# IA Clarington Canadian Small Cap Class Series A, E, EF, F and P Shares

# Annual Management Report of Fund Performance

March 31, 2024

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### **Management Discussion of Fund Performance**

The management discussion of fund performance for IA Clarington Canadian Small Cap Class (the "Fund") represents management's view of the significant factors and developments affecting the Fund's performance and outlook for the 12-month period ended March 31, 2024. IA Clarington Investments Inc. is the manager (the "Manager") of the Fund.

Series EF and Series P are closed to new investors. Investors who currently hold these series may purchase additional shares.

### **Investment Objective and Strategies**

The Fund's investment objective is to maximize long-term capital growth by investing primarily in equity securities of small cap Canadian companies.

The Fund's strategy is to invest primarily, directly or indirectly, in equities of Canadian smaller capitalization companies. The Fund currently invests substantially all of its assets in units of IA Clarington Small Cap Fund (the "Reference Fund"). Its performance therefore largely reflects the performance of that Reference Fund. The discussion that follows in "Results of Operations" and "Recent Developments" reflects the portfolio holdings and applicable characteristics of the Reference Fund. The reference to "Portfolio Sub-Advisor" or "QV" in those sections refers to QV Investors Inc., the Portfolio Sub-Advisor to the Reference Fund.

The Fund's Portfolio Manager is iA Global Asset Management Inc. ("iAGAM" or the "Portfolio Manager") and its Sub-Advisor is QV Investors Inc. ("QV" or the "Portfolio Sub-Advisor" or the "fund manager").

#### Risk

The overall risk of investing in the Fund remains as described in the prospectus.

The Fund is suitable for investors seeking the possibility for capital appreciation, with a medium risk tolerance and planning to invest over the long term.

#### **Results of Operations**

The Fund's Net Assets increased by 10.4% or \$5.7 million during the period, from \$54.6 million on March 31, 2023 to \$60.3 million on March 31, 2024. This change in Net Assets resulted from a decrease of \$0.7 million due to net redemptions, a decrease of \$1.1 million due to distributions and an increase of \$7.5 million due to investment operations, including market volatility, income and expense.

The average Net Asset Value of the Fund increased by 8.9% or \$4.6 million in comparison to the prior period, from \$51.8 million to \$56.4 million. Average Net Asset Value influence revenue earned and expenses incurred by the Fund during the period.

Series A shares of the Fund returned 13.2% for the 12-month period ending March 31, 2024. The performance of the other series of the Fund is substantially similar, save for differences in fees and expense structure. Refer to the "Past Performance" section for performance information of each series.

The Fund's broad-based benchmark, the S&P/TSX Composite Index, returned 14.0% for the same 12-month period. The comparison to this broad-based index has been provided to help you understand the Fund's performance relative to the general performance of the Canadian equity market. The Fund's benchmark, which is composed of the S&P/TSX SmallCap Index, returned 8.2% for the same period. This comparison to Fund performance is more useful, because it more closely reflects the asset classes in which the Fund invests. The Fund's return

calculation for all series includes fees and expenses, which are not applicable in generating a return for the benchmark.

During the period, inflation continued to come down from its highs in 2022 but remained higher than the Bank of Canada's 2% target.

Canadian small-cap indexes have generally underperformed large-cap peers, and some small-cap companies traded at attractive valuations, in part owing to higher perceived financing risks for these companies amid higher interest rates.

The Fund's underweight exposure to and stock selection in the materials sector contributed to performance. Exposure to the energy sector also contributed owing to higher commodity prices. Exposure to the real estate and utilities sectors contributed as well. Individual contributors included Stella-Jones Inc., which benefited from strong underlying demand for utility poles. Secure Energy Services Inc. benefited from the sale of assets following its acquisition of Tervita Corp. Parkland Corp. announced it would reach its 2025 target for earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization a year earlier.

The Fund's exposure to the information technology sector detracted from relative performance. Defensive positioning in the health care sector also detracted. Individual detractors included Major Drilling Group International Inc., which saw tepid activity from junior miners owing to a tougher financing environment. Enghouse Systems Ltd. struggled to generate consistent organic growth and stable margins. Calian Group Ltd.'s information technology segment was affected as some customer spending was deferred.

New positions included Cargojet Inc., which has one of the better domestic franchises in the Canadian small-cap universe. Headwater Exploration Inc. is a cost-advantaged oil-and-gas producer that takes a disciplined approach to capital allocation. Sleep Country Canada Holdings Inc. is Canada's dominant retailer of mattresses and sleep accessories, and has a solid track record of profitable growth.

Increased positions included Pet Valu Holdings Ltd., the leading retailer of pet food in Canada, as the company appears well positioned to continue compounding at an attractive rate. Definity Financial Corp.'s strong balance sheet provides capacity to continue its insurance brokerage business or grow its scale in the insurance carrier business.

Decreased positions included Stella-Jones Inc., which was trimmed as its valuation grew less attractive following greater-than-expected growth. Stantec Inc. was trimmed as the risk/reward balance became less attractive.

Eliminated positions included Logistec Corp., which was acquired by private equity firms following a strategic review initiated by the controlling family. Neighbourly Pharmacy Inc. was also taken private. Freehold Royalties Ltd. was sold as the risk/reward balance was less attractive.

#### **Recent Developments**

Recent North American equity gains have likely been driven by an expansion of price multiples as the market anticipates a "soft landing" or minimal economic turbulence in the upcoming quarters. However, predicting economic conditions consistently or relying on continued multiple expansion seems less sustainable and reliable than investing in undervalued franchises with attractive compounding potential and dividend/income generation flexibility. The Fund continues to seek to minimize risk of permanent capital loss, while aiming to capture business and earnings growth from some of Canada's leading franchises.

Effective April 1, 2023, the Portfolio Manager changed from Industrial Alliance Investment Management Inc. to iA Global Asset Management Inc.

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### **Related Party Transactions**

The Portfolio Manager is affiliated with the Manager as they are both under common control of Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc. ("Industrial Alliance").

For the provision of management services, the Manager received management fees from the Fund, based on the average Net Asset Values of the respective series. The management fees paid are disclosed in the financial statements.

The Manager paid the operating expenses of the Fund (the "Operating Expenses") in exchange for the payment by the Fund of a fixed rate administration fee (the "Administration Fee") to the Manager with respect to each series of the Fund, except for Series I and Series V, if applicable.

The Manager pays the operating expenses of the Fund, other than Fund Costs, in exchange for the payment by the Fund of a fixed rate administration fee (the "Administration Fee") to the Manager with respect to each series of the Fund, except for Series I and Series V, if applicable. The expenses charged to the Fund in respect of the Administration Fee are disclosed in the Fund's financial statements. The Administration Fee is equal to a specified percentage of the net asset value of a series, calculated and paid in the same manner as the management fees for the Fund. The Fund's most recent simplified prospectus contains further details about the Administration Fee.

In addition to the Administration Fee, each series of the Fund is responsible for its proportionate share of certain other operating expenses ("Fund Costs"). Further details about Fund Costs can be found in the Fund's most recent simplified prospectus. The Manager, at its sole discretion, may waive or absorb a portion of a series' expenses. These waivers or absorptions may be terminated at any time without notice.

During the 12-month period ended March 31, 2024, the Fund did not pay brokerage commissions to iA Private Wealth Inc.

In order to avoid duplication of management fees, if a Fund invests directly in a Reference Fund managed by IA Clarington or an affiliate it may purchase Series I Securities (or the equivalent) of the Reference Fund and will not be charged a management fee or a fixed expense charge in respect of those securities. Alternatively, if Series I Securities (or the equivalent) are not purchased in these circumstances, we make sure that there is no duplication of management fees. In addition, if a Fund invests in another mutual fund, it will not pay duplicate sales charges or redemption fees with respect to the purchase or redemption by it of securities in the Reference Fund.

Certain of the Funds have established or may establish standard broker-dealer agreements with iA Private Wealth Inc., a subsidiary of Industrial Alliance and related company. Pursuant to applicable securities legislation, the Funds may rely on the standing instructions from the IRC with respect to one or more of the following transactions:

- (a) trades in securities of iA Financial Corporation Inc.;
- (b) investments in securities of issuers during, or for 60 days after, the period in which a related party dealer acts as an underwriter in the distribution of such securities;
- (c) purchases or sales of securities of an issuer from or to another investment fund managed by IA Clarington.

The applicable standing instructions require that the above activities be conducted in accordance with IA Clarington policy and that IA Clarington advise the IRC of a material breach of any standing instruction. IA Clarington policy requires that an

investment decision represents the business judgment of the portfolio manager, uninfluenced by considerations other than the best interests of the Funds.

### **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 periods indicated. The information in the following tables is based on prescribed regulations and as a result, is not expected to add down due to the increase (decrease) in net assets from operations being based on average shares outstanding during the period and all other numbers being based on actual shares outstanding at the relevant point in time. Footnotes for the tables are found at the end of the Financial Highlights section.

The Fund's Net Assets per Share (\$) <sup>1</sup>						
	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31	
Series A	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	
Net Assets, beginning of period	23.23	24.08	21.84	14.28	19.74	
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	0.64	0.46	0.69	0.69	0.46	
Total expenses (excluding distributions)	(0.62)	(0.59)	(0.67)	(0.53)	(0.58)	
Realized gains (losses) for the period	1.25	0.96	0.89	0.42	0.31	
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	1.67	(0.99)	2.16	7.80	(4.31)	
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	2.94	(0.16)	3.07	8.38	(4.12)	
Dividends:						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	_	-	-	-	_	
From dividends <sup>4</sup>	(0.47)	(0.46)	(0.72)	(0.83)	(0.56)	
From capital gains	_	(0.22)	-	-	_	
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	_	
Total dividends <sup>3</sup>	(0.47)	(0.68)	(0.72)	(0.83)	(0.56)	
Net Assets, end of period	25.78	23.23	24.08	21.84	14.28	

The Fund's Net Assets per Share (\$) <sup>1</sup>					
	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31
Series E	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Net Assets, beginning of period	12.82	13.26	11.98	7.77	10.70
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenue	0.35	0.23	0.39	0.37	0.26
Total expenses (excluding distributions)	(0.32)	(0.30)	(0.31)	(0.24)	(0.26)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.69	0.51	0.50	0.23	0.16
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.82	(0.51)	1.07	4.28	(2.41)
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	1.54	(0.07)	1.65	4.64	(2.25)
Dividends:					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends <sup>4</sup>	(0.26)	(0.25)	(0.40)	(0.43)	(0.31)
From capital gains	-	(0.12)	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
Total dividends <sup>3</sup>	(0.26)	(0.37)	(0.40)	(0.43)	(0.31)
Net Assets, end of period	14.25	12.82	13.26	11.98	7.77

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The Fund's Net Assets per Share (\$) <sup>1</sup>					
	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31
Series EF	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Net Assets, beginning of period	14.12	14.43	12.88	8.27	11.25
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenue	0.41	0.27	0.43	0.40	0.23
Total expenses (excluding distributions)	(0.18)	(0.17)	(0.17)	(0.13)	(0.14)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.79	0.58	0.54	0.23	0.18
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.99	(0.59)	1.19	4.63	(2.32)
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	2.01	0.09	1.99	5.13	(2.05)
Dividends:					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends <sup>4</sup>	(0.29)	(0.28)	(0.43)	(0.48)	(0.32)
From capital gains	-	(0.13)	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
Total dividends <sup>3</sup>	(0.29)	(0.41)	(0.43)	(0.48)	(0.32)
Net Assets, end of period	15.87	14.12	14.43	12.88	8.27

The Fund's Net Assets per Share (\$) <sup>1</sup>						
	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31	
Series F	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	
Net Assets, beginning of period	28.95	29.64	26.50	17.04	23.21	
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	0.86	0.56	0.85	0.83	0.57	
Total expenses (excluding distributions)	(0.42)	(0.40)	(0.40)	(0.31)	(0.33)	
Realized gains (losses) for the period	1.66	1.21	1.08	0.56	0.35	
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	2.08	(1.17)	2.51	9.41	(6.50)	
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	4.18	0.20	4.04	10.49	(5.91)	
Dividends:						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-	
From dividends <sup>4</sup>	(0.59)	(0.57)	(0.89)	(0.99)	(0.67)	
From capital gains	-	(0.27)	-	-	-	
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	
Total dividends <sup>3</sup>	(0.59)	(0.84)	(0.89)	(0.99)	(0.67)	
Net Assets, end of period	32.50	28.95	29.64	26.50	17.04	

The Fund's Net Assets per Share (\$) <sup>1</sup>						
	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31	
Series P	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	
Net Assets, beginning of period	15.49	15.68	13.85	8.80	11.85	
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	0.48	0.30	0.46	0.48	0.31	
Total expenses (excluding distributions)	(0.04)	(0.03)	(0.03)	(0.03)	(0.03)	
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.92	0.64	0.58	0.22	0.25	
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	1.06	(0.64)	1.28	4.70	(2.98)	
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	2.42	0.27	2.29	5.37	(2.45)	
Dividends:						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-	
From dividends <sup>4</sup>	(0.32)	(0.30)	(0.47)	(0.52)	(0.34)	
From capital gains	-	(0.15)	-	-	-	
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	
Total dividends <sup>3</sup>	(0.32)	(0.45)	(0.47)	(0.52)	(0.34)	
Net Assets, end of period	17.60	15.49	15.68	13.85	8.80	

- 1 The per share data is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS Accounting Standards"). Under IFRS, the Net Assets per share presented in the financial statements is the same as the Net Asset Value calculated for fund pricing purposes.
- 2 Net Assets and dividends are based on the actual number of shares outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of shares outstanding over the financial period. This table is not intended to be a reconciliation of beginning to ending net assets per share.
- 3 Dividends were paid in cash/reinvested in additional shares of the Fund, or both.
- 4 Dividends qualified for Canadian dividend tax credit, when applicable.

Ratios and Supplemental Data							
	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31		
Series A	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020		
Total NAV (\$) (000's) <sup>1</sup>	9,340	11,503	14,850	15,965	13,666		
Number of shares outstanding	362	495	617	731	957		
(000's) <sup>1</sup>							
Management expense ratio (%) 2,3	2.59	2.59	2.86	2.93	2.93		
Management expense ratio before	2.59	2.59	2.93	2.93	2.93		
waivers or absorptions (%) <sup>2,3,4</sup>							
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>5</sup>	0.03	0.03	0.06	0.09	0.06		
Portfolio turnover rate (%)6	7.47	6.32	6.58	7.92	2.70		
NAV per share (\$) <sup>1</sup>	25.78	23.23	24.08	21.84	14.28		

Ratios and Supplemental Data							
	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31		
Series E	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020		
Total NAV (\$) (000's) <sup>1</sup>	6,882	5,360	3,069	2,563	1,941		
Number of shares outstanding	483	418	231	214	250		
(000's) <sup>1</sup>							
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>2,3</sup>	2.42	2.41	2.41	2.45	2.44		
Management expense ratio before	2.42	2.41	2.41	2.45	2.44		
waivers or absorptions (%) 2,3,4							
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>5</sup>	0.03	0.03	0.06	0.09	0.06		
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>6</sup>	7.47	6.32	6.58	7.92	2.70		
NAV per share (\$)1	14.25	12.82	13.26	11.98	7.77		

Ratios and Supplemental Data							
	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31		
Series EF	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020		
Total NAV (\$) (000's)1	4,539	4,214	4,299	4,209	3,939		
Number of shares outstanding	286	299	298	327	476		
(000's) <sup>1</sup>							
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>2,3</sup>	1.24	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.26		
Management expense ratio before	1.24	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.26		
waivers or absorptions (%) <sup>2,3,4</sup>							
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>5</sup>	0.03	0.03	0.06	0.09	0.06		
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>6</sup>	7.47	6.32	6.58	7.92	2.70		
NAV per share (\$) <sup>1</sup>	15.87	14.12	14.43	12.88	8.27		

Ratios and Supplemental Data							
	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31		
Series F	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020		
Total NAV (\$) (000's) <sup>1</sup>	39,404	33,518	30,790	28,249	19,149		
Number of shares outstanding	1,212	1,158	1,039	1,066	1,124		
(000's) <sup>1</sup>							
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>2,3</sup>	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40		
Management expense ratio before	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40		
waivers or absorptions (%) <sup>2,3,4</sup>							
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>5</sup>	0.03	0.03	0.06	0.09	0.06		
Portfolio turnover rate (%)6	7.47	6.32	6.58	7.92	2.70		
NAV per share (\$) <sup>1</sup>	32.50	28.95	29.64	26.50	17.04		

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Ratios and Supplemental Data							
	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31		
Series P	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020		
Total NAV (\$) (000's) <sup>1</sup>	177	50	49	43	60		
Number of shares outstanding	10	3	3	3	7		
(000's) <sup>1</sup>							
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>2,3</sup>	0.22	0.23	0.22	0.23	0.23		
Management expense ratio before	0.22	0.23	0.22	0.23	0.23		
waivers or absorptions (%) <sup>2,3,4</sup>							
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>5</sup>	0.03	0.03	0.06	0.09	0.06		
Portfolio turnover rate (%)6	7.47	6.32	6.58	7.92	2.70		
NAV per share (\$) <sup>1</sup>	17.60	15.49	15.68	13.85	8.80		

- 1 This information is provided as at each period shown.
- 2 Management expense ratios are based on total expenses (excluding dividends, commissions, withholding taxes and other portfolio transaction costs) and a proportion of underlying fund expenses (mutual funds & ETFs), where applicable, of each series for the stated period and are expressed as an annualized percentage of each series daily average NAV during the period.
- 3 The annual Management Fees and Fixed Administration Fees, excluding HST, for the Fund were 2.35% for Series A, 2.21% for Series E, 1.15% for Series EF, 1.26% for Series F and 0.21% for Series P.
- 4 At its sole discretion, the Manager may have waived management fees or absorbed expenses of the Fund
- 5 The trading expense ratio represents total commissions incurred directly or indirectly by way of an underlying fund, as applicable, and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of the Fund's daily average NAV during the period.
- 6 The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the fund manager manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the period. The higher a Fund's portfolio turnover rate in a period, the greater the trading costs payable by the Fund in the period, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the period. There is not necessarily a relationship or correlation between a high turnover rate and the performance of a Fund. The value of any trades to realign the Fund's portfolio after a fund merger, if any, is excluded from the portfolio turnover rate.

#### **Management Fees**

Management fees paid by the Fund per series are based on applying the annual management fee rate per series to the daily average NAV of each series and are recorded on an accrual basis.

The following is a breakdown of major services received by the Fund in consideration of the management fees for the period, as a percentage of the management fee:

Management Fees (%)							
		Breakdown	of Services				
	Management	Trailer					
Series	Fees	commissions	Other				
Series A							
FE	2.10	48	52				
LL First 3 years	2.10	24	76				
LL After 3 years	2.10	48	52				
DSC First 7 years	2.10	24	76				
DSC After 7 years	2.10	48	52				
Series E							
FE	2.00	50	50				
Series EF	0.94	-	100				
Series F	1.10	-	100				
Series P	-	-	-				

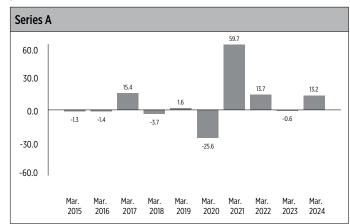
FE - front end; LL - low load; DSC - deferred sales charge; ASC - advisor service charge Other - includes general administration, investment advice and profit.

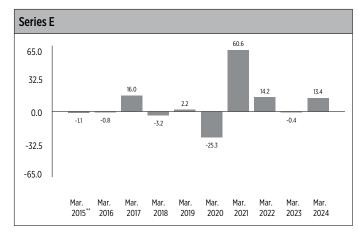
#### **Past Performance**

The performance information shown (based on NAV) assumes that all dividends made by the Fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional shares of the Fund. The performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, dividends or other optional charges, or income taxes payable by any investor that would have reduced returns or performance. How the Fund has performed in the past does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.

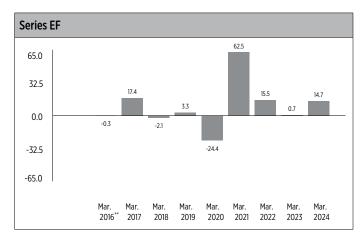
#### Year-by-Year Returns

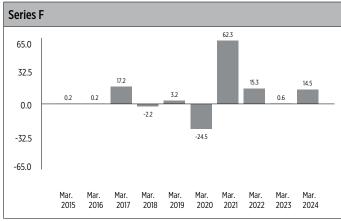
The bar charts show the Fund's performance for each of the periods indicated. The charts show, in percentage terms, how an investment made on the first day of each period would have increased or decreased by the last day of the period presented.

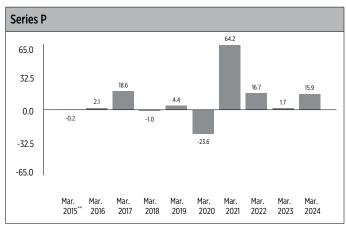




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<sup>\*\*</sup> Return shown is for the partial period ended March 31.

### **Annual Compound Returns**

The tables show the annual compound returns for the Fund compared to the S&P/TSX Composite Index (the "Broad-based Index") and the benchmark index (the "Benchmark Index") which consists of the S&P/TSX SmallCap Index for the periods ended March 31, 2024.

Annual Compound Returns, Series A								
	Past	Past	Past	Past				
Percentage (%)	10 Years	5 Years	3 Years	1 Year				
Series A	5.3	8.7	8.5	13.2				
Broad-based Index	7.7	10.0	9.1	14.0				
Benchmark Index	4.0	7.8	4.0	8.2				

Annual Compound Returns, Series E				
	Since	Past	Past	Past
Percentage (%)	Nov.3/14	5 Years	3 Years	1 Year
Series E	6.1	9.1	8.8	13.4
Broad-based Index	7.8	10.0	9.1	14.0
Benchmark Index	5.2	7.8	4.0	8.2

Annual Compound Returns, Series EF				
Percentage (%)	Since Jun.29/15	Past 5 Years	Past 3 Years	Past 1 Year
Series EF	7.9	10.4	10.1	14.7
Broad-based Index	8.2	10.0	9.1	14.0
Benchmark Index	5.7	7.8	4.0	8.2

Annual Compound Returns, Series F				
	Past	Past	Past	Past
Percentage (%)	10 Years	5 Years	3 Years	1 Year
Series F	6.8	10.2	9.9	14.5
Broad-based Index	7.7	10.0	9.1	14.0
Benchmark Index	4.0	7.8	4.0	8.2

Annual Compound Returns, Series P				
	Since	Past	Past	Past
Percentage (%)	Nov.3/14	5 Years	3 Years	1 Year
Series P	8.5	11.5	11.2	15.9
Broad-based Index	7.8	10.0	9.1	14.0
Benchmark Index	5.2	7.8	4.0	8.2

The S&P/TSX Composite Index is the premier indicator of market activity for Canadian equity markets, with 95% coverage of Canadian-based, TSX-listed companies. The index includes common stock and income trust units and is designed to offer the representation of a broad benchmark index while maintaining the liquidity characteristics of narrower indices.

The S&P/TSX SmallCap Index provides an investable index for the Canadian small cap market. The index is float adjusted and market cap weighted and was developed with industry input as the ideal benchmark for those with small cap exposure of the Canadian equity market.

A discussion of the performance of the Fund as compared to the Benchmark Index is found in the "Results of Operations" section of this report.

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## **Summary of Investment Portfolio**

As at March 31, 2024

The following tables are an outline of the investments held in the Reference Fund as a percentage of its Net Asset Value. The summary of investment portfolio shown, as a percentage of total NAV, may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund and a quarterly update is available on the Manager's website

Sector Allocation	%
Industrials	17.38
Financials	16.96
Materials	14.03
Energy	13.48
Consumer Discretionary	10.69
Health Care	5.59
Real Estate	5.28
Utilities	4.37
Information Technology	3.71
Consumer Staples	3.25
Communication Services	1.83
Short-Term Investments	1.61
Cash and Other Net Assets	1.82
	100.00

The top positions held by the Reference Fund (up to 25) are as follows:

Top Holdings	%
Winpak Ltd.	4.50
AltaGas Ltd.	4.41
Canadian Western Bank	4.33
Parkland Corp.	4.09
Mullen Group Ltd.	3.84
Stella-Jones Inc.	3.74
Information Services Corp.	3.72
Secure Energy Services Inc.	3.65
E-L Financial Corp. Ltd.	3.52
iA Financial Inc.	3.48
Calian Group Ltd.	3.32
Lassonde Industries Inc., Class 'A'	3.28
Richelieu Hardware Ltd.	3.23
Guardian Capital Group Ltd., Class 'A'	3.18
Pet Valu Holdings Ltd.	2.68
Andlauer Healthcare Group Inc.	2.60
Definity Financial Corp.	2.59
Major Drilling Group International Inc.	2.38
Cargojet Inc.	2.37
Aritzia Inc.	2.29
Transcontinental Inc., Class 'A'	2.10
Leon's Furniture Ltd.	2.10
Evertz Technologies Ltd.	2.04
GDI Integrated Facility Services Inc.	2.01
Headwater Exploration Inc.	1.99

You can obtain the prospectus and other information on the investment funds in which the Fund invests, if any, at www.sedarplus.ca (for Canadian investment funds) and www.sec.gov/edgar (for U.S. investment funds).

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## Forward-Looking Statements

This management report of fund performance may contain forward-looking statements which reflect the current expectations of the Manager (or, where indicated, the Portfolio Manager or Portfolio Sub-Advisor or fund manager) regarding the Fund's future growth, results of operations, performance and business prospects and opportunities. These statements reflect the current beliefs of the person to which the statements are attributed with respect to future events and are based on information currently available to that person. Forward looking statements involve significant risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Many factors could cause the Fund's actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements that may be expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These factors could include, among other things, general economic, political and market factors, including interest and foreign exchange rates, business competition, changes in government regulations or in tax laws. Please refer to the prospectus for a discussion of some specific risks that are associated with mutual funds. Although the forward-looking statements contained in this report are based upon what management currently believes to be reasonable assumptions, the Manager cannot assure current or prospective investors that actual results, performance or achievements will be consistent with these forward-looking statements.

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