

T+2 SETTLEMENT Q & A FOR SHAREHOLDERS



Q WHAT IS T+2 SETTLEMENT?

A T+2 refers to the number of business days in which an equity transaction on a publicly traded stock is settled.

In Canada, most equity transactions are currently required to settle within three business days, or T+3. This is changing to settle within two business days, or T+2.

Q WHEN WILL T+2 GO INTO EFFECT?

The industry-wide changeover will occur in the U.S. and Canada on September 5, 2017.

Q WHY IS THIS CHANGE BEING IMPLEMENTED?

With the large daily volume of trading in the Canadian and American financial markets, the change from T+3 to T+2 will increase the safety and soundness of our financial systems and directly benefit investors and other market participants.

Moving to T+2 also:

- harmonizes global markets by aligning the U.S. & Canadian markets with other major markets; and
- > reduces counterparty, market and liquidity risks by reducing both outstanding settlements and their associated replacement cost risks.

Q HOW DOES T+2 SETTLEMENT IMPACT ME?

A Share transactions will be settled one day earlier, which means you will be receiving shares and any proceeds from sales sooner.

Q WHERE CAN I GET INDUSTRY UPDATES ON T+2?

A The Canadian Capital Markets Association (CCMA) is managing the conversion for the Canadian market, and continues to provide updates on their <u>website</u>.