

# CANADA LIFE STRATEGIC INCOME FUND II

(Formerly Canada Life Monthly Income Fund)

ANNUAL AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS | March 31, 2023

## MANAGEMENT REPORT

### Management's Responsibility for Financial Reporting

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

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Canada Life Investment Management Ltd. is responsible for reviewing and approving the financial statements and overseeing the Manager's performance of its financial reporting responsibilities. The Board meets regularly with senior representatives of the Manager and auditors to discuss internal controls over the financial reporting process, auditing matters and financial reporting issues.

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

On behalf of Canada Life Investment Management Ltd.,  
Manager of the Fund



Steve Fiorelli  
Chief Executive Officer



Jeff Van Hoeve  
Chief Financial Officer

June 5, 2023

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Securityholders of Canada Life Strategic Income Fund II (the "Fund")

### Opinion

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

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

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

### Basis for Opinion

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

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

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

### Other Matter – Comparative Information

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

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

### Other Information

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

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

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

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

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We also:

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



Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants  
Toronto, Ontario  
June 5, 2023

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## STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

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

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Investments at fair value	108,918	135,836
Cash and cash equivalents	63	74
Accounts receivable for investments sold	1	1
Accounts receivable for securities issued	1	18
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>108,983</b>	<b>135,929</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable for investments purchased	–	1
Accounts payable for securities redeemed	2	352
Due to manager	5	7
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>360</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to securityholders</b>	<b>108,976</b>	<b>135,569</b>

## STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

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

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
<b>Income</b>		
Dividends	2,638	1,001
Interest income for distribution purposes	1,586	3,886
Other changes in fair value of investments and other net assets		
Net realized gain (loss)	1,314	5,414
Net unrealized gain (loss)	(7,301)	(2,619)
<b>Total income (loss)</b>	<b>(1,763)</b>	<b>7,682</b>
<b>Expenses (note 6)</b>		
Management fees	1,860	2,321
Management fee rebates	(36)	(49)
Administration fees	218	270
Interest charges	–	1
Independent Review Committee fees	1	2
Other	1	–
<b>Expenses before amounts absorbed by Manager</b>	<b>2,044</b>	<b>2,545</b>
Expenses absorbed by Manager	–	–
<b>Net expenses</b>	<b>2,044</b>	<b>2,545</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders from operations before tax</b>	<b>(3,807)</b>	<b>5,137</b>
Foreign withholding tax expense (recovery)	–	–
Foreign income tax expense (recovery)	–	–
<b>Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders from operations</b>	<b>(3,807)</b>	<b>5,137</b>

	Net assets attributable to securityholders (note 3)			
	per security		per series	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
A Series	9.29	10.07	56,947	72,247
F Series	10.05	10.75	5,489	4,831
F5 Series	11.16	12.06	67	178
FW Series	–	14.28	–	1,667
FW5 Series	–	13.82	–	1
N Series	10.78	11.43	13,356	16,111
N5 Series	13.29	14.25	1,332	1,474
QF Series	8.29	8.89	6,322	7,367
QF5 Series	11.77	12.76	138	149
QFW Series	13.36	14.27	532	762
QFW5 Series	12.80	13.81	1	1
T5 Series	10.72	11.74	1,589	1,964
W Series	9.37	10.11	21,358	26,469
W5 Series	11.44	12.48	1,845	2,348
			<b>108,976</b>	<b>135,569</b>

	Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders from operations (note 3)			
	per security		per series	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
A Series	(0.36)	0.34	(2,393)	2,497
F Series	(0.04)	0.50	(20)	233
F5 Series	(0.80)	0.59	(6)	10
FW Series	(0.90)	0.61	(104)	62
FW5 Series	(0.87)	0.66	–	–
N Series	(0.14)	0.62	(193)	872
N5 Series	(0.14)	0.77	(14)	77
QF Series	(0.20)	0.38	(161)	302
QF5 Series	(0.24)	0.64	(3)	9
QFW Series	(0.46)	0.70	(21)	38
QFW5 Series	(0.17)	0.65	–	–
T5 Series	(0.39)	0.37	(60)	59
W Series	(0.30)	0.35	(759)	891
W5 Series	(0.40)	0.46	(73)	87
			<b>(3,807)</b>	<b>5,137</b>

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## STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION

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

	Total		A Series		F Series		F5 Series		FW Series	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
<b>NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SECURITYHOLDERS</b>										
<b>Beginning of period</b>	135,569	148,649	72,247	82,370	4,831	5,560	178	232	1,667	1,331
Increase (decrease) in net assets from operations	(3,807)	5,137	(2,393)	2,497	(20)	233	(6)	10	(104)	62
Distributions paid to securityholders:										
Investment income	(1,945)	(2,463)	(906)	(1,215)	(105)	(98)	(2)	(4)	(5)	(32)
Capital gains	–	(3,985)	–	(2,127)	–	(140)	–	(5)	–	(48)
Return of capital	(4,079)	(5,467)	(2,199)	(3,067)	(159)	(184)	(4)	(10)	(24)	(54)
Management fee rebates	(36)	(49)	(28)	(38)	(2)	(5)	–	–	–	–
Total distributions paid to securityholders	(6,060)	(11,964)	(3,133)	(6,447)	(266)	(427)	(6)	(19)	(29)	(134)
Security transactions:										
Proceeds from securities issued	7,602	15,527	3,164	7,738	1,721	320	1	36	13	516
Reinvested distributions	5,867	11,752	3,119	6,432	264	427	4	14	29	134
Payments on redemption of securities	(30,195)	(33,532)	(16,057)	(20,343)	(1,041)	(1,282)	(104)	(95)	(1,576)	(242)
Total security transactions	(16,726)	(6,253)	(9,774)	(6,173)	944	(535)	(99)	(45)	(1,534)	408
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders	(26,593)	(13,080)	(15,300)	(10,123)	658	(729)	(111)	(54)	(1,667)	336
<b>End of period</b>	<b>108,976</b>	<b>135,569</b>	<b>56,947</b>	<b>72,247</b>	<b>5,489</b>	<b>4,831</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>1,667</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) in fund securities (in thousands) (note 7):</b>										
<b>Securities outstanding – beginning of period</b>			<b>Securities</b>	<b>Securities</b>	<b>Securities</b>	<b>Securities</b>	<b>Securities</b>	<b>Securities</b>	<b>Securities</b>	<b>Securities</b>
Issued			7,178	7,752	449	495	15	18	117	90
Reinvested distributions			336	730	174	28	–	3	1	34
Redeemed			337	610	27	38	–	1	2	9
Securities outstanding – end of period			(1,721)	(1,914)	(104)	(112)	(9)	(7)	(120)	(16)
			<b>6,130</b>	<b>7,178</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>117</b>

  

	FW5 Series		N Series		N5 Series		QF Series		QF5 Series	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
<b>NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SECURITYHOLDERS</b>										
<b>Beginning of period</b>	1	1	16,111	17,479	1,474	1,486	7,367	7,387	149	201
Increase (decrease) in net assets from operations	–	–	(193)	872	(14)	77	(161)	302	(3)	9
Distributions paid to securityholders:										
Investment income	–	–	(324)	(374)	(32)	(34)	(121)	(146)	(3)	(4)
Capital gains	–	–	–	(477)	–	(44)	–	(216)	–	(6)
Return of capital	–	–	(427)	(539)	(54)	(63)	(211)	(264)	(6)	(9)
Management fee rebates	–	–	–	–	–	–	(5)	(5)	–	–
Total distributions paid to securityholders	–	–	(751)	(1,390)	(86)	(141)	(337)	(631)	(9)	(19)
Security transactions:										
Proceeds from securities issued	–	–	530	1,153	2	2	200	919	–	–
Reinvested distributions	–	–	734	1,373	47	101	334	627	3	13
Payments on redemption of securities	(1)	–	(3,075)	(3,376)	(91)	(51)	(1,081)	(1,237)	(2)	(55)
Total security transactions	(1)	–	(1,811)	(850)	(42)	52	(547)	309	1	(42)
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders	(1)	–	(2,755)	(1,368)	(142)	(12)	(1,045)	(20)	(11)	(52)
<b>End of period</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13,356</b>	<b>16,111</b>	<b>1,332</b>	<b>1,474</b>	<b>6,322</b>	<b>7,367</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>149</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) in fund securities (in thousands) (note 7):</b>										
<b>Securities outstanding – beginning of period</b>			<b>Securities</b>	<b>Securities</b>	<b>Securities</b>	<b>Securities</b>	<b>Securities</b>	<b>Securities</b>	<b>Securities</b>	<b>Securities</b>
Issued			–	–	103	100	828	795	12	15
Reinvested distributions			47	95	–	–	24	97	–	–
Redeemed			69	116	4	7	41	68	–	1
Securities outstanding – end of period			(287)	(282)	(7)	(4)	(131)	(132)	–	(4)
			<b>1,239</b>	<b>1,410</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>

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## STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION (cont'd)

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	QFW Series		QFW5 Series		T5 Series		W Series		W5 Series	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
<b>NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SECURITYHOLDERS</b>										
<b>Beginning of period</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,964</b>	<b>1,953</b>	<b>26,469</b>	<b>27,342</b>	<b>2,348</b>	<b>2,553</b>
Increase (decrease) in net assets from operations	(21)	38	–	–	(60)	59	(759)	891	(73)	87
Distributions paid to securityholders:										
Investment income	(11)	(16)	–	–	(28)	(31)	(373)	(468)	(35)	(41)
Capital gains	–	(23)	–	–	–	(53)	–	(779)	–	(67)
Return of capital	(19)	(29)	–	–	(75)	(96)	(807)	(1,031)	(94)	(121)
Management fee rebates	–	–	–	–	(1)	(1)	–	–	–	–
Total distributions paid to securityholders	(30)	(68)	–	–	(104)	(181)	(1,180)	(2,278)	(129)	(229)
Security transactions:										
Proceeds from securities issued	49	250	–	–	50	210	1,703	4,193	169	190
Reinvested distributions	30	68	–	–	77	150	1,180	2,277	46	136
Payments on redemption of securities	(258)	(279)	–	–	(338)	(227)	(6,055)	(5,956)	(516)	(389)
Total security transactions	(179)	39	–	–	(211)	133	(3,172)	514	(301)	(63)
<b>Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders</b>	<b>(230)</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(375)</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>(5,111)</b>	<b>(873)</b>	<b>(503)</b>	<b>(205)</b>
<b>End of period</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,589</b>	<b>1,964</b>	<b>21,358</b>	<b>26,469</b>	<b>1,845</b>	<b>2,348</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) in fund securities (in thousands) (note 7):</b>										
<b>Securities outstanding – beginning of period</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>2,618</b>	<b>2,572</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>193</b>
Issued	4	15	–	–	5	17	181	394	14	14
Reinvested distributions	2	5	–	–	7	12	127	215	4	10
Redeemed	(19)	(18)	–	–	(31)	(18)	(646)	(563)	(45)	(29)
<b>Securities outstanding – end of period</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>2,280</b>	<b>2,618</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>188</b>

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## STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

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

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Net increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders from operations	(3,807)	5,137
Adjustments for:		
Net realized loss (gain) on investments	(1,314)	(3,404)
Change in net unrealized loss (gain) on investments	7,301	2,619
Distributions received in-kind from underlying funds	(1,172)	(4,204)
Purchase of investments	(134,979)	(14,949)
Proceeds from sale and maturity of investments	157,081	32,848
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable and other assets	–	1
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and other liabilities	(2)	–
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>23,108</b>	<b>18,048</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Proceeds from securities issued	4,925	13,982
Payments on redemption of securities	(27,851)	(31,755)
Distributions paid net of reinvestments	(193)	(212)
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities</b>	<b>(23,119)</b>	<b>(17,985)</b>
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(11)</b>	<b>63</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	74	11
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash and cash equivalents	–	–
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>74</b>
Cash	63	74
Cash equivalents	–	–
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>Supplementary disclosures on cash flow from operating activities:</b>		
Dividends received	2,638	1,001
Foreign taxes paid	–	–
Interest received	1,586	3,886
Interest paid	–	1

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## SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

as at March 31, 2023

	Country	Sector	Par Value/ No. of Shares/Units	Average Cost (\$ 000)	Fair Value (\$ 000)
<b>MUTUAL FUNDS</b>					
<sup>1</sup> Canada Life Strategic Income Fund Series R	Canada	Mutual Funds	11,090,336	110,729	108,918
<b>Total mutual funds</b>				<u>110,729</u>	<u>108,918</u>
Transaction costs				—	—
<b>Total investments</b>				<u>110,729</u>	<u>108,918</u>
Cash and cash equivalents					63
Other assets less liabilities					(5)
<b>Net assets attributable to securityholders</b>					<u>108,976</u>

<sup>1</sup> This fund is managed by CLIML.

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## SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO OF THE UNDERLYING FUND\*

MARCH 31, 2023

EFFECTIVE PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Equities	54.0
Equities	54.0
Purchased options	–
Bonds	43.4
Bonds	43.7
Purchased options	–
Written options	–
Short bond futures	(0.3)
Other assets (liabilities)	1.4
Cash and short-term investments	1.2

EFFECTIVE REGIONAL ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Canada	46.6
United States	36.3
Other	3.7
France	1.8
Germany	1.6
Netherlands	1.4
United Kingdom	1.4
Japan	1.4
Other assets (liabilities)	1.4
Cash and short-term investments	1.2
Luxembourg	0.6
China	0.6
Brazil	0.5
Mexico	0.5
Denmark	0.5
Taiwan	0.5

EFFECTIVE SECTOR ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Corporate bonds	34.5
Financials	14.9
Energy	6.7
Industrials	6.2
Information technology	6.0
Materials	4.6
Foreign government bonds	4.3
Consumer staples	4.0
Health care	4.0
Consumer discretionary	3.5
Federal bonds	2.1
Communication services	2.1
Term loans	2.0
Utilities	1.4
Other assets (liabilities)	1.4
Cash and short-term investments	1.2
Other	1.1

MARCH 31, 2022

EFFECTIVE PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Equities	52.4
Bonds	41.7
Other assets (liabilities)	4.9
Cash and short-term investments	1.0

EFFECTIVE REGIONAL ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Canada	65.1
United States	11.5
Other assets (liabilities)	4.9
United Kingdom	3.2
Other	3.0
Switzerland	1.8
Sweden	1.7
France	1.5
Spain	1.3
Germany	1.2
South Korea	1.0
Cash and short-term investments	1.0
Hong Kong	0.6
Thailand	0.6
Taiwan	0.6
Finland	0.5
Japan	0.5

EFFECTIVE SECTOR ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Corporate bonds	21.9
Financials	15.5
Provincial bonds	11.2
Federal bonds	6.9
Industrials	5.1
Energy	5.0
Consumer staples	4.9
Other assets (liabilities)	4.9
Health care	4.1
Communication services	3.9
Information technology	3.9
Materials	3.7
Consumer discretionary	2.5
Utilities	2.3
Other	1.8
Real estate	1.4
Cash and short-term investments	1.0

\* The Fund is currently fully invested in Canada Life Strategic Income Fund (the "Underlying Fund").

The effective allocation shows the portfolio, regional or sector exposure of the Fund calculated by combining its direct and indirect investments.



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### 1. Fiscal Periods and General Information

The information provided in these financial statements and notes thereto is for the periods ended or as at March 31, 2023 and 2022, as applicable. In the year a Fund or series is established or reinstated, 'period' represents the period from inception or reinstatement. Where a series of a Fund was terminated during either period, the information for the series is provided up to close of business on the termination date. Refer to Note 10 for the formation date of the Fund and the inception date of each series.

The Fund is organized as an open-ended mutual fund trust established under the laws of the Province of Ontario pursuant to a Declaration of Trust as amended and restated from time to time. The address of the Fund's registered office is 255 Dufferin Avenue, London, Ontario, Canada. The Fund is authorized to issue an unlimited number of units (referred to as "security" or "securities") of multiple series. Series of the Fund are available for sale under Simplified Prospectus or exempt distribution options.

Canada Life Investment Management Ltd. ("CLIML") is the manager of the Fund and is wholly owned by The Canada Life Assurance Company ("Canada Life"), a subsidiary of Power Corporation of Canada. CLIML has entered into a fund administration agreement with Mackenzie Financial Corporation ("Mackenzie"), a subsidiary of Power Corporation of Canada. Investments in companies within the Power Group of companies held by the Fund are identified in the Schedule of Investments.

### 2. Basis of Preparation and Presentation

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

These financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars, which is the Fund's functional and presentation currency, and rounded to the nearest thousand unless otherwise indicated. These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis using the historical cost basis, except for financial instruments that have been measured at fair value.

These financial statements were authorized for issue by the Board of Directors of CLIML on June 5, 2023.

### 3. Significant Accounting Policies

#### (a) Financial instruments

Financial instruments include financial assets and liabilities such as debt and equity securities, open-ended investment funds and derivatives. The Fund classifies and measures financial instruments in accordance with IFRS 9, *Financial Instruments*. Upon initial recognition, financial instruments are classified as fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL"). All financial instruments are recognized in the Statement of Financial Position when the Fund becomes a party to the contractual requirements of the instrument. Financial assets are derecognized when the right to receive cash flows from the instrument has expired or the Fund has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership. Financial liabilities are derecognized when the obligation is discharged, cancelled or expires. Investment purchase and sale transactions are recorded as of the trade date.

Financial instruments are subsequently measured at FVTPL with changes in fair value recognized in the Statement of Comprehensive Income – Other changes in fair value of investments and other net assets – Net unrealized gain (loss).

The cost of investments is determined on a weighted average cost basis.

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

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

The Fund accounts for its holdings in unlisted open-ended investment funds and exchange-traded funds, if any, at FVTPL.

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

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

#### (b) Fair value measurement

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

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

#### (b) Fair value measurement (cont'd)

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

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

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

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

The value of forward contracts is the gain or loss that would be realized if, on the valuation date, the positions were to be closed out. The change in value of forward contracts is included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income – Other changes in fair value of investments and other net assets – Net unrealized gain (loss).

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

Premiums paid for purchasing an option are recorded in the Statement of Financial Position – Investments at fair value.

Premiums received from writing options are included in the Statement of Financial Position as a liability and subsequently adjusted daily to fair value. If a written option expires unexercised, the premium received is recognized as a realized gain. If a written call option is exercised, the difference between the proceeds of the sale plus the value of the premium, and the cost of the security is recognized as a realized gain or loss. If a written put option is exercised, the cost of the security acquired is the exercise price of the option less the premium received.

Refer to the Schedule of Derivative Instruments and Schedule of Options Purchased/Written, as applicable, included in the Schedule of Investments for a listing of derivative and options positions as at March 31, 2023.

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

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

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

Financial instruments classified as Level 2 investments are valued based on the prices provided by an independent reputable pricing services company who prices the securities based on recent transactions and quotes received from market participants and through incorporating observable market data and using standard market convention practices. Short-term investments classified as Level 2 investments are valued based on amortized cost plus accrued interest which closely approximates fair value.

The estimated fair values for these securities may be different from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the investment existed; and Level 3 – Inputs that are not based on observable market data.

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

See Note 10 for the fair value classifications of the Fund.

#### (c) Income recognition

Interest income for distribution purposes represents the coupon interest received by the Fund which is accounted for on an accrual basis. The Fund does not amortize premiums paid or discounts received on the purchase of fixed income securities except for zero coupon bonds, which are amortized on a straight-line basis. Dividends are accrued as of the ex-dividend date. Unrealized gains or losses on investments, realized gains or losses on the sale of investments, including foreign exchange gains or losses on such investments, are calculated on an average cost basis. Distributions received from an underlying fund are included in interest income, dividend income, realized gains (losses) on sale of investments or fee rebate income, as appropriate, on the ex-dividend or distribution date.

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

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

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

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

#### (e) Securities lending, repurchase and reverse repurchase transactions

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

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

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

#### (f) Offsetting

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

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

#### (g) Currency

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

Foreign exchange gains (losses) on purchases and sales of foreign currencies are included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income – Other changes in fair value of investments and other net assets – Net realized gain (loss).

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

#### (h) Net assets attributable to securityholders per security

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

#### (i) Net asset value per security

The daily Net Asset Value ("NAV") of an investment fund may be calculated without reference to IFRS as per the Canadian Securities Administrators' ("CSA") regulations. The difference between NAV and Net assets attributable to securityholders (as reported in the financial statements), if any, is mainly due to differences in fair value of investments and other financial assets and liabilities and is disclosed in Note 10.

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

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

#### (k) Mergers

In a fund merger, the Fund acquires all of the assets and assumes all of the liabilities of the terminating fund at fair value in exchange for securities of the Fund on the effective date of the merger.

#### (l) Future accounting changes

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

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### 4. Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

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

The following discusses the most significant accounting judgments and estimates made in preparing the financial statements:

#### Use of Estimates

##### *Fair value of securities not quoted in an active market*

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

#### Use of Judgments

##### *Classification and measurement of investments*

In classifying and measuring financial instruments held by the Fund, CLIML is required to make significant judgments in order to determine the most appropriate classification in accordance with IFRS 9. CLIML has assessed the Fund's business model, the manner in which all financial instruments are managed and performance evaluated as a group on a fair value basis, and concluded that FVTPL in accordance with IFRS 9 provides the most appropriate measurement and presentation of the Fund's financial instruments.

##### *Functional currency*

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

##### *Interest in unconsolidated structured entities*

In determining whether an unlisted open-ended investment fund or an exchange-traded fund in which the Fund invests ("Underlying Funds"), but that it does not consolidate, meets the definition of a structured entity, CLIML is required to make significant judgments about whether these underlying funds have the typical characteristics of a structured entity. These Underlying Funds do meet the definition of a structured entity because:

- I. The voting rights in the Underlying Funds are not dominant factors in deciding who controls them;
- II. the activities of the Underlying Funds are restricted by their offering documents; and
- III. the Underlying Funds have narrow and well-defined investment objective to provide investment opportunities for investors while passing on the associated risks and rewards.

As a result, such investments are accounted for at FVTPL. Note 10 summarizes the details of the Funds' interest in these Underlying Funds, if applicable.

### 5. Income Taxes

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

Losses of the Fund cannot be allocated to investors and are retained in the Fund for use in future years. Non-capital losses may be carried forward up to 20 years to reduce taxable income and realized capital gains of future years. Capital losses may be carried forward indefinitely to reduce future realized capital gains. Refer to Note 10 for the Fund's loss carryforwards.

### 6. Management Fees and Operating Expenses

The management fees were used by CLIML for managing the investment portfolio, providing investment analysis and recommendations, making investment decisions, making brokerage arrangements relating to the purchase and sale of the investment portfolio and making arrangements with registered dealers for the purchase and sale of securities of the Fund by investors. The management fee is calculated on each series of securities of the Fund as a fixed annual percentage of the daily net asset value of the series.

CLIML pays the administration fee to Mackenzie for providing day-to-day administration services, including, financial reporting, communications to investors and securityholder reporting, maintaining the books and records of the Fund, NAV calculations, and processing orders for securities of the Funds. In addition, Mackenzie pays all costs and expenses (other than certain specified fund costs) required to operate the Fund that are not included in the management fee. The Administration Fee is calculated on each series of securities of the Fund as a fixed annual percentage of the daily net asset value of the series.

Other fund costs include taxes (including, but not limited to GST/HST and income tax), interest and borrowing costs, all fees and expenses of the CLIML Funds' Independent Review Committee ("IRC"), costs of complying with the regulatory requirement to produce Fund Facts, fees paid to external service providers associated with tax reclaims, refunds or the preparation of foreign tax reports on behalf of the Funds, new fees related to external services that were not commonly charged in the Canadian mutual fund industry and introduced after the date of the most recently filed simplified prospectus, and the costs of complying with any new regulatory requirements, including, without limitation, any new fees introduced after the date of the most recently filed simplified prospectus.

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

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### 7. Fund's Capital

The capital of the Fund, which is comprised of the net assets attributable to securityholders, is divided into different series with each series having an unlimited number of securities. The securities outstanding for the Fund as at March 31, 2023 and 2022 and securities issued, reinvested and redeemed for the periods are presented in the Statement of Changes in Financial Position. CLIML manages the capital of the Fund in accordance with the investment objectives as discussed in Note 10.

### 8. Financial Instruments Risk

#### i. Risk exposure and management

The Fund's investment activities expose it to a variety of financial risks, as defined in IFRS 7, *Financial Instruments: Disclosures*. The Fund's exposure to financial risks is concentrated in its investments, which are presented in the Schedule of Investments, as at March 31, 2023, grouped by asset type, with geographic and sector information.

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

#### ii. Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk arises when the Fund encounters difficulty in meeting its financial obligations as they become due. The Fund is exposed to liquidity risk due to potential daily cash redemptions of redeemable securities. In order to monitor the liquidity of its assets, the Fund utilizes a liquidity risk management program that calculates the number of days to convert the investments held by the Fund into cash using a multi-day liquidation approach. This liquidity risk analysis assesses the Fund's liquidity against predetermined minimum liquidity percentages established for different time periods and is monitored quarterly. In addition, the Fund has the ability to borrow up to 5% of its net assets for the purposes of funding redemptions.

In order to comply with securities regulations, the Fund must maintain at least 85% of its assets in liquid investments (i.e., investments that can be readily sold).

#### iii. Currency risk

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

Note 10 indicates the foreign currencies, if applicable, to which the Fund had significant exposure, including both monetary and non-monetary financial instruments, and illustrates the potential impact, in Canadian dollar terms, to the Fund's net assets had the Canadian dollar strengthened or weakened by 5% relative to all foreign currencies, all other variables held constant. In practice, the actual trading results may differ and the difference could be material.

The Fund's sensitivity to currency risk illustrated in Note 10 includes potential indirect impacts from underlying funds and Exchange Traded Funds ("ETFs") in which the Fund invests, and/or derivative contracts including forward currency contracts. Other financial assets and liabilities (including dividends and interest receivable, and receivables/payables for investments sold/purchased) that are denominated in foreign currencies do not expose the Fund to significant currency risk.

#### iv. Interest rate risk

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

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

The Fund's sensitivity to interest rate risk illustrated in Note 10 includes potential indirect impacts from underlying funds and ETFs in which the Fund invests, and/or derivative contracts. Cash and cash equivalents and other money market instruments are short term in nature and are not generally subject to significant amounts of interest rate risk.

#### v. Other price risk

Other price risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether caused by factors specific to an individual investment, its issuer, or all factors affecting all instruments traded in a market or market segment. All investments present a risk of loss of capital. This risk is managed through a careful selection of investments and other financial instruments within the parameters of the investment strategies. Except for certain derivative contracts, the maximum risk resulting from financial instruments is equivalent to their fair value. The maximum risk of loss on certain derivative contracts such as forwards, swaps, and futures contracts is equal to their notional values. In the case of written call (put) options and short futures contracts, the loss to the Fund continues to increase, theoretically without limit, as the fair value of the underlying interest increases (decreases). However, these instruments are generally used within the overall investment management process to manage the risk from the underlying investments and do not typically increase the overall risk of loss to the Fund. This risk is mitigated by ensuring that the Fund holds a combination of the underlying interest, cash cover and/or margin that is equal to or greater than the value of the derivative contract.

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

#### v. Other price risk (cont'd)

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

The Fund's sensitivity to other price risk illustrated in Note 10 includes potential indirect impacts from underlying funds and ETFs in which the Fund invests, and/or derivative contracts.

#### vi. Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation or commitment that it has entered into with the Fund. Note 10 summarizes the Fund's exposure, if applicable and significant, to credit risk.

If presented, credit ratings and rating categories are based on ratings issued by a designated rating organization. Indirect exposure to credit risk may arise from fixed-income securities, such as bonds, held by underlying funds and ETFs, if any. The fair value of debt securities includes consideration of the creditworthiness of the debt issuer.

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

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

#### vii. Underlying funds

The Fund may invest in underlying funds and may be indirectly exposed to currency risk, interest rate risk, other price risk and credit risk from fluctuations in the value of financial instruments held by the underlying funds. Note 10 summarizes the Fund's exposure, if applicable and significant, to these risks from underlying funds.

### 9. Other Information

#### Abbreviations

Foreign currencies, if any, are presented in these financial statements using the following abbreviated currency codes:

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

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

#### (a) Fund Formation and Series Information

Date of Formation: July 8, 2010

The Fund may issue an unlimited number of securities of each series. The number of issued and outstanding securities of each series is disclosed in the Statements of Changes in Financial Position.

**Series Distributed by Quadrus Investment Services Ltd.** (255 Dufferin Ave., London, Ontario, N6A 4K1; 1-888-532-3322; www.canadalifeinvest.ca)

All series of the Fund are closed to new investments, except for purchases from investors that held securities of the Fund as of April 25, 2022, and continue to hold these securities.

A Series and T5 Series securities are offered to investors investing a minimum of \$500. Investors in A Series and T5 Series securities also want to receive a monthly cash flow of 4% or 5% per year, respectively.

F Series and F5 Series securities are offered to investors investing a minimum of \$500, who are enrolled in a Quadrus-sponsored fee-for-service or wrap program and who are subject to an asset-based fee. Investors in F Series and F5 Series securities also want to receive a monthly cash flow of 4% or 5% per year, respectively.

N Series and N5 Series securities are offered to investors investing a minimum of \$500, who have eligible minimum total holdings of \$500,000, and who have entered into an N Series Account Agreement with CLIML and Quadrus. Investors in N Series and N5 Series securities also want to receive a monthly cash flow of 4% or 5% per year, respectively.

QF Series and QF5 Series securities are offered to retail investors investing a minimum of \$500. Investors are required to negotiate their advisor service fee, which cannot exceed 1.25%, with their financial advisor. Investors in QF Series and QF5 Series securities also want to receive a monthly cash flow of 4% or 5% per year, respectively.

QFW Series and QFW5 Series securities are offered to high net worth investors investing a minimum of \$500 and who have eligible minimum total holdings of \$500,000. Investors are required to negotiate their advisor service fee, which cannot exceed 1.25%, with their financial advisor. Investors in QFW Series and QFW5 Series securities also want to receive a monthly cash flow of 4% or 5% per year, respectively.

W Series and W5 Series securities are offered to investors investing a minimum of \$500 and who have eligible minimum total holdings of \$500,000. Investors in W Series and W5 Series securities also want to receive a monthly cash flow of 4% or 5% per year, respectively.

Effective September 16, 2022, FW Series and FW5 Series securities were redesignated as F Series and F5 Series securities respectively.

An investor in the Fund may choose among different purchase options that are available under each series. These purchase options are a sales charge purchase option, a redemption charge purchase option,<sup>†</sup> a low-load purchase option<sup>†</sup> and a no-load purchase option. The charges under the sales charge purchase option are negotiated by investors with their dealers. The charges under the redemption charge and low-load purchase options are paid to CLIML if an investor redeems securities of the Fund during specific periods. Not all purchase options are available under each series of the Fund, and the charges for each purchase option may vary among the different series. For further details on these purchase options, please refer to the Fund's Simplified Prospectus and Fund Facts.

Series	Inception/ Reinstatement Date	Management Fee	Administration Fee
A Series	July 21, 2010	1.85%	0.21%
F Series	July 21, 2010	0.55% <sup>(2)</sup>	0.15%
F5 Series	March 16, 2015	0.55% <sup>(2)</sup>	0.15%
FW Series	None issued <sup>(3)</sup>	0.55%	0.15%
FW5 Series	None issued <sup>(4)</sup>	0.55%	0.15%
N Series	December 16, 2011	— <sup>(1)</sup>	— <sup>(1)</sup>
N5 Series	March 22, 2012	— <sup>(1)</sup>	— <sup>(1)</sup>
QF Series	July 12, 2016	0.85%	0.21%
QF5 Series	July 12, 2016	0.85%	0.21%
QFW Series	August 7, 2018	0.55%	0.15%
QFW5 Series	August 7, 2018	0.55%	0.15%
T5 Series	September 22, 2010	1.85%	0.21%
W Series	December 16, 2011	1.55%	0.15%
W5 Series	October 16, 2012	1.55%	0.15%

<sup>†</sup> The redemption charge purchase option and the low-load purchase option are no longer available for purchase, including those made through systematic purchase plans such as pre-authorized contribution plans. Switching from securities of a Canada Life Fund previously purchased under the redemption charge or low-load purchase options to securities of another Canada Life Fund, under the same purchase option, will continue to be available.

(1) This fee is negotiable and payable directly to CLIML by investors in this series through redemptions of their securities.

(2) Prior to July 22, 2022, the management fees for F Series and F5 Series were charged to the Fund at a rate of 0.85%.

(3) The series' original start date was August 7, 2018. All securities in the series were redesignated as F Series on September 16, 2022.

(4) The series' original start date was August 7, 2018. All securities in the series were redesignated as F5 Series on September 16, 2022.

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

#### (b) Tax Loss Carryforwards

Total Capital Loss \$	Total Non-Capital Loss \$	Expiration Date of Non-Capital Losses													
		2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037	2038	2039	2040	2041	2042
25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

#### (c) Securities Lending

As at March 31, 2023 and 2022, the Fund did not have any open securities lending, repurchase or reverse repurchase transactions.

#### (d) Commissions

	(\$)
March 31, 2023	-
March 31, 2022	-

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

##### i. Risk exposure and management

The Fund seeks income and long-term capital growth by investing primarily in fixed income securities and income-oriented equities anywhere in the world, either directly or through other Canada Life funds. It will generally invest 30% to 70% of its assets in any one asset class, but may invest 0% to 100% of its assets in any one asset class.

##### ii. Currency risk

The Fund is exposed to currency risk from its investments in mutual funds. All underlying funds are denominated in Canadian dollars. However, the Fund is indirectly exposed to the risk that the value of foreign currency denominated financial instruments held by underlying funds will fluctuate due to changes in exchange rates. The underlying funds may hedge some or all of their currency exposure.

As at March 31, 2023, had the Canadian dollar increased or decreased by 5% relative to all foreign currencies, with all other variables held constant, net assets would have decreased or increased by approximately \$1,493 or 1.4% of total net assets (2022 – \$1,896 or 1.4%). In practice, the actual trading results may differ and the difference could be material.

##### iii. Interest rate risk

The Fund does not directly hold any interest-bearing financial instruments other than a nominal amount of cash and short-term investments. The Fund is indirectly exposed to the risk that the value of interest-bearing financial instruments held by the Underlying Fund will fluctuate due to changes in the prevailing levels of market interest rates.

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

	Bonds (%)	Derivative Instruments (%)	Impact on net assets			
			Increase by 1%		Decrease by 1%	
March 31, 2023	(%)	(%)	(\$)	(%)	(\$)	(%)
Less than 1 year	0.6	100.0				
1-5 years	16.9	-				
5-10 years	45.0	-				
Greater than 10 years	37.5	-				
Total	100.0	100.0				
Total sensitivity to interest rate changes			(2,372)	(2.2)	2,384	2.2

	Bonds (%)	Derivative Instruments (%)	Impact on net assets			
			Increase by 1%		Decrease by 1%	
March 31, 2022*	(%)	(%)	(\$)	(%)	(\$)	(%)
Less than 1 year	0.5	100.0				
1-5 years	15.2	-				
5-10 years	53.3	-				
Greater than 10 years	31.0	-				
Total	100.0	100.0				
Total sensitivity to interest rate changes			(4,837)	(3.6)	4,837	3.6

\* The March 31, 2022 interest rate risks have been updated based on that of the new Underlying Fund purchased subsequent to an investment objectives and strategies change that occurred during the period.



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#### (e) Risks Associated with Financial Instruments (cont'd)

##### iv. Other price risk

The table below summarizes the Fund's exposure to other price risk.

Impact on net assets	Increased by 10%		Decreased by 10%	
	(\$)	(%)	(\$)	(%)
March 31, 2023	6,591	6.0	(6,562)	(6.0)
March 31, 2022	7,102	5.2	(7,102)	(5.2)

##### v. Credit risk

The Fund's greatest concentration of credit risk is in debt securities, such as bonds held by the underlying funds. The fair value of debt securities includes considerations of the creditworthiness of the debt issuer. The maximum effective exposure to any one debt issuer held by the underlying funds, as at March 31, 2023, was 2.2% of the net assets of the underlying funds (2022 – 3.6%).

For more information regarding the credit risk of the underlying funds, refer to the underlying funds' financial statements available on the SEDAR website at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) or at [www.canadalifeinvest.ca](http://www.canadalifeinvest.ca).

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

Bond Rating*	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2022
	% of Net Assets	% of Net Assets
AAA	3.3	2.0
AA	4.7	3.8
A	2.1	0.5
BBB	8.2	2.2
Less than BBB	12.4	8.0
Unrated	1.7	1.3
Total	32.4	17.8

\* Credit ratings and rating categories are based on ratings issued by a designated rating organization. The March 31, 2022 credit ratings and rating categories have been updated based on that of the new Underlying Fund purchased subsequent to an investment objectives and strategies change that occurred during the period.

#### (f) Fair Value Classification

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

	March 31, 2023				March 31, 2022			
	Level 1 (\$)	Level 2 (\$)	Level 3 (\$)	Total (\$)	Level 1 (\$)	Level 2 (\$)	Level 3 (\$)	Total (\$)
Mutual funds	108,918	–	–	108,918	135,836	–	–	135,836
Total	108,918	–	–	108,918	135,836	–	–	135,836

The Fund's policy is to recognize transfers into and transfers out of fair value hierarchy levels as of the date of the event or change in circumstances that caused the transfer.

During the periods, there were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2.

#### (g) Investments by the Manager and Affiliates

As at March 31, 2023 and 2022, there were no investments held by the Manager and affiliates in the Fund.

#### (h) Offsetting of Financial Assets and Liabilities

As at March 31, 2023 and 2022, there were no amounts subject to offsetting.

#### (i) Interest in Unconsolidated Structured Entities

The Fund's investment details in the Underlying Funds as at March 31, 2023 and 2022 are as follows:

March 31, 2023	% of Underlying Fund's Net Assets	Fair Value of Fund's Investment (\$)
Canada Life Strategic Income Fund Series R	5.5	108,918

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#### (i) Interest in Unconsolidated Structured Entities (cont'd)

March 31, 2022	% of Underlying Fund's Net Assets	Fair Value of Fund's Investment (\$)
Canada Life Canadian Core Bond Fund Series R	18.1	64,037
Canada Life Canadian Core Dividend Fund Series R	9.7	24,258
Canada Life Canadian Growth Fund Series R	6.2	12,179
Canada Life Global Dividend Fund Series R	7.6	23,603
Canada Life International Equity Fund Series R	5.1	4,602
Canada Life U.S. Dividend Fund Series R	2.5	7,157

#### (j) Name Change

Effective April 25, 2022, the Fund was renamed Canada Life Strategic Income Fund II.