

## **Interim Management Report of Fund Performance**

*For the Period Ended September 30, 2023*

### Fund Manager

Counsel Portfolio Services Inc.

### Sub-advisor

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## Management Discussion of Fund Performance

November 13, 2023

This Management Discussion of Fund Performance presents the views of Counsel Portfolio Services Inc. (“Counsel”) on the significant factors and developments during the period ended September 30, 2023 that have affected the Fund’s performance and outlook. For information on the Fund’s longer-term performance, please refer to the *Past Performance* section of the report.

In addition, net asset value (NAV) refers to the value of the Fund or a series, as calculated for transaction purposes, on which the discussion of Fund performance is based.

## Results of Operations

### Investment Performance

The performance of the Fund’s Series A securities is discussed below. The performance of all other series offered by the Fund is shown in the *Past Performance* section of this report. Where series returns differ, it is primarily because different levels of fees and expenses were charged to each series, or because securities of a series were not issued and outstanding for the entire reporting period. Please refer to the *Series Information* section of this report for the varying management and administration fees payable by series.

During six-month period, the Fund’s Series A securities returned 0.29% (after deducting fees and expenses). This compares with a –1.13% return of the broad-based S&P/TSX Composite Total Return Index and a –0.63% return of the style-based MSCI Canada Growth Index. All index and series returns are calculated on a total return basis in Canadian dollar terms. Investors cannot invest in an index without incurring fees, expenses, and commissions, none of which are reflected in the index returns.

Canadian equities declined over the period, driven lower by rising interest rates and slowing economic growth. Elevated inflation persisted, which prompted the Bank of Canada to raise its policy interest rate. Canadian energy equities benefited from the production cuts made by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, which kept energy prices relatively high. The labour market was robust but showed signs of softening as the period progressed. Within the S&P/TSX Composite Index, Healthcare, Energy and Information Technology were the strongest sectors, while Communication Services, Utilities and Materials were the weakest.

The broad-based index is designed to measure the performance of the overall Canadian equity market, whereas the Fund invests with a focus on growth-oriented equities. Given the Fund’s composition, the style-based index provides a more meaningful comparison for relative performance. The Fund outperformed the broad-based and style-based indices primarily due to overweight allocation to Energy and security selection in the Utilities and Financials sectors.

### Net Assets

The Fund’s NAV increased by \$5.6 million, or 5.4%, to \$109.8 million as at September 30, 2023, from \$104.2 million as at March 31, 2023. Of this increase, \$4.2 million was attributable to net sales and \$1.4 million to investment performance (after deducting fees and expenses).

### Fees and Expenses

The annualized management expense ratios (“MER”) for Series A and F during the period ended September 30, 2023, were lower than the MER for the year ended March 31, 2023. Total expenses paid may also vary from period to period mainly as a result of changes in average assets in each series. The MERs decreased due to management fee reductions as noted in the *Series Information* section of the report. The MERs for all series (before and after waivers or absorptions, if any) are presented in the *Financial Highlights* section of this report.

## Recent Developments

The sub-advisor believes economic indicators continue to flash warning signs for the road ahead. Historical markers such as the continued inverted yield curve and diminishing industrial production seem to continue to hint at a recessionary trajectory that is further reinforced by tightening corporate lending standards across many developed markets. The sub-advisor acknowledges the U.S. economy remains resilient relative to Canada and to other global peers, likely dodging the recession calls from earlier this year due to tailwinds such as low corporate bankruptcy, resilient consumers, and continued fiscal spending. The U.S. Federal Reserve’s commitment to “higher for longer” has led to a stronger U.S. dollar which, in the sub-advisor’s view, further increases the probability of a financial market accident. Given the sub-advisor’s view on equities, at this time they are currently waiting for better opportunities in Canada before increasing equity market risk.

On April 3, 2023, The Canada Life Assurance Company announced an agreement to acquire Investment Planning Counsel Inc. (the parent company of Counsel). The transaction is expected to be completed prior to the end of 2023. During the initial period following completion of the transaction, Counsel will continue to operate as manager of the Counsel Funds and no material changes to the Fund’s operations are expected. However, there will be changes to the membership of the Fund’s Independent Review Committee and Counsel’s Board of Directors in connection with the completion of the transaction.

## Related Party Transactions

### Management Fees

The management fee for each applicable series is calculated and accrued daily as a percentage of its NAV. The Fund’s management fees were used by the Manager to pay for: costs of managing the investment portfolio; providing investment analysis and recommendations; making investment decisions; the purchase and sale of the investment portfolio; and providing other services. The Manager also used the management fees to fund trailing commissions and other compensation (collectively, “Distribution Related Payments”) paid to registered dealers and brokers whose clients invest in the Fund.

The following dealers affiliated with Counsel may be entitled to Distribution Related Payments from Counsel on the same basis as unrelated registered brokers and dealers: IPC Securities Corporation, Investors Group Securities Inc., IPC Investment Corporation, Investors Group Financial Services Inc., and Quadrus Investment Services Ltd.

Counsel used approximately 41% of the total management fee revenues received from all Counsel funds to fund Distribution Related Payments to registered dealers and brokers. In comparison, such Distribution Related Payments for the Fund represented 42% of the management fees paid. This amount is an average percentage of the management fees paid by all series. The actual percentage for each series may be higher or lower than the average depending on the level of trailing commissions paid for that series.

### Management and Administration Services

For each applicable series, the Fund paid management fees and administration fees to Counsel at the annual rates specified under *Series Information* in this report and as more fully described in the Simplified Prospectus. In return for the administration fees, Counsel pays all costs and expenses (other than certain specified fund costs) required to operate the Fund. See also *Management Fees*.

### Other Related Party Transactions

Other investment funds managed by Counsel (“Top Funds”) 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 are issued on a prospectus-exempt basis to investors in discretionary managed account programs

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offered by IPC Securities Corporation, an affiliate of Counsel. During the period, the Fund relied on standing instructions from the Counsel Funds' Independent Review Committee ("IRC") with regards to asset re-allocations. At September 30, 2023, Top Funds owned 67.8% of the Fund's NAV and Series Private Wealth investors owned 18.3% of the Fund's NAV. As of September 30, 2023, Counsel had not received notice of any large redemptions. All related party transactions are based on the NAV per security on each transaction day.

During the period, the Fund did not rely on an approval, positive recommendation, or standing instruction from the Counsel Funds' Independent Review Committee ("IRC") with respect to any related party transactions.

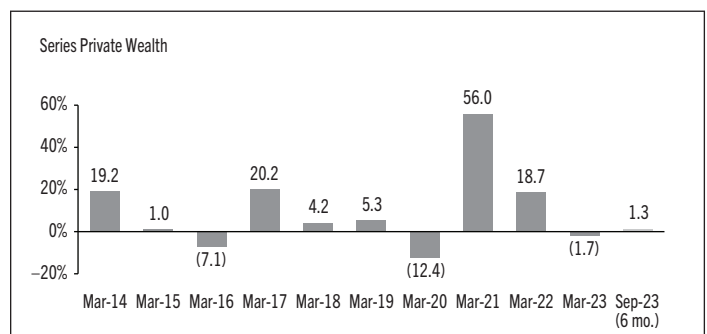
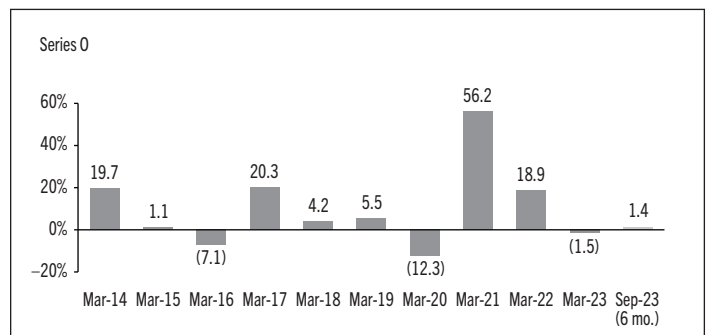
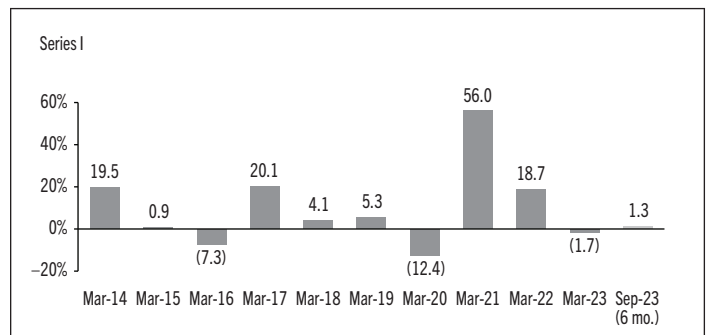
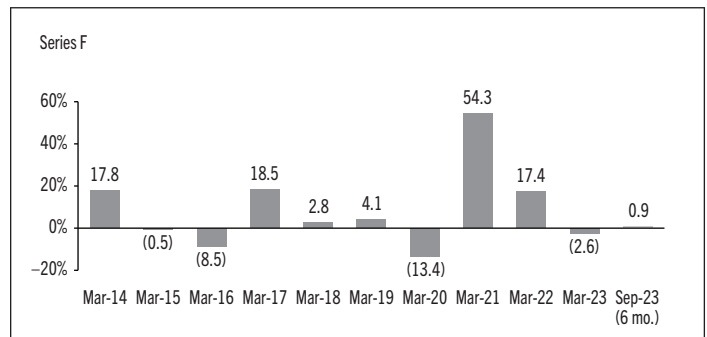
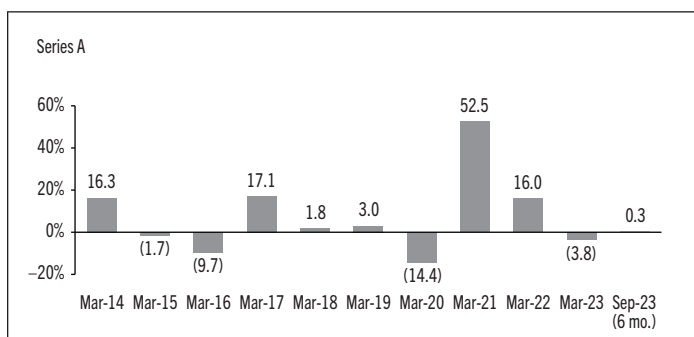
## Past Performance

The indicated rates of return are the historical annual compound total returns, including changes in NAV per security and assuming reinvestment of all distributions. They do not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or optional sales charges, management fees directly payable by investors or income taxes payable by any investor that would have reduced returns. Returns for each series primarily differ because fees and expenses vary for each series. Please refer to *Series Information* for further information. The past performance of the Fund is not necessarily an indication of how it will perform in the future.

If you hold this Fund outside of a registered plan, income and capital gains distributions paid to you increase your income for tax purposes, whether paid in cash or reinvested in additional securities. The amount of reinvested taxable distributions is added to the adjusted cost base of the securities that you own. This would decrease your capital gain or increase your capital loss when you later redeem from the Fund, thereby ensuring that you are not taxed on this amount again. Please consult your tax advisor regarding your personal tax situation.

## Year-by-Year Returns

The bar charts show how much an investment made on the first day of each financial year would have increased or decreased by the end of the respective periods. For the first year of a series, the percentage shown will be the actual return of the series from its inception date, which can be found under *Series Information*. The charts illustrate how the Fund's performance has changed over time.



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## Summary of Investment Portfolio

at September 30, 2023

EFFECTIVE ASSET TYPE	% OF NAV
Equities	92.7
Exchange-traded funds	3.7
Cash and cash equivalents	2.5
Other	1.1

EFFECTIVE SECTOR ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Financials	29.7
Energy	14.7
Industrials	14.2
Information technology	11.8
Materials	9.9
Utilities	4.9
Consumer discretionary	4.1
Consumer staples	2.7
Communication services	1.8
Real estate	1.6
Health care	1.0
Cash and cash equivalents	2.5
Other	1.1

EFFECTIVE COUNTRY ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Canada	87.8
United States	7.0
Zambia	2.0
Australia	0.7
Cash and cash equivalents	2.5

*The effective allocation shows the country and sector exposure of the Fund calculated by combining its direct and indirect investments through exchange traded funds.*

TOP 25 POSITIONS	% OF NAV
<b>Issuer/Underlying Fund</b>	
Royal Bank of Canada	6.1
Canadian Pacific Kansas City Ltd.	4.8
Bank of Montreal	4.7
The Toronto-Dominion Bank	3.7
Element Fleet Management Corp.	3.1
Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.	2.9
Enbridge Inc.	2.8
Sun Life Financial Inc.	2.7
Waste Connections Inc.	2.7
Shopify Inc.	2.5
Cash and cash equivalents	2.5
AltaGas Ltd.	2.3
Constellation Software Inc.	2.2
MEG Energy Corp.	2.2
BMO Equal Weight Banks Index ETF	2.2
Franco-Nevada Corp.	2.0
First Quantum Minerals Ltd.	2.0
WSP Global Inc.	1.8
Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd.	1.8
Thomson Reuters Corp.	1.6
Tourmaline Oil Corp.	1.6
Trisura Group Ltd.	1.5
Suncor Energy Inc.	1.5
iShares S&P/TSX 60 Index ETF	1.5
Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc.	1.4

<b>Top long positions as a percentage of total net asset value</b>	<b>64.1</b>
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## Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for each of the fiscal periods presented below. If during the period a fund or series was established or reinstated, "period" represents the period from inception to the end of that fiscal period. Series inception dates can be found under *Series Information*.

### NET ASSETS PER SECURITY (\$)¹

	Sep. 30	Mar. 31	Mar. 31	Mar. 31	Mar. 31	Mar. 31
Series A	2023	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
<b>Net assets, beginning of period</b>	20.02	20.87	18.30	12.00	14.22	13.81
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	0.26	0.59	0.43	0.36	0.31	0.30
Total expenses	(0.23)	(0.46)	(0.50)	(0.40)	(0.39)	(0.37)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.34	0.86	2.88	0.99	2.01	0.29
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.28)	(1.82)	0.11	5.35	(3.95)	0.19
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations²</b>	<b>0.09</b>	<b>(0.83)</b>	<b>2.92</b>	<b>6.30</b>	<b>(2.02)</b>	<b>0.41</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From income (excluding Canadian dividends)	-	-	-	-	-	-
From Canadian dividends	-	(0.07)	(0.36)	-	(0.23)	-
From capital gains	-	-	-	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions³</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(0.07)</b>	<b>(0.36)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(0.23)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net assets at period end</b>	<b>20.08</b>	<b>20.02</b>	<b>20.87</b>	<b>18.30</b>	<b>12.00</b>	<b>14.22</b>
	Sep. 30	Mar. 31	Mar. 31	Mar. 31	Mar. 31	Mar. 31
Series F	2023	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
<b>Net assets, beginning of period</b>	19.96	20.94	18.78	12.26	14.62	14.15
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	0.26	0.59	0.44	0.37	0.32	0.30
Total expenses	(0.11)	(0.22)	(0.27)	(0.22)	(0.22)	(0.22)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.32	0.84	2.96	1.27	2.08	0.30
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.28)	(1.83)	0.11	5.47	(4.05)	0.19
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations²</b>	<b>0.19</b>	<b>(0.62)</b>	<b>3.24</b>	<b>6.89</b>	<b>(1.87)</b>	<b>0.57</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From income (excluding Canadian dividends)	-	-	-	-	-	-
From Canadian dividends	(0.14)	(0.41)	(0.43)	(0.11)	(0.40)	(0.11)
From capital gains	-	-	(0.67)	-	(0.12)	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions³</b>	<b>(0.14)</b>	<b>(0.41)</b>	<b>(1.10)</b>	<b>(0.11)</b>	<b>(0.52)</b>	<b>(0.11)</b>
<b>Net assets at period end</b>	<b>20.01</b>	<b>19.96</b>	<b>20.94</b>	<b>18.78</b>	<b>12.26</b>	<b>14.62</b>

	Sep. 30	Mar. 31	Mar. 31	Mar. 31	Mar. 31	Mar. 31
Series I	2023	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
<b>Net assets, beginning of period</b>	19.52	20.57	18.74	12.26	14.80	14.36
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	0.26	0.58	0.44	0.37	0.32	0.31
Total expenses	(0.02)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.06)	(0.06)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.39	0.75	2.95	0.20	2.11	0.31
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.28)	(1.78)	0.11	5.44	(4.05)	0.19
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations²</b>	<b>0.35</b>	<b>(0.50)</b>	<b>3.45</b>	<b>5.96</b>	<b>(1.68)</b>	<b>0.75</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From income (excluding Canadian dividends)	-	-	-	-	-	-
From Canadian dividends	(0.25)	(0.58)	(0.40)	(0.31)	(0.46)	(0.31)
From capital gains	-	(0.08)	(1.23)	-	(0.44)	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions³</b>	<b>(0.25)</b>	<b>(0.66)</b>	<b>(1.63)</b>	<b>(0.31)</b>	<b>(0.90)</b>	<b>(0.31)</b>
<b>Net assets at period end</b>	<b>19.54</b>	<b>19.52</b>	<b>20.57</b>	<b>18.74</b>	<b>12.26</b>	<b>14.80</b>
	Sep. 30	Mar. 31	Mar. 31	Mar. 31	Mar. 31	Mar. 31
Series O	2023	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
<b>Net assets, beginning of period</b>	19.45	20.55	18.76	12.27	14.86	14.39
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	0.26	0.57	0.44	0.37	0.32	0.31
Total expenses	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.03)	(0.03)	(0.03)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.34	0.83	2.74	1.08	2.08	0.31
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.28)	(1.78)	0.11	5.42	(4.03)	0.20
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations²</b>	<b>0.31</b>	<b>(0.40)</b>	<b>3.27</b>	<b>6.84</b>	<b>(1.66)</b>	<b>0.79</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From income (excluding Canadian dividends)	-	(0.01)	-	(0.01)	-	(0.01)
From Canadian dividends	(0.27)	(0.53)	(0.41)	(0.34)	(0.45)	(0.28)
From capital gains	-	(0.20)	(1.30)	-	(0.49)	(0.03)
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions³</b>	<b>(0.27)</b>	<b>(0.74)</b>	<b>(1.71)</b>	<b>(0.35)</b>	<b>(0.94)</b>	<b>(0.32)</b>
<b>Net assets at period end</b>	<b>19.46</b>	<b>19.45</b>	<b>20.55</b>	<b>18.76</b>	<b>12.27</b>	<b>14.86</b>

- These calculations are prescribed by securities regulations and are not intended to be a reconciliation between opening and closing net assets per security. The information presented is derived from the Fund's financial statements prepared in accordance with IFRS. The net assets presented here in this table and in the financial statements may differ from the NAV; an explanation of these differences can be found in Note 3 of the Fund's Financial Statements.
- NAV and distributions per security figures are based on the actual number of securities outstanding at the relevant time. The increase (decrease) from operations is based on the weighted average number of securities outstanding over the financial period.
- Distributions were paid in cash, reinvested in additional securities of the Fund, or both.

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## THE FUND'S NET ASSETS PER SECURITY (\$) <sup>1</sup> (cont'd)

	Sep. 30 2023	Mar. 31 2023	Mar. 31 2022	Mar. 31 2021	Mar. 31 2020	Mar. 31 2019
<b>Series Private Wealth</b>						
<b>Net assets, beginning of period</b>	19.54	20.58	18.76	12.26	14.81	14.37
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	0.26	0.59	0.44	0.37	0.33	0.31
Total expenses	(0.02)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.06)	(0.06)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.11	1.71	2.89	0.85	2.11	0.31
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.28)	(1.82)	0.11	5.42	(4.06)	0.18
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	0.07	0.43	3.39	6.59	(1.68)	0.74
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From income (excluding Canadian dividends)	-	-	-	-	-	-
From Canadian dividends	(0.25)	(0.60)	(0.40)	(0.31)	(0.47)	(0.31)
From capital gains	-	(0.06)	(1.23)	-	(0.44)	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	(0.25)	(0.66)	(1.63)	(0.31)	(0.91)	(0.31)
<b>Net assets at period end</b>	19.55	19.54	20.58	18.76	12.26	14.81

## RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

	Sep. 30 2023	Mar. 31 2023	Mar. 31 2022	Mar. 31 2021	Mar. 31 2020	Mar. 31 2019
<b>Series A</b>						
Total net asset value (\$000's) <sup>1</sup>	7,359	8,550	10,176	8,473	5,356	7,284
Securities Outstanding (000's) <sup>1</sup>	366	427	487	463	447	512
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>2</sup>	2.26	2.30	2.43	2.41	2.40	2.39
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%) <sup>2</sup>	2.26	2.30	2.43	2.41	2.40	2.39
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>3</sup>	0.07	0.09	0.09	0.16	0.22	0.24
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>4</sup>	22.64	55.75	75.66	79.58	119.12	108.34
<b>Series F</b>						
Total net asset value (\$000's) <sup>1</sup>	5,721	5,793	6,003	3,913	2,892	3,980
Securities Outstanding (000's) <sup>1</sup>	286	290	287	208	236	272
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>2</sup>	1.02	1.08	1.25	1.24	1.24	1.29
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%) <sup>2</sup>	1.02	1.08	1.25	1.24	1.24	1.29
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>3</sup>	0.07	0.09	0.09	0.16	0.22	0.24
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>4</sup>	22.64	55.75	75.66	79.58	119.12	108.34
<b>Series I</b>						
Total net asset value (\$000's) <sup>1</sup>	2,201	1,963	2,765	2,484	348	328
Securities Outstanding (000's) <sup>1</sup>	113	101	134	133	28	22
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>2</sup>	0.17	0.18	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%) <sup>2</sup>	0.17	0.18	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>3</sup>	0.07	0.09	0.09	0.16	0.22	0.24
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>4</sup>	22.64	55.75	75.66	79.58	119.12	108.34
<b>Series O</b>						
Total net asset value (\$000's) <sup>1</sup>	74,512	77,241	113,688	104,840	55,349	123,960
Securities Outstanding (000's) <sup>1</sup>	3,829	3,971	5,534	5,588	4,513	8,343
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>2</sup>	0.01	0.02	0.01	-	-	-
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%) <sup>2</sup>	0.01	0.02	0.01	-	-	-
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>3</sup>	0.07	0.09	0.09	0.16	0.22	0.24
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>4</sup>	22.64	55.75	75.66	79.58	119.12	108.34

(1) This information is provided as at the end of the fiscal period shown.

(2) MER and MER before waivers or absorptions ("Gross MER") are based on total expenses (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of average daily NAV during the period. In the period a series is established, the MERs and Gross MERs are annualized from the date of inception to the end of the period. MER and Gross MER may be impacted by decreases and/or increases in management fees and/or administration fees as discussed under Series Information. Where the Fund invests in securities of an Underlying Fund, the MERs and Gross MERs presented for the Fund include the portion of MERs of the Underlying Fund(s) attributable to this investment.

(3) The trading expense ratio ("TER") represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs incurred as an annualized percentage of the daily average NAV during the period. Where the Fund invests in securities of an Underlying Fund, the TERs presented for the Fund include the portion of TERs of its Underlying Fund(s) attributable to this investment.

(4) The portfolio turnover rate ("PTR") indicates how actively the portfolio advisor manages the investments. A PTR of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the period. The higher PTR in a period, the greater the trading costs payable by the Fund in the period, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the period. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high PTR and the performance of the Fund. Costs incurred to realign the Fund's portfolio after a fund merger, if any, are excluded from the PTR.

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## RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA (cont'd)

	Sep. 30	Mar. 31	Mar. 31	Mar. 31	Mar. 31	Mar. 31
Series Private Wealth	2023	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total net asset value (\$000's) <sup>1</sup>	20,047	10,624	6,024	6,668	2,984	8,177
Securities Outstanding (000's) <sup>1</sup>	1,025	544	293	355	243	552
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>2</sup>	0.18	0.19	0.18	0.17	0.17	0.17
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%) <sup>2</sup>	0.18	0.19	0.18	0.17	0.17	0.17
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>3</sup>	0.07	0.09	0.09	0.16	0.22	0.24
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>4</sup>	22.64	55.75	75.66	79.58	119.12	108.34

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## Series Information

Series	Inception/ Reinstatement Date	Minimum Investment (\$)	Management fee (%) <sup>6</sup>	Administration fee (%) <sup>6</sup>
Series A <sup>1</sup>	January 7, 2009	1,000	1.75	0.25
Series F <sup>2</sup>	January 7, 2009	1,000	0.75	0.15
Series I <sup>2,3,6</sup>	January 7, 2009	1,000	–	0.15
Series O <sup>4</sup>	January 7, 2009	–	–	–
Series Private Wealth <sup>5</sup>	January 7, 2009	–	–	0.15

- (1) 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 reduced from 1.90%.
- (2) 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 0.95% (including Series I management fee which is charged directly to investors).
- (3) The management fee for this series is 0.75% and is payable directly to Counsel generally through the monthly redemption of securities.
- (4) 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.
- (5) 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.