

# **Interim Financial Statements**

## **VERITAS CANADIAN EQUITY FUND**

June 30, 2023 (Unaudited)

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### **Management Responsibility for Financial Reporting**

The accompanying unaudited interim financial statements have been prepared by **Veritas Asset Management Inc.** in its capacity as the Manager of the Fund. The Fund's Manager is responsible for the information and representations contained in these financial statements.

The Manager maintains appropriate processes to ensure that relevant and reliable financial information is produced. The unaudited interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and include certain amounts that are based on estimates and judgements made by the Manager. The significant accounting policies which the Manager believes are appropriate for the Fund are described in Note 3 to the unaudited interim financial statements.

On behalf of the Manager	
"Anthony Scilipoti"	August 4, 2022
	August 1, 2023
	Date

### **NOTICE TO UNITHOLDERS**

The Auditor of the Fund has not reviewed these interim financial statements.

Veritas Asset Management Inc., the Manager of the Fund, appoints an independent auditor to audit the Fund's annual financial statements. Applicable securities laws require that if an auditor has not reviewed the Fund's interim financial statements, this must be disclosed in an accompanying notice.

# **Statement of Financial Position As at June 30, 2023 (Unaudited)**

		June 30, 2023	Dec	ember 31, 2022
ASSETS				
Current assets				
Cash (Note 3)	\$	_	\$	616,165
Investments at fair value through profit and loss (Note 3)		29,640,119		35,608,381
Receivable for investments sold		890,591		_
Dividends and interest receivable		63,046		116,007
Subscription receivable		7,614		1,919
Expense reimbursement receivable		170		
	_	30,601,540		36,342,472
LIABILITIES				
Current liabilities				
Bank indebtedness (Note 3)		643,808		_
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		54,868		46,937
Payable for investments purchased		66,778		_
Management fees payable (Note 5)	_	23,316		30,138
		788,770		77,075
Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units	\$	29,812,770	\$	36,265,397
Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units per Class				
Class A	\$	2,802,078	\$	2,821,871
Class F		24,419,847		30,963,349
Class I		2,590,845		2,480,177
	\$	29,812,770	\$	36,265,397
Number of Redeemable Units Outstanding (Note 6)				
Class A		217,401		222,080
Class F		1,844,334		2,385,362
Class I		201,907		198,191
Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units per Unit				
Class A	\$	12.89	\$	12.71
Class F		13.24		12.98
Class I		12.83		12.51

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Approved on behalf of the Fund:

"Anthony Scilipoti"

Manager and Trustee

Veritas Asset Management Inc.

### **Statement of Comprehensive Income**

For the six-months ended June 30, 2023 (Unaudited)

	2023		2022
Income Dividend income Interest income for distribution purposes Net realized gain on investments Net change in unrealized depreciation in value of investments	\$  387,824 46,388 1,773,967 (1,117,882) 1,090,297	\$ 	329,660 15,115 243,677 (2,043,412) (1,454,960)
Expenses  Management fees (Note 5) Operating costs Audit fees Commissions and other portfolio transactions costs Custodian fees Legal fees Independent review committee fees Interest and borrowing fees Withholding tax Expense reimbursement from Manager (Note 5)	 170,278 103,460 18,924 16,869 12,180 11,655 6,306 661 - (3,180)		135,663 82,510 18,085 14,772 10,523 11,208 6,089 140 721 (6,101)
Increase (decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units	\$ 753,144	\$	(1,728,570)
Increase (decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units per Class  Class A  Class F  Class I	\$  39,360 651,130 62,654 753,144	\$ _ \$_	(191,172) (1,393,249) (144,149) (1,728,570)
Increase (decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units per Unit (Note 12)  Class A  Class F  Class I	\$ 0.18 0.33 0.31	\$	(0.98) (0.90) (0.73)

# Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units For the six-months ended June 30, 2023 (Unaudited)

	Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, beginning of period	Proceeds from redeemable units issued*	Redemption of redeemable units*	Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, end of period
June 30, 2023					
Class A	\$ 2,821,871	\$ 291,689	\$ (350,842) \$	39,360	\$ 2,802,078
Class F	30,963,349	2,145,595	(9,340,227)	651,130	24,419,847
Class I	2,480,177	48,500	(486)	62,654	2,590,845
	\$ 36,265,397	\$ 2,485,784	\$ (9,691,555)	753,144	\$ 29,812,770

<sup>\*</sup> Total proceeds from redeemable units relating to switch-ins and redemptions of redeemable units relating to switch-outs for the period ended June 30, 2023 were \$28,381 and \$(28,381), respectively.

		Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, beginning of period	Proceeds from redeemable units issued**	Redemption of redeemable units**	Decrease in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, end of period
June 30, 2022						
Class A	\$	2,283,810	\$ 518,576	\$ (86,505) \$	(191,172) \$	2,524,709
Class F		18,564,724	5,034,297	(1,459,524)	(1,393,249)	20,746,248
Class I	_	2,479,907	7,400	 (7,547)	(144,149)	2,335,611
	\$	23,328,441	\$ 5,560,273	\$ (1,553,576) \$	(1,728,570) \$	25,606,568

<sup>\*\*</sup> Total proceeds from redeemable units relating to switch-ins and redemptions of redeemable units relating to switch-outs for the period ended June 30, 2022 were \$9,367 and \$(9,367), respectively.

### **Statement of Cash Flows**

### For the six-months ended June 30, 2023 (Unaudited)

		2023	2022
Cash provided by (used in):			
Operating Activities			
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units	\$	753,144 \$	(1,728,570)
Adjustments for non-cash items			
Net realized gain on investments		(1,773,967)	(243,677)
Net change in unrealized depreciation in value of investments		1,117,882	2,043,412
Change in non-cash balances			
Increase in receivable for investments sold		(890,591)	_
Decrease in dividends and interest receivable		52,961	3,648
(Increase) decrease in expense reimbursement receivable		(170)	2,326
Increase in other assets		_	(10,822)
Increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities		7,931	11,301
Increase in payable for investments purchased		66,778	_
(Decrease) increase in management fees payable		(6,822)	2,647
Proceeds from sale of investments		50,573,200	24,749,913
Purchase of investments	_	(43,936,162)	(28,641,635)
Cash provided by (used in) operating activities	_	5,964,184	(3,811,457)
Financing Activities			
Proceeds from redeemable units issued		2,451,708	5,611,273
Amount paid on redemption of redeemable units		(9,663,174)	(1,546,284)
	_		
Cash (used in) provided by financing activities	_	(7,211,466)	4,064,989
(Decrease) increase in cash during the period		(1,247,282)	253,532
Foreign exchange loss on cash		(12,691)	(1,802)
Cash, beginning of period		616,165	204,601
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Cash (bank indebtedness), end of period	\$	(643,808) \$	456,331
Supplemental information*			
Interest paid	\$	661 \$	140
Interest received	<b>Y</b>	46,388	15,115
Dividends received, net of withholding taxes		440,784	332,586
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<sup>\*</sup>Included as a part of cash flows from operating activities

# Schedule of Investment Portfolio As at June 30, 2023 (Unaudited)

Number of shares/units	Investments owned		Average cost	Fair value	% of net asset value
	Canadian equities				
8,900	Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.	\$	639,694 \$	588,735	1.97
18,300	Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc.		1,094,188	1,243,119	4.17
31,500	AltaGas Ltd.		738,270	749,700	2.51
27,000	ARC Resources Ltd.		422,777	477,090	1.60
20,548	Aritzia Inc.		805,032	755,756	2.54
18,500	Atco Ltd.		804,936	729,640	2.45
14,700	Boardwalk Real Estate Investment Trust		876,252	914,193	3.07
13,600	Bombardier Inc.		725,103	888,216	2.98
6,100	Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.		399,534	454,328	1.52
8,600	Canadian Pacific Kansas City Ltd.		867,883	920,200	3.09
41,700	Canadian Western Bank		1,107,173	1,030,824	3.46
19,900	Capital Power Corp.		832,203	837,790	2.81
20,400	Cenovus Energy Inc.		499,954	459,000	1.54
6,400	CGI Inc.		886,134	894,080	3.00
216	Constellation Software Inc.		591,855	592,868	1.99
3,400	Dollarama Inc.		269,188	305,048	1.02
49,300	Element Fleet Management Corp.		843,437	994,874	3.34
15,100	Enbridge Inc.		787,596	743,524	2.49
15,700	Fortis Inc.		892,408	896,313	3.01
5,800	George Weston Ltd.		869,837	908,396	3.05
2,850	goeasy Ltd.		271,198	315,153	1.06
24,100	Hydro One Ltd.		847,690	912,185	3.06
50,256	Killam Apartment Real Estate Investment Trust		884,984	887,521	2.98
13,000	Linamar Corp.		844,089	905,060	3.04
7,700	Loblaw Cos Ltd.		940,177	933,856	3.13
27,338	Maple Leaf Foods Inc.		706,303	707,507	2.37
12,500	Metro Inc.		893,358	935,251	3.14
6,000	National Bank of Canada		580,847	592,200	1.99
18,378	Neighbourly Pharmacy Inc.		429,879	294,048	0.99
27,043	Quebecor Inc.		917,261	882,954	2.96
7,400	Restaurant Brands International Inc.		671,920	760,054	2.55
52,500	RioCan Real Estate Investment Trust		1,089,033	1,012,200	3.40
28,988	SNC-Lavalin Group Inc.		926,164	1,007,333	3.38
7,600	Suncor Energy Inc.		309,222	295,336	0.99
11,040	TELUS Corp.		313,915	284,611	0.95
69,300	TransAlta Corp.		821,149	859,320	2.88
10,100	Wheaton Precious Metals Corp.		677,897	578,629	1.94
		<u>-</u>	27,078,540	27,546,912	92.42

# Schedule of Investment Portfolio (Cont'd) As at June 30, 2023 (Unaudited)

Number of shares/units	Investments owned		Average cost	Fair value	% of net asset value
	U.S. equities (Cont'd)				
20,502	Dorian LPG Ltd.	\$	595,484 \$	696,102	2.33
4,200	Expedia Inc.		584,113	608,158	2.04
31,300	Genco Shipping & Trading Ltd.		645,785	581,288	1.95
880	SPDR Gold Shares		209,201	207,659	0.70
			2,034,583	2,093,207	7.02
	Total investments owned		29,113,123	29,640,119	99.44
	Commissions and other portfolio transaction costs	_	(6,130)		
	Net investments owned	\$	29,106,993	29,640,119	99.44
	Other assets, net		_	172,651	0.56
	Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units		\$_	29,812,770	100.00

### **Notes to Financial Statements**

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#### 1. FUND ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF OPERATIONS

Veritas Canadian Equity Fund (the "Fund") is a mutual fund trust created under the laws of the Province of Ontario by a declaration of trust dated April 23, 2018 (the "Declaration of Trust"), as amended, restated or supplemented from time to time. Veritas Asset Management Inc. is the Manager and Trustee (the "Manager" and "Trustee") of the Fund. The Fund commenced active operations on May 1, 2018. The address of the Fund's registered office is, 100 Wellington Street West, Suite 3110, Toronto, Ontario, M5K 1E7, Canada.

The investment objective of the Fund is to provide Unitholders with long-term capital growth earning enhanced risk adjusted returns relative to the S&P TSX Composite Total Return Index. The Fund invests primarily in the securities of publicly traded Canadian companies but may also invest in other securities. The Fund's securities selected will be determined primarily based on recommendations provided by Veritas Investment Research Corporation (an affiliate of the Manager). The Fund may also invest in securities that are not formally covered by Veritas Investment Research Corporation. The Fund will manage its securities to minimize volatility on the portfolio.

#### 2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

These interim financial statements have been prepared in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards and International Accounting Standard 34, Interim Financial Reporting (together "IFRS"). These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, except for the revaluation of financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss.

The interim financial statements were authorized for issue by the Manager on August 1, 2023.

### 3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Valuation of investments

The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities traded in active markets (such as publicly traded derivatives and trading securities) is based on quoted market prices. The Fund uses the last traded market price for both financial assets and financial liabilities where the last traded price falls within that day's bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid-ask spread, the Manager determines the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value based on the specific facts and circumstances.

### Financial Instruments measured at fair value

Investments measured at fair value are classified into one of three fair value hierarchy levels, based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. The inputs or methodologies used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

The three fair value hierarchy levels are as follows:

Level 1 – Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;

**Level 2** – Inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e., as prices) or indirectly (i.e., derived from prices and /or other observable factors); and

**Level 3** – Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

As at June 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, all investments are classified at Level 1.

### **Notes to Financial Statements**

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### 3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Classification

The Fund classifies its investments in equity securities as financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss.

The Fund classifies and measures financial instruments in accordance with IFRS 9, Financial Instruments ("IFRS 9"). Upon initial recognition, financial instruments are classified as fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL"). All financial instruments are recognized in the Statement of Financial Position when the Fund becomes a party to the contractual requirements of the instrument. Financial instruments are derecognized when the right to receive cash flows from the instrument has expired or the Fund has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership. Regular purchases and sales of financial assets are recognized at their trade date. Financial instruments are subsequently measured at FVTPL with changes in fair value recognized in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

### Recognition/derecognition

The Fund recognizes financial assets or financial liabilities on the trade date – the date it commits to purchase the instruments. From this date any gains and losses arising from changes in fair value of the assets or liabilities are recognized in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Other financial assets are derecognized and only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire; or it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset to another entity. The Fund derecognizes financial liabilities when, and only when, the Fund's obligations are discharged, cancelled or they expire.

### Commissions and other portfolio transaction costs

Commissions and other portfolio transaction costs are incremental costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, issue or disposal of an investment, which include fees and commissions paid to agents, advisors, brokers and dealers, levies by regulatory agencies and securities exchanges, and transfer taxes and duties. Such costs are expensed and are included in "Commissions and other portfolio transaction costs" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

#### Cost of investments

The cost of investments represents the amount paid for each security and is determined on an average cost basis excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs.

#### Investment transactions and income recognition

Investment transactions are accounted for on the trade date. Interest income is accrued daily based on the stated coupon of the underlying instrument and dividend income is recognized on the ex-dividend date. Realized gains and losses from investment transactions are calculated on an average cost basis.

Realized gain on sale of investments and unrealized depreciation in investments are determined on an average cost basis.

#### Translation of foreign currency

The functional and presentation currency of the Fund is the Canadian dollar. The fair value of foreign investments and other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Canadian dollars at the exchange rates prevailing at 4:00pm Eastern Time (the "closing rate") on a day the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") is open (each, a "Valuation Date"). Purchases and sales of foreign securities denominated in foreign currencies and the related income are translated into Canadian dollars at rates of exchange prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions.

### **Notes to Financial Statements**

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### 3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

### Translation of foreign currency (continued)

The effects of exchange rate fluctuations on investments are included in the 'Net realized gain on sale of investments' and 'Net change in unrealized depreciation in value of investments' in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

### **Use of estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with IFRS requires management to use accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgment in the process of applying the Fund's accounting policies. Estimates are continually evaluated and based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit

The Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit is calculated by dividing the Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units of a particular class of redeemable units by the total number of redeemable units of that particular class outstanding at the end of the period.

### Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit

Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit is based on the increase (decrease) in Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units attributed to each class of redeemable units, divided by the weighted average number of redeemable units outstanding of that class during the period. Refer to Note 12 for the calculation.

#### Other assets and liabilities

Dividend and interest receivable, subscription receivable, expense reimbursement receivable, and receivable for investments sold are classified as financial assets and recorded at cost or amortized cost. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities, payable for investments purchased and management fees payable are classified as financial liabilities and reported at amortized cost. Financial liabilities are generally settled within three months of issuance. Other assets and liabilities are short-term in nature, and accordingly, the amortized cost approximates fair value.

#### Cash and bank indebtedness

Cash and bank indebtedness includes deposits held with or credit availed from financial institutions and is recorded at amortized cost.

### 4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

The preparation of financial statements requires management to use judgment in applying its accounting policies and to make estimates and assumptions about the future. The following discusses the most significant accounting judgments and estimates that the Fund has made in preparing the financial statements:

#### Classification of Fund units

The Fund has determined that its units do not meet the criteria to be classified as equity and accordingly has classified these as liabilities in the Statement of Financial Position.

### **Notes to Financial Statements**

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#### 5. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

### **Management fees**

The Manager receives a management fee calculated daily as a percentage of the net asset value of each applicable class of Units that comprise the Fund and payable on the last business day of the month. The management fee may vary from class to class and will be deducted as an expense of the applicable class of the Fund. The management fee is subject to applicable taxes, such as GST. The management fee for each of the applicable class of Units is as follows:

- Class A: 1.95% per annum of the net asset value of Class A units of the Fund calculated daily and payable on the last business day of the month.
- Class F: 0.95% per annum of the net asset value of Class F units of the Fund calculated daily and payable on the last business day of the month.
- Class I: Negotiated by the investor and paid directly by the investor. The management fee rate will not exceed the management fee payable on Class F units of the Fund.

### **Expense reimbursement**

Expense reimbursement by the Manager during the period ended June 30, 2023 amounted to \$3,180 (June 30, 2022: \$6,101), out of which \$170 was receivable as of June 30, 2023 (December 31, 2022: \$nil).

### **Ownership**

As of June 30, 2023, 211,352 units (December 31, 2022: 203,008 units) of Class F were owned by parties related to the Manager.

### 6. REDEEMABLE UNITS OF THE FUND

The Fund is authorized to issue an unlimited number of redeemable units in an unlimited number of classes, each of which represents an equal, undivided, beneficial interest in the Net Assets of the Fund. Each unit of each class entitles the holder to one vote and to participate equally with respect to any and all distributions made by the Fund.

The Fund has created Class A, Class F and Class I units. Class A units are available to all investors. Class F units are available to investors who are enrolled in a dealer-sponsored fee for service or wrap program and who are subject to an annual asset-based fee rather than commissions on each transaction or, at the discretion of the Manager, any other investor for whom the Manager does not incur distribution costs. Class I units are available to institutional investors or to other investors on a case-by-case basis, all at the discretion of the Manager.

The minimum initial investment in Class A and Class F units of the Fund is \$1,000. The minimum subsequent investment in Class A and Class F units of the Fund is \$500. These minimum investment amounts may be adjusted or waived in the absolute discretion of the Manager. The minimum initial and subsequent investments in Class I units are negotiable between the investor and the Manager.

Units of the Fund can be purchased or redeemed on a daily basis on or before 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) on any Valuation Day (each, a "Purchase Date" or a 'Redemption date" as the case may be). The issue price of the units is based on the unit price for that particular class on the Purchase Date. If a purchase order or a redemption order is received by the Manager before 4:00 p.m. ET on a Purchase Date or a Redemption Date as the case may be, then it is processed at the unit price calculated later that day. Otherwise, the order will be processed at the unit price calculated on the next Purchase Date or Redemption Date as applicable. The Manager may process orders at an earlier time if the TSX closes for trading earlier on a particular day. Orders received after that earlier closing time would be processed on the next Purchase Date or Redemption Date as applicable.

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### 6. REDEEMABLE UNITS OF THE FUND (continued)

Redemption proceeds are paid within two business days after the relevant Redemption Date.

If a unitholder redeems Class A units, or Class F units of the Fund within 30 days of purchasing such units, the Fund may deduct and retain, for the benefit of the remaining unitholders in the Fund, 2% of the net asset value of the applicable class of units of the Fund being redeemed.

The short-term trading fee will not apply in certain circumstances, such as:

- · redemptions of units purchased by the reinvestment of distributions;
- redesignation of units from one class to another class of the Fund;
- redemptions initiated by the Manager or where redemption notice requirements have been established by the Manager; or
- in the absolute discretion of the Manager.

The Fund will distribute its net income and net realized capital gains to unitholders at least annually. All such amounts will be automatically reinvested, without charge, in additional units of the Fund at the unit value calculated on the date of distribution.

The unit activity during the periods ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 are as follows:

	Redeemable Units, beginning of period	Redeemable Units Issued	Redemptions of Redeemable Units	Redeemable Units, end of period
June 30, 2023				
Class A	222,080	22,482	(27,161)	217,401
Class F	2,385,362	160,958	(701,986)	1,844,334
Class I	198,191	3,754	(38)	201,907
June 30, 2022				
Class A	175,699	39,344	(6,596)	208,447
Class F	1,410,682	382,649	(110,891)	1,682,440
Class I	196,421	578	(607)	196,392

### Capital disclosure

The capital of the Fund is represented by issued and redeemable units. The units are entitled to distributions, if any, and to payment of a proportionate share based on the Fund's Net Asset Value per unit upon redemption. The Fund has no restrictions or specific capital requirements on the subscriptions and redemptions of units. The relevant movements are shown on the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units. In accordance with its investment objectives and strategies, and the risk management practices outlined in Note 7, the Fund endeavors to invest the subscriptions received in appropriate investments while maintaining sufficient liquidity to meet redemptions, such liquidity being augmented by short-term borrowings or disposal of investments where necessary.

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#### 7. RISK MANAGEMENT

In the normal course of business, the Fund is exposed to a variety of financial risks: credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk (including interest rate risk, other price risk and currency risk). The value of investments within the Fund's portfolio can fluctuate on a daily basis as a result of changes in interest rates, economic conditions, the market and, company news related to specific securities within the Fund. The level of risk depends on the Fund's investment objective and the type of securities it invests in.

The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve attractive risk-adjusted rates of return that deliver long-term capital appreciation to unitholders. The Manager manages risk by employing professional and experienced portfolio advisors, by daily monitoring of the Fund's positions and market events, and by diversifying the investment portfolio within the constraints of the investment objective. To assist in managing risk, the Manager also maintains a governance structure that oversees the Fund's investment activities and monitors compliance with the Fund's stated investment strategy and securities regulations.

#### **Credit Risk**

Credit risk is the risk that the counterparty to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation or commitment that it has entered into with the Fund.

Where the Fund invests in debt instruments and derivatives, this represents the main concentration of credit risk. The fair value of debt instruments and derivatives includes consideration of the credit worthiness of the issuer, and accordingly, represents the maximum credit risk exposure of the Fund.

All transactions executed by the Fund in listed securities are settled/paid for upon delivery using approved brokers. The risk of default is considered minimal, as delivery of securities sold is only made once the broker has received payment. Payment is made on a purchase once the securities have been received by the broker. The trade will fail if either party fails to meet its obligation.

As of June 30, 2023, the Fund had no significant investments in debt instruments and/or derivatives. The Fund's maximum exposure to credit loss is \$30,733,137 (December 31, 2022: \$36,342,472).

#### **Liquidity Risk**

Liquidity risk is defined as the risk that the Fund may not be able to settle or meet its obligation on time or at a reasonable price.

The Fund's exposure to liquidity risk is concentrated in the periodic cash redemptions of units. The Fund primarily invests in securities that are traded in active markets and can be readily disposed of. In addition, the Fund generally retains sufficient cash and cash equivalent positions to maintain liquidity.

The Fund may employ the use of derivatives to moderate certain risk exposures. There is no guarantee that a market will exist for some derivatives and it is possible that the exchanges may impose limits on trading of derivatives.

Financial liabilities are generally settled within three months.

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### 7. RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

#### **Interest Rate Risk**

Interest rate risk arises from the possibility that changes in interest rates will affect future cash flows or fair values of financial instruments.

Interest rate risk arises when the Fund invests in interest-bearing financial instruments. The Fund is exposed to the risk that the value of such financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in the prevailing levels of market interest rates. There is minimal sensitivity to interest rate fluctuations on any cash and cash equivalents invested at short-term market interest rates.

The majority of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities are non-interest bearing. Accordingly, the Fund is not subject to significant amounts of risk due to fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates. As of June 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, the Fund had no significant investments in debt instruments and/or derivatives.

#### Other Price Risk

Other price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of financial instruments will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk).

All investments represent a risk of loss of capital. The Manager aims to moderate this risk through careful selection and diversification of securities and other financial instruments in accordance with the Fund's investment objective and strategy. The Fund's overall market positions are monitored on a regular basis by the Manager. Financial instruments held by the Fund are susceptible to market price risk arising from uncertainties about future prices of the instruments.

As June 30, 2023, 99% (December 31, 2022: 98%) of the Fund's Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units were invested in securities traded on North American stock exchanges. If security prices on the North American stock exchanges had increased or decreased by 10% as of the period end, with all other factors remaining constant, Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units could possibly have increased or decreased by approximately \$2,964,012 (December 31, 2022: \$3,560,838). In practice, the actual results may differ from this sensitivity analysis and the difference could be material.

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### 7. RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

### **Concentration Risk**

A relatively high concentration of assets in a single or small number of issuers may reduce the diversification and liquidity of the Fund and increase its volatility. As a result of reduced liquidity, the Fund's ability to satisfy redemption requests may be reduced. It may also result in a concentration in specialized industries or market sectors. Investment in the Fund will therefore involve greater risk and volatility than investing in a mutual fund that has a broadly-based investment portfolio since the performance of one particular industry or market could significantly and adversely affect the overall performance of the Fund.

The following is a summary of the Fund's concentration risk as a percentage of the net assets of the Fund:

# Percentage of net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units

Market eagment		December 24, 2022
Market segment	June 30, 2023	December 31, 2022
Investments owned		
Communication Services	3.9	8.1
Consumer Discretionary	11.2	14.2
Consumer Staples	16.9	12.0
Energy	10.5	14.9
Financials	9.8	13.6
Industrials	11.4	14.2
Information Technology	5.0	_
Materials	4.6	9.9
Real Estate	9.4	2.3
Utilities	16.7	9.0
Total net investments	99.4	98.2
Cash	(2.2)	1.7
Other assets and liabilities	2.8	0.1
	100.0	100.0

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### 7. RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

### **Currency Risk**

Currency risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates.

Currency risk arises from financial instruments (including cash) that are denominated in a currency other than Canadian dollars, which represents the functional currency of the Fund. The Fund may enter into foreign exchange forward contracts for hedging purposes to reduce its foreign currency exposure, or to establish exposure to foreign currencies.

The table below summarizes the Fund's exposure to currency risk as of June 30, 2023:

		Exposure						Impact if CAD strengthened or weakened by 5% in relation to other currencies						
Currency		Monetary		Non-Monetary		Total		Monetary		Non-Monetary	Total			
June 30, 2023														
U.S. Dollar	\$	131,597	\$	2,093,207	\$	2,224,804	\$	6,580	\$	104,660 \$	111,240			
	\$	131,597	\$	2,093,207	\$	2,224,804	\$	6,580	\$	104,660 \$	111,240			
% of Net Assets Attributable to Holders		0.44		7.02		7.46		0.02		0.25	0.27			
of Redeemable Units		0.44		7.02		7.46		0.02		0.35	0.37			

The table below summarizes the Fund's exposure to currency risk as of December 31, 2022:

	Exposure						Impact if CAD strengthened or weakened by 5% in relation to other currencies				
Currency	Monetary	etary	Non-Monetary		Total	_	Monetary	Non-Monetary		Total	
December 31, 2022											
U.S. Dollar	\$ 28,391	\$	803,479	\$	831,870	\$	1,420	\$	40,174	\$	41,594
	\$ 28,391	\$	803,479	\$	831,870	\$	1,420	\$	40,174	\$	41,594
% of Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units	0.08		2.22		2.30		0.00		0.11		0.11

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#### 8. EXPENSES

The Manager has the power to incur and make payment out of the Fund property any charges or expenses which, in the opinion of the Manager, are necessary or incidental to, or proper for, carrying out any of the purposes of the Fund Agreement, including without limitation all fees and expenses relating to the management and administration of the Fund. The Fund is responsible for any income or excise taxes and brokerage commissions on portfolio transactions.

### 9. INDEMNIFICATION OF THE TRUSTEE

The Fund, in its Declaration of Trust, has indemnified the Trustee, their principals and their respective affiliates from all claims that may arise for (i) mistakes of judgement or for action or inaction or for losses due to such mistakes, action or inaction so long as they acted honestly and not in bad faith and reasonably believed that their conduct was in the best interests of the Fund and (ii) losses due to mistakes of judgment or the action or omission of any broker or agent of the Trustee, selected, engaged or retained by the Trustee, the principals or their respective affiliates. There is no financial impact on indemnification of the Trustee.

#### 10. INCOME TAXES

The Fund qualifies as a unit trust under the provisions of the Income Tax Act (Canada). The Declaration of Trust provides that the Fund's net taxable income for each year, including net realized capital gains, is payable to its Unitholders in the year. Accordingly, the Fund is not liable for income tax in respect of its income and net realized gains for the year ended December 31, 2022. Foreign income received is subject to foreign withholding taxes.

As of the tax year ended December 31, 2022, the Fund had zero non-capital (2021: nil) and \$8,034 (2021: \$8,034) capital losses carried forward.

### 11. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The Fund's capital is its net assets, representing unitholder's equity. The Fund's objective when managing capital is to safeguard the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for unitholders, maximize unitholder value and maintain financial strength.

The Fund is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements.

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# 12. INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE UNITS PER UNIT

The increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit for the periods ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 is calculated as follows:

	Net A Hold	ease (Decrease) in ssets Attributable to lers of Redeemable Jnits per Series	Weighted Average of Redeemable Units Outstanding During the Period	Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units per Unit			
June 30, 2023							
Class A	\$	39,360	218,114	\$	0.18		
Class F		651,130	1,988,217		0.33		
Class I		62,654	199,959		0.31		
June 30, 2022							
Class A	\$	(191,172)	195,649	\$	(0.98)		
Class F		(1,393,249)	1,545,981		(0.90)		
Class I		(144,149)	196,310		(0.73)		