

REAVES UTILITY INCOME FUND
(NYSE MKT: UTG)

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**THE REAVES UTILITY INCOME FUND
ANNOUNCES REGULAR MONTHLY DIVIDEND OF \$0.17 PER SHARE**

Denver, Colorado – The Reaves Utility Income Fund (NYSE MKT: UTG) announced today the next three monthly dividends at a rate of \$0.17 per common share per month, unchanged from the per share rate paid for the previous quarter. As of December 17, 2018, the Fund’s market price was \$30.37 per share and its net asset value was \$30.85 per share.

Ronald J. Sorenson, the Fund’s portfolio manager and Chief Investment Officer of Reaves Asset Management, the Fund’s investment adviser, commented, “from a peak of 3.24% in the 3rd quarter the 10-year U.S. Treasury yield has declined to just under 2.9% currently. As the Federal Reserve approaches the end of the current rate increasing cycle the Fund’s 6% plus monthly yield becomes relatively more attractive. In our view the Fund’s distribution capability is under pinned by the Fund’s investments even if the interest-rate decrease portends an economic slowdown.”

The Fund has formally implemented the 19b-1 exemption received from the Securities and Exchange Commission in 2009. A portion of each distribution may be treated as paid from sources other than net income, including but not limited to short-term capital gain, long-term capital gain and return of capital. The final determination of the source of these distributions, including the percentage of qualified dividend income, will be made after the Fund’s year end.

Not less than eighty percent of the Fund’s assets will continue to be invested in the securities of domestic and foreign companies involved to a significant extent in providing products, services or equipment for (i) the generation or distribution of electricity, gas or water, (ii) telecommunications activities or (iii) infrastructure operations, such as airports, toll roads and municipal services (“Utilities” or the “Utility Industry”). As a policy, the Fund continues to strive to provide a high level of after-tax income and total return consisting primarily of tax-advantaged distributions and capital appreciation.

The following dates apply to the upcoming dividends that have been declared:

Ex-Distribution Date: December 28, 2018
Record Date: December 31, 2018
Payable Date: January 16, 2019

Ex-Distribution Date: February 14, 2019
Record Date: February 15, 2019
Payable Date: February 28, 2019

Ex-Distribution Date: March 19, 2019

Record Date: March 20, 2019

Payable Date: March 29, 2019

The Reaves Utility Income Fund

The investment objective of the Fund is to provide a high level of income and total return consisting primarily of tax-advantaged distributions and capital appreciation. There were approximately \$2.0 billion of total assets under management and 48.7 million common shares outstanding as of December 17, 2018.

An investor should consider investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses carefully before investing. To obtain an annual report or semi-annual report which contains this and other information visit www.utilityincomefund.com or call 1-800-644-5571. Read them carefully before investing.

ALPS Portfolio Solutions Distributor, Inc., FINRA Member Firm.

The Reaves Utility Income Fund is a closed-end fund and closed-end funds do not continuously issue shares for sale as open-end mutual funds do. Since the initial public offering, the Fund now trades in the secondary market. Investors wishing to buy or sell shares need to place orders through an intermediary or broker. The share price of a closed-end fund is based on the market's value.

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