



**VALUE
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INVESTMENTS

VPI TOTAL EQUITY POOL

INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

SIX-MONTH PERIODS ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022

MANAGER

VALUE PARTNERS INVESTMENTS INC.

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

DIXON MITCHELL INVESTMENT COUNSEL INC.

NOTICE OF NO AUDITOR REVIEW OF INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Value Partners Investments Inc., the Manager of the Pools, appoints independent auditors to audit the Pool's Annual Financial Statements. Under Canadian securities laws (National Instrument 81-106), if an auditor has not reviewed the Interim Financial Statements, this must be disclosed in an accompanying notice.

The Pool's independent auditors have not performed a review of these Interim Financial Statements in accordance with standards established by the Chartered Professional Accountants Canada.

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Statements of Financial Position

(In thousands of dollars and units, except for per unit amounts)

June 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022 (unaudited)

As at	June 30, 2023	December 31, 2022
Assets		
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	\$ 56,701	\$ 37,345
Cash and cash equivalents	3,074	1,930
Accrued dividends receivable	40	36
Accrued interest receivable for distribution purposes	—	1
Subscriptions receivable	39	17
Due from Manager (note 5)	5	12
	<u>\$ 59,859</u>	<u>\$ 39,341</u>
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 42	\$ 49
Redemptions payable	21	—
Management fees payable (notes 4 and 5)	64	46
	<u>127</u>	<u>95</u>
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	\$ 59,732	\$ 39,246
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per series:		
Series A	\$ 38,106	\$ 25,841
Series F	10,625	7,501
Series I	8,035	5,785
Series O	2,966	119
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit:		
Series A	\$ 11.21	\$ 10.28
Series F	11.41	10.42
Series I	11.71	10.63
Series O	11.91	10.82
Number of redeemable units outstanding:		
Series A	3,398	2,513
Series F	931	720
Series I	686	544
Series O	249	11

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss)
(In thousands of dollars, except for per unit amounts)

For the six-month periods ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 (unaudited)

	2023	2022
Income:		
Interest income for distribution purposes	\$ 68	\$ –
Dividend income	483	172
Foreign exchange loss on cash	(24)	(19)
Other changes in fair value on financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss:		
Net realized loss on sale of investments	(102)	(8)
Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in value of investments	4,311	(3,193)
	<u>4,736</u>	<u>(3,048)</u>
Expenses:		
Administration	53	61
Audit fees	8	4
Independent review committee fees	6	5
Security holder reporting costs	13	6
Custodian fees	6	–
Filing fees	9	9
Legal fees	3	3
Management fees (notes 4 and 5)	346	155
Trustee fees	3	3
Withholding taxes	14	5
Transaction costs	9	6
	<u>470</u>	<u>257</u>
Absorbed expenses (notes 4 and 5)	<u>(22)</u>	<u>(56)</u>
	448	201
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	\$ 4,288	\$ (3,249)
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per series:		
Series A	\$ 2,711	\$ (2,153)
Series F	814	(638)
Series I	665	(458)
Series O	98	–
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit:		
Series A	\$ 0.91	\$ (1.53)
Series F	0.96	(1.52)
Series I	1.06	(1.42)
Series O	0.95	–

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Statements of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units
(In thousands of dollars and units)

For the six-month periods ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 (unaudited)

	Series A		Series F		Series I		Series O		Total	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, beginning of period	\$ 25,841	\$ 8,917	\$ 7,501	\$ 1,928	\$ 5,785	\$ 2,759	\$ 119	\$ –	\$ 39,246	\$ 13,604
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	2,711	(2,153)	814	(638)	665	(458)	98	–	4,288	(3,249)
Redeemable unit transactions:										
Proceeds from redeemable units issued	10,215	12,062	2,895	4,641	1,923	1,819	2,749	–	17,782	18,522
Reinvestment of distributions to holders of redeemable units	53	27	7	4	–	–	–	–	60	31
Redemption of redeemable units	(714)	(1,217)	(592)	(26)	(338)	(12)	–	–	(1,644)	(1,255)
	9,554	10,872	2,310	4,619	1,585	1,807	2,749	–	16,198	17,298
Net increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	12,265	8,719	3,124	3,981	2,250	1,349	2,847	–	20,486	14,049
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, end of period	\$ 38,106	\$ 17,636	\$ 10,625	\$ 5,909	\$ 8,035	\$ 4,108	\$ 2,966	\$ –	\$ 59,732	\$ 27,653
Increase (decrease) in redeemable units outstanding:										
Beginning of period	2,513	823	720	177	544	252	11	–	3,788	1,252
Issued	945	1,149	264	442	172	172	238	–	1,619	1,763
Issued on reinvestment of distributions	5	3	1	–	–	–	–	–	6	3
Redeemed	(65)	(119)	(54)	(3)	(30)	(1)	–	–	(149)	(123)
Redeemable units outstanding, end of period	3,398	1,856	931	616	686	423	249	–	5,264	2,895
Weighted average units outstanding, during the period	2,974	1,406	848	421	626	322	103	–		

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Statements of Cash Flows
(In thousands of dollars)

For the six-month periods ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 (unaudited)

	2023	2022
Cash flows from (used in) operating activities:		
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	\$ 4,288	\$ (3,249)
Adjustments for:		
Foreign exchange loss on cash	24	19
Net realized loss on sale of investments	102	8
Transaction costs	9	6
Change in unrealized (appreciation) depreciation in value of investments	(4,311)	3,193
Purchases of investments	(20,945)	(17,222)
Proceeds from sale of investments	5,788	1,002
Accrued dividends receivable	(4)	(4)
Accrued interest receivable for distribution purposes	1	—
Due from Manager	7	(17)
Management fees payable	18	16
Accounts payables and accrued expenses	(7)	18
Net cash used in operating activities	(15,030)	(16,230)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Distributions paid to holders of redeemable units, net of reinvested distributions	60	31
Proceeds from redeemable units issued	17,634	18,132
Redemption of redeemable units	(1,496)	(1,236)
Net cash from financing activities	16,198	16,927
Foreign exchange loss on cash	(24)	(19)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	1,144	678
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	1,930	417
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 3,074	\$ 1,095
Supplementary information:		
Dividend received, net of withholding tax	\$ 465	\$ 163
Interest received	69	—

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Schedule of Investment Portfolio

(In thousands of dollars, except for unit amounts)

June 30, 2023 (unaudited)

Number of units or shares	Description	Average cost	Fair value	% of net assets
Equities:				
Banks:				
21,081	Bank of Nova Scotia	\$ 1,652	\$ 1,397	
24,203	Canadian Western Bank	732	598	
19,809	Royal Bank of Canada	2,588	2,506	
34,356	Toronto-Dominion Bank	3,060	2,821	
		8,032	7,322	12.27
Capital Goods:				
13,730	Badger Infrastructure Solutions Ltd.	407	369	0.62
Commercial and Professional Services:				
9,916	Thomson Reuters Corp.	1,512	1,774	2.97
Consumer Discretionary Distribution and Retail:				
23,089	Aritzia Inc.	835	849	
36,882	Dollarama	2,643	3,309	
3,888	Lowe's Companies Inc.	988	1,161	
		4,466	5,319	8.90
Communication Services:				
19,501	MTY Food Group Inc.	1,130	1,182	1.98
Consumer Staples Distribution and Retail:				
39,227	Alimentation Couche Tard Inc.	2,207	2,665	4.46
Energy:				
22,823	Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.	1,543	1,700	
9,897	Enbridge Inc.	513	487	
		2,056	2,187	3.66
Financial Services:				
7,165	Berkshire Hathaway, Class B	2,834	3,233	
71,753	Brookfield Corp.	3,340	3,200	
61,685	Element Fleet Management Corp.	915	1,245	
12,804	Intercontinental Exchange Inc.	1,813	1,916	
10,287	Visa Inc., Class A	2,925	3,233	
		11,827	12,827	21.47
Health Care Equipment and Services:				
20,724	CVS Health Corp.	2,218	1,896	3.17

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Schedule of Investment Portfolio (continued)
(In thousands of dollars, except for unit amounts)

June 30, 2023 (unaudited)

Number of units or shares	Description	Average cost	Fair value	% of net assets
Materials:				
10,987	Methanex Corp.	\$ 610	\$ 601	
23,115	Stella-Jones Inc.	992	1,577	
30,503	Wheaton Precious Metals Corp.	1,564	1,748	
		3,166	3,926	6.57
Media and Entertainment:				
18,040	Alphabet Inc., Class A	2,827	2,827	4.78
Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology and Life Sciences:				
1,553	Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.	1,136	1,072	1.79
Semiconductor and Semiconductor Equipment:				
5,121	Texas Instruments Inc.	1,111	1,220	2.04
Software and Services:				
4,561	Microsoft Corp.	1,654	2,055	
15,983	Oracle Corp.	1,753	2,519	
2,299	Roper technologies Inc.	1,337	1,463	
		4,744	6,037	10.11
Technology Hardware and Equipment:				
4,042	Apple Inc.	794	1,037	1.74
Telecommunication Services:				
10,678	Rogers Communications Inc., Class B	642	645	1.08
Transportation:				
15,932	Canadian National Railway Co.	2,468	2,556	
11,990	TFI International Inc.	1,612	1,810	
		4,080	4,366	7.31
Summary:				
Equities		52,355	56,701	94.92
Transaction costs		(18)		
Total financial assets at FVTPL		52,337	56,701	94.92

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Schedule of Investment Portfolio (continued)
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Number of units, shares or par value	Description	Average cost	Fair value	% of net assets
Cash:				
Domestic		\$ 2,990	\$ 2,990	
Foreign		83	84	
Total cash		3,073	3,074	5.15
Liabilities, net of other assets			(43)	(0.07)
Total net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units			\$ 59,732	100.00

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Notes to Financial Statements

(In thousands of dollars, except for unit amounts)

For the six-month periods ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 (unaudited)

1. Reporting entity:

- (a) VPI Total Equity Pool (the Pool) is an open-ended mutual fund trust, established on July 2, 2021 by declaration of trust under the laws of the Province of Ontario. As of July 2021, the registered office of the Pool is located at 300-175 Hargrave St., Winnipeg, Manitoba. The trustee of the Pool is RBC Investor Services Trust and the Manager of the Pool is Value Partners Investments Inc. (VPI or the Manager).

The Pool commenced operations on July 2, 2021 with Series A, Series F, and Series O. Effective June 15, 2022 all Series O units were renamed as Series I units. Effective June 28, 2022, Series O units of the Pool were qualified for distribution.

The Pool's objective is to generate longer term growth in value through the increase in the value of its holdings, and through the receipt and reinvestment of dividend income from its holdings. It invests primarily in equity securities.

On June 13, 2023, it was announced that Value Partners Group Inc. ("VPGI"), the parent company of the Manager, had reached an agreement with The Canada Life Assurance Company ("Canada Life") for Canada Life to acquire VPGI ("the Transaction"). The Transaction is expected to close by the end of 2023 and will result in the indirect acquisition of the Manager of the Pool. The completion of the Transaction is subject to receipt of all required regulatory approvals, as well as satisfaction of customary closing conditions.

- (b) Redeemable units issued and outstanding are considered to be capital of the Pool. The Pool's authorized capital consists of an unlimited number of units and series without par value. The number of outstanding units of each series is disclosed in the statements of financial position.

Series A units are subject to a negotiated sales commission payable by the investor at the time of purchase. Series F units are only available to investors that have a fee-based account with a dealer that has signed a Series F agreement with the Manager. Series I units are available to investors who have, or whose dealer has, entered into an agreement directly with the Manager to purchase Series I units and who make the required minimum investment and minimum additional investment as set out by the Manager from time to time.

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1. Reporting entity (continued):

Such investors may include investors who opened a discretionary investment management account with the Manager prior to on or about September 30, 2022, certain institutional investors as approved by the Manager and other mutual funds managed by the Manager. Series O units of the Pool are available to investors who have entered into a discretionary investment management account with the Manager.

Except for Series I, each series of units pays its proportionate share of common expenses of the Pool, in addition to expenses that are unique to that series. Proportionate fund expenses for Series I, both common fund expenses, as well as expenses unique to Series I, are paid by the Manager. Distributions of each series may vary due to the differences in expenses between the series.

- (c) Unitholders may redeem all or part of their units by delivering a written request to do so to the Manager or Trustee or to an investment dealer, securities dealer or mutual fund dealer for delivery to the Manager or Trustee. Units will be redeemed at the net asset value per unit as determined on the next valuation date. Requests for redemption received after 4:00 p.m., Toronto time, on any day are deemed to be received on the first business day following the date of the actual receipt.

2. Basis of preparation:

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

The financial statements were authorized for issue by the Manager on behalf of the board of directors on August 22, 2023.

- (a) Basis of measurement:

The financial statements have been prepared on an historical cost basis except for investments at fair value through profit or loss, which are measured at fair value.

- (b) Functional and presentation currency:

These financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars, which is the Pool's functional currency. All financial information presented in Canadian dollars has been rounded to the nearest thousand.

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2. Basis of preparation (continued):

(c) Use of estimates and judgments:

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

The most significant judgments made by the Manager in preparing these financial statements is in determining the fair value of financial instruments not traded in an active market under IFRS 13 - *Fair Value Measurement* (IFRS 13).

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

3. Significant accounting policies:

(a) Financial instruments:

(i) Classification and measurement:

Financial assets are required to be classified into one of the following categories: fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL), amortized cost or fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) based on the entity's business model for managing financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. Financial liabilities are measured at amortized cost or FVTPL. A financial liability is classified as at FVTPL if it is classified as held-for-trading, it is derivative or it is designated as such on initial recognition.

All financial instruments are measured at fair value on initial recognition. Measurement in subsequent periods depends on the classification of the financial instrument. Transaction costs are included in the initial carrying amount of financial instruments except for financial instruments classified as FVTPL, in which case transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued):

Financial instruments held-for trading or at FVTPL are recognized initially on the trade date, which is the date on which the Pool becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Other financial assets and financial liabilities are recognized on the date on which they are originated. The Pool derecognizes a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged, cancelled or expire.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the statements of financial position only when the Pool has a legal right to offset the amounts and intends either to settle on a net basis or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

At June 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, no amounts have been offset in the statements of financial position.

(ii) FVTPL:

Financial instruments classified as FVTPL are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting period with changes in fair value recognized in the statement of comprehensive income (loss) in the period in which they occur. The Pool has classified its investments in securities, derivative financial assets and derivative financial liabilities as FVTPL.

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets (such as publicly traded derivatives and marketable securities) are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the reporting date. The Pool uses the last traded market price for both financial assets and financial liabilities where the last traded price falls within that day's bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid-ask spread, the Manager determines the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value based on the specific facts and circumstances. The Pool's policy is to recognize transfers into and out of the fair value hierarchy levels as of the date of the event or change in circumstances giving rise to the transfer.

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market, including derivative instruments, is determined using valuation techniques. Valuation techniques also include the use of comparable recent arm's length transactions, reference to other instruments that are substantially the same, discounted cash flow analysis, and others commonly used by market participants and which make the maximum use of observable inputs.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
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3. Significant accounting policies (continued):

Should the value of the financial asset or liability, in the opinion of the Manager, be inaccurate, unreliable or not readily available, the fair value is estimated on the basis of the most recently reported information of a similar financial asset or liability.

The Pool's accounting policies for measuring the fair value of investments are consistent with those used for measuring its net asset value for transactions with unitholders.

(iii) Amortized cost:

Financial instruments classified under amortized cost include financial assets that are held to collect contractual cash flows and are expected to give rise to cash flows representing solely payments of principal and interest and financial liabilities not classified as FVTPL. Such financial assets and liabilities are recognized initially at fair value plus any directly attributable transaction costs.

Subsequent measurement of these financial assets and financial liabilities is at amortized cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses. Interest income is recognized by applying the effective interest rate

The Pool classifies cash, accrued dividends receivable, accrued interest receivable for distribution purposes, subscriptions receivable, due from Manager, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, redemptions payable and management fees payable as amortized cost. Cash includes cash on deposit with the custodian.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortized cost of a financial asset or liability and of allocating interest income or expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that discounts estimated future cash payments through the expected life of the financial asset or liability, or where appropriate, a shorter period.

(iv) Impairment:

For financial assets measured at amortized cost, the Pool uses an expected credit loss (ECL) impairment model. The ECL model uses an allowance for expected credit losses being recorded regardless of whether or not there has been an actual loss event.

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued):

The Pool measures the loss allowance at an amount equal to lifetime ECL for trade and other receivables. Lifetime ECL's are the ECL's that result from all possible default events over the expected life of the trade and other receivables. ECL's are a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses. Credit losses are measured as the present value of all cash shortfalls (that being the difference between the cash flows due to the Pool in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Pool expects to receive). ECL's are discounted at the effective interest rate of the financial asset.

(b) Redeemable units:

The Pool classifies financial instruments issued as financial liabilities or equity instruments in accordance with the substance of the contractual terms of the instruments. The Pool has multiple classes of redeemable units that do not have identical features and therefore, does not qualify as equity under International Accounting Standard (IAS) 32, *Financial Instruments - presentation* (IAS 32).

The redeemable units, which are measured at the redemption amounts and are considered a residual amount of the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, provide investors with the right to require redemption, subject to available liquidity, for cash at a unit price based on the Pool's valuation policies at each redemption date.

(c) Foreign currency:

The Pool's subscriptions and redemptions are denominated in Canadian dollars, which is also its functional and presentation currency. Foreign denominated investments and other foreign denominated assets and liabilities are translated into Canadian dollars using the exchange rates prevailing on each valuation date. Purchases and sales of investments, as well as income and expense transactions denominated in foreign currencies, are translated using exchange rates prevailing on the date of the transaction. Foreign exchange gains and losses relating to cash are presented as 'Foreign exchange gain (loss) on cash' and those relating to other financial assets and liabilities are presented within 'Net realized gain' and 'Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)' in the statement of comprehensive income (loss).

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(d) Investment transactions and revenue recognition:

Interest income for distribution purposes from investments in bonds and short-term investments represents the coupon interest received by the Pool accounted for on an accrual basis. The Pool does not use the effective interest method to amortize premiums paid or discounts received on the purchase of fixed-income securities. Dividend income is recognized on the date that the right to receive payment is established, which for quoted equity securities is usually the ex-dividend date. Portfolio transactions are recorded on the trade date. Realized gains and losses arising from the sale of investments are determined on the average cost basis of the respective investments.

(e) Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, per unit:

Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, per unit in the statement of comprehensive income (loss) represents the net increase (decrease) in the net assets from operations for each series for the period divided by the weighted average units outstanding for each series for the period.

(f) Income taxes:

The Pool qualifies as a Mutual Fund Trust as defined in the *Income Tax Act* (Canada). Pursuant to the terms of the Declaration of Trust establishing the Pool, it is considered to distribute annually to the unitholders all of the net taxable income, including net realized gains on sale of investments, and such distributions are immediately reinvested in units of the Pool.

In general, the Pool is subject to income tax, however no income tax is payable on net income and/or net realized capital gains which are distributed to unitholders. In addition, income taxes payable on net realized capital gains is refundable on a formula basis when units of the Pool are redeemed.

Capital losses are available to be carried forward indefinitely and applied against future capital gains. Any non-capital losses that are realized in the taxation year 2006 and after may be carried forward for 20 years and applied against future income and capital gains.

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4. Management fees and expenses:

Except for Series I and Series O units, the Manager of each series of units is entitled to a monthly management fee from the Pool based on a percentage of the net asset value of each series of units as of the close of business on each business day calculated at the following annual rates:

Series A	1.80%
Series F	0.90%

The Manager offers a management fee reduction program to qualified investors in Series A and Series F units. If the unitholder qualifies under this program, the management fee charged to the Pool is reduced and the Pool distributes the amount of the reduction to the investor by way of a management fee distribution. Management fee distributions are automatically reinvested in additional units of a particular series of the Pool unless negotiated otherwise with the Manager. No management fee is charged to the Pool with respect to Series I units. Instead, each investor negotiates a separate fee that is paid directly to the Manager. Series O units of the Pool pay a portfolio management fee based on a percentage of the net asset value of Series O units as of the close of business on each business day calculated at a rate of 0.20% annually.

Except for Series I units, in addition to the management fee, each series of units pays its proportionate share of common operating expenses of the Pool, in addition to expenses that are unique to that series. These expenses include, but are not limited to audit, legal and filing fees, custodial, recordkeeping and trustee fees, transfer agent fees, investor servicing costs, taxes, compensation and expenses of the Independent Review Committee, and costs of unitholder reports, financial reporting, prospectuses, regulatory filings, and other communications. Brokerage commissions and transaction costs for buying and selling investments for the Pool's portfolio are also paid by the Pool, as well as the costs and expenses related to holding any meeting convened by unitholders. The Manager may, at its own discretion, absorb a portion of the operating expenses of Series A, Series F or Series O units from time to time.

Proportionate fund expenses for Series I units, both common fund expenses, as well as expenses unique to Series I, are fully absorbed by the Manager.

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4. Management fees and expenses (continued):

The Manager absorbed a portion of the operating expenses (note 5) of the Pool during the six-month periods ended June 30, 2023 and 2022.

5. Related party transactions:

Related party balances of the Pool as at June 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022 is as follows:

	2023	2022
Management fees payable	\$ 64	\$ 46
Due from Manager	5	12

Related party transactions of the Pool for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 is as follows:

	2023	2022
Management fees	\$ 346	\$ 155
Absorbed expenses	(22)	(56)

These transactions are in the normal course of operations and are measured at the exchange amount which is the amount of consideration established and agreed to by the related parties.

As of June 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, the Manager or parent company of the Manager held the following number of units in the Pool:

	2023	2022
Series A	—	1
Series F	—	25,169
Series I	—	1
Series O	1	1

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6. Brokerage commissions:

Commissions paid to brokers for portfolio transactions for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 is disclosed in the statement of comprehensive income (loss).

There were \$4 of soft dollar commissions paid during the period ended June 30, 2023 (2022 - nil)

7. Income taxes:

As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, there were no non-capital losses available for carry forward.

Capital losses available for carry forward as of December 31, 2022 and 2021 are as follows:

	2022	2021
Capital losses	\$ 110	\$ -

8. Financial risk management:

The investment activities of the Pool expose the Pool to various types of financial risks. The Manager seeks to minimize potential adverse effects of these risks on the Pool by contracting a professional, experienced portfolio manager, by monitoring the Pool and market events on a daily basis, and by diversifying the investment portfolio within the parameters of the investment objective and strategy. The most significant risks include market risk (other price risk, interest rate risk and currency risk), credit risk and liquidity risk.

These risks and related risk management practices employed by the Pool are discussed below:

(i) 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. The maximum risk resulting from financial instruments held by the Pool is determined by the fair value of the financial instruments.

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8. Financial risk management (continued):

The portfolio manager moderates this risk through a careful selection of securities within specified parameters established for the Pool.

For the Pool, the most significant exposure to other price risk arises from investments in equity securities.

The following table shows the exposure of the Pool to equity securities and indicates the impact on net assets if the prices of the equity securities on the respective stock exchanges increased or decreased by 5 percent, with all other variables held constant.

	Fair value of equities	% of net assets	Impact on net assets (\$)	Impact on net assets (%)
As at June 30, 2023	\$ 56,701	94.92%	\$ 2,835	4.75%
As at December 31, 2022	\$ 35,849	91.34%	\$ 1,792	4.57%

(ii) Interest rate risk:

Interest rate risk arises on interest-bearing financial instruments such as bonds. The majority of the Pool's financial assets and liabilities are non-interest bearing. As a result, the Pool is not subject to a significant amount of interest rate risk due to fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates.

The tables below summarize the Pool's exposure to interest rate risk. They include the Pool's assets and trading liabilities at fair values, categorized by the earlier of contractual re-pricing or maturity dates.

As at June 30, 2023	Less than 1 year	1 - 3 years	3 - 5 years	Greater than 5 years	Non- interest bearing	Total
Financial assets at FVTPL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 56,701	\$ 56,701

As at December 31, 2022	Less than 1 year	1 - 3 years	3 - 5 years	Greater than 5 years	Non- interest bearing	Total
Financial assets at FVTPL	\$ 1,496	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,849	\$ 37,345

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8. Financial risk management (continued):

(iii) Credit risk:

Credit risk is the risk that the counterparty to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation or commitment that it has entered into with the Pool. The Pool's greatest concentration of credit risk is in debt securities which consists of Canadian Treasury Bills at December 31, 2022. The fair value of debt securities includes consideration of the credit worthiness of the debt issuer. The carrying amount of these investments represents the maximum credit risk exposure at December 31, 2022. At June 30, 2023, the Pool had no significant investments in debt instruments and/or derivatives.

All transactions in listed securities are settled/paid for upon delivery using approved brokers. The risk of default is considered minimal, as delivery of securities sold is only made once the broker has received payment. Payment is made on a purchase once the securities have been received by the broker.

Debt securities in the Pool by credit risk rating are as follows at December 31, 2022:

<u>As at December 31, 2022</u>	<u>% of debt securities</u>	<u>% of net assets</u>
AAA	100.00%	3.81%

(iv) Liquidity risk:

The Pool is exposed to liquidity risk to the extent that it is subject to daily cash redemptions of redeemable units. Therefore, the Pool invests the majority of its assets in investments that are traded in an active market and can be readily disposed. In addition, the Pool retains sufficient cash positions to maintain liquidity.

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8. Financial risk management (continued):

(v) Currency risk:

The Pool uses the Canadian dollar as its functional and reporting currency. Currency risk is the risk that the value of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the Canadian dollar (the functional currency of the Pool), will fluctuate due to changes in exchange rates.

The only foreign currency to which the Pool was exposed at June 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022 was the U.S. dollar. The following tables illustrate the potential impact to the Pool's net assets, all other variables held constant, as a result of a 5 percent change in these currencies relative to the Canadian dollar.

As at June 30, 2023	Foreign currencies (\$)	Impact on net assets (\$)	Impact on net assets (%)
Financial assets at FVTPL	\$ 23,662	\$ 1,183	1.98%
Cash	84	4	0.01%
Other assets less liabilities	6	–	0.00%
	<u>\$ 23,752</u>	<u>\$ 1,187</u>	<u>1.99%</u>

As at December 31, 2022	Foreign currencies (\$)	Impact on net assets (\$)	Impact on net assets (%)
Financial assets at FVTPL	\$ 14,829	\$ 741	1.89%
Cash	(337)	(17)	(0.04)%
Other assets less liabilities	6	–	0.00%
	<u>\$ 14,498</u>	<u>\$ 724</u>	<u>1.85%</u>

(vi) Concentration risk:

Concentration risk arises as a result of the concentration of exposures within the same category, whether it is geographical location, product type, industry sector or counterparty type.

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8. Financial risk management (continued):

The market segments are represented as a percentage of financial assets at FVTPL. The following is a summary of the Pool's concentration risk:

Market segment	June 30,	December 31,
Long	2023	2022
	%	%
Short-term investments	–	4.01
Banks	12.92	14.42
Capital goods	0.65	0.68
Commercial and professional services	3.13	2.56
Communication services	–	1.64
Consumer durables and apparel	–	1.44
Consumer discretionary distribution and retail	9.38	–
Consumer services	2.08	2.48
Consumer staples distribution and retail	4.70	–
Diversified financials	–	14.93
Energy	3.86	4.33
Financial services	22.63	–
Food and staples retailing	–	3.81
Health care equipment and services	3.34	2.48
Materials	6.92	7.07
Media and entertainment	5.04	4.53
Pharmaceuticals, biotechnology and life sciences	1.89	1.77
Retailing	–	7.37
Semiconductor and semiconductor equipment:	2.15	2.71
Software and services	10.64	14.76
Technology hardware and equipment	1.83	1.70
Telecommunication services	1.14	–
Transportation	7.70	7.31
	100.00	100.00

(vii) Other risk:

Unexpected volatility or illiquidity could occur due to legal, political, regulatory, economic or other developments, such as public health emergencies, including an epidemic or pandemic, natural disasters, war and related geopolitical risks, and may impair the portfolio manager's ability to carry out the objectives of the Pool or cause the Pools to incur losses. Neither the duration nor ultimate effect of any such market conditions, nor the degree to which such conditions may worsen can be predicted.

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9. Fair value disclosure:

(i) Valuation models:

The Pool's assets and liabilities recorded at fair value have been categorized based upon a fair value hierarchy. The fair value of a financial instrument is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Pool's financial instruments are recorded at fair value or at amounts that approximate fair value in the financial statements. The Pool classifies fair value measurements within a hierarchy which gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are:

Level 1: Inputs that reflect unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Manager has the ability to access at the measurement date.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly, including inputs in markets that are not considered to be active.

Level 3: Inputs that are unobservable. There is little if any market activity. Inputs into the determination of fair value require significant management judgment or estimation.

A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Changes in valuation methods may result in transfers into, or out of, a financial instrument's assigned level.

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9. Fair value disclosure (continued):

(ii) Fair value hierarchy - financial instruments measured at fair value:

The following tables present information about the Pool's assets which are recorded at fair value on a recurring basis as of June 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022:

Financial assets at fair value as at June 30, 2023:

June 30, 2023	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Equities - long	\$ 56,701	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 56,701

Financial assets at fair value as at December 31, 2022:

December 31, 2022	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Equities - long	\$ 35,849	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,849
Short-term investments	-	1,496	-	1,496
	\$ 35,849	\$ 1,496	\$ -	\$ 37,345

During the six-month period ended June 30, 2023 and the year ended December 31, 2022, there were no transfers between levels. The financial instruments not measured at FVTPL are short-term financial assets and financial liabilities whose carrying amounts approximate fair value.