# IA Clarington Canadian Dividend Fund Series A, F, F6, I, T6 and X Units

# Interim Management Report of Fund Performance

September 30, 2024

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

The management discussion of fund performance for IA Clarington Canadian Dividend Fund (the "Fund") represents management's view of the significant factors and developments affecting the Fund's performance and outlook for the 6-month period ended September 30, 2024. IA Clarington Investments Inc. is the manager ("IA Clarington" or the "Manager") of the Fund.

The Fund's Portfolio Manager is iA Global Asset Management Inc. ("iAGAM" or the "Portfolio Manager" or the "fund manager").

Series A and Series F of the fund are closed to new investors. Investors who currently hold these series may purchase additional units. Series X of the Fund is only available to certain investors in connection with mutual fund reorganizations or other changes and are not otherwise available for purchase. Series A of the Fund may be switched to Series F or Series X of the Fund and vice versa.

### **Results of Operations**

The Fund's Net Assets increased by 229.5% or \$342.1 million during the period, from \$149 million on March 31, 2024 to \$491.1 million on September 30, 2024. This change in Net Assets resulted from an increase of \$307.4 million due to net sales, a decrease of \$10.8 million due to distributions and an increase of \$45.5 million due to investment operations, including market volatility, income and expense.

The average Net Asset Value of the Fund increased by 197.5% or \$297.4 million in comparison to the prior period, from \$150.6 million to \$448 million. Average Net Asset Value influence revenue earned and expenses incurred by the Fund during the period.

Series A units of the Fund returned 9.3% for the six-month period ending September 30, 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 9.9% for the same six-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 85% S&P/TSX Composite Index, 15% S&P 500 Index (CAD), returned 10.0% 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.

In recent quarters, the global economy has continued its path toward normalization, with notable developments across key regions.

The Canadian economy has been in a precarious situation on a per-capita (average per person) basis, as its weak productivity (the ability to produce greater quantities of goods and services in better and faster ways) remained a challenge despite strong population growth. The housing market was at risk of more volatile conditions reemerging as the Bank of Canada rushed towards a neutral (sustainable) policy interest rate of about 3%, which is expected to be achieved by mid-2025.

The U.S. economy continued to normalize over the period. The pace of job creation has slowed since April, and historical revisions have shown that fewer jobs than initially reported have been created since the spring of 2023. While hiring slowed, the participation rate (the ratio between the total labour force divided by the total working-age population) continued to rise, leading to a higher

unemployment rate (the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force). At the end of the period, the U.S. economy was displaying more signs of stability than weakness, especially in terms of consumer spending, which remained robust. Inflationary pressures eased, indicating a shift towards a more sustainable growth path.

For the last six months, the S&P/TSX Composite Index, representing the Canadian equity market, returned 10.0%, led by the materials, utilities and real estate sectors. Its U.S. counterpart, the S&P 500 Index, returned 10.2% in Canadian-dollar terms, led by the utilities, information technology and real estate sectors.

The Fund's security selection was positive overall, particularly within the communication services, information technology and materials sectors, which contributed to performance. The Fund's out-of-benchmark position in the health care sector also contributed to performance. Individual contributors included Enbridge Inc., a multinational pipeline and energy company, which benefited from excitement around the opportunity for natural gas to power artificial intelligence (AI) data centres. Additionally, as an interest-rate-sensitive company, Enbridge has benefited from favourable expectations for interest-rate cuts in Canada amid decelerating inflation. Loblaw Cos. Ltd. continued to benefit from incremental weakening of the Canadian consumer.

The Fund's security selection within the consumer discretionary sector detracted from performance. The Fund's overweight position in the industrials sector also detracted, as did its underweight position in the materials sector. The Fund's underweight position in banks detracted from performance as well. Individual detractors included Canadian National Railway Co., the Canadian Class I freight railway headquartered in Montreal, Quebec. The company faced rising earnings (profits) pressure owing to lower-than-expected volumes and sustained network performance challenges following the August conductor and engineer labour lockout. Open Text Corp. was affected by slower organic growth (growth resulting from increased productivity and sales, rather than, e.g., through acquisition of a competitor).

New positions in the Fund included multinational information technology company Amazon.com Inc. as it appeared to have a long runway for growth and should continue to benefit from the shift away from physical retail stores. Additionally, the company has benefited from the Al boom, driving growth in its cloud computing division.

Increased positions included Broadcom Inc. given present AI tailwinds (refers to favourable conditions for particular investments or the market as a whole) and the company's niche positioning in the value chain.

Decreased positions included UnitedHealth Group Inc. owing to its sensitivity to the political landscape, increased competition and high valuation (a measurement of how much an investment is worth. It is determined by analyzing a variety of factors, including financial statements and industry statistics).

Eliminated positions included home improvement company Lowe's Cos. Inc., which was sold given the fund manager's view that the stock price is pricing in higher short-term existing home sales.

#### Recent Developments

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The fund manager has low confidence in the path of performance going into the final quarter of 2024. The fund manager expects the market to be more volatile in the next few months as the cross-currents of a significant China reflationary impulse, election-related volatility and aggressive expectations for accommodative monetary policy (a central bank policy that seeks to stimulate

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economic growth by increasing access to credit through low or reduced interest rates) open up a wide range of outcomes for investors. The fund manager's goal is to remain focused on businesses that have strong multi-year horizons and are dominant in their respective value chains.

#### **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 6-month period ended September 30, 2024, the Fund paid \$0 (6-month period ended September 30, 2023 - \$39) in 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 units outstanding during the period and all other numbers being based on actual units 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 Unit (\$) <sup>1</sup>									
	09/30	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31			
Series A	2024	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020			
Net Assets, beginning of period	1.87	1.92	2.33	2.21	1.87	2.56			
Increase (decrease) from operations:									
Total revenue	0.03	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.10			
Total expenses (excluding distributions)	(0.02)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.06)	(0.06)	(0.07)			
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.06	0.08	0.15	0.38	0.20	0.28			
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.10	0.08	(0.37)	0.06	0.38	(0.65)			
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	0.17	0.17	(0.20)	0.45	0.59	(0.34)			
Distributions:									
From net investment income (excluding	-	-	-	-	-	-			
dividends)									
From dividends <sup>4</sup>	-	(0.01)	-	-	(0.02)	(0.04)			
From capital gains	-	-	-	(0.10)	(0.01)	-			
Return of capital	(0.11)	(0.22)	(0.22)	(0.23)	(0.23)	(0.31)			
Total distributions <sup>3</sup>	(0.11)	(0.23)	(0.22)	(0.33)	(0.26)	(0.35)			
Net Assets, end of period	1.92	1.87	1.92	2.33	2.21	1.87			

The Fund's Net Assets per Unit (\$)1						
	09/30	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31
Series F	2024	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Net Assets, beginning of period	2.29	2.38	2.94	2.83	2.41	3.32
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	0.04	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.12
Total expenses (excluding distributions)	(0.01)	(0.03)	(0.03)	(0.04)	(0.03)	(0.04)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.07	0.10	0.18	0.48	0.26	0.36
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.13	0.10	(0.42)	0.07	0.48	(0.95)
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	0.23	0.25	(0.18)	0.60	0.80	(0.51)
<b>Distributions:</b> From net investment income (excluding dividends)	(0.02)	-	-	-	(0.01)	(0.01)
From dividends <sup>4</sup>	-	(0.04)	(0.05)	-	(0.08)	(0.09)
From capital gains	-	-	-	(0.14)	(0.01)	-
Return of capital	(0.11)	(0.30)	(0.31)	(0.36)	(0.27)	(0.40)
Total distributions <sup>3</sup>	(0.13)	(0.34)	(0.36)	(0.50)	(0.37)	(0.50)
Net Assets, end of period	2.38	2.29	2.38	2.94	2.83	2.41

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The Fund's Net Assets per Unit (\$)1									
	09/30	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31			
Series F6	2024	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020			
Net Assets, beginning of period	10.28	9.83	11.22	9.97	7.84	9.75			
Increase (decrease) from operations:									
Total revenue	0.16	0.33	0.36	0.33	0.31	0.38			
Total expenses (excluding distributions)	(0.06)	(0.12)	(0.12)	(0.13)	(0.11)	(0.12)			
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.32	0.43	0.72	1.75	0.85	1.11			
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.59	0.46	(1.59)	0.26	1.63	(2.86)			
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	1.01	1.10	(0.63)	2.21	2.68	(1.49)			
Distributions:									
From net investment income (excluding	(0.10)	-	-	-	(0.03)	(0.03)			
dividends)									
From dividends <sup>4</sup>	-	(0.15)	(0.19)	-	(0.18)	(0.21)			
From capital gains	-	-	-	(0.42)	(0.03)	-			
Return of capital	(0.23)	(0.50)	(0.46)	(0.55)	(0.28)	(0.26)			
Total distributions <sup>3</sup>	(0.33)	(0.65)	(0.65)	(0.97)	(0.52)	(0.50)			
Net Assets, end of period	10.97	10.28	9.83	11.22	9.97	7.84			

The Fund's Net Assets per Unit (\$)1						
	09/30	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31
Series I	2024	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Net Assets, beginning of period	12.10	11.00	12.04	9.32	7.11	8.69
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	0.20	0.37	0.39	0.29	0.28	0.35
Total expenses (excluding distributions)	-	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.41	0.48	0.80	2.11	0.79	0.99
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.75	0.56	(1.84)	(0.03)	1.51	(2.07)
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	1.36	1.40	(0.66)	2.36	2.57	(0.74)
Distributions:						
From net investment income (excluding	(0.10)	-	-	-	(0.05)	(0.05)
dividends)						
From dividends <sup>4</sup>	-	(0.30)	(0.38)	-	(0.26)	(0.38)
From capital gains	-	-	-	-	(0.03)	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total distributions <sup>3</sup>	(0.10)	(0.30)	(0.38)	ı	(0.34)	(0.43)
Net Assets, end of period	13.27	12.10	11.00	12.04	9.32	7.11

The Fund's Net Assets per Unit (\$) <sup>1</sup>									
	09/30	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31			
Series T6	2024	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020			
Net Assets, beginning of period	7.65	7.35	8.43	7.64	6.13	7.75			
Increase (decrease) from operations:									
Total revenue	0.12	0.24	0.27	0.25	0.24	0.31			
Total expenses (excluding distributions)	(0.10)	(0.18)	(0.19)	(0.23)	(0.20)	(0.22)			
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.24	0.31	0.54	1.34	0.69	0.86			
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.43	0.29	(1.23)	0.20	1.23	(2.11)			
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	0.69	0.66	(0.61)	1.56	1.96	(1.16)			
Distributions:									
From net investment income (excluding	(0.02)	-	-	-	-	-			
dividends)									
From dividends <sup>4</sup>	-	(0.03)	(0.02)	-	(0.05)	(0.09)			
From capital gains	-	-	-	(0.36)	(0.02)	-			
Return of capital	(0.19)	(0.39)	(0.40)	(0.42)	(0.39)	(0.36)			
Total distributions <sup>3</sup>	(0.21)	(0.42)	(0.42)	(0.78)	(0.46)	(0.45)			
Net Assets, end of period	8.13	7.65	7.35	8.43	7.64	6.13			

The Fund's Net Assets per Unit (\$)1						
	09/30	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31
Series X	2024	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Net Assets, beginning of period	1.53	1.60	1.97	1.90	1.70	2.35
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	0.02	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.09
Total expenses (excluding distributions)	(0.02)	(0.04)	(0.04)	(0.06)	(0.05)	(0.06)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.05	0.07	0.13	0.33	0.18	0.25
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.08	0.07	(0.31)	0.05	0.33	(0.59)
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	0.13	0.15	(0.16)	0.38	0.52	(0.31)
Distributions:						
From net investment income (excluding	-	-	-	-	-	-
dividends)						
From dividends <sup>4</sup>	-	(0.01)	-	-	(0.02)	(0.04)
From capital gains	-	-	-	(0.09)	(0.01)	-
Return of capital	(0.10)	(0.21)	(0.21)	(0.22)	(0.32)	(0.32)
Total distributions <sup>3</sup>	(0.10)	(0.22)	(0.21)	(0.31)	(0.35)	(0.36)
Net Assets, end of period	1.56	1.53	1.60	1.97	1.90	1.70

- 1 The per unit data is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements for prior periods, and from the interim unaudited semi-annual financial statements for the current period ended September 30, 2024. The Fund's financial statements were prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). Under IFRS, the Net Assets per unit presented in the financial statements is the same as the Net Asset Value calculated for fund pricing purposes.
- 2 Net Assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the financial period. This table is not intended to be a reconciliation of beginning to ending net assets per unit.
- 3 Distributions were paid in cash/reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both.
- 4 Dividends qualified for Canadian dividend tax credit, when applicable.

Ratios and Supplemental Data									
	09/30	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31			
Series A	2024	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020			
Total NAV (\$) (000's) <sup>1</sup>	106,971	110,228	120,885	176,419	185,345	173,232			
Number of units outstanding	55,773	59,102	63,085	75,850	83,732	92,488			
(000's) <sup>1</sup>									
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>2,3</sup>	2.46	2.46	2.47	2.69	2.76	2.76			
Management expense ratio before	2.46	2.46	2.47	2.75	2.76	2.76			
waivers or absorptions (%) 2,3,4									
Trading expense ratio (%)5	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.09	0.07	0.05			
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>6</sup>	38.81	29.53	19.62	41.70	44.84	22.03			
NAV per unit (\$) <sup>1</sup>	1.92	1.87	1.92	2.33	2.21	1.87			

Ratios and Supplemental Data									
	09/30	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31			
Series F	2024	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020			
Total NAV (\$) (000's) <sup>1</sup>	14,982	15,102	15,557	13,179	11,208	9,481			
Number of units outstanding	6,292	6,592	6,534	4,487	3,964	3,942			
(000's) <sup>1</sup>									
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>2,3</sup>	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.16	1.16			
Management expense ratio before	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.16	1.16			
waivers or absorptions (%) <sup>2,3,4</sup>									
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>5</sup>	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.09	0.07	0.05			
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>6</sup>	38.81	29.53	19.62	41.70	44.84	22.03			
NAV per unit (\$) <sup>1</sup>	2.38	2.29	2.38	2.94	2.83	2.41			

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Ratios and Supplemental Data									
	09/30	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31			
Series F6	2024	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020			
Total NAV (\$) (000's) <sup>1</sup>	2,354	2,211	1,702	1,270	1,048	1,177			
Number of units outstanding	215	215	173	113	105	150			
(000's) <sup>1</sup>									
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>2,3</sup>	1.15	1.14	1.14	1.14	1.14	1.14			
Management expense ratio before	1.15	1.14	1.14	1.14	1.14	1.14			
waivers or absorptions (%) 2,3,4									
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>5</sup>	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.09	0.07	0.05			
Portfolio turnover rate (%)6	38.81	29.53	19.62	41.70	44.84	22.03			
NAV per unit (\$) <sup>1</sup>	10.97	10.28	9.83	11.22	9.97	7.84			

Ratios and Supplemental Data									
	09/30	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31			
Series I	2024	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020			
Total NAV (\$) (000's)1	345,225	1	1	1	16,354	16,610			
Number of units outstanding	26,007	0.1	0.1	0.1	1,755	2,338			
(000's) <sup>1</sup>									
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>2,3</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Management expense ratio before	-	-	-	-	-	_			
waivers or absorptions (%) 2,3,4									
Trading expense ratio (%)5	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.09	0.07	0.05			
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>6</sup>	38.81	29.53	19.62	41.70	44.84	22.03			
NAV per unit (\$) <sup>1</sup>	13.27	12.10	11.00	12.04	9.32	7.11			

Ratios and Supplemental Data									
	09/30	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31			
Series T6	2024	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020			
Total NAV (\$) (000's) <sup>1</sup>	10,692	10,445	11,199	11,176	10,428	8,702			
Number of units outstanding	1,314	1,366	1,524	1,327	1,364	1,420			
(000's) <sup>1</sup>									
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>2,3</sup>	2.46	2.46	2.46	2.68	2.75	2.75			
Management expense ratio before	2.46	2.46	2.46	2.74	2.75	2.75			
waivers or absorptions (%) 2,3,4									
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>5</sup>	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.09	0.07	0.05			
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>6</sup>	38.81	29.53	19.62	41.70	44.84	22.03			
NAV per unit (\$) <sup>1</sup>	8.13	7.65	7.35	8.43	7.64	6.13			

Ratios and Supplemental Data								
	09/30	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31	03/31		
Series X	2024	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020		
Total NAV (\$) (000's) <sup>1</sup>	10,838	11,045	12,071	16,967	18,783	17,925		
Number of units outstanding	6,941	7,204	7,529	8,597	9,894	10,570		
(000's) <sup>1</sup>								
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>2,3</sup>	2.46	2.46	2.46	2.69	2.75	2.75		
Management expense ratio before	2.46	2.46	2.46	2.75	2.75	2.75		
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Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>6</sup>	38.81	29.53	19.62	41.70	44.84	22.03		
NAV per unit (\$) <sup>1</sup>	1.56	1.53	1.60	1.97	1.90	1.70		

- 1 This information is provided as at each period shown.
- 2 Management expense ratios are based on total expenses (excluding distributions, 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 2.21% for Series A, 1.02% for Series F, 1.02% for Series F6, 0.00% for Series I, 2.21% for Series T6 and 2.20% for Series X.
- 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		
	Managment	Trailer		
Series	Fees	commissions	Other	
Series A				
FE	2.00	50	50	
LL First 3 years	2.00	25	75	
LL After 3 years	2.00	50	50	
DSC First 7 years	2.00	25	75	
DSC After 7 years	2.00	50	50	
Series F	0.85	-	100	
Series F6	0.85	-	100	
Series I	-	-	-	
Series T6				
FE	2.00	50	50	
LL First 3 years	2.00	25	75	
LL After 3 years	2.00	50	50	
DSC First 7 years	2.00	25	75	
DSC After 7 years	2.00	50	50	
Series X				
FE	2.00	50	50	
LL First 3 years	2.00	25	75	
LL After 3 years	2.00	50	50	
DSC First 7 years	2.00	25	75	
DSC After 7 years	2.00	50	50	

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

#### **Past Performance**

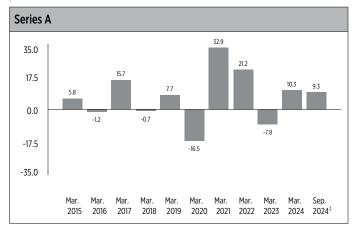
The performance information shown (based on NAV) assumes that all distributions made by the Fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional units of the Fund. The performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges, or income taxes payable by any investor that would have reduced returns or performance. How the Fund has

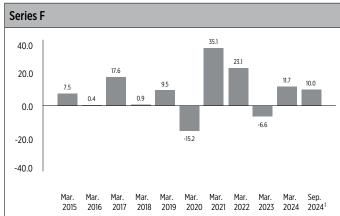
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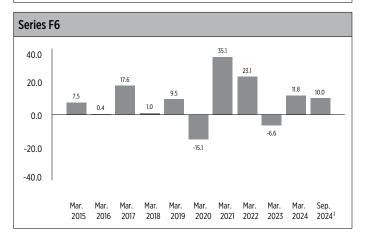
performed in the past does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.

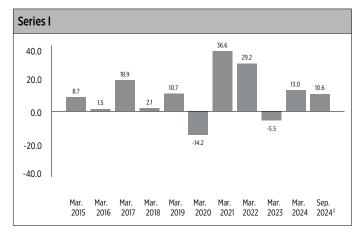
#### Year-by-Year Returns

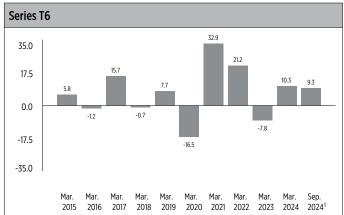
The bar charts show the Fund's performance for each of the periods indicated. The charts show, in percentage terms, how an investment made on the first day of each period would have increased or decreased by the last day of the period presented.

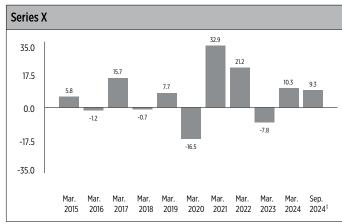












‡ Return shown is for the 6-month period ended September 30, 2024.

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### **Summary of Investment Portfolio**

As at September 30, 2024

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	%
Financials	33.19
Industrials	14.21
Energy	13.98
Information Technology	8.69
Materials	6.89
Communication Services	6.02
Consumer Discretionary	4.57
Utilities	4.07
Consumer Staples	3.79
Health Care	2.75
Short-Term Investments	0.24
Cash and Other Net Assets	1.60
	100.00

The top positions held by the Fund (up to 25) as shown as a percentage of the total NAV:

Top Holdings	%
Royal Bank of Canada	7.07
The Toronto-Dominion Bank	6.44
Brookfield Asset Management Ltd., Class 'A'	5.17
Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.	4.87
Enbridge Inc.	4.82
Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.	4.22
Waste Connections Inc.	3.99
Canadian Pacific Kansas City Ltd.	3.45
Constellation Software Inc.	3.21
Intact Financial Corp.	3.07
Canadian National Railway Co.	2.88
Broadcom Inc.	2.76
Amazon.com Inc.	2.43
Manulife Financial Corp.	2.42
Suncor Energy Inc.	2.32
Microsoft Corp.	2.15
Hydro One Ltd.	2.05
Loblaw Cos. Ltd.	2.03
Mastercard Inc., Class 'A'	2.02
Fortis Inc.	2.02
TELUS Corp.	1.98
Sun Life Financial Inc.	1.93
Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd.	1.92
Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc.	1.76
TC Energy Corp.	1.66

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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