

FAIRCOURT



# GOLD INCOME CORP.

First Quarter 2015

**Inception Date:** November 16, 2007

**Fund Manager:** Faircourt Asset Management Inc.

**Portfolio Advisor:** Faircourt Asset Management Inc.

**TSX Symbols:** FGX

## FAIRCOURT GOLD INCOME CORP.

The Company invests in gold equities which include senior and intermediate gold producers that are part of the S&P/TSX Global Gold Index.

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES

The Company's investment objectives are to provide Shareholders with: (i) monthly distributions targeted to yield 5% per annum or \$0.04167 per month based on the issue price of \$10.00 per Share; and (ii) the opportunity for capital appreciation. The distribution on the Class A shares increased to \$0.048 per month in November 2011. Based on the market price as at March 31, 2015, the yield was 16.94%.

## TOP TEN HOLDINGS as at March 31, 2015

- Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.
- Detour Gold Corp.
- Franco-Nevada Corp.
- Goldcorp Inc.
- Mag Silver Corp.
- Primero Mining Corp.
- Randgold Resources Ltd.
- Silver Wheaton Corp.
- Tahoe Resources Inc.
- Yamana Gold Inc.

## OPTION WRITING

Our Manager believes that option writing has the potential to add value in certain sectors that have sustained volatility. Gold equities, which have historically maintained a high degree of volatility are well suited to an option writing strategy.

The sustained volatility in the gold equity sector allows the option writer the potential to generate significant premium income. In addition, an option writing strategy is an effective way to help lower the level of volatility for an investor, and potentially improve returns. In addition to its strong current fundamentals, the Manager believes the volatility in gold stocks will remain high relative to the broader market, producing sound returns for investors.

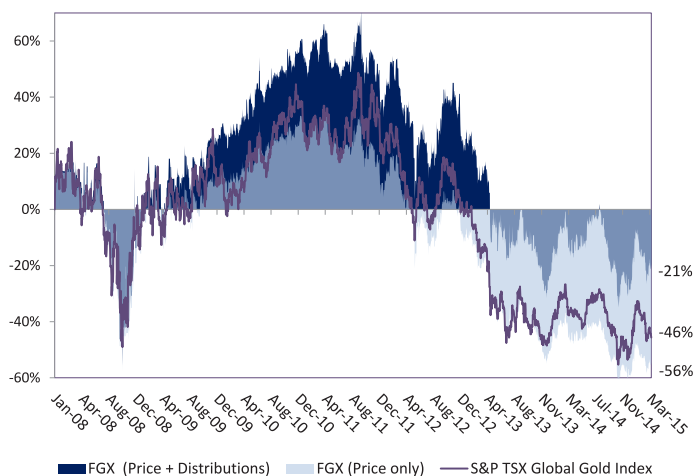
## PRECIOUS METALS OUTLOOK

The Portfolio Advisor believes the fundamentals for investments in precious metals companies continue to be strong, especially during this uncertain global economic environment. Driving the Portfolio Advisor's view are the following factors related to the demand for precious metals equity investments.

### Current Global Economic Environment Supports Gold:

- High sovereign debt to GDP ratios of OECD countries
- Sluggish economic recovery potentially leading to new rounds of quantitative easing
- Concerns about sovereign debt defaults
- Fiat currency weaknesses lead to investor concerns
- Ongoing imbalance in emerging markets vs developed market growth

## PERFORMANCE SINCE JANUARY 1, 2008



Inception date is November 16, 2007, initial portfolio fully invested January 1, 2008. Data is based on market price Source: Bloomberg

## Returns for Year Ended March 31, 2015

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Years	Since Inception
FGX – Market Price <sup>1,2</sup>	-9.33%	-16.94%	-9.30%	-5.51%
FGX – Basic NAV <sup>1,3</sup>	11.14%	-17.73%	-10.16%	-5.78%
S&P/TSX Global Gold Index	-12.59%	-21.39%	-12.04%	-7.85%

Notes:

- (1) Assumes reinvestment of distributions;
- (2) Source: Bloomberg
- (3) Based on Basic NAV; Source: Faircourt Asset Management

Distribution History	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Total Distributions Per Share	\$0.58	\$0.58	\$0.58	\$0.57	\$0.51	\$0.50	\$0.50

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## Faircourt Gold Income Corp – March 2015 Update

As we entered the first quarter of 2015, and following more than two years of cost cutting and operational restructuring after the gold price decline that began in early 2012, gold producers have made significant strides in reducing costs and streamlining operations. We believe that the current depressed valuations in the sector represent an attractive entry point for investors.

Our team of Managers believes that gold equities are generally inexpensive relative to the underlying commodity, and look inexpensive as trading prices among many of the gold producers remain low relative to their historic price-to-NAV, and price to cash flow ratio ranges. Combined with this fundamental view, the Manager sees a number of macro-economic factors that should be positive for the underlying commodity price and for related gold equity investments.

### Divergence in Central Bank Monetary Policy Heightens Economic Uncertainty

Since 2008, coordinated moves by the world's leading central banks have attempted to calm investor fears of inflation and currency devaluation as quantitative easing policies designed to stimulate various economies were put into place. In early 2015, currency markets have become more volatile as changes in policy direction among Central Banks have created division among different countries. The U.S. Federal Open Market Committee ("FOMC") has stated its desire to raise interest rates, based on the growing US economy and the need for normalized interest rates. This has changed coordinated efforts of the recent past as Europe, China and many other Central Banks have had to maintain and lower interest rates to further stimulate their weaker economies. The divergence in policy goals has created a strong US dollar that now faces headwinds for the US economy and for US equities. As the US dollar appreciates relative to its trading partner currencies, the US economy will begin to see weakened export results and weakening employment trends. With forty percent of profits from S&P 500 companies emanating from foreign markets, US dollar strength also reduces the foreign earnings component of US companies, making US equity returns weaker. As a result, we believe that the US FOMC will be delayed in its goal to raise interest rates, weakening the US dollar and restoring competitiveness for the US economy.

The recent Swiss National Bank move to no longer support a trading value pegged to the Euro is another indication that central bank consensus is no longer prevalent in global markets, leading to instability and the need to increase positions in gold and related equities. The Swiss National Bank decision on January 15th, shocked currency markets eliminating a three-year cap on the franc, causing a significant move in exchange rates but also causing significant drop in equity markets as the ripple effects have large implications for central bank agreements, as well as the value and confidence investors should place upon them. Currency strength or weakness caused by government policy can have dramatic effects. As gold is a safe haven against currency weakness, our belief is that investors will increasingly look to gold and related equities to cushion those effects.

### Stimulative Monetary Policy Outside the US has been Driving the USD Higher

The global economy, excluding the United States, is dealing with deflationary pressures and governments and their Central Banks continue to maintain policies that support low interest rates and stimulative policy announcements. As a result, the US Fed will be prevented from raising interest rates in the near future. Capital markets have witnessed a significant rise in the value of the trade weighted US dollar, a rise that is a net negative when the economy has low capacity utilization, sluggish wage growth and a low labour participation rate. Under these conditions, the economy could continue to exhibit slow jobs growth, may take longer to come out of recession and may make a recession worse. The net effect of global deflationary pressures on the US economy may result, in the Manager's view, in either slow growth, deflation and/or enough headwinds to cause interest rates to stay low for a considerable period. As markets react to slower growth and continued maintenance of low interest rate policies, a weaker US dollar may result, with higher gold prices to follow to counter investor concerns.

### US Interest Rates Expected to Stay Low

Money supply issues continue to support higher gold prices. In the fall of 2014, the US Federal Reserve announced the end of its monthly US Bond and Treasury purchase programs. At its peak, there was \$85 billion/month worth of Treasury issuance to stimulate the flagging US economy. That increased money supply has not been reduced or eliminated. Since 2009, the US money supply has grown to over \$4 trillion. Over the last six months, considerable debate has been waged as to when and how the US Fed will remove that money supply. It is a very sensitive issue as any removal of capital has implications on interest rates. Reducing money supply and increasing interest rates will further increase the value of the US dollar and create further headwinds for the economy. The end result may be that the US must continue to maintain a low interest rate policy for longer than previously anticipated, weakening the currency and supporting higher gold prices.

During the quarter, the Fund posted a total return of 1.5% as the funds' underweight positions in Barrick and Newmont (up 11% and 25% respectively) that previously benefitted the Fund, caused the fund to lag the index as these names outperformed. The NAV of the Class A Shares, combined with paid distributions during the quarter ended March 31, 2015, provided a total return for holders of Class A Shares of +1.5% underperforming the 7.5% return posted by the S&P/TSX Global Gold Total Return Index over the same period. We continue to see upside in select gold equities that are well capitalized intermediate producers that can demonstrate profitable growth and will continue to perform well. At the same time, we continue to be cautious on select larger gold companies such as Barrick Gold which have higher debt levels, and which appear to us to require more restructuring. Our favoured names include Goldcorp, which we see as both operationally and financially sound, and Detour Gold, which is emerging from the growing pains experienced as it brought its large (project name) up to full capacity. Detour should also benefit substantially from operational costs that are in a weakened Canadian dollar. We also see value in several smaller developers including Roxgold, which has a very high grade deposit in West Africa and trades at substantial discount to its peers.

The Fund will continue to invest in leading global gold companies primarily involved in gold exploration, mining or production on the S&P/TSX Global Gold Index while using its option writing program to lower the fund's volatility and generate a monthly income stream. In order to generate additional returns and reduce risk, the Fund may write covered calls on securities held in the portfolio and cash secured put options on securities desired to be held in the portfolio. Writing a call options tends to decrease the Fund's exposure to the underlying instrument. Writing put options tends to increase the Fund's exposure to the underlying instrument. Moderately high volatility provided attractive opportunities for the Fund to both reduce the volatility of the portfolio and allowed the Fund to generate cash flow from option writing of approximately \$0.80 million or \$0.144 per weighted average number of shares outstanding during the quarter ending March 31, 2015. The Fund declared regular monthly distributions totaling \$0.144 per Class A Share in the same period. Since inception of the Fund, the option-writing program has been effective in managing the risks of the underlying investments and funding the monthly distribution by allowing the Fund to generate cash flow from option writing of approximately \$18.87 million and pay out approximately \$17.83 million in distributions to shareholders. The Fund will also continue to employ its option writing program to provide income to the Fund while reducing the volatility of the portfolio.