans receivable include amounts of \$25,680 (Q4 2017: \$26,635) due from a person related to a trustee and \$50,000 (Q4 2017: \$50 000) due from an officer of the Trust. Interest income on those loans amounts to \$1,081 (Q1 2017: \$656) for which an amount of \$185 (Q4 2017: \$190) is included in the receivables as at March 31, 2018.

On March 14, 2017, the Trust acquired an interest in the limited partnership Odacite Ste-Sophie. The trust paid \$182,009 for this interest to companies in which trustees have an interest.