

### **MD Family of Funds**

# 2024 Interim Management Report of Fund Performance

#### **DISCLOSURE**

This interim management report of fund performance contains financial highlights but does not contain the complete interim financial statements of the investment fund. You can obtain a copy of the interim financial statements at your request, and at no cost, by calling 1800 267-2332, by writing to us at MD Financial Management Inc., 1870 Alta Vista Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, K1G 6R7, or by visiting our website at md.ca or SEDAR+ at sedarplus.ca. Security holders 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.

## A Message to MD Family of Funds Investors

Dear MD Family of Funds Investor:

As part of our commitment to keeping you informed about your MD Fund investments, please find attached the 2024 Interim Management Report of Fund Performance (MRFP). If you also opted to receive the fund's financial statements, they are included in this package.

The interim MRFP is a regulatory document that supplements the interim financial statements. The document includes a brief discussion and analysis of the funds as well as an explanation of how the markets and overall asset mix have affected the fund investment activities, performance and financial highlights, as well as an explanation of how the markets and overall asset mix have affected the fund.

The report is produced on a fund-by-fund basis, and your report only includes information on the funds you owned as of June 30, 2024.

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.

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Commissions, trailing commissions, management fees and expenses all may be associated with mutual fund investments. The rate of return is used only to illustrate the effects of the compound growth rate and is not intended to reflect future values of the mutual fund or returns on investment in the mutual fund. Standard performance data assumes reinvestment of distributions only and does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or optional charges payable by any securityholder which would have reduced returns. Mutual funds are not guaranteed, their values change frequently and past performance may not be repeated. Please read the prospectus before investing. You may obtain a copy of the prospectus before investing by calling your MD Advisor or the MD Trade Centre at 1800 267-2332.

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### **Results of Operations**

For the period ended June 30, 2024, the Fund had a total return of 6.8% (Series A).

International equities advanced over the 6-month period as the MSCI EAFE Index (C\$) returned 8.9% Developed markets continue to show the most strength with most markets finishing the period near all-time highs. Valuation multiples, however, remain off peak levels as robust earnings delivery kept the forward price to-earnings ratio well below the top end of its 10-year range.

Japanese equity markets rose over the first half of 2024, despite the Japanese economy experiencing negative GDP growth, aided by a weak yen, improving growth in Japan's export markets, and a steepening yield curve, which have all represented tailwinds for Japanese equities.

Despite the United Kingdom entering a technical recession, after back-to-back negative GDP growth reports, and the European continent more broadly experiencing lower levels of GDP growth, equity markets in Europe delivered a positive return over the period. Eurozone inflation has moderated from a peak rate of 10.6% in October 2022 to 2.5% more recently. Moderating inflation has reduced some of the interest rate risk for European equities. Similarly, the German economy, having shown little growth over the past two years, largely held back by weakness in investment and export activity, has seen equity markets advance with the DAX benchmark reaching a new all-time high during the period as investors have been attracted by the possibility of monetary easing from the European Central Bank as well as increasing signs that the economic outlook is shifting in a more favourable direction.

The Fund's regional allocations were split between Europe and Asia-Pacific. European equities, including the UK, represented the largest allocation, approximately 65% the portfolio by market value, on average. European equities were the largest positive contributors to return given strong returns and their dominant weight in the portfolio, however, emerging markets were also quite strong. Asia-Pacific returns were positive in CAD terms, but much more muted having a limited impact on return. Currency had a modestly negative impact on return for the period, due almost entirely to weakness of the Japanese yen.

Eight of the 11 sectors represented in the portfolio contributed positively to the Fund's return in Canadian dollar terms. Information Technology, Industrials and Financials were the biggest positive contributors to return due to their large weight and strong returns. Real Estate, Consumer Staples and Communication Services were the three sectors to experience a negative return for the period.

The Fund's active multi-manager structure combines complementary investment approaches. The style was consistently maintained throughout the period. The portfolio is actively managed, with positions altered based on relative opportunities, there were no material shifts in regional or sector positions within the portfolio.

As at June 30, 2024, the total net asset value of the Fund was \$4.44 billion, an increase of 0 % since the beginning of the year. The increase is due to net investment gain, offset by net redemptions and income distributions to unitholders.

### **Recent Developments**

#### STRATEGIC CHANGES

There have been no strategic changes and the Fund continues to be managed in a manner consistent with its investment mandate and is positioned to achieve its long-term objectives. The Investment Advisers have adhered to their investment disciplines and portfolio strategies.

### **Related Party Transactions**

MD Financial Management Inc. is the Manager, Registrar and Trustee of the Fund. As Manager, MD Financial Management Inc. manages the overall business of the MD Family of Funds and the MDPIM Pools (collectively "the Funds") and is responsible for: setting investment objectives, providing and/or retaining the services of third party service providers for fund accounting services, administration services, and promoting the sales of the Fund's units.

The Manager is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Bank of Nova Scotia (Scotiabank).

1832 Asset Management LP, a subsidiary of Scotiabank, is the portfolio manager of the Funds. MD Financial Management Inc., as Manager, continues to have overall responsibility for the management of the Funds. MD Financial Management Inc. is the registered portfolio manager and provides the discretionary portfolio management services to managed-account clients through MD Private Investment Counsel. 1832 Asset Management LP is responsible for the overall performance of the Funds, the management of fund assets and the selection and monitoring of the Funds' sub-advisors.

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

As Registrar, MD Financial Management Inc. keeps track of the owners of units of the MDPIM Pools, processes purchase, transfer and redemption orders, issues investor account statements, and issues annual tax reporting information.

As the Fund is organized as a Trust, investing in the Fund means purchasing units of the Trust. As Trustee to the Fund, MD Financial Management Inc. holds actual title to the property in the Fund—the cash and securities the Fund invests in—on behalf of the unitholders.

Units of the MDPIM Pools are only available to clients of MD Private Trust Company or discretionary managed account clients of MD Financial Management Inc. MD Management Limited ceased to be the principal distributor of the MDPIM Pools as effective October 29, 2018.

#### INDEPENDENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Manager has established an independent review committee (the "IRC") in accordance with National Instrument 81-107 – Independent Review Committee for Investment Funds ("NI 81-107") with a mandate to review and provide recommendations or approval, as required, on conflict of interest matters referred to it by the Manager on behalf of the Fund. The IRC is responsible for overseeing the Manager's decisions in situations where the Manager is faced with any present or perceived conflicts of interest, all in accordance with NI 81–107.

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The IRC may also approve certain mergers between the Fund and other funds and any change of the auditor of the Fund. Subject to any corporate and securities law requirements, no securityholder approval will be obtained in such circumstances, but you will be sent a written notice at least 60 days before the effective date of any such transaction or change of auditor. In certain circumstances, securityholder approval may be required to approve certain mergers.

The IRC has four members: Stephen J. Griggs (Chair), Heather A.T. Hunter, Jennifer L. Witterick and Steven Donald each of whom is independent of the Manager.

The IRC prepares and files a report to the securityholders each fiscal year that describes the IRC and its activities for securityholders, as well as contains a complete list of the standing instructions. These standing instructions enable the Manager to act in a particular conflict of interest matter on a continuing basis provided the Manager complies with its policies and procedures established to address that conflict of interest matter and reports periodically to the IRC on the matter. This report to the securityholders is available on the Manager's website or, at no cost, by contacting the Manager.

The compensation and other reasonable expenses of the IRC will be paid out of the assets of the Fund as well as out of the assets of the other investment funds for which the IRC may act as the independent review committee. The compensation for the IRC is an annual flat fee. Expenses of the IRC may include premiums for insurance coverage, travel expenses and reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.

The Manager is required to advise the IRC of any breach of a condition of any standing instructions. The standing instructions require, among other things, that the investment decision in respect to a related party transaction: (a) is made by the Manager free from any influence by an entity related to the Manager and without taking into account any consideration to any associate or affiliate of the Manager; (b) represents the business judgment of the Manager uninfluenced by considerations other than the best interests of the Fund; and (c) is made in compliance with the Manager's written policies and procedures. Transactions made by the Manager under the standing instructions are subsequently reviewed by the IRC to monitor compliance.

The Manager, in respect of its management of the Fund relied on IRC standing instructions regarding related party transactions as set out below:

- Paying brokerage commissions and spreads to a related party for effecting security transactions on an principal basis on behalf of the Fund;
- Purchases or sales of securities of an issuer from or to another investment fund managed by the Manager;
- Investments in the securities of issuers for which a related underwriter acted as an underwriter during the distribution of such securities and the 60-day period following the completion of such distribution;
- Purchases of securities of a related party;
- Investment Advisor Monitoring and Oversight

### **Management Fees**

No management fee is charged in respect of units of the Fund. Investors in these units have agreed to pay a managed account fee directly to MD Financial Management Inc.

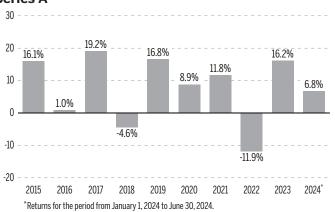
#### **Past Performance**

The following bar chart shows the Fund's annual performance for each of the years shown, and illustrates how the Fund's performance changed from year to year. The chart shows, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of each calendar year would have grown or decreased by the last day of each calendar year.

The performance information assumes that all distributions made by the Fund were reinvested in additional units of the Fund and does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges that would reduce returns. How the Fund has performed in the past does not necessarily indicate how the Fund will perform in the future.

#### YEAR-BY-YEAR RETURNS

#### **Series A**



# Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This document contains forward-looking statements. Such statements are generally identifiable by the terminology used, such as "plan", "anticipate", "intend", "expect", "estimate", or other similar wording.

These forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties and other factors which may cause actual results, levels of activity and achievements to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such statements. Such factors include, but are not limited to: general economic, market and business conditions; fluctuations in securities prices; fluctuation in interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates; and actions by governmental authorities. Future events and their effects on the Fund may not be those anticipated. Actual results may differ materially from the results anticipated in these forward-looking statements.

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### **Financial Highlights**

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the past five years, if applicable. This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements and unaudited interim financial statements.

#### THE FUND'S NET ASSETS PER UNIT1

	Six months ended				Year ended December 31								
SERIES A	J	une 30, 2024		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019	
Net assets – beginning of the period	\$	23.33	\$	20.64	\$	24.07	\$	22.15	\$	20.70	\$	18.17	
Increase (decrease) from operations:													
Total revenue	\$	0.43	\$	0.67	\$	0.59	\$	0.50	\$	0.42	\$	0.54	
Total expenses	\$	(0.03)	\$	(0.05)	\$	(0.04)	\$	(0.05)	\$	(0.04)	\$	(0.05)	
Net realized gains (losses) for the period	\$	0.57	\$	0.58	\$	(0.28)	\$	0.79	\$	0.01	\$	0.13	
Net unrealized gains (losses) for the period	\$	0.66	\$	2.16	\$	(2.98)	\$	1.35	\$	1.49	\$	2.36	
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$	1.63	\$	3.36	\$	(2.71)	\$	2.59	\$	1.88	\$	2.98	
Distributions:													
From income (excluding dividends)	\$	(0.37)	\$	(0.60)	\$	(0.52)	\$	(0.40)	\$	(0.34)	\$	(0.49)	
From dividends	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
From capital gains	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(0.26)	\$	-	\$	-	
Return of capital	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Total annual distributions <sup>3</sup>	\$	(0.37)	\$	(0.60)	\$	(0.52)	\$	(0.66)	\$	(0.34)	\$	(0.49)	
Net assets – end of the period	\$	24.56	\$	23.33	\$	20.64	\$	24.07	\$	22.15	\$	20.70	

<sup>1</sup> This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements and unaudited interim financial statements.

#### RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

	Six	months ended	Year ended December 31									
SERIES A	June 30, 2024		2023			2022		2021	2021 2020		2019	
Total net assets, end of the period <sup>1</sup>	\$	4,443,534,103	\$	4,440,163,672	\$	4,242,288,757	\$	4,660,761,527	\$	4,102,249,704	\$	3,736,545,756
Number of units outstanding		180,897,614		190,294,798		205,561,715		193,648,588		185,172,669		180,543,021
Management expense ratio <sup>2</sup>		0.22%		0.22%		0.22%		0.23%		0.24%		0.28%
Management expense ratio before tax		0.20%		0.20%		0.20%		0.21%		0.22%		0.26%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions		0.24%		0.24%		0.24%		0.25%		0.26%		0.32%
Trading expense ratio <sup>3</sup>		0.05%		0.05%		0.06%		0.06%		0.05%		0.12%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>4</sup>		31.02%		29.03%		31.96%		37.49%		30.14%		32.56%
Net assets per unit	\$	24.56	\$	23.33	\$	20.64	\$	24.07	\$	22.15	\$	20.70

 $<sup>^{\,1}\,</sup>$  This information is provided as at June 30 or December 31 of the period shown.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase (decrease) from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the financial year. This table is not intended to be a reconciliation of beginning to ending net assets per unit.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Distributions were paid in cash or reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both.

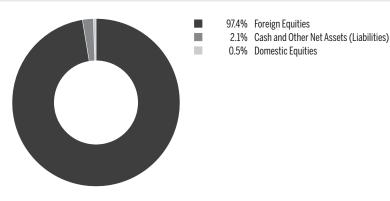
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The management expense ratio ("MER") is based on total expenses for the stated period (excluding commissions, withholding taxes and other portfolio transaction costs) and the Fund's proportionate share of the MER, if applicable, of exchange traded funds ("ETFs") in which the Fund has invested, expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period.

<sup>3</sup> The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net assets during the period.

The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio advisor manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the year. The higher a fund's portfolio turnover rate in a year, the greater the trading costs payable by the fund in the year, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a fund.

#### Summary of Investment Portfolio, June 30, 2024

#### NET ASSETS: \$4,443.5 MILLION



TOP 25 HOLDINGS (PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS)	
iShares Core MSCI EAFE ETF	2.5%
Cash and short-term investments	2.4%
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Limited	2.4%
ASML Holding NV	2.3%
Novo Nordisk A/S CI. B	1.9%
Roche Holding AG Non-Voting	1.7%
LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton SE	1.5%
Air Liquide SA	1.5%
RELX PLC	1.4%
Novartis AG	1.3%
Industria de Diseno Textil, SA	1.3%
Keyence Corporation	1.2%
Nestlé SA Registered Shares	1.2%
Compass Group PLC	1.1%
Diageo PLC	1.1%
L'Oréal SA	1.0%
Wolters Kluwer NV	1.0%
Shell PLC	1.0%
AstraZeneca PLC	1.0%
HDFC Bank Limited	0.9%
Kuehne + Nagel International AG Registered Shares	0.9%
SAP SE	0.9%
BAE Systems PLC	0.9%
Hitachi, Ltd.	0.9%
Amadeus IT Group, SA	0.8%

Note: Summary of Investment Portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the investment fund. A quarterly update is available.

The Net Assets, Portfolio Allocation and Top 25 Holdings in the tables are based on the net assets as at June 30, 2024.

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#### PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION (PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS)

DOMESTIC EQUITIES Consumer Discretionary	0.1%
Industrials	0.4%
	0.5%
FOREIGN EQUITIES	
Australia	2.8%
Austria	0.6%
Belgium	0.3%
Bermuda	0.6%
Brazil	0.2%
Cayman Islands	0.5%
Chile	0.1%
China	0.3%
Colombia	0.3%
Denmark	3.3%
Exchange Traded Funds	2.5%
Finland	1.8%
France	9.5%
Germany	6.0%
Hong Kong	1.3%
India	1.2%
Ireland	1.5%
Isle of Man	0.1%
Israel	0.6%
Italy	2.5%
Japan	15.8%
Jersey	0.9%
Kazakhstan	0.1%
Luxembourg	0.4%
Mexico	0.2%
Netherlands	7.0%
Norway	1.2%
Panama	0.2%
Portugal	0.1%
Singapore	1.6%
South Korea	0.5%
Spain	2.7%
Sweden	1.8%
Switzerland	10.7%
Taiwan	3.2%
United Kingdom	14.6%
United States	0.4%
Other Countries	0.0%
	97.4%
CASH AND SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS	2.4%
OTHER NET ASSETS	(0.3)%
TOTAL NET ASSETS	100.0%

The Cash and Short-Term Investments and Other Net Assets may appear negative due to the timing of cash flows between the trade date and settlement date for transactions on underlying securities.



