

# COUNSEL SHORT TERM BOND

ANNUAL AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS | March 31, 2025

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## MANAGEMENT REPORT

### Management's Responsibility for Financial Reporting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared by Canada Life Investment Management Ltd., as Manager of Counsel Short Term Bond (the "Fund"). The Manager is responsible for the integrity, objectivity and reliability of the data presented. This responsibility includes selecting appropriate accounting principles and making judgments and estimates consistent with IFRS Accounting Standards. The Manager is also responsible for the development of internal controls over the financial reporting process, which are designed to provide reasonable assurance that relevant and reliable financial information is produced.

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Canada Life Investment Management Ltd. is responsible for reviewing and approving the financial statements and overseeing the Manager's performance of its financial reporting responsibilities. The Board meets regularly with senior representatives of the Manager and auditors to discuss internal controls over the financial reporting process, auditing matters and financial reporting issues.

KPMG LLP is the external auditor of the Fund. It is appointed by the Board. The external auditor has audited the financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards to enable it to express to the securityholders its opinion on the financial statements. Its report is set out below.

On behalf of Canada Life Investment Management Ltd.,  
Manager of the Fund

*Signed "Sam Febraro"*

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Sam Febraro  
Chief Executive Officer  
Canada Life Investment Management Ltd.  
June 4, 2025

*Signed "Carson Vanderwel"*

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Carson Vanderwel  
Chief Financial Officer  
Canada Life Investment Management Ltd.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Securityholders of Counsel Short Term Bond (the "Fund")

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Fund, which comprise:

- the statements of financial position as at March 31, 2025 and March 31, 2024
- the statements of comprehensive income for the periods then ended as indicated in note 1
- the statements of changes in financial position for the periods then ended as indicated in note 1
- the statements of cash flows for the periods then ended as indicated in note 1 and
- notes to the financial statements, including a summary of material accounting policies (Hereinafter referred to as the "financial statements").

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as at March 31, 2025 and March 31, 2024, and its financial performance and cash flows for the periods then ended as indicated in note 1 in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards.

### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements" section of our auditor's report.

We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (cont'd)

### Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. Other information comprises:

- the information included in the Annual Management Report of Fund Performance of the Fund filed with the relevant Canadian Securities Commissions.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not and will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit and remain alert for indications that the other information appears to be materially misstated.

We obtained the information included in the Annual Management Report of Fund Performance of the Fund filed with the relevant Canadian Securities Commissions as at the date of this auditor's report. If, based on the work we have performed on this other information, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact in the auditor's report.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the financial reporting process of the Fund.

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.  
The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants  
Toronto, Canada  
June 4, 2025

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## STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

at March 31 (in \$ 000 except per security amounts)

	2025 \$	2024 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Investments at fair value	81,744	86,601
Cash and cash equivalents	2,322	1,329
Accrued interest receivable	553	662
Accounts receivable for investments sold	—	2
Accounts receivable for securities issued	26	40
Due from manager	—	1
Margin on derivatives	53	90
Derivative assets	17	37
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>84,715</b>	<b>88,762</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable for investments purchased	1,186	157
Accounts payable for securities redeemed	4	279
Due to manager	1	1
Derivative liabilities	17	24
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>1,208</b>	<b>461</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to securityholders</b>	<b>83,507</b>	<b>88,301</b>

	Net assets attributable to securityholders (note 3)			
	per security		per series	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
Series A	9.47	9.13	9,798	4,725
Series F	9.52	9.18	2,508	4,699
Series I	9.56	9.22	238	228
Series O	9.51	9.17	63,256	72,638
Series Private Wealth	9.78	9.44	7,707	6,011
			<b>83,507</b>	<b>88,301</b>

## STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

for the periods ended March 31 (in \$ 000 except per security amounts)

	2025 \$	2024 \$
<b>Income</b>		
Interest income for distribution purposes	3,077	2,862
Other changes in fair value of investments and other net assets		
Net realized gain (loss)	1,149	(1,189)
Net unrealized gain (loss)	1,866	2,665
Securities lending income	9	9
Fee rebate income	—	1
<b>Total income (loss)</b>	<b>6,101</b>	<b>4,348</b>
<b>Expenses (note 6)</b>		
Management fees	88	79
Management fee rebates	(3)	(7)
Administration fees	27	26
Interest charges	—	1
Commissions and other portfolio transaction costs	3	2
Independent Review Committee fees	—	—
Other	1	—
<b>Expenses before amounts absorbed by Manager</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>101</b>
Expenses absorbed by Manager	—	—
<b>Net expenses</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>101</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders from operations before tax</b>	<b>5,985</b>	<b>4,247</b>
Foreign withholding tax expense (recovery)	2	1
Foreign income tax expense (recovery)	—	—
<b>Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders from operations</b>	<b>5,983</b>	<b>4,246</b>

	Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders from operations (note 3)			
	per security		per series	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
Series A	0.52	0.32	401	185
Series F	0.60	0.37	185	202
Series I	0.68	0.40	16	13
Series O	0.69	0.50	4,943	3,623
Series Private Wealth	0.70	0.39	438	223
			<b>5,983</b>	<b>4,246</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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## STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION

for the periods ended March 31 (in \$ 000 except per security amounts)

	Total		Series A		Series F		Series I	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
<b>NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SECURITYHOLDERS</b>								
Beginning of period	88,301	69,919	4,725	5,685	4,699	5,257	228	365
Increase (decrease) in net assets from operations	5,983	4,246	401	185	185	202	16	13
Distributions paid to securityholders:								
Investment income	(3,034)	(2,643)	(190)	(112)	(92)	(132)	(8)	(10)
Capital gains	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Management fee rebates	(3)	(7)	—	—	(3)	(7)	—	—
Total distributions paid to securityholders	(3,037)	(2,650)	(190)	(112)	(95)	(139)	(8)	(10)
Security transactions:								
Proceeds from securities issued	15,628	47,546	6,541	825	1,652	209	48	89
Reinvested distributions	3,029	2,649	186	112	91	138	8	10
Payments on redemption of securities	(26,397)	(33,409)	(1,865)	(1,970)	(4,024)	(968)	(54)	(239)
Total security transactions	(7,740)	16,786	4,862	(1,033)	(2,281)	(621)	2	(140)
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders	(4,794)	18,382	5,073	(960)	(2,191)	(558)	10	(137)
End of period	83,507	88,301	9,798	4,725	2,508	4,699	238	228
Increase (decrease) in fund securities (in thousands) (note 7):			Securities		Securities		Securities	
Securities outstanding – beginning of period			517	632	512	581	25	40
Issued			699	91	175	24	5	10
Reinvested distributions			20	12	10	15	1	1
Redeemed			(201)	(218)	(434)	(108)	(6)	(26)
Securities outstanding – end of period			1,035	517	263	512	25	25

  

	Series O		Series Private Wealth	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
<b>NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SECURITYHOLDERS</b>				
Beginning of period	72,638	52,603	6,011	6,009
Increase (decrease) in net assets from operations	4,943	3,623	438	223
Distributions paid to securityholders:				
Investment income	(2,521)	(2,219)	(223)	(170)
Capital gains	—	—	—	—
Management fee rebates	—	—	—	—
Total distributions paid to securityholders	(2,521)	(2,219)	(223)	(170)
Security transactions:				
Proceeds from securities issued	3,856	43,803	3,531	2,620
Reinvested distributions	2,521	2,219	223	170
Payments on redemption of securities	(18,181)	(27,391)	(2,273)	(2,841)
Total security transactions	(11,804)	18,631	1,481	(51)
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders	(9,382)	20,035	1,696	2
End of period	63,256	72,638	7,707	6,011
Increase (decrease) in fund securities (in thousands) (note 7):			Securities	
Securities outstanding – beginning of period	7,920	5,818	637	646
Issued	411	4,880	365	280
Reinvested distributions	270	246	23	18
Redeemed	(1,949)	(3,024)	(237)	(307)
Securities outstanding – end of period	6,652	7,920	788	637

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## STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

for the periods ended March 31 (in \$ 000)

	2025 \$	2024 \$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Net increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders from operations	5,983	4,246
Adjustments for:		
Net realized loss (gain) on investments	(1,097)	1,119
Change in net unrealized loss (gain) on investments	(1,866)	(2,665)
Distributions received in-kind from underlying funds	–	(1)
Purchase of investments	(49,586)	(108,064)
Proceeds from sale and maturity of investments	58,450	89,707
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable and other assets	147	(139)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and other liabilities	–	1
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>12,031</b>	<b>(15,796)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Proceeds from securities issued	15,617	47,509
Payments on redemption of securities	(26,647)	(33,218)
Distributions paid net of reinvestments	(8)	(1)
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities</b>	<b>(11,038)</b>	<b>14,290</b>
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>(1,506)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	1,329	2,832
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash and cash equivalents	–	3
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>2,322</b>	<b>1,329</b>
Cash	501	638
Cash equivalents	1,821	691
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>2,322</b>	<b>1,329</b>
<b>Supplementary disclosures on cash flow from operating activities:</b>		
Dividends received	–	–
Foreign taxes paid	2	1
Interest received	3,186	2,609
Interest paid	–	1

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## SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

as at March 31, 2025

Investment Name	Country	Sector	Par Value/ Number of Shares/Units	Average Cost (\$ 000)	Fair Value (\$ 000)
<b>BONDS</b>					
407 International Inc. 1.80% 05-22-2025 Callable 2025	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	30,000	30	30
407 International Inc. 4.22% 02-14-2028	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	28,000	28	29
AIMCo Realty Investors LP 2.20% 11-04-2026	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	17,000	17	17
Algonquin Power & Utilities Corp. F/R 01-18-2082	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	8,000	8	8
Allied Properties Real Estate Investment Trust 4.31% 04-07-2027	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	61,000	61	61
Allied Properties Real Estate Investment Trust 4.81% 02-24-2029	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	226,000	226	227
AltaGas Ltd. F/R 01-11-2082	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	5,000	5	5
AltaLink LP 2.75% 05-29-2026 Callable	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	1,503,000	1,447	1,502
ARC Resources Ltd. 2.35% 03-10-2026	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	124,000	122	123
Ascend Wellness Holdings Inc. Term Loan 1st Lien F/R 08-27-2025	United States	Term Loans	USD 1,309	2	2
ATCO Ltd. F/R 11-01-2078 Callable 2028	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	43,000	42	44
Athene Global Funding 2.10% 09-24-2025	United States	Corporate - Non Convertible	40,000	40	40
Athene Global Funding 2.47% 06-09-2028	United States	Corporate - Non Convertible	543,000	517	527
Bank of America Corp. F/R 03-16-2028	United States	Corporate - Non Convertible	1,486,000	1,452	1,498
Bank of Montreal 3.65% 04-01-2027	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	980,000	972	990
Bank of Montreal 4.31% 06-01-2027	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	2,000	2	2
Bank of Montreal 4.54% 12-18-2028	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	1,300,000	1,288	1,350
Bank of Montreal 4.42% 07-17-2029	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	238,000	238	247
Bank of Montreal F/R 06-17-2030 Callable 2025	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	164,000	158	164
Bank of Montreal F/R 03-05-2035	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	21,000	21	21
Bank of Montreal F/R 11-26-2082	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	92,000	94	97
The Bank of Nova Scotia F/R 09-26-2030	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	748,000	752	757
The Bank of Nova Scotia F/R 05-03-2032	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	96,000	96	97
The Bank of Nova Scotia F/R 08-02-2033	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	40,000	40	42
Bell Canada 3.60% 09-29-2027 Callable 2027	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	950,000	949	958
Bell Canada 5.15% 11-14-2028	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	10,000	10	11
BMW Canada Inc. 3.91% 10-13-2026	Germany	Corporate - Non Convertible	274,000	274	277
BP Capital Markets PLC 3.47% 05-15-2025	United Kingdom	Corporate - Non Convertible	220,000	225	220
Broadcast Media Partners 4.50% 05-01-2029	United States	Corporate - Non Convertible	USD 5,000	6	6
Brookfield Infrastructure Finance ULC 4.20% 09-11-2028 Callable 2028	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	576,000	561	588
Brookfield Infrastructure Finance ULC F/R 03-15-2055	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	USD 105,000	147	150
Bruce Power LP 2.68% 12-21-2028	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	8,000	8	8
Canada Housing Trust 1.95% 12-15-2025	Canada	Federal Government	2,100,000	2,076	2,091
Canada Housing Trust 2.25% 12-15-2025	Canada	Federal Government	420,000	405	419
Canadian Core Real Estate LP 4.48% 10-16-2029	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	41,000	41	42
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce 5.00% 12-07-2026	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	104,000	104	107
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce 4.95% 06-29-2027	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	482,000	488	500
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce F/R 04-07-2032	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	1,172,000	1,108	1,187
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce F/R 01-16-2034	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	74,000	74	78
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce F/R 04-02-2035	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	128,000	128	128
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce 4.38% 10-28-2080	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	860,000	836	859
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce F/R 07-28-2082	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	119,000	119	124
Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. 4.15% 12-15-2031	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	8,000	8	8
Canadian Western Bank 3.86% 04-21-2025	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	644,000	629	644
Canadian Western Bank 4.27% 02-08-2027	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	183,000	183	187
Canadian Western Bank 5.95% 01-29-2034	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	40,000	40	43
Cannabist Co. Holdings Inc. 6.00% 06-29-2025	Canada	Corporate - Convertible	USD 1,000	1	1
Capital Power Corp. 5.38% 01-25-2027	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	703,000	718	729
Cenovus Energy Inc. 3.50% 02-07-2028 Callable 2027	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	67,000	65	67
Central 1 Credit Union 5.88% 11-10-2026	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	50,000	50	52
Central 1 Credit Union 4.65% 02-07-2028	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	610,000	582	628
Central 1 Credit Union F/R 06-30-2031	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	400,000	392	394
CGI Inc. 3.99% 09-07-2027	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	72,000	72	73
CGI Inc. 2.10% 09-18-2028	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	2,000	2	2
Chartwell Retirement Residences 3.65% 05-06-2028	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	49,000	49	49
Choice Properties Real Estate Investment Trust 2.85% 05-21-2027	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	2,027,000	1,909	2,009
CNH Industrial Capital Canada Ltd. 4.00% 04-11-2028	United States	Corporate - Non Convertible	309,000	309	314
Coast Capital Savings Federal Credit Union 4.52% 10-18-2027	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	149,000	149	151
Coast Capital Savings Federal Credit Union F/R 05-02-2033	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	90,000	90	96
Coastal Gaslink Pipeline LP 4.67% 06-30-2027	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	550,000	550	568
Coastal Gaslink Pipeline LP 4.69% 09-30-2029	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	565,000	581	594

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Investment Name	Country	Sector	Par Value/ Number of Shares/Units	Average Cost (\$ 000)	Fair Value (\$ 000)
<b>BONDS (cont'd)</b>					
Cogeco Communications Inc. 6.13% 02-27-2029	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	288,000	295	298
Corus Entertainment Inc. 5.00% 05-11-2028	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	3,000	3	1
Curaleaf Holdings Inc. 8.00% 12-15-2026	United States	Corporate - Non Convertible	USD 10,000	13	14
Dollarama Inc. 1.87% 07-08-2026	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	300,000	273	296
Dollarama Inc. 5.53% 09-26-2028	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	113,000	113	121
Domtar Corp. 6.75% 10-01-2028	United States	Corporate - Non Convertible	USD 6,000	8	8
Dream Industrial Real Estate Investment Trust 2.54% 12-07-2026	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	113,000	111	111
Dream Industrial Real Estate Investment Trust 2.06% 06-17-2027	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	221,000	202	214
Dream Industrial Real Estate Investment Trust 5.38% 03-22-2028	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	60,000	60	63
The Empire Life Insurance Co. 5.50% 01-13-2033	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	73,000	73	76
The Empire Life Insurance Co. 3.63% 04-17-2081	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	902,000	824	817
Enbridge Inc. 3.55% 02-25-2028	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	418,000	418	421
Enbridge Inc. 5.37% 09-27-2077 Callable 2027	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	1,419,000	1,360	1,443
Equitable Bank 1.88% 11-26-2025	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	13,000	12	13
Equitable Bank 3.36% 03-02-2026	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	65,000	65	65
Equitable Bank 3.92% 09-24-2026	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	431,000	431	435
Equitable Bank 3.99% 03-24-2028	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	1,685,000	1,698	1,705
Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd. 4.23% 06-14-2029 Callable 2029	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	562,000	568	575
Fédération des Caisses Desjardins du Québec 1.59% 09-10-2026	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	294,000	287	289
Fédération des Caisses Desjardins du Québec 4.41% 05-19-2027	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	530,000	518	544
Fédération des Caisses Desjardins du Québec 5.48% 08-16-2028	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	951,000	954	1,016
Fédération des Caisses Desjardins du Québec F/R 01-24-2035	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	280,000	280	283
First Capital Real Estate Investment Trust 3.45% 03-01-2028	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	38,000	34	38
First Capital Real Estate Investment Trust 4.51% 06-03-2030	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	67,000	67	68
First Capital Realty Inc. 3.75% 07-12-2027 Callable 2027	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	582,000	579	584
First National Financial Corp. 6.26% 11-01-2027	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	68,000	68	72
First West Credit Union 4.25% 03-24-2027	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	147,000	147	147
Ford Credit Canada Co. 7.38% 05-12-2026	United States	Corporate - Non Convertible	195,000	202	202
Ford Credit Canada Co. 4.61% 09-13-2027	United States	Corporate - Non Convertible	794,000	797	795
G Cooper Equipment Rentals Ltd. 7.45% 07-04-2029	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	123,000	123	125
General Motors Financial of Canada Ltd. 5.20% 02-09-2028	United States	Corporate - Non Convertible	55,000	55	57
George Weston Ltd. 4.19% 09-05-2029	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	50,000	50	51
GFL Environmental Inc. 3.50% 09-01-2028 144A	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	USD 26,000	31	35
Gibson Energy Inc. 2.85% 07-14-2027 Callable 2027	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	32,000	33	32
Gibson Energy Inc. F/R 12-22-2080	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	15,000	15	15
Gibson Energy Inc. F/R 07-12-2083	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	22,000	22	24
Gildan Activewear Inc. 3.63% 03-13-2028	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	240,000	240	241
The Goldman Sachs Group Inc. F/R 11-30-2027	United States	Corporate - Non Convertible	417,000	397	413
Government of Canada 3.25% 09-01-2028	Canada	Federal Government	5,604,000	5,526	5,735
Government of Canada 2.25% 06-01-2029	Canada	Federal Government	500,000	487	494
Government of Canada 3.50% 09-01-2029	Canada	Federal Government	2,746,000	2,825	2,850
Granite REIT Holdings LP 4.00% 10-04-2029	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	86,000	86	86
H&R Real Estate Investment Trust 4.07% 06-16-2025 Callable 2025	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	549,000	545	549
Heathrow Funding Ltd. 3.25% 05-21-2025	United Kingdom	Corporate - Non Convertible	20,000	21	20
Hydro One Inc. 4.91% 01-27-2028	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	1,438,000	1,436	1,509
Hyundai Capital Canada Inc. 4.49% 07-26-2027	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	360,000	365	369
iA Financial Corp. Inc. F/R 12-05-2034	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	42,000	42	43
iA Financial Corp. Inc. F/R 09-30-2084	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	565,000	565	587
Intact Financial Corp. F/R 05-16-2034	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	35,000	35	37
Intact Financial Corp. F/R 03-31-2081	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	765,000	744	751
Inter Pipeline Ltd. 3.48% 12-16-2026 Callable 2026	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	404,000	400	404
Inter Pipeline Ltd. 4.23% 06-01-2027	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	740,000	708	749
Inter Pipeline Ltd. F/R 03-26-2079 Callable 2029	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	10,000	10	10
Inter Pipeline Ltd. F/R 11-19-2079 Callable 2029	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	8,000	8	8

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Investment Name	Country	Sector	Par Value/ Number of Shares/Units	Average Cost (\$ 000)	Fair Value (\$ 000)
<b>BONDS (cont'd)</b>					
International Bank for Reconstruction and Development 0% 03-31-2027	Supra - National	n/a	USD 200,000	238	265
John Deere Financial Inc. 4.95% 06-14-2027	United States	Corporate - Non Convertible	200,000	200	208
JPMorgan Chase & Co. 1.90% 03-05-2028	United States	Corporate - Non Convertible	100,000	95	98
LABL Escrow Issuer LLC 10.50% 07-15-2027	United States	Corporate - Non Convertible	USD 14,000	19	18
Laurentian Bank of Canada 4.60% 09-02-2025	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	398,000	389	400
Laurentian Bank of Canada 4.19% 01-23-2028	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	40,000	40	40
Loblaws Companies Ltd. 3.56% 12-12-2029	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	321,000	321	323
Manulife Financial Corp. F/R 03-10-2033	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	1,491,000	1,480	1,568
Manulife Financial Corp. F/R 12-06-2034	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	156,000	156	158
Manulife Financial Corp. F/R 06-19-2082	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	355,000	354	369
Mozart Debt Merger Sub Inc. 3.88% 04-01-2029	United States	Corporate - Non Convertible	USD 15,000	19	20
Mozart Debt Merger Sub Inc. 5.25% 10-01-2029	United States	Corporate - Non Convertible	USD 6,000	8	8
National Bank of Canada 5.30% 11-03-2025	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	74,000	74	75
National Bank of Canada F/R 08-18-2026 Callable 2025	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	1,450,000	1,356	1,443
National Bank of Canada 5.22% 06-14-2028	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	103,000	103	109
National Bank of Canada 5.02% 02-01-2029	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	132,000	133	140
National Bank of Canada F/R 08-16-2032	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	254,000	254	265
National Bank of Canada 5.28% 02-15-2034	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	43,000	43	45
National Bank of Canada F/R 02-15-2035	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	41,000	41	41
North West Redwater Partnership 3.20% 04-24-2026	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	200,000	189	200
North West Redwater Partnership 2.80% 06-01-2027	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	959,000	915	952
Ontario Power Generation Inc. 2.89% 04-08-2025 Callable 2025	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	40,000	40	40
Pembina Pipeline Corp. 3.31% 02-01-2030 Callable 2029	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	126,000	123	124
Pembina Pipeline Corp. F/R 01-25-2081	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	30,000	30	29
Prologis Inc. 4.70% 03-01-2029	United States	Corporate - Non Convertible	85,000	85	88
Province of Alberta 2.05% 06-01-2030	Canada	Provincial Governments	2,000,000	1,866	1,917
Province of Ontario 1.75% 09-08-2025	Canada	Provincial Governments	1,000,000	996	996
Province of Ontario 3.40% 09-08-2028	Canada	Provincial Governments	2,830,000	2,784	2,896
Province of Ontario 4.00% 03-08-2029	Canada	Provincial Governments	2,000,000	2,088	2,093
Province of Quebec 2.75% 09-01-2028	Canada	Provincial Governments	3,949,000	3,681	3,958
Province of Quebec 2.30% 09-01-2029	Canada	Provincial Governments	4,040,000	3,896	3,959
Reliance LP 2.68% 12-01-2027	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	10,000	10	10
Reliance LP 4.39% 04-16-2032	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	8,000	8	8
RioCan Real Estate Investment Trust 5.61% 10-06-2027	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	52,000	51	54
Rogers Communications Inc. F/R 12-17-2081	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	236,000	223	237
Royal Bank of Canada 4.64% 01-17-2028	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	178,000	178	185
Royal Bank of Canada 5.23% 06-24-2030	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	128,000	135	138
Royal Bank of Canada F/R 10-17-2030	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	214,000	214	218
Royal Bank of Canada F/R 02-01-2033	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	1,200,000	1,185	1,244
Royal Bank of Canada F/R 02-04-2035	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	114,000	114	115
Royal Bank of Canada F/R 11-24-2080 Callable 2025	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	852,000	829	852
RRD Parent Inc. 10.00% 10-15-2031 Class B	United States	Corporate - Non Convertible	USD 5,371	7	14
Russel Metals Inc. 4.42% 03-28-2030	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	47,000	47	47
Sienna Senior Living Inc. 3.45% 02-27-2026 Callable 2026	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	20,000	20	20
Sienna Senior Living Inc. 4.44% 10-17-2029	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	15,000	15	15
South Bow Canadian Infrastructure Holdings Ltd. 4.32% 02-01-2030	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	23,000	23	23
Sun Life Financial Inc. F/R 05-10-2032 Callable 2027	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	350,000	319	345
Sun Life Financial Inc. F/R 11-21-2033	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	2,080,000	1,904	2,030
Suncor Energy Inc. 5.40% 11-17-2026	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	117,000	117	121
The Toronto-Dominion Bank 2.67% 09-09-2025	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	391,000	374	390
The Toronto-Dominion Bank 4.34% 01-27-2026	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	65,000	65	66
The Toronto-Dominion Bank 2.26% 01-07-2027	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	78,000	76	77
The Toronto-Dominion Bank 4.21% 06-01-2027	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	420,000	419	429
The Toronto-Dominion Bank 4.48% 01-18-2028	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	573,000	569	592
The Toronto-Dominion Bank F/R 01-26-2032 Callable 2027	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	117,000	115	116
The Toronto-Dominion Bank F/R 02-01-2035	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	101,000	101	102



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Investment Name	Country	Sector	Par Value/ Number of Shares/Units	Average Cost (\$ 000)	Fair Value (\$ 000)
<b>BONDS (cont'd)</b>					
Tourmaline Oil Corp. 2.08% 01-25-2028	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	2,000	2	2
Tourmaline Oil Corp. 2.53% 02-12-2029	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	2,000	2	2
Toyota Credit Canada Inc. 4.42% 06-28-2027	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	210,000	210	216
Toyota Credit Canada Inc. 3.55% 10-04-2027	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	339,000	338	342
Toyota Credit Canada Inc. 3.73% 10-02-2029	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	58,000	58	59
TransCanada Trust F/R 05-18-2077 Callable 2027	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	630,000	616	631
Transurban Finance Co. Pty. Ltd. 4.56% 11-14-2028 Callable 2028	Australia	Corporate - Non Convertible	350,000	363	358
Trulieve Cannabis Corp. 8.00% 10-06-2026	United States	Corporate - Non Convertible	USD 4,000	5	6
Ventas Canada Finance Ltd. 5.10% 03-05-2029	United States	Corporate - Non Convertible	12,000	12	13
Ventas Canada Finance Ltd. 3.30% 12-01-2031	United States	Corporate - Non Convertible	56,000	50	53
The Walt Disney Co. 3.06% 03-30-2027	United States	Corporate - Non Convertible	13,000	14	13
Waste Management of Canada Corp. 2.60% 09-23-2026 Callable 2026	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	497,000	461	494
Wells Fargo & Co. 2.57% 05-01-2026 Callable 2025	United States	Corporate - Non Convertible	600,000	590	600
Whitecap Resources Inc. 4.38% 11-01-2029	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	445,000	452	454
WSP Global Inc. 4.12% 09-12-2029	Canada	Corporate - Non Convertible	52,000	52	53
<b>Total bonds</b>				<b>79,184</b>	<b>81,739</b>
<b>EQUITIES</b>					
Brookfield Renewable Partners LP Pfd. Series 13	Canada	Utilities	171	4	4
Emera Inc. Pfd. Series J	Canada	Utilities	27	1	1
<b>Total equities</b>				<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
Transaction costs				—	—
<b>Total investments</b>				<b>79,189</b>	<b>81,744</b>
Derivative instruments (see schedule of derivative instruments)					—
Cash and cash equivalents					2,322
Other assets less liabilities					(559)
<b>Net assets attributable to securityholders</b>					<b>83,507</b>

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## SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

MARCH 31, 2025	
PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Bonds	105.1
<i>Bonds</i>	97.9
<i>Long bond futures</i>	7.2
Other assets (liabilities)	(0.7)
Cash and cash equivalents	(4.4)

REGIONAL ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Canada	97.8
United States	6.3
Australia	0.4
Germany	0.3
United Kingdom	0.3
Other assets (liabilities)	(0.7)
Cash and cash equivalents	(4.4)

SECTOR ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Corporate bonds	64.7
Federal bonds	21.1
Provincial bonds	19.0
Supranational bonds	0.3
Other assets (liabilities)	(0.7)
Cash and cash equivalents	(4.4)

MARCH 31, 2024	
PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Fixed income	104.5
<i>Bonds</i>	98.1
<i>Long bond futures</i>	6.4
Purchased options	—
Cash and cash equivalents	1.5
Other assets (liabilities)	(6.0)

REGIONAL ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Canada	93.5
United States	10.0
Australia	0.5
United Kingdom	0.3
Ireland	0.2
Cash and cash equivalents	1.5
Other assets (liabilities)	(6.0)

SECTOR ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Corporate bonds	66.5
Federal bonds	21.3
Provincial bonds	15.5
Mortgage backed	0.5
Foreign government bonds	0.4
Supranational bonds	0.3
Cash and cash equivalents	1.5
Other assets (liabilities)	(6.0)

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## SCHEDULE OF DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS

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### Schedule of Futures Contracts

Type of Contract	Number of Contracts	Expiration Date	Average Rate of Contracts (\$)	Notional Value* (\$ 000)	Unrealized Gains (\$ 000)	Unrealized Losses (\$ 000)
MSE Canadian 2 Year Bond Future	40	Jun. 19, 2025	105.46 CAD	4,235	17	–
MSE Canadian 5 Year Bond Future	15	Jun. 19, 2025	116.43 CAD	1,739	–	(8)
<b>Total futures contracts</b>				<b>5,974</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>(8)</b>

\* Notional value represents the exposure to the underlying instruments as at March 31, 2025

### Schedule of Forward Currency Contracts

Counterparty Credit Rating	Currency to be Received (\$ 000)	Currency to be Delivered (\$ 000)	Settlement Date	Contract Cost (\$ 000)	Current Fair Value (\$ 000)	Unrealized Gains (\$ 000)	Unrealized Losses (\$ 000)
A	10 CAD	(7) EUR	Apr. 4, 2025	(10)	(10)	—	—
A	1 CAD	(1) EUR	Apr. 4, 2025	(1)	(1)	—	—
A	8 EUR	(12) CAD	Apr. 4, 2025	12	12	—	—
A	237 CAD	(166) USD	Apr. 9, 2025	(237)	(239)	—	(2)
A	336 CAD	(235) USD	Apr. 9, 2025	(336)	(338)	—	(2)
A	152 CAD	(106) USD	Apr. 9, 2025	(152)	(153)	—	(1)
A	381 USD	(548) CAD	Apr. 9, 2025	548	548	—	—
A	29 CAD	(20) USD	Apr. 9, 2025	(29)	(29)	—	—
A	67 CAD	(47) USD	Apr. 9, 2025	(67)	(68)	—	(1)
A	287 CAD	(202) USD	Apr. 9, 2025	(287)	(290)	—	(3)
<b>Total forward currency contracts</b>						<b>—</b>	<b>(9)</b>

Total Derivative assets	17
Total Derivative liabilities	(17)

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## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1. Fiscal Periods and General Information

The Fund is organized as an open-ended mutual fund trust established under the laws of the Province of Ontario pursuant to a Declaration of Trust as amended and restated from time to time. The address of the Fund's registered office is 255 Dufferin Avenue, London, Ontario, Canada. The Fund is authorized to issue an unlimited number of units (referred to as "security" or "securities") of multiple series. Series of the Fund are available for sale under Simplified Prospectus or exempt distribution options.

The information provided in these financial statements and notes thereto is for the periods ended or as at March 31, 2025 and 2024. In the year a Fund or series is established or reinstated, 'period' represents the period from inception or reinstatement. Where a series of a Fund was terminated during either period, the information for the series is provided up to close of business on the termination date. Refer to Note 10 (a) for the formation date of the Fund and the inception date of each series.

In these financial statements, "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"). During the first half of the period ending September 30, 2024, Counsel Portfolio Services Inc. ("Counsel"), was the previous manager of the Fund. On October 1, 2024, Counsel was amalgamated with 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. Investments in companies within the Power Group of companies held by the Fund are identified in the Schedule of Investments.

### 2. Basis of Preparation and Presentation

These audited annual financial statements ("financial statements") have been prepared in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards ("IFRS"). A summary of the Fund's material accounting policies under IFRS is presented in Note 3.

These financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars, which is the Fund's functional and presentation currency, and rounded to the nearest thousand unless otherwise indicated. These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis using the historical cost basis, except for financial instruments that have been measured at fair value.

These financial statements were authorized for issue by the Board of Directors of CLIML on June 4, 2025.

### 3. Material Accounting Policies

#### (a) Financial instruments

Financial instruments include financial assets and liabilities such as debt and equity securities, investment funds and derivatives. The Fund classifies and measures financial instruments in accordance with IFRS 9, *Financial Instruments* ("IFRS 9"). Upon initial recognition, financial instruments are classified as fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL"). All financial instruments are recognized in the Statement of Financial Position when the Fund becomes a party to the contractual requirements of the instrument. Financial assets are derecognized when the right to receive cash flows from the instrument has expired or the Fund has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership. Financial liabilities are derecognized when the obligation is discharged, cancelled or expires. Investment purchase and sale transactions are recorded as of the trade date.

Financial instruments are subsequently measured at FVTPL with changes in fair value recognized in the Statement of Comprehensive Income – Other changes in fair value of investments and other net assets – Net unrealized gain (loss).

The cost of investments is determined on a weighted average cost basis.

Realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments are calculated based on the weighted average cost of investments and exclude commissions and other portfolio transaction costs, which are separately reported in the Statement of Comprehensive Income – Commissions and other portfolio transaction costs.

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

The Fund accounts for its holdings in unlisted open-ended investment funds ("Underlying Funds") and Exchange-Traded Funds ("ETFs"), if any, at FVTPL. The Fund's investment in Underlying Funds and ETFs, if any, is presented in the Schedule of Investments at fair value which represents the Fund's maximum exposure on these investments.

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

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

#### (b) Fair value measurement

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

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

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

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

Cash and cash equivalents which includes cash on deposit with financial institutions and short-term investments that are readily convertible to cash, are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, and are used by the Fund in the management of short-term commitments. Cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments are reported at fair value which closely approximates their amortized cost due to their nature of being highly liquid and having short terms to maturity. Bank overdraft positions are presented under current liabilities as bank indebtedness in the Statement of Financial Position. Short-term investments that are not considered cash equivalents are separately disclosed in the Schedule of Investments.

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

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

The value of forward contracts is the gain or loss that would be realized if, on the valuation date, the positions were to be closed out. The change in value of forward contracts is included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income – Other changes in fair value of investments and other net assets – Net unrealized gain (loss).

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

Premiums paid for purchasing an option are recorded in the Statement of Financial Position – Investments at fair value.

Premiums received from writing options are included in the Statement of Financial Position as a liability and subsequently adjusted daily to fair value. If a written option expires unexercised, the premium received is recognized as a realized gain. If a written call option is exercised, the difference between the proceeds of the sale plus the value of the premium, and the cost of the security is recognized as a realized gain or loss. If a written put option is exercised, the cost of the security acquired is the exercise price of the option less the premium received.

Refer to the Schedule of Derivative Instruments and Schedule of Options Purchased/Written, as applicable, included in the Schedule of Investments for a listing of derivative and options positions as at March 31, 2025.

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

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

Level 2 – Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly. Examples of Level 2 valuations include quoted prices for similar securities, quoted prices on inactive markets and from recognized investment dealers, and the application of factors derived from observable data to non-North American quoted prices in order to estimate the impact of differences in market closing times.

Financial instruments classified as Level 2 investments are valued based on the prices provided by an independent reputable pricing services company who prices the securities based on recent transactions and quotes received from market participants and through incorporating observable market data and using standard market convention practices. Short-term investments classified as Level 2 investments are valued based on amortized cost plus accrued interest which closely approximates fair value.

The estimated fair values for these securities may be different from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the investment existed; and

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

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

See Note 10 for the fair value classifications of the Fund.

#### (c) Income recognition

Interest income for distribution purposes represents the coupon interest received by the Fund which is accounted for on an accrual basis. The Fund does not amortize premiums paid or discounts received on the purchase of fixed income securities except for zero coupon bonds, which are amortized on a straight-line basis. Dividends are accrued as of the ex-dividend date. Unrealized gains or losses on investments, realized gains or losses on the sale of investments, including foreign exchange gains or losses on such investments, are calculated on a weighted average cost basis. Distributions received from an Underlying Fund are included in Interest income for distribution purposes, Dividends income, Net realized gains (losses) or Fee rebate income, as appropriate, on the ex-dividend or distribution date.

The Fund may invest in investment funds managed by Mackenzie. The Fund receives Fee rebate income in respect of management fees paid indirectly to Mackenzie which offset the management fees indirectly borne in the return of these funds.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### (f) Offsetting

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the Statement of Financial Position only when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognized amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. In the normal course of business, the Fund enters into various master netting agreements or similar agreements that do not meet the criteria for offsetting in the Statement of Financial Position but still allow for the related amounts to be set off in certain circumstances, such as bankruptcy or termination of the contracts. Note 10 summarizes the details of such offsetting, if applicable, subject to master netting arrangements or other similar agreements and the net impact to the Statements of Financial Position if all such rights were exercised.

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

#### (g) Currency

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

Foreign exchange gains (losses) on purchases and sales of foreign currencies are included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income – Other changes in fair value of investments and other net assets – Net realized gain (loss).

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

#### (h) Net assets attributable to securityholders per security

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

#### (i) Net asset value per security

The daily Net Asset Value ("NAV") of an investment fund may be calculated without reference to IFRS as per the Canadian Securities Administrators' ("CSA") regulations. The difference between NAV and Net assets attributable to securityholders (as reported in the financial statements), if any, is mainly due to differences in fair value of investments and other financial assets and liabilities and is disclosed in Note 10, if applicable.

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

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

#### (k) Mergers

In a fund merger, the Fund acquires all of the assets and assumes all of the liabilities of the terminating fund at fair value in exchange for securities of the Fund on the effective date of the merger.

#### (l) Future accounting changes

In April 2024, the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") issued IFRS 18, *Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements* ("IFRS 18"). IFRS 18, which replaces IAS 1, *Presentation of financial statements*, introduces new requirements to present specified categories and defined subtotals in the statement of comprehensive income, new disclosure for management-defined performance measures, and additional requirements for aggregation and disaggregation of information.

The standard is effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2027, with earlier application permitted. The Manager is assessing the impact of the adoption of this standard.

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### 4. Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

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

The following discusses the most significant accounting judgments and estimates made in preparing the financial statements:

#### Use of Estimates

##### *Fair value of securities not quoted in an active market*

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

#### Use of Judgments

##### *Classification and measurement of investments*

In classifying and measuring financial instruments held by the Fund, the Manager is required to make significant judgments in order to determine the most appropriate classification in accordance with IFRS 9. The Manager has assessed the Fund's business model, the manner in which all financial instruments are managed and performance evaluated as a group on a fair value basis, and concluded that FVTPL in accordance with IFRS 9 provides the most appropriate measurement and presentation of the Fund's financial instruments.

##### *Functional currency*

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

##### *Interest in unconsolidated structured entities*

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

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

As a result, such investments are accounted for at FVTPL. Note 10 summarizes the details of the Fund's interest in these Underlying Funds, if applicable.

### 5. Income Taxes

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

Losses of the Fund cannot be allocated to investors and are retained in the Fund for use in future years. Non-capital losses may be carried forward up to 20 years to reduce taxable income and realized capital gains of future years. Capital losses may be carried forward indefinitely to reduce future realized capital gains. Refer to Note 10 for the Fund's loss carryforwards.

### 6. Management Fees and Operating Expenses

The Manager is paid a management fee for arranging for the management of the investment portfolio, providing investment analysis and recommendations, making investment decisions, making brokerage arrangements relating to the purchase and sale of the investment portfolio and making arrangements with registered dealers for the purchase and sale of securities of the Fund by securityholders. The management fee is calculated on each series of securities of the Fund as a fixed annual percentage of the daily net asset value of the series.

Each series of the Fund is charged a fixed rate annual administration fee ("Administration Fee"), as applicable, and in return, the Manager bears all of the operating expenses of the Fund, other than certain specified fund costs. The Administration Fee is calculated on each series of securities of the Fund as a fixed annual percentage of the daily net asset value of the series.

Other fund costs include taxes (including, but not limited to GST/HST and income tax), interest and borrowing costs, all fees and expenses of the Counsel Fund's Independent Review Committee ("IRC"), costs of complying with the regulatory requirement to produce Fund Facts, fees paid to external service providers associated with tax reclaims, refunds or the preparation of foreign tax reports on behalf of the Fund, and any new fees related to external services that were not commonly charged in the Canadian mutual fund industry after the date of the Fund's most recently filed simplified prospectus.

The Manager may waive or absorb management fees and/or Administration Fees at its discretion and stop waiving or absorbing such fees at any time without notice. Refer to Note 10 for the management fee and Administration Fee rates charged to each series of securities.

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### 7. Fund's Capital

The capital of the Fund, which is comprised of the net assets attributable to securityholders, is divided into different series with each series having an unlimited number of securities. The securities outstanding for the Fund as at March 31, 2025 and 2024 and securities issued, reinvested and redeemed for the periods are presented in the Statement of Changes in Financial Position. The Manager manages the capital of the Fund in accordance with the investment objectives as discussed in Note 10.

### 8. Financial Instruments Risk

#### (a) Risk exposure and management

The Fund's investment activities expose it to a variety of financial risks, as defined in IFRS 7, *Financial Instruments: Disclosures* ("IFRS 7"). The Fund's exposure to financial risks is concentrated in its investments, which are presented in the Schedule of Investments, as at March 31, 2025, grouped by asset type, with geographic and sector information.

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

#### (b) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk arises when the Fund encounters difficulty in meeting its financial obligations as they become due. The Fund is exposed to liquidity risk due to potential daily cash redemptions of redeemable securities. In order to monitor the liquidity of its assets, the Fund utilizes a liquidity risk management program that calculates the number of days to convert the investments held by the Fund into cash using a multi-day liquidation approach. This liquidity risk analysis assesses the Fund's liquidity against predetermined minimum liquidity percentages established for different time periods and is monitored quarterly. In addition, the Fund has the ability to borrow up to 5% of its net assets for the purposes of funding redemptions.

If applicable, other investment funds managed by CLIML ("Top Funds") may invest in Series O securities offered by the Fund on a prospectus-exempt basis in accordance with the investment objectives of those funds. Series Private Wealth securities may also be issued on a prospectus-exempt basis to investors in the IPC Private Wealth program offered by IPC Securities Corporation, an affiliate of CLIML. From time to time, these holdings may be rebalanced by either reducing an allocation to the Fund or eliminating such investments in the Fund entirely. In either case, depending on the size of the investment by a large investor, this could cause a significant redemption from the Fund. Meeting such a redemption may require the Fund to sell portfolio holdings. This could result in the Fund selling a particular holding before it has achieved the valuation sought by the Manager thus affecting Fund returns. This could also result in the Fund realizing capital gains on its holdings earlier than planned, which could result in capital gains distributed to investors in the Fund (which could result in income tax payable by the investor) that might not have occurred or might have occurred at a later date. For the amounts held by and the changes thereto during the period pertaining to Series O and/or Series Private Wealth, please refer to the amounts disclosed in the Statements of Financial Position and Statements of Changes in Financial Position.

In order to comply with securities regulations, the Fund must maintain at least 85% of its assets in liquid investments (i.e. investments that can be readily sold).

#### (c) Currency risk

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

Note 10 indicates the foreign currencies, if applicable, to which the Fund had significant exposure, including both monetary and non-monetary financial instruments, and illustrates the potential impact, in Canadian dollar terms, to the Fund's net assets had the Canadian dollar strengthened or weakened by 5% relative to all foreign currencies, all other variables held constant. In practice, the actual trading results may differ and the difference could be material.

The Fund's sensitivity to currency risk illustrated in Note 10 includes potential indirect impacts from Underlying Funds and ETFs in which the Fund invests, and/or derivative contracts including forward currency contracts. Other financial assets and liabilities (including dividends and interest receivable, and receivables/payables for investments sold/purchased) that are denominated in foreign currencies do not expose the Fund to significant currency risk.

#### (d) Interest rate risk

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

If significant, Note 10 summarizes the Fund's interest-bearing financial instruments by remaining term to maturity and illustrates the potential impact to the Fund's net assets had prevailing interest rates increased or decreased by 1%, assuming a parallel shift in the yield curve, all other variables held constant. The Fund's sensitivity to interest rate changes was estimated using weighted average duration. In practice, the actual trading results may differ and the difference could be material.

The Fund's sensitivity to interest rate risk illustrated in Note 10 includes potential indirect impacts from underlying funds and ETFs in which the Fund invests, and/or derivative contracts. Cash and cash equivalents and other money market instruments are short term in nature and are not generally subject to significant amounts of interest rate risk.



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

#### (e) Other price risk

Other price risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether caused by factors specific to an individual investment, its issuer, or all factors affecting all instruments traded in a market or market segment. All investments present a risk of loss of capital. This risk is managed through a careful selection of investments and other financial instruments within the parameters of the investment strategies. Except for certain derivative contracts, the maximum risk resulting from financial instruments is equivalent to their fair value. The maximum risk of loss on certain derivative contracts such as forwards, swaps, and futures contracts is equal to their notional values. In the case of written call (put) options and short futures contracts, the loss to the Fund continues to increase, theoretically without limit, as the fair value of the underlying interest increases (decreases). However, these instruments are generally used within the overall investment management process to manage the risk from the underlying investments and do not typically increase the overall risk of loss to the Fund. This risk is mitigated by ensuring that the Fund holds a combination of the underlying interest, cash cover and/or margin that is equal to or greater than the value of the derivative contract.

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

The Fund's sensitivity to other price risk illustrated in Note 10 includes potential indirect impacts from underlying funds and ETFs in which the Fund invests, and/or derivative contracts.

#### (f) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation or commitment that it has entered into with the Fund. Note 10 summarizes the Fund's exposure, if applicable and significant, to credit risk.

If presented, credit ratings and rating categories are based on ratings issued by a designated rating organization. Indirect exposure to credit risk may arise from fixed-income securities, such as bonds, held by underlying funds and ETFs, if any. The fair value of debt securities includes consideration of the creditworthiness of the debt issuer.

To minimize the possibility of settlement default, securities are exchanged for payment simultaneously, where market practices permit, through the facilities of a central depository and/or clearing agency where customary.

The carrying amount of investments and other assets represents the maximum credit risk exposure as at the date of the Statement of Financial Position. The Fund may enter into securities lending transactions with counterparties and it may also be exposed to credit risk from the counterparties to the derivative instruments it may use. Credit risk associated with these transactions is considered minimal as all counterparties have a rating equivalent to a designated rating organization's credit rating of not less than A-1 (low) on their short-term debt and of A on their long-term debt, as applicable.

#### (g) Underlying funds

The Fund may invest in underlying funds and may be indirectly exposed to currency risk, interest rate risk, other price risk and credit risk from fluctuations in the value of financial instruments held by the underlying funds. Note 10 summarizes the Fund's exposure, if applicable and significant, to these risks from underlying funds.

### 9. Other Information

#### Abbreviations

Foreign currencies, if any, are presented in these financial statements using the following abbreviated currency codes:

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

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

#### (a) Fund Formation and Series Information

Series	Inception/ Reinstatement Date	Minimum Investment (\$)	Management fee (%) <sup>6</sup>	Administration fee (%) <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</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

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- There are no management or administration fees for this series since these securities are designed to facilitate fund-of-fund investing where duplication of management fees is prohibited.
- There are no management fees for Series Private Wealth. An investor must enter into an agreement to participate in a discretionary managed program offered by IPC Securities Corporation and agree to pay certain asset-based fees.
- 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.

#### (b) Tax Loss Carryforwards

Total Capital Loss \$	Total Non-Capital Loss \$	Expiration Date of Non-Capital Losses													
		2031 \$	2032 \$	2033 \$	2034 \$	2035 \$	2036 \$	2037 \$	2038 \$	2039 \$	2040 \$	2041 \$	2042 \$	2043 \$	2044 \$
16,020	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

#### (c) Securities Lending

	March 31, 2025		March 31, 2024	
	(\$)		(\$)	
Value of securities loaned	5,444		20,844	
Value of collateral received	5,719		21,901	

  

	March 31, 2025		March 31, 2024	
	(\$)	(%)	(\$)	(%)
Gross securities lending income	11	100.0	11	100.0
Tax withheld	—	—	—	—
	11	100.0	11	100.0
Payments to securities lending agent	(2)	(18.2)	(2)	(18.2)
Securities lending income	9	81.8	9	81.8

#### (d) Commissions

For the periods ended March 31, 2025 and 2024, commissions paid by the Fund did not generate any third-party services that were provided or paid for by brokers.

#### (e) Risks Associated with Financial Instruments

##### i. Risk exposure and management

The Fund seeks to achieve a moderate level of income while preserving investment capital and liquidity. The Fund invests in a diversified portfolio of primarily Canadian fixed-income securities. The Fund may invest up to 30% of its assets directly in foreign securities.

##### ii. Currency risk

As at March 31, 2025 and 2024, the Fund did not have a significant exposure to currency risk.

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

#### (e) Risks Associated with Financial Instruments (cont'd)

##### iii. Interest rate risk

The tables below summarize the Fund's exposure to interest rate risks from its investments in bonds and derivative instruments by term to maturity.

	Bonds (\$)	Derivative Instruments (\$)	Impact on net assets			
			Increase by 1%		Decrease by 1%	
March 31, 2025			(\$)	(%)	(\$)	(%)
Less than 1 year	6,204	5,974				
1-5 years	56,576	—				
5-10 years	11,771	—				
Greater than 10 years	7,188	—				
Total	81,739	5,974				
Total sensitivity to interest rate changes			(2,711)	(3.2)	2,711	3.2

	Bonds (\$)	Derivative Instruments (\$)	Impact on net assets			
			Increase by 1%		Decrease by 1%	
March 31, 2024			(\$)	(%)	(\$)	(%)
Less than 1 year	5,348	5,685				
1-5 years	68,423	—				
5-10 years	9,547	—				
Greater than 10 years	3,279	—				
Total	86,597	5,685				
Total sensitivity to interest rate changes			(3,147)	(3.6)	3,147	3.6

##### iv. Other price risk

As at March 31, 2025 and 2024, the Fund did not have a significant exposure to other price risk.

##### v. Credit risk

The Fund's greatest concentration of credit risk is in debt securities, such as bonds. The fair value of debt securities includes consideration of the creditworthiness of the debt issuer. The maximum exposure to any one debt issuer as at March 31, 2025, was 13.9% of the net assets of the Fund (2024 – 21.3%).

As at March 31, 2025 and 2024, debt securities by credit rating are as follows:

Bond Rating*	March 31, 2025	March 31, 2024
	% of Net Assets	% of Net Assets
AAA	14.2	15.8
AA	18.9	8.5
A	23.3	38.3
BBB	22.5	24.1
Less than BBB	0.8	0.7
Unrated	18.2	10.7
Total	97.9	98.1

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

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

#### (f) Fair Value Classification

The table below summarizes the fair value of the Fund's financial instruments using the fair value hierarchy described in note 3.

	March 31, 2025				March 31, 2024			
	Level 1 (\$)	Level 2 (\$)	Level 3 (\$)	Total (\$)	Level 1 (\$)	Level 2 (\$)	Level 3 (\$)	Total (\$)
Bonds	–	81,738	1	81,739	–	86,596	1	86,597
Equities	5	–	–	5	4	–	–	4
Derivative assets	17	–	–	17	8	29	–	37
Derivative liabilities	(8)	(9)	–	(17)	–	(24)	–	(24)
Short-term investments	–	1,821	–	1,821	–	691	–	691
Total	14	83,550	1	83,565	12	87,292	1	87,305

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

During the periods, there were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2.

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

	March 31, 2025	March 31, 2024
	Bonds (\$)	Equities (\$)
Balance – beginning of period	1	–
Purchases	–	–
Sales	–	–
Transfers in	–	1
Transfers out	–	–
Gains (losses) during the period:		
Realized	–	–
Unrealized	–	–
Balance – end of period	1	1
Change in unrealized gains (losses) during the period attributable to securities held at end of period	–	–

#### (g) Investments by the other funds managed by the Manager

The investments held by the other funds managed by the Manager, investing in series O of the Fund, as applicable (as described in *Fund Formation and Series Information* in note 10), were as follows:

	March 31, 2025	March 31, 2024
	(\$)	(\$)
Other funds managed by the Manager	63,256	72,638

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

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

	March 31, 2025			
	Gross amount of assets/liabilities (\$)	Amount available for offset (\$)	Margin (\$)	Net amount (\$)
Unrealized gains on derivative contracts	17	(8)	–	9
Unrealized losses on derivative contracts	(8)	8	53	53
Liability for options written	–	–	–	–
Total	9	–	53	62

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

(h) Offsetting of Financial Assets and Liabilities (cont'd)

	March 31, 2024			
	Gross amount of assets/liabilities (\$)	Amount available for offset (\$)	Margin (\$)	Net amount (\$)
Unrealized gains on derivative contracts	37	(1)	90	126
Unrealized losses on derivative contracts	(24)	1	–	(23)
Liability for options written	–	–	–	–
Total	13	–	90	103

(i) Interest in Unconsolidated Structured Entities

As at March 31, 2025 and 2024, the Fund had no investments in Underlying Funds.