Financial Statements of

# NEWGEN FOCUSED ALPHA FUND

And Independent Auditor's Report thereon

For the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023



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## Independent Auditor's Report

To the Unitholders of NewGen Focused Alpha Fund (the "Fund")

## Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Fund, which comprise the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the statements of comprehensive income, changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units and cash flows for the years then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information (collectively referred to as the "financial statements").

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as at December 31, 2024 and 2023, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB").

## Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards ("Canadian GAAS"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Management Report of Fund Performance.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

We obtained the Management Report of Fund Performance prior to the date of this auditor's report. If, based on the work we have performed on this other information, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact in this auditor's report. We have nothing to report in this regard.

## Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the IASB, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian GAAS, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Deloitte LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants Licensed Public Accountants March 28, 2025

## Statements of Financial Position As at December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023

	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash	\$ 1,019	\$ 1,763
Due from broker	11,976,106	8,525,721
Investments owned, at fair value through profit or loss (note 6)	73,070,915	46,286,857
Interest and dividends receivable	178,207	130,232
Other receivables	46,413	21,311
Subscriptions receivable	25,474	388,013
Prepaid expenses	24,046	22,227
Unrealized appreciation of derivatives (note 2, 6)	 30	 _
	 85,322,210	 55,376,124
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Investments sold short, at fair value through profit or loss (note 6)	12,126,283	6,835,989
Performance fees payable (note 3)	1,546,683	450,946
Other payables	202,851	60,796
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	126,061	107,255
Unrealized depreciation of derivatives (note 2, 6)	50,412	_
Management fees payable (note 3)	30,177	18,633
Dividends payable on investments sold short	12,274	27,279
Redemptions payable	 	 218
	 14,094,741	 7,501,116
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	\$ 71,227,469	\$ 47,875,008
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per Class		
Class C	\$ 59,662,292	\$ 43,077,527
Class F	6,265,361	1,552,802
Class F USD	34,257	
Class G	1,733,118	1,046,827
Class I	 3,532,441	 2,197,852
	\$ 71,227,469	\$ 47,875,008

## Statements of Financial Position (continued) As at December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023

	2024	2023
Number of redeemable units outstanding (note 4)		
Class C	3,982,466	3,552,642
Class F	404,685	123,015
Class F USD	2,300	_
Class G	119,600	88,777
Class I	259,567	203,444
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit		
Class C	\$ 14.98	\$ 12.13
Class F	15.48	12.62
Class F USD	14.89	_
Class G	14.49	11.79
Class I	13.61	10.80
Class F USD (in US Dollars)	10.34	_

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Approved on behalf of the Fund:

David Dattels

Manager

NewGen Asset Management Limited

## Statements of Comprehensive Income For the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

		2024		2023
Income				
Dividends	\$	546,053	\$	816,434
Interest income for distribution purposes		364,125		398,609
Net realized gain on sale of investments, including foreign exchange adjustments		10,964,805		5,790,915
Net change in unrealized appreciation in value of investments, including foreign exchange adjustments		10,671,733		349,641
Net change in unrealized depreciation on derivatives		(50,382)		349,041
Net realized loss on derivatives		(45,158)		(7,081)
Other income		4,485		8,795
	_	22,455,661	_	7,357,313
Expenses				
Performance fees (note 3)		3,138,694		759,429
Commissions and other portfolio transaction costs		1,292,712		883,759
Interest and borrowing fees		575,079		615,875
Management fees (note 3)		493,274		284,794
Operating costs		226,952		162,668
Dividends paid on investments sold short Audit fees		152,341 81,514		132,917 103,945
Legal fees		23,028		4,399
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	_	5,983,594		2,947,786
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	\$	16,472,067	\$	4,409,527
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per Class				
Class C	\$	14,044,232	\$	3,895,569
Class F		1,123,508		55,130
Class F USD		1,061		_
Class G Class I		419,466 883,800		90,613 368,215
Class I	<u> </u>	16,472,067	<u> </u>	4,409,527
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Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit (note 9)				
	\$	3.74	\$	1.49
Class C	Ψ			
Class C Class F	Ψ	4.41		0.82
Class C	Ψ	4.41 0.46 3.55		0.82 - 1.37

## Statements of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units For the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

		Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, beginning of year	Proceeds from redeemable units issued*	Redemption of redeemable units*	Distributions to holders of redeemable units	Reinvestment of distributions	Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, end of year
2024								
Class C	\$	43,077,527	15,414,533 \$	(12,874,000) \$	(3,063,863) \$	3,063,863	14,044,232	\$ 59,662,292
Class F		1,552,802	4,151,036	(561,985)	(343,665)	343,665	1,123,508	6,265,361
Class F USD		_	33,196	_	_	_	1,061	34,257
Class G		1,046,827	696,796	(429,971)	(81,717)	81,717	419,466	1,733,118
Class I	_	2,197,852	499,319	(48,530)	(292,663)	292,663	883,800	3,532,441
	\$	47,875,008	20,794,880 \$	(13,914,486)	(3,781,908) \$	3,781,908	16,472,067	\$ 71,227,469

<sup>\*</sup> Total proceeds from redeemable units relating to switch-ins and redemptions of redeemable units relating to switch-outs for the year ended December 31, 2024 were \$448,411 and \$(448,411), respectively.

	Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, beginning of year	Proceeds from redeemable units issued**	Redemption of redeemable units**	Distributions to holders of redeemable units	Reinvestment of distributions	Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, end of year
2023							
Class C \$	21,350,389	\$ 28,976,725 \$	(11,145,156) \$	(1,447,406) \$	1,447,406	3,895,569	\$ 43,077,527
Class F	289,767	1,991,087	(783,182)	(8,094)	8,094	55,130	1,552,802
Class G	702,174	313,417	(59,377)	(37,207)	37,207	90,613	1,046,827
Class I	2,542,173	49,296	(761,832)	(358,594)	358,594	368,215	2,197,852
\$	24,884,503	\$ 31,330,525 \$	(12,749,547)	(1,851,301) \$	1,851,301	\$ 4,409,527	\$ 47,875,008

<sup>\*\*</sup> Total proceeds from redeemable units relating to switch-ins and redemptions of redeemable units relating to switch-outs for the year ended December 31, 2023 were \$161,677 and \$(162,821), respectively.

## Statements of Cash Flows For the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

		2024	2023
Cash provided by (used in):			
Operating Activities	•	40 470 007 4	4 400 507
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	\$	16,472,067 \$	4,409,527
Adjustments for non-cash items		(40.004.005)	(5.700.045)
Net realized gain on sale of investments, including foreign exchange adjustments		(10,964,805)	(5,790,915)
Net change in unrealized appreciation in value of investments, including		(40.074.700)	(240 644)
foreign exchange adjustments		(10,671,733)	(349,641)
Net change in unrealized depreciation on derivatives		50,382	_
Change in non-cash balances		(2.450.205)	(4.040.004)
Increase in due from broker		(3,450,385)	(1,019,231)
Increase in interest and dividends receivable		(47,975)	(35,632)
Increase in prepaid expenses		(1,819)	(1,418)
Increase in other receivables		(25,102)	(6,252) (250,600)
Decrease in payable for investments purchased		10 006	,
Increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities Increase in management fees payable		18,806 11,544	30,847 3,159
Increase in management lees payable Increase in performance fees payable		1,095,737	3,159 450,946
(Decrease) increase in dividends payable on investments sold short		(15,005)	450,946 17,166
Increase in other payables		142,055	58,784
Proceeds from sale of investments		320,024,634	257,148,832
Purchase of investments		(319,771,374)	(272,811,522)
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Cash used in operating activities	_	(7,132,973)	(18,145,950)
Financing Activities			
Proceeds from redeemable units issued		20,709,008	30,780,691
Amount paid on redemption of redeemable units	_	(13,466,293)	(12,631,935)
Cash provided by financing activities	_	7,242,715	18,148,756
Increase in cash during the year		109,742	2,806
Foreign exchange loss on cash		(110,486)	(1,043)
Cash, beginning of year		1,763	(.,0.0)
	_		1.700
Cash, end of year	\$_	1,019 \$	1,763
Supplemental information*			
Interest paid	\$	16,616 \$	21,311
Interest received		332,767	409,243
Dividends paid		167,346	107,074
Dividends received, net of withholding taxes		529,436	770,168

<sup>\*</sup>Included as a part of cash flows from operating activities

## Schedule of Investment Portfolio As at December 31, 2024

Number of shares/units	Investments owned	Average cost	Fair value	% of net asset value
543,479	Australian warrant Galan Lithium Ltd \$0.65 6FEB2029	\$ - \$	15,971	0.02
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	Canadian equities			
28,906	Ag Growth International Inc.	1,483,040	1,469,003	2.06
143,900	Alaris Equity Partners Income	2,347,752	2,755,685	3.87
165,300	Algoma Steel Group Inc.	2,219,644	2,327,424	3.27
2,294,000	Americas Gold & Silver Corp.	1,217,360	1,261,700	1.77
3,133,900	Americas Gold & Silver Corp. RSTD 19APR2025	1,253,560	1,723,645	2.42
716,500	BlackBerry Ltd.	2,571,698	3,912,090	5.49
25,100	Bombardier Inc.	2,380,311	2,453,525	3.44
10,400	Boyd Group Services Inc.	2,273,542	2,254,512	3.17
27,000	Canadian Apartment Properties REIT	1,209,454	1,151,010	1.62
1,000,000	CanAlaska Uranium Ltd.	730,000	680,000	0.95
112,200	Canfor Corp.	1,818,792	1,703,196	2.39
172,300	Capstone Copper Corp.	1,602,464	1,531,747	2.15
10,200	Cargojet Inc.	1,058,929	1,100,274	1.54
196,900	Cineplex Inc.	1,674,082	2,402,180	3.37
106,230	Culico Metals Inc.	15,935	12,748	0.02
130,000	Dye & Durham Ltd.	2,004,275	2,285,400	3.21
79,200	Enerflex Ltd.	648,715	1,133,352	1.59
35,000	Exchange Income Corp.	1,593,416	2,059,750	2.89
499,900	Founders Metals Inc.	1,068,181	2,324,535	3.26
150,000	Founders Metals Inc. RSTD 26FEB2025	360,000	697,500	0.98
191,000	G Mining Ventures Corp.	1,779,774	2,062,800	2.90
12,002	goeasy Ltd.	2,060,395	2,000,853	2.81
500,000	GoGold Resources Inc.	555,000	555,000	0.78
14,000	Hammond Power Solutions Inc.	1,525,674	1,792,700	2.52
632,300	Kraken Robotics Inc.	730,409	1,738,825	2.44
115,800	Lightspeed Commerce Inc.	2,142,925	2,538,336	3.56
690,000	Logan Energy Corp. RSTD 04FEB2025	503,700	483,000	0.68
2,569,000	Logan Energy Corp. RSTD 18APR2025	1,875,370	1,798,300	2.52
74,400	MDA Space Ltd.	1,088,494	2,197,032	3.08
1,250,000	NG Energy International Corp.	1,205,000	1,375,000	1.93
200,000	NGEX MINERALS LTD	2,555,760	2,682,000	3.77
102,042	Pasofino Gold Ltd.	100,002	57,654	0.08
220,000	Skeena Resources Ltd.	2,327,206	2,750,000	3.86
600,000	Solaris Resources Inc.	2,602,290	2,676,000	3.76
555,556	Somerset Energy Partners Corp RSTD	250,000	194,445	0.27
78,800	Spin Master Corp.	2,503,542	2,668,956	3.75
258,400	Total Energy Services Inc.	2,505,822	2,984,520	4.19
320,800	Valeura Energy Inc.	1,244,989	2,329,008	3.27
1,050,000	Vizsla Silver Corp.	2,775,195	2,551,500	3.58
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		59,862,697	70,675,205	99.21

# Schedule of Investment Portfolio (continued) As at December 31, 2024

Number of shares/units	Investments owned		Average cost	Fair value	% of net asset value
	Canadian options				
156,600	iShares S&P/TSX 60 Index ETF Put \$37.25 31JAN2025	\$	59,117 \$	57,159	0.08
59,400	iShares S&P/TSX Capped REIT Index ETF Call \$16	Ψ	σσ, τττ φ	07,100	0.00
22,122	21FEB2025		13,959	4,158	0.01
116,300	iShares S&P/TSX Capped REIT Index ETF Call \$16.50		-,	,	
	17JAN2025		23,260	2,325	0.00
342,500	Put iShares S&P/TSX 60 Index ETF \$38 17JAN2025 (OTC)		58,225	284,823	0.40
			154,561	348,465	0.49
	Canadian right				
23,100	GreenFirst Forest Products Inc. \$0		162		
	Canadian warrants				
2,000,000	Ascot Resources Ltd. \$0.52 25JUL2026 RTSD 26NOV2024		_	226,456	0.32
500,000	Bayridge Resources Corp. \$0.35 17APR2026 RSTD			,	
	18AUG2024		_	12,348	0.02
625,000	Brunswick Exploration Inc. \$0.75 22DEC2025 RSTD				
	23APR2023		_	5,133	0.01
317,499	Brunswick Exploration Inc. \$1.25 9MAR2026		_	1,647	0.00
250,000	Encore Energy Corp. \$3.75 14FEB2026		160,250	454,785	0.64
200,000	Eureka Lithium Corp. \$6.50 25OCT2025		_	350	0.00
82,500	Frontier Lithium Inc. \$2.75 10NOV2025		36,300	5	0.00
179,000	Full Circle Lithium Inc. \$1.10 25APR2025		_	_	_
500,000	GR Silver Mining Ltd. \$0.37 29MAR2025 RSTD		_	1,595	0.00
50,000	Graphene Manufacturing Group Ltd \$3.35 30NOV2026		_	835	0.00
348,250	i-80 Gold Corp. \$2.15 01MAY2028		132,335	47,014	0.07
225,000	LithiumBank Resources Corp. \$2.00 15MAY2026		_	701	0.00
250,000	Nextech3D.ai. \$0.52 25JUL2026		_	2,992	0.00
120,000	Osisko Development Corp. \$8.55 02MAR2026		146,160	4,200	0.01
400,000	Reconnaissance Energy Africa Ltd \$1.75 31JUL2026		116,000	67,725	0.10
700,000	Reliq Health Technologies Inc. \$0.52 5APR2026		-	-	-
341,000	Saturn Oil & Gas Inc. \$4.00 10MAR2025 RSTD 11JUL2022 Southern Silver Exploration Corp. \$0.75 16JUN2026		341	3,410	0.00
250,000	Tincorp. Metals Inc. \$2 14MAY2026		_	5,809	0.01
150,000	Trillion Energy International Inc. \$0.50 29JUN2025		_ 19,800	2.750	- 0.00
550,000 50,000	Ucore Rare Metals Inc. \$1.25 27JUL2026		19,600	2,750 11,247	0.00 0.02
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			611,186	849,002	1.20
	U.S. equity				
53,378	Spire Global Inc.		874,818	1,081,744	1.52
	U.S. warrants				
29,805	Ayr Wellness Inc. \$2.12 09FEB2026		_	6,869	0.01
255,000	Gold Royalty Corp. \$2.25 31MAY2027		92,775	93,659	0.13
			92,775	100,528	0.14
	Total investments owned		61,596,199	73,070,915	102.58

## Schedule of Investment Portfolio (continued) As at December 31, 2024

Number of shares/units	Investments sold short	Proceeds on short sale	Fair value	% of net asset value
	Canadian equities			
(65,600)	5N Plus Inc.	\$ (452,252) \$	(484,128)	(0.68)
(138,500)	Algonquin Power & Utilities Corp.	(951,986)	(883,630)	(1.24)
(2,000,000)	Ascot Resources Ltd.	(740,446)	(370,000)	(0.52)
(86,100)	AutoCanada Inc.	(1,463,385)	(1,492,113)	(2.09)
(250,000)	Ballard Power Systems Inc.	(506,678)	(597,500)	(0.84)
(6,900)	CCL Industries Inc.	(538,235)	(510,255)	(0.72)
(5,800)	Definity Financial Corp.	(314,489)	(339,010)	(0.48)
(500,000)	Discovery Silver Corp.	(380,950)	(355,000)	(0.50)
(5,900)	Empire Co., Ltd.	(219,087)	(258,951)	(0.36)
(1,000,000)	Galiano Gold Inc.	(2,039,613)	(1,790,000)	(2.51)
(1,000,000)	Global Atomic Corp.	(1,050,700)	(780,000)	(1.10)
(465,200)	i-80 Gold Corp.	(504,904)	(320,988)	(0.45)
(2,400)	Intact Financial Corp.	(587,174)	(628,152)	(88.0)
(18,600)	MTY Food Group Inc.	(835,050)	(851,322)	(1.20)
(23,700)	NFI Group Inc.	(332,944)	(331,800)	(0.47)
(11,400)	Richelieu Hardware Ltd.	(418,993)	(445,056)	(0.62)
(13,400)	Softchoice Corp.	(324,506)	(324,816)	(0.46)
(1,279,600)	Victoria Gold Corp.	(1,074,318)	(12,796)	(0.02)
(2,500)	Waste Connections Inc.	(603,540)	(616,500)	(0.87)
(205,100)	Zedcor Inc.	(677,973)	(717,850)	(1.01)
		(14,017,223)	(12,109,867)	(17.02)
	Canadian option			
(5,800)	CCL Industries Inc. Put \$66 17JAN2025	(2,219)	(957)	0.00
	U.S. option			
(238,500)	BlackBerry Ltd. Call \$5 17JAN2025	(60,064)	(15,459)	(0.02)
	Total investments sold short	(14,079,506)	(12,126,283)	(17.04)
	Commissions and other portfolio transaction costs	(142,351)		
	Net investments owned	\$ 47,374,342	60,944,632	85.54
	Unrealized loss, foreign exchange forward contracts (Schedule 1)		(50,382)	(0.07)
	Other assets, net	<u>-</u>	10,333,219	14.53
	Net Assets Attributable to Holders of		_	_
	Redeemable Units	\$_	71,227,469	100.00

# Schedule of Investment Portfolio (continued) As at December 31, 2024

## **Schedule 1 - Foreign Exchange Forward Contracts**

Settlement Date	Currency Sold	Currency Bought	Forward Rates	Contract Price	Fair Value	Unrealized gain (loss)
February 3, 2025	USD	CAD	1.43869 \$	(1,676,016) \$	(1,726,428) \$	(50,412)
February 3, 2025	CAD	USD	1.43869	33,060	33,090	30
Total unrealized loss of	on foreign exchan	ge forward cont	racts		\$	(50,382)

Notes to Financial Statements

For the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

NewGen Focused Alpha Fund (the "Fund") is an alternative mutual fund trust formed and organized under the laws of the Province of Ontario and is governed by a declaration of trust dated January 7, 2019 (the "Declaration of Trust") and amended and restated on January 28, 2021. The Fund inception date is January 29, 2021. The Fund commenced active operations on March 30, 2021. The address of the Fund's registered office is Commerce Court North, Suite 2900, 25 King Street West P.O. BOX 405, Toronto, Ontario, M5L 1G3.

NewGen Asset Management Limited, a corporation established under the laws of the Province of Ontario, is the trustee and portfolio manager of the Fund (the "Manager"). The Manager performs management functions for the Fund, including investment management of the Fund's portfolio. The prime broker and custodian for the Fund is CIBC World Markets Inc.

The Fund's principal investment objective is to provide investors with long-term capital gains. In order to achieve its investment objective, the Fund intends to invest in a concentrated portfolio of high-quality equities predominantly listed in Canada. The Fund may use leverage. The leverage will be created through the use of cash borrowings, short sales and derivative contracts. The aggregate gross exposure of the Fund shall not exceed the limits on the use of leverage permitted under applicable securities legislation.

The success of the Fund depends on the continued services of the Manager and will be influenced by a number of risk factors associated with investments in equities, options, and other instruments and the use of leverage, including derivative hedge risk, market liquidity, short sales, portfolio turnover, foreign currency exposure, foreign market exposure, and interest rate fluctuations.

### 1. Basis of presentation:

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB").

The financial statements were authorized for issue by the Manager on March 28, 2025.

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## 2. Material accounting policy information:

The following is a summary of the Fund's material accounting policy information:

## (a) Financial instruments:

Recognition and initial measurement:

The Fund initially recognizes transactions in financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value on the trade date, which is the date on which the Fund becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Other financial assets and financial liabilities are recognized on the date on which they are originated.

A financial asset or financial liability is initially measured at fair value plus, for an item not at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL"), transaction costs that are directly attributable to its acquisition or issue.

#### (b) Classification:

Classification of financial assets is based on the business model for managing the portfolio of assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of these financial assets. There are three principal classification categories for financial assets that are debt securities: measured at amortized cost, fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI") and FVTPL. Equity securities and derivatives are generally measured at FVTPL unless an election is taken to measure at FVOCI.

Financial assets which are held within a business model where the objective is achieved by holding to collect the contractual cash flows, rather than holding to sell, are measured at amortized cost or FVOCI depending on their contractual cash flow characteristics. The Fund therefore is required to assess the contractual terms of the cash flows to determine the appropriate classification and measurement of its financial assets. For those financial assets which give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest, these financial assets are classified and measured at amortized cost. For those financial assets which give rise to cash flows that are other than solely payments of principal and interest, these financial assets are classified and measured at FVTPL.

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#### 2. Material accounting policy information (continued):

The Fund classifies its investments in equities, rights, options and warrants as financial assets at FVTPL. The Fund's obligation for net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units is presented at the redemption amount. All other financial assets and liabilities are classified and measured at amortized cost. The Fund's accounting policies for measuring the fair value of its investments and derivatives are consistent with those used in measuring its net asset value ("Trading NAV") for transactions with unitholders.

The Fund recognizes financial instruments at fair value upon initial recognition, plus transaction costs in the case of financial instruments measured at amortized cost. Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognized at their trade date.

#### (c) Fair value of financial instruments:

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

#### (d) Valuation of investments:

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date in the principal or, in its absence, the most advantageous market to which the Fund has access at that date. The fair value of a liability reflects its non-performance risk.

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## 2. Material accounting policy information (continued):

When available, the Fund measures the fair value of an instrument using the quoted price in an active market for that instrument. A market is regarded as active in transactions for the asset or liability that take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis. The Fund measures instruments quoted in an active market at the last sale or close price, where the close price falls within the day's bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the close price is not within the day's bid-ask spread, the Manager determines the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value based on specific facts and circumstances.

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market (for example, over-the-counter derivatives) is determined using valuation techniques. The Fund uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each statements of financial position date. Valuation techniques used include the use of comparable recent arm's-length transactions, discounted cash flow analysis, option pricing models and other valuation techniques commonly used by market participants.

Investments in private companies and other assets for which no published market exists are initially valued at cost and adjusted each reporting period, when appropriate, to reflect the most recent value at which such securities have been exchanged in an arm's length transaction which approximates a trade effected in a published market, unless a different fair market value is otherwise determined to be appropriate by the Manager.

#### Derivative transactions:

The Fund may use derivative contracts to enhance returns of the Fund and to manage risks associated with the investments. The value of the contracts is marked to market on the Valuation Day (being the day the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") is open) and the resultant gains and losses, both realized and unrealized, are recognized in the statements of comprehensive income.

The premium received upon writing a call option is recorded as a deferred credit. Upon expiry of the option or when the option is exercised by its holder, the premium is recognized as a gain and is included in net realized gain on sale of investments, including foreign exchange adjustments, in the statements of comprehensive income.

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## 2. Material accounting policy information (continued):

#### (e) Offsetting financial instruments:

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the statements of financial position when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognized amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. In the normal course of business, the Fund enters into various master netting agreements or similar agreements that do not meet the criteria for offsetting in the statements of financial position but still allow for the related amounts to be offset in certain circumstances, such as bankruptcy or termination of the contracts.

## (f) Investment entity:

The Fund has determined that it is an investment entity as defined by IFRS 10, Consolidated Financial Statements ("IFRS 10") and the amendments to IFRS 10, as the following conditions exist:

- The Fund has obtained funds from one or more investors for the purpose of providing those investors with investment management services;
- (ii) The Fund has committed to its investors that its business purpose is to invest funds solely for returns from capital appreciation and investment income; and
- (iii) The Fund measures and evaluates the performance of substantially all of its investments on a fair value basis.

As an investment entity, the Fund is exempted from consolidating particular subsidiaries and instead is required to measure its investments in these particular subsidiaries at FVTPL.

## (g) Derecognition:

Other financial assets are derecognized when 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.

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## 2. Material accounting policy information (continued):

#### (h) 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 statements of comprehensive income.

#### (i) 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.

#### (j) Investment transactions and revenue recognition:

Investment transactions are accounted for on the trade date. Interest income is accrued daily based on the stated coupon and dividend income is recognized on the ex-dividend date.

Realized gain/loss on sale of investments and unrealized appreciation/depreciation in investments are determined on an average cost basis. Average cost does not include amortization of premiums or discounts on fixed income securities with the exception of zero-coupon bonds.

#### (k) Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards requires management to use judgement in applying its accounting policies and to make estimates and assumptions about the future. 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.

The following discusses the most significant accounting judgments and estimates that the Fund has made in preparing the financial statements:

Note 6 – unobservable inputs used in measuring financial instruments categorized as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy.

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## 2. Material accounting policy information (continued):

#### (I) Income taxes:

The Fund is taxable under the Income Tax Act (Canada) (the "Tax Act") on all of its taxable income for the year (including net taxable capital gains), and is permitted a deduction in computing its income tax under the Tax Act for all amounts which are paid or payable in the year to unitholders. As all such amounts are always payable to the unitholders, no tax will be payable on such amounts for the year. Withholding taxes on foreign dividend income are deducted at source.

## (m) Translation of foreign currencies:

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 on each Valuation Day. 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.

Foreign exchange gains and losses relating to cash and FVTPL assets and liabilities are presented in the statements of comprehensive income with net realized gain on sale of investments, including foreign exchange adjustments, and net change in unrealized appreciation in value of investments, including foreign exchange adjustments.

#### (n) 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 units by the total number of units of that particular class outstanding at the end of the year.

Expenses directly attributable to a class are charged directly to that class. Income, realized and unrealized gains and losses from investments and other expenses are allocated proportionately to each class based upon the relative net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units of each class.

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## 2. Material accounting policy information (continued):

(o) Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit:

Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit is based on the increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units attributed to each class of units, divided by the weighted average number of units outstanding of that class during the year.

#### (p) Redeemable units:

For each Fund unit sold, the Fund receives an amount equal to the net asset value per unit at the date of sale, which is included in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units. Units are redeemable at the option of unitholders at their net asset value on the redemption date. For each unit redeemed, net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units are reduced by the net asset value of the unit at the date of redemption. The redeemable units are measured at the current value of the Fund's net assets and are considered a residual amount of the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units. These units are classified as financial liabilities due to multiple classes, with non-identical features.

#### (q) Other assets and liabilities:

Due from broker, interest and dividends receivable, subscriptions receivable, prepaid expenses and other receivables are classified as measured at amortized cost. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities, redemptions payable, management fees payable, performance fees payable, dividends payable on investments sold short and other payables 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 are carried at amortized cost which approximates fair value.

#### (r) Due to/from broker:

The Fund has a prime brokerage agreement with its broker to carry its accounts as a customer. The broker has custody of the Fund's securities and, from time to time, cash balances which may be due from/due to the broker.

Financial instruments and/or cash positions serve as collateral for any amounts due to broker or as collateral for any securities sold, not yet purchased or securities purchased on margin. The securities and/or cash positions also serve as collateral for potential defaults of the Fund.

The Fund is subject to credit risk if the broker is unable to repay balances due or deliver securities in their custody.

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## 2. Material accounting policy information (continued):

(s) Subscriptions receivable:

Subscriptions receivable relate to the issuance of the Fund units for which cash has not yet been received.

(t) Redemptions payable:

Redemptions payable consists of units redeemed during the y for which cash has not yet been paid.

- (u) New and revised IFRS Accounting Standards issued by the IASB but not yet adopted by the Fund:
  - (i) Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements

In April 2024, the IASB issued the new standard IFRS Accounting Standards 18 – Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements that will replace IAS 1 – Presentation of Financial Statements. The new standard introduces newly defined subtotals on the income statement, requirements for aggregation and disaggregation of information, and disclosure of Management Performance Measures ("MPMs") in the financial statements. The new standard is effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2027, with early adoption permitted. The Fund is assessing the impacts to the financial statements.

(ii) Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments

In May 2024, the IASB issued amendments to IFRS Accounting Standards 9 – Financial Instruments and IFRS Accounting Standards 7 – Financial Instruments: Disclosures. The amendments relate to settling financial liabilities using an electronic payment system and assessing contractual cash flow characteristics of financial assets, including those with Environmental, Social, and Governance ("ESG")-linked features. The IASB also amended disclosure requirements relating to investments in equity instruments designated at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI") and added disclosure requirements for financial instruments with contingent features. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2026, with early adoption permitted. The Fund is assessing the impacts to the financial statements.

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## 3. Related party transactions:

#### (a) Management fees:

The Manager receives a management fee payable by the Fund for providing its services to the Fund. The management fee varies for each class of units. The management fee is calculated and accrued daily based on a percentage of the net asset value of the class of units of the Fund, plus applicable taxes, and is payable on the last day of each calendar month.

Class C Founders units: 0.75% per annum

Class F units: 1.00% per annum

Class F (USD) units: 1.00% per annum

Class G units: 2.00% per annum

Class G (USD) units: 2.00% per annum

 Class I units: Negotiated by the investor and paid directly by the investor. The management fee rate would not exceed the management fee payable on Class G units of the Fund.

#### (b) Performance fees:

The Manager receives a performance fee in respect of each class of units of the Fund. The Fund will pay the Manager a performance fee each calendar quarter (a "Performance Fee Determination Period") equal to 15% of the Net Profit (as defined below) of each applicable class of units subject to the High Watermark (as defined below). The performance fee will be calculated and accrued for each class on a daily basis during each Performance Fee Determination Period and, with respect to an intra-quarter redemption of units of a class, on the relevant redemption date.

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## 3. Related party transactions (continued):

Net Profit means, in respect of any class of units of the Fund for any Valuation Day, the positive amount (if any) calculated by deducting the NAV per unit of the class for that Valuation Day from the highest NAV per unit in respect of which a performance fee liability has previously arisen (the "High Watermark") (or the initial offering price of the units if no performance fee liability has previously arisen in respect of such class of units). The performance fee will be determined by multiplying the amount of Net Profit by the total number of the units of such class outstanding at the close of business on such Valuation Day.

No performance fee shall be paid in respect of a class unless the class NAV per unit exceeds the High Watermark and, in such circumstances, a performance fee shall only be paid on that portion of the Net Profit that exceeds the High Watermark.

Investors in Class I units may negotiate a performance fee to be paid by the investor that is different than the one described above or no performance fee at all.

#### (c) Related party shareholding:

The Manager and its officers invest in Class I units of the Fund from time to time in the normal course of business. All transactions with the Manager are measured at the exchange amounts. As at December 31, 2024, 177,046 (2023 – 138,014) Class I units were owned by the Manager and its officers, which represents \$2,409,416 (2023 - \$1,490,998) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units.

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#### 4. Redeemable units of the Fund:

The Fund is authorized to issue an unlimited number of redeemable units, issuable in an unlimited number of classes, each of which represents an equal, undivided, beneficial interest in the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units of the Fund. Each unit of each class entitles the holder to vote, with one vote for each \$1 of net assets attributed to such unit and to participate equally with respect to any and all distributions made by the Fund. Units of a class may be consolidated and/or redesignated by the Manager.

The Fund has created Class C Founders, Class F, Class F (USD), Class G, Class G (USD) and Class I units. Class C Founders units are available to certain investors on a case-by-case basis, all at the discretion of the Manager, until such time as the class is closed to new investors at the discretion of the Manager (the "Founders Investment Period"). Class C Founders units will be available during the Founders Investment Period to investors who are enrolled in a dealersponsored fee for service or wrap program and who are subject to an annual asset-based fee rather than commission on each transaction or, at the discretion of the Manager, any other investors for whom the Manager does not incur distribution costs. Class F and Class F (USD) units are available to investors who are enrolled in a dealer-sponsored fee arrangement 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 G and Class G (USD) units are available to all investors. 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. Class I units are generally only available for certain individual investors who make large investments in the Fund. The net asset value of the Fund is calculated in Canadian dollars. Class C Founders, Class F, Class G, and Class I units are denominated in Canadian dollars. Class F (USD) and Class G (USD) are denominated in US dollars.

The Manager may from time to time, at its discretion, determine the terms upon which units of a Fund will be offered for sale to the public, including the currency at which the subscription price will be paid, and the nature and amount of any fees or charges to be paid by investors in that Fund, whether at the time of purchase or on such other basis as the Manager shall determine.

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## 4. Redeemable units of the Fund (continued):

The unit activity during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, is as follows:

	Redeemable Units, beginning	Redeemable	Redemptions of Redeemable	Reinvestments	Redeemable Units, end of
	of year	Units Issued	Units	of Units	year
2024					
Class C	3,552,642	1,187,045	(964,505)	207,284	3,982,466
Class F	123,015	300,263	(41,088)	22,495	404,685
Class F USD	_	2,300	_	_	2,300
Class G	88,777	57,600	(32,490)	5,713	119,600
Class I	203,444	38,718	(4,450)	21,855	259,567
2023					
Class C	1,915,667	2,465,426	(949,882)	121,431	3,552,642
Class F	25,693	162,227	(65,557)	652	123,015
Class G	64,094	26,760	(5,286)	3,209	88,777
Class I	227,622	4,222	(62,288)	33,888	203,444

#### (a) Distributions:

The Fund has a policy to make distributions monthly at a rate determined from time to time by the Manager. These distributions are not guaranteed and may change at any time at our discretion. The Fund will also distribute, in respect of each taxation year, any net income and net realized capital gains in excess of the monthly distributions at the end of each taxation year (normally December 31), or at such other times as may be determined by the Manager.

If the monthly distributions exceed the Fund's net income and net realized capital gains for the year, a portion of the Fund's distributions to unitholders may represent return of capital.

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#### 4. Redeemable units of the Fund (continued):

#### (b) Capital risk management:

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 statements of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units. In accordance with its investment objective and strategy, and the risk management practices, 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.

#### 5. Financial risk management:

#### (a) Management of financial instrument risks:

In the normal course of business, the Fund is exposed to a variety of financial risks: credit risk, liquidity risk, leverage 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.

## (b) 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, generally represents the maximum credit risk exposure of the Fund.

The Fund has provided the prime brokers with a general lien over financial assets held in custody as security for the prime broker exposures relating to provision of custody services to the Fund. The Fund's cash is held with CIBC World Markets Inc., Scotiabank which are rated A+ and Royal Bank of Canada which is rated AA - by S&P Global Rating.

As at December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Fund did not hold investments in debt instruments.

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#### 5. Financial risk management (continued):

#### (c) 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, directly or indirectly, 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.

All financial liabilities are due between one and three months except for net assets attributable to redeemable units.

#### (d) Leverage risk:

When the Fund makes investments in derivatives, borrows cash for investment purposes, or uses physical short sales on equities, fixed income securities or other portfolio assets, leverage may be introduced into the Fund. Leverage occurs when the Fund's aggregate gross exposure to underlying assets is greater than the amount invested. Leverage may increase volatility, may impair the Fund's liquidity and may cause the Fund to liquidate positions at unfavorable times.

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#### 5. Financial risk management (continued):

#### (d) Leverage risk (continued):

The aggregate gross exposure of the Fund, to be calculated as the sum of the following, must not exceed three times the Fund's net asset value: (i) the aggregate value of the Fund's outstanding indebtedness under any borrowing agreements; (ii) the aggregate market value of physical short sales on equities, fixed income securities or other portfolio assets; and (iii) the aggregate notional value of the Fund's specified derivatives positions excluding any specified derivatives used for hedging purposes.

During the year ended December 31, 2024, the Fund's lowest and highest aggregate gross exposure was 108.6% (2023 – 104.5%) and 180.7% (2023 – 176.3%) of the Fund's NAV, respectively. The primary source of leverage was short positions in equity securities. The low and high end of the range are as a result of the Fund's investing activities, and timing of subscriptions and/or redemptions. The Fund's strategy is outlined in the Simplified Prospectus.

The Manager monitors, on a daily basis, that the Fund's aggregate gross exposure is less than three times the Fund's net asset value.

### (e) Market risk:

#### (i) 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.

As at December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Fund did not hold investments in debt instruments.

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#### 5. Financial risk management (continued):

#### (e) Market risk (continued):

#### (ii) 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. Except for written options and securities sold short, the maximum risk resulting from financial instruments is determined by the fair value of the financial instruments. Possible losses from written options and securities sold short could be unlimited. 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 at December 31, 2024, 102.3% (2023 – 96.2%) of the Fund's net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units were invested in securities traded on North American stock exchanges, while 17.0% (2023 – 14.3%) of the Fund's net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units were sold short against securities on North American stock exchanges. If security prices on the North American stock exchanges had increased or decreased by 10% as at the year end, with all other factors remaining constant, net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units could possibly have increased or decreased by approximately \$6,072,187 or 8.5% (2023 – \$3,920,087 or 8.2%) of net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, respectively. In practice, the actual results may differ from this sensitivity analysis and the difference could be material.

## (iii) 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 that are denominated in a currency other than Canadian dollars, which represents the functional currency of the Fund.

Currencies to which the Fund had exposure as at December 31, 2024 and 2023, are as follows:

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## 5. Financial risk management (continued):

(iii) Currency risk (continued):

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	1,953		15,971		17,924		98	799		897	
\$	(1,616,776)	\$	1,182,784	\$	(433,992)	\$	(80,838) \$	59,140	\$	(21,698)	
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its	(2.27)		1.66		(0.61)		(0.11)	0.08		(0.03)	
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	\$ \$ ers	\$ (1,618,729)	Monetary N  24 \$ (1,618,729) \$	\$ (1,618,729) \$ 1,166,813	Monetary Non-Monetary  24  \$ (1,618,729) \$ 1,166,813 \$ 1,953	Monetary Non-Monetary Total  24  \$ (1,618,729) \$ 1,166,813 \$ (451,916)	Monetary Non-Monetary Total  24  \$ (1,618,729) \$ 1,166,813 \$ (451,916) \$	Exposure         other           Monetary         Non-Monetary         Total         Monetary Nonetary           24         \$ (1,618,729)         \$ 1,166,813         \$ (451,916)         \$ (80,936)         \$ (90,936)         \$ (1,953)         \$ 15,971         \$ 17,924         \$ 98         \$ (1,616,776)         \$ 1,182,784         \$ (433,992)         \$ (80,838)         \$ (80,838)         \$ (80,838)         \$ (1,616,776)         \$ 1,182,784         \$ (1,616,716)         \$ (1,616,	Exposure         other currence           Monetary         Non-Monetary         Total         Monetary Non-Monetary           24         \$ (1,618,729)         \$ 1,166,813         \$ (451,916)         \$ (80,936)         \$ 58,341           1,953         15,971         17,924         98         799           \$ (1,616,776)         \$ 1,182,784         \$ (433,992)         \$ (80,838)         \$ 59,140           eers           its         (2.27)         1.66         (0.61)         (0.11)         0.08	Exposure         other currencies           Monetary         Non-Monetary         Total         Monetary Non-Monetary           24         \$ (1,618,729)         \$ 1,166,813         \$ (451,916)         \$ (80,936)         \$ 58,341         \$ 1,953         \$ 15,971         \$ 17,924         98         799         \$ (1,616,776)         \$ 1,182,784         \$ (433,992)         \$ (80,838)         \$ 59,140         \$ (80,838)         \$ 59,140         \$ (80,838)         \$ 59,140         \$ (80,838)         \$ 59,140         \$ (80,838)         \$ 59,140         \$ (80,838)         \$ 59,140         \$ (80,838)         \$ 59,140         \$ (80,838)         \$ 59,140         \$ (80,838)         \$ 59,140         \$ (80,838)         \$ 59,140         \$ (80,838)         \$ 59,140         \$ (80,838)         \$ 59,140         \$ 60,838	

Exposure								Impact if CAD strengthened or weakened by 5% in relation to other currencies					
Currency		Monetary	Nor	n-Moneta	ry	Total	_	Monetary	No	n-Moneta	ary	Total	
December 31, 20 U.S. Dollar	23 \$	34,942	\$	5,559	\$	40,501	\$	1,747	\$	278	\$	2,025	
	\$	34,942	\$	5,559	\$	40,501	\$	1,747	\$	278	\$	2,025	
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#### 6. Classification of financial instruments - fair value measurements:

The following table summarizes the levels within the fair value hierarchy in which the fair value measurements of the Fund's investments fall as of December 31, 2024:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets				
Common stocks	\$ 66,860,059	\$ 4,702,445	\$ 194,445	\$ 71,756,949
Options	63,642	284,823	_	348,465
Warrants	143,423	793,759	28,319	965,501
Forwards	_	30	_	30
	\$ 67,067,124	\$ 5,781,057	\$ 222,764	\$ 73,070,945
Liabilities				
Common stocks	\$ 12,097,071	\$ 12,796	\$ _ 9	\$ 12,109,867
Options	16,416	_	_	16,416
Forwards	_	50,412	_	50,412
	\$ 12,113,487	\$ 63,208	\$ - 9	\$ 12,176,695

During the year ended December 31, 2024, the level for warrant i-80 Gold Corp. \$94,875 (December 31, 2023 - \$3,673) has changed from level 2 to level 1 because it is now publicly traded.

The changes in investments measured at fair value using significant Level 3 inputs are reflected below:

	Total
Beginning Balance, January 01, 2024	\$ 250,000
Change in unrealized depreciation included in net income	(27,236)
Ending Balance, December 31, 2024	\$ 222,764

The following table summarizes the levels within the fair value hierarchy in which the fair value measurements of the Fund's investments fall as of December 31, 2023:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets				
Common stocks	\$ 42,778,195	\$ 1,704,750	\$ 250,000	\$ 44,732,945
Options	136,523	_	_	136,523
Warrants	13,750	1,403,639	_	1,417,389
	\$ 42,928,468	\$ 3,108,389	\$ 250,000	\$ 46,286,857
Liabilities				
Common stocks	\$ 6,713,205	\$ _	\$ _ \$	\$ 6,713,205
Options	122,784	_	_	122,784
	\$ 6,835,989	\$ _	\$ _ \$	\$ 6,835,989

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#### 6. Classification of financial instruments - fair value measurements (continued):

The changes in investments measured at fair value using significant Level 3 inputs are reflected below:

	Total
Beginning Balance, January 01, 2023	\$ 953,496
Purchases	250,000
Sales	(950,600)
Realized gains included in net income	450,000
Change in unrealized depreciation included in net income	(452,896)
Ending Balance, December 31, 2023	\$ 250,000

Unrealized gain (loss) recognized for Level 3 investments are reported in net change in unrealized appreciation in value of investments, including foreign exchange adjustments in the statements of comprehensive income.

Significant unobservable inputs in measuring fair value:

The table below sets out information about significant unobservable inputs used in measuring financial instruments categorized as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy:

Description	Valuation technique	Unobservable input	Sensitivity to changes in significant unobservable inputs	Dece	value at ember 31, 2024	 air value at cember 31, 2023
Unlisted private securities	Recent Transaction Prices	Transaction price	A 10% decrease in the price of the underlying security would cause a \$19,445 decrease in the fair market value.	\$	194,445	\$ 250,000
Warrants	Black-Scholes model	Market volatility	A 10% decrease in volatility will cause a \$2,832 decrease in fair market value.	\$	28,319	\$ -
				\$	222,764	\$ 250,000

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#### 7. Derivative financial instruments:

The Fund holds the following derivative instruments:

#### Forward contracts:

The Fund may enter into various forward contracts as part of its investment strategy. Generally, a forward contract is a customized contract between two parties to purchase or sell an asset at a specified price on a future date. The Fund may use forward contracts to gain exposure to, or hedge against, changes in the value of equities, commodities, interest rates or foreign currencies. If market conditions move unexpectedly, the anticipated benefits of forward contracts may not be achieved and a loss may be realized. The use of forward contracts involves the risk of imperfect correlation in movements in the price of forward contracts and the underlying instruments or commodities.

Forward contracts are offset and the net amount presented in the statements of financial position when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognized amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

The following table details the Fund's investments in forward contracts as at December 31, 2024 related to portfolio hedges:

Settlement date	Currency	Counterparty	Forward rate	Fair value	Notional amount	Unrealized Gain (loss)
February 3, 2025	USD	CIBC	1.43869 \$	(1,726,428) \$	(1,676,016) \$	, ,
February 3, 2025	USD	CIBC	1.43869 \$	33,090 \$	33,060 \$	

As at December 31, 2023, there were no forwards contracts.

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## 7. Derivative financial instruments (continued):

#### Warrants

A warrant is a contractual arrangement under which the issuer grants the holder the right, but not the obligation, either to buy at or by a set date or during a set period, a specific amount of securities or a financial instrument at a predetermined price directly from the issuer of the underlying securities. The Fund is exposed to price risk on purchased warrants only to the extent of their carrying amount, which is their fair value.

The following table details the Fund's investments in warrants as at December 31, 2024:

			Notional	
Description	Maturity Date	Strike price	Amount	Fair value
Ascot Resources Ltd.	25-Jul-26 \$	0.52 \$	1,040,000 \$	226,456
Ayr Wellness Inc.	09-Feb-26	2.12	63,187	6,869
Bayridge Resources Corp.	17-Apr-26	0.35	175,000	12,348
Brunswick Exploration Inc.	22-Dec-25	0.75	468,750	5,133
Brunswick Exploration Inc.	09-Mar-26	1.25	396,874	1,647
Encore Energy Corp.	14-Feb-26	3.75	937,500	454,785
Eureka Lithium Corp.	25-Oct-25	6.50	1,300,000	350
Frontier Lithium Inc.	10-Nov-25	2.75	226,875	5
Full Circle Lithium Inc.	25-Apr-25	1.10	196,900	_
Galan Lithium Ltd	06-Feb-29	0.65	353,261	15,971
Gold Royalty Corp.	31-May-27	2.25	573,750	93,659
GR Silver Mining Ltd.	29-Mar-25	0.37	185,000	1,595
Graphene Manufacturing Group Ltd	30-Nov-26	3.35	167,500	835
i-80 Gold Corp.	01-May-28	2.15	748,738	47,014
LithiumBank Resources Corp.	15-May-26	2.00	450,000	701
Nextech3D.ai.	25-Jul-26	0.52	130,000	2,992
Osisko Development Corp.	02-Mar-26	8.55	1,026,000	4,200
Reconnaissance Energy Africa Ltd	31-Jul-26	1.75	700,000	67,725
Reliq Health Technologies Inc.	05-Apr-26	0.52	364,000	_
Saturn Oil & Gas Inc.	10-Mar-25	4.00	1,364,000	3,410
Southern Silver Exploration Corp.	16-Jun-26	0.75	187,500	5,809
Tincorp. Metals Inc.	14-May-26	2.00	300,000	_
Trillion Energy International Inc.	29-Jun-25	0.50	275,000	2,750
Ucore Rare Metals Inc.	27-Jul-26	1.25	62,500	11,247

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## 7. Derivative financial instruments (continued):

Warrants (continued):

The following table details the Fund's investments in warrants as at December 31, 2023:

			Notional	
Description	Maturity Date	Strike price	Amount	Fair value
Ascot Resources Ltd	08-Mar-24 \$	1.25 \$	14,708 \$	2
Decisive Dividend Corp.	13-Apr-25	7.09	354,500	62,500
GR Silver Mining Ltd.	29-Mar-25	0.37	185,000	9,538
Marathon Gold Corp.	20-Sep-24	1.35	202,500	9,315
Osisko Development Corp.	02-Mar-26	8.55	1,026,000	36,600
Outcrop Silver & Gold Corp.	09-Mar-24	0.37	222,000	4,206
Saturn Oil & Gas Inc.	10-Mar-25	4.00	1,564,000	117,300
Trillion Energy International Inc.	24-Mar-24	0.45	477,270	43
Trillion Energy International Inc.	29-Jun-25	0.50	275,000	13,750
AbraSilver Resource Corp.	06-Dec-24	0.50	340,500	34,873
Baselode Energy Corp.	19-Dec-24	0.80	61,600	3,231
Brunswick Exploration Inc.	22-Dec-25	0.75	468,750	238,280
Brunswick Exploration Inc.	09-Mar-26	1.25	396,874	90,124
EMP Metals Corp.	16-Sep-24	0.90	112,500	6,218
Encore Energy Corp.	14-Feb-26	3.75	937,500	538,771
Eureka Lithium Corp.	25-Oct-25	0.65	130,000	43,859
Frontier Lithium Inc.	10-Nov-25	2.75	226,875	4,094
Full Circle Lithium Inc.	25-Apr-25	1.10	196,900	_
Graphene Manufacturing Group Ltd	30-Nov-26	3.35	167,500	11,194
i-80 Gold Corp.	31-Mar-24	3.45	474,375	3,673
LithiumBank Resources Corp.	15-May-26	2.00	450,000	73,218
Microbix Biosystems Inc.	19-May-24	0.80	72,000	463
Nextech3D.ai.	25-Jul-26	0.52	130,000	25,344
Oroco Resource Corp.	21-Mar-24	2.40	480,000	_
Reliq Health Technologies Inc.	05-Apr-26	0.52	364,000	74,599
Southern Silver Exploration Corp.	16-Jun-26	0.75	187,500	4,097
Tincorp. Metals Inc.	14-May-26	2.00	300,000	_
Ucore Rare Metals Inc.	27-Jul-26	1.25	62,500	12,097

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## 7. Derivative financial instruments (continued):

### Options:

An option is the right to buy (a call option) or to sell (a put option) a specified amount or value of a particular underlying interest (e.g. equity securities, stock indices, government debt securities, commodity or foreign currencies) at a fixed exercise price by exercising the option before its expiration date. The option may also be settled in cash, based on the difference between the exercise settlement value and the fixed exercise price.

The following table summarizes the Fund's investments in options as at December 31, 2024:

			Notional	
Description	Maturity Date	Strike price	Amount	Fair value
BlackBerry Ltd. Call	17-Jan-25 \$	5.00 \$	(1,192,500) \$	(15,459)
CCL Industries Inc. Put	17-Jan-25	66.00	(382,800)	(957)
iShares S&P/TSX 60 Index ETF Put iShares S&P/TSX Capped REIT	31-Jan-25	37.25	5,833,350	57,159
Index ETF Call iShares S&P/TSX Capped REIT	21-Feb-25	16.00	950,400	4,158
Index ETF Call	17-Jan-25	16.50	1,918,950	2,325
iShares S&P/TSX 60 Index ETF Put	17-Jan-25	38.00	13,015,000	284,823

The following table summarizes the Fund's investments in options as at December 31, 2023:

			Notional	
Description	Maturity Date	Strike price	Amount	Fair value
Cameco Corp. Call	16-Feb-24 \$	62.00 \$	1,171,800 \$	29,957
Cineplex Inc. Call	16-Feb-24	9.25	1,850,000	66,000
iShares S&P/TSX 60 Index ETF Call	05-Jan-24	32.00	3,196,800	16,983
BlackBerry Ltd. Put	19-Jan-24	3.50	371,000	21,695
Franco-Nevada Corp. Call	19-Jan-24	125.00	650,000	1,888
BRP Inc. Put	19-Jan-24	75.00	(382,500)	(1,046)
Cameco Corp. Call	16-Feb-24	64.00	(1,209,600)	(21,168)
Cameco Corp. Put	16-Feb-24	48.00	(907,200)	(10,962)
Cenovus Energy Inc. Put	19-Jan-24	20.00	(528,000)	(1,584)
Cineplex Inc. Call	16-Feb-24	10.00	(4,000,000)	(70,000)
Franco-Nevada Corp. Call	19-Jan-24	135.00	(702,000)	(858)
Franco-Nevada Corp. Put	19-Jan-24	110.00	(572,000)	(17,166)

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#### 8. Expenses:

The Manager has the power to incur and make payment out of the Fund's 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 Trust Agreement, including without limitation all fees and expenses relating to the management and administration of the Fund.

The Fund pays its own brokerage commissions for portfolio transactions, fees associated with securities lending transactions and related transaction fees, operating expenses, other than advertising costs and costs of dealer compensation programs, which are paid by the Manager. Operating expenses include, but are not limited to, brokerage commissions and fees (if applicable), taxes, audit and legal fees, fees of the members of the independent review committee ("IRC"), costs and fees in connection with the operation of the IRC (including the costs of holding meetings, and fees and expenses of any advisers engaged by the IRC), safekeeping and custodial fees, interest expenses, operating, administrative and systems costs, investor servicing costs and costs of financial and other reports to investors, as well as prospectuses, annual information forms and fund facts. Operating expenses and other costs of the Fund are subject to applicable taxes including HST.

## 9. Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit:

The increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 is calculated as follows:

	attribu	se in net assets table to holders leemable units	Weighted average of redeemable units outstanding during the	Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per
		per Class	year	unit
December 31, 2024				
Class C	\$	14,044,232	3,756,405	\$ 3.74
Class F		1,123,508	254,581	4.41
Class F USD		1,061	2,300	0.46
Class G		419,466	118,274	3.55
Class I		883,800	209,342	4.22
December 31, 2023				
Class C	\$	3,895,569	2,617,664	\$ 1.49
Class F		55,130	67,374	0.82
Class G		90,613	66,105	1.37
Class I		368,215	206,639	1.78

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#### 10. Income tax:

The Fund qualifies as a mutual fund trust under the provisions of the Tax Act and, accordingly, is not subject to tax on its net taxable income for the tax year ending in December, including net realized capital gains, that is paid or payable to its unitholders as at the end of the tax year. However, such part of the Fund's net income and net realized capital gains that is not so paid or payable, is subject to income tax. Income tax on net realized capital gains not paid or payable is generally recoverable by virtue of refunding provisions contained in tax legislation, as redemptions occur. It is the intention of the Fund to distribute all of its income and sufficient net realized capital gains so that the Fund will not be subject to incometax.

The Fund is subject to withholding taxes on foreign income. In general, the Fund treats withholding tax as a charge against income for tax purposes.

As at December 31, 2024, the Fund had net capital loss carryforwards of \$19,366 (2023 – \$19,366) and non-capital loss carryforwards of \$nil (2023 - \$nil).

#### 11. Brokerage commissions and soft dollars:

Commissions paid to brokers in connection with portfolio transactions are disclosed in the Fund's statements of comprehensive income. Brokerage business is allocated in good faith based on which broker can deliver to the Fund the best results in relation to order execution and research services utilized. Subject to these criteria, the Manager may allocate business to brokers that provide or pay for, in addition to transaction execution, investment research, statistical or other similar services. The ascertainable "soft dollar" value received as a percentage of total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs paid during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, is disclosed below.

	2024	2023
Soft dollar relationships	5	3
Percentage of total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs	5.65%	6.22%

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#### 12. Involvement with unconsolidated structured entities:

The Fund has determined that all of the other funds ("Investee Funds") in which it invests are unconsolidated structured entities. This represents a significant judgment by the Fund. Generally decision making about the Investee Funds' investing activities is not governed by voting rights held by the Fund and other investors.

The Investee Funds finance their operations by issuing shares that entitle the holders to proportional stakes in the respective funds' net assets. The Fund holds redeemable shares in each of its Investee Funds. During the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 the Fund did not provide financial support to unconsolidated structured entities and has no intention of providing financial or other support.

The change in fair value of each Investee Fund is included in the statements of comprehensive income in net change in unrealized appreciation in value of investments, including foreign exchange adjustments.

The table below describes the types of structured entity that the Fund does not consolidate but in which it holds an interest as at December 31, 2024:

Туре	Number of Investee Funds	Net asset value of Investee Funds	Investment fair value	% of net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units
Real estate investment trusts	1	\$ 9,027,312,000	\$ 1,151,010	1.62%

As of December 31, 2023, the Fund does not hold any interest in the structured entity.

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#### 12. Involvement with unconsolidated structured entities (continued):

Investee Funds included the following:

December 31, 2024	Currency per financial statement	Foreign exchange (DIA FX rate)	Total NAV per financial statement	Total NAV in Canadian dollars
Canadian Apartment Properties REIT	Canadian dollar	1.000000 \$	9,027,312,000 \$	9,027,312,000

The Fund may invest in or hold a short position of shares of Investee Funds as part of its investment strategies. The nature and purpose of these Investee Funds, generally, is because decision making about the Investee Funds' investing activities is not governed by voting rights held by the Fund and other investors, and they are financed through the issue of shares to stakeholders. The maximum exposure to loss from interests in short positions can be unlimited.

The fair value of these Investee Funds, if any, are disclosed in investments in the statements of financial position and listed in the schedule of investments.