

# ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

For the period from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023



SectorWise Balanced Portfolio

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## **Caution Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

Certain portions of this Report including, but not limited to, the sections entitled Results and Recent Developments, may contain forward-looking statements about the Fund, including its strategy, risks, performance and condition. Forward-looking statements include statements that are predictive in nature, that depend upon or refer to future events or conditions or that include words such as "expect", "anticipate", "intend", "plan", "believe", "estimate" and similar forward-looking expressions or corresponding negative versions.

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# Annual Management Report of Fund Performance as at December 31, 2023 SectorWise Balanced Portfolio

# Management Discussion of Performance Investment Objective and Strategies

The Fund's investment objective is to produce a combination of income and long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in a diversified mix of mutual funds (which may include exchange-traded funds (ETFs)) in order to have access to equity securities and fixed income securities, whether Canadian or foreign.

The target weighting for each asset class in which the portfolio invests under normal market conditions is as follows:

- 40% of net assets in fixed-income securities with an allowable increase or decrease of 15%; and
- 60% of net assets in equity securities with an allowable increase or decrease of 15%.

The portfolio manager has the discretion to revise and adjust the target weighting of each asset class based on the economic context and market conditions. The Fund obtains the above weightings by investing almost all of its net assets in underlying funds (which may include ETFs) managed by third parties.

## Risk

The Fund's risk level is low to medium. The overall level of risk of investing in the Fund remains as discussed in the Simplified Prospectus and has not significantly increased or decreased as a result of operations during the period. Accordingly, the Fund also remains suitable for the investors described in the Simplified Prospectus.

## Results

The Fund's "A" class returned 9.2% after fees and expenses, for the period from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023. The net returns of the Fund's other classes are similar to those of Class "A", with the exception of differences attributable to fee structures. For class performance and long-term Fund performance, please refer to the "Past Performance" section of this report. The portfolio's benchmark returned 13.5% over the period. The index is composed of 9% Canada S&P/TSX Composite Index, 31% S&P 500 Index (CAD), 20% MSCI EAFE Index(CAD), 18% S&P Canada Aggregate Bond Index, 4% S&P Canada Investment Grade Corporate Bond Index, 5% of the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index (CAD), 5% of the Bloomberg Barclays Global Corporate Index (local currencies).

#### Market overview:

Overall, economic activity remained positive in 2023, despite the interest rate hikes by central banks that continued into the 3rd quarter. The severe difficulties encountered by some US and European commercial banks at the start of the year had only temporary negative effects. The main stock market indices then recorded remarkable gains under the circumstances, encouraged by the gradual decline in inflation, as well as resilient job markets and consumer habits. Using their savings accumulated during the pandemic, consumers resumed travel and maintained their spending. Government deficits were very high again this year. Buoyed by growth, companies as a whole continued to report rising profits. The very large companies in the technology sector, which is closely or remotely related to artificial intelligence, contributed handsomely to stock market index returns. Some industries, however, such as wind power, experienced unexpected difficulties. Over the period under review, international stock markets outperformed the Canadian market. The Japanese Nikkei was one of the best-performing stock indices. Foreign returns for Canadian investors were, however, mitigated by the slight appreciation of our dollar against the U.S. dollar between January and December.

Elsewhere on the markets, bond prices were affected by the volatility of medium- and long-term interest rates, especially in the 2nd half of the year. In October, the rout in government bond markets reached its peak. Investors were betting that interest rates would remain higher for longer than expected. Ten-year U.S. Treasury yields hit 5%, their highest level since 2007. In Europe, the yield on benchmark German ten-year debt exceeded 3% for the first time since 2011. Required rates then made a surprising U-turn and fell

until the end of December. In the final months of the year, geopolitical risks were the main focus of attention. Conflicts in the Middle East were added to those in Ukraine and nearly 50 others around the world. Nevertheless, they did not seem to dampen the stock markets' upward momentum. Expressed in Canadian dollars, the U.S., Canadian and developed European and Asian stock market indices ended the year up 20.5%, 11.8% and 15.1%, respectively, over 12 months. For their part, the Canadian and global bond groups recorded returns of 6.3% and 2.9%, respectively, in Canadian dollars over the same period.

### Factors impacting performance:

The Fund underperformed its benchmark. In addition to expenses, the manager believes that several factors had a positive or negative effect on the Fund's performance. It is appropriate to assess the various factors by considering both the impact on the Fund's absolute returns and the impact on relative returns, i.e. in comparison with the benchmark.

Certain exposures contributed positively to the fund's absolute returns for 2023. Although the majority of equity positions appreciated over the period, investments in the technology, communications and consumer discretionary sectors made the biggest positive contribution to returns. The gradual slowdown in annual inflation rates in developed countries, the pausing of repeated interest rate hikes by central banks, and the resilience of the US economy and consumer spending partly explain the marked rebound in these sectors in 2023. This has also translated into positive returns for bond investments. Conversely, more defensive sectors, such as utilities, consumer staples and healthcare, suffered from this turnaround and the return of risk appetite.

The factors influencing fund returns differ somewhat when performance is analyzed in terms of active management, company size or sector weighting, in comparison with relevant benchmarks. The relative outperformance of managers specializing in technology and renewable energy during the year had a positive effect on performance. Small-cap stocks in the consumer staples, industrial and utilities sectors also performed well compared to larger-cap stocks in the same sectors. Underlying funds and their managers in fixed income and alternative investments overwhelmingly outperformed the Canadian bond index, which had a beneficial effect on performance. In contrast, underlying equity funds and their managers specializing in the traditional energy and infrastructure sectors underperformed their sectors. Equal weighting by sector also had a negative impact on annual performance. Finally, small caps in the consumer discretionary sector significantly underperformed their large-cap peers.

#### Changes to the portfolio:

The manager carries out transactions to take advantage of market movements and adjust allocations between economic sectors, asset classes, investment products and targeted active management mandates. These transactions may include the addition or complete withdrawal of underlying funds.

For the period under review, the manager adjusted his asset allocation in order to maintain a smaller portion than usual in equity investments, while remaining within permitted limits. These adjustments are part of overall risk management and are temporary. Otherwise, the manager has not made any other significant changes to the portfolio, or any other changes that would be outside the normal scope of the Fund's strategies.

## **Recent Developments**

There are a number of risks that investors generally need to take into consideration. Some, in our view, seem to have increased more than others recently. They could have a negative impact on the Fund's portfolio returns. Geopolitical risks linked to armed conflict or trade are some examples. Among the most obvious are the wars in Ukraine and between Israel and Hamas, tense trade relations between China and the West, and recent developments surrounding the expansion of the BRICS, an economic association of developing countries. With regard to financial risks, investors are anticipating that central banks could lower their interest rates as early as the first half of 2024, although they have hinted that further hikes would not be ruled out if inflation refused to come down further. Bond market volatility could therefore be higher than expected. Finally, economic growth has remained positive, but a slowdown cannot be ruled out. The full impact of previous interest rate hikes should be felt by consumers and businesses in the most indebted sectors over the coming quarters. Future events and their influence on the markets remain uncertain at all times.

# **Related Party Transactions**

R.E.G.A.R. Investment Management Inc. is the Manager, Trustee and Portfolio Advisor of the Fund.

The Fund pays management fees to the Manager and Portfolio Advisor in return for management and investment advisory services (see the Management Fees section below). For the year ended December 31, 2023, total management fees were \$1,405,479. The Fund also pays administration fees to the Manager. In return, the Manager assumes responsibility for the Fund's operating costs and expenses, apart from certain specified costs. For the year ended December 31, 2023, total administration fees were \$252,790.

The Fund paid distributors a service fee for the direct or indirect provision of services to the Fund. See the Information on Classes section for the annual expense rates for each class (as a percentage of average net assets). Holders of Class F units also pay consulting fees directly to the office of the authorized distributor. Holders of Class P units pay fees for consulting services directly to the manager. These fees are not part of the Fund's expenses.

### **Other Related Party Transactions**

Pursuant to applicable securities legislation, the Fund relies on standing instructions from the Fund's Independent Review Committee with respect to inter-fund trading, where securities may be purchased from, or sold to, another fund managed by the Manager. Those transactions are made at market prices and are intended to reduce the transaction costs and commissions incurred by the Fund.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Fund did not enter into inter-fund security transactions.

# **Financial Highlights**

The following tables show the key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance over the past five years.

NET ASSETS PER UNIT <sup>1</sup>	December 31,				
Class A (RGP400) - (\$ per unit)	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Net assets, beginning of year	10.60	12.24	12.50	10.73	9.75
Increase (decrease) from operations					
Total revenue	0.32	0.24	0.22	0.14	0.21
Total charges (excluding distributions)	(0.27)	(0.26)	(0.32)	(0.27)	(0.26)
Realized gains (losses)	0.12	(0.46)	1.46	0.18	0.14
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.79	(1.09)	(0.63)	1.92	0.63
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	0.96	(1.57)	0.73	1.97	0.72
Distributions					
Of net investment income (except for dividends)	-	-	-	-	-
Of dividends	-	-	-	-	-
Of capital gains	-	-	1.02	-	0.03
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
Total annual distributions <sup>3</sup>	-	-	1.02	-	0.03
Net assets, last day of year shown	11.56	10.60	12.24	12.50	10.73

RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA Class A (RGP400)	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019
Total net asset value (thousands) <sup>4</sup>	\$50,185	\$49,112	\$49,182	\$28,889	\$15,158
Number of units outstanding	4,339,435	4,635,355	4,018,349	2,311,350	1,412,110
Management expense ratio <sup>5</sup>	2.39%	2.36%	2.37%	2.49%	2.48%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	2.39%	2.36%	2.37%	2.49%	2.48%
Trading expense ratio <sup>6</sup>	0.11%	0.09%	0.15%	0.08%	0.18%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>7</sup>	53.90%	41.45%	82.92%	17.47%	10.23%
Net asset value per unit	\$11.56	\$10.60	\$12.24	\$12.50	\$10.73

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements. The Fund's financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IFRS Accounting Standards"). The net assets per unit presented in the financial statements may differ from the net asset value calculated for fund pricing purposes. An explanation of such differences, if any, can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the accounting period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Distributions were paid in cash, reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> This information is provided as at the end of each year or period shown.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The management expense ratio is based on total expenses for the stated period (excluding distributions, commissions, other portfolio transaction costs and withholding taxes), including applicable taxes, and a portion of underlying funds' expenses (mutual funds and exchange traded funds) where applicable, and is expressed as an annualized percentage of the daily average net asset value during the period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs, incurred directly or indirectly by way of an underlying fund, as applicable, and is expressed as an annualized percentage of the daily average net asset value during the stated period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The turnover rate of the securities held in a Fund indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio manager manages the Fund's investments. A turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio at least once in the course of the year. The higher the turnover rate in a financial year, the greater the trading costs payable by the Fund in a financial year, and the greater the possibility that the unitholder of the Fund will realize taxable capital gains during the financial year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and a Fund's performance.

NET ASSETS PER UNIT <sup>8</sup>	December 31,				
Class F (RGP403) - (\$ per unit)	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Net assets, beginning of year	11.02	12.64	12.79	10.86	9.76
Increase (decrease) from operations					
Total revenue	0.34	0.26	0.22	0.14	0.20
Total charges (excluding distributions)	(0.15)	(0.14)	(0.18)	(0.15)	(0.14)
Realized gains (losses)	0.13	(0.50)	1.41	0.22	0.15
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.80	(0.90)	(0.61)	1.99	0.69
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>9</sup>	1.12	(1.28)	0.84	2.20	0.90
Distributions					
Of net investment income (except for dividends)	0.13	0.05	-	-	-
Of dividends	-	-	-	-	-
Of capital gains	-	-	1.09	-	0.04
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
Total annual distributions <sup>10</sup>	0.13	0.05	1.09	-	0.04
Net assets, last day of year shown	12.03	11.02	12.64	12.79	10.86

RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA	December 31,				
Class F (RGP403)	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total net asset value (thousands) <sup>11</sup>	\$46,364	\$29,825	\$17,228	\$7,622	\$3,744
Number of units outstanding	3,852,897	2,707,438	1,363,241	596,127	344,934
Management expense ratio <sup>12</sup>	1.24%	1.21%	1.22%	1.35%	1.33%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	1.24%	1.21%	1.22%	1.35%	1.33%
Trading expense ratio <sup>13</sup>	0.11%	0.09%	0.15%	0.08%	0.18%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>14</sup>	53.90%	41.45%	82.92%	17.47%	10.23%
Net asset value per unit	\$12.03	\$11.02	\$12.64	\$12.79	\$10.86

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the accounting period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Distributions were paid in cash, reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> This information is provided as at the end of each year or period shown.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> The management expense ratio is based on total expenses for the stated period (excluding distributions, commissions, other portfolio transaction costs and withholding taxes), including applicable taxes, and a portion of underlying funds' expenses (mutual funds and exchange traded funds) where applicable, and is expressed as an annualized percentage of the daily average net asset value during the period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs, incurred directly or indirectly by way of an underlying fund, as applicable, and is expressed as an annualized percentage of the daily average net asset value during the stated period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> The turnover rate of the securities held in a Fund indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio manager manages the Fund's investments. A turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio at least once in the course of the year. The higher the turnover rate in a financial year, the greater the trading costs payable by the Fund in a financial year, and the greater the possibility that the unitholder of the Fund will realize taxable capital gains during the financial year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and a Fund's performance.

NET ASSETS PER UNIT <sup>15</sup>	December 31,				
Class P (RGP408) - (\$ per unit)	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Net assets, beginning of year	11.49	13.09	13.03	10.96	9.76
Increase (decrease) from operations					
Total revenue	0.34	0.26	0.23	0.15	0.20
Total charges (excluding distributions)	(0.05)	(0.04)	(0.05)	(0.04)	(0.05)
Realized gains (losses)	0.13	(0.47)	1.75	0.17	0.15
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.88	(1.47)	(0.82)	2.04	0.72
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>16</sup>	1.30	(1.72)	1.11	2.32	1.02
Distributions					
Of net investment income (except for dividends)	0.22	0.08	-	-	-
Of dividends	-	-	-	-	-
Of capital gains	-	-	1.02	-	0.04
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
Total annual distributions <sup>17</sup>	0.22	0.08	1.02	-	0.04
Net assets, last day of year shown	12.58	11.49	13.09	13.03	10.96

RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA	December 31,				
Class P (RGP408)	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total net asset value (thousands) <sup>18</sup>	\$1,835	\$2,070	\$2,823	\$3,743	\$1,961
Number of units outstanding	145,859	180,195	215,594	287,316	178,900
Management expense ratio <sup>19</sup>	0.32%	0.29%	0.31%	0.43%	0.40%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	0.32%	0.29%	0.31%	0.43%	0.40%
Trading expense ratio <sup>20</sup>	0.11%	0.09%	0.15%	0.08%	0.18%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>21</sup>	53.90%	41.45%	82.92%	17.47%	10.23%
Net asset value per unit	\$12.58	\$11.49	\$13.09	\$13.03	\$10.96

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the accounting period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Distributions were paid in cash, reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> This information is provided as at the end of each year or period shown.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> The management expense ratio is based on total expenses for the stated period (excluding distributions, commissions, other portfolio transaction costs and withholding taxes), including applicable taxes, and a portion of underlying funds' expenses (mutual funds and exchange traded funds) where applicable, and is expressed as an annualized percentage of the daily average net asset value during the period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs, incurred directly or indirectly by way of an underlying fund, as applicable, and is expressed as an annualized percentage of the daily average net asset value during the stated period.

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### **Management Fees**

The Fund pays management fees to R.E.G.A.R. Investment Management Inc. The management fee paid per class is calculated as a percentage of the net asset value of the class as of the close of business on each business day (see "Information on Classes" below for management fees paid by each Class, as well as the breakdown of the services received in return, as a percentage of management fees). The management fees are used in part to pay costs incurred for investment advice and for investment management services, as well as for services related to distribution, including the cost of financial planning services, advisor commissions and bonuses, costs related to marketing and other promotional activities and Fund training sessions.

## Information on Classes (as at December 31, 2023)

Classes <sup>22</sup>	Purchase options <sup>23</sup>	Management fees	Distribution services	Investment advice and
		(before applicable taxes)		management services
Class A	Initial sales charge	1.8%	55.5%	44.5%
Class F	No sales charge	0.8%	-	100%
Class P	No sales charge	0.0%	N/A	N/A

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> The Fund does not pay any management fees for Class P. Investors pay fees for consulting services directly to the manager.

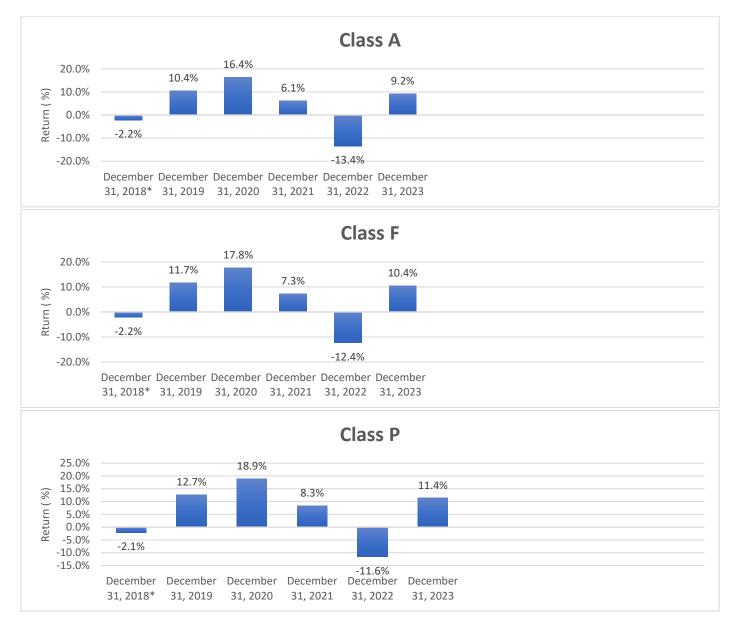
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Other fees may apply. Please consult the Fund's simplified prospectus for further information.

# **Past Performance**

The performance information shown below assumes that all distributions made by the Fund in periods shown were reinvested in additional securities of the Fund. The performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges that would have reduced returns or performance. How the Fund has performed in the past does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.

## Year-by-Year Returns

The following bar charts show the Fund's annual performance for each of the years shown, and illustrate how the Fund's performance changed from year to year. Expressed as a percentage, these results show how much an investment's performance has increased or decreased between the first and last day of each year.



\* Returns for the period from December 4, 2018, to December 31, 2018.

# **Annual Compound Returns**

The following table compares the historical annual compound returns for each series for the class shown ending December 31, 2023, with those of the benchmark index indicated.

(%)	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception <sup>24</sup>
Class A	9.2%	0.1%	5.2%	N/A	4.7%
Class F	10.4%	1.2%	6.4%	N/A	6.0%
Class P	11.4%	2.2%	7.4%	N/A	6.9%
Benchmark Index (Combined index)	13.5%	3.9%	7.4%	N/A	6.8%

### Comparison with the benchmark index

The combined benchmark index is composed of 9% of the Canada S&P/TSX Composite Index, 31% of the S&P 500 Index (CAD), 20% of the MSCI EAFE Index (CAD), 18% of the S&P Canada Aggregate Bond Index, 4% of the S&P Canada Investment Grade Corporate Bond Index, 5% of the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index (CAD), 5% of the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index (Iocal currencies) and 8% of the Bloomberg Barclays Global Corporate Index (Iocal currencies).

Please refer to the "Results" section above, which contains an analysis of the factors that affected the Fund's performance and explains the difference with the performance of the benchmark index above.

### **Benchmark Definitions**

<u>S&P/TSX Composite</u> - The S&P/TSX Composite Index is a market capitalization-weighted index that has been the primary indicator of stock market activity in Canadian equity markets, since its inception in 1977. This index is the main measure of the performance of Canadian companies listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange, covering approximately 95% of the Canadian equity market.

<u>S&P 500</u> - S&P 500 is a market-capitalization-weighted index of the 500 largest U.S. publicly traded companies by market value. The S&P 500 is a market value or market-capitalization-weighted index and one of the most common benchmarks for the broader U.S. equity markets. This index covers about 80% of the US stock market by its capitalization.

<u>MSCI EAFE</u> - The MSCI EAFE Index is an equity index which captures large and mid cap representation across 21 developed markets countries around the world, including Europe, Australasia and Far East, excluding the United States and Canada. MSCI EAFE is a market-capitalization-weighted index. With 924 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

<u>S&P Canada Aggregate Bond Index</u> - The S&P Canada Aggregate Bond Index is a market-capitalization-weighted index. It tracks the performance of Canadian dollar-denominated investment-grade debt publicly issued in the eurobond or Canadian domestic market. The index is part of the S&P Aggregate<sup>™</sup> Bond Index family and includes governments, quasi-government, corporate, securitized and collateralized securities.

<u>S&P Canada Investment Grade Corporate Bond Index</u> - The S&P Canada Investment Grade Corporate Bond Index is a marketcapitalization-weighted index and it comprises a universe of Canadian dollar-denominated investment-grade debentures issued both domestically and through the eurobond market. The index seeks to measure the performance of the Canadian investment-grade corporate bond market.

<u>Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate (CAD)</u> - Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index is a market capitalization weighted index. This index measures the performance of the global investment grade, fixed-rate bond markets. The benchmark includes government, government-related and corporate bonds, as well as asset-backed, mortgage-backed and commercial mortgage-backed securities from both developed and emerging markets issuers.

<u>Bloomberg Barclays Global Corporate (local currencies)</u> - Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Index is a market capitalization weighted index. This Index is a flagship measure of global investment grade, fixed-rate corporate debt. This multi-currency benchmark includes bonds from developed and emerging markets issuers within the industrial, utility and financial sectors.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Class A, F and P of the Fund were created on December 4, 2018.

# SectorWise Balanced Portfolio Portfolio Summary as at December 31, 2023

The Fund's portfolio securities at the end of the period and the major asset classes in which the Fund has invested are indicated below. The Fund held no short positions at the end of the period. This Summary of Investment Portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions. The Fund's Summary of Investment Portfolio will be updated as at the end of the next quarter. Please see the cover page for information about how to obtain the most up-to-date data.

#### Summary of Top Holdings<sup>25</sup>

	% of Net Asset Value
AGF Fixed Income Plus Fund, Series 'I'	9.01%
Canoe Bond Advantage Fund, Series 'O'	7.16%
CI Canadian Long-Term Bond Pool, Class 'l'	6.02%
BMO Money Market Fund ETF Series	5.93%
PIMCO Monthly Income Fund (Canada), Series 'l'	4.96%
Franklin Bissett Corporate Bond Fund, Series 'O'	4.63%
Dynamic Financial Services Fund, Series 'O'	4.61%
Dynamic Global Infrastructure Fund, Series 'O'	4.22%
CI Alternative Diversified Opportunities Fund, Series 'l'	3.92%
CI Global Alpha Innovators Corporate Class, Series 'l'	3.58%
CI Canadian Core Plus Bond Fund, Series 'l'	3.52%
CI Global Health Sciences Corporate Class, Series 'l'	3.12%
Dynamic Global Real Estate Fund, Series 'O'	3.11%
AGF Global Convertible Bond Fund, Series 'l'	3.07%
Mackenzie Precious Metals Fund, Series 'O'	3.02%
Dynamic Energy Evolution Fund, Series 'O'	2.43%
Cl Signature Global Energy Corporate Class, Class 'P'	2.28%
Dynamic Premium Yield Plus Fund, Series 'O'	2.22%
Cash and Other Net Asset Items	1.54%
Dynamic Precious Metals Fund, Series 'O'	0.52%
Microsoft Corp.	0.48%
Alphabet Inc., Class 'A'	0.48%
Apple Inc.	0.45%
Nestlé SA, Registered	0.45%
Visa Inc., Class 'A'	0.34%
TOTAL	81.07%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> You can obtain the simplified prospectus and other information on the investment funds in which the Fund invests, if any, by visiting the investment funds' designated website or at <u>www.sedarplus.ca</u> (for Canadian investment funds) and <u>www.sec.gov/edgar</u> (for U.S. investment funds).

#### Summary of Investment Portfolio

BY ASSET TYPE	% of Net Asset Value
Mutual Funds	71.40%
Equities	21.13%
Exchange Traded Funds	5.93%
Cash and Other Net Asset Items	1.54%
TOTAL	100.00%

BY SECTOR*	% of Net Asset Value
Fixed Income	40.78%
Cash and Other Net Asset Items	11.09%
Healthcare	5.62%
Information Technology	5.32%
Materials	5.28%
Utilities	5.08%
Industrials	4.93%
Financials	4.23%
Consumer Staples	4.19%
Consumer Discretionary	4.03%
Real Estate	3.52%
Communication	3.22%
Energy	2.71%
TOTAL	100.00%

BY REGION*	% of Net Asset Value
U.S. Equities	27.76%
Canadian Fixed Income Securities	23.76%
U.S. Fixed Income Securities	14.14%
International Equities	11.13%
Cash and Other Net Asset Items	11.09%
Canadian Equities	9.24%
International Fixed Income Securities	2.88%
TOTAL	100.00%

\*The Fund's sector-based and geographic allocations as at December 31, 2023, are calculated on the basis of the Fund's total investments, considering the Fund's exposure through positions held directly by the Fund as well as positions held by underlying investment funds, which are themselves held by the Fund.