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IPC Monthly Income *portfolio*

INTERIM UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the period ended September 30, 2023

These Financial Statements do not contain the Management Report of Fund Performance ("MRFP") of the investment fund.

A copy of the Fund's current Simplified Prospectus, Annual Information Form, Management Report of Fund Performance, Fund Fact Sheets, quarterly portfolio disclosures and proxy voting policies and disclosures will be provided, without charge, by: calling toll-free 1-877-625-9885, writing to Counsel Portfolio Services Inc., 5015 Spectrum Way, Suite 300, Mississauga, ON, L4W 0E4, by visiting our website at www.counselervices.com or by visiting www.sedarplus.ca.

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STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

at (in \$ 000 except per security amounts)

	Sep. 30 2023	Mar. 31 2023 (Audited)
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Investments at fair value	372,952	407,013
Cash and cash equivalents	–	149
Accounts receivable for investments sold	528	174
Accounts receivable for securities issued	13	45
Due from manager	16	16
Total assets	373,509	407,397
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Bank indebtedness	225	–
Accounts payable for investments purchased	–	–
Accounts payable for securities redeemed	144	91
Distributions payable	2	–
Due to manager	16	18
Total liabilities	387	109
Net assets attributable to securityholders	373,122	407,288

STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

for the periods ended September 30 (in \$ 000 except per security amounts)

	2023	2022
Income		
Dividends	2,593	2,633
Interest and other income	5,062	5,967
Other changes in fair value of investments and other net assets		
Net realized gain (loss)	(853)	(1,579)
Net unrealized gain (loss)	(13,700)	(45,868)
Total income (loss)	(6,898)	(38,847)
Expenses (note 6)		
Management fees	2,803	3,170
Management fee rebates	(23)	(52)
Administration fees	327	416
Interest charges	2	1
Independent Review Committee fees	4	8
Expenses before amounts absorbed by Manager	3,113	3,543
Expenses absorbed by Manager	12	13
Net expenses	3,101	3,530
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders from operations before tax	(9,999)	(42,377)
Foreign withholding tax expense (recovery)	–	–
Foreign income tax expense (recovery)	–	–
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders from operations	(9,999)	(42,377)

	Net assets attributable to securityholders (note 3)			
	per security		per series	
	Sep. 30 2023	Mar. 31 2023 (Audited)	Sep. 30 2023	Mar. 31 2023 (Audited)
Series A	7.51	7.80	119,829	132,437
Series B	3.56	3.82	109,960	116,282
Series F	8.45	8.77	49,983	54,938
Series FB	6.82	7.22	740	854
Series FT	5.03	5.30	13,081	14,499
Series I	8.74	9.07	39,664	45,127
Series IB	6.53	6.96	14,854	15,575
Series IT	5.24	5.51	5,069	5,675
Series Private Wealth	8.75	9.07	7,158	7,760
Series Private Wealth I	8.18	8.49	5,542	5,989
Series T	4.86	5.15	7,242	8,152
			373,122	407,288

	Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders from operations (note 3)			
	per security		per series	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Series A	(0.22)	(0.81)	(3,584)	(14,665)
Series B	(0.11)	(0.41)	(3,270)	(12,205)
Series F	(0.19)	(0.85)	(1,174)	(5,873)
Series FB	(0.15)	(0.70)	(17)	(72)
Series FT	(0.12)	(0.53)	(307)	(1,664)
Series I	(0.16)	(0.82)	(770)	(4,165)
Series IB	(0.13)	(0.62)	(289)	(981)
Series IT	(0.10)	(0.53)	(96)	(601)
Series Private Wealth	(0.17)	(0.85)	(140)	(688)
Series Private Wealth I	(0.19)	(0.81)	(130)	(612)
Series T	(0.14)	(0.55)	(222)	(851)
			(9,999)	(42,377)

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	Total		Series A		Series B		Series F		Series FB					
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022				
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SECURITYHOLDERS														
Beginning of period	407,288	452,313	132,437	152,827	116,282	125,918	54,938	64,929	854	744				
Increase (decrease) in net assets from operations	(9,999)	(42,377)	(3,584)	(14,665)	(3,270)	(12,205)	(1,174)	(5,873)	(17)	(72)				
Distributions paid to securityholders:														
Investment income	(4,402)	(5,108)	(1,174)	(1,336)	(1,023)	(1,068)	(739)	(921)	(11)	(12)				
Capital gains	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–				
Return of capital	(4,539)	(4,264)	–	–	(3,564)	(3,361)	–	–	(15)	(13)				
Management fee rebates	(23)	(52)	(5)	(11)	(13)	(29)	(3)	(7)	–	–				
Total distributions paid to securityholders	(8,964)	(9,424)	(1,179)	(1,347)	(4,600)	(4,458)	(742)	(928)	(26)	(25)				
Security transactions:														
Proceeds from securities issued	8,787	19,842	2,522	3,226	3,773	4,334	1,521	2,635	–	163				
Reinvested distributions	8,312	8,592	1,140	1,301	4,599	4,455	603	747	26	25				
Payments on redemption of securities	(32,302)	(30,489)	(11,507)	(9,090)	(6,824)	(6,358)	(5,163)	(5,495)	(97)	(20)				
Total security transactions	(15,203)	(2,055)	(7,845)	(4,563)	1,548	2,431	(3,039)	(2,113)	(71)	168				
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders	(34,166)	(53,856)	(12,608)	(20,575)	(6,322)	(14,232)	(4,955)	(8,914)	(114)	71				
End of period	373,122	398,457	119,829	132,252	109,960	111,686	49,983	56,015	740	815				
Increase (decrease) in fund securities (in thousands) (note 7):														
Securities outstanding – beginning of period			Securities	16,980	18,525	Securities	30,449	29,386	Securities	6,262	7,009	Securities	118	94
Issued				325	416		1,007	1,088		174	300		–	23
Reinvested distributions				148	171		1,242	1,132		70	87		4	3
Redeemed				(1,489)	(1,174)		(1,824)	(1,597)		(592)	(631)		(13)	(3)
Securities outstanding – end of period				15,964	17,938		30,874	30,009		5,914	6,765		109	117

	Series FT		Series I		Series IB		Series IT		Series Private Wealth								
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022							
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SECURITYHOLDERS																	
Beginning of period	14,499	19,050	45,127	46,832	15,575	10,890	5,675	7,118	7,760	8,250							
Increase (decrease) in net assets from operations	(307)	(1,664)	(770)	(4,165)	(289)	(981)	(96)	(601)	(140)	(688)							
Distributions paid to securityholders:																	
Investment income	(138)	(232)	(719)	(898)	(262)	(223)	(53)	(95)	(126)	(145)							
Capital gains	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–							
Return of capital	(278)	(325)	–	–	(411)	(257)	(109)	(115)	–	–							
Management fee rebates	(1)	(2)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–							
Total distributions paid to securityholders	(417)	(559)	(719)	(898)	(673)	(480)	(162)	(210)	(126)	(145)							
Security transactions:																	
Proceeds from securities issued	226	224	390	5,127	134	3,240	32	22	177	189							
Reinvested distributions	211	281	649	812	644	451	77	102	99	112							
Payments on redemption of securities	(1,131)	(2,173)	(5,013)	(3,573)	(537)	(1,018)	(457)	(629)	(612)	(1,071)							
Total security transactions	(694)	(1,668)	(3,974)	2,366	241	2,673	(348)	(505)	(336)	(770)							
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders	(1,418)	(3,891)	(5,463)	(2,697)	(721)	1,212	(606)	(1,316)	(602)	(1,603)							
End of period	13,081	15,159	39,664	44,135	14,854	12,102	5,069	5,802	7,158	6,647							
Increase (decrease) in fund securities (in thousands) (note 7):																	
Securities outstanding – beginning of period			Securities	2,735	3,266	Securities	4,978	4,898	Securities	2,239	1,413	Securities	1,030	1,178	Securities	855	862
Issued				43	41		44	577		20	461		7	4		20	21
Reinvested distributions				41	52		72	91		95	64		14	18		11	13
Redeemed				(216)	(399)		(557)	(402)		(79)	(142)		(84)	(111)		(68)	(119)
Securities outstanding – end of period				2,603	2,960		4,537	5,164		2,275	1,796		967	1,089		818	777

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	Series Private Wealth I		Series T	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SECURITYHOLDERS				
Beginning of period	5,989	6,961	8,152	8,794
Increase (decrease) in net assets from operations	(130)	(612)	(222)	(851)
Distributions paid to securityholders:				
Investment income	(81)	(97)	(76)	(81)
Capital gains	–	–	–	–
Return of capital	–	–	(162)	(193)
Management fee rebates	(1)	(2)	–	(1)
Total distributions paid to securityholders	(82)	(99)	(238)	(275)
Security transactions:				
Proceeds from securities issued	1	235	11	447
Reinvested distributions	81	99	183	207
Payments on redemption of securities	(317)	(511)	(644)	(551)
Total security transactions	(235)	(177)	(450)	103
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders	(447)	(888)	(910)	(1,023)
End of period	5,542	6,073	7,242	7,771
Increase (decrease) in fund securities (in thousands) (note 7):				
Securities outstanding – beginning of period	705	777	1,583	1,537
Issued	–	29	2	82
Reinvested distributions	10	12	36	39
Redeemed	(37)	(60)	(129)	(102)
Securities outstanding – end of period	678	758	1,492	1,556

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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

for the periods ended September 30 (in \$ 000)

	2023	2022
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders from operations	(9,999)	(42,377)
Adjustments for:		
Net realized loss (gain) on investments	853	1,630
Change in net unrealized loss (gain) on investments	13,700	45,868
Distributions received in-kind from underlying funds	(7,680)	(8,598)
Purchase of investments	(11,860)	(26,173)
Proceeds from sale and maturity of investments	38,694	40,276
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable and other assets	–	–
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and other liabilities	(2)	(6)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	23,706	10,620
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from securities issued	8,819	19,939
Payments on redemption of securities	(32,249)	(29,853)
Distributions paid net of reinvestments	(650)	(832)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(24,080)	(10,746)
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(374)	(126)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	149	158
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash and cash equivalents	–	–
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	(225)	32
Cash	–	32
Cash equivalents	–	–
Bank indebtedness	(225)	–
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	(225)	32
Supplementary disclosures on cash flow from operating activities:		
Dividends received	–	–
Foreign taxes paid	–	–
Interest received	3	2
Interest paid	2	1

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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

as at September 30, 2023

	Country	Sector	Shares/ Units	Average Cost (\$ 000)	Fair Value (\$ 000)
MUTUAL FUNDS					
Counsel Canadian Core Fixed Income Series O	Canada	Mutual Funds	16,187,731	158,789	135,021
Counsel Canadian Dividend Series O	Canada	Mutual Funds	3,738,761	64,093	60,995
Counsel Global Dividend Series O	Canada	Mutual Funds	2,646,477	35,474	37,142
Counsel Global Fixed Income Series O	Canada	Mutual Funds	1,223,798	11,018	9,279
Counsel Global Real Estate Series O	Canada	Mutual Funds	2,009,675	25,802	21,843
Counsel North American High Yield Bond Series O	Canada	Mutual Funds	3,461,707	32,541	30,449
IPC Canadian Equity Series O	Canada	Mutual Funds	3,345,264	34,047	32,585
IPC Multi-Factor Canadian Equity Series O	Canada	Mutual Funds	4,044,781	39,171	45,638
Total investments				400,935	372,952
Bank indebtedness					(225)
Other assets less liabilities					395
Net assets attributable to securityholders					373,122

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SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

UNDERLYING FUND TYPE	% OF NAV
Canadian Equity Funds	37.2
Canadian Fixed Income Funds	36.2
Global Income Funds	10.0
International Fixed Income Funds	10.7
Global Real Estate	5.9

EFFECTIVE SECTOR ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Canada	75.0
United States	16.4
Australia	0.9
Taiwan	0.7
Japan	0.6
Switzerland	0.6
China	0.5
Denmark	0.5
Brazil	0.4
Germany	0.4
Hong Kong	0.4
Spain	0.4
Other countries	3.2

EFFECTIVE COUNTRY ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Corporate bonds	25.4
Financials	10.5
Federal bonds	8.7
Provincial bonds	8.6
Real estate	6.7
Consumer discretionary	5.3
Industrials	5.3
Energy	5.2
Consumer staples	5.0
Cash and cash equivalents	4.5
Information technology	4.0
Materials	3.3
Communication services	2.3
Utilities	2.2
Foreign government bonds	1.9
Other	1.1

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UNDERLYING FUND TYPE	% OF NAV
Canadian equity funds	38.8
Canadian fixed income funds	35.4
Global income funds	10.1
International fixed income funds	9.6
Global real estate	6.1

EFFECTIVE SECTOR ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Corporate bonds	23.5
Financials	10.5
Federal bonds	9.3
Provincial bonds	8.2
Real estate	7.2
Consumer staples	5.8
Industrials	5.4
Consumer discretionary	4.8
Energy	4.6
Materials	4.4
Communication services	3.4
Information technology	2.9
Utilities	2.4
Foreign government bonds	1.7
Other	5.9

EFFECTIVE COUNTRY ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Canada	74.8
United States	15.4
Australia	1.2
Hong Kong	0.7
Japan	0.6
Taiwan	0.6
United Kingdom	0.5
China	0.5
Thailand	0.4
Germany	0.4
Singapore	0.4
France	0.3
Other countries	4.2

The effective allocation shows the country and sector exposure of the Fund calculated by including the Fund's proportionate share of its holdings in underlying investment funds.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Fiscal Periods and General Information

The information provided in these financial statements and notes thereto is for the six-month period ended or as at September 30, 2023 and 2022, except for the comparative information presented in the Statements of Financial Position and notes thereto, which is as at March 31, 2023, as applicable. In the year a series is established, 'period' represents the period from inception to the period end of that fiscal period. In a period where a series is terminated the period represents from the beginning of the fiscal year to the termination date. Refer to Note 9 (a) for series inception and termination dates.

The Fund is organized as an open-ended mutual fund trust established under the laws of the Province of Ontario pursuant to a Declaration of Trust as amended and restated from time to time. The address of the Fund's registered office is 5015 Spectrum Way, Suite 300, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada. The Fund is authorized to issue an unlimited number of units (referred to as "security" or "securities") of multiple series. Series of the Fund are available for sale under Simplified Prospectus and/or exempt distribution options.

Counsel Portfolio Services Inc. (the "Manager" or "Counsel") acts as the Fund's manager and trustee.

2. Basis of Preparation and Presentation

These unaudited interim financial statements ("financial statements") have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), including International Accounting Standard ("IAS") 34, Interim Financial Reporting, as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"). These financial statements were prepared using the same accounting policies, critical accounting judgments and estimates as applied in the Fund's most recent audited annual financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2023. A summary of the Fund's significant accounting policies under IFRS is presented in Note 3.

These financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars, which is the Fund's functional currency, and are rounded to the nearest thousand unless otherwise indicated. These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis using the historical cost basis, except for financial assets and liabilities that have been measured at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL").

These financial statements were authorized for issue by Counsel's Board of Directors on November 13, 2023.

3. Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Financial instruments

Financial instruments include financial assets and liabilities such as investment funds. The Fund classifies and measures financial instruments in accordance with IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments*. Upon initial recognition, financial instruments are classified as FVTPL. All financial instruments are recognized in the Statements of Financial Position when the Fund becomes a party to the contractual requirements of the instrument. Financial assets are derecognized when the right to receive cash flows from the instrument has expired. Financial liabilities are derecognized when the Fund has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership. Investment purchase and sale transactions are recorded as of the trade date.

Investments are designated on initial recognition as FVTPL with changes in fair value recognized in the Statements of Comprehensive Income – Net unrealized gain (loss).

Realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments are calculated based on average cost of investments.

Gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of the investments are included in the Statements of Comprehensive Income for the period in which they arise.

The Fund's redeemable securities entitle securityholders the right to redeem their interest in the Fund for cash equal to their proportionate share of the net asset value of the Fund, amongst other contractual rights. The Fund's redeemable securities meet the criteria for classification as financial liabilities under IAS 32, *Financial Instruments: Presentation*. The Fund's obligation for net assets attributable to securityholders is presented at the redemption amount.

IAS 7, *Statement of Cash Flows*, requires disclosures related to changes in liabilities and assets, such as the securities of the Fund, arising from financing activities. Changes in securities of the Fund, including both changes from cash flows and non-cash changes, are included in the Statement of Changes in Financial Position. Any changes in the securities not settled in cash as at the end of the period are presented as either Accounts receivable for securities issued or Accounts payable for securities redeemed in the Statement of Financial Position. These accounts receivable and accounts payable amounts typically settle shortly after period-end.

(b) Fair value measurement

Fair value is defined as 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.

Mutual fund securities of an underlying fund are valued on a business day at the price calculated by the manager of such underlying fund in accordance with the constating documents of such underlying fund. The cost of investments is determined on a weighted average cost basis.

The Fund categorizes the fair value of its assets and liabilities into three categories, which are differentiated based on the observable nature of the inputs and extent of estimation required.

Level 1 – Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;

Level 2 – Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly including quoted prices on inactive markets and from recognized investment dealers; and

Level 3 – Inputs that are not based on observable market data.

As at September 30, 2023 and March 31, 2023, all investments (consisting of mutual fund units) were classified as Level 1. There were no significant transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 during the periods.

(c) Income recognition

Distributions from underlying mutual funds are recorded on the declaration date. Distributions of Canadian dividends are included in dividend income. Capital gains distributions from underlying funds are included in Net realized gains (losses). Other distributions are included in Interest and other income. Realized gains or losses on the sale of investments, and unrealized gains or losses are calculated on an average cost basis.

Income, realized gains (losses) and unrealized gains (losses) are allocated daily among the series on a pro-rata basis.

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3. Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd)

(d) Net assets attributable to securityholders per security

Net assets attributable to securityholders per security is computed by dividing the net assets attributable to securityholders of a series of securities on a business day by the total number of securities of the series outstanding on that day.

(e) Net asset value per security

Net asset value per security is determined for the purchase and redemption of securities in accordance with the methods disclosed in the Fund's Simplified Prospectus and Annual Information Form. These methods may vary from valuation principles under IFRS. As at September 30, 2023 and March 31, 2023, there were no such differences.

(f) Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders from operations per security

Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders from operations per security in the Statements of Comprehensive Income represents the increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders from operations for the period, divided by the weighted average number of securities outstanding during the period.

(g) Comparative amounts

Certain prior period comparative amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current period's presentation.

(h) Future accounting changes

Counsel has determined there are no material implications to the Fund's financial statements arising from IFRS issued but not yet effective.

4. Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that primarily affect the valuation of investments. Estimates and assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Use of Judgments

Classification and measurement of investments

In classifying and measuring financial instruments held by the Fund, the Manager is required to make significant judgments in order to determine the most appropriate classification in accordance with IFRS 9. The Manager has considered the Fund's business model, commitments to securityholders, and the manner in which investments are managed and evaluated as a group and has determined that irrevocable designation of financial instruments as financial assets or financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss provides the most appropriate measurement and presentation of the Fund's investments and financial instruments.

Functional currency

The Fund's functional and presentation currency is the Canadian dollar, which is the currency considered to best represent the economic effects of the Fund's underlying transactions, events and conditions taking into consideration the manner in which securities are issued and redeemed and how returns and performance by the Fund are measured.

Interest in unconsolidated structured entities

In determining whether an unlisted open-ended investment fund or an ETF in which the Fund invests ("Underlying Funds"), but that it does not consolidate, meets the definition of a structured entity, the Manager is required to make significant judgments about whether these underlying funds have the typical characteristics of a structured entity. These Underlying Funds do not meet the definition of a structured entity because:

- I. The voting rights in the Underlying Funds are not dominant factors in deciding who controls them;
- II. The activities of the Underlying Funds are restricted by their offering documents; and
- III. The Underlying Funds have narrow and well-defined investment objective to provide investment opportunities for investors while passing on the associated risks and rewards.

As a result, such investments are accounted for at FVTPL. Note 9 (e) summarizes the details of the Fund's interest in these Underlying Funds. These Underlying Funds include funds managed by Counsel which are branded either Counsel or IPC and are shown in the Schedule of Investments.

5. Income Taxes

The Fund qualifies as a mutual fund trust under the provisions of the Income Tax Act (Canada) and, accordingly, is subject to tax on its income including net realized capital gains in the taxation year, which is not paid or payable to its securityholders as at the end of the taxation year. The Fund maintains a December 15 year-end for tax purposes. The Fund will distribute sufficient amounts from net income for tax purposes, as required, so that the Fund will not pay income taxes other than refundable tax on capital gains, if applicable.

Losses of the Fund cannot be allocated to securityholders and are retained in the Fund for use in future years. Non-capital losses incurred may be carried forward up to 20 years to reduce taxable income and realized capital gains of future years. Net capital losses may be carried forward indefinitely to reduce future realized capital gains. Refer to Note 9 (d) for a summary of the Fund's loss carryforwards.

6. Management Fees and Operating Expenses

Counsel is paid a management fee for arranging for the management of the investment portfolio, providing investment analysis and recommendations, making investment decisions, making brokerage arrangements relating to the purchase and sale of the investment portfolio and making arrangements with registered dealers for the purchase and sale of securities of the Fund by securityholders.

Each series of the Fund is charged a fixed rate annual administration fee ("Administration Fee"), as applicable, and in return, Counsel bears all of the operating expenses of the Fund, other than certain specified fund costs.

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6. Management Fees and Operating Expenses (cont'd)

Other fund costs include taxes (including, but not limited to GST/HST and income tax), interest and borrowing costs, all fees and expenses of the Counsel Funds' Independent Review Committee, costs of complying with the regulatory requirement to produce Fund Facts, and any new fees related to external services that were not commonly charged in the Canadian mutual fund industry after the date of the Fund's most recently filed Simplified Prospectus.

Counsel may waive or absorb management fees and/or Administration Fees at its discretion and stop waiving or absorbing such fees at any time without notice. Refer to Note 9 (a) for the management fee and Administration Fee rates charged to each series of securities.

7. Fund's Capital

The capital of the Fund is divided into different series with each series having an unlimited number of securities. The securities outstanding for the Fund as at September 30, 2023 and 2022 (as applicable) and securities issued, reinvested and redeemed for the periods are presented in the Statements of Changes in Financial Position. Counsel manages the capital of the Fund in accordance with the investment objectives and strategies as discussed in Note 8 (a).

8. Financial Instruments Risk

(a) Risk exposure and management

The Fund's investment activities expose it to a variety of financial risks, as defined in IFRS 7 *Financial Instruments: Disclosures* ("IFRS 7"). The Fund's exposure to financial risks is concentrated in its investments, which are presented in the Schedule of Investments, grouped by asset type, with geographic and sector information.

The Manager seeks to minimize potential adverse effects of financial risks on the Fund's performance by employing professional, experienced portfolio advisors, by monitoring the Fund's positions and market events daily, by diversifying the investment portfolio within the constraints of the Fund's investment objectives and strategies, as disclosed in Note 9 (b), and where applicable, by using derivatives to hedge certain risk exposures. To assist in managing risks, Counsel also maintains a governance structure that oversees the Fund's investment activities and monitors compliance with the Fund's stated investment strategy, internal guidelines, and securities regulations.

The Fund employs a passive investment strategy whereby investments in securities of underlying investment funds are based on target asset weightings. Left unchecked, market fluctuations can cause the investments to diverge from these target weightings. Counsel monitors these divergences and, if they become significant, the Fund's investments are rebalanced back towards target weightings. The target weightings allocated to each underlying investment fund and their selection are based on several factors, including impact to the Fund's volatility and asset class diversification and may be subject to change based on Counsel's assessment of current market conditions.

(b) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk arises when the Fund encounters difficulty in meeting its financial obligations as they come due. The Fund is exposed to liquidity risk due to potential daily cash redemptions of redeemable securities. In order to monitor the liquidity of its assets, the Fund utilizes a liquidity risk management program that calculates the number of days to convert the investments held by the Fund into cash using a multi-day liquidation approach. This liquidity risk analysis assesses the Fund's liquidity against pre-determined minimum liquidity percentages, established for different time periods. In addition, the Fund has the ability to borrow up to 5% of its net assets for the purposes of funding redemptions. In order to comply with securities regulations, the Fund must maintain at least 85% of its assets in liquid investments (i.e. investments that can be readily sold).

(c) Credit risk

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

All transactions in listed securities are executed with approved brokers. To minimize the possibility of settlement default, securities are exchanged for payment simultaneously, where market practices permit, through the facilities of a central depository and/or clearing agency where customary.

The carrying amount of investments and other assets represents the maximum credit risk exposure as at the dates of the Statements of Financial Position.

The Fund's greatest indirect concentration of credit risk is to securities and derivatives held by underlying funds. For more information regarding the credit risk of underlying funds, refer to the Underlying Funds' financial statements available on the SEDAR website at www.sedar.com or at www.counsel-services.com.

(d) Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that financial instruments which are denominated or exchanged in a currency other than the Canadian dollar, which is the Fund's functional currency, will fluctuate due to changes in exchange rates. Generally, foreign denominated investments increase in value when the value of the Canadian dollar (relative to foreign currencies) falls. Conversely, when the value of the Canadian dollar rises relative to foreign currencies, the values of foreign denominated investments fall.

The underlying Counsel equity funds follow a dynamic hedging strategy where it targets a hedge against foreign currencies, based on the Counsel's expectation of future exchange rates at that time. As of September 30, 2023, these underlying funds were targeting a hedge of 0.0% (March 31, 2023 – 0.0%) against the U.S. Dollar, 0.0% (March 31, 2023 – 0.0%) against the Euro, and 25.0% (March 31, 2023 – 12.5%) against the Great British Pound.

Note 9 (c) indicates the Fund's sensitivity to currency risk including potential indirect impacts from underlying investment funds in which the Fund invests. In practice, the actual trading results may differ and the difference could be material. Other financial assets and liabilities (including dividends and interest receivable, and receivables/payables for investments sold/purchased) that are denominated in foreign currencies do not expose the Fund to significant currency risk.

(e) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk arises on interest-bearing financial instruments. The Fund is exposed to the risk that the value of interest-bearing financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in the prevailing levels of market interest rates. Generally, these securities increase in value when interest rates fall and decrease in value when interest rates rise.

Note 9 (c) summarizes the Fund's exposure to interest rate risk had prevailing interest rates increased or decreased by 1%, assuming a parallel shift in the yield curve, all other variables held constant. In practice, the actual trading results may differ and the difference could be material. The Fund's sensitivity to interest rate risk illustrated includes potential indirect impacts from underlying investment funds.

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8. Financial Instruments Risk (cont'd)

(f) Other price risk

Other price risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether caused by factors specific to an individual investment, its issuer, or all factors affecting all instruments traded in a market or market segment. All investments present a risk of loss of capital. This risk is managed through a careful selection of investments and other financial instruments within the parameters of the investment strategy.

Other price risk typically arises from exposure to equity securities. Note 9 (c) illustrates the potential increase or decrease in the Fund's net assets, through underlying investment funds, had the prices on the respective exchanges for these securities increased or decreased by 10%, all other variables held constant. In practice, the actual trading results may differ and the difference could be material.

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9. Fund Specific Information (in '000, except for (a))

(a) Fund Formation and Series Information

Series	Inception/ Reinstatement Date	Minimum Investment (\$)	Management fee (%) ⁶	Administration fee (%) ⁶
Series A ¹	January 19, 2004	500	1.75	0.25
Series B ^{1,2}	March 1, 2013	500	1.75	0.25
Series F ³	February 13, 2006	500	0.75	0.15
Series FB ^{2,3}	November 28, 2016	500	0.75	0.15
Series FT ^{3,4}	March 1, 2013	500	0.75	0.15
Series I ^{3,5,6}	March 1, 2006	500	–	0.15
Series IB ^{2,3,4,5}	November 28, 2016	500	–	0.15
Series IT ^{3,4,5,6}	March 1, 2013	500	–	0.15
Series Private Wealth ⁸	October 19, 2020	–	–	0.15
Series Private Wealth I ^{3,7}	January 17, 2018	500	0.75	0.15
Series T ^{1,4}	December 17, 2012	500	1.75	0.25

¹ Series A, B, and T are the only series subject to sales or redemption charges; these charges are based on purchase options chosen. Securities purchased under the sales charge option may be subject to a negotiated fee of up to 5% at time of initial purchase. Securities previously purchased under the redemption charge purchase option may be subject to a redemption fee of up to 4.5% (based on date of initial purchase); new securities are not available under this option but may be acquired through switching from other Counsel funds. Effective June 15, 2022, the series' management fee and administration fee was reduced from 1.95% and 0.25% respectively.

² These series are designed for investors who want to receive a fixed per security monthly distribution.

³ A negotiable advisory or asset-based fee (plus sales taxes) is payable by investors to their dealer(s) in connection with the securities held in this series. The fee may be collected by Counsel from the investor's account through redemption of securities and remitted to the dealer at the investor's request. Alternatively, the dealer may collect it directly from the investor. Effective June 15, 2022, the series' management fees was reduced from 0.95% (including Series I, IB, and IT management fees which are charged directly to investors).

⁴ This series is designed for investors who want to receive a monthly cash distribution at an annualized rate of up to 6% per year.

⁵ The management fee for this series is 0.75% and is payable directly to Counsel generally through the monthly redemption of securities.

⁶ Counsel may, at its discretion, waive or lower the management fee (either directly or indirectly) and/or administration fee payable by investors. Individual investors may be eligible for a management fee reduction subject to meeting certain requirements as discussed in the Fund's Simplified Prospectus.

⁷ This series is available solely to those investing through a private client service offering from IPC Investment Corporation and IPC Securities Corporation. On October 27, 2023, Series Private Wealth I securities were redesignated as Series F securities, resulting in a consolidation of these series' assets.

⁸ There are no management fees for Series Private Wealth. An investor must enter into an agreement to participate in a discretionary managed program offered by IPC Securities Corporation and agree to pay certain asset-based fees.

(b) Investment Objectives and Strategies

The Fund invests in securities of a variety of Canadian, U.S. and international equity and fixed income mutual funds (the "Underlying Funds"). The Fund's asset class weightings will generally be 35 – 55% in fixed income securities and 45 – 65% in equity securities. Generally, the Fund may invest up to 30%, either directly or through Underlying Funds, in foreign securities.

(c) Risks Associated with Financial Instruments

i. Currency Risk

Impact on net assets	Increased by 5%		Decreased by 5%	
	(\$)	(%)	(\$)	(%)
September 30, 2023	(4,772)	(1.3)	4,772	1.3
March 31, 2023	(5,072)	(1.2)	5,072	1.2

ii. Interest Rate Risk

Impact on net assets	Increased by 1%		Decreased by 1%	
	(\$)	(%)	(\$)	(%)
September 30, 2023	(11,065)	(3.0)	11,065	3.0
March 31, 2023	(11,595)	2.8	11,595	(2.8)

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9. Fund Specific Information (in '000, except for (a)) (cont'd)

(c) Risks Associated with Financial Instruments (cont'd)

iii. Other Price Risk

Impact on net assets	Increased by 10%		Decreased by 10%	
	(\$)	(%)	(\$)	(%)
September 30, 2023	19,207	5.1	(19,207)	(5.1)
March 31, 2023	21,572	5.3	(21,572)	(5.3)

(d) Loss Carryforwards

Non-Capital Losses carryforward (\$)	Net Capital Losses carryforward (\$)
–	549

(e) Interest in Unconsolidated Structured Entities

The Fund's investment details in the Underlying Funds as at September 30, 2023 and March 31, 2023 are as follows:

	% of Underlying Fund's Net Assets	Fair Value of Fund's Investment (\$)
September 30, 2023		
Counsel Canadian Core Fixed Income Series O	46.1	135,021
Counsel Canadian Dividend Series O	48.6	60,995
Counsel Global Dividend Series O	36.1	37,142
Counsel Global Fixed Income Series O	26.9	9,279
Counsel Global Real Estate Series O	13.3	21,843
Counsel North American High Yield Bond Series O	38.4	30,449
IPC Canadian Equity Series O	94.0	32,585
IPC Multi-Factor Canadian Equity Series O	40.7	45,638
March 31, 2023		
Counsel Canadian Core Fixed Income Series O	46.9	144,151
Counsel Canadian Dividend Series O	51.3	72,056
Counsel Global Dividend Series O	40.0	41,165
Counsel Global Fixed Income Series O	22.7	8,193
Counsel Global Real Estate Series O	12.7	24,843
Counsel North American High Yield Bond Series O	35.3	30,730
IPC Canadian Equity Series O	94.8	34,539
IPC Multi-Factor Canadian Equity Series O	40.4	51,336