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# Counsel Global Small Cap

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.counselservices.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
ASSETS		(Audited)
Current assets		
Investments at fair value	183,046	200,032
Cash and cash equivalents	826	691
Dividends receivable	109	154
Accounts receivable for investments sold	723	132
Accounts receivable for securities issued	4	15
Derivative assets	19	3
Total assets	184,727	201,027
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable for investments purchased	215	363
Accounts payable for securities redeemed	349	137
Due to manager	2	1
Taxes payable	695	643
Total liabilities	1,261	1,144
Net assets attributable to securityholders	183,466	199,883

### STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

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

	2023	2022
Income		
Dividends	715	857
Interest income for distribution purposes	43	27
Other changes in fair value of investments and other net assets		
Net realized gain (loss)	7,849	8,393
Net unrealized gain (loss)	(4,853)	(53,587)
Securities lending income	22	41
Total income (loss)	3,776	(44,269)
Expenses (note 6)		
Management fees	202	203
Management fee rebates	(1)	(3)
Administration fees	66	69
Interest charges	1	_
Commissions and other portfolio transaction costs	71	81
Independent Review Committee fees	1	2
Expenses before amounts absorbed by Manager	340	352
Expenses absorbed by Manager	-	
Net expenses	340	352
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders from operations before tax	3,436	(44,621)
Foreign withholding tax expense (recovery)	127	93
Foreign income tax expense (recovery)	103	(111)
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to	100	(111)
securityholders from operations	3,206	(44,603)

Net assets attributable to securityholders (note 3)

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	per seci	per security		ies	
	Sep. 30 2023	Mar. 31 2023 (Audited)	Sep. 30 2023	Mar. 31 2023 (Audited)	
Series A	18.72	18.61	14,164	14,705	
Series F	20.30	20.10	8,146	8,046	
Series I	19.88	19.60	2,403	2,963	
Series 0	20.30	20.00	113,934	130,273	
Series Private Wealth	37.13	36.61	44,819	43,896	
			183,466	199,883	

Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders from operations (note 3)

	to security notices from operations (note of			
	per secu	per sei	ries	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Series A	0.11	(3.69)	88	(2,964)
Series F	0.21	(3.67)	82	(1,511)
Series I	0.25	(3.65)	30	(696)
Series 0	0.38	(3.93)	2,263	(30,614)
Series Private Wealth	0.62	(7.12)	743	(8,818)
			3,206	(44,603)

# STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION

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

	Tota	al	Series	s A	Series	s F	Series	sl	Series	s 0
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SECURITYHOLDERS										
Beginning of period	199,883	272,344	14,705	16,433	8,046	8,180	2,963	4,149	130,273	191,830
Increase (decrease) in net assets from operations	3,206	(44,603)	88	(2,964)	82	(1,511)	30	(696)	2,263	(30,614)
Distributions paid to securityholders:										
Investment income	(480)	(556)	_	-	(16)	-	(7)	(8)	(324)	(458)
Capital gains	_	-		-	-	-	-	-	_	_
Management fee rebates	(1)	(3)	(1)	(2)		(1)		_		
Total distributions paid to securityholders	(481)	(559)	(1)	(2)	(16)	(1)	(7)	(8)	(324)	(458)
Security transactions:										
Proceeds from securities issued	9,222	9,779	417	741	799	1,604	143	223	3,020	2,155
Reinvested distributions	465	559	_	2	15	1	7	8	324	458
Payments on redemption of securities	(28,829)	(37,429)	(1,045)	(939)	(780)	(397)	(733)	(152)	(21,622)	(31,329)
Total security transactions	(19,142)	(27,091)	(628)	(196)	34	1,208	(583)	79_	(18,278)	(28,716)
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders	(16,417)	(72,253)	(541)	(3,162)	100	(304)	(560)	(625)	(16,339)	(59,788)
End of period	183,466	200,091	14,164	13,271	8,146	7,876	2,403	3,524	113,934	132,042
Increase (decrease) in fund securities (in thousands) (note 7):			Securi	ties	Securit	ties	Securit	ies	Securi	ties
Securities outstanding – beginning of period			790	796	400	369	151	188	6,514	8,514
Issued			22	41	38	84	8	12	144	107
Reinvested distributions			_	-	1	-	_	1	16	23
Redeemed			(55)	(52)	(38)	(21)	(38)	(8)	(1,062)	(1,556)
Securities outstanding – end of period			757	785	401	432	121	193	5,612	7,088

	Series Priva	ite Wealth
	2023	2022
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SECURITYHOLDERS		
Beginning of period	43,896	51,752
Increase (decrease) in net assets from operations	743	(8,818)
Distributions paid to securityholders:		
Investment income	(133)	(90)
Capital gains	-	_
Management fee rebates	.	
Total distributions paid to securityholders	(133)	(90)
Security transactions:		
Proceeds from securities issued	4,843	5,056
Reinvested distributions	119	90
Payments on redemption of securities	(4,649)	(4,612)
Total security transactions	313	534
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders	923	(8,374)
End of period	44,819	43,378
Increase (decrease) in fund securities (in thousands) (note 7):	Secur	ities
Securities outstanding – beginning of period	1,199	1,253
Issued	130	139
Reinvested distributions	3	3
Redeemed	(125)	(125)
Securities outstanding – end of period	1,207	1,270

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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  Adiustments for:	3,206	(44,603)
Net realized loss (gain) on investments	(7,823)	(7,965)
Change in net unrealized loss (gain) on investments	4,853	53,587
Purchase of investments	(24,558)	(29.650)
Proceeds from sale and maturity of investments	43,761	50,807
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable and other assets	45	66
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and other liabilities	53	(171)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	19,537	22,071
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Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from securities issued	9,233	10,028
Payments on redemption of securities	(28,617)	(37,206)
Distributions paid net of reinvestments	(16)	_
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(19,400)	(27,178)
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	137	(5,107)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	691	6,572
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash and cash		
equivalents	(2)	2
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	826	1,467
Cash	597	1,218
Cash equivalents	229	249
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	826	1,467
Supplementary disclosures on cash flow from operating activities:		
Dividends received	760	923
Foreign taxes paid	178	152
Interest received	43	27
Interest paid	1	

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# **SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS**

as at September 30, 2023	Country	Sector	Shares/ Units	Average Cost (\$ 000)	Fair Value (\$ 000)
EQUITIES					
Aavas Financiers Ltd.	India	Financials	77,109	2,497	2,186
Adentra Inc.	Canada	Industrials	19,661	448	603
Advantage Energy Ltd.	Canada	Energy	18,500	200	171
AG Growth International Inc.	Canada	Industrials	5,500	293	293
Andlauer Healthcare Group Inc.	Canada	Health Care	6,800	303	281
Argonaut Gold Inc.	United States	Materials	38,000	88	21
Aritzia Inc.	Canada	Consumer Discretionary	11,315	227	267
ASPEED Technology Inc.	Taiwan	Information Technology	13,700	706	1,598
ATS Corp.	Canada	Industrials	6,599	234	382
AU Small Finance Bank Ltd.	India	Financials	589,173	3,522	6,852
AutoCanada Inc.	Canada	Consumer Discretionary	8,100	221	197
B2Gold Corp.	Canada	Materials	15,597	77	61
Balchem Corp.	United States	Materials	21,993	3,786	3,703
Bank of the Ozarks Inc.	United States	Financials	79,080	4,026	3,979
BayCurrent Consulting Inc.	Japan	Industrials	118,817	4,082	5,390
BellRing Brands Inc.	United States	Consumer Staples	33,461	1,620	1,873
Birchcliff Energy Ltd.	Canada	Energy	19,100	61	148
Boot Barn Holdings Inc.	United States	Consumer Discretionary	19,309	1,763	2,128
Boyd Group Services Inc.	Canada	Industrials	2,200	423	531
C4 Therapeutics Inc.	United States	Health Care	87,657	606	221
Calian Group Ltd.	Canada	Industrials	13,200	755	674
CyberArk Software Ltd.	Israel	Information Technology	15,676	2,347	3,485
DiaSorin SpA	Italy	Health Care	7,873	1,091	973
Diploma PLC	United Kingdom	Industrials	57,622	1,389	2,858
Divi's Laboratories Ltd.	India	Health Care	33,990	2,032	2,087
Dr. Lal PathLabs Ltd.	India	Health Care	57,380	1,741	2,363
Dundee Precious Metals Inc.	Canada	Materials	12,100	52	102
Elgi Equipments Ltd.	India	Industrials	238,716	1,490	1,987
Endava PLC	United Kingdom	Information Technology	38,575	3,151	3,003
Enerplus Corp.	Canada	Energy	7,800	113	186
Ensign Group Inc.	United States	Health Care	44,353	2,415	5,595
EQB Inc.	Canada	Financials	8,414	381	634
Esperion Therapeutics Inc.	United States	Health Care	112,841	527	150
Five Below Inc.	United States	Consumer Discretionary	19,964	3,624	4,361
Five9 Inc.	United States	Information Technology	33,384	4,035	2,914
Flagship Communities Real Estate Investment Trust	United States	Real Estate	16,100	419	328
Floor & Decor Holdings Inc. Class A	United States	Consumer Discretionary	18,542	1,408	2,278
Fox Factory Holding Corp.	United States	Consumer Discretionary	18,843	2,747	2,534
Freshpet Inc.	United States	Consumer Staples	35,227	4,181	3,150
GDI Integrated Facility Services Inc. Sub. voting	Canada	Industrials	7,976	272	307
Globant SA	Argentina	Information Technology	24,087	4,631	6,469
GMO Payment Gateway Inc.	Japan	Financials	27,800	2,461	2,058
goeasy Ltd.	Canada	Financials	4,716	612	503
Guidewire Software Inc.	United States	Information Technology	21,149	2,116	2,584
H20 Innovation Inc.	Canada	Industrials	115,400	341	301
Hamilton Lane Inc.	United States	Financials	25,086	2,680	3,080
Hammond Power Solutions Inc.	Canada	Industrials	14,894	159	760 167
Headwater Exploration Inc.	Canada United States	Energy Llealth Care	23,300	153	167
HealthEquity Inc.	United States	Health Care Industrials	63,888	5,089	6,335
Helios Technologies Inc.	Canada		20,407	905	1,537
HudBay Minerals Inc. Inspire Medical Systems Inc.	United States	Materials Health Care	14,000 5,076	125	93 1,367
InterRent Real Estate Investment Trust	Canada	Real Estate	5,076 38,489	1,432 438	481
	United States	Health Care		436 800	
Intra-Cellular Therapies Inc. JMDC Inc.		Health Care Health Care	28,510 45,400		2,016
K-Bro Linen Inc.	Japan Canada	Industrials	45,400 13,953	2,292 527	2,240 443
Kelt Exploration Ltd.	Canada	Energy	32,600	191	236
Killam Apartment Real Estate Investment Trust	Canada	Real Estate	28,337	326	494
kneat.com inc.	Ireland	Health Care	78,700	220	239
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# SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (cont'd)

	Country	Sector	Shares/ Units	Average Cost (\$ 000)	Fair Value (\$ 000)
EQUITIES (cont'd)					
LGI Homes Inc.	United States	Consumer Discretionary	9,977	782	1,347
Max Healthcare Institute Ltd.	India	Health Care	95,714	871	886
Medpace Holdings Inc.	United States	Health Care	12,735	2,595	4,186
Melexis NV	Belgium	Information Technology	18,694	1,590	2,184
Monolithic Power Systems Inc.	United States	Information Technology	4,860	1,433	3,048
Monotaro Co. Ltd.	Japan	Industrials	140,060	2,041	2,035
Neighbourly Pharmacy Inc.	Canada	Consumer Staples	18,352	513	231
Neogen Corp.	United States	Health Care	71,647	1,769	1,803
Netwealth Group Ltd.	Australia	Financials	58,229	690	766
New Gold Inc.	Canada	Materials	76,000	104	95
Nexus Real Estate Investment Trust	Canada	Real Estate	53,700	633	386
North American Construction Group Ltd.	Canada	Energy	8,147	209	240
Nova Measuring Instruments Ltd.	Israel	Information Technology	21,025	1,240	3,209
Ollie's Bargain Outlet Holding Inc.	United States	Consumer Discretionary	24,353	2,139	2,552
Open Lending Corp.	United States	Financials	180,336	4,588	1,792
Orla Mining Ltd.	Canada	Materials	38,700	238	186
Park Lawn Corp.	Canada	Consumer Discretionary	19,042	429	356
Parkit Enterprise Inc.	Canada	Financials	320,215	304	192
Patrizia Immobilien AG	Germany	Real Estate	95,773	2,600	1,033
Payfare Inc.	Canada	Financials	55,200	304	299
Paylocity Holding Corp.	United States	Industrials	9,830	1,343	2,425
Persistent Systems Ltd.	India	Information Technology	48,817	3,686	4,622
Pine Cliff Energy Ltd.	Canada	Energy	129,500	219	186
Pollard Banknote Ltd.	Canada	Consumer Discretionary	24,105	365	600
Q2 Holdings Inc.	United States	Information Technology	58,076	1,998	2,544
RAKUS Co. Ltd.	Japan	Information Technology	54,047	1,184	1,018
RBC Bearings Inc.	United States	Industrials	14,828	3,289	4,713
Richelieu Hardware Ltd.	Canada	Industrials	18,697	493	744
Saia Inc.	United States	Industrials	8,853	2,506	4,791
Sangamo Therapeutics Inc.	United States	Health Care	94,070	431	77
Savaria Corp.	Canada	Industrials	40,165	542	570
Seabridge Gold Inc.	Canada	Materials	2,700	54	39
Silergy Corp.	China	Information Technology	181,076	2,167	2,324
Silk Road Medical Inc.	United States	Health Care	58,290	3,319	1,186
Sleep Country Canada Holdings Inc.	Canada	Consumer Discretionary	10,300	227	240
SMS Co. Ltd.	Japan	Industrials	80,820	2,567	1,867
Stella-Jones Inc.	Canada	Materials	6,100	305	398
StorageVault Canada Inc.	Canada	Real Estate	112,709	422	509
Sugi Holdings Co. Ltd.	Japan	Consumer Staples	39,100	2,321	2,109
Superior Plus Corp.	Canada	Utilities	52,100	650	535
Tamarack Valley Energy Ltd.	Canada	Energy	52,200	176	204
Technology One Ltd.	Australia	Information Technology	131,473	713	1,776
TECSYS Inc.	Canada	Information Technology	20,723	419	580
Tidewater Midstream and Infrastructure Ltd.	Canada	Energy	120,100	174	124
Topaz Energy Corp.	Canada	Energy	9,000	199	193
Torex Gold Resources Inc.	Canada	Materials	11,800	166	167
Trex Co. Inc.	United States	Industrials	51,559	3,251	4,314
Trisura Group Ltd.	Canada	Financials	19,073	517	575
Tube Investments of India Ltd.	India	Consumer Discretionary	37,421	1,023	1,823
Valvoline Inc.	United States	Consumer Discretionary	51,740	1,850	2,264
Vermilion Energy Inc.	Canada	Energy	3,700	38	74
Voltronic Power Technology Corp.	Taiwan	Industrials	74,012	2,065	4,938
WELL Health Technologies Corp.	Canada	Health Care	48,100	361	200
Wesdome Gold Mines Ltd.	Canada	Materials	8,322	41	59
XPEL Inc.	United States	Consumer Discretionary	16,972	1,671	1,777
YETI Holdings Inc.	United States	Consumer Discretionary	42,358	2,323	2,773
Total equities				152,998	182,421

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# SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (cont'd)

	Country	Costor	Shares/	Average Cost	Fair Value
	Country	Sector	Units	(\$ 000)	(\$ 000)
EXCHANGE-TRADED FUNDS					
iShares S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index ETF	Canada	Exchange-Traded Funds	25,100	267	432
iShares S&P/TSX Global Base Metals Index ETF	Canada	Exchange-Traded Funds	10,100	181	193
Total exchange-traded funds				448	625
Transaction costs				(133)	
Total investments				153,313	183,046
Derivative instruments					
(see schedule of derivative instruments)					19
Cash and cash equivalents					826
Other assets less liabilities					(425)
Net assets attributable to securityholders					183,466

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# **SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO**

EFFECTIVE ASSET TYPE

Exchange-traded funds

Cash and cash equivalents

Equities

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

MARCH 31, 2023

% of NAV

99.8

0.3

0.3

Other Other	(0.2)	Other	(0.4)
EFFECTIVE SECTOR ALLOCATION	% OF NAV	EFFECTIVE SECTOR ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Industrials	23.1	Information technology	23.1
Information technology	22.5	Industrials	22.4
Health care	17.5	Health care	17.4
Consumer discretionary	13.9	Consumer discretionary	13.2
Financials	12.4	Financials	12.9
Consumer staples	4.0	Materials	4.2
Materials	2.8	Consumer staples	2.7
Real estate	1.9	Real estate	1.8
Energy	1.3	Energy	1.0
Utilities	0.3	Communication services	0.8
Cash and cash equivalents	0.5	Utilities	0.3
Other	(0.2)	Cash and cash equivalents	0.3
		Other	(0.1)

EFFECTIVE ASSET TYPE

Exchange-traded funds

Cash and cash equivalents

Equities

% of NAV

99.4

0.3

0.5

EFFECTIVE COUNTRY ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
United States	50.0
India	12.4
Japan	9.1
Canada	9.0
Taiwan	3.6
Israel	3.6
Argentina	3.5
United Kingdom	3.2
Australia	1.4
China	1.3
Belgium	1.2
Other countries	1.2
Cash and cash equivalents	0.5

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EFFECTIVE COUNTRY ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
United States	48.8
India	10.1
Canada	9.2
Japan	8.7
Taiwan	5.0
United Kingdom	4.9
Israel	3.5
Argentina	2.8
China	2.1
Australia	1.8
Belgium	1.5
Other countries	1.3
Cash and cash equivalents	0.3

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# SCHEDULE OF DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS

Counterparty Credit Rating	Currency to be Received (\$ 000)	Currency to be Delivered (\$ 000)	Settlement Date	Contract Cost (\$ 000)	Current Fair Value (\$ 000)	Unrealized Gains (\$ 000)	Unrealized Losses (\$ 000)
AA	356 CAD	(208) GBP	Oct. 12, 2023	(356)	(345)	11	_
AA	377 CAD	(223) GBP	Dec. 13, 2023	(377)	(369)	8	_
otal forward currency	y contracts					19	_
Total Derivative assets  Total Derivative liabiliti							19

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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 10 (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 debt and equity securities, investment funds, and derivatives. 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.

Financial instruments 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 and exclude commissions and other portfolio transaction costs, which are separately reported in the Statements of Comprehensive Income — Commissions and other portfolio transaction costs.

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 accounts for its holdings in investment funds at FVTPL. Counsel has concluded that the investment funds in which the Fund invests, do not meet the definition of structured entities.

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.

Investments listed on a public securities exchange, including exchange traded funds, or traded on an over-the-counter market are valued on the basis of the last traded market price or close price recorded by the security exchange on which the security is principally traded, where this price falls within the quoted bid-ask spread for the investment. In circumstances where this price is not within the bid-ask spread, Counsel determines the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value based on the specific facts and circumstances. Unlisted or non-exchange traded investments, or investments where a last sale or close price is unavailable or investments for which market quotations are, in Counsel's opinion, inaccurate, unreliable, or not reflective of all available material information, are valued at their fair value as determined by Counsel using appropriate and accepted industry valuation techniques including valuation models. The fair value determined using valuation models requires the use of inputs and assumptions based on observable market data including volatility and other applicable rates or prices. In limited circumstances, the fair value may be determined using valuation techniques that are not supported by observable market data.

Cash and cash equivalents which includes cash on deposit with financial institutions and short-term investments that are readily convertible to cash, are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value and are used by the Fund in the management of short-term commitments. Cash and cash equivalents are reported at amortized cost which closely approximates their fair value due to their nature of being highly liquid and having short terms to maturity. Bank overdraft positions are presented under current liabilities as bank indebtedness in the Statements of Financial Position.

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#### 3. Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd)

#### (b) Fair value measurement (cont'd)

The Fund may use derivatives (such as written options, futures, forward contracts, swaps or customized derivatives) to hedge against losses caused by changes in securities prices, interest rates or exchange rates. The Fund may also use derivatives for non-hedging purposes in order to invest indirectly in securities or financial markets, to gain exposure to other currencies, to seek to generate additional income, and/or for any other purpose considered appropriate by Counsel or the Fund's sub-advisor(s), provided that the use of the derivative is consistent with the Fund's investment objectives. Any use of derivatives will comply with Canadian mutual fund laws, subject to the regulatory exemptions granted to the Fund, as applicable. Refer to "Exemptions from National Instrument 81-102" in the Annual Information Form of the Fund for further details, including the complete conditions of these exemptions, as applicable.

Valuations of derivative instruments are carried out daily, using normal exchange reporting sources for exchange-traded derivatives and specific broker enquiry for over-the-counter derivatives.

The value of forward contracts is the gain or loss that would be realized if, on the valuation date, the positions were to be closed out. The change in value of forward contracts is included in the Statements of Comprehensive Income -- Net unrealized gain (loss).

The value of futures contracts or swaps fluctuates daily, and cash settlements made daily, where applicable, by the Fund are equal to the change in unrealized gains or losses that are best determined at the settlement price. These unrealized gains or losses are recorded and reported as such until the Fund closes out the contract or the contract expires. Margin paid or deposited in respect of futures contracts or swaps is reflected as a receivable in the Statements of Financial Position — Margin on derivatives. Any change in the variation margin requirement is settled daily.

Premiums paid (written) for purchasing (writing) options are recorded in Derivative Assets (Liabilities) and subsequently adjusted daily to fair value. If a written option expires unexercised, the premium received is recognized as a realized gain. If a written call option is exercised, the difference between the proceeds of the sale plus the value of the premium, and the cost of the security is recognized as a realized gain or loss. If a written put option is exercised, the cost of the security acquired is the exercise price of the option less the premium received. Refer to the Schedule of Derivative Instruments and Schedule of Options Purchased/Written, as applicable, included in the Schedule of Investments for a listing of derivative and options positions.

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. Examples of Level 2 valuations include quoted prices for similar securities, quoted prices on inactive markets and from recognized investment dealers, and the application of factors derived from observable data to non-North American quoted prices in order to estimate the impact of differences in market closing times.

Financial instruments classified as Level 2 investments are valued based on the prices provided by an independent reputable pricing services company who prices the securities based on recent transactions and quotes received from market participants and through incorporating observable market data and using standard market convention practices. The estimated fair values for these securities may be different from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the investment existed; and

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

The inputs are considered observable if they are developed using market data, such as publicly available Information about actual events or transactions, and that reflect the assumption that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability.

See Note 10 (e) for the fair value classifications of the Fund.

#### (c) Income recognition

Interest income for distribution purposes represents the coupon interest received by the Fund which is accounted for on an accrual basis. The Fund does not amortize premiums paid or discounts received on the purchase of fixed income securities except for zero coupon bonds, which are amortized on a straight-line basis.

Dividends are accrued as of the ex-dividend date. Realized gains or losses on the sale of investments, including foreign exchange gains or losses on such investments, and unrealized gains or losses are calculated on an average cost basis.

The Fund may invest in ETFs managed by Mackenzie Investments (an affiliate of Counsel) which are indicated in the Schedule of Investments. The Fund receives Fee rebate income in respect of management fees paid indirectly to Mackenzie which offset the management fees indirectly borne in the return of these Underlying Funds

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

#### (d) Commissions and other portfolio transaction costs

Commissions and other portfolio transaction costs are costs incurred to acquire, issue or dispose of financial assets or liabilities. They include fees and commissions paid to agents, exchanges, brokers, dealers and other intermediaries. The total brokerage commissions incurred by the Fund in connection with portfolio transactions for the periods, together with other transaction charges, is disclosed in the Statements of Comprehensive Income. Brokerage business is allocated to brokers based on the best net result for the Fund. Subject to this criteria, commissions may be paid to brokerage firms which provide (or pay for) certain services, other than order execution, which may include investment research, analysis and reports, and databases or software in support of these services. Where applicable and ascertainable, the value of third-party services that were paid for by brokers during the periods is disclosed in Note 10. The value of certain proprietary services provided by brokers cannot be reasonably estimated.

#### (e) Securities lending, repurchase and reverse repurchase transactions

The Fund is permitted to enter into securities lending, repurchase and reverse repurchase transactions as set out in the Fund's Simplified Prospectus. These transactions involve the temporary exchange of securities for collateral with a commitment to redeliver the same securities on a future date.

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#### 3. Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd)

(e) Securities lending, repurchase and reverse repurchase transactions (cont'd)

Income is earned from these transactions in the form of fees paid by the counterparty and, in certain circumstances, interest paid on cash or securities held as collateral. Income earned from these transactions is included in the Statements of Comprehensive Income and recognized when earned. Securities lending transactions are administered by the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (the "Securities Lending Agent"). The value of cash or securities held as collateral must be at least 102% of the fair value of the securities loaned, sold or purchased.

Note 10 summarizes the details of securities loaned and collateral received, as well as a reconciliation of securities lending income, if applicable. Collateral received is comprised of debt obligations of the Government of Canada and other countries, Canadian provincial and municipal governments, and financial institutions.

#### (f) Foreign currency

The functional and presentation currency of the Fund is Canadian dollars. Foreign currency purchases and sales of investments and foreign currency dividend and interest income and expenses are translated to Canadian dollars at the rate of exchange prevailing at the time of the transactions.

Foreign exchange gains (losses) on purchases and sales of foreign currencies are included in the Statements of Comprehensive Income – Net realized gain (loss).

The fair value of investments and other assets and liabilities, denominated in foreign currencies, are translated to Canadian dollars at the rate of exchange prevailing on each business day.

#### (g) Offsetting

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 set-off 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 set off in certain circumstances, such as bankruptcy or termination of the contracts. Note 10 summarizes the details of such offsetting, if applicable, subject to master netting arrangements or other similar agreements and the net impact to the Statements of Financial Position if all such rights were exercised.

Income and expenses are not offset in the Statements of Comprehensive Income unless required or permitted to by an accounting standard, as specifically disclosed in the IFRS policies of the Fund.

(h) 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.

(i) 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.

(i) 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.

(k) Comparative amounts

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

(I) 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 Estimates

Fair value of securities not quoted in an active market

The Fund holds financial instruments that are not quoted in active markets and are valued using valuation techniques that make use of observable data, to the extent practicable. Various valuation techniques are utilized, depending on a number of factors, including comparison with similar instruments for which observable market prices exist and recent arm's length market transactions. Key inputs and assumptions used are company specific and may include estimated discount rates and expected price volatilities. Changes in key inputs, could affect the reported fair value of these financial instruments held by the Fund.

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.

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#### 4. Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments (cont'd)

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.

#### 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 may be subject to withholding taxes on foreign income. In general, the Fund treats withholding tax as a charge against income 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 10 (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, excluding Series O, 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.

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, fees paid to external service providers associated with tax reclaims, refunds or the preparation of foreign tax reports on behalf of the Funds, 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 10 (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 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 10 (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.

### (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).

Other investment funds managed by Counsel ("Top Funds") may invest in Series O securities offered by the Fund on a prospectus-exempt basis in accordance with the investment objectives of those funds. Series Private Wealth securities may also be issued on a prospectus-exempt basis to investors in the IPC Private Wealth program offered by IPC Securities Corporation, an affiliate of Counsel.

From time to time, these holdings may be rebalanced by either reducing an allocation to the Fund or eliminating such investments in the Fund entirely. In either case, depending on the size of the investment by a large investor, this could cause a significant redemption from the Fund. Meeting such a redemption may require the Fund to sell portfolio holdings. This could result in the Fund selling a particular holding before it has achieved the valuation sought by the Manager thus affecting Fund returns. This could also result in the Fund realizing capital gains on its holdings earlier than planned, which could result in capital gains distributed to investors in the Fund (which could result in income tax payable by the investor) that might not have occurred or might have occurred at a later date.

For the amounts held by and the changes thereto during the period pertaining to Series O and/or Series Private Wealth, please refer to the amounts disclosed in the Statements of Financial Position and Statements of Changes in Financial Position.

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#### 8. Financial Instruments Risk (cont'd)

#### (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. Note 10 (c) summarizes the Fund's exposure, if applicable and significant, to credit risk through fixed income instruments. Where presented, credit ratings and rating categories are based on ratings issued by a designated rating organization.

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 may enter into securities lending transactions with counterparties and it may also be exposed to credit risk from the counterparties to the derivative instruments it may use. Credit risk associated with these transactions is considered minimal as all counterparties have an approved credit rating equivalent to a Standard & Poor's credit rating of not less than A-1 (low) on their short-term debt and of A on their long-term debt, as applicable.

#### (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

Note 10 (c) indicates the foreign currencies, if applicable, to which the Fund had significant exposure, in Canadian dollar terms, to the Fund's net assets had the Canadian dollar strengthened or weakened by 5% relative to all foreign currencies, all other variables held constant. 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 generally 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.

If significant, Note 10 (c) summarizes the Fund's bonds by remaining term to maturity and illustrates the potential impact to the Fund's net assets 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.

Cash and cash equivalents are short term in nature and are not generally subject to significant amounts of interest rate risk.

#### (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 10 (c) illustrates the potential increase or decrease in the Fund's net assets 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.

### 9. Foreign currency abbreviations

Currency Code	Description	Currency Code	Description	Currency Code	Description
AUD	Australian dollars	HUG	Hungarian forint	PKR	Pakistani rupee
AED	United Arab Emirates Dirham	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	PLN	Polish zloty
BRL	Brazilian real	ILS	Israeli shekel	QAR	Qatar Rial
CAD	Canadian dollars	INR	Indian rupee	RON	Romanian leu
CHF	Swiss franc	JPY	Japanese yen	RUB	Russian ruble
CLP	Chilean peso	KOR	South Korean won	SAR	Saudi riyal
CNY	Chinese yuan	MXN	Mexican peso	SEK	Swedish krona
CZK	Czech koruna	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	SGD	Singapore dollars
DKK	Danish krone	NGN	Nigerian naira	THB	Thailand baht
EGP	Egyptian pound	NOK	Norwegian krona	TRL	Turkish lira
EUR	Euro	NTD	New Taiwan dollar	USD	United States dollars
GBP	United Kingdom pounds	NXD	New Zealand dollars	VND	Vietnamese dong
GHS	Ghana Cedi	PEN	Peruvian nuevo sol	ZAR	South African rand
HKD	Hong Kong dollars	PHP	Philippine peso	ZMW	Zambian kwacha

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- 10. Fund Specific Information (in '000, except for (a))
- (a) Fund Formation and Series Information

Series	Inception/ Reinstatement Date	Minimum Investment (\$)	Management fee (%) <sup>6</sup>	Administration fee (%) 6
Series A <sup>1</sup>	May 27, 2005	1,000	2.00	0.25
Series F <sup>2</sup>	February 13, 2006	1,000	1.00	0.15
Series I <sup>2,3,6</sup>	March 1, 2006	1,000	-	0.15
Series 0 <sup>4</sup>	June 6, 2005	-	-	-
Series Private Wealth 5	January 7, 2009	_	_	0.15

- Series A is 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 4.0% (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 was increased from 1.95% and the administration fee was reduced from 0.31%.
- 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 fee was reduced from 1.10% (including Series I management fee which is charged directly to investors).
- The management fee for this series is 1.00% and is payable directly to Counsel generally through the monthly redemption of securities.
- There are no management or administration fees for this series since these securities are designed to facilitate fund-of-fund investing where duplication of management fees is prohibited.
- 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.
- 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.
- (b) Investment Objectives and Strategies

The Fund seeks long-term growth of capital by investing primarily in Canadian, U.S. and international small-capitalization equities.

(c) Risks Associated with Financial Instruments

i. Currency Risk

The tables below summarize the Fund's exposure to currency risk.

			Septem	ber 30, 2023				
						Impact on	net assets	
		Cash and Cash	Derivative	_	Strengthene	d by 5%	Weakened	l by 5%
Currency	Investments (\$)	Equivalents (\$)	Instruments (\$)	Net Exposure (\$)	(\$)	%	(\$)	%
USD	107,891	1	_	107,892				
INR	22,806	_	_	22,806				
JPY	16,717	(83)	_	16,634				
NTD	8,860	_	_	8,860				
EUR	4,190	_	_	4,190				
GBP	2,858	_	(714)	2,144				
AUD	2,542	(402)	_	2,140				
Total	165,864	(484)	(714)	164,666				
% of Net Assets				89.8				
Total currency rate ser	nsitivity				(8,233)	(4.5)	8,233	4.5

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

March 31, 2023

				,				
					net assets	assets		
	Investments	Cash and Cash Equivalents	Derivative Instruments	Net Exposure	Strengthene	d by 5%	Weakened	by 5%
Currency	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	%	(\$)	%
USD	116,727	223	_	116,950				
INR	20,197	_	_	20,197				
JPY	17,303	(125)	_	17,178				
NTD	14,060	_	_	14,060				
EUR	5,491	_	_	5,491				
AUD	3,574	_	_	3,574				
GBP	3,359	_	(407)	2,952				
Total	180,711	98	(407)	180,402				
% of Net Assets				90.2				
Total currency rate sens	itivity				(9,020)	(4.5)	9,020	4.5

The Fund follows a dynamic hedging strategy where it targets a hedge against foreign currencies, based on Counsel's expectation of future exchange rates at that time. As of September 30, 2023, the Fund had target hedges of 0.0% (March 31, 2023 - 0.0%) against the USD, 0.0% (March 31, 2023 - 0.0%) against the EUR, and 25.0% (March 31, 2023 - 12.5%) against the GBP.

ii. Interest Rate Risk

As at September 30, 2023 and March 31, 2023, the Fund did not have a significant exposure to interest rate risk related to fixed income investments.

iii. Other Price Risk

	Increased by 10%		Decreased by 10%		
Impact on net assets	(\$)	(%)	(\$)	(%)	
September 30, 2023	18,305	10.0	(18,305)	(10.0)	
March 31, 2023	20,003	10.0	(20,003)	(10.0)	

iv. Credit Risk

As at September 30, 2023 and March 31, 2023, the Fund did not have a significant exposure to credit risk related to fixed income investments.

#### (d) Loss Carryforwards

Non-Capital Losses  carryforward (\$)  Net Capital Losses  carryforward (\$)
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#### (e) Fair Value Classification

The tables below summarize the fair value of the Fund's investments using the fair value categories described in Note 3.

		September 30, 2023				March 31, 2023			
	Level 1 (\$)	Level 2 (\$)	Level 3 (\$)	Total (\$)	Level 1 (\$)	Level 2 (\$)	Level 3 (\$)	Total (\$)	
Fixed income	_	-	_	_	_	-	-	_	
Exchange Traded Funds	625	_	_	625	651	_	_	651	
Equities	124,448	57,973	_	182,421	135,397	63,984	_	199,381	
Cash equivalents	_	229	_	229	_	434	_	434	
Derivative assets	_	19	_	19	_	3	_	3	
Derivative liabilities	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	
Total	125,073	58,221	_	183,294	136,048	64,421	_	200,469	

The Fund's policy is to recognize transfers into and transfers out of fair value hierarchy levels as of the date of the event or change in circumstances that caused the transfer.

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

In accordance with the Fund's valuation policy, the Fund applies fair value adjustment factors to the quoted market prices for overseas equities when North American intraday stock market movements exceed predetermined tolerances. The adjustment factors are applied in order to estimate the impact on fair values of events occurring between the close of the overseas stock markets and the close of business for the Fund, where applicable. Consequently, during the year, overseas equities frequently transferred between Level 1 (unadjusted quoted market prices) and Level 2 (adjusted market prices). As of September 30, 2023, these securities were classified as Level 2 (March 31, 2023 – Level 2). Other than as described above, there were no significant transfers between Level 1 and Level 2.

Cash equivalents classified as level 2 investments are valued based on amortized cost plus accrued interest which closely approximates fair value.

#### (f) Commissions

	(\$)
September 30, 2023	12
September 30, 2022	17

#### (g) Securities Lending

	September 30, 2023	March 31, 2023
	(\$)	(\$)
Value of securities loaned	7,835	21,999
Value of collateral received	8,233	23,346

	Septembe	er 30, 2023	Septembe	er 30, 2022
	(\$)	(%)	(\$)	(%)
Gross securities lending income	28	100.0	54	100.0
Tax withheld	(1)	(3.5)	(4)	(7.4)
	27	96.5	50	92.6
Payments to Securities Lending Agent	(5)	(17.9)	(9)	(16.7)
Securities lending income	22	78.6	41	75.9

### (h) Offsetting of Financial Assets and Liabilities

The tables below present the recognized financial assets and financial liabilities that are subject to master netting arrangements or other similar agreements and the net impact on the Fund's Statements of Financial Position if all set-off rights were exercised as part of future events such as bankruptcy or termination of contracts. No amounts were offset in the financial statements.

		September 30, 2023				
	Gross amount of assets/liabilities (\$)	Amount available for offset (\$)	Margin (\$)	Net amount (\$)		
Unrealized gains on derivative contracts	19	_	_	19		
Unrealized losses on derivative contracts	_	-	_	-		
Total	19	-	_	19		

	March 31, 2023					
	Gross amount of assets/liabilities (\$)	Amount available for offset (\$)	Margin (\$)	Net amount (\$)		
Unrealized gains on derivative contracts	3	_	_	3		
Unrealized losses on derivative contracts	_	_	_	_		
Total	3	_	_	3		