

## **Annual Management Report of Fund Performance**

*For the Year Ended March 31, 2025*

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*Securityholders may also contact us using one of these methods to request a copy of the investment fund's interim financial report, proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record, or quarterly portfolio disclosure. For more information, please refer to the Fund's Simplified Prospectus and Fund Facts, which may also be obtained, at no cost, using any of the methods outlined above.*

*For the Fund's current net asset value per security for series available via prospectus and for more recent information on general market events, please visit our website.*

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## Management Discussion of Fund Performance

June 4, 2025

This Management Discussion of Fund Performance presents the portfolio management team's view on the significant factors and developments that have affected the performance and outlook of Counsel U.S. Growth (the "Fund") in the financial year ended March 31, 2025 (the "period"). If the Fund was established during the period, "period" represents the period since inception.

In this report, "CLIML" and "the Manager" refer to Canada Life Investment Management Ltd., which is an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of The Canada Life Assurance Company ("Canada Life"). From the beginning of the period until September 30, 2024, Counsel Portfolio Services Inc. ("Counsel") was the manager of the Fund. On October 1, 2024, Counsel was amalgamated with CLIML, whereupon CLIML, which is the amalgamated company, became the Fund's Manager. The Manager has entered into a fund administration agreement with Mackenzie Financial Corporation ("Mackenzie"), an affiliate of the Manager and Canada Life, for administrative services. In addition, net asset value ("NAV") refers to the value of the Fund as calculated for transaction purposes, on which the discussion of Fund performance is based.

Please read *A Note on Forward-Looking Statements* on the first page of this document.

### Investment Objective and Strategies

The Fund seeks long-term capital growth and to provide a reasonable rate of return by investing primarily in U.S. equity securities. The Fund's approach to investment selection is growth driven. The Fund may also invest in U.S. fixed income securities and equity and fixed income securities of issuers anywhere in the world depending upon prevailing market conditions.

### Risk

The risks of the Fund remain as discussed in the Fund's Simplified Prospectus.

The Fund is suitable for medium- to long-term investors looking for a U.S. equity fund to hold as part of their portfolio, who can handle the volatility of stock markets and who have a medium to high tolerance for risk.

### Results of Operations

#### Investment Performance

The performance of all series in the current and previous periods is shown in the *Past Performance* section of the report. Performance will vary by series primarily because fees and expenses differ between 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 each series. The following comparison to market indices is intended to help investors understand the Fund's performance relative to the general performance of the markets. However, the Fund's mandate may be different from that of the indices shown.

During the period, the Fund's Series A securities returned 15.6% (after deducting fees and expenses paid by the series). This compares with a return of 15.0% for the Fund's broad-based index, the S&P 500 Index, and a return of 14.4% for the Fund's narrow index, the Russell 1000 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, which are not reflected in the index returns.

U.S. equity markets rose over the period, bolstered by confidence in the economy and enthusiasm for artificial intelligence applications. However, equities fell from a peak in February 2025 amid concerns about the U.S. government's aggressive trade

policies. The U.S. Federal Reserve reduced its federal funds rate three times to a target range of 4.25%–4.50%, but the U.S. dollar remained strong as central banks in other countries instituted larger interest rate cuts. Currency movements boosted returns in Canadian dollar terms.

Within the Russell 1000 Growth Index, utilities, energy and financials were the best-performing sectors in Canadian dollar terms, while materials, health care and industrials were the weakest.

The Fund outperformed both the broad-based index and the narrow index, with stock selection in the industrials and communication services sectors contributing to performance. Stock selection in the information technology sector detracted from performance relative to both indices.

In geographic terms, holdings in Taiwan contributed to performance relative to both indices, while holdings in the Netherlands detracted from performance. Given the Fund's mandate, the return of the narrow index is a more meaningful comparison.

Relative to the narrow index, stock selection in the consumer staples sector also contributed to performance, while stock selection in the consumer discretionary sector also detracted from performance.

Over the period, the Fund's exposure to the financials sector increased, while exposure to the information technology and health care sectors decreased, based on the assessment of valuations and opportunities by the sub-advisor, Marsico Capital Management, LLC, and as a result of market movements. Changes to the portfolio included new positions in GE Vernova LLC, The Goldman Sachs Group Inc. and JPMorgan Chase & Co., and the elimination of the positions in Uber Technologies Inc., The Sherwin-Williams Co. and Toll Brothers Inc. The Fund's cash position was temporarily high at the end of the period, after the team trimmed some positions in response to uncertainty about U.S. tariff policies.

During the period, the U.S. dollar ("USD") appreciated 6.20% relative to the Canadian dollar ("CAD"), contributing to the Fund's performance. Selected hedging positions held against the USD slightly offset this impact. At period-end, the Fund had no hedging positions.

### Net Assets

The Fund's net assets increased by 6.1% during the period to \$241.9 million. This change was composed primarily of \$39.2 million in net income (including any interest and/or dividend income) from investment performance, after deducting fees and expenses, and a decrease of \$25.3 million due to net securityholder activity (including sales, redemptions and cash distributions).

### Fees and Expenses

The management expense ratio ("MER") for each series during the year ended March 31, 2025, was generally similar to the MER for the year ended March 31, 2024. Total expenses paid vary from period to period mainly as a result of changes in average assets in each series. The MERs for all series are presented in the *Financial Highlights* section of this report.

### Recent Developments

The sub-advisor views market volatility as an opportunity to enhance portfolio quality and long-term return potential. The Fund ended the period with overweight positions in the financials, communication services, industrials and consumer staples sectors, and underweight positions in the information technology and health care sectors, relative to the narrow index.

The Fund remains unhedged against foreign currencies. Currency hedging is dynamic and may vary between 0% and 100% at the Manager's discretion based on its assessment of currency market conditions.

Effective May 8, 2024, the Fund's risk rating was increased from "medium" to "medium to high."

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Effective October 1, 2024, the manager, trustee, portfolio manager and promoter of the Fund, Counsel, amalgamated with CLIML, whereupon the amalgamated company, named CLIML, continued to serve as the manager, trustee, portfolio manager and promoter of the Fund.

## 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 the costs of managing the investment portfolio, including providing investment analysis and recommendations, making investment decisions, making brokerage arrangements for the purchase and sale of the investment portfolio, and providing other services.

The Manager is responsible for paying certain administrative costs and all trailing commissions and any other compensation (collectively, "distribution-related payments") paid to registered dealers and brokers whose clients invest in the Fund. The following dealers affiliated with the Manager may be entitled to distribution-related payments from the Manager 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.

The Manager used approximately 40% of the total management fee revenues received from all funds managed by CLIML to fund distribution-related payments to registered dealers and brokers. In comparison, such distribution-related payments for the Fund represented on average 34% of the management fees paid by applicable series of the Fund during the period. 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. The lower proportion of distribution-related payments is primarily attributable to the higher proportion of retail investors in series that do not pay a trailer fee compared to other funds managed by the Manager.

### Management and Administration Services

For each applicable series, the Fund paid management fees and administration fees to the Manager 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, the Manager pays all costs and expenses (other than certain specified fund costs) required to operate the Fund that are not included in the management fees. See also *Management Fees*.

### Other Related Party Transactions

Series Private Wealth securities are issued on a prospectus-exempt basis to investors in discretionary managed account programs offered by IPC Securities Corporation, an affiliate of the Manager. As a result of these investments, the Fund is subject to large transaction risk as discussed in its Simplified Prospectus. The Manager manages this risk to reduce the possibility of any adverse effect on the Fund or on its investors, through such processes as requiring advance notice of large redemptions. At March 31, 2025, Series Private Wealth investors owned 22.1% of the Fund's NAV. As of March 31, 2025, the Manager had not received notice of any large redemptions. All related party transactions are based on the NAV per security on each transaction day.

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

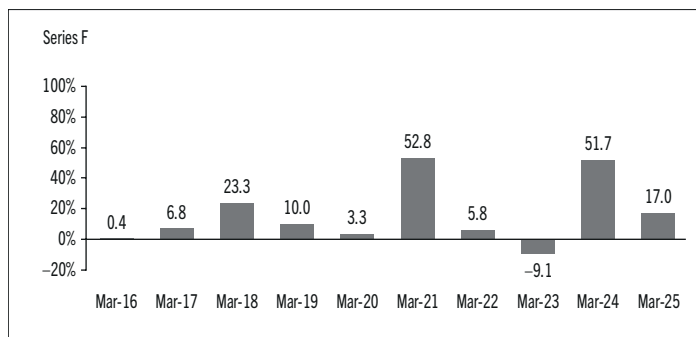
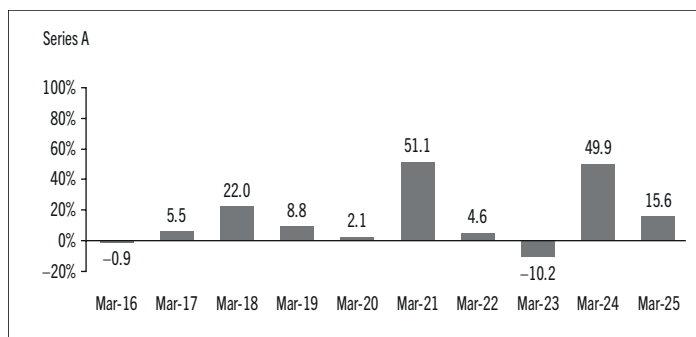
## Past Performance

The Fund's performance information assumes all distributions made by the Fund in the periods presented are reinvested in additional securities of the relevant series of the Fund. The performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges, or income taxes payable by any investor that would have reduced returns or performance. 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 to you in cash or reinvested in additional securities of the Fund. 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.

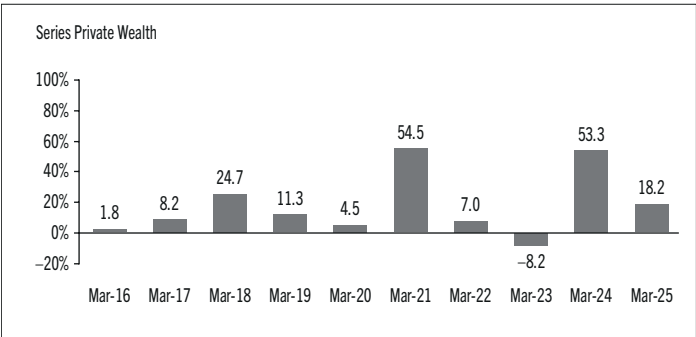
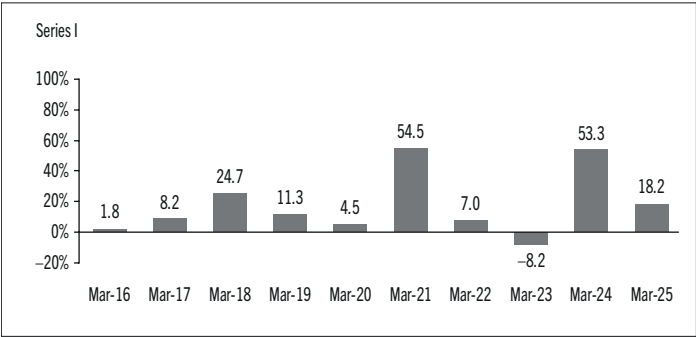
## Year-by-Year Returns

The following bar charts present the performance of each series of the Fund for each of the fiscal periods shown. The charts show, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of each fiscal period, or on the series inception or reinstatement date, as applicable, would have increased or decreased by the last day of the fiscal period presented. Series inception or reinstatement dates can be found under *Series Information*.



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## Annual Compound Returns

The following table compares the historical annual compound total returns for each series of the Fund with the relevant index or indices shown below for each of the periods ended March 31, 2025. Investors cannot invest in an index without incurring fees, expenses and commissions, which are not reflected in these performance figures.

All index returns are calculated in Canadian dollars on a total return basis, meaning that all dividend payments, interest income accruals and interest payments are reinvested.

| Percentage Return: <sup>1</sup> | 1<br>Yr | 3<br>Yr | 5<br>Yr | 10<br>Yr | Since<br>Inception <sup>2</sup> |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|----------|---------------------------------|
| Series A                        | 15.6    | 15.9    | 19.7    | 13.3     | n/a                             |
| Series F                        | 17.0    | 17.3    | 21.1    | 14.6     | n/a                             |
| Series I                        | 18.2    | 18.5    | 22.4    | 16.0     | n/a                             |
| Series Private Wealth           | 18.2    | 18.5    | 22.4    | 16.0     | n/a                             |
| S&P 500 Index*                  | 15.0    | 14.3    | 19.1    | 13.9     | n/a                             |
| Russell 1000 Growth Index       | 14.4    | 15.4    | 20.6    | 16.6     | n/a                             |

\* Broad-based index

The S&P 500 Index is a market capitalization weighted index of 500 widely held securities, designed to measure broad U.S. equity performance.

The Russell 1000 Growth Index measures the performance of those companies in the Russell 1000 Index with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The Russell 1000 Index measures the performance of the large-cap segment of the U.S. equity universe and consists of the 1,000 largest companies in the Russell 3000 Index.

- (1) The percentage return differs for each series because the management fee rate and expenses differ for each series.
- (2) The return since inception for each series will differ when the inception date differs and is only provided when a series has been active for a period of less than 10 years.

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## Summary of Investment Portfolio at March 31, 2025

| PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION       | % OF NAV |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Equities                   | 89.3     |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | 10.6     |
| Other assets (liabilities) | 0.1      |

| REGIONAL ALLOCATION        | % OF NAV |
|----------------------------|----------|
| United States              | 81.5     |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | 10.6     |
| Taiwan                     | 4.5      |
| Netherlands                | 3.3      |
| Other assets (liabilities) | 0.1      |

| SECTOR ALLOCATION          | % OF NAV |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Information technology     | 31.7     |
| Communication services     | 17.6     |
| Consumer discretionary     | 14.4     |
| Financials                 | 12.6     |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | 10.6     |
| Industrials                | 8.0      |
| Consumer staples           | 5.0      |
| Other assets (liabilities) | 0.1      |

| TOP 25 POSITIONS  | % OF NAV |
|---|----------|
| Issuer  |          |
| Cash and cash equivalents                                   | 10.6     |
| Amazon.com Inc.   | 9.7      |
| Microsoft Corp.   | 8.4      |
| Meta Platforms Inc.   | 8.0      |
| Apple Inc.  | 5.3      |
| Costco Wholesale Corp.                                      | 5.0      |
| General Electric Co.  | 5.0      |
| Netflix Inc.  | 4.6      |
| Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Ltd.                 | 4.5      |
| NVIDIA Corp.  | 4.0      |
| Visa Inc.   | 3.6      |
| The Goldman Sachs Group Inc.                                | 3.5      |
| JPMorgan Chase & Co.  | 3.4      |
| Synopsys Inc.   | 3.4      |
| ASML Holding NV   | 3.3      |
| Chipotle Mexican Grill Inc.                                 | 3.2      |
| GE Vernova LLC  | 3.0      |
| ServiceNow Inc.   | 3.0      |
| Alphabet Inc.   | 2.8      |
| TKO Group Holdings Inc.                                     | 2.1      |
| KKR & Co. LP  | 2.1      |
| Starbucks Corp.   | 1.4      |
| Top long positions as a percentage of total net asset value | 99.9     |

The Fund held no short positions at the end of the period.

The investments and percentages may have changed since March 31, 2025, due to the ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund. Quarterly updates of holdings are available within 60 days of the end of each quarter except for March 31, the Fund's fiscal year-end, when they are available within 90 days. The quarterly updates are available by visiting [www.counselportfolios.ca](http://www.counselportfolios.ca).

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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 (\$)<sup>1</sup>

| Series A   | Mar. 31<br>2025 | Mar. 31<br>2024 | Mar. 31<br>2023 | Mar. 31<br>2022 | Mar. 31<br>2021 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Net assets, beginning of period</b>                       | <b>56.82</b>    | <b>37.90</b>    | <b>42.22</b>    | <b>40.34</b>    | <b>26.70</b>    |
| <b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>                  |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Total revenue  | 0.31            | 0.34            | 0.38            | 0.21            | 0.17            |
| Total expenses   | (1.58)          | (1.09)          | (0.88)          | (1.09)          | (0.92)          |
| Realized gains (losses) for the period                       | 15.42           | 12.28           | (1.31)          | 2.26            | 4.33            |
| Unrealized gains (losses) for the period                     | (4.54)          | 7.27            | (2.62)          | 0.36            | 8.58            |
| <b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b> | <b>9.61</b>     | <b>18.80</b>    | <b>(4.43)</b>   | <b>1.74</b>     | <b>12.16</b>    |
| <b>Distributions:</b>  |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| From net investment income (excluding Canadian dividends)    | —               | —               | —               | —               | —               |
| From Canadian dividends                                      | —               | —               | —               | —               | —               |
| From capital gains   | —               | —               | —               | —               | —               |
| Return of capital  | —               | —               | —               | —               | —               |
| <b>Total annual distributions<sup>3</sup></b>                | <b>—</b>        | <b>—</b>        | <b>—</b>        | <b>—</b>        | <b>—</b>        |
| <b>Net assets, end of period</b>                             | <b>65.67</b>    | <b>56.82</b>    | <b>37.90</b>    | <b>42.22</b>    | <b>40.34</b>    |
| Series F   | Mar. 31<br>2025 | Mar. 31<br>2024 | Mar. 31<br>2023 | Mar. 31<br>2022 | Mar. 31<br>2021 |
| <b>Net assets, beginning of period</b>                       | <b>64.21</b>    | <b>42.32</b>    | <b>46.57</b>    | <b>44.01</b>    | <b>28.81</b>    |
| <b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>                  |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Total revenue  | 0.35            | 0.37            | 0.42            | 0.23            | 0.18            |
| Total expenses   | (0.88)          | (0.60)          | (0.50)          | (0.64)          | (0.54)          |
| Realized gains (losses) for the period                       | 14.61           | 13.21           | (0.60)          | 2.15            | 4.21            |
| Unrealized gains (losses) for the period                     | (5.18)          | 7.99            | (2.91)          | 0.39            | 9.29            |
| <b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b> | <b>8.90</b>     | <b>20.97</b>    | <b>(3.59)</b>   | <b>2.13</b>     | <b>13.14</b>    |
| <b>Distributions:</b>  |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| From net investment income (excluding Canadian dividends)    | —               | —               | —               | —               | —               |
| From Canadian dividends                                      | —               | —               | —               | —               | —               |
| From capital gains   | —               | —               | —               | —               | —               |
| Return of capital  | —               | —               | —               | —               | —               |
| <b>Total annual distributions<sup>3</sup></b>                | <b>—</b>        | <b>—</b>        | <b>—</b>        | <b>—</b>        | <b>—</b>        |
| <b>Net assets, end of period</b>                             | <b>75.14</b>    | <b>64.21</b>    | <b>42.32</b>    | <b>46.57</b>    | <b>44.01</b>    |

| Series I   | Mar. 31<br>2025 | Mar. 31<br>2024 | Mar. 31<br>2023 | Mar. 31<br>2022 | Mar. 31<br>2021 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Net assets, beginning of period</b>                       | <b>68.48</b>    | <b>44.78</b>    | <b>48.97</b>    | <b>45.75</b>    | <b>29.95</b>    |
| <b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>                  |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Total revenue  | 0.37            | 0.40            | 0.44            | 0.24            | 0.19            |
| Total expenses   | (0.15)          | (0.10)          | (0.09)          | (0.10)          | (0.08)          |
| Realized gains (losses) for the period                       | 19.65           | 14.25           | (0.12)          | 2.45            | 5.59            |
| Unrealized gains (losses) for the period                     | (5.52)          | 8.56            | (3.07)          | 0.41            | 9.75            |
| <b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b> | <b>14.35</b>    | <b>23.11</b>    | <b>(2.84)</b>   | <b>3.00</b>     | <b>15.45</b>    |
| <b>Distributions:</b>  |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| From net investment income (excluding Canadian dividends)    | —               | (0.11)          | (0.17)          | —               | (0.01)          |
| From Canadian dividends                                      | —               | —               | —               | —               | —               |
| From capital gains   | —               | —               | —               | —               | (0.52)          |
| Return of capital  | —               | —               | —               | —               | —               |
| <b>Total annual distributions<sup>3</sup></b>                | <b>—</b>        | <b>(0.11)</b>   | <b>(0.17)</b>   | <b>—</b>        | <b>(0.53)</b>   |
| <b>Net assets, end of period</b>                             | <b>80.95</b>    | <b>68.48</b>    | <b>44.78</b>    | <b>48.97</b>    | <b>45.75</b>    |
| Series O   | Mar. 31<br>2025 | Mar. 31<br>2024 | Mar. 31<br>2023 | Mar. 31<br>2022 | Mar. 31<br>2021 |
| <b>Net assets, beginning of period</b>                       | <b>n/a</b>      | <b>n/a</b>      | <b>46.22</b>    | <b>43.13</b>    | <b>28.22</b>    |
| <b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>                  |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Total revenue  | n/a             | n/a             | 0.41            | 0.22            | 0.18            |
| Total expenses   | n/a             | n/a             | (0.02)          | (0.01)          | (0.01)          |
| Realized gains (losses) for the period                       | n/a             | n/a             | (0.81)          | 3.25            | 5.98            |
| Unrealized gains (losses) for the period                     | n/a             | n/a             | (2.89)          | 0.39            | 9.09            |
| <b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b> | <b>n/a</b>      | <b>n/a</b>      | <b>(3.31)</b>   | <b>3.85</b>     | <b>15.24</b>    |
| <b>Distributions:</b>  |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| From net investment income (excluding Canadian dividends)    | n/a             | n/a             | (0.29)          | (0.02)          | (0.03)          |
| From Canadian dividends                                      | n/a             | n/a             | —               | —               | —               |
| From capital gains   | n/a             | n/a             | —               | —               | (0.53)          |
| Return of capital  | n/a             | n/a             | —               | —               | —               |
| <b>Total annual distributions<sup>3</sup></b>                | <b>n/a</b>      | <b>n/a</b>      | <b>(0.29)</b>   | <b>(0.02)</b>   | <b>(0.56)</b>   |
| <b>Net assets, end of period</b>                             | <b>n/a</b>      | <b>n/a</b>      | <b>42.20</b>    | <b>46.22</b>    | <b>43.13</b>    |

(1) These calculations are prescribed by securities regulations and are not intended to be a reconciliation between opening and closing net assets per security. This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements. The net assets per security presented in the financial statements may differ from the net asset value per security calculated for fund pricing purposes. An explanation of these differences, if any, can be found in the *Notes to Financial Statements*.

(2) Net assets and distributions 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 fiscal period.

(3) 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 (\$)¹ (cont'd)

|   | Mar. 31<br>2025 | Mar. 31<br>2024 | Mar. 31<br>2023 | Mar. 31<br>2022 | Mar. 31<br>2021 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Series Private Wealth</b>                              |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Net assets, beginning of period                           | 68.68           | 44.91           | 49.12           | 45.89           | 30.04           |
| Increase (decrease) from operations:                      |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Total revenue   | 0.37            | 0.41            | 0.44            | 0.24            | 0.19            |
| Total expenses  | (0.15)          | (0.11)          | (0.10)          | (0.10)          | (0.08)          |
| Realized gains (losses) for the period                    | 19.69           | 14.54           | 1.73            | 2.12            | 5.18            |
| Unrealized gains (losses) for the period                  | (5.54)          | 8.77            | (3.09)          | 0.41            | 9.57            |
| <b>Total increase (decrease) from operations²</b>         | <b>14.37</b>    | <b>23.61</b>    | <b>(1.02)</b>   | <b>2.67</b>     | <b>14.86</b>    |
| Distributions:  |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| From net investment income (excluding Canadian dividends) | —               | (0.11)          | (0.17)          | —               | (0.01)          |
| From Canadian dividends                                   | —               | —               | —               | —               | —               |
| From capital gains  | —               | —               | —               | —               | (0.52)          |
| Return of capital   | —               | —               | —               | —               | —               |
| <b>Total annual distributions³</b>                        | <b>—</b>        | <b>(0.11)</b>   | <b>(0.17)</b>   | <b>—</b>        | <b>(0.53)</b>   |
| <b>Net assets, end of period</b>                          | <b>81.19</b>    | <b>68.68</b>    | <b>44.91</b>    | <b>49.12</b>    | <b>45.89</b>    |

## RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

|   | Mar. 31<br>2025 | Mar. 31<br>2024 | Mar. 31<br>2023 | Mar. 31<br>2022 | Mar. 31<br>2021 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Series A</b>   |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Total net asset value (\$000)¹                              | 53,317          | 53,083          | 37,423          | 43,164          | 39,869          |
| Securities outstanding (000)¹                               | 812             | 934             | 987             | 1,022           | 988             |
| Management expense ratio (%)²                               | 2.39            | 2.40            | 2.41            | 2.44            | 2.43            |
| Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)² | 2.40            | 2.40            | 2.41            | 2.44            | 2.43            |
| Trading expense ratio (%)³                                  | 0.01            | 0.02            | 0.05            | 0.02            | 0.02            |
| Portfolio turnover rate (%)⁴                                | 33.18           | 47.03           | 137.09          | 41.48           | 48.07           |
| Net asset value per security (\$)                           | 65.67           | 56.82           | 37.90           | 42.22           | 40.34           |
|   | Mar. 31<br>2025 | Mar. 31<br>2024 | Mar. 31<br>2023 | Mar. 31<br>2022 | Mar. 31<br>2021 |
| <b>Series F</b>   |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Total net asset value (\$000)¹                              | 71,779          | 49,854          | 35,825          | 34,703          | 28,548          |
| Securities outstanding (000)¹                               | 955             | 776             | 847             | 745             | 649             |
| Management expense ratio (%)²                               | 1.16            | 1.18            | 1.21            | 1.32            | 1.32            |
| Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)² | 1.18            | 1.18            | 1.21            | 1.32            | 1.32            |
| Trading expense ratio (%)³                                  | 0.01            | 0.02            | 0.05            | 0.02            | 0.02            |
| Portfolio turnover rate (%)⁴                                | 33.18           | 47.03           | 137.09          | 41.48           | 48.07           |
| Net asset value per security (\$)                           | 75.14           | 64.21           | 42.32           | 46.57           | 44.01           |
|   | Mar. 31<br>2025 | Mar. 31<br>2024 | Mar. 31<br>2023 | Mar. 31<br>2022 | Mar. 31<br>2021 |
| <b>Series I</b>   |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Total net asset value (\$000)¹                              | 63,424          | 69,924          | 53,372          | 50,485          | 43,295          |
| Securities outstanding (000)¹                               | 783             | 1,021           | 1,192           | 1,031           | 946             |
| Management expense ratio (%)²                               | 0.17            | 0.17            | 0.17            | 0.17            | 0.17            |
| Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)² | 0.17            | 0.17            | 0.17            | 0.17            | 0.17            |
| Trading expense ratio (%)³                                  | 0.01            | 0.02            | 0.05            | 0.02            | 0.02            |
| Portfolio turnover rate (%)⁴                                | 33.18           | 47.03           | 137.09          | 41.48           | 48.07           |
| Net asset value per security (\$)                           | 80.95           | 68.48           | 44.78           | 48.97           | 45.75           |

- (1) This information is provided as at the end of the fiscal period shown.
- (2) Management expense ratio ("MER") is based on total expenses, excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs, income taxes and withholding taxes, for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net assets during the period, except as noted. In the period a series is established, the MER is annualized from the date of inception to the end of the period. Where the Fund directly invests in securities of another fund (including exchange-traded funds or "ETFs"), the MERs presented for the Fund include the portion of MERs of the other fund(s) attributable to this investment. Any income distributions received from ETFs managed by affiliates of the Manager, with the intention of offsetting fees paid within those ETFs but which are not considered to be duplicative fees under regulatory requirements, are treated as waived expenses for MER purposes. The Manager may waive or absorb operating expenses at its discretion and stop waiving or absorbing such expenses at any time without notice.
- (3) The trading expense ratio ("TER") represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs incurred as an annualized percentage of daily average net assets during the period. Where the Fund invests in securities of another fund (including ETFs), the TERs presented for the Fund include the portion of TERs of the other fund(s) attributable to this investment.
- (4) The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio advisor manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate 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 the Fund's portfolio turnover rate 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 year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a fund. The portfolio turnover rate is not provided when the Fund is less than one year old. The value of any trades to realign the Fund's portfolio after a fund merger, if any, is excluded from the portfolio turnover rate.



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|  | Mar. 31<br>2025 | Mar. 31<br>2024 | Mar. 31<br>2023 | Mar. 31<br>2022 | Mar. 31<br>2021 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Series O</b>  |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Total net asset value (\$000) <sup>1</sup>                                 | n/a             | n/a             | 145,099         | 177,105         | 188,310         |
| Securities outstanding (000) <sup>1</sup>                                  | n/a             | n/a             | 3,438           | 3,831           | 4,367           |
| Management expense ratio (%) <sup>2</sup>                                  | n/a             | n/a             | –               | –               | –               |
| Management expense ratio before<br>waivers or absorptions (%) <sup>2</sup> | n/a             | n/a             | –               | –               | –               |
| Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>3</sup>                                     | n/a             | n/a             | 0.05            | 0.02            | 0.02            |
| Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>4</sup>                                   | n/a             | n/a             | 137.09          | 41.48           | 48.07           |
| Net asset value per security (\$)  | n/a             | n/a             | 42.20           | 46.22           | 43.13           |
|  |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
|  | Mar. 31<br>2025 | Mar. 31<br>2024 | Mar. 31<br>2023 | Mar. 31<br>2022 | Mar. 31<br>2021 |
| <b>Series Private Wealth</b>   |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Total net asset value (\$000) <sup>1</sup>                                 | 53,401          | 55,160          | 29,135          | 18,176          | 22,809          |
| Securities outstanding (000) <sup>1</sup>                                  | 658             | 803             | 649             | 370             | 497             |
| Management expense ratio (%) <sup>2</sup>                                  | 0.17            | 0.17            | 0.17            | 0.17            | 0.17            |
| Management expense ratio before<br>waivers or absorptions (%) <sup>2</sup> | 0.17            | 0.17            | 0.17            | 0.17            | 0.17            |
| Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>3</sup>                                     | 0.01            | 0.02            | 0.05            | 0.02            | 0.02            |
| Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>4</sup>                                   | 33.18           | 47.03           | 137.09          | 41.48           | 48.07           |
| Net asset value per security (\$)  | 81.19           | 68.68           | 44.91           | 49.12           | 45.89           |



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## Series Information

| Series                             | Inception/<br>Reinstatement Date | Minimum<br>Investment (\$) | Management<br>fee (%) <sup>6</sup> | Administration<br>fee (%) <sup>6</sup> |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Series A <sup>1</sup>              | January 7, 2009                  | 500                        | 1.90                               | 0.25                                   |
| Series F <sup>2</sup>              | January 7, 2009                  | 500                        | 0.90                               | 0.15                                   |
| Series I <sup>2,3</sup>            | January 7, 2009                  | 500                        | —                                  | 0.15                                   |
| Series O <sup>4</sup>              | None issued                      | —                          | —                                  | —                                      |
| Series Private Wealth <sup>5</sup> | January 7, 2009                  | —                          | —                                  | 0.15                                   |

- (1) Series A is 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 3.5% (based on date of initial purchase); new securities are not available under this option but may only be acquired through switching from other Counsel funds.
- (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 the Manager 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.
- (3) The management fee for this series is equal to that of Series F but is payable directly by the investor to the Manager rather than by the Fund, 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. The series' original start date was January 7, 2009. This series was terminated on November 7, 2023, when all Series O investors redeemed.
- (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) The Manager 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.