

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

*For the Six-Month Period Ended September 30, 2024*

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## Management Discussion of Fund Performance

November 8, 2024

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 Short Term Bond (the "Fund") in the six-month period ended September 30, 2024 (the "period"). If the Fund was established during the period, "period" represents the period since inception.

During the period, "Manager" refers to Counsel Portfolio Services Inc. ("Counsel"), which is a subsidiary of The Canada Life Assurance Company ("Canada Life"). On October 1, 2024, Counsel was amalgamated with Canada Life Investment Management Ltd. ("CLIML"), whereupon the amalgamated company, named CLIML, continued as 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.

## 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 4.3% (after deducting fees and expenses paid by the series). This compares with the FTSE Canada Short Term Bond Index return of 4.7%. 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.

In response to weak economic data, the Bank of Canada reduced its policy rate three times over the period to 4.25% from 5.00%. Bond yields declined in anticipation of a significantly lower policy rate. Canada's unemployment rate rose to 6.4%, highlighting labour market weakness, while wage growth remained elevated. Excess supply put pressure on prices, contributing to falling inflation.

The Fund underperformed the index, with a shorter duration in corporate bonds in the industrial sector detracting from performance. Conversely, a longer duration in government bonds, particularly federal bonds, contributed to performance.

Over the period, neither portfolio activity nor market developments significantly changed the positioning of the Fund.

During the period, the U.S. dollar ("USD") depreciated 0.14% relative to the Canadian dollar ("CAD"), detracting from the Fund's performance. The Fund's hedges against the USD offset this impact. At period-end, the Fund's USD exposure was hedged.

### Net Assets

The Fund's net assets decreased by 3.0% during the period to \$85.6 million. This change was composed primarily of \$3.9 million in net income (including any interest and/or dividend income) from investment performance, after deducting fees and expenses, and a decrease of \$6.6 million due to net securityholder activity (including sales, redemptions and cash distributions).

## Fees and Expenses

The annualized management expense ratio ("MER") for each series during the period ended September 30, 2024, 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, Mackenzie, believes that economic weakness in the period justified the Bank of Canada's policy rate cuts, and that the pace of further economic deterioration will determine the frequency and magnitude of future reductions. Because the sub-advisor expects accommodative monetary policy to continue in response to declining economic indicators, it favours having duration exposure (sensitivity to changes in interest rates) in North America.

The Fund is currently hedged against foreign currencies. Currency hedging may vary between 0% and 100% at the sub-advisor's discretion based on its assessment of currency market conditions.

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: 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 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 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 40% 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 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*.

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## Other Related Party Transactions

Other investment funds managed by the Manager (“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 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 September 30, 2024, Top Funds owned 80.1% of the Fund’s NAV, and Series Private Wealth investors owned 6.5% of the Fund’s NAV. As of September 30, 2024, 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.

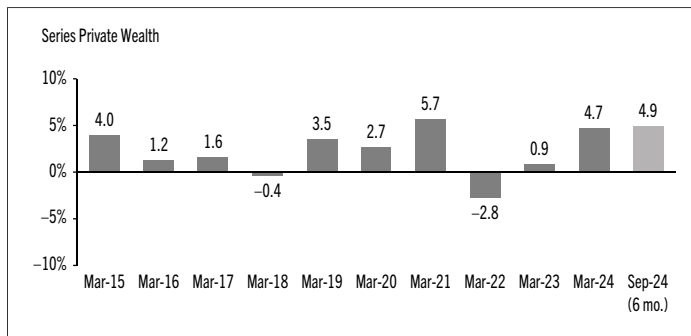
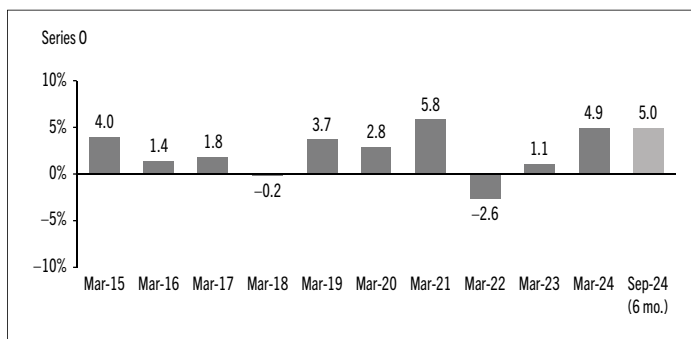
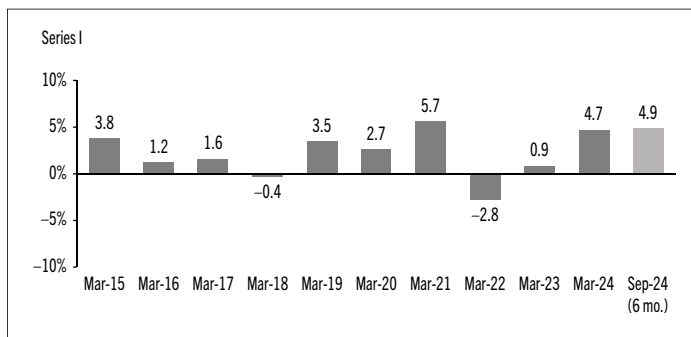
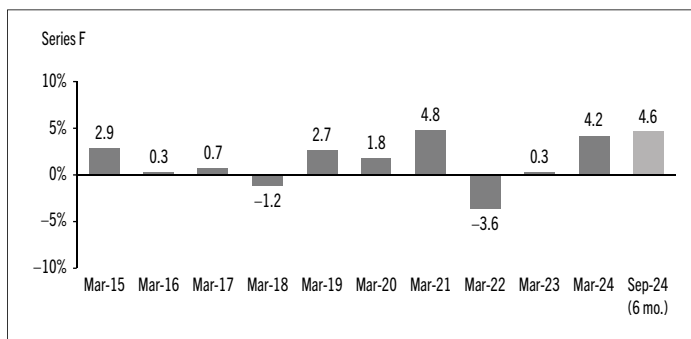
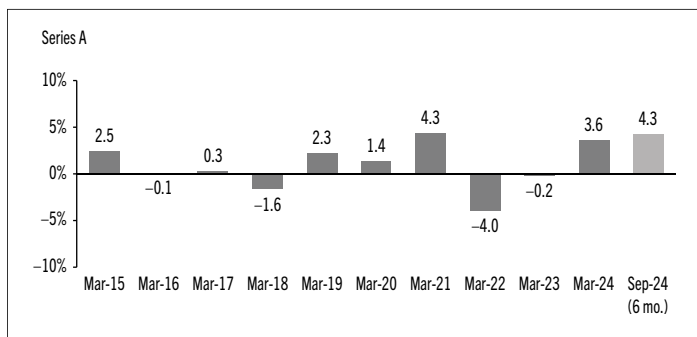
## Past Performance

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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## Summary of Investment Portfolio at September 30, 2024

PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Bonds	103.1
Bonds	97.0
Long bond futures*	6.1
Other assets (liabilities)	0.8
Cash and cash equivalents	(3.9)

REGIONAL ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Canada	95.1
United States	6.4
Other assets (liabilities)	0.8
Australia	0.6
South Korea	0.3
United Kingdom	0.3
Germany	0.2
Ireland	0.2
Cash and cash equivalents	(3.9)

SECTOR ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Corporate bonds	65.7
Federal bonds	20.7
Provincial bonds	16.4
Other assets (liabilities)	0.8
Supranational bonds	0.3
Cash and cash equivalents	(3.9)

BONDS BY CREDIT RATING**	% OF NAV
AAA	14.9
AA	11.0
A	32.3
BBB	24.9
Less than BBB	0.8
Unrated	13.1

\* Notional values represent 6.1% of NAV for long bond futures.

\*\* Credit ratings and rating categories are based on ratings issued by a designated rating organization.

## TOP 25 POSITIONS

Issuer	% OF NAV
Government of Canada 3.25% 09-01-2028	7.3
Province of Quebec 2.75% 09-01-2028	4.6
Province of Quebec 2.30% 09-01-2029	4.6
Province of Ontario 3.40% 09-08-2028	3.4
Hydro One Inc. 4.91% 01-27-2028	3.4
Canada Housing Trust 2.25% 12-15-2025	2.8
Province of Ontario 3.60% 03-08-2028	2.7
Sun Life Financial Inc. F/R 11-21-2033	2.3
Cash and cash equivalents	2.2
Bank of Montreal 4.54% 12-18-2028	2.0
Royal Bank of Canada F/R 02-01-2033	1.9
Manulife Financial Corp. F/R 03-10-2033	1.8
Canada Housing Trust 1.80% 12-15-2024	1.8
Choice Properties Real Estate Investment Trust 2.85% 05-21-2027	1.8
AltaLink LP 2.75% 05-29-2026 Callable	1.7
National Bank of Canada F/R 08-18-2026 Callable 2025	1.7
Enbridge Inc. 5.37% 09-27-2077 Callable 2027	1.7
Government of Canada 2.75% 09-01-2027	1.7
Bank of America Corp. F/R 03-16-2028	1.5
Bell Canada 3.60% 09-29-2027 Callable 2027	1.5
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce F/R 04-07-2032	1.4
Province of Alberta 2.55% 06-01-2027	1.2
Fédération des Caisses Desjardins du Québec 5.48% 08-16-2028	1.2
Bank of Montreal 3.65% 04-01-2027	1.1
North West Redwater Partnership 2.80% 06-01-2027	1.1

Top long positions as a percentage of total net asset value	58.4
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The Fund held no short positions at the end of the period.

The investments and percentages may have changed since September 30, 2024, 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.

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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	2024	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
<b>Net assets, beginning of period</b>	9.13	9.00	9.24	9.65	9.38	9.37
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	0.18	0.32	0.28	0.32	0.27	0.23
Total expenses	(0.06)	(0.11)	(0.11)	(0.14)	(0.14)	(0.14)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.07	(0.19)	(0.23)	0.52	0.24	0.12
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.20	0.30	0.02	(1.09)	0.03	(0.09)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations²</b>	<b>0.39</b>	<b>0.32</b>	<b>(0.04)</b>	<b>(0.39)</b>	<b>0.40</b>	<b>0.12</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From net investment income (excluding Canadian dividends)	(0.12)	(0.19)	(0.22)	(0.03)	(0.13)	(0.12)
From Canadian dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions³</b>	<b>(0.12)</b>	<b>(0.19)</b>	<b>(0.22)</b>	<b>(0.03)</b>	<b>(0.13)</b>	<b>(0.12)</b>
<b>Net assets at period end</b>	<b>9.40</b>	<b>9.13</b>	<b>9.00</b>	<b>9.24</b>	<b>9.65</b>	<b>9.38</b>
	Sep. 30	Mar. 31	Mar. 31	Mar. 31	Mar. 31	Mar. 31
Series F	2024	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
<b>Net assets, beginning of period</b>	9.18	9.05	9.33	9.72	9.45	9.44
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	0.18	0.33	0.29	0.32	0.27	0.23
Total expenses	(0.02)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.07)	(0.08)	(0.09)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	-	(0.21)	(0.23)	0.54	0.23	0.12
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.20	0.30	0.02	(1.11)	0.03	(0.09)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations²</b>	<b>0.36</b>	<b>0.37</b>	<b>0.03</b>	<b>(0.32)</b>	<b>0.45</b>	<b>0.17</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From net investment income (excluding Canadian dividends)	(0.15)	(0.25)	(0.29)	(0.05)	(0.18)	(0.16)
From Canadian dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions³</b>	<b>(0.15)</b>	<b>(0.25)</b>	<b>(0.29)</b>	<b>(0.05)</b>	<b>(0.18)</b>	<b>(0.16)</b>
<b>Net assets at period end</b>	<b>9.46</b>	<b>9.18</b>	<b>9.05</b>	<b>9.33</b>	<b>9.72</b>	<b>9.45</b>

	Sep. 30	Mar. 31	Mar. 31	Mar. 31	Mar. 31	Mar. 31
Series I	2024	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
<b>Net assets, beginning of period</b>	9.22	9.09	9.37	9.75	9.49	9.47
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	0.18	0.33	0.28	0.32	0.27	0.23
Total expenses	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.07	(0.22)	(0.27)	0.57	0.20	0.12
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.20	0.31	0.02	(1.12)	0.03	(0.09)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations²</b>	<b>0.44</b>	<b>0.40</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>(0.25)</b>	<b>0.48</b>	<b>0.24</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From net investment income (excluding Canadian dividends)	(0.17)	(0.29)	(0.36)	(0.11)	(0.27)	(0.23)
From Canadian dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions³</b>	<b>(0.17)</b>	<b>(0.29)</b>	<b>(0.36)</b>	<b>(0.11)</b>	<b>(0.27)</b>	<b>(0.23)</b>
<b>Net assets at period end</b>	<b>9.49</b>	<b>9.22</b>	<b>9.09</b>	<b>9.37</b>	<b>9.75</b>	<b>9.49</b>
	Sep. 30	Mar. 31	Mar. 31	Mar. 31	Mar. 31	Mar. 31
Series O	2024	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
<b>Net assets, beginning of period</b>	9.17	9.04	9.32	9.70	9.44	9.42
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	0.18	0.32	0.26	0.07	0.25	0.23
Total expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.06	(0.11)	(0.31)	(0.99)	0.43	0.12
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.20	0.29	0.02	(0.25)	0.03	(0.09)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations²</b>	<b>0.44</b>	<b>0.50</b>	<b>(0.03)</b>	<b>(1.17)</b>	<b>0.71</b>	<b>0.26</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From net investment income (excluding Canadian dividends)	(0.18)	(0.30)	(0.37)	(0.13)	(0.28)	(0.24)
From Canadian dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions³</b>	<b>(0.18)</b>	<b>(0.30)</b>	<b>(0.37)</b>	<b>(0.13)</b>	<b>(0.28)</b>	<b>(0.24)</b>
<b>Net assets at period end</b>	<b>9.44</b>	<b>9.17</b>	<b>9.04</b>	<b>9.32</b>	<b>9.70</b>	<b>9.44</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 unaudited interim and 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 (\$) <sup>1</sup> (cont'd)

Series Private Wealth	Sep. 30 2024	Mar. 31 2024	Mar. 31 2023	Mar. 31 2022	Mar. 31 2021	Mar. 31 2020
<b>Net assets, beginning of period</b>	9.44	9.30	9.59	9.98	9.71	9.69
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	0.18	0.34	0.29	0.30	0.28	0.24
Total expenses	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.06	(0.24)	(0.25)	0.33	0.22	0.13
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.21	0.31	0.02	(1.02)	0.03	(0.13)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	0.44	0.39	0.04	(0.41)	0.51	0.22
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From net investment income (excluding Canadian dividends)	(0.17)	(0.30)	(0.36)	(0.12)	(0.28)	(0.24)
From Canadian dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	(0.17)	(0.30)	(0.36)	(0.12)	(0.28)	(0.24)
<b>Net assets at period end</b>	9.72	9.44	9.30	9.59	9.98	9.71

## RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

Series A	Sep. 30 2024	Mar. 31 2024	Mar. 31 2023	Mar. 31 2022	Mar. 31 2021	Mar. 31 2020
<b>Total net asset value (\$000)<sup>1</sup></b>	8,793	4,723	5,685	7,682	7,959	7,856
Securities Outstanding (000) <sup>1</sup>	936	517	632	832	824	838
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>2</sup>	1.22	1.22	1.26	1.43	1.44	1.44
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%) <sup>2</sup>	1.22	1.22	1.26	1.43	1.44	1.44
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>3</sup>	-	-	0.01	0.01	-	-
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>4</sup>	29.39	110.00	45.25	77.52	87.06	89.68
<b>Net asset value per security (\$)</b>	9.40	9.13	9.00	9.24	9.65	9.38
Series F	Sep. 30 2024	Mar. 31 2024	Mar. 31 2023	Mar. 31 2022	Mar. 31 2021	Mar. 31 2020
<b>Total net asset value (\$000)<sup>1</sup></b>	2,524	4,698	5,257	5,846	6,983	6,256
Securities Outstanding (000) <sup>1</sup>	267	512	581	627	718	662
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>2</sup>	0.64	0.65	0.72	0.98	1.01	1.00
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%) <sup>2</sup>	0.64	0.65	0.72	0.98	1.01	1.00
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>3</sup>	-	-	0.01	0.01	-	-
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>4</sup>	29.39	110.00	45.25	77.52	87.06	89.68
<b>Net asset value per security (\$)</b>	9.46	9.18	9.05	9.33	9.72	9.45
Series I	Sep. 30 2024	Mar. 31 2024	Mar. 31 2023	Mar. 31 2022	Mar. 31 2021	Mar. 31 2020
<b>Total net asset value (\$000)<sup>1</sup></b>	227	228	365	687	1,015	836
Securities Outstanding (000) <sup>1</sup>	24	25	40	73	104	88
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>2</sup>	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.19	0.17
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%) <sup>2</sup>	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.19	0.17
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>3</sup>	-	-	0.01	0.01	-	-
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>4</sup>	29.39	110.00	45.25	77.52	87.06	89.68
<b>Net asset value per security (\$)</b>	9.49	9.22	9.09	9.37	9.75	9.49

(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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## RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA (cont'd)

Series 0	Sep. 30 2024	Mar. 31 2024	Mar. 31 2023	Mar. 31 2022	Mar. 31 2021	Mar. 31 2020
Total net asset value (\$000) <sup>1</sup>	68,552	72,614	52,603	139,579	765	12,065
Securities Outstanding (000) <sup>1</sup>	7,260	7,920	5,818	14,980	79	1,279
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>2</sup>	–	–	–	–	–	0.01
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%) <sup>2</sup>	–	–	–	–	–	0.01
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>3</sup>	–	–	0.01	0.01	–	–
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>4</sup>	29.39	110.00	45.25	77.52	87.06	89.68
Net asset value per security (\$)	9.44	9.17	9.04	9.32	9.70	9.44
Series Private Wealth	Sep. 30 2024	Mar. 31 2024	Mar. 31 2023	Mar. 31 2022	Mar. 31 2021	Mar. 31 2020
Total net asset value (\$000) <sup>1</sup>	5,536	6,009	6,009	7,447	4,289	3,449
Securities Outstanding (000) <sup>1</sup>	570	637	646	777	430	355
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>2</sup>	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.19	0.17
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%) <sup>2</sup>	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.19	0.17
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>3</sup>	–	–	0.01	0.01	–	–
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>4</sup>	29.39	110.00	45.25	77.52	87.06	89.68
Net asset value per security (\$)	9.72	9.43	9.30	9.59	9.98	9.71

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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 14, 2010	500	0.95	0.15
Series F <sup>2</sup>	January 14, 2010	500	0.45	0.15
Series I <sup>2,3,6</sup>	January 14, 2010	500	–	0.15
Series O <sup>4</sup>	October 26, 2010	–	–	–
Series Private Wealth <sup>5</sup>	November 5, 2013	–	–	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.
- (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.