

# MD Family of Funds 2023 Annual Financial Statements

# A Message Regarding Your Financial Statements

Dear MD Family of Funds Investor:

As part of our commitment to keeping you informed about your MD fund investments, please find attached the 2023 Annual Financial Statements.

The Annual Financial Statements are produced on a fund-by-fund basis, and your report only includes information on the funds you owned as of December 31, 2023.

If you have any questions regarding these documents, please contact your MD Advisor or the MD Trade Centre at 1800 267-2332. We thank you for your continued investment in the MD Family of Funds.

#### Audited Annual Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2023

These audited Annual Financial Statements do not contain the Annual Management Report of Fund Performance ("MRFP") of the investment fund. If you have not received a copy of the Annual MRFP with this report, you may obtain a copy of the Annual MRFP at your request, and at no cost, by calling the toll-free number 1800 267-2332, by writing to us at MD Financial Management Inc., 1870 Alta Vista Dr., Ottawa ON K1G 6R7, by visiting our website at md.ca or by visiting the SEDAR+ website at sedarplus.ca. Securityholders may also contact us using one of these methods to request a copy of the investment fund's proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record or quarterly portfolio disclosure.

MD Financial Management Inc. wholly owns or has a majority interest in the MD Group of Companies. It provides financial products and services, is the fund manager for the MD Family of Funds and offers investment counselling services. For a detailed list of the MD Group of Companies, visit md.ca.

Commissions, trailing commissions, management fees and expenses all may be associated with mutual fund investments. Please read the prospectus before investing. Mutual funds are not guaranteed. Their values change frequently, and past performance may not be repeated. To obtain a copy of the prospectus, please call your MD Advisor, or the MD Trade Centre at 1800 267-2332. The MD Family of Funds is managed by MD Financial Management Inc.

# MD Family of Funds

Management's Responsibility for Financial Reporting

Management acknowledges responsibility for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements of MD Money Fund, MD Bond Fund, MD Short-Term Bond Fund, MD Precision Canadian Balanced Growth Fund, MD Precision Canadian Moderate Growth Fund, MD Dividend Growth Fund, MD Equity Fund, MD Canadian Equity Fund, MD American Value Fund, MD American Growth Fund, MD International Growth Fund, MD Growth Investments Limited, MD Strategic Yield Fund, MD Strategic Opportunities Fund, MD Precision Conservative Portfolio, MD Precision Moderate Balanced Portfolio, MD Precision Balanced Growth Portfolio, MD Precision Maximum Growth Portfolio, MD Precision Balanced Income Portfolio, MD Precision Moderate Growth Portfolio, MDPIM Canadian Equity Pool, MDPIM US Equity Pool, MD Fossil Fuel Free Bond Fund™, MD Fossil Fuel Free Equity Fund™, MDPIM S&P TSX Capped Composite Index Pool, MDPIM S&P 500 Index Pool, MDPIM International Equity Index Pool, and MDPIM Emerging Markets Equity Pool (collectively "the funds"). The MDPIM S&P TSX Capped Composite Index Pool, MDPIM S&P 500 Index Pool, MDPIM International Equity Index Pool and MDPIM Emerging Markets Equity Pool are funds from the MDPIM Family of Funds, offered under separate Prospectus to discretionary managed accounts clients of MD Private Investment Counsel, however these Pools offer Series F units which are available to clients of MD Management Limited. These financial statements have also been approved, in its capacity as trustee, by the Board of Directors of MD Financial Management Inc., with the exception of MD Growth Investments Limited, which has been approved by its own Board of Directors.

The financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. When alternative accounting methods exist, management has chosen those it deems most appropriate in the circumstances. Management has, where required, made these judgments and estimates on a reasonable basis to ensure that the financial statements are presented fairly in all material respects. Management also maintains strong internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that the financial information provided is reliable and accurate, that the funds' assets are appropriately accounted for and safeguarded, and that any compliance requirements arising under corporate legislation, securities regulations and internal codes of business conduct are strictly adhered to.

The Board of Directors of MD Financial Management Inc. and MD Growth Investments Limited are responsible to ensure that management fulfills its responsibilities for financial reporting and is ultimately responsible for reviewing and approving the respective financial statements as outlined above.

The Board of Directors for MD Financial Management Inc. and MD Growth Investments Limited ("the Boards"), meet with the external auditors periodically to discuss internal control, accounting and auditing matters and financial reporting issues in order to satisfy themselves that each party's Board of Directors has properly discharged its statutory responsibilities with regard to financial reporting. The Boards review unaudited semi-annual financial statements and audited annual financial statements including the external auditors' report thereon. The Boards consider these findings when making their ultimate approval of the financial statements for issuance. The Boards also review the appointment of the external auditors annually.

The financial statements have been audited by KPMG LLP, the external auditors, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. KPMG LLP has full and free access to the MD Financial Management Inc. and MD Growth Investment Limited Boards.

Signed on behalf of MD Growth Investments Limited.

Craig Maddock

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President and Chief Executive Officer
MD Growth Investments Limited

Katie Shulha

Chief Financial Officer

MD Growth Investments Limited

Signed on behalf of MD Financial Management Inc., in its capacity as trustee for MD Money Fund, MD Bond Fund, MD Short-Term Bond Fund, MD Precision Canadian Balanced Growth Fund, MD Precision Canadian Moderate Growth Fund, MD Dividend Growth Fund, MD Equity Fund, MD Canadian Equity Fund, MD American Value Fund, MD American Growth Fund, MD International Value Fund, MD International Growth Fund, MD Strategic Yield Fund, MD Strategic Opportunities Fund, MD Precision Conservative Portfolio, MD Precision Moderate Balanced Portfolio, MD Precision Balanced Growth Portfolio, MD Precision Maximum Growth Portfolio, MD Precision Balanced Income Portfolio, MD Precision Moderate Growth Portfolio, MDPIM Canadian Equity Pool, MDPIM US Equity Pool, MD Fossil Fuel Free Bond Fund and MD Fossil Fuel Free Equity Fund, MDPIM S&P TSX Capped Composite Index Pool, MDPIM S&P 500 Index Pool, MDPIM International Equity Index Pool and MDPIM Emerging Markets Equity Pool.

Pamela Allen

President and Chief Executive Officer MD Financial Management Inc.

Rob Charters

Chief Financial Officer

MD Financial Management Inc.



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# **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Unitholders and Trustee of

MD Precision Canadian Balanced Growth Fund MD Precision Conservative Portfolio

MD Precision Canadian Moderate Growth Fund MD Precision Moderate Balanced

Portfolio

MD Bond Fund MD Precision Balanced Growth Portfolio

MD Short-Term Bond Fund MD Precision Maximum Growth Portfolio MD Equity Fund MD Precision Balanced Income Portfolio

MD Equity Fund MD Precision Balanced Income Portfolio MD Canadian Equity Fund MD Precision Moderate Growth Portfolio

MD Dividend Growth Fund

MD Money Fund

MD Money Fund

MD American Growth Fund

MD Strategic Opportunities Fund

MD American Value Fund

MD Strategic Opportunities Fund

MD Strategic Yield Fund

MD International Growth Fund
MD Fossil Fuel Free Equity Fund
MD International Value Fund
MD Fossil Fuel Free Bond Fund

and

To the Shareholders of MD Growth Investments Limited (collectively, the "Funds")

### **Opinion**

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

- the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022
- the statements of comprehensive income for the years then ended
- the statements of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units or shares, as applicable, for the years then ended
- the statements of cash flows for the year then ended



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 and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of material accounting policy information

(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 Funds as at December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, and their financial performance and their cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards.

### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audits 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 Funds 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.

#### Other Information

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

 the information included in the Annual Management Reports of Fund Performance of the Funds.

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 audits 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 Reports of Fund Performance of the Funds filed with the relevant Canadian Securities Commissions as at the date of this auditor's report.



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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 Funds' 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 Funds 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 Funds.

## 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.



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#### 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 of the Funds.
- 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 Funds' 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 Funds 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 audits.

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Toronto, Canada

KPMG LLP

March 11, 2024

#### **Financial Statements**

## **Statements of Financial Position**

(in \$000's except for units outstanding and per unit amounts)

	De	ecember 31, 2023				cember 31, 2022
Assets						
Current assets						
Investments (Note 3, 8 and 9)	\$	278,507	\$	273,325		
Cash		9,393		7,128		
Dividends and interest receivable		1,488		1,307		
Financial derivative instruments (Note 3)		528		566		
Receivable for investment transactions		2		5,806		
Subscriptions receivable		91		37		
		290,009		288,169		
Liabilities						
Current liabilities						
Accrued expenses (Note 4)		62		12		
Payable for investment transactions		1,024		4,346		
Redemptions payable		125		458		
Financial derivative instruments (Note 3)		-		132		
		1,211		4,948		
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	\$	288,798	\$	283,221		
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per series						
Series A	\$	37,475	\$	43,977		
Series D	\$	1,323	\$	1,167		
Series F	\$	72,944	\$	64,461		
Series I	\$	177,056	\$	173,616		
Number of redeemable units outstanding (see Fund Specific Notes)						
Series A		2,631,314		3,447,786		
Series D		106,939		105,441		
Series F		5,428,566		5,364,199		
Series I		12,315,643		13,489,691		
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit, per series						
Series A	\$	14.24	\$	12.76		
Series D	\$	12.37	\$	11.06		
Series F	\$	13.44	\$	12.02		
Series I	\$	14.38	\$	12.87		

Approved by the Board of Directors of MD Financial Management Inc., Trustee

Director

(Signed by Pamela Allen)

Director

(Signed by Brent Currie)

## **Statements of Comprehensive Income**

for the years ended December 31 (in \$000's except for per unit amounts)

	2023	2022
Income		
Net gain (loss) on investments		
Dividends	\$ 7,405	\$ 6,997
Interest for distribution purposes	478	183
Net realized gain (loss) on sale of investments	12,067	(1,767)
Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of		
investments	22,475	(59,847)
Net gain (loss) on investments	42,425	(54,434)
Net gain (loss) on derivative instruments		
Net realized gain (loss) on derivative instruments	(2,440)	(150)
Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of	(=, : : - )	(/
derivative instruments	94	(70)
Net gain (loss) on derivatives instruments	(2,346)	(220)
Other Income		
Foreign exchange gain (loss) on cash	33	179
Securities lending (see Fund Specific Notes)	27	15
Other	31	6
Total other income	91	200
Total income (loss)	40,170	(54,454)
Expenses		
Management fees (Note 4)	1.218	1.284
Administration fees (Note 4)	246	244
Interest expense	2	
Withholding tax on foreign income	760	757
Transaction costs (Note 5)	108	146
Total expenses	2,334	2,431
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	\$ 37,836	\$ (56,885)
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Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per series		
Series A	\$ 4,874	\$ (11,087)
Series D	\$ 152	\$ (212)
Series F	\$ 8,606	\$ (12,818)
Series I	\$ 24,204	\$ (32,768)
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to		
holders of redeemable units per unit, per series		
Series A	\$ 1.62	\$ (2.92)
Series D	\$ 1.45	\$ (2.11)
Series F	\$ 1.59	\$ (2.44)
Series I	\$ 1.89	\$ (2.35)

#### **Financial Statements**

# Statements of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units ("Net Assets")

for the years ended December 31 (in \$000's)

	2023			2022		
SERIES A						
Net assets - beginning of year	\$	43,977	\$	62,478		
Add (deduct) changes during the year:						
Operations						
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units		4,874		(11,087)		
Redeemable unit transactions						
Proceeds from issue of redeemable units		2,029		2,151		
Cash paid for redemption of redeemable units		(13,401)		(9,563)		
Units issued on reinvestment of distributions		207		111		
		(11,165)		(7,301)		
Distributions From net investment income		(211)		(113)		
Trom net investment income		(211)		(113)		
Net assets - end of year	\$	37,475	\$	43,977		
SERIES D						
Net assets - beginning of year	\$	1,167	\$	1,300		
	\$	1,167	\$	1,300		
Net assets - beginning of year	\$	1,167	\$	1,300		
Net assets - beginning of year  Add (deduct) changes during the year:	\$	1,167	\$	1,300		
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Net assets - beginning of year  Add (deduct) changes during the year:  Operations  Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	\$		\$	,		
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#### **Financial Statements**

# Statements of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units ("Net Assets") (Continued)

for the years ended December 31 (in \$000's)

	2023		2022	
TOTAL FUND				
Net assets - beginning of year	\$	283,221	\$	343,886
Add (deduct) changes during the year:				
Operations				
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units		37,836		(56,885)
Redeemable unit transactions				
Proceeds from issue of redeemable units		16,419		27,677
Cash paid for redemption of redeemable units		(48,650)		(31,449)
Units issued on reinvestment of distributions		5,480		4,712
		(26,751)		940
Distributions				
From net investment income		(5,508)		(4,720)
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Net assets - end of year	\$	288,798	\$	283,221

## **Statements of Cash Flows**

for the years ended December 31 (in \$000's)

	2023	2022
Cash flows from (used in) operating activities		
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	\$ 37,836	\$ (56,885)
Adjustments for:		
Proceeds from sale of investments	114,210	83,475
Purchase of investments	(82,368)	(84,922)
Unrealized foreign exchange (gain) loss on cash	-	(2)
Net realized (gain) loss on sale of investments	(12,067)	1,767
Change in unrealized (appreciation) depreciation of investments	(22,475)	59,847
Change in unrealized (appreciation) depreciation of derivative instruments	(94)	70
Net change in non-cash working capital	(131)	(154)
Net cash from (used in) operating activities	34,911	3,196
Cash flows from (used in) financing activities		
Proceeds from issue of redeemable units	7,213	23,722
Distributions to holders of redeemable units, net of reinvested distribution	(28)	(8)
Cash paid for redemption of redeemable units	(39,831)	(27,074)
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Net cash from (used in) financing activities	(32,646)	(3,360)
Unrealized foreign exchange gain (loss) on cash	-	2
Net increase (decrease) in cash during the year	2,265	(162)
Cash, beginning of year	7,128	7,290
Cash, end of year	\$ 9,393	\$ 7,128
Interest received	450	177
Dividends received, net of withholding taxes	6,492	6,088

### Schedule of Investment Portfolio as at December 31, 2023

(in	\$000%	excent for	or numbe	er of shares)	

(in \$000's except for number of snares)			
	Number of Shares	Average Cost (\$)	Fair Value (\$)
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FOREIGN EQUITIES			
Australia (2.2%)	F 202	10.4	104
ANZ Group Holdings Limited	5,292	134	124
BHP Group Limited	2,576	104	117
BlueScope Steel Limited	4,974	82	105
Brambles Limited	10,056	107	123
Cochlear Limited	7,800	831	2,100
Coles Group Limited	9,065	142	132
CSL Limited	12,400	1,759	3,203
Fortescue Ltd	4,795	92	126
Telstra Group Limited	33,723	113	120
Transurban Group	8,778	105	108
Washington H. Soul Pattinson & Company Limited	2,848	82	84
Wesfarmers Limited	3,003	154	155
Total for Australia		3,705	6,497
Austria (0.1%)	4.774	440	100
OMV AG	1,774	112	103
Voestalpine AG	1,262	48	53
Total for Austria		160	156
Belgium (0.5%)		4.550	
Azelis Group NV	43,996	1,750	1,429
Total for Belgium		1,750	1,429
Bermuda (0.9%)			
AutoStore Holdings Ltd.	238,439	1,129	621
Jardine Matheson Holdings Limited	36,600	2,662	1,996
Total for Bermuda		3,791	2,617
Cayman Islands (0.1%)			
CK Asset Holdings Limited	18,947	148	126
CK Hutchison Holdings Limited	18,675	175	133
Total for Cayman Islands		323	259
Denmark (5.7%)			
A.P. Moller - Maersk A/S Cl. B	79	222	188
Coloplast A/S Series B	18,935	2,450	2,869
DSV A/S	5,183	1,296	1,208
Genmab AS	2,905	1,521	1,226
Novo Nordisk A/S Cl. B	68,732	2,682	9,420
Pandora A/S	892	119	163
Topdanmark A/S	15,985	939	1,011
Total for Denmark		9,229	16,085
Finland (1.7%)			
Elisa OYJ Series A	1,637	120	101
KONE OYJ Series B	48,116	3,112	3,190
Orion OYJ Series B	1,295	71	74
Sampo OYJ Series A	28,123	1,828	1,631
Total for Finland		5,131	4,996
France (11.5%)			
Air Liquide SA	23,644	3,130	6,095
Antin Infrastructure Partners SA	7,381	267	149

### Schedule of Investment Portfolio as at December 31, 2023

(in \$000's except for number of shares)

	Number of Shares	Average Cost (\$)	Fair Value (\$)
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AXA SA	2,529	90	109
Bureau Veritas SA	3,436	137	115
Credit Agricole SA	7,247	121	136
Dassault Systemes SE	49,300	2,582	3,198
Edenred	19,913	1,653	1,584
Eurazeo SE	469	50	50
Hermes International	905	1,602	2,545
La Francaise des Jeux SAEM	1,169	70	56
L'Oréal SA	6,365	1,879	4,193
LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton SE	6,690	2,900	7,190
Orange SA	7,461	115	113
Renault SA	2,224	120	121
Safran SA	555	133	130
Sartorius Stedim Biotech SA	2,453	1,057	863
Societe Generale SA	3,656	148	129
Teleperformance SE	5,344	1,871	1,035
Thales SA	11,124	1,796	2,180
TotalEnergies SE	36,800	2,020	3,312
Total for France	00,000	21,741	33,303
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Germany (5.8%) adidas AG	11,400	2,268	3,072
Allianz SE Registered Shares	410	133	3,072 145
Bayerische Motoren Werke (BMW) AG	922	110	136
Beiersdorf AG	740	133	147
Commerzbank AG	6,166	71	97
Deutsche Bank AG Registered Shares	7,702	120	139
Deutsche Boerse AG	10,636	1,872	2,902
Deutsche Telekom AG Registered Shares	3,863	122	123
Hannover Rueck SE	415	134	131
Heidelberg Materials AG	1,277	127	151
Henkel AG & Co. KGaA Preferred	1,225	136	131
Mercedes-Benz Group AG Registered Shares	1,471	146	135
Merck KGaA	14,300	3,260	3,014
Muenchener Rueckversicherungs-Gesellschaft AG Registered Shares	237	105	130
Porsche Automobil Holding SE Preferred Non-Voting	1,687	179	114
Rheinmetall AG	5,457	1,443	2,292
SAPSE	17,500	2,204	3,567
Talanx AG	692	62	65
Volkswagen AG Preferred	857	221	140
Total for Germany		12,846	16,631
Hong Kong (2.4%)			
AIA Group Limited	273,400	2,499	3,147
CLP Holdings Limited	188,000	2,311	2,053
Hang Lung Properties Limited	651,000	1,989	1,197
Henderson Land Development Company Limited	16,512	91	68
HKT Trust and HKT Limited	45,927	78	73
Link Real Estate Investment Trust	15,022	152	111
Power Assets Holdings Limited	15,912	120	122
Sun Hung Kai Properties Limited	7,740	143	110
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Swire Pacific Limited CL A			
Swire Pacific Limited Cl. A Swire Properties Limited	5,193 13,712	50	58 37

## Schedule of Investment Portfolio as at December 31, 2023

(in \$000's except for number of shares)			
		Average	Fair
	Number of Shares	Cost (\$)	Value (\$)
India (0.9%)			
HDFC Bank Limited ADR	29,786	2,232	2,649
Total for India		2,232	2,649
Ireland (1.4%)			
Aon PLC CI. A	10,645	2,704	4,105
Total for Ireland		2,704	4,105
Israel (0.1%)			
Check Point Software Technologies, Ltd.	734	110	149
ICL Group Ltd.	8,991	113	60
Total for Israel		223	209
Italy (2.1%)			
Assicurazioni Generali SPA	4,556	118	127
Eni SPA	5,313	101	120
FinecoBank Banca Fineco SPA	97,200	2,063	1,935
Mediobanca Banca di Credito Finanziario SPA	6,948	112	114
Recordati Industria Chimica e Farmaceutica SPA	50,251	3,249	3,596
UniCredit SPA	3,683	101	132
Total for Italy		5,744	6,024
Japan (17.6%)	2 002	70	100
Advantest Corporation	2,683	79	122
Aisin Corporation	1,735	80	80
ANA Holdings Inc.	1,828	55 204	52
BayCurrent Consulting, Inc.	6,300	284	292
Bridgestone Corp. Canon Inc.	2,405 3,445	123 110	132 117
Capcom Co., Ltd.	1,993	91	85
Chubu Electric Power Company, Incorporated	7,909	134	135
Chugai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.	34,704	1,321	1,744
Dai Nippon Printing Co., Ltd.	2,618	75	102
Daikin Industries, Ltd.	11,300	1,307	2,432
Daiwa House Industry Co., Ltd.	3,911	1,307	157
Daiwa Notase industry 60., Etd.  Daiwa Securities Group, Inc.	14,314	99	127
DISCO Corporation	508	122	166
FANUC Corporation	60,000	2,832	2,339
Hankyu Hanshin Holdings, Inc.	2,577	105	109
Honda Motor Co., Ltd.	9,448	129	129
Hoya Corporation	22,000	3,393	3,626
Hulic Co., Ltd.	4,501	52	62
Idemitsu Kosan Co., Ltd.	9,750	57	70
INPEX Corporation	6,933	96	124
ITOCHU Corporation	2,067	80	112
Japan Exchange Group, Inc.	32,400	688	906
Japan Post Bank Co., Ltd.	9,749	99	132
Japan Post Holdings Co., Ltd.	10,780	108	127
Japan Post Insurance Co., Ltd.	2,399	57	56
JFE Holdings, Inc.	5,609	103	115
Kajima Corporation	5,570	99	123
Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd.	1,745	78	101
KDDI Corporation	55,976	2,371	2,355
Keyence Corporation	7,800	1,820	4,530
Kintetsu Group Holdings Co., Ltd.	2,205	101	93

### Schedule of Investment Portfolio as at December 31, 2023

(in \$000's except for number of shares)

	Number	Average Cost	Fair Value
	of Shares	(\$)	(\$)
Vivin Haldings Company Limited	£ 000	124	111
Kirin Holdings Company, Limited	5,898	124	114
Kyocera Corporation	5,596	97	108
Marubeni Corporation	5,755	62	120
McDonald's Holdings Company (Japan), Ltd.	975	55	56
Meiji Holdings Co., Ltd.	3,044	114	96
MISUMI Group Inc.	52,300	1,783	1,169
Mitsubishi Corporation	5,967	74	126
Mitsubishi Electric Corporation	5,031	83	94
Mitsubishi HC Capital Inc.	10,152	71	90
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc.	11,063	76	126
Mitsui & Co., Ltd.	2,359	101	116
Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd.	4,102	146	174
Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.	5,346	92	121
MonotaRO Co., Ltd.	21,500	470	310
MS&AD Insurance Group Holdings, Inc.	2,438	95	127
Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	128,100	2,516	3,585
Nintendo Co., Ltd.	1,986	132	138
Nippon Steel Corporation	4,274	94	129
Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation	79,841	105	129
Nippon Yusen Kabushiki Kaisha	4,405	104	181
Nissin Foods Holdings Co., Ltd.	2,052	66	95
Nomura Real Estate Holdings, Inc.	1,279	40	44
Nomura Research Institute, Ltd.	32,500	938	1,248
Obayashi Corporation	7,929	87	91
OBIC Co., Ltd.	11,395	2,163	2,593
ONO Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.	4,457	155	105
Oracle Corporation Japan	443	36	45
Osaka Gas Co., Ltd.	4,509	99	125
Panasonic Holdings Corporation	8,169	119	106
Renesas Electronics Corporation	4,246	93	100
	14,476	74	97
Resona Holdings, Inc.			
SECOM Co., Ltd.	1,311	123	125
Sekisui House, Ltd.	4,531	113	133
Shimadzu Corporation	38,700	1,686	1,429
Shin-Etsu Chemical Co., Ltd.	88,900	1,670	4,922
SMC Corporation	4,900	2,141	3,472
SoftBank Corp.	8,744	140	144
Sumitomo Corporation	4,355	87	126
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc.	1,899	84	123
Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings, Inc.	4,380	93	111
Sundrug Co., Ltd.	11,900	573	506
Sysmex Corporation	36,400	3,036	2,680
Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited	5,916	217	225
Terumo Corporation	36,000	1,567	1,557
The Kansai Electric Power Company, Incorporated	8,487	151	149
Tobu Railway Co., Ltd.	2,230	70	79
Tokyo Electron, Ltd.	619	113	146
Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd.	4,883	124	148
Toppan, Inc.	3,116	70	115
Tosoh Corporation	3,011	62	51
Tsuruha Holdings, Inc.	14,600	1,887	1,771
USS Co., Ltd.	2,252	51	60

Percentages shown in brackets relate investments at fair value to net assets of the Fund.

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### Schedule of Investment Portfolio as at December 31, 2023

(in \$000's except for number of shares)			
	Number of Shares	Average Cost (\$)	Fair Value (\$)
ZOZO, Inc.	1,538	64	46
Total for Japan	1,000	40,765	50,845
Jersey (1.9%)			
Experian PLC	70,000	2,086	3,780
Ferguson PLC	6,624	1,295	1,683
Glencore PLC	14,461	114	115
Total for Jersey		3,495	5,578
Kazakhstan (0.2%)	4.505	540	500
Kaspi.kz Joint Stock Company GDR Reg S	4,595	540	560
Total for Kazakhstan		540	560
Luxembourg (0.5%)			
ArcelorMittal SA	4,132	151	155
Eurofins Scientific SE Total for Luxembourg	15,793	2,027 2,178	1,369 1,524
iotal for Euxenibodig		2,170	1,324
Netherlands (7.0%)			
Adyen NV	601	741	1,027
ASM International NV	1,596 6,186	923	1,101
ASML Holding NV BE Semiconductor Industries NV	6,186 747	2,369 133	6,189 149
Ferrari NV	5,304	1,722	2,369
IMCD NV	5,482	1,301	1,267
Koninklijke Ahold Delhaize NV	54,844	2,095	2,087
Koninklijke KPN NV	31,689	147	144
Stellantis NV	5,643	118	175
Wolters Kluwer NV Total for Netherlands	30,420	3,224 12,773	5,728 20,236
iotal ioi netherialius		12,773	20,230
New Zealand (0.0%)			
Spark New Zealand Limited	21,550	86	94
Total for New Zealand		86	94
Norway (0.9%)			
DNB Bank ASA	35,364	918	996
Equinor ASA	38,194	1,845	1,603
Orkla ASA Total for Norway	8,766	102 2,865	2,689
		2,000	2,000
Portugal (0.0%)	C 221	100	101
Galp Energia, SGPS, SA Total for Portugal	6,231	123 123	121 121
iotal for Fortugal		123	121
Singapore (2.0%)			
Ascendas Real Estate Investment Trust	1,095,039	3,176	3,322
City Developments Limited DBS Group Holdings Limited	6,148 51,480	45 1,159	41 1,723
Keppel Corporation Limited	17,066	1,159	1,723
Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited	10,966	124	143
Singapore Airlines Limited	17,383	101	114
Singapore Exchange Limited	10,315	99	102
Singapore Technologies Engineering Limited	18,757	67	73
United Overseas Bank Limited	4,666	118	133
UOL Group Limited	5,387	37	34

#### Schedule of Investment Portfolio as at December 31, 2023

(in \$000's except for number of shares) **Average** Fair Number Cost Value of Shares (\$) (\$) Wilmar International, Ltd. 22,505 80 81 **Total for Singapore** 5.113 5.887 South Korea (0.7%) Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. 23,498 1,850 1,894 Total for South Korea 1,850 1,894 Spain (2.2%) ACS Actividades de Construccion y Servicios SA 2,481 73 146 1.409 Amadeus IT Group, SA 17.100 1.625 Enagas SA 2.896 85 65 133 Iberdrola SA 7.943 138 Industria de Diseno Textil, SA 74.291 3.431 4.293 Repsol, SA 6,279 136 123 **Total for Spain** 5,267 6,390 Sweden (1.6%) Atlas Copco AB Cl. B 134.100 1.993 2.634 Epiroc AB Series A 1.042 37.471 996 3,089 134 Industrivarden AB CI. A 113 Investor Aktiebolag Cl. B 5,983 152 184 Svenska Handelsbanken AB Series A 50,390 671 725 Total for Sweden 3,971 4,673 Switzerland (9.2%) ABB Ltd. Registered Shares 2.624 109 154 Barry Callebaut AG Registered Shares 40 109 90 167 Chocoladefabriken Lindt & Spruengli AG Registered Shares 1 161 90 **Ems-Chemie Holding AG Registered** 84 94 Geberit AG 192 160 163 Holcim AG 1,474 125 153 Kuehne + Nagel International AG Registered Shares 8,435 1,675 3,853 3,549 2,286 Lonza Group AG Registered Shares 4,100 Nestlé SA Registered Shares 2,373 3,206 20,904 **Novartis AG Registered Shares** 3,345 3,997 29,873 Partners Group Holding AG 91 145 174 5,297 Roche Holding AG Non-Voting 14,312 5,496 SGS SA 20,385 2,478 2,333 Swiss Prime Site AG Registered Shares 909 111 129 117 Swisscom AG Registered Shares 170 136 VAT Group AG 5,963 1,345 3,965 Zurich Insurance Group AG 207 108 143 21,307 26,529 **Total for Switzerland** Taiwan (2.9%) 140.000 1.989 3.570 Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Limited Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Limited Sponsored ADR 34,900 1.172 4.810 **Total for Taiwan** 3,161 8,380 United Kingdom (12.7%) 3I Group PLC 5,513 123 225 Admiral Group PLC 27,786 1,411 1,258 1,284 Allfunds Group PLC 70,333 664 2,422 2,583 Ashtead Group PLC 28,137 AstraZeneca PLC 11,230 1,866 2,004

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#### Schedule of Investment Portfolio as at December 31, 2023

(in \$000's except for number of shares)

Hargreaves Lansdown PLC

**HSBC Holdings PLC** 

National Grid PLC

Prudential PLC

Rio Tinto PLC

Shell PLC ADR

Tesco PLC

Rentokil Initial PLC

Smiths Group PLC

Next PLC

**RELX PLC** 

Average Fair Number Value Cost of Shares (\$) (\$) Auto Trader Group PLC 9,711 96 118 **BAE Systems PLC** 141,644 2.655 1,751 Barclays PLC 54.140 157 140 BP PLC 16,394 132 128 2,632 3,569 **Bunzl PLC** 66,361 **Burberry Group PLC** 3,823 135 92 177 168 Centrica PLC 71,024 Compass Group PLC 184,485 5,166 6,680 Diageo PLC 65,271 2,978 3,141 Evraz PLC 12,745 90 **GSK PLC** 275 238 9,710

4,248

13,948

6,126

1,078

181,900

77,263

151,215

1,032

28,178

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28,762

103

144

108

99

4,239

2,253

1,360

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2,713

4,060

1,138

2,457

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141

8,621	167	170
41,378	1,008	1,316
2,517	176	161
110,869	135	128
	32,880	36,546
11,840	1,162	1,350
	1,162	1,350
35,133	3,255	3,275
	3,255	3,275
	217,858	278,507
	\$217,858	\$278,507
		10,291
		\$288,798
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Schedule of Investment Portfolio as at December 31, 2023

(in \$000's)

## **Schedule of Derivative Instruments**

#### FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS

Contracts		Pay		Receive	Contract Rate	Due Date	Fair Value (\$)	Counterparty	Rating of the Counterparty*
1	5,573	Canadian Dollar	6,242	Australian dollar	1.120	03/20/2024	70	Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	A+
1	30,090	Canadian Dollar	3,174,978	Japanese Yen	105.516	03/21/2024	72	Bank of Montreal	A+
1	5	Canadian Dollar	493	Japanese Yen	106.681	01/04/2024	-	State Street Bank and Trust Co.	AA-
1	3,834	Euro Currency	5,637	Canadian Dollar	1.470	03/20/2024	18	Royal Bank of Canada	AA-
1	40,231	Hong Kong Dollar	7,011	Canadian Dollar	0.174	03/20/2024	179	Royal Bank of Canada	AA-
1	13,844	Pound Sterling	23,611	Canadian Dollar	1.706	03/20/2024	245	State Street Bank and Trust Co.	AA-
1	2,254	U.S. Dollar	11,253	Brazilian Real	4.993	03/20/2024	61	Royal Bank of Canada	AA-
1	17,341	U.S. Dollar	23,503	Canadian Dollar	1.355	03/20/2024	550	Toronto-Dominion Bank	AA-
							1,195		
1	1,331	Canadian Dollar	905	Euro Currency	0.680	03/20/2024	(4)	Royal Bank of Canada	AA-
1	5	Canadian Dollar	494	Japanese Yen	106.402	01/05/2024	-	State Street Bank and Trust Co.	AA-
1	16,605	Canadian Dollar	9,736	Pound Sterling	0.586	03/20/2024	(172)	State Street Bank and Trust Co.	AA-
1	19,583	Canadian Dollar	14,449	U.S. Dollar	0.738	03/20/2024	(459)	Toronto-Dominion Bank	AA-
1	1,418,122	Japanese Yen	13,440	Canadian Dollar	0.009	03/21/2024	(32)	Bank of Montreal	A+
							(667)		
Total Forwa	rd Currency (	Contracts					528		

<sup>\*</sup> Source: Standard & Poor's Credit Rating Agency

#### **Fund Specific Notes**

(in \$000's)

### **Financial Instruments**

MD International Growth Fund (the "Fund") invests in a diversified portfolio of global equity securities as well as derivative contracts, as shown in the Schedule of Investment Portfolio. These investments expose the Fund to risks associated with financial instruments. The Fund's exposure and sensitivity to these risks are presented below. A description of the risks and how the Fund manages these risks is discussed in Note 8 of the Notes to the Financial Statements.

### **Credit Risk**

The Fund's credit risk is concentrated in investments in preferred shares and derivative instruments. The Fund's maximum exposure to credit risk is the carrying value of preferred shares as presented on the Schedule of Investment Portfolio as well as the cash presented on the Statements of Financial Position. The Fund's maximum exposure to credit risk from derivative instruments is the carrying value of financial derivative instrument assets as presented on the Statements of Financial Position.

As at December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, the Fund invested in preferred shares with the following credit ratings:

Credit Rating	% of Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units December 31, 2023	% of Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units December 31, 2022		
Preferred Shares				
Pfd-2	0.1%	0.0%		
Unrated	0.0%	0.2%		
Total	0.1%	0.2%		

All credit ratings are from external credit rating agencies such as Dominion Bond Rating Service, Standard & Poor's and Moody's.

# **Currency Risk**

Exposures to foreign currencies as at December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022 are presented in the table below.

Currency	O Att	ash and ther Net Assets ributable Holders of deemable Units	vestments Fair Value	_	erivative xposure	et Currency Exposure	% of Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units
December 31, 20	23						
U.S. Dollar	\$	183	\$ 21,350	\$	(6,811)	\$ 14,722	5.1%
European Euro		368	91,476		(4,293)	87,551	30.3%
Australian Dollar		7	6,497		5,644	12,148	4.2%
Brazilian Real		-	-		3,044	3,044	1.1%
Danish Krone		165	16,085		(2)	16,248	5.6%
Hong Kong Dollar		4	7,234		(6,832)	406	0.1%
Israeli Shekel		1	60		-	61	0.0%
Japanese Yen		65	50,845		16,699	67,609	23.4%
New Taiwan Dollar		14	3.570		-	3.584	1.2%

	O:	ash and ther Net Assets ributable Holders of							% of Net Assets Attributable to Holders of
Currency	Red	deemable Units		ivestments t Fair Value		erivative xposure		t Currency Exposure	Redeemable Units
New Zealand Dollar		_		93		_		93	0.0%
Norwegian Krone		29		3,310		_		3.339	1.2%
British Pound		43		39,004		(6,934)		32,113	11.1%
Singapore Dollar		2		5.887		(0,551)		5.889	2.0%
South Korean		_		0,007				0,000	2.0 %
Won		-		1,894		-		1,894	0.7%
Swedish Krona		-		4,673		-		4,673	1.6%
Swiss Franc		740		26,529		-		27,269	9.4%
Total	\$	1,621	\$	278,507	\$	515	\$	280,643	97.0%
<b>December 31, 202</b> U.S. Dollar	22 \$	(1,183)	\$	18,286	\$	1,287	\$	18,390	6.5%
European Euro	*	1.739	•	81,455	*	(13,180)	*	70,014	24.7%
Australian Dollar		10		7.160		-		7.170	2.5%
Brazilian Real		-		-		2,847		2,847	1.0%
Danish Krone		1,076		22,785		(847)		23,014	8.1%
Hong Kong Dollar		76		12,317		(70)		12,323	4.4%
Israeli Shekel		5		631		-		636	0.2%
Japanese Yen		172		47,037		5,867		53,076	18.7%
Mexican Peso		1		736		2,810		3,547	1.3%
New Taiwan Dollar		73		3,003		(58)		3,018	1.1%
New Zealand Dollar		-		112		-		112	0.0%
Norwegian Krone		45		3,262		(39)		3,268	1.2%
British Pound		435		36,609		(17,570)		19,474	6.9%
Singapore Dollar South Korean		47		6,789		(45)		6,791	2.4%
Won		33		1,807		-		1,840	0.6%
Swedish Krona		62		4,886		(62)		4,886	1.7%
Swiss Franc		1,137		26,449		17,091		44,677	15.8%
Total	\$	3,728	\$	273,324	\$	(1,969)	\$	275,083	97.1%

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As at December 31, 2023, if the Canadian Dollar had strengthened against all other currencies by 10%, the Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units of the Fund could have decreased by approximately \$28,064 or 9.7% of Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units (December 31, 2022 - \$27,508 or 9.7%). Conversely, had the Canadian Dollar weakened against all other currencies by 10%, the Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units of the Fund could have increased by approximately \$28,064 or 9.7% of Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units (December 31, 2022 - \$27,508 or 9.7%). These sensitivities are estimates. Actual results may vary and the variance may be material.

### **Interest Rate Risk**

The majority of the Fund's financial assets are non-interest bearing. The maturity dates of the interest-bearing assets held by the Fund are less than one year. Therefore, the Fund's exposure to interest rate risk is not significant.

#### **Fund Specific Notes**

(in \$000's)

# Liquidity Risk

The Fund's financial liabilities are all due within one year. Redeemable units are redeemable on demand at the holder's option; however, the Fund does not expect the contractual maturity will be representative of the actual cash outflows, as holders of these instruments typically retain them for a longer period.

## Other Price Risk

As at December 31, 2023, 96.4% (December 31, 2022 - 96.5%) of the Fund's Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units were invested in equity financial instruments traded in active markets. If prices of securities traded on these markets decrease by 10%, with all other factors remaining constant, Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units could fall by approximately \$27,851 (December 31, 2022 - \$27,333). Conversely, if prices increase by 10%, Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units could rise by approximately \$27,851 (December 31, 2022 - \$27,333). These sensitivities are estimates. Actual results may vary and the variance may be significant.

### Concentration Risk

Concentration risk arises as a result of the concentration of exposures within the same category. The following table summarizes the Fund's concentration risk as a percentage of Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units:

Market Segment	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Foreign Equities		
Australia	2.2%	2.5%
Austria	0.1%	0.1%
Belgium	0.5%	0.7%
Bermuda	0.9%	1.1%
Cayman Islands	0.1%	1.1%
Cyprus	-	0.0%
Denmark	5.7%	8.1%
Finland	1.7%	2.1%
France	11.5%	10.8%
Germany	5.8%	5.7%
Hong Kong	2.4%	3.3%
India	0.9%	0.7%
Ireland	1.4%	2.0%
Israel	0.1%	0.3%
Italy	2.1%	2.0%
Japan	17.6%	16.6%
Jersey	1.9%	1.7%
Kazakhstan	0.2%	0.2%
Luxembourg	0.5%	0.7%
Mexico	-	0.3%
Netherlands	7.0%	5.5%
New Zealand	0.0%	-
Norway	0.9%	0.9%
Portugal	0.0%	-
Singapore	2.0%	2.4%
South Korea	0.7%	0.6%
Spain	2.2%	1.0%
Sweden	1.6%	1.7%
Switzerland	9.2%	9.3%
Taiwan	2.9%	2.5%

Market Segment	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
United Kingdom	12.7%	12.0%
United States	0.5%	0.1%
Exchange Traded Funds	1.1%	0.5%
Cash and Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	3.6%	3.5%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

## Fair Value Hierarchy

The following is a summary of the Fund's use of quoted market prices (Level 1), internal models using observable market information as inputs (Level 2), and internal models without observable market information (Level 3) in the valuation of the Fund's securities. The inputs or methodologies used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

	M	Quoted Prices in Active arkets for dentical Assets (Level 1)	0	ignificant Other bservable Inputs (Level 2)	(Le	(Level 3)		Total	
December 31, 2023									
Foreign Equities	\$	18,793	\$	259,714	\$	-	\$	278,507	
Financial Derivative Instruments – Assets		_		528		-		528	
Total	\$	18,793	\$	260,242	\$	-	\$	279,035	
December 31, 2022									
Foreign Equities	\$	270,018	\$	3,307	\$	-	\$	273,325	
Financial Derivative Instruments – Assets		-		566		-		566	
Financial Derivative Instruments – Liabilities		-		(132)		-		(132)	
Total	\$	270,018	\$	3,741	\$	-	\$	273,759	

For the period from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, equity investments of approximately \$230,348 were transferred from Level 1 to Level 2. Transfers are primarily attributable to the valuation techniques used for foreign equity securities, as discussed in the accompanying Notes to Financial Statements. For the period from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022, Russian related assets of \$33 were transferred from Level 1 to Level 2 and subsequently, \$4 were transferred from Level 2 to Level 3. The transfers were due to trading restrictions and economic sanctions on Russian related assets held by the Fund. As at December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, Russian related assets held by the Fund are valued at \$nil as trading restrictions and default risk have increased volatility and liquidity concerns.

### **Fund Specific Notes**

(in \$000's)

# **Level 3 Reconciliation**

The following is a reconciliation of investments measured at fair value using internal models without observable market information (Level 3) for the period from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 and January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

	2023	2022
Beginning balance	-	-
Purchases	-	-
Sales	(77)	-
Transfer into Level 3	-	4
Transfer out of Level 3	-	-
Realized gain (loss) on sale of investments	(259)	
Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	336	(4)
Ending Balance		-
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) during the period for assets held at year end	-	(4)

#### **Fund Specific Notes**

## **Redeemable Unit Transactions**

for the years ended December 31

	2023	2022
SERIES A	_	
Outstanding, beginning of year	3,447,786	4,025,751
Issued	162,663	173,508
Redeemed	(979,135)	(751,473)
Outstanding, end of year	2,631,314	3,447,786
SERIES D		
Outstanding, beginning of year	105,441	96,597
Issued	10,858	12,833
Redeemed	(9,360)	(3,989)
Outstanding, end of year	106,939	105,441
SERIES F		
Outstanding, beginning of year	5,364,199	5,215,583
Issued	864,472	770,027
Redeemed	(800,105)	(621,411)
Outstanding, end of year	5,428,566	5,364,199
SERIES I		
Outstanding, beginning of year	13,489,691	13,013,657
Issued	608,588	1,605,232
Redeemed	(1,782,636)	(1,129,198)
Outstanding, end of year	12,315,643	13,489,691
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## Securities on Loan

(in \$000's)	Dece	ember 31, 2023	December 31, 2022		
Fair value of securities loaned	\$	4,496	\$	1,195	
Fair value of collateral (non-cash)	\$	4,729	\$	1,256	

State Street Bank and Trust Co. is entitled to receive payments out of the gross amount generated from the securities lending transactions of the Fund and bears all operational costs directly related to securities lending as well as the cost of borrower default indemnification.

The table below sets out a reconciliation of the gross amount generated from the securities lending transactions of the Fund to the revenue from securities lending disclosed under securities lending income in the Fund's Statements of Comprehensive Income.

for the years ended December 31 (in \$000's)		2023		2022
Gross amount generated from the securities lending transactions Amounts paid to State Street Bank and	\$	33	\$	20
Trust Co.	\$	(6)	\$	(5)
Net securities lending income as reported in the Statements of Comprehensive Income	\$	27	\$	15
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# Investment in Unconsolidated Structured Entities

as at December 31, 2023

Investee Fund	Fair Value (in \$000's)	Ownership % in the Investee Funds
iShares Core MSCI EAFE ETF	3,275	0.0%
as at December 31, 2022		
Investee Fund	Fair Value (in \$000's)	Ownership % in the Investee Funds
iShares Core MSCI EAFE ETF	1,431	0.0%

# Amounts Subject to Master Netting Arrangements

(in \$000's)

In the normal course of business, the Fund enters into various enforceable master netting arrangements with its derivative counterparties.

The following tables present the Fund's financial assets and liabilities subject to enforceable master netting arrangements. The tables are presented by financial instrument type.

#### **FINANCIAL ASSETS**

	Gr	oss Asset	Lia	Gross abilities Offset	 Net mounts esented	Instr Eligi	anciai uments ible for ffset	Net
December 31, 2023								
Forward currency contracts	\$	1,195	\$	667	\$ 528	\$	-	\$ 528
Total	\$	1,195	\$	667	\$ 528	\$	-	\$ 528
<b>December 31, 2022</b> Forward currency contracts	\$	1,497	\$	931	\$ 566	\$	-	\$ 566
Total	\$	1,497	\$	931	\$ 566	\$	-	\$ 566

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#### FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

	ı	Gross Liability	 oss Asset Offset	 Net mounts esented	Instr Eligi	ancial uments ible for ffset	Net
December 31, 2023							
Forward currency contracts	\$	667	\$ 667	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -
Total	\$	667	\$ 667	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -
December 31, 2022							
Forward currency contracts	\$	1,063	\$ 931	\$ 132	\$	-	\$ 132
Total	\$	1,063	\$ 931	\$ 132	\$	-	\$ 132

For 12 months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

## 1. Name and formation of the Funds

#### **ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FUNDS**

The MD Family of Mutual Funds (individually a "Fund" and collectively the "Funds") are unincorporated mutual fund trusts formed under the laws of the province of Ontario pursuant to the Declarations of Trust, and the creation dates are as follows:

	Series A	Series I	Series D	Series F2	Series F	Private Trust Units
MD Precision Canadian Balanced Growth Fund	September 9, 1992	October 30, 2009	March 19, 2018		May 10, 2017	
MD Bond Fund	April 6, 1988	October 30, 2009	March 19, 2018		May 10, 2017	
MD Short-Term Bond Fund	September 19, 1995	October 30, 2009	March 19, 2018		May 10, 2017	
MD Precision Canadian Moderate Growth Fund	September 9, 1992	October 30, 2009	March 19, 2018		May 10, 2017	
MD Equity Fund	March 1, 1966	October 30, 2009	March 19, 2018		May 10, 2017	
MD Dividend Growth Fund	January 4, 2007	October 30, 2009	March 19, 2018		May 10, 2017	
MD International Growth Fund	July 19, 2000	October 30, 2009	March 19, 2018		May 10, 2017	
MD International Value Fund	January 5, 2004	October 30, 2009	March 19, 2018		May 10, 2017	
MD Money Fund	July 12,1983		March 19, 2018	May 24, 2017		
MD Canadian Equity Fund	October 29, 1993	October 30, 2009	March 19, 2018		May 10, 2017	
MD American Growth Fund	September 9, 1992	October 30, 2009	March 19, 2018		May 10, 2017	
MD American Value Fund	July 10, 2000	October 30, 2009	March 19, 2018		May 10, 2017	
MD Strategic Yield Fund	January 30, 2014	January 30, 2014	March 19, 2018		May 10, 2017	
MD Strategic Opportunities Fund	January 30, 2014	January 30, 2014	March 19, 2018		May 10, 2017	
MD Precision Conservative Portfolio	January 6, 2010		March 19, 2018	May 24, 2017	May 10, 2017	
MD Precision Balanced Income Portfolio	March 27, 2012		March 19, 2018	May 24, 2017	May 10, 2017	
MD Precision Moderate Balanced Portfolio	January 6, 2010		March 19, 2018	May 24, 2017	May 10, 2017	
MD Precision Moderate Growth Portfolio	March 27, 2012		March 19, 2018	May 24, 2017	May 10, 2017	
MD Precision Balanced Growth Portfolio	January 6, 2010		March 19, 2018	May 24, 2017	May 10, 2017	
MD Precision Maximum Growth Portfolio	January 6, 2010		March 19, 2018	May 24, 2017	May 10, 2017	
MD Fossil Fuel Free Bond Fund	May 11, 2016	May 11, 2016	March 19, 2018		May 10, 2017	
MD Fossil Fuel Free Equity Fund	May 11, 2016	May 11, 2016	March 19, 2018		May 10, 2017	

MD Growth Investments Limited ("MD Growth) is a mutual fund corporation incorporated under the laws of Ontario pursuant to the Letters Patent and the series creation dates are as follows:

	Series A	Series I	Series D	Series F
MD Growth Investments Limited	July 18, 1969	October 30, 2009	May 16, 2018	May 10, 2017

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MD Financial Management Inc. ("the Manager") is the Manager and Trustee of the Funds. The Manager is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Bank of Nova Scotia ("Scotiabank"). The address of the Funds' registered office is 1870 Alta Vista, Ottawa, Ontario.

Throughout these Notes to the Financial Statements, the shares of MD Growth Investments Limited have been referred to as "units" to simplify the presentation.

The financial statements of the Funds include the Statements of Financial Position as of December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, as applicable, and the Statements of Comprehensive Income, the Statements of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units or Shares and the Statements of Cash Flows for the periods ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, except for Funds established during either period, in which case the information provided relates to the period from creation date to December 31, 2023 or 2022. The Schedule of Investment Portfolio for each of the Funds is at December 31, 2023.

These financial statements were authorized for issue by the Manager on March 11, 2024.

#### **SERIES OF UNITS**

"Series A" units are available to all MD Management Ltd. clients who are qualified eligible investors. The MDPIM Canadian Equity Pool and MDPIM US Equity Pool "Series A" units are closed to new subscribers. Investors holding "Series A" units of MDPIM Canadian Equity Pool and MDPIM US Equity Pool are allowed to hold their units, as well as subscribe for additional "Series A" units.

"Series D" units are available to qualified investors who acquire securities through an order execution only trading platform approved by MD Management Limited.

"Series F" units are available to all MD Management Ltd. clients who are qualified eligible investors and who have a fee-based account with MD Management Ltd.

"Series F2" units are available only to qualified eligible investors who open an MD ExO® Direct account with MD Management Ltd.

"Series I" units were established to support the MD Precision Conservative Portfolio, the MD Precision Moderate Balanced Portfolio, the MD Precision Balanced Growth Portfolio, the MD Precision Maximum Growth Portfolio, the MD Precision Balanced Income Portfolio and the MD Precision Moderate Growth Portfolio. These units are only available to the six funds listed above and certain institutional investors, and are not charged management fees.

MDPIM Canadian Equity Pool and MDPIM US Equity Pool offer "Private Trust Series" and MDPIM Emerging Markets Equity Pool, MDPIM S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index Pool, MDPIM S&P 500 Index Pool and MDPIM International Equity Index Pool offer "Series A" units which may be purchased by either MD Private Investment Counsel (an operating division of MD Financial Management Inc.) or MD Private Trust Company clients who have appointed MD Private Investment Counsel to provide discretionary portfolio management services and advice to them or MD Private Trust Company to provide trust services.

# 2. Basis of presentation

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with IFRS Accounting Standards. The preparation of these financial statements in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards requires the use of judgment in applying accounting policies and to make estimates and assumptions concerning the future. Significant accounting judgments and estimates made by the Manager are disclosed in Note 7.

# 3. Material accounting policy information

#### FUNCTIONAL AND PRESENTATION CURRENCY

The financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars, which is the Funds' functional currency. Cash, investments and other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Canadian dollars at the rate of exchange prevailing on each valuation date. Transactions during the year in currencies other than Canadian dollars are translated into Canadian dollars at the rate of exchange prevailing on the trade date of the transaction. The difference in the foreign exchange rate between trade date and settlement date of a transaction is recognized in income on the Statements of Comprehensive Income. Foreign exchange gains and losses relating to cash are presented as "Foreign exchange gain (loss) on cash" and those relating to other financial assets and liabilities are presented within net gains or losses on the sale of investments or derivatives.

All financial information is presented in Canadian dollars and has been rounded to the nearest thousand, unless otherwise stated.

#### FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Funds classify and measure financial instruments in accordance with IFRS 9 "Financial Instruments" (IFRS 9). All financial assets and liabilities are recognized in the Statements of Financial Position when the Funds become party to the contractual requirements of the instrument. Financial instruments are derecognized when the right to receive cash flows from the instrument has expired or the Funds have transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership. As such, investment purchase and sale transactions are recorded as of the trade date

The Funds classify investments, including derivatives, as fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL). Investment classification is based on both the Funds' business model for managing those investments and their contractual cash flow characteristics. The portfolio of investments is managed and performance is evaluated on a fair value basis in accordance with the Funds' investment strategy. The Funds are primarily focused on fair value information and use that information to assess performance and to make decisions. The contracual cash flows of the Funds' debt securities are generally principal and interest, however, the collection of contractual cash flows is only incidental to achieving the Funds' business model's objective. Consequently, all investments are measured at FVTPL. Subsequent to initial recognition, investments, including derivatives, are measured at FVTPL. Gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value are included in the Statements of Comprehensive Income for the years in which they arise.

The Funds' obligation for net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units is measured at FVTPL, with fair value being the redemption amount at the reporting date

Cash is measured at fair value upon recognition and subsequently at amortized cost.

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Other financial assets and liabilities, such as accrued interest and dividends receivable, accounts receivable for investment transactions, subscriptions receivable, amounts receivable for securities lending transactions, distributions payable, accounts payable for investment transactions and redemptions payable are recognized initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and subsequently stated at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method. Under this method, these financial assets and liabilities reflect the amount required to be received or paid, discounted, when appropriate, at the contracts' effective interest rate.

#### **NET ASSETS VERSUS NET ASSET VALUE**

The Funds' accounting policies for measuring the fair value of their investments and derivatives are identical to those used in measuring the net asset value (NAV) for transactions with unitholders in accordance with Part 14 of National Instruments 81-106 Investment Funds for Continuous Disclosure ("NI 81-106").

#### INCOME RECOGNITION

Gains and losses arising from changes in fair value of non-derivative financial assets are shown in the Statements of Comprehensive Income as "Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments" and as "Net realized gain (loss) on sale of investments" when positions are sold.

Gains and losses arising from changes in fair value of derivatives are shown in the Statements of Comprehensive Income as "Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on derivative instruments" and as Net realized gain (loss) on derivative instruments" when positions are closed out or have expired, where applicable.

The interest for distribution purposes shown on the Statements of Comprehensive Income represents the coupon interest received by the Funds, accounted for on an accrual basis. Dividend income and distributions to unitholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Distributions from underlying funds out of interest, foreign income and related withholding taxes, Canadian dividends and net realized capital gains are recognized when declared. Realized gains or losses from investment transactions and the unrealized appreciation or depreciation of investments are computed on an average cost basis, which exclude brokerage commissions and other trading expenses. Brokerage commissions and other trading expenses are charged to income as incurred.

#### OFFSETTING FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the Statements of Financial Position when the Funds currently have a legally enforceable right to set-off the recognized amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. In the normal course of business, the Funds may enter into various master netting agreements or similar agreements that do not meet the criteria for offsetting in the Statements of Financial Position but still allow for the related amounts to be set off in certain circumstances, such as bankruptcy or termination of the contracts. Financial assets and liabilities that are subject to master netting or comparable agreements and the related potential effect of offsetting are disclosed in the respective Fund Specific Notes.

Transactions with counterparties are governed by separate master netting agreements. Each agreement allows for net settlement of certain open contracts where the Fund and respective counterparty both elect to settle on a net basis. In the absence of such an election, contracts will be settled on a gross basis. However, each party to the master netting agreement will have the option to settle all open contracts on a net basis in the event of default of the other party.

#### NON-CASH TRANSACTIONS

Non-cash transactions on the Statements of Cash Flows include reinvested distributions from the underlying mutual funds and stock dividends from equity investments. These amounts represent non-cash income recognized in the Statements of Comprehensive Income. In addition, reclassifications between series of the same fund are also non-cash in nature and have been excluded from "Proceeds from issue of redeemable units" and "Cash paid on redemption of redeemable units" on the Statements of Cash Flows.

#### **FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT**

Fair value is 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 are categorized as FVTPL and are recorded at fair value. In the case of securities traded in an active market, fair value is based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the reporting date as provided by independent pricing services. The Funds use the last traded market price for both financial assets and financial liabilities where the last traded price falls within the day's bidask spread. In circumstances where the last traded 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. In the case of investments not traded in an active market, or for those securities for which the Manager feels the latest market prices are not reliable, fair value is estimated based on valuation techniques established by the Manager. Valuation techniques established by the Manager are based on observable market data except in situations where there is no relevant or reliable market data. The value of securities estimated using valuation techniques not based on observable market data, if any, is disclosed in the Financial Instruments Risks section of the financial statements.

#### FINANCIAL DERIVATIVES INSTRUMENTS

A derivative is a financial contract between two parties, the value of which is derived from the value of an underlying asset such as an equity, bond, commodity, interest rate or currency. Certain Funds may use derivatives, such as options, futures, forward contracts, swap contracts, and other similar instruments, in a manner considered appropriate to achieving the Fund's investment objectives. Derivatives may be used to protect a security price, currency exchange rate or interest rate from negative changes (hedging) or to provide exposure to securities, indices, or currencies without investing in them directly (non-hedging). Derivatives contain various risks including the potential inability for the counterparty to fulfil their obligations under the terms of the contract, the potential for illiquid markets and the potential price risk which may expose the Funds to gains and/or losses in excess of the amounts shown on the Statements of Financial Position. Derivatives with unrealized gains are reported as financial derivative instruments under current liabilities.

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#### **Forward Currency Contracts**

Certain Funds may enter into forward currency contracts for either hedging or non-hedging purposes where such activity is consistent with their investment objectives and as permitted by the Canadian securities regulatory authorities. A forward currency contract is an agreement between two parties to buy and sell a currency at a set price on a future date. Investments in forward currency contracts are entered into with approved counterparties and are recorded at fair value. The fair value of a forward currency contract fluctuates with changes in foreign currency exchange rates. The fair value of forward currency contracts is reported as financial derivative instruments in the Statements of Financial Position. Forward currency contracts are marked to market daily and the changes in fair value of forward currency contracts are recorded in "Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of derivative instruments". Upon closing of the contracts, the accumulated gains or losses are reported in "Net realized gain (loss) on sale of derivative instruments". The contractual amounts of open contracts are disclosed in the Schedule of Investment Portfolio in the Schedule of Derivative Instruments.

#### **Futures Contracts**

Futures contracts are valued on each valuation day using the closing market price posted on the related public exchange. The fair value of future contracts is reported as "Financial Derivative Instruments" in the Statements of Financial Position. All gains or losses arising from futures contracts are recorded as part of "Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of derivative instruments" in the Statements of Comprehensive Income until the contracts are closed out or expire, at which time the gains or losses are realized and reported as "Net realized gain (loss) on derivative instruments".

#### **Credit Default Swaps**

Certain Funds may enter into credit default swap contracts, primarily to manage and/or gain exposure to credit risk where such activity is consistent with their investment objectives and as permitted by the Canadian securities regulatory authorities. A credit default swap is an agreement between the Fund and a counterparty whereby the buyer of the contract receives credit protection and the seller of the contract guarantees the credit worthiness of a referenced debt obligation. The underlying referenced debt obligation may be a single issuer of corporate or sovereign debt, a credit index, or a tranche of a credit index. The credit risk exposure of a Fund to the referenced asset is comparable to the exposure that would have resulted if the Fund were invested directly in the referenced debt obligation. If the Funds are buyers of protection and a credit event occurs, as defined under the terms of that particular swap agreement, the Funds will either (i) receive the notional amount of the credit default swap contract from the seller in exchange for the referenced debt obligation or (ii) receive a net settlement amount equal to the notional amount of the credit default swap contract less the recovery amount of value of the referenced debt obligation. If the Funds are sellers of protection and a credit event occurs, as defined under the terms of that particular swap agreement, the Funds will either (i) pay to the buyer of protection an amount equal to the notional amount of the swap and take delivery of the referenced obligation, other deliverable obligations or underlying securities comprising the referenced index or (ii) pay a net settlement amount in the form of cash or securities equal to the notional amount of the swap less the recovery value of the referenced obligation or underlying securities comprising the referenced index. The maximum credit risk to the Fund as a seller of protection is the notional amount of the contract.

Over the term of the contract, the buyer pays the seller a periodic stream of payments, provided that no event of default has occurred. Such periodic payments paid or received are accrued daily and are included in the Statements of Comprehensive Income in Net Interest Income (Expense) from Swap Contracts. Credit Default Swaps are disclosed in the Schedule of Derivative Instruments. The change in value of a credit default swap contract and any upfront premium paid or received is included in the Statements of Financial Position as Financial Derivative Instruments. When the credit default swap contracts are closed out, gains or losses, including upfront premiums, are realized and included in the Statements of Comprehensive Income in "Net realized gain (loss) on derivative instruments". Pursuant to the terms of the credit default swap contract, cash or securities may be required to be deposited as collateral.

#### **Interest Rate Swaps**

Certain Funds may enter into interest rate swap contracts, primarily to manage and/or gain exposure to fluctuations in interest rates. An interest rate swap is an agreement between the Fund and a counterparty whereby the parties agree to exchange a fixed payment for a floating payment that is linked to an interest rate and an agreed upon notional amount.

Over the term of the contract, each party will pay to the other party a periodic stream of payments. Such periodic payments paid or received are accrued daily and are included in the Statements of Comprehensive Income in Net Interest Income (Expense) from Swap Contracts. Interest Rate Swaps are disclosed in the Schedule of Derivative Instruments. The change in value of an interest rate swap contract and any upfront premium paid or received is included in the Statements of Financial Position as Financial Derivative Instruments. When the interest rate swap contracts are closed out, gains or losses, as well as any upfront premiums, are realized and included in the Statements of Comprehensive Income in Net realized gain (loss) on derivative instruments.

#### **Total Return Swaps**

Certain Funds may enter into total return swap contracts primarily to manage and/or gain exposure to the underlying reference asset. An total return swap is an agreement between the Fund and a counterparty where single or multiple cash flows are exchanged based on the price of an underlying reference asset and based on a fixed or variable rate.

Over the term of the contract, the Funds will pay to the counterparty a periodic stream of payments based on fixed or variable rate. Such periodic payments paid are accrued daily and are included in the Statements of Comprehensive Income in Net Interest Income (Expense) from Swap Contracts. At the maturity date, a net cash flow is exchanged where the total return is equivalent to the return of the underlying reference asset less a financing rate, if any. As a receiver, the Funds would receive payments based on any net positive total return and would owe payments in the event of a net negative total return. Total return swaps are disclosed in the Schedule of Derivative Instruments. The change in value of an total return swap contract is included in the Statements of Financial Position as Financial Derivative Instruments. When the total return swap contracts are closed out, gains or losses are realized and included in the Statements of Comprehensive Income in Net realized gain (loss) on derivative instruments.

#### **Cross Currency Swaps**

Certain Funds may enter into cross currency swap contracts, primarily to manage and/or gain exposure to currency risk. A cross currency swap is an agreement between the Fund and a counterparty whereby the parties agree to exchange interest payments and principal on loans denominated in two different currencies.

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Over the term of the contract, each party will pay to the other party a periodic stream of payments. Such periodic payments paid or received are accrued daily and are included in the Statements of Comprehensive Income in Net Interest Income (Expense) from Swap Contracts. Cross currency swaps are disclosed in the Schedule of Derivative Instruments. The change in value of a cross currency swap contract and any upfront premium paid or received is included in the Statements of Financial Position as Financial Derivative Instruments. When the cross currency swap contracts are closed out, gains or losses, as well as any upfront premiums, are realized and included in the Statements of Comprehensive Income in Net realized gain (loss) on derivative instruments.

#### **Foreign Currency Option Contracts**

Certain Funds may purchase foreign currency options. Purchasing foreign currency options gives the Fund the right, but not the obligation to buy or sell the currency and will specify the amount of currency and a rate of exchange that may be exercised by a specified date. These options may be used as a hedge against possible variations in foreign exchange rates or to gain exposure to foreign currencies.

Foreign currency option contracts are disclosed in the Schedule of Derivative Instruments. The change in value of a foreign currency option contract and any premiums paid are included in the Statements of Financial Position as Financial Derivative Instruments. When the foreign currency option contracts are closed out, gains or losses, as well as any premiums paid, are realized and included in the Statements of Comprehensive Income in Net realized gain (loss) on derivative instruments.

#### **CAPITAL RISK MANAGEMENT**

Units issued and outstanding are considered to be the capital of the Funds. The Funds do not have any specific capital requirements on the subscription and redemption of units, other than certain minimum subscription. The Funds' units are offered for sale on any business day and may be redeemed or issued at the Net Asset Value (NAV) per unit for the respective series on that business day. A business day refers to any day the Toronto Stock Exchange is open for business. The NAV for each series is computed daily by calculating the value of that series' proportionate share of net assets and liabilities of the Fund common to all series less liabilities attributable to that series. Expenses directly attributable to a series are charged to that series. Assets, common liabilities, revenues and other expenses are allocated proportionately to each series based upon the relative NAVs of each series. The NAV per unit is determined by dividing the NAV of each series of a Fund by the total number of units of that series outstanding.

# INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE UNITS PER UNIT

"Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit" in the Statements of Comprehensive Income represents the increase or decrease in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units attributable to each series of units for the year, divided by the weighted average units outstanding in that series during the year.

#### SECURITIES LENDING TRANSACTIONS

A Fund may lend portfolio securities to earn additional income through a securities lending agreement with its custodian. The aggregate market value of all securities loaned by the Fund cannot exceed 50% of the assets of the Fund. The Fund receives collateral in the form of securities deemed acceptable under National Instrument 81-102, "Mutual Funds" ("NI81-102") of at least 102% of the fair value of securities on loan. Collateral held is typically government and corporate bonds.

Income from securities lending is recorded as "Securities lending" on a monthly basis when it is receivable. Securities lending details are listed in Securities on Loan included in the Fund Specific Notes to the financial statements. The securities lending agent earns 20% of the gross income generated through any securities lending transactions in the Funds.

#### REDEEMABLE UNITS

Certain Funds issue different series of redeemable units, which are redeemable at the holder's option and do not have identical rights. Such units are classified as financial liabilities. Redeemable units can be put back to the Funds at any date for cash equal to a proportionate share of the Funds' net asset value attributable to the series. The redeemable units are carried at the redemption amount that is payable at the Statements of Financial Position date if the holder exercises the right to put the unit back to the Funds. Funds with only one series do not meet the criteria to be classified as equity as they impose on the Fund the obligation to deliver cash other than on redemption. Each such Fund must distribute its taxable income to unitholders annually and has provided unitholders the option to receive such distributions in cash.

#### INVOLVEMENT IN UNCONSOLIDATED STRUCTURED ENTITIES

A structured entity is an entity that has been designed so that voting or similar rights are not the dominant factor in deciding who controls the entity, such as when any voting rights relate to administrative tasks only and the relevant activities are directed by means of contractual arrangements.

Certain Funds' investment strategy entails trading in other funds on a regular basis. The Funds consider all of their investments in other funds ("Investee Funds") to be investments in unconsolidated structured entities. The Funds invest in Investee Funds whose objectives range from conserving principal to maximizing dividend income to long-term capital growth and whose investment strategies do not include leverage. The Investee Funds finance their operations by issuing redeemable units which are puttable at the holder's option and entitle the holder to a proportionate stake in the respective Investee Fund's net assets. The Funds hold redeemable units in each of their Investee Funds and the Funds have the right to request redemption of their investment in Investee Funds daily. The Funds' investments in Investee Funds are subject to the terms and conditions of the respective Investee Fund's offering documentation. The change in fair value of each Investee Fund is included in the Statements of Comprehensive Income in "Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments". The Funds' maximum exposure to loss from their interest in Investee Funds is equal to the fair value of their investments in Investee Funds. Once a Fund has disposed of its shares in an Investee Fund the Fund ceases to be exposed to any risk from that investee fund.

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Certain Funds invest in Exchange Traded Funds ("ETFs") which are disclosed on the Schedule of Investment Portfolio and these Funds have determined that their investments in such ETFs are deemed unconsolidated structured entities. These ETFs replicate, to the extent possible, the performance of the applicable benchmark indices, or seek to provide long-term capital growth or income, as applicable, by investing primarily in and holding the constituent securities of the applicable benchmark indices in substantially the same proportion as they are reflected in the applicable benchmark indices or seek to track the investment results of applicable benchmark indices. The ETFs finance their operations by issuing redeemable shares which are puttable at the holder's option and entitle the holder to a proportional stake in the respective ETF's net asset value. The underlying ETFs are listed on a recognized public stock exchange.

Certain Funds invest in mortgage-related and other asset-backed securities ("MBS"). These securities include mortgage pass-through securities, collateralized mortgage obligations, commercial mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities, collateralized debt obligations and other securities that directly or indirectly represent a participation in, or are secured by and payable from, mortgage loans on real property. The debt and equity securities issued by these securities may include tranches with varying levels of subordination. These securities may provide a monthly payment which consists of both interest and principal payments. Mortgage-related securities are created from pools of residential or commercial mortgage loans, including mortgage loans made by savings and loan institutions, mortgage bankers, commercial banks and others. Asset-backed securities are created from many types of assets, including auto loans, credit card receivables, home equity loans, and student loans. The Funds' maximum exposure to loss from their interest in MBS is equal to the fair value of their investments in such securities as disclosed on the Schedule of Investment Portfolio.

A table has been included in the Fund Specific Notes which describes the types of structured entities that the Funds do not consolidate but in which they hold an interest.

#### **CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The funds adopted Disclosure of Accounting Policies (Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2) from January 1, 2023. Although the amendments did not result in any changes to the accounting policies themselves, they impacted the accounting policy information disclosed in the financial statements.

The amendments require the disclosure of 'material' rather than 'significant' accounting policies. The amendments also provide guidance on the application of materiality to disclosure of accounting policies, assisting entities to provide useful, entity-specific accounting policy information that users need to understand other information in the financial statements.

The Manager reviewed the accounting policies and made updates to the information disclosed within Note 3 in certain instances in line with the amendments.

# 4. Expenses

#### MANAGEMENT FEES

Certain series of the Funds pay the Manager a management fee. The management fees cover the cost of managing the Funds, arranging for investment analysis, recommendations and investment decision making for the Funds, arranging for distribution of the Funds, marketing and promotoion of the Funds and providing or arranging for others services for the Funds. The management fee is an annualized rate based on the net asset value of each series of the Funds. The management fees paid by the Funds are calculated and accrued daily and payable weekly.

No management fee is charged by the Manager of the Funds in respect of: the Private Trust Series of MDPIM Canadian Equity Pool and MDPIM US Equity Pool and Series A of MDPIM S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index Pool, MDPIM S&P 500 Index Pool, MDPIM International Equity Index Pool and MDPIM Emerging Markets Equity Pool, since investors in these units and series of units have agreed to pay a separate scaled managed account fee based on assets under management directly to MD Private Investment Counsel. No management fee is charged in respect of Series I. Management fees for Series I units are paid directly by investors.

There is no duplication of management fees between the Funds and the Underlying Funds held directly by them, if any. The Manager is entitled to an annual management fee, exclusive of sales taxes, as follows:

Fund	Series A	Series D	Series F	Series F2	Private Trust Units
MD Precision Canadian Balanced Growth Fund	1.24%	0.89%	0.29%	n/a	n/a
MD Bond Fund	0.84%	0.50%	0.04%	n/a	n/a
MD Short-Term Bond Fund	0.84%	0.45%	0.04%	n/a	n/a
MD Growth Investments Limited	1.24%	0.84%	0.29%	n/a	n/a
MD Precision Canadian Moderate Growth Fund	1.24%	0.89%	0.29%	n/a	n/a
MD Equity Fund	1.24%	0.70%	0.29%	n/a	n/a
MD Dividend Growth Fund	1.24%	0.85%	0.29%	n/a	n/a
MD International Growth Fund	1.59%	0.87%	0.64%	n/a	n/a
MD International Value Fund	1.59%	0.87%	0.64%	n/a	n/a
MD Money Fund	0.49%	0.23%	n/a	0.04%	n/a
MD Canadian Equity Fund	1.24%	0.70%	0.29%	n/a	n/a
MD American Growth Fund	1.24%	0.72%	0.29%	n/a	n/a
MD American Value Fund	1.44%	0.72%	0.49%	n/a	n/a
MD Strategic Yield Fund*	1.39%	0.45%	0.44%	n/a	n/a
MD Strategic Opportunities Fund*	1.64%	0.46%	0.69%	n/a	n/a
MD Precision Conservative Portfolio	1.13%	0.52%	0.18%	0.18%	n/a
MD Precision Balanced Income Portfolio	1.18%	0.59%	0.23%	0.23%	n/a

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Fund	Series A	Series D	Series F	Series F2	Private Trust Units
MD Precision Moderate Balanced Portfolio	1.25%	0.68%	0.30%	0.30%	n/a
MD Precision Moderate Growth Portfolio	1.30%	0.72%	0.35%	0.35%	n/a
MD Precision Balanced Growth Portfolio	1.32%	0.80%	0.37%	0.37%	n/a
MD Precision Maximum Growth Portfolio	1.35%	0.81%	0.40%	0.40%	n/a
MD Fossil Fuel Free Bond Fund	0.84%	0.50%	0.04%	n/a	n/a
MD Fossil Fuel Free Equity Fund	1.24%	0.87%	0.29%	n/a	n/a

<sup>\*</sup>The fee disclosed for Series A and Series F is the maximum management fee as disclosed in the simplified prospectus. There was a discretionary reduction in fees for these series and the Manager charged the following: MD Strategic Yield Fund Series A: 0.99% and Series F: 0.04%, MD Strategic Opportunities Fund Series A; 0.99% and Series F: 0.04%.

#### **ADMINISTRATION FEES**

The Manager pays certain operating expenses of the Funds in return for administration fees, calculated as a fixed annual percentage of the Funds' net asset value. These expenses include regulatory filing fees and other day-to-day operating expenses including, but not limited to, audit fees, legal fees custodial fees, all expenses related to the prospectus and to meetings of unitholders, expenses related to fund accounting, fund valuation, unitholder reporting and record keeping, IRC fees and other expenses.

No administration fee is charged in respect of Series I. Administration fees for Series I units are paid directly by investors.

The administration fee are accrued daily and paid monthly. The annual rates of the administration fee, which are a percentage of the net asset value for each series of units of each Fund. are as follows:

Fund	Series A	Series D	Series F	Series F2	Private Trust Units
MD Precision Canadian Balanced Growth Fund	0.13%	0.13%	0.13%	n/a	n/a
MD Bond Fund	0.07%	0.07%	0.07%	n/a	n/a
MD Short-Term Bond Fund	0.07%	0.07%	0.07%	n/a	n/a
MD Growth Investments Limited	0.20%	0.20%	0.20%	n/a	n/a
MD Precision Canadian Moderate Growth Fund	0.13%	0.13%	0.13%	n/a	n/a
MD Equity Fund	0.15%	0.15%	0.15%	n/a	n/a
MD Dividend Growth Fund	0.15%	0.15%	0.15%	n/a	n/a
MD International Growth Fund	0.20%	0.20%	0.20%	n/a	n/a

Fund	Series A	Series D	Series F	Series F2	Private Trust Units
MD International Value Fund	0.20%	0.20%	0.20%	n/a	n/a
MD Money Fund	0.05%	0.05%	n/a	0.05%	n/a
MD Canadian Equity Fund	0.15%	0.15%	0.15%	n/a	n/a
MD American Growth Fund	0.15%	0.15%	0.15%	n/a	n/a
MD American Value Fund	0.15%	0.15%	0.15%	n/a	n/a
MD Strategic Yield Fund	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%	n/a	n/a
MD Strategic Opportunities Fund	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%	n/a	n/a
MD Precision Conservative Portfolio	0.13%	0.13%	0.13%	0.13%	n/a
MD Precision Balanced Income Portfolio	0.13%	0.13%	0.13%	0.13%	n/a
MD Precision Moderate Balanced Portfolio	0.13%	0.13%	0.13%	0.13%	n/a
MD Precision Moderate Growth Portfolio	0.13%	0.13%	0.13%	0.13%	n/a
MD Precision Balanced Growth Portfolio	0.13%	0.13%	0.13%	0.13%	n/a
MD Precision Maximum Growth Portfolio	0.13%	0.13%	0.13%	0.13%	n/a
MD Fossil Fuel Free Bond Fund	0.07%	0.07%	0.07%	n/a	n/a
MD Fossil Fuel Free Equity Fund	0.20%	0.20%	0.20%	n/a	n/a

#### **AUDIT FEES**

The fees paid or payable to KPMG LLP as the external auditor of all Funds managed by the Manager, for the fiscal years of the funds are as follows:

	(\$)
Audit fees	236,635
Fees for the services other than audit	26,285

# 5. Related Party Transactions

The Manager is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Bank of Nova Scotia ("Scotiabank"). Scotiabank also owns, directly or indirectly, 100% of Scotia Securities Inc. and Tangerine Investment Funds Limited, each a mutual fund dealer, and Scotia Capital Inc. (which includes Scotia McLeod and Scotia iTRADE), an investment dealer.

The Manager, on behalf of the Funds, may enter into transactions or arrangements with other members of Scotiabank or certain companies that are related or connected to the Manager (each a "related party"). All transactions between the Funds and the related parties are in the normal course of business and are carried out at arm's length terms.

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- The Manager earns management fees for acting as trustee and manager of the Funds, as applicable and an administration fee in return for paying certain operating expenses as detailed in Note 4. The management fee and administration fee are disclosed in separate lines in the Statements of Comprehensive Income.
- Decisions about the purchase and sale of each Fund's portfolio investments
  are made by appointed Portfolio Managers of each Fund. Provided that the
  pricing, service and other terms are comparable to those offered by other
  dealers, a portion of the portfolio transactions may be executed for the Funds
  by a related party to the Funds. In such cases, the related party will receive
  commisions from the Funds. Brokerage fees paid to related parties for the
  years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 are as follows (in \$000's):

Fund	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
MD Precision Canadian Balanced Growth Fund	20	13
MD Precision Canadian Moderate Growth Fund	21	7
MD Equity Fund	82	73
MD Dividend Growth Fund	10	4
MD Canadian Equity Fund	63	54
MD Strategic Yield Fund	1	3
MD Strategic Opportunities Fund	3	1
MD American Growth Fund	1	5
MD American Value Fund	2	4
MD Growth Investments Limited	6	-

- The Manager received approval from the Independent Review Committee to invest the Funds' overnight cash with Scotiabank with interest paid by Scotiabank to the Funds based on prevailing market rates. The interest earned by the Funds is included in "Interest for distribution purposes" in the Statements of Comprehensive Income.
- The Funds may invest in investment funds managed by the Manager, which are disclosed in the Schedule of Investment Portfolio for the respective Funds.
- The Manager has received approval from the Independent Review Committee
  for the Funds to purchase securities of related parties, such as investments in
  securities of Scotiabank. Any related party securities held by the Funds are
  disclosed in the Schedule of Investment Portfolio for the respective Funds.
  The Funds are also permitted to enter into derivative transactions with
  Scotiabank as counterparty.
- Distributions received from related party funds are included in "Income from Underlying Funds" in the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

#### INDEPENDENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Manager has established an Independent Review Committee ("IRC") as required under National Instrument 81-107, "Independent Review Committee for Investment Funds" ("81-107"). The IRC reviews conflict of interest matters related to the operations of the Funds. In addition, in some circumstances, in place of obtaining unitholder approval, a Fund may be reorganized with or its assets transferred to another mutual fund managed by the Manager or an affiliate. This requires IRC approval, and that unitholders are sent a written notice at least 60 days before the effective date. The approval of the IRC is also required for a change of auditor.

The IRC is composed of four persons who are independent of the Manager, the Funds and entities related to the Manager.

The Manager pays all IRC fees on behalf of the Funds and allocates these fees equally across each Fund. The Manager recovers these costs via the administration fee charged to the Funds. For the year ended December 31, 2023, each Fund managed by the Manager paid approximaterly \$4,000 in IRC Fees.

#### SHORT-TERM TRADING/EARLY REDEMPTION FEE

Clients who redeem or switch units or shares of an MD Fund are charged an early redemption fee equal to 2.00% of the amount redeemed or switched if the redemption or switch occurs within thirty (30) days of the date that the units or shares were purchased or switched. Redemption fees are recorded as income in the period of early redemption.

The early redemption fee does not apply to redemptions or switches:

- · of units of MD Money Fund:
- made in connection with any systematic and scheduled withdrawal program;
- where the amount of the redemption or switch is less than \$10,000; or
- made as a result of the recommendation of an MD Financial Consultant or MD Portfolio Manager related to a financial plan.

#### 6. Redeemable units

With the exception of MD Growth Investments Limited, the Funds' capital is represented by an unlimited number of authorized units without nominal or par value. All series of units are redeemable on demand by unitholders at the redemption amount represented by respective NAV of that series. Each unit entitles the unitholder to one vote at unitholder meetings and participates equally, with respect to other units of the same series, in any dividends or distributions, liquidation or other rights of that series. Distributions on units of a Fund are reinvested in additional units or at the option of the unitholder, paid in cash. The Funds' capital is managed in accordance with each of the Funds' investment objectives, policies and restrictions as outlined in the Funds' prospectus or offering documents, as applicable. The Funds have no specific restrictions or specific capital requirements on the subscription or redemption of units, other than minimum subscription requirements.

MD Growth Investments Limited is an incorporated company as opposed to a mutual fund trust and, as such, has issued share capital.

The units of each series of Funds are issued and redeemed at their net asset value per unit of each series which is determined as of the close of business on each day that the Toronto Stock Exchange is open for trading. The net asset value per unit is calculated by dividing the net asset value per series by the total number of outstanding units in each series. The number of units issued and redeemed are presented in the Fund Specific Notes.

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# 7. Critical accounting estimates and judgments

The preparation of financial statements requires management to use judgment in applying its accounting policies and to make estimates and assumptions about the future. These estimates are based on information available as at the date of issuance of the financial statements. Actual results could materially differ from those estimates. The following discusses the most significant accounting judgments and estimates that the Funds have made in preparing the financial statements:

#### **INVESTMENT ENTITIES**

In accordance with IFRS 10 "Consolidated Financial Statements", the Manager has determined that the Funds meet the definition of an Investment Entity which requires the Funds obtain funds from one or more investors for the purpose of providing investment management services, commit to their investors that their business purpose is to invest funds solely for returns from capital appreciation, investment income, or both; and measure and evaluate the performance of their investments on a fair value basis. Consequently, the Funds do not consolidate their investment in subsidiaries, if any, but instead measure these at fair value through profit or loss, as required by the accounting standard.

# FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT OF SECURITIES AND DERIVATIVES NOT QUOTED IN AN ACTIVE MARKET

The Funds may, from time to time, hold financial instruments that are not quoted in active markets. The fair value of such securities may be determined by the Funds using reputable pricing sources or indicative prices from market makers. Broker quotes obtained from pricing sources may be indicative but not executable or binding. Where no market data is available, the Fund may value positions using internal valuation models as determined appropriate by the Manager and based on valuation methods and techniques generally recognized as standard within the industry. Models use observable data to the extent practicable; however, the Manager may be required to make certain assumptions and/or estimates regarding risks, volatility and correlations as required. Changes in assumptions and estimates could affect the reported fair values of financial instruments. The Funds consider observable data to be market data that is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market.

#### CLASSIFICATION AND MEASUREMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

In classifying and measuring financial instruments held by the Funds, the Manager is required to make judgments in determining the most appropriate classification in accordance with IFRS 9. The Manager has assessed the Funds' business model and considered that the Funds' investments, including derivatives, are managed and performance evaluated as a group on a fair value basis. The Manager has concluded that FVTPL in accordance with IFRS 9 provides the most appropriate measurement and presentation for the Funds' investments.

### 8. Financial instrument risk

The Funds use financial instruments in order to achieve their respective investment objectives. The Funds' investments are presented in the respective Schedule of Investment Portfolio, which groups securities by asset type, geographic region and/or market segment.

The use of financial instruments subjects the Funds to a variety of financial instrument risks. The Funds' risk management practices include setting investment policies to limit exposures to financial instrument risks and employing experienced and professional investment advisors to invest the Funds' capital in securities within the constraints of investment policies. The Manager regularly monitors the Fund advisors' performance and compliance with the investment policies.

The significant financial instrument risks, to which the Funds are exposed, along with the specific risk management practices related to those risks, are presented below. Fund specific disclosures are presented in the "Financial Instruments Risks" section of the financial statements.

Market disruptions associated with geopolitical conflicts have had a global impact, and uncertainties exists as long as to the long-term implications. Such disruptions can adversely affect the financial instrument risks associated with the Funds.

#### **CREDIT RISK**

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty to a financial instrument will not honour its obligation under the terms of the instrument, resulting in a loss. The Funds are exposed to credit risk through domestic and foreign bonds, preferred shares, derivative contracts, cash and short-term investments, amounts due from brokers, dividends and interest receivable and other receivables. A Fund may engage in securities lending pursuant to the terms of an agreement which includes restrictions as set out in the Canadian Securities Legislation. Collateral held is in the form of highly rated fixed income instruments. All securities under lending agreements are fully collateralized.

Credit risks arising from short-term investments and fixed income securities, including domestic and foreign bonds and preferred shares, are generally limited to the fair value of the investments as shown in the Schedule of Investment Portfolio. The Funds limit exposure to individual issuers/sectors and credit quality ratings. The credit worthiness of issuers in which the Funds invest are reviewed regularly and the portfolios are adjusted as required to match the minimum requirement as set forth in each Fund's prospectus. Each individual Fund's exposure to credit risk, if any, is presented in the Financial Instruments Risk section of the Financial Statements.

Credit risks arising from cash are limited to the carrying value as shown on the Statements of Financial Position, except in the case of MD Money Fund, where the credit risk is limited to the fair value of investments as shown on the Schedule of Investment Portfolio. The Funds manage credit risk on cash and short-term investments by investing in high grade short-term notes with credit ratings of R-1 (low) or higher as well as limiting exposure to any single issuer.

Certain derivative contracts are subject to netting arrangements whereby if one party to a derivative contract defaults, all amounts with the counterparty are terminated and settled on a net basis. As such, the maximum credit loss on derivative contracts is the financial derivative instrument asset in the Statements of Financial Position. Each Fund manages credit risk on derivatives by only entering into agreements with counterparties that have an approved credit rating. Credit risk on amounts due from brokers is minimal since transactions are settled through clearinghouses where securities are only delivered for payment when cash is received.

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Credit risk related to securities lending transactions is limited by the fact that the value of cash or securities held as collateral by the Funds in connection with these transactions is at least 102% of the fair value of the securities loaned. The collateral and loaned securities are marked to market each business day. The aggregate dollar value of portfolio securities lent and collateral held is presented in the Fund Specific Notes.

#### **LIQUIDITY RISK**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Funds will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset. The Funds' exposure to liquidity risk arises primarily from the daily cash redemption of units. All Funds' financial liabilities come due within one year, other than those derivatives with longer maturities as disclosed in the Schedule of Investment Portfolio. To manage this liquidity requirement, the Funds invest primarily in liquid securities that can readily be sold in active markets and each Fund may borrow up to 5% of its NAV. At year end, no Fund had borrowed against its respective line of credit.

#### **CURRENCY RISK**

Currency risk is the risk that the values of financial assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates. To the extent the Funds hold assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies, the Funds are exposed to currency risk. The Funds may also use forward contracts at the discretion of the Manager. Each individual Fund's exposure to currency risk, if any, is presented in the "Financial Instruments Risks" section of the financial statements.

#### INTEREST RATE RISK

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value (measured as the present value) of cash flows associated with interest bearing financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in the prevailing market rates of interest. In general, as interest rates rise, the fair value of interest bearing financial instruments will fall. Financial instruments with a longer term to maturity will generally have a higher interest rate risk.

The Funds' interest-bearing financial instruments that subject the Funds to interest rate risk include domestic and foreign bonds and mortgage related and other asset back securities. The Funds' may also be exposed indirectly to interest rate risk through their position in interest rate swaps presented in the Schedule of Derivative Instruments. Short-term money market instruments are also interest bearing and therefore subject to interest rate risk. However, due to the short-term nature of the securities, the interest rate risk is generally not significant.

Interest rate risk management practices employed by the Funds include setting target durations based on the appropriate benchmark indices and monitoring the Funds' durations relative to the benchmarks. If interest rates are anticipated to rise, the Funds' durations can be shortened to limit potential losses. Conversely, if interest rates are anticipated to fall, the durations can be lengthened to increase potential gains. Each individual Fund's exposure to interest rate risk, if any, is presented in the "Financial Instruments Risks" section of the financial statements.

#### OTHER PRICE RISK

Other price risk is the risk that the fair value of financial instruments may decline because of changes in market prices of the financial instruments, other than declines due to interest rate risk and currency risk. Other price risk stems from financial instruments' sensitivity to changes in the overall market (market risk) as well as factors specific to the individual financial instrument. Other price risk attributable to individual investments is managed through diversification of the portfolio and security selection and adjustments to fair value when there is significant volatility in international markets after markets are closed. Each individual Fund's exposure to other price risk, if any, is presented in the "Financial Instruments Risks" section of the financial statements.

Details of each Fund's exposure to financial instruments risks including fair value hierarchy classification are available in the "Financial Instruments Risks" section of the financial statements of each Fund.

#### FINANCIAL RISKS FROM UNDERLYING MUTUAL FUNDS

Certain Funds may invest in other mutual funds. The Funds' investments in mutual funds are subject to the terms and conditions of the respective mutual fund's offering documentation and are susceptible to the risks related to the underlying mutual funds' financial instruments. The Funds' maximum exposure to loss from their interests in mutual funds is equal to the total fair value of their investment in mutual funds. Once the Funds dispose of their shares in an underlying mutual fund, the Funds cease to be exposed to any risk from that mutual fund. The exposure to underlying mutual fund investments is disclosed in the "Financial Instruments Risks" section of the financial statements of each Fund.

## 9. Fair value measurement

The Funds classify fair value measurements within a hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to Funds' valuation techniques used in measuring fair value. Under these provisions, an entity is required to classify each financial instrument into one of three fair value levels as follows:

- Level 1 for unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities:
- Level 2 for inputs, other than quoted prices included in Level 1, that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices); and,
- Level 3 for inputs that are based on unobservable market data.

The classification of a financial instrument is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the determination of fair value.

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All fair value measurements are recurring. The carrying values of cash, receivable for investment transactions, dividends and interest receivable, subscriptions receivable, payable for investment transactions, redemptions payable, distributions payable and the Fund's obligation for net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units approximate their fair values due to their short-term nature. Fair values of securities and derivatives are classified as Level 1 when the related security or derivative is actively traded and a quoted price is available. If an instrument classified as Level 1 ceases to be actively traded, it is transferred out of Level 1. In such cases, fair value is determined using observable market data (eg. transactions for similar securities of the same issuer) and the instruments are reclassified into Level 2, unless the measurement of its fair value requires the use of significant unobservable inputs, in which case it is classified as Level 3. Changes in valuation methods may result in transfers into or out of the assets' or liabilities' assigned levels. The level summary based on the hierarchy inputs is disclosed in the "Financial Instrument Risks" section of each Fund.

Level 3 financial instruments are reviewed by the Funds' fair valuation committee. The fair valuation committee considers the appropriateness of the valuation model inputs, as well as the valuation result, using valuation methods recognized as standard within the industry. Quantitative information about the unobservable inputs, sensitivity of the fair value measurements to changes in unobservable inputs and interrelationships between those inputs are disclosed in the Fund Specific Notes under "Fair value measurement" if significant unobservable inputs are used when valuing Level 3 financial instruments.

#### **EQUITIES**

The Funds' equity positions are classified as Level 1 when the security is actively traded and a reliable price is observable. The Funds subscribe to the services of a third-party valuation service provider to provide fair value adjustments, when a defined threshold is met, to the prices of foreign securities due to changes in the value of securities in North American markets following the closure of the foreign markets. The parameters used to apply the fair value adjustments are based on observable market data. Where applicable, the foreign securities will be considered Level 2 priced securities.

#### **BONDS AND SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS**

Debt securities generally trade in the OTC market rather than on a securities exchange. Bonds including government, corporate, convertible and municipal bonds and notes, bank loans, US and Canadian treasury obligations, sovereign issues and foreign bonds are normally valued by pricing service providers that use broker-dealer quotations, reported trades and valuations from their internal pricing models. These internal pricing models use inputs which are observable including interest rate curves, credit spreads and volatilities. The inputs that are significant to valuation are generally observable and therefore the Funds' bonds and short-term investments have been classified as Level 2, unless the determination of fair value requires significant unobservable input, in which the measurement is classified as Level 3.

#### INVESTMENTS IN MUTUAL FUNDS AND EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS

The Funds' positions in the mutual funds and exchange traded funds are typically in positions that are actively traded and a reliable price is observable and as such is classified as Level 1.

#### FINANCIAL DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS

Derivatives consisting of foreign currency forward contracts, interest rate swaps, credit default swaps and foreign currency options which are valued based primarily on the contract notional amount, the difference between the contract rate and the forward market rate for the same currency, interest rate and credit spreads. These derivative financial instruments have been classified as Level 2.

Futures contracts and options that are traded on a national securities exchange are stated at the last reported sale or settlement price on the day of valuation. To the extent these financial derivative instruments are actively traded they are categorized as Level 1.

#### FAIR VALUATION OF INVESTMENTS (INCLUDING UNLISTED SECURITIES)

If the valuation methods described above are not appropriate, the Funds will estimate the fair value of an investment using established fair valuation procedures, such as consideration of public information, broker quotes, valuation models, discounts from market prices of similar securities or discounts applied due to restrictions on the disposition of securities, and external fair value service providers.

The extent of Funds' use of quoted market prices (Level 1), internal models using observable market information as inputs (Level 2), and internal models without observable market information (Level 3) in the valuation of securities is summarized in each Fund's "Financial Instruments Risks" section of the financial statements.

## 10. Income Taxes

Each of the Funds, except MD Growth, qualifies or expects to qualify as a mutual fund trust under the provisions of the Income Tax Act (Canada) and, accordingly, is subject to tax on its income for the year, including net realized capital gains which are not paid or payable to its unitholders as at the end of the year. It is the intention of the Manager that all annual net investment income and sufficient net realizable taxable capital gains will be distributed to unitholders annually by December 31, such that there are no Canadian income taxes payable by the Funds. Accordingly, the Funds do not record Canadian income taxes in their financial statements.

MD Growth is a mutual fund corporation for federal income tax purposes and, accordingly, it is subject to tax at normal corporate rates applicable to mutual fund corporations on foreign dividends received and interest income, net of expenses. MD Growth is subject to a tax on taxable dividends received from taxable Canadian corporations. This tax is recorded as refundable income taxes on the Statements of Financial Position because it is refundable at a rate determined by a formula when taxable dividends are paid. MD Growth is subject to a tax on capital gains; however, this tax is refundable if sufficient capital gains are distributed to shareholders either as capital gains dividends or through the redemption of shares. The provision for income taxes in the Statements of Comprehensive Income is stated after deducting applicable refundable capital gains taxes. Income taxes are calculated using the liability method of tax accounting. Temporary differences between the carrying values of assets and liabilities for accounting and income tax purposes give rise to deferred income tax assets and liabilities. Deferred income tax liabilities or assets are calculated using substantively enacted tax rates expected to apply in the period that the temporary differences are expected to reverse.

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#### **LOSSES CARRIED FORWARD**

Capital losses can be carried forward indefinitely to reduce future net realized capital gains. Non-capital losses for income tax purposes may be carried forward up to twenty years and applied againsts all sources of income. Since the Funds do not record income taxes, the tax benefit of capital and non-capital losses have not been reflected in the Statements of Financial Position. As of December 31, 2023, the following Funds have capital and non-capital losses available for carry forward as presented below (in \$000's):

Fund	Year of expiry	Non-Capital Loss \$	Capital Loss \$
MD Bond Fund		-	74,174
MD Growth Investments Limited		-	464,326
MD Short-Term Bond Fund		-	41,720
MD Precision Canadian Moderate Growth Fund		-	4,300
MD Precision Canadian Balanced Growth Fund		-	-
MD Equity Fund		-	-
MD Dividend Growth Fund		-	28,674
MD International Growth Fund		-	20,377
MD International Value Fund		-	78,908
MD Money Fund		-	-
MD Canadian Equity Fund		-	-
MD American Growth Fund		-	95,093
MD American Value Fund		-	-
MD Strategic Yield Fund		-	20,799
MD Strategic Opportunities Fund		-	-
MD Precision Conservative Portfolio		-	-
MD Precision Balanced Income Portfolio		-	-

Fund	Year of expiry	Non-Capital Loss \$	Capital Loss \$
MD Precision Moderate Balanced Portfolio		-	-
MD Precision Moderate Growth Portfolio		-	-
MD Precision Balanced Growth Portfolio		-	-
MD Precision Maximum Growth Portfolio		-	-
MD Fossil Fuel Free Bond Fund		-	3,455
MD Fossil Fuel Free Equity Fund		-	1,717

#### WITHHOLDING TAXES

The Funds currently incur withholding taxes imposed by certain countries on investment income and in some cases, capital gains. Such income and gains are recorded on a gross basis and the related withholding taxes are shown as a separate expense in the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

### 11. Soft Dollar Commissions

Soft dollar commissions refers to the portion of total brokerage commissions paid to certain brokers that was available for payment to third party vendors for providing research, statistical or investment decision making services. These services assist the Manager and its sub-advisors with their investment decision making for the Funds. The ascertainable soft dollar commissions paid in connection with the investment portfolio transactions for the years ended December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022 are set out below (in \$000's):

Fund	2023 \$	2022 \$
MD Precision Canadian Balanced Growth Fund	27	44
MD Growth Investments Limited	25	9
MD Precision Canadian Moderate Growth Fund	24	43
MD Equity Fund	111	222
MD Dividend Growth Fund	15	25
MD International Growth Fund	4	1
MD International Value Fund	9	6
MD Canadian Equity Fund	125	141
MD American Growth Fund	1	35
MD American Value Fund	8	45
MD Strategic Yield Fund	4	7
MD Strategic Opportunities Fund	4	4
MD Fossil Fuel Free Equity Fund	1	-

