

# **SILVER BULLION TRUST**



## **Management's Discussion & Analysis**

**March 31, 2014**

## ***Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A)***

These interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standards ("IAS") 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" and may not include all of the information required for full annual financial statements. These are the Trust's first interim financial statements under International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") for part of the period covered by the first IFRS annual financial statements and IFRS 1 "First-time Adoption of IFRS" has been applied. The notes to the financial statements on pages 9 to 16 should be referred to as supplementary information to this discussion and analysis.

The transition to IFRS has had no impact, other than in presentation, on the financial position or financial performance of the Trust. The financial statements are presented in U.S. dollars and all values are rounded to the nearest dollar unless otherwise indicated.

Silver Bullion Trust is a passive, self-governing, single purpose, closed-end trust, with voting Units, established on June 8, 2009 by a Declaration of Trust, which was amended and restated on July 9, 2009. Its purpose is to acquire, hold and secure silver bullion on behalf of its Unitholders. The Trust is not an operating entity nor does it have any employees, office facilities or the potential risks thereof. The Trust retains Silver Administrators Ltd. (the "Administrator") to attend to all administrative duties as delegated by the Administrative Services Agreement and as guided by the Trustees.

There are no off-balance sheet items, arrangements, contingencies or obligations. All accounts are fully disclosed and itemized in the financial statements.

### ***Disclosure Controls and Procedures***

The Senior Executive Officers have established and implemented disclosure controls and procedures in order to provide reasonable assurance that material information relating to the Trust is disclosed on a timely basis. They believe these disclosure controls and procedures have been effective during the three months ended March 31, 2014.

### ***Outstanding Units***

There were 5,467,228 Units issued and outstanding at March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013.

### ***Financial Results – Changes in Net Assets***

Net assets are made up of the fair value of the Trust's total assets less the fair value of the Trust's total liabilities. The term "net assets", as used in this MD&A, has the same meaning as the term "total equity" as used in the Trust's March 31, 2014 interim financial statements and notes thereto.

Net assets increased by \$1.4 million or 2.2% during the three months ended March 31, 2014. This increase was attributable to a 2.4% increase in the price of silver during the period.

The following table summarizes selected quarterly financial information (amounts in millions except where stated on a per Unit basis):

	<i>Quarter ended</i>			
	<i>Mar. 31, 2014</i>	<i>Dec. 31, 2013</i>	<i>Sept. 30, 2013</i>	<i>Jun. 30, 2013</i>
Change in unrealized appreciation of holdings	\$1.5	\$(6.9)	\$8.9	\$(30.7)
Net income (loss) inclusive of the change in unrealized appreciation of holdings	\$1.4	\$(6.9)	\$8.8	\$(30.8)
Net income (loss) per Unit inclusive of the change in unrealized appreciation of holdings	\$0.26	\$(1.27)	\$1.61	\$(5.65)
Total net assets	\$63.7	\$62.3	\$69.3	\$60.5
	<i>Mar. 31, 2013</i>	<i>Dec. 31, 2012</i>	<i>Sept. 30, 2012</i>	<i>Jun. 30, 2012</i>
Change in unrealized appreciation of holdings	\$(4.1)	\$(14.8)	\$23.8	\$(16.8)
Net income (loss) inclusive of the change in unrealized appreciation of holdings	\$(4.2)	\$(14.9)	\$23.7	\$(16.9)
Net income (loss) per Unit inclusive of the change in unrealized appreciation of holdings	\$(0.77)	\$(2.72)	\$4.33	\$(3.09)
Total net assets	\$91.3	\$95.6	\$110.5	\$86.8

### ***Financial Results – Net Income***

The Trust's earned income objective is secondary to its purpose of holding almost all of its net assets in silver bullion. The Trust maintains adequate cash reserves to enable it to pay the expenses of maintaining the Trust. The Trust's realized revenues are a nominal percentage of its net assets.

Net income, inclusive of the change in unrealized appreciation of holdings, for the three months ended March 31, 2014 was \$1.4 million (\$0.26 per Unit) compared to a loss, inclusive of the change in unrealized appreciation of holdings, of \$4.2 million (\$0.77 per Unit) for the comparable period in 2013. Virtually all of the reported income (loss) for each of these three-month periods was a result of the change in unrealized appreciation of holdings, which is not distributable income. Certain expenses, such as administration fees and safekeeping fees, have varied in proportion to net asset levels. Administration fees, which are scaled and are calculated monthly based on the net assets at each month end, decreased during the three-month period ended March 31, 2014 as compared to the same period in 2013. The decrease in administration fees was a direct result of the lower level of average net assets under administration during the period.

Expenses as a percentage of the average of the month-end net assets (the "expense ratio") were 0.13% for the three months ended March 31, 2014 compared to 0.12% for the three-month period ended March 31, 2013. For the twelve-month period ended March 31, 2014, the expense ratio was 0.50% compared to 0.46% for the twelve-month period ended March 31, 2013. The small increases in expense ratios were due to a lower net asset base over the current period.

### ***Liquidity and Capital Resources***

The Trust's liquidity objective is to hold cash and cash equivalents in a safe and conservative manner to generate income primarily to be applied towards expenses. The ability of the Trust to have sufficient cash to pay its expenses and to meet demands for redemption (if any), is primarily dependent upon its ability to realize cash flow from its cash equivalents. Should the Trust not have sufficient cash to meet its needs, portions of the Trust's silver holdings may be sold to provide working capital and/or to pay for redemptions (if any) of Units. Sales of silver could result in the Trust realizing either capital gains or losses.

For the three months ended March 31, 2014, the Trust's cash decreased by \$119,247 to \$973,985. This decrease was a result of the amounts used to pay expenses of the Trust. The Administrator and Senior Executive Officers monitor the Trust's cash position with an emphasis on maintaining its mandate to hold maximum amounts of silver bullion.

### ***Administrator and Other Related Party Information***

Please refer to Note 9 on page 13 of this interim report.

### ***Additional Information***

The Trust maintains its accounting records, purchases silver and reports its financial position and results in U.S. currency. However, certain of the Trust's expenses are paid, and the Trust's Units trade, in Canadian currency as well as U.S. currency. Therefore, because exchange rate fluctuations are beyond the Trust's control, there can be no assurance that such fluctuations will not have an effect on the Trust's accounts or on the trading value of the Trust's Units in Canadian dollars.

The Trustees will consider, from time to time, the issue of additional Units at a net price that would be non-dilutive to present Unitholders' equity interests. Additional Unit issues to enlarge the Trust's asset base should enable a reduction in the expense ratio per Unit and broaden exchange trading liquidity to the advantage of all Unitholders of the Trust.

This MD&A is dated April 24, 2014. Additional information relating to the Trust, including Annual Information Forms, Notices of Annual Meetings and Information Circulars, Press Releases, financial and other information are available at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) and [www.silverbulliontrust.com](http://www.silverbulliontrust.com).