# **COUNSEL** | PORTFOLIO SERVICES

# Counsel Global Fixed Income

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended March 31, 2023

These Financial Statements do not contain the Management Report of Fund Performance ("MRFP") of the investment fund.

A copy of the Fund's current Simplified Prospectus, Annual Information Form, Management Report of Fund Performance, Fund Fact Sheets, quarterly portfolio disclosures and proxy voting policies and disclosures will be provided, without charge, by: calling toll-free 1-877-625-9885, writing to Counsel Portfolio Services Inc., 5015 Spectrum Way, Suite 300, Mississauga, ON, L4W 0E4, by visiting our website at www.counselservices.com or by visiting www.sedar.com.

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#### MANAGEMENT REPORT

#### Management's Responsibility for Financial Reporting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared by Counsel Portfolio Services Inc. (the "Manager"), as Manager of Counsel Global Fixed Income (the "Fund"). The Manager is responsible for the integrity, objectivity and reliability of the data presented. This responsibility includes selecting appropriate accounting principles and making judgments and estimates consistent with International Financial Reporting Standards. The Manager is also responsible for the development of internal controls over the financial reporting process, which are designed to provide reasonable assurance that relevant and reliable financial information is produced.

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Counsel Portfolio Services Inc. is responsible for reviewing and approving the financial statements and overseeing the Manager's performance of its financial reporting responsibilities. The Board meets regularly with the Manager, internal auditors and external auditors to discuss internal controls over the financial reporting process, auditing matters and financial reporting issues.

Effective March 31, 2023, KPMG LLP was appointed the external auditor of the Fund. It is appointed by the Board. The external auditor has audited the financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards to enable it to express to the securityholders its opinion on the financial statements. Its report is set out below.

Sam Febbraro
President and Chief Executive Officer

Paulette Jervis Chief Financial Officer

June 5, 2023

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Securityholders of Counsel Global Fixed Income (the "Fund")

#### **Opinion**

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

- the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2023
- the statement of comprehensive income for the period then ended as indicated in note 1
- the statement of changes in financial position for the period then ended as indicated in note 1
- . the statement of cash flows for the period then ended as indicated in note 1 and
- notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies (Hereinafter referred to as the "financial statements").

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as at March 31, 2023, and its financial performance and cash flows for the period then ended as indicated in note 1 in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

#### **Basis for Opinion**

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

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

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

### Other Matter - Comparative Information

The financial statements for the period ended March 31, 2022 were audited by another auditor who expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements on June 13, 2022.

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

#### Other Information

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

- the information included in the Annual Management Report of Fund Performance of the Fund.

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

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

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### We also:

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

Chartered Professional Accountants Licensed Public Accountants Toronto, Ontario

LPMG LLP

June 5, 2023

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# STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

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

	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Investments at fair value	30,060	22,231
Cash and cash equivalents	5,514	17,281
Accrued interest receivable	427	320
Accounts receivable for investments sold	1,069	_
Accounts receivable for securities issued	_	_
Margin on derivatives	_	66
Derivative assets	201	245
Total assets	37,271	40,143
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable for investments purchased	1,054	1
Accounts payable for securities redeemed	7	36
Margin on derivatives	52	_
Derivative liabilities	116	102
Total liabilities	1,229	139
Net assets attributable to securityholders	36,042	40,004

### STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

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

	2023	2022
Income		
Interest income for distribution purposes	1,973	2,788
Other changes in fair value of investments and other		
net assets		
Net realized gain (loss)	(3,210)	(7,163)
Net unrealized gain (loss)	1,726	3,417
Total income (loss)	489	(958)
Expenses (note 6)		
Administration fees	44	52
Interest charges	10	1
Commissions and other portfolio transaction costs	1	2
Independent Review Committee fees	1	1
Other	6	
Expenses before amounts absorbed by Manager	62	56
Expenses absorbed by Manager	_	_
Net expenses	62	56
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to		
securityholders from operations before tax	427	(1,014)
Foreign withholding tax expense (recovery)	24	8
Foreign income tax expense (recovery)	_	9
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to		
securityholders from operations	403	(1,031)

Net assets attributable to securityholders (note 3)

	per sec	per security		eries
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Series 0	7.99	8.13	10,004	10,796
Series Private Wealth	7.61	7.75	26,038	29,208
			36,042	40,004

Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders from operations (note 3)

	per security		y per serie	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Series 0	0.10	(0.25)	125	(328)
Series Private Wealth	0.08	(0.18)	278	(703)
			403	(1,031)

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# STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION

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

	Tota	ıl	Series	0	Series Privat	e Wealth
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SECURITYHOLDERS						
Beginning of period	40,004	45,786	10,796	11,179	29,208	34,607
Increase (decrease) in net assets from operations	403	(1,031)	125	(328)	278	(703)
Distributions paid to securityholders:						
Investment income	(1,118)	(835)	(322)	(230)	(796)	(605)
Capital gains	_	-	_	-	_	-
Management fee rebates		_		_		
Total distributions paid to securityholders	(1,118)	(835)	(322)	(230)	(796)	(605)
Security transactions:						
Proceeds from securities issued	5,885	19,410	1,832	2,073	4,053	17,337
Reinvested distributions	1,103	833	322	230	781	603
Payments on redemption of securities	(10,235)	(24,159)	(2,749)	(2,128)	(7,486)	(22,031)
Total security transactions	(3,247)	(3,916)	(595)	175_	(2,652)	(4,091)
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders	(3,962)	(5,782)	(792)	(383)	(3,170)	(5,399)
End of period	36,042	40,004	10,004	10,796	26,038	29,208
Increase (decrease) in fund securities (in thousands) (note 7):			Securit	ties	Securi	ties
Securities outstanding – beginning of period			1,328	1,306	3,770	4,240
Issued			232	246	536	2,195
Reinvested distributions			40	28	103	77
Redeemed			(348)	(252)	(990)	(2,742)
Securities outstanding – end of period			1,252	1,328	3,419	3,770

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# STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

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

	2023	2022
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders from operations Adjustments for:	403	(1,031)
Net realized loss (gain) on investments	2,741	4,255
Change in net unrealized loss (gain) on investments	(1,518)	(3,417)
Purchase of investments	(25,929)	(24,237)
Proceeds from sale and maturity of investments	16,791	24,558
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable and other assets	(41)	24,330
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and other liabilities	52	_
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(7,501)	129
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Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from securities issued	5,885	19,537
Payments on redemption of securities	(10,264)	(24,172)
Distributions paid net of reinvestments	(15)	(2)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(4,394)	(4,637)
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(11,895)	(4,508)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	17,281	20,877
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash and cash		
equivalents	128	912
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	5,514	17,281
Cash	5,514	15,234
Cash equivalents		2,047
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	5,514	17,281
Supplementary disclosures on cash flow from operating activities:		
Dividends received	_	=
Foreign taxes paid	24	17
Interest received	1,866	2,864
Interest paid	10	1
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# **SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS**

as at March 31, 2023					
	Country	Sector	Par Value/ Shares/ Units	Average Cost (\$ 000)	Fair Value (\$ 000)
BONDS	<u> </u>				
Bank of Thailand 0.66% 11-22-2023	Thailand	Foreign Governments	THB 5,240,000	197	206
Ghana Government Bond 8.35% 02-16-2027	Ghana	Foreign Governments	GHS 312,575	41	36
Ghana Government Bond 8.50% 02-15-2028	Ghana	Foreign Governments	GHS 312,575	81	33
Ghana Government Bond 8.65% 02-13-2029	Ghana	Foreign Governments	GHS 292,774	74	34
Ghana Government Bond 8.80% 02-12-2030	Ghana	Foreign Governments	GHS 292,774	76	34
Ghana Government Bond 8.95% 02-11-2031	Ghana	Foreign Governments	GHS 291,043	59	33
Ghana Government Bond 9.10% 02-10-2032	Ghana	Foreign Governments	GHS 291,043	36	10
Ghana Government Bond 9.25% 02-08-2033	Ghana	Foreign Governments	GHS 291,043	54	28
Ghana Government Bond 9.40% 02-07-2034	Ghana	Foreign Governments	GHS 13,840	3	1
Ghana Government Bond 9.55% 02-06-2035	Ghana	Foreign Governments	GHS 13,840	3	1
Ghana Government Bond 9.70% 02-05-2036	Ghana	Foreign Governments	GHS 13,840	2	1
Ghana Government Bond 9.85% 02-03-2037 Ghana Government Bond 10.00% 02-02-2038	Ghana	Foreign Governments	GHS 13,840	2	1
Government of Australia 5.50% 04-21-2023	Ghana Australia	Foreign Governments Foreign Governments	GHS 13,840 AUD 3,440,000	3,234	1 3,113
Government of Brazil 0% 01-01-2025	Brazil	Foreign Governments	BRL 530,000	961	1,160
Government of Brazil 10.00% 01-01-2025	Brazil	Foreign Governments	BRL 380,000	913	984
Government of Brazil 10.00% 01-01-2027	Brazil	Foreign Governments	BRL 195,000	490	489
Government of Brazil 10.00% 01-01-2031	Brazil	Foreign Governments	BRL 37,000	85	87
Government of Colombia 10.00% 07-24-2024	Colombia	Foreign Governments	COP 217,600,000	70	63
Government of Colombia 6.25% 11-26-2025	Colombia	Foreign Governments	COP 1,539,000,000	442	401
Government of Colombia 7.50% 08-26-2026	Colombia	Foreign Governments	COP 4,236,100,000	1,276	1,110
Government of Colombia 5.75% 11-03-2027	Colombia	Foreign Governments	COP 1,125,000,000	297	265
Government of Colombia 6.00% 04-28-2028	Colombia	Foreign Governments	COP 786,000,000	170	183
Government of Colombia 7.75% 09-18-2030	Colombia	Foreign Governments	COP 776,000,000	182	184
Government of Colombia 7.00% 03-26-2031	Colombia	Foreign Governments	COP 49,500,000	9	11
Government of Colombia 7.00% 06-30-2032	Colombia	Foreign Governments	COP 447,000,000	111	97
Government of Colombia 6.25% 07-09-2036	Colombia	Foreign Governments	COP 277,000,000	41	51
Government of Dominican Republic 5.30% 01-21-2041	Dominican Republic Dominican Republic	Foreign Governments Foreign Governments	USD 300,000 USD 150,000	309 152	319 156
Government of Dominican Republic 5.88% 01-30-2060 Government of Egypt 5.88% 02-16-2031	Egypt	Foreign Governments	USD 330,000	336	272
Government of Egypt 8.50% 01-31-2047	Egypt	Foreign Governments	USD 200,000	184	158
Government of Egypt 7.90% 02-21-2048	Egypt	Foreign Governments	USD 200,000	180	151
Government of Egypt 8.88% 05-29-2050	Egypt	Foreign Governments	USD 240,000	224	192
Government of Egypt 7.50% 02-16-2061	Egypt	Foreign Governments	USD 200,000	176	147
Government of Germany 2.59% 09-20-2023	Germany	Foreign Governments	USD 125,000	179	181
Government of Germany 2.64% 10-18-2023	Germany	Foreign Governments	USD 236,000	338	341
Government of Germany 2.68% 10-18-2023	Germany	Foreign Governments	USD 574,000	819	830
Government of Germany 6.25% 01-04-2024	Germany	Foreign Governments	EUR 208,000	313	313
Government of Hungary 3.00% 10-27-2027	Hungary	Foreign Governments	HUF 52,500,000	144	154
Government of Hungary 4.75% 11-24-2032	Hungary	Foreign Governments	HUF 446,500,000	1,235	1,311
Government of Japan -0.12% 05-10-2023	Japan	Foreign Governments	JPY 26,000,000	248	265
Government of Japan -0.24% 06-19-2023	Japan	Foreign Governments	JPY 57,800,000	596	589
Government of Japan -0.15% 09-20-2023 Government of Japan -0.14% 09-20-2023	Japan Japan	Foreign Governments Foreign Governments	JPY 104,000,000 JPY 103,800,000	981 958	1,061 1,059
Government of Japan -0.10% 12-20-2023	Japan	Foreign Governments	JPY 23,000,000	236	235
Government of Japan -0.10% 12-20-2023	Japan	Foreign Governments	JPY 26,800,000	269	273
Government of Indonesia 8.38% 03-15-2024	Indonesia	Foreign Governments	IDR 1,973,000,000	182	182
Government of Indonesia 8.13% 05-15-2024	Indonesia	Foreign Governments	IDR 2,981,000,000	274	276
Government of Indonesia 6.50% 06-15-2025	Indonesia	Foreign Governments	IDR 13,624,000,000	1,267	1,238
Government of Indonesia 5.50% 04-15-2026	Indonesia	Foreign Governments	IDR 5,148,000,000	450	456
Government of Indonesia 6.13% 05-15-2028 FR64	Indonesia	Foreign Governments	IDR 128,000,000	11	11
Government of Indonesia 6.38% 08-15-2028	Indonesia	Foreign Governments	IDR 128,000,000	11	12
Government of Indonesia 7.00% 02-15-2033	Indonesia	Foreign Governments	IDR 9,870,000,000	901	907
Government of Korea 1.00% 06-10-2023	South Korea	Foreign Governments	KOR 1,540,000,000	1,526	1,588
Government of Korea 0.88% 12-10-2023	South Korea	Foreign Governments	KOR 630,000,000	650	642
Government of Korea 1.38% 09-10-2024	South Korea	Foreign Governments	KOR 971,000,000	1,063	978
Government of Malaysia 3.88% 03-14-2025	Malaysia	Foreign Governments	MYR 550,000	159	171
Government of Malaysia 3.95% 09-15-2025	Malaysia Malaysia	Foreign Governments	MYR 1,190,000	350	371
Government of Malaysia 3.91% 07-15-2026	Malaysia	Foreign Governments	MYR 2,570,000	798	802

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# SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (cont'd)

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	Country	Sector	Par Value/ Shares/ Units	Average Cost (\$ 000)	Fair Value (\$ 000)
BONDS (cont'd)				.,	
Government of Malaysia 3.90% 11-30-2026	Malaysia	Foreign Governments	MYR 570.000	177	178
Government of Malaysia 3.89% 03-15-2027	Malaysia	Foreign Governments	MYR 10,000	3	3
Government of Malaysia 3.50% 05-31-2027	Malaysia	Foreign Governments	MYR 170,000	52	52
Government of Malaysia 3.90% 11-16-2027	Malaysia	Foreign Governments	MYR 4,840,000	1,456	1,508
Government of Malaysia 3.73% 06-15-2028	Malaysia	Foreign Governments	MYR 690,000	212	213
Government of Malaysia 4.50% 04-15-2030	Malaysia	Foreign Governments	MYR 430,000	138	138
Government of Mexico 8.50% 05-31-2029	Mexico	Foreign Governments	MXN 2,000,000	137	148
Government of Mexico 7.50% 05-26-2033	Mexico	Foreign Governments	MXN 11,310,000	712	774
Government of Mongolia 4.45% 07-07-2031	Mongolia	Foreign Governments	USD 330,000	372	330
Government of Panama 4.50% 04-01-2056 Callable 2055	Panama	Foreign Governments	USD 360,000	422	362
Government of Thailand 0.75% 09-17-2024	Thailand	Foreign Governments	THB 8,120,000	308	317
Government of Thailand 3.85% 12-12-2025	Thailand	Foreign Governments	THB 3,500,000	133	146
Government of Thailand 1.00% 06-17-2027	Thailand	Foreign Governments	THB 23,910,000	894	910
United States Treasury 1.75% 12-31-2024	United States	Foreign Governments	USD 557,000	721	723
Total bonds				30,168	30,060
Transaction costs					
Total investments				30,168	30,060
Derivative instruments					
(see schedule of derivative instruments)					85
Cash and cash equivalents					5,514
Other assets less liabilities					383
Net assets attributable to securityholders					36,042

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# **SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO**

ASSET TYPE

Foreign government bonds Cash and cash equivalents Other

MARCH 31, 2023

 $\% \ \text{OF NAV}$ 

83.4 15.2 1.4

ASSET TYPE	% OF NAV
Government honds	55.6

MARCH 31, 2022

COUNTRY ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Japan	9.7
Malaysia	9.5
South Korea	8.9
Australia	8.6
Indonesia	8.6
Brazil	7.6
Colombia	6.6
Germany	4.6
Thailand	4.4
Hungary	4.1
Mexico	2.6
Other countries	9.6
Cash and cash equivalents	15.2

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Government bonds	55.6
Cash and cash equivalents	43.2
Other	1.1

REGIONAL ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Pacific ex Japan	27.0
Latin America	19.4
Europe ex U.K.	5.7
Middle East and Africa	3.5
Canada	1.2
Cash and cash equivalents	43.2

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# SCHEDULE OF DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS

as at March 31, 2023

Schedule of Forward	Currency Contra	cts							
Counterparty Credit Rating		cy to be d (\$ 000)	Currency Delivered		Settlement Date	Contract Cost (\$ 000)	Current Fair Value (\$ 000)	Unrealized Gains (\$ 000)	Unrealized Losses (\$ 000)
А	83,900	CLP	(78)	USD	Apr. 10, 2023	105	107	2	_
Α	16	USD	(17,000)	CLP	Apr. 10, 2023	(21)	(21)	=	_
Α	62	USD	(66,900)	CLP	Apr. 10, 2023	(84)	(85)	=	(1)
Α	82,774	INR	(735)	USD	Apr. 10, 2023	994	1,012	18	_
Α	744	USD	(82,774)	INR	Apr. 10, 2023	(1,006)	(1,007)	-	(1)
Α	229,260	CLP	(207)	USD	Apr. 20, 2023	280	292	12	_
AA	671,600	KOR	(402)	USD	Apr. 25, 2023	544	504	-	(40)
Α	541,840	CLP	(498)	USD	May. 8, 2023	673	681	8	_
Α	221,220	CLP	(204)	USD	May. 17, 2023	276	277	1	_
Α	115,000	JPY	(637)	USD	Jun. 14, 2023	862	880	18	_
AA	2,180	CNY	(237)	USD	Jun. 21, 2023	321	319	-	(2)
AA	237	USD	(2,180)	CNY	Jun. 21, 2023	(320)	(319)	1	_
AA	47,742	INR	(428)	USD	Jun. 21, 2023	579	578	-	(1)
Α	73,000	JPY	(407)	USD	Jun. 21, 2023	550	559	9	_
Α	36,400	KOR	(21)	USD	Jun. 21, 2023	28	29	1	_
Α	66,900	CLP	(61)	USD	Jul. 5, 2023	83	83		_
Α	82,774	INR	(740)	USD	Jul. 10, 2023	1,001	1,001	-	_
Α	79,966	INR	(706)	USD	Jul. 11, 2023	955	972	17	_
Α	1,340,500	KOR	(802)	USD	Jul. 18, 2023	1,085	1,014	_	(71)
Α	115,000	JPY	(651)	USD	Sep. 20, 2023	880	892	12	-
Total forward curren	cy contracts				· ·		•	99	(116)

Schedule of interest rate swaps

Counterparty	Termination		Fund pays Fixed	Notional Value Unr	ealized gain
credit rating	date	Fund receives return on:	payments of:	(CAD\$ 000)	(\$ 000)
A+	March 2032	Secured Overnight Financing Rate - OIS Compund	1.81%	947	102
				947	102

Total Derivative assets	201
Total Derivative liabilities	(116)

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#### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### 1. Fiscal Periods and General Information

The information provided in these financial statements and notes thereto is for the years ended or as at March 31, 2023 and 2022 (as applicable). In the year a series is established, 'period' represents the period from inception to the period end of that fiscal period. In a period where a series is terminated the period represents from the beginning of the fiscal year to the termination date. Refer to Note 10 (a) for series inception and termination dates.

The Fund is organized as an open-ended mutual fund trust established under the laws of the Province of Ontario pursuant to a Declaration of Trust as amended and restated from time to time. The address of the Fund's registered office is 5015 Spectrum Way, Suite 300, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada. The Fund is authorized to issue an unlimited number of units (referred to as "security" or "securities") of multiple series. Series of the Fund are available for sale under Simplified Prospectus and/or exempt distribution options.

Counsel Portfolio Services Inc. (the "Manager" or "Counsel") acts as the Fund's manager and trustee.

#### 2. Basis of Preparation and Presentation

These annual financial statements ("financial statements") have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"). A summary of the Fund's significant accounting policies under IFRS is presented in Note 3.

These financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars, which is the Fund's functional currency, and are rounded to the nearest thousand unless otherwise indicated. These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis using the historical cost basis, except for financial assets and liabilities that have been measured at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL").

These financial statements were authorized for issue by Counsel's Board of Directors on June 5, 2023.

#### 3. Significant Accounting Policies

#### (a) Financial Instruments

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

Financial instruments are designated on initial recognition as FVTPL with changes in fair value recognized in the Statement of Comprehensive Income – Net unrealized gain (loss).

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

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

The Fund accounts for its holdings in investment funds at FVTPL. Counsel has concluded that the investment funds in which the Fund invests, do not meet the definition of structured entities.

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

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

#### (b) Fair Value Measurement

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

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

Cash and cash equivalents which includes cash on deposit with financial institutions and short-term investments that are readily convertible to cash, are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value and are used by the Fund in the management of short-term commitments. Cash and cash equivalents are reported at amortized cost which closely approximates their fair value due to their nature of being highly liquid and having short terms to maturity. Bank overdraft positions are presented under current liabilities as bank indebtedness in the Statement of Financial Position.

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

#### (b) Fair Value Measurement (cont'd)

The Fund may use derivatives (such as written options, futures, forward contracts, swaps or customized derivatives) to hedge against losses caused by changes in securities prices, interest rates or exchange rates. The Fund may also use derivatives for non-hedging purposes in order to invest indirectly in securities or financial markets, to gain exposure to other currencies, to seek to generate additional income, and/or for any other purpose considered appropriate by Counsel or the Fund's sub-advisor(s), provided that the use of the derivative is consistent with the Fund's investment objectives. Any use of derivatives will comply with Canadian mutual fund laws, subject to the regulatory exemptions granted to the Fund, as applicable. Refer to "Exemptions from National Instrument 81-102" in the Annual Information Form of the Fund for further details, including the complete conditions of these exemptions, as applicable.

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

The value of forward contracts is the gain or loss that would be realized if, on the valuation date, the positions were to be closed out. The change in value of forward contracts is included in the Statements of Comprehensive Income – Net unrealized gain (loss).

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

Premiums paid (written) for purchasing (writing) options are recorded in Derivative Assets (Liabilities) and subsequently adjusted daily to fair value. If a written option expires unexercised, the premium received is recognized as a realized gain. If a written call option is exercised, the difference between the proceeds of the sale plus the value of the premium, and the cost of the security is recognized as a realized gain or loss. If a written put option is exercised, the cost of the security acquired is the exercise price of the option less the premium received. Refer to the Schedule of Derivative Instruments and Schedule of Options Purchased/Written, as applicable, included in the Schedule of Investments for a listing of derivative and options positions.

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

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

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

Financial instruments classified as Level 2 investments are valued based on the prices provided by an independent reputable pricing services company who prices the securities based on recent transactions and quotes received from market participants and through incorporating observable market data and using standard market convention practices. The estimated fair values for these securities may be different from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the investment existed; and

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

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

See Note 10 (e) for the fair value classifications of the Fund.

### (c) Income recognition

Interest income for distribution purposes represents the coupon interest received by the Fund which is accounted for on an accrual basis. The Fund does not amortize premiums paid or discounts received on the purchase of fixed income securities except for zero coupon bonds, which are amortized on a straight-line basis

Dividends are accrued as of the ex-dividend date. Realized gains or losses on the sale of investments, including foreign exchange gains or losses on such investments, and unrealized gains or losses are calculated on an average cost basis.

The Fund may invest in ETFs managed by Mackenzie Investments (an affiliate of Counsel) which are indicated in the Schedule of Investments. The Fund receives Fee rebate income in respect of management fees paid indirectly to Mackenzie which offset the management fees indirectly borne in the return of these Underlying Funds.

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

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

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

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

(e) Securities lending, repurchase and reverse repurchase transactions

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

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

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

#### (f) Foreign currency

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

Foreign exchange gains (losses) on purchases and sales of foreign currencies are included in the Statements of Comprehensive Income – Net realized gain (loss).

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

#### (g) Offsetting

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

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

(h) Net assets attributable to securityholders per security

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

(i) Net asset value per security

Net asset value per security is determined for the purchase and redemption of securities in accordance with the methods disclosed in the Fund's Simplified Prospectus and Annual Information Form. These methods may vary from valuation principles under IFRS. As at March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022, there were no such differences.

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

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

(k) Comparative amounts

Certain prior period comparative amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current period's presentation.

(I) Future Accounting Changes

Counsel has determined there are no material implications to the Fund's financial statements arising from IFRS issued but not yet effective.

#### 4. Critical accounting estimates and judgments

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

Use of Estimates

Fair value of securities not quoted in an active market

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

Use of Judgments

Classification and measurement of investments

In classifying and measuring financial instruments held by the Fund, the Manager is required to make significant judgments in order to determine the most appropriate classification in accordance with IFRS 9. The Manager has considered the Fund's business model, commitments to securityholders, and the manner in which investments are managed and evaluated as a group and has determined that irrevocable designation of financial instruments as financial assets or financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss provides the most appropriate measurement and presentation of the Fund's investments and financial instruments.

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#### 4. Critical accounting estimates and judgments

Use of Judgments (cont'd)

Functional currency

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

#### 5. Income taxes

The Fund qualifies as a mutual fund trust under the provisions of the Income Tax Act (Canada) and, accordingly, is subject to tax on its income including net realized capital gains in the taxation year, which is not paid or payable to its securityholders as at the end of the taxation year. The Fund maintains a December 15 year-end for tax purposes. The Fund may be subject to withholding taxes on foreign income. In general, the Fund treats withholding tax as a charge against income for tax purposes. The Fund will distribute sufficient amounts from net income for tax purposes, as required, so that the Fund will not pay income taxes other than refundable tax on capital gains, if applicable.

Losses of the Fund cannot be allocated to securityholders and are retained in the Fund for use in future years. Non-capital losses incurred may be carried forward up to 20 years to reduce taxable income and realized capital gains of future years. Net capital losses may be carried forward indefinitely to reduce future realized capital gains. Refer to Note 10 (d) for a summary of the Fund's loss carryforwards.

#### 6. Management Fees and Operating Expenses

Counsel is paid a management fee for arranging for the management of the investment portfolio, providing investment analysis and recommendations, making investment decisions, making brokerage arrangements relating to the purchase and sale of the investment portfolio and making arrangements with registered dealers for the purchase and sale of securities of the Fund by securityholders.

Each series of the Fund, excluding Series O, is charged a fixed rate annual administration fee ("Administration Fee"), as applicable, and in return, Counsel bears all of the operating expenses of the Fund, other than certain specified fund costs.

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

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

#### 7. Fund's Capital

The capital of the Fund is divided into different series with each series having an unlimited number of securities. The securities outstanding for the Fund as at March 31, 2023 and 2022 and securities issued, reinvested and redeemed for the periods are presented in the Statements of Changes in Financial Position. Counsel manages the capital of the Fund in accordance with the investment objectives and strategies as discussed in Note 8 (a).

### 8. Financial Instruments Risk

#### (a) Risk exposure and management

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

The Manager seeks to minimize potential adverse effects of financial risks on the Fund's performance by employing professional, experienced portfolio advisors, by monitoring the Fund's positions and market events daily, by diversifying the investment portfolio within the constraints of the Fund's investment objectives and strategies, as disclosed in Note 10 (b), and where applicable, by using derivatives to hedge certain risk exposures. To assist in managing risks, Counsel also maintains a governance structure that oversees the Fund's investment activities and monitors compliance with the Fund's stated investment strategy, internal guidelines, and securities regulations.

### (b) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk arises when the Fund encounters difficulty in meeting its financial obligations as they come due. The Fund is exposed to liquidity risk due to potential daily cash redemptions of redeemable securities. In order to monitor the liquidity of its assets, the Fund utilizes a liquidity risk management program that calculates the number of days to convert the investments held by the Fund into cash using a multi-day liquidation approach. This liquidity risk analysis assesses the Fund's liquidity against pre-determined minimum liquidity percentages, established for different time periods. In addition, the Fund has the ability to borrow up to 5% of its net assets for the purposes of funding redemptions. In order to comply with securities regulations, the Fund must maintain at least 85% of its assets in liquid investments (i.e. investments that can be readily sold).

Other investment funds managed by Counsel ("Top Funds") may invest in Series 0 securities offered by the Fund on a prospectus-exempt basis in accordance with the investment objectives of those funds. Series Private Wealth securities may also be issued on a prospectus-exempt basis to investors in the IPC Private Wealth program offered by IPC Securities Corporation, an affiliate of Counsel.

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

#### (b) Liquidity risk (cont'd)

From time to time, these holdings may be rebalanced by either reducing an allocation to the Fund or eliminating such investments in the Fund entirely. In either case, depending on the size of the investment by a large investor, this could cause a significant redemption from the Fund. Meeting such a redemption may require the Fund to sell portfolio holdings. This could result in the Fund selling a particular holding before it has achieved the valuation sought by the Manager thus affecting Fund returns. This could also result in the Fund realizing capital gains on its holdings earlier than planned, which could result in capital gains distributed to investors in the Fund (which could result in income tax payable by the investor) that might not have occurred or might have occurred at a later date.

For the amounts held by and the changes thereto during the period pertaining to Series O and/or Series Private Wealth, please refer to the amounts disclosed in the Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Changes in Financial Position.

#### (c) Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation or commitment into which it has entered with the Fund. Note 10 (c) summarizes the Fund's exposure, if applicable and significant, to credit risk through fixed income instruments. Where presented, credit ratings and rating categories are based on ratings issued by a designated rating organization.

All transactions in listed securities are executed with approved brokers.

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

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

#### (d) Currency risk

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

Note 10 (c) indicates the foreign currencies, if applicable, to which the Fund had significant exposure, in Canadian dollar terms, to the Fund's net assets had the Canadian dollar strengthened or weakened by 5% relative to all foreign currencies, all other variables held constant. In practice, the actual trading results may differ and the difference could be material. Other financial assets and liabilities (including dividends and interest receivable, and receivables/payables for investments sold/purchased) that are denominated in foreign currencies do not generally expose the Fund to significant currency risk.

#### (e) Interest rate risk

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

If significant, Note 10 (c) summarizes the Fund's bonds by remaining term to maturity and illustrates the potential impact to the Fund's net assets had prevailing interest rates increased or decreased by 1%, assuming a parallel shift in the yield curve, all other variables held constant. In practice, the actual trading results may differ and the difference could be material.

Cash and cash equivalents are short term in nature and are not generally subject to significant amounts of interest rate risk.

#### (f) Other price risk

Other price risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether caused by factors specific to an individual investment, its issuer, or all factors affecting all instruments traded in a market or market segment. All investments present a risk of loss of capital. This risk is managed through a careful selection of investments and other financial instruments within the parameters of the investment strategy.

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

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# 9. Foreign currency abbreviations

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

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- 10. Fund Specific Information (in '000, except for (a))
- (a) Fund Formation and Series Information

Series	Inception/ Reinstatement Date	Minimum Investment (\$)	Management fee (%)	Administration fee (%) <sup>3</sup>
Series 0 <sup>1</sup>	January 17, 2018	_	_	_
Series Private Wealth <sup>2</sup>	May 23, 2014	_	_	0.15

<sup>1</sup> There are no management or administration fees for this series since these securities are designed to facilitate fund-of-fund investing where duplication of management fees is prohibited.

#### (b) Investment Objectives and Strategies

The Fund seeks to achieve a high level of current income with the potential for capital appreciation. The Fund invests primarily in fixed-income securities issued around the world generally outside of developed markets.

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

i. Currency Risk

The tables below summarize the Fund's exposure to currency risk.

			Marc	h 31, 2023				
	Impact					Impact on	net assets	
		Cash and Cash	Derivative	_	Strengthene	d by 5%	Weakened	d by 5%
Currency	Investments (\$)	Equivalents (\$)	Instruments (\$)	Net Exposure (\$)	(\$)	%	(\$)	%
JPY	3,482	_	2,331	5,813				
KOR	3,208	_	1,547	4,755				
MYR	3,436	_	_	3,436				
AUD	3,113	_	_	3,113				
IDR	3,082	_	_	3,082				
BRL	2,720	_	_	2,720				
INR	_	_	2,556	2,556				
COP	2,365	1	_	2,366				
EUR	1,665	_	_	1,665				
THB	1,579	9	_	1,588				
HUF	1,465	_	_	1,465				
CLP	_	_	1,334	1,334				
MXN	922	_	_	922				
GHS	213	_	_	213				
USD	2,810	4,616	(7,768)	(342)				
Total	30,060	4,626	_	34,686				
% of Net Assets				96.2				
Total currency rate sensitivit	у				(1,734)	(4.8)	1,734	4.8

There are no management fees for Series Private Wealth. An investor must enter into an agreement to participate in a discretionary managed program offered by IPC Securities Corporation and agree to pay certain asset-based fees.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Counsel may, at its discretion, waive or lower the administration fee payable by investors.

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

March 31, 2022

-				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Impact on	net assets	
	Investments			Instruments Net Exposure		Strengthened by 5%		by 5%
Currency	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	%	(\$)	%
KOR	3,363	_	2,069	5,432				
CNY	_	_	5,060	5,060				
BRL	3,998	_	_	3,998				
INR	_	_	3,771	3,771				
IDR	3,635	1	_	3,636				
Other	2,042	1,219	_	3,261				
NOK	2,277	826	43	3,146				
SEK	_	_	2,707	2,707				
CLP	_	_	2,337	2,337				
SGD	2,047	_	_	2,047				
ARS	1,622	44	_	1,666				
COP	1,521	_	_	1,521				
USD	1,727	14,230	(15,987)	(30)				
Total	22,232	16,320	_	38,552				
% of Net Assets				96.4				
Total currency rate sensitivit	:y				(1,928)	(4.8)	1,928	4.8

The Fund uses derivatives to gain exposure or hedge exposure to currencies.

ii. Interest Rate Risk

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

		Impact on net assets			
	Bonds	Increase	by 1%	Decrease	e by 1%
March 31, 2023	(\$)	(\$)	(%)	(\$)	(%)
Less than 1 year	10,878				
1-5 years	12,824				
5-10 years	4,043				
Greater than 10 years	2,315				
Total	30,060	(783)	(2.2)	783	2.2
Interest sensitivity arising from other financial instruments		(78)	(0.2)	78	0.2
Total sensitivity to interest rate		(861)	(2.4)	861	2.4
		Impact on net assets			

		Impact on net assets			
	Bonds	Increase by 1%		Decrease	e by 1%
March 31, 2022	(\$)	(\$)	(%)	(\$)	(%)
Less than 1 year	8,313				
1-5 years	11,091				
5-10 years	1,470				
Greater than 10 years	1,357				
Total	22,231	(508)	(1.3)	508	1.3
Interest sensitivity arising from other financial instruments		_	_	_	_
Total sensitivity to interest rate		(508)	(1.3)	508	1.3

The Fund may use derivatives to gain (reduce) exposure to interest rate risk. As of March 31, 2023, these swaps had a notional value of 2.6% (2022 – 0.0%) of net assets.

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

iii. Other price risk

As at March 31, 2023 and 2022, the Fund did not have a significant exposure to other price risk.

iv. Credit risk

As at March 31, 2023 and 2022, debt securities by credit rating are as follows:

_	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2022
Bond Rating*	% of Net Assets	% of Net Assets
AAA	24.9	10.8
AA	22.8	8.4
A	22.7	3.5
BBB	13.0	13.2
Less than BBB	_	19.7
Total	83.4	55.6

<sup>\*</sup> Credit ratings and rating categories are based on ratings issued by a designated rating organization

As at March 31, 2023, the Fund's maximum exposure to any one debt issuer was 9.7% (March 31, 2022–10.0%).

#### (d) Loss Carryforwards

Non-Capital Losses	Net Capital Losses
carryforward (\$)	carryforward (\$)
<u>-</u>	9.729

#### (e) Fair Value Classification

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

	March 31, 2023					March 31	l, 2022	
	Level 1 (\$)	Level 2 (\$)	Level 3 (\$)	Total (\$)	Level 1 (\$)	Level 2 (\$)	Level 3 (\$)	Total (\$)
Fixed income	_	30,060	_	30,060	_	22,231	_	22,231
Mutual funds	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Cash equivalents	_	_	_	_	_	2,047	_	2,047
Derivative assets	_	201	_	201	_	245	_	245
Derivative liabilities	_	(116)	_	(116)	_	(102)	_	(102)
Total	_	30,145	_	30,145	_	24,421	_	24,421

There were no significant transfers between Level 1 and Level 2. Cash equivalents classified as level 2 investments are valued based on amortized cost plus accrued interest which closely approximates fair value.

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

# (f) Offsetting of Financial Assets and Liabilities

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

	March 31, 2023				
	Gross amount of assets/liabilities (\$)	Amount available for offset (\$)	Margin (\$)	Net amount (\$)	
Unrealized gains on derivative contracts	201	(49)	_	152	
Unrealized losses on derivative contracts	(116)	49	(52)	(119)	
Total	85	_	(52)	33	

	March 31, 2022				
	Gross amount of assets/liabilities (\$)	Amount available for offset (\$)	Margin (\$)	Net amount (\$)	
Unrealized gains on derivative contracts	245	(102)	66	209	
Unrealized losses on derivative contracts	(102)	102	_	_	
Total	143	-	66	209	