

# BLACKROCK – IG LOW VOLATILITY INTERNATIONAL EQUITY POOL

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## MANAGEMENT REPORT

### Management's Responsibility for Financial Reporting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared by I.G. Investment Management, Ltd., as Manager of BlackRock – IG Low Volatility International Equity Pool (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 IFRS Accounting 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 I.G. 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 the Manager, internal auditors and external auditors to discuss internal controls over the financial reporting process, auditing matters and financial reporting issues.

KPMG LLP is 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 I.G. Investment Management, Ltd.,  
Manager of the Fund



Damon Murchison  
President and Chief Executive Officer



Terry Rountes  
Chief Financial Officer, Funds

June 6, 2024

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Securityholders of BlackRock – IG Low Volatility International Equity Pool (the "Fund")

### Opinion

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

- the statements of financial position as at March 31, 2024 and March 31, 2023
- the statements of comprehensive income for the periods then ended as indicated in note 1
- the statements of changes in financial position for the periods then ended as indicated in note 1
- the statements of cash flows for the periods then ended as indicated in note 1 and
- notes to the financial statements, including a summary of material 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, 2024 and March 31, 2023, and its financial performance and cash flows for the periods then ended as indicated in note 1 in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards.

### 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.

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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 filed with the relevant Canadian Securities Commissions.

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 IFRS Accounting Standards, 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  
Winnipeg, Canada  
June 6, 2024

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## STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

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

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Investments at fair value	330,350	227,645
Cash and cash equivalents	2,046	1,055
Dividends receivable	1,171	1,015
Accounts receivable for investments sold	–	–
Accounts receivable for securities issued	823	–
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>334,390</b>	<b>229,715</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable for investments purchased	1,054	502
Accounts payable for securities redeemed	–	–
Due to manager	3	3
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>1,057</b>	<b>505</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to securityholders</b>	<b>333,333</b>	<b>229,210</b>

	Net assets attributable to securityholders (note 3)			
	per security		per series	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Series P	10.42	9.86	333,333	229,210

## STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

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

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
<b>Income</b>		
Dividends	9,243	6,339
Interest income for distribution purposes	68	10
Other changes in fair value of investments and other net assets		
Net realized gain (loss)	1,151	(7,260)
Net unrealized gain (loss)	14,982	13,758
Securities lending income	34	1
<b>Total income (loss)</b>	<b>25,478</b>	<b>12,848</b>
<b>Expenses (note 6)</b>		
Interest charges	–	1
Commissions and other portfolio transaction costs	195	170
Independent Review Committee fees	1	–
<b>Expenses before amounts absorbed by Manager</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>171</b>
Expenses absorbed by Manager	–	–
<b>Net expenses</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>171</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders from operations before tax</b>	<b>25,282</b>	<b>12,677</b>
Foreign withholding tax expense (recovery)	1,222	869
Foreign income tax expense (recovery)	–	–
<b>Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders from operations</b>	<b>24,060</b>	<b>11,808</b>

	Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders from operations (note 3)			
	per security		per series	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Series P	0.88	0.59	24,060	11,808

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

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## STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION

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

	Series P	
	2024	2023
<b>NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SECURITYHOLDERS</b>		
<b>Beginning of period</b>	229,210	161,154
Increase (decrease) in net assets from operations	24,060	11,808
Distributions paid to securityholders:		
Investment income	(7,305)	(4,587)
Capital gains	–	–
Total distributions paid to securityholders	(7,305)	(4,587)
Security transactions:		
Proceeds from securities issued	82,672	60,146
Reinvested distributions	7,305	4,587
Payments on redemption of securities	(2,609)	(3,898)
Total security transactions	87,368	60,835
<b>Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders</b>	<b>104,123</b>	<b>68,056</b>
<b>End of period</b>	<b>333,333</b>	<b>229,210</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) in fund securities (in thousands) (note 7):</b>		
<b>Securities outstanding – beginning of period</b>	<b>23,243</b>	<b>16,633</b>
Issued	8,285	6,541
Reinvested distributions	733	491
Redeemed	(259)	(422)
<b>Securities outstanding – end of period</b>	<b>32,002</b>	<b>23,243</b>

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## STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

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

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Net increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders from operations	24,060	11,808
Adjustments for:		
Net realized loss (gain) on investments	(1,117)	7,331
Change in net unrealized loss (gain) on investments	(14,982)	(13,758)
Purchase of investments	(226,028)	(170,422)
Proceeds from sale and maturity of investments	139,978	109,195
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable and other assets	(156)	(487)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and other liabilities	–	1
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>(78,245)</b>	<b>(56,332)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Proceeds from securities issued	81,849	60,146
Payments on redemption of securities	(2,609)	(3,898)
Distributions paid net of reinvestments	–	–
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities</b>	<b>79,240</b>	<b>56,248</b>
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>995</b>	<b>(84)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	1,055	1,141
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash and cash equivalents	(4)	(2)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>2,046</b>	<b>1,055</b>
Cash	2,046	1,055
Cash equivalents	–	–
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>2,046</b>	<b>1,055</b>
<b>Supplementary disclosures on cash flow from operating activities:</b>		
Dividends received	9,087	5,852
Foreign taxes paid	1,222	869
Interest received	68	10
Interest paid	–	1

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## SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

as at March 31, 2024

	Country	Sector	Par Value/ Number of Shares/Units	Average Cost (\$ 000)	Fair Value (\$ 000)
<b>EQUITIES</b>					
ACS, Actividades de Construccion y Servicios SA	Spain	Industrials	4,770	262	270
Aena SA	Spain	Industrials	5,070	1,060	1,351
Air Liquide SA	France	Materials	10,608	2,184	2,989
Alcon Inc.	Switzerland	Health Care	2,957	296	332
Anheuser-Busch InBev NV	Belgium	Consumer Staples	10,225	761	843
Argenx SE	Netherlands	Health Care	2,727	1,466	1,459
Astellas Pharma Inc.	Japan	Health Care	60,300	1,152	887
AstraZeneca PLC	United Kingdom	Health Care	17,256	2,767	3,150
Auckland International Airport Ltd.	New Zealand	Industrials	112,811	771	762
BAE Systems PLC	United Kingdom	Industrials	208,192	3,158	4,803
Baloise Holding AG	Switzerland	Financials	5,078	1,045	1,078
Bank Hapoalim	Israel	Financials	118,867	1,387	1,538
Bank Leumi Le-Israël	Israel	Financials	74,293	848	851
Banque Cantonale Vaudoise	Switzerland	Financials	8,807	1,162	1,386
Barry Callebaut AG	Switzerland	Consumer Staples	672	1,807	1,321
Beiersdorf AG	Germany	Consumer Staples	16,715	2,752	3,296
BKW AG	Switzerland	Utilities	6,248	1,232	1,299
BOC Hong Kong (Holdings) Ltd.	Hong Kong	Financials	514,500	2,140	1,865
Brambles Ltd.	Australia	Industrials	83,935	973	1,196
Bridgestone Corp.	Japan	Consumer Discretionary	14,500	769	863
British American Tobacco PLC	United Kingdom	Consumer Staples	10,026	505	412
Bunzl PLC	United Kingdom	Industrials	19,602	917	1,021
CaixaBank SA	Spain	Financials	84,600	520	555
Canon Inc.	Japan	Information Technology	74,900	2,345	3,016
Carlsberg AS B	Denmark	Consumer Staples	5,008	988	926
Carrefour SA	France	Consumer Staples	68,479	1,666	1,588
Central Japan Railway Co.	Japan	Industrials	75,500	2,525	2,517
Check Point Software Technologies Ltd.	Israel	Information Technology	8,325	1,390	1,849
The Chiba Bank Ltd.	Japan	Financials	102,900	880	1,161
Chubu Electric Power Co. Inc.	Japan	Utilities	82,300	1,150	1,454
Chugai Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd.	Japan	Health Care	30,700	1,341	1,586
CK Asset Holdings Ltd.	Hong Kong	Real Estate	41,500	266	231
CK Hutchison Holdings Ltd.	Hong Kong	Industrials	200,000	1,555	1,308
CK Infrastructure Holdings Ltd.	Hong Kong	Utilities	182,000	1,347	1,442
CLP Holdings Ltd.	Hong Kong	Utilities	289,500	3,326	3,123
Coca-Cola European Partners PLC	United Kingdom	Consumer Staples	1,578	130	149
Cochlear Ltd.	Australia	Health Care	1,055	244	314
Coles Group Ltd.	Australia	Consumer Staples	48,898	762	731
Compass Group PLC	United Kingdom	Consumer Discretionary	33,033	1,222	1,312
Concordia Financial Group Ltd.	Japan	Financials	114,200	579	786
CSL Ltd.	Australia	Health Care	5,965	1,561	1,516
Dai Nippon Printing Co. Ltd.	Japan	Industrials	12,800	492	535
Daiwa House Industry Co. Ltd.	Japan	Real Estate	21,900	851	887
Danone SA	France	Consumer Staples	17,957	1,440	1,571
Dassault Aviation SA	France	Industrials	4,014	957	1,196
Davide Campari Milano SpA	Italy	Consumer Staples	19,356	293	263
DBS Group Holdings Ltd.	Singapore	Financials	90,500	2,759	3,271
Deutsche Boerse AG	Germany	Financials	4,464	1,007	1,237
Deutsche Telekom AG	Germany	Communication Services	83,165	2,233	2,734
Diageo PLC	United Kingdom	Consumer Staples	5,831	332	292
East Japan Railway Co.	Japan	Industrials	71,700	1,856	1,872
Edenred	France	Financials	3,285	285	237
Elbit Systems Ltd.	Israel	Industrials	4,339	1,211	1,243
Elisa OYJ	Finland	Communication Services	37,222	2,680	2,249
EMS-Chemie Holding AG	Switzerland	Materials	1,448	1,638	1,505
Enagas SA	Spain	Utilities	6,912	165	139
Endesa SA	Spain	Utilities	32,443	912	814
ENEOS Holdings Inc.	Japan	Energy	181,700	908	1,189
Eni SpA	Italy	Energy	54,517	1,142	1,167
Fast Retailing Co. Ltd.	Japan	Consumer Discretionary	700	192	295
Ferrari NV	Italy	Consumer Discretionary	5,994	2,108	3,538
FUJIFILM Holdings Corp.	Japan	Information Technology	11,400	309	344
Galp Energia SGPS SA	Portugal	Energy	49,798	1,017	1,114

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	Country	Sector	Par Value/ Number of Shares/Units	Average Cost (\$ 000)	Fair Value (\$ 000)
<b>EQUITIES (cont'd)</b>					
Genmab AS	Denmark	Health Care	1,441	697	588
Genling Singapore Ltd.	Singapore	Consumer Discretionary	1,028,700	1,027	913
Getlink SE	France	Industrials	21,351	496	492
Givaudan SA	Switzerland	Materials	251	1,301	1,514
GSK PLC	United Kingdom	Health Care	146,559	4,021	4,281
Haleon PLC	United Kingdom	Consumer Staples	46,066	263	262
Hang Seng Bank Ltd.	Hong Kong	Financials	212,200	4,372	3,144
Hankyu Hanshin Holdings Inc.	Japan	Industrials	9,600	386	378
Hannover Rueckversicherung SE Reg.	Germany	Financials	4,093	1,322	1,517
Heineken Holding NV A	Netherlands	Consumer Staples	6,040	690	660
Heineken NV	Netherlands	Consumer Staples	7,667	1,029	1,001
Helvetia Holding AG	Switzerland	Financials	3,793	716	708
Henkel AG & Co. KGaA	Germany	Consumer Staples	18,725	1,783	1,826
Hikma Pharmaceuticals PLC	United Kingdom	Health Care	11,728	399	385
Hirose Electric Co. Ltd.	Japan	Information Technology	8,700	1,577	1,205
HKT Trust and HKT Ltd.	Hong Kong	Communication Services	1,011,000	1,707	1,597
Holcim Ltd.	Switzerland	Materials	5,693	546	698
The Hong Kong and China Gas Co. Ltd.	Hong Kong	Utilities	1,348,850	1,568	1,384
Hongkong Land Holdings Ltd.	Hong Kong	Real Estate	59,800	262	249
HSBC Holdings PLC	United Kingdom	Financials	33,909	281	359
Iberdrola SA	Spain	Utilities	95,252	1,498	1,600
Idemitsu Kosan Co.	Japan	Energy	56,900	383	530
Industria de Diseno Textil SA (Inditex)	Spain	Consumer Discretionary	75,666	3,247	5,159
Infrastrutture Wireless Italiane SpA	Italy	Communication Services	19,850	294	305
Insurance Australia Group Ltd.	Australia	Financials	86,263	403	487
Ipsen SA	France	Health Care	5,599	862	902
Israel Chemicals Ltd.	Israel	Materials	74,718	702	539
Israel Discount Bank Ltd.	Israel	Financials	43,540	290	313
ITOCHU Corp.	Japan	Industrials	23,400	991	1,354
Japan Post Bank Co. Ltd.	Japan	Financials	177,700	2,102	2,585
Japan Post Holdings Co. Ltd.	Japan	Financials	146,100	1,526	2,002
Japan Post Insurance Co. Ltd.	Japan	Financials	5,200	132	135
Japan Tobacco Inc.	Japan	Consumer Staples	51,300	1,353	1,861
Jardine Matheson Holdings Ltd.	Hong Kong	Industrials	21,400	1,473	1,081
JDE Peet's BV	Netherlands	Consumer Staples	28,965	1,131	823
Jeronimo Martins SGPS SA	Portugal	Consumer Staples	34,227	998	919
Kao Corp.	Japan	Consumer Staples	5,000	300	252
KDDI Corp.	Japan	Communication Services	37,000	1,512	1,484
Keisei Electric Railway Co. Ltd.	Japan	Industrials	7,500	340	413
Kerry Group PLC A	Ireland	Consumer Staples	8,159	1,231	947
Kintetsu Corp.	Japan	Industrials	30,900	1,305	1,231
Kirin Holdings Co. Ltd.	Japan	Consumer Staples	13,000	266	244
Kone OYJ B	Finland	Industrials	21,696	1,704	1,367
Koninklijke (Royal) KPN NV	Netherlands	Communication Services	631,954	2,881	3,200
Koninklijke Ahold Delhaize NV	Netherlands	Consumer Staples	106,157	4,133	4,299
Kuehne + Nagel International AG	Switzerland	Industrials	4,393	1,655	1,656
Kyocera Corp.	Japan	Information Technology	29,700	562	537
Kyowa Hakko Kirin Co. Ltd.	Japan	Health Care	38,700	1,056	932
La Francaise des Jeux SAEM	France	Consumer Discretionary	14,672	745	810
Leonardo SpA	Italy	Industrials	14,529	321	494
Lindt & Sprungli AG-PC	Switzerland	Consumer Staples	35	529	567
L'Oreal SA	France	Consumer Staples	335	186	215
Lotus Bakeries NV	Belgium	Consumer Staples	62	741	811
McDonalds Holding Co. Japan Ltd.	Japan	Consumer Discretionary	25,400	1,409	1,559
Medibank Private Ltd.	Australia	Financials	434,955	1,359	1,443
MEIJI Holdings Co. Ltd.	Japan	Consumer Staples	43,800	1,461	1,327
Merck KGaA	Germany	Health Care	3,436	853	821
Mercury NZ Ltd.	New Zealand	Utilities	68,463	360	384
Meridian Energy Ltd.	New Zealand	Utilities	69,887	311	334
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group Inc.	Japan	Financials	71,500	576	996
Mizrahi Tefahot Bank Ltd.	Israel	Financials	9,823	434	508
Mizuho Financial Group Inc.	Japan	Financials	104,600	1,964	2,850
MS&AD Insurance Group Holdings Inc.	Japan	Financials	20,100	311	488

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	Country	Sector	Par Value/ Number of Shares/Units	Average Cost (\$ 000)	Fair Value (\$ 000)
<b>EQUITIES (cont'd)</b>					
MTR Corp. Ltd.	Hong Kong	Industrials	453,000	2,931	2,022
Muenchener Rueckversicherungs - Gesellschaft AG (MunichRe)	Germany	Financials	1,646	958	1,088
Namco Bandai Holdings Inc.	Japan	Consumer Discretionary	12,900	400	326
National Grid PLC	United Kingdom	Utilities	183,876	3,133	3,351
NEC Corp.	Japan	Information Technology	15,900	1,007	1,563
Nestle SA Reg.	Switzerland	Consumer Staples	29,264	4,568	4,208
Nippon Express Holdings Co. Ltd.	Japan	Industrials	1,600	127	111
Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp.	Japan	Communication Services	1,818,100	2,658	2,925
Nissin Foods Holdings Co. Ltd.	Japan	Consumer Staples	46,000	1,518	1,728
Nitori Holdings Co. Ltd.	Japan	Consumer Discretionary	4,400	796	929
Nokia OYJ	Finland	Information Technology	71,319	449	343
Nomura Research Institute Ltd.	Japan	Information Technology	7,700	326	292
Novartis AG Reg.	Switzerland	Health Care	35,128	4,095	4,610
Novo Nordisk AS B	Denmark	Health Care	18,122	1,495	3,128
Obayashi Corp.	Japan	Industrials	57,400	616	956
OBIC Co. Ltd.	Japan	Information Technology	6,100	1,335	1,243
Odakyu Electric Railway Co. Ltd.	Japan	Industrials	22,800	523	423
Ono Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd.	Japan	Health Care	61,500	1,812	1,350
Oracle Corp. Japan	Japan	Information Technology	5,600	561	574
Orange SA	France	Communication Services	238,740	3,489	3,798
Oriental Land Co. Ltd.	Japan	Consumer Discretionary	10,600	442	460
Orion OYJ	Finland	Health Care	24,588	1,465	1,242
Osaka Gas Co. Ltd.	Japan	Utilities	57,600	1,307	1,748
Otsuka Corp.	Japan	Information Technology	23,000	614	658
Otsuka Holdings Co. Ltd.	Japan	Health Care	80,100	3,668	4,522
Oversea-Chinese Banking Corp. Ltd.	Singapore	Financials	209,400	2,475	2,834
Pan Pacific International Holdings Corp.	Japan	Consumer Discretionary	36,100	867	1,306
Pearson PLC	United Kingdom	Consumer Discretionary	38,348	530	683
Power Assets Holdings Ltd.	Hong Kong	Utilities	402,500	3,036	3,189
Qiagen NV	United States	Health Care	38,961	2,493	2,256
Reckitt Benckiser Group PLC	United Kingdom	Consumer Staples	25,407	2,559	1,960
Recordati SpA	Italy	Health Care	21,325	1,435	1,596
Red Electrica Corporacion SA	Spain	Utilities	81,160	1,911	1,874
RELX PLC	United Kingdom	Industrials	50,519	2,012	2,957
Repsol SA	Spain	Energy	49,994	987	1,128
Roche Holding AG Genussscheine	Switzerland	Health Care	10,190	4,426	3,515
Roche Holding AG	Switzerland	Health Care	6,449	3,090	2,354
The Sage Group PLC	United Kingdom	Information Technology	23,505	326	508
Sampo OY A	Finland	Financials	34,799	2,184	2,009
Sandoz Group AG	Switzerland	Health Care	4,475	165	183
Sanofi	United States	Health Care	31,725	4,098	4,216
SAP AG	Germany	Information Technology	5,804	1,273	1,530
Schindler Holding AG	Switzerland	Industrials	6,871	2,109	2,270
SCSK Corp.	Japan	Information Technology	44,600	1,122	1,132
SECOM Co. Ltd.	Japan	Industrials	32,000	2,966	3,138
Sekisui Chemical Co. Ltd.	Japan	Consumer Discretionary	28,400	537	567
Sekisui House Ltd.	Japan	Consumer Discretionary	53,200	1,387	1,673
SG Holdings Co. Ltd.	Japan	Industrials	28,800	719	490
Shell PLC (GBP Shares)	Netherlands	Energy	38,192	1,690	1,714
Shimizu Corp.	Japan	Industrials	112,900	998	1,011
Shionogi & Co. Ltd.	Japan	Health Care	11,100	744	770
Shizuoka Financial Group Inc.	Japan	Financials	133,700	1,338	1,731
Singapore Exchange Ltd.	Singapore	Financials	220,200	2,071	2,034
Singapore Technologies Engineering Ltd. (ST Engg)	Singapore	Industrials	484,200	1,757	1,952
Snam SpA	Italy	Utilities	227,325	1,589	1,453
Softbank Corp.	Japan	Communication Services	221,500	3,547	3,866
Sonic Healthcare Ltd.	Australia	Health Care	18,705	593	486
Spark New Zealand Ltd.	New Zealand	Communication Services	126,777	521	489
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group Inc.	Japan	Financials	9,400	471	749
Sun Hung Kai Properties Ltd.	Hong Kong	Real Estate	45,500	752	594
Suntory Beverage & Food Ltd.	Japan	Consumer Staples	30,800	1,460	1,389
The Swatch Group AG Reg.	Switzerland	Consumer Discretionary	5,786	399	355
Swedish Orphan Biovitrum AB	Sweden	Health Care	8,735	241	295



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	Country	Sector	Par Value/ Number of Shares/Units	Average Cost (\$ 000)	Fair Value (\$ 000)
<b>EQUITIES (cont'd)</b>					
Swiss Prime Site AG	Switzerland	Real Estate	25,012	3,090	3,195
Swiss Re Ltd.	Switzerland	Financials	4,420	705	770
Swisscom AG Reg.	Switzerland	Communication Services	5,956	4,476	4,933
Symrise AG	Germany	Materials	3,146	493	510
Takeda Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd.	Japan	Health Care	68,600	2,719	2,568
Talanx AG	Germany	Financials	2,296	228	246
Telenor ASA	Norway	Communication Services	14,414	254	217
Telstra Corp. Ltd.	Australia	Communication Services	243,042	858	828
Terna SpA	Italy	Utilities	80,377	823	900
Tesco PLC	United Kingdom	Consumer Staples	253,792	1,069	1,287
Thales SA	France	Industrials	8,813	1,667	2,035
Tobu Railway Co. Ltd.	Japan	Industrials	41,000	1,348	1,387
Tokio Marine Holdings Inc.	Japan	Financials	23,500	615	989
Tokyo Gas Co. Ltd.	Japan	Utilities	35,500	911	1,115
Tokyu Corp.	Japan	Industrials	53,500	918	883
Total SA	France	Energy	30,801	2,636	2,856
Transurban Group Stapled Securities	Australia	Industrials	83,492	1,060	982
Tryg AS	Denmark	Financials	43,093	1,242	1,200
UCB SA	Belgium	Health Care	21,867	2,538	3,655
Unilever PLC (London Exchange)	United Kingdom	Consumer Staples	61,630	4,135	4,188
United Overseas Bank Ltd.	Singapore	Financials	88,300	2,330	2,596
United Utilities Group PLC	United Kingdom	Utilities	11,338	196	199
USS Co. Ltd.	Japan	Consumer Discretionary	118,200	1,327	1,335
Washington H. Soul Pattison & Co. Ltd.	Australia	Financials	7,022	208	208
Wesfarmers Ltd.	Australia	Consumer Discretionary	48,333	2,346	2,918
West Japan Railway Co.	Japan	Industrials	26,600	786	747
Wolters Kluwer NV	Netherlands	Industrials	12,249	1,797	2,598
Woolworths Ltd.	Australia	Consumer Staples	47,160	1,635	1,381
Yakult Hansha Co. Ltd.	Japan	Consumer Staples	26,000	915	726
Yamato Holdings Co. Ltd.	Japan	Industrials	17,500	387	338
Zensho Holdings Co. Ltd.	Japan	Consumer Discretionary	1,500	114	86
Zurich Insurance Group AG	Switzerland	Financials	7,001	4,530	5,113
<b>Total equities</b>				<b>297,858</b>	<b>318,996</b>
<b>EXCHANGE-TRADED FUNDS</b>					
iShares MSCI EAFE Min Vol Factor ETF	Multinational	Exchange-Traded Funds	118,275	11,145	11,354
<b>Total exchange-traded funds</b>				<b>11,145</b>	<b>11,354</b>
Transaction costs				(240)	–
<b>Total investments</b>				<b>308,763</b>	<b>330,350</b>
Cash and cash equivalents					2,046
Other assets less liabilities					937
<b>Net assets attributable to securityholders</b>					<b>333,333</b>

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## SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

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PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Equities	95.7
Exchange-traded funds	3.4
Cash and cash equivalents	0.6
Other assets (liabilities)	0.3

REGIONAL ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Japan	26.3
Switzerland	13.1
Other	10.2
United Kingdom	9.5
Hong Kong	6.4
France	5.6
Netherlands	4.7
Germany	4.4
Singapore	4.1
Spain	3.9
Australia	3.7
Italy	2.9
Finland	2.2
Israel	2.1
Cash and cash equivalents	0.6
Other assets (liabilities)	0.3

SECTOR ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Health care	16.2
Financials	15.9
Industrials	15.3
Consumer staples	13.3
Communication services	8.6
Utilities	7.7
Consumer discretionary	7.5
Information technology	4.4
Exchange-traded funds	3.4
Energy	2.9
Materials	2.3
Real estate	1.6
Cash and cash equivalents	0.6
Other assets (liabilities)	0.3

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PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Equities	98.1
Exchange-traded funds	1.2
Cash and cash equivalents	0.5
Other assets (liabilities)	0.2

REGIONAL ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Japan	26.1
Switzerland	11.9
United Kingdom	10.5
France	7.4
Hong Kong	7.0
Other	6.6
Singapore	4.4
Australia	4.1
Denmark	3.6
United States	3.5
Germany	3.4
Netherlands	3.2
Italy	2.6
Spain	2.5
Finland	2.5
Cash and cash equivalents	0.5
Other assets (liabilities)	0.2

SECTOR ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Health care	17.4
Consumer staples	15.7
Financials	14.1
Industrials	14.0
Communication services	10.0
Utilities	7.8
Consumer discretionary	6.8
Materials	5.2
Information technology	3.9
Real estate	2.0
Energy	1.2
Exchange-traded funds	1.2
Cash and cash equivalents	0.5
Other assets (liabilities)	0.2

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### 1. Organization of the Fund, Fiscal Periods and General Information

#### (a) Organization of the Fund

The Fund is organized as an open-ended mutual fund trust established under the laws of Manitoba and governed by a Declaration of Trust. The address of the Fund's registered office is 447 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. The Fund is authorized to issue an unlimited number of securities of multiple series. Series P securities are only available for purchase by other IG Wealth Management Funds or other qualified investors.

The information provided in these financial statements and notes thereto is for the periods ended or as at March 31, 2024 and 2023, as applicable. In the year a Fund or series is established or reinstated, 'period' represents the period from inception or reinstatement. Where a Fund or series of a Fund was established during either period, the information for the Fund or series is provided from inception date. 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.

#### (b) General information

I.G. Investment Management, Ltd. is the Manager, Portfolio Advisor and Trustee of the Fund. The Fund is distributed by Investors Group Financial Services Inc. and Investors Group Securities Inc. (collectively, the "Distributors"). These companies are, indirectly, wholly owned subsidiaries of IGM Financial Inc.

IGM Financial Inc. is a subsidiary of Power Corporation of Canada. Companies related to Power Corporation of Canada are therefore considered affiliates of the Trustee, the Manager and the Distributors. The Fund may invest in certain securities within the Power Group of Companies, subject to certain governance criteria, and these holdings, as at the end of the period, have been identified on the Schedule of Investments for the Fund. Any transactions during the periods, other than transactions with unlisted open-ended mutual funds, were executed through market intermediaries and under prevailing market terms and conditions.

### 2. Basis of Preparation and Presentation

These audited annual financial statements ("financial statements") have been prepared in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards ("IFRS"). A summary of the Fund's material accounting policies under IFRS is presented in Note 3.

These financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars, which is the Fund's functional currency, and 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 Manager on June 6, 2024.

### 3. Material Accounting Policies

The Fund adopted Disclosure of Accounting Policies Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statements 2 from April 1, 2023. Although the amendments did not result in any changes to the accounting policies themselves, they impacted the accounting policy information disclosed in the financial statements. The amendments require the disclosure of 'material' rather than 'significant' accounting policies. The amendments also provide guidance on the application of materiality to disclosure of accounting policies. The Manager reviewed the accounting policies and made updates to the information disclosed in certain instances in line with the amendments.

#### (a) Financial instruments

Financial instruments include financial assets and liabilities such as debt and equity securities, investment funds and derivatives. The Fund classifies and measures financial instruments in accordance with IFRS 9, *Financial Instruments* ("IFRS 9"). Upon initial recognition, financial instruments are classified as fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL"). All financial assets and liabilities are recognized in the Statement of Financial Position when the Fund becomes a party to the contractual requirements of the instrument. Financial instruments 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 and 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, private funds ("Underlying Funds") and Exchange-Traded Funds ("ETFs"), if any, at FVTPL. For private funds, the Manager will rely on the valuations provided by the managers of the private funds, which represents the Fund's proportionate share of the net assets of these private funds. The Fund's investment in Underlying Funds and ETFs, if any, is presented in the Schedule of Investments at fair value which represents the Fund's maximum exposure on these investments.

The Fund's redeemable securities contain multiple dissimilar contractual obligations and entitle securityholders to the right to redeem their interest in the Fund for cash equal to their proportionate share of the net asset value of the Fund and therefore 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.

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

#### (b) Fair value measurement

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

Investments listed on a public securities exchange or traded on an over-the-counter market are valued on the basis of the last traded market price or closing 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, Mackenzie 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 constituting 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 Mackenzie's opinion, inaccurate, unreliable, or not reflective of all available material information, are valued at their fair value as determined by Mackenzie 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.

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 daily fluctuation of futures contracts or swaps, along with daily cash settlements made by the Fund, where applicable, 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, 2024.

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.

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

#### (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 a weighted 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.

#### (d) Securities lending and repurchase transactions

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

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

Note 10 summarizes the details of securities loaned and collateral received as 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.

#### (e) 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 Statement 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.

#### (f) 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.

#### (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 – 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) 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 Statement 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.

#### (i) 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.

#### (j) 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.

#### (k) 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 Judgements

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

In classifying and measuring financial instruments held by the Fund, the Manager is required to make significant judgments in order to determine the most appropriate classification in accordance with IFRS 9. The Manager has 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, the Manager 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 objectives 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 Fund's interest in these Underlying Funds, if applicable.

### 5. Income Taxes

As a unit trust, the Fund, under the provisions of the Income Tax Act (Canada), 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. The Fund may be subject to withholding taxes on foreign income. In general, the Fund treats withholding tax as a charge against income for tax purposes. The Fund will distribute sufficient amounts from net income for tax purposes, as required, so that the Fund will not pay income taxes.

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. Fees and Other Expenses

- (a) The Fund is responsible for the payment of certain expenses related to its operation including taxes (including but not limited to GST/HST and income tax), transaction costs related to the purchase and sale of investments and derivatives, interest and borrowing costs, and Independent Review Committee ("IRC") costs.
- (b) The Manager provides or arranges for the provision of investment and advisory services, and administrative services. The Trustee is responsible for the overall direction and management of the Fund.
- (c) GST/HST paid by the Fund on its expenses is not recoverable. In these financial statements, reference to GST/HST includes QST (Quebec sales tax), as applicable.
- (d) Other expenses are comprised of bank charges and other miscellaneous expenses.
- (e) The Manager may, at its discretion, pay certain expenses of a Fund so that the Fund's performance remains competitive; however, there is no assurance that this will occur in the future. Any expenses absorbed by the Manager during the periods have been reported in the Statements of Comprehensive Income.
- (f) Investment in Underlying Funds will be in series that do not pay fees. The ETFs into which the Fund may invest may have their own fees and expenses which reduce the value of the ETF. Generally, the Manager has determined that fees paid by an ETF are not duplicative with the fees paid by the Fund. However, where the ETF is managed by Mackenzie Financial Corporation, the ETF may distribute a fee rebate to the Fund to offset fees paid within the ETF. There is no assurance that these distributions will continue in the future.
- (g) Agreements between the individual members of the Fund's IRC and the Trustee, on behalf of the Fund, provides for the indemnification of each IRC member by the Fund from and against liabilities and costs in respect of any action or suit against the member by reason of being or having been a member of the IRC, provided that the member acted honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interest of the Fund, or, in the case of a criminal or administrative action or proceeding that is enforced by a monetary penalty, that they had reasonable grounds for believing that his/her conduct was lawful. No claims with respect to such occurrences have been made and, as such, no amount has been recorded in these financial statements with respect to these indemnifications.

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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, 2024 and 2023 and securities issued, reinvested and redeemed for the periods are presented in the Statement of Changes in Financial Position. The Manager manages the capital of the Fund in accordance with the investment objectives as discussed in Note 10.

### 8. Financial Instruments Risk

#### (a) Risk management

The Fund's investment activities expose it to a variety of financial risks, as defined in IFRS 7, *Financial Instruments: Disclosures* ("IFRS 7"). The Fund's exposure to financial risks is concentrated in its investments, which are presented in the Schedule of Investments, as at March 31, 2024, grouped by asset type, with geographic and sector information.

The Manager seeks to minimize potential adverse effects of financial instrument risks on the Fund's performance by employing professional, experienced portfolio advisors, daily monitoring of the Fund's positions and market events, and diversifying the investment portfolio within the constraints of the investment objective. To assist in managing risk, the Manager also uses internal guidelines that identify the target exposures for each type of risk, maintains a governance structure that oversees the Fund's investment activities and monitors compliance with the Fund's stated investment strategy, internal guidelines and securities regulations.

#### (b) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk arises when the Fund encounters difficulty in meeting its financial obligations as they 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).

#### (c) 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 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.

#### (d) 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.

The Fund's sensitivity to interest rate changes was estimated using weighted average duration, and a valuation model that estimates the impact to the fair value of mortgages based on changes in prevailing interest rates in a manner consistent with the valuation policy for mortgages. 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.

#### (e) 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 other assets also 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.

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

#### (f) Other price risk

Other price risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether caused by factors specific to an individual investment, its issuer or other factors affecting all instruments traded in a market or market segment. All investments present a risk of loss of capital. The Manager manages this risk through a careful selection of securities 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 futures contracts sold short, the maximum loss to the Fund increases, theoretically without limit, as the fair value of the underlying security 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.

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.

In addition, if the Fund invests in IG Mackenzie Real Property Fund, the Fund is exposed to the risk that the value of the Underlying Fund could change as a result of changes in the valuation of real properties. Valuations of real properties are sensitive to changes in capitalization rates. Note 10 also indicates the Fund's sensitivity, if any, to a 25 basis point change in the weighted average capitalization rates.

#### (g) 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

#### (a) 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	PEN	Peruvian nuevo sol
BRL	Brazilian real	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	PHP	Philippine peso
CAD	Canadian dollars	ILS	Israeli sheqel	PLN	Polish zloty
CHF	Swiss franc	INR	Indian rupee	RON	Romanian leu
CZK	Czech koruna	JPY	Japanese yen	RUB	Russian ruble
CLP	Chilean peso	KOR	South Korean won	SEK	Swedish krona
CNY	Chinese yuan	MXN	Mexican peso	SGD	Singapore dollars
COP	Colombian peso	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	THB	Thailand baht
DKK	Danish krone	NGN	Nigerian naira	TRL	Turkish lira
EUR	Euro	NOK	Norwegian krona	USD	United States dollars
GBP	United Kingdom pounds	NTD	New Taiwan dollar	ZAR	South African rand
HKD	Hong Kong dollars	NZD	New Zealand dollars	ZMW	Zambian kwacha

#### (b) Additional information available

A copy of the Fund's current Simplified Prospectus, Annual Information Form and/or Management Report of Fund Performance, will be provided, without charge, by writing to: Investors Group Financial Services Inc., 447 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3B 3H5 or, in Quebec, 2001, Robert-Bourassa Boulevard, Bureau 2000, Montreal, Quebec, H3A 2A6, or by calling toll-free 1-888-746-6344 (in Quebec 1-800-661-4578), or by visiting the IG Wealth Management website at [www.ig.ca](http://www.ig.ca) or SEDAR+ at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca). Copies of financial statements for all IG Wealth Management Funds are also available upon request or by visiting the IG Wealth Management website at [www.ig.ca](http://www.ig.ca) or SEDAR+ at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).



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

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

Date of Formation: January 21, 2021

Series	Inception/ Reinstatement Date	Management fee (%)	Service fee (%)	Administration fee (%)	Trustee fee (%)	Net Asset Value per Security (\$)
Series P	February 1, 2021	–	–	–	–	10.40

The fee rates in the table above are rounded to two decimals.

The Manager has engaged BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited as sub-advisor to assist in investment management and trade execution for the Fund.

#### (b) Tax Loss Carryforwards

Total Capital Loss \$	Total Non-Capital Loss \$	Expiration Date of Non-Capital Losses													
		2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037	2038	2039	2040	2041	2042	2043
5,372	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

#### (c) Securities Lending

	March 31, 2024		March 31, 2023	
	(\$)		(\$)	
Value of securities loaned	4,679		3,719	
Value of collateral received	4,962		3,912	

	March 31, 2024		March 31, 2023	
	(\$)	(%)	(\$)	(%)
Gross securities lending income	42	100.0	1	100.0
Tax withheld	–	–	–	–
	42	100.0	1	100.0
Payments to securities lending agent	(8)	(19.0)	–	–
Securities lending income	34	81.0	1	100.0

#### (d) Commissions

For the periods ended March 31, 2024, and 2023, commissions paid by the Fund did not generate any third-party services that were provided or paid for by brokers.

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

##### *i. Risk exposure and management*

The Fund aims to provide long-term capital growth while seeking to provide lower volatility. The Fund seeks to track the returns of an index composed of developed market equities that, in the aggregate, have lower volatility characteristics relative to the broader developed equity markets, excluding the United States and Canada.

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

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

##### ii. Currency risk

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

March 31, 2024								
Currency	Investments (\$)	Cash and Cash Equivalents (\$)	Derivative Instruments (\$)	Net Exposure (\$)	Impact on net assets			
					Strengthened by 5%		Weakened by 5%	
					(\$)	%	(\$)	%
EUR	92,111	145	–	92,256				
JPY	87,559	77	–	87,636				
CHF	43,570	108	–	43,678				
GBP	33,124	102	–	33,226				
HKD	19,899	60	–	19,959				
USD	14,682	1,357	–	16,039				
SGD	13,600	5	–	13,605				
AUD	12,490	117	–	12,607				
DKK	5,842	41	–	5,883				
ILS	4,992	12	–	5,004				
NZD	1,969	10	–	1,979				
SEK	295	3	–	298				
NOK	217	5	–	222				
Total	330,350	2,042	–	332,392				
% of Net Assets	99.1	0.6	–	99.7				
Total currency rate sensitivity					(16,620)	(5.0)	16,620	5.0

March 31, 2023								
Currency	Investments (\$)	Cash and Cash Equivalents (\$)	Derivative Instruments (\$)	Net Exposure (\$)	Impact on net assets			
					Strengthened by 5%		Weakened by 5%	
					(\$)	%	(\$)	%
JPY	59,822	67	–	59,889				
EUR	56,931	129	–	57,060				
CHF	33,573	(11)	–	33,562				
GBP	24,082	48	–	24,130				
HKD	14,908	30	–	14,938				
SGD	10,042	84	–	10,126				
AUD	9,344	72	–	9,416				
DKK	8,285	33	–	8,318				
USD	4,815	559	–	5,374				
ILS	3,384	24	–	3,408				
NZD	1,331	5	–	1,336				
NOK	572	5	–	577				
SEK	556	5	–	561				
Total	227,645	1,050	–	228,695				
% of Net Assets	99.3	0.5	–	99.8				
Total currency rate sensitivity					(11,435)	(5.0)	11,435	5.0

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

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

##### iii. Interest rate risk

As at March 31, 2024 and 2023, the Fund did not have a significant exposure to interest rate risk.

##### 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, 2024	33,035	9.9	(33,035)	(9.9)
March 31, 2023	22,765	9.9	(22,765)	(9.9)

##### v. Credit risk

As at March 31, 2024 and 2023, the Fund did not have a significant exposure to credit risk.

#### (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, 2024				March 31, 2023			
	Level 1 (\$)	Level 2 (\$)	Level 3 (\$)	Total (\$)	Level 1 (\$)	Level 2 (\$)	Level 3 (\$)	Total (\$)
Equities	318,996	–	–	318,996	986	223,858	–	224,844
Exchange Traded Funds	11,354	–	–	11,354	2,801	–	–	2,801
Total	330,350	–	–	330,350	3,787	223,858	–	227,645

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 period ended March 31, 2024, non-North American equities frequently transferred between Level 1 (unadjusted quoted market prices) and Level 2 (adjusted market prices). As at March 31, 2024, these securities were classified as Level 1 (2023 – Level 2).

During the period ended March 31, 2024, equities with a fair value of \$Nil (2023 – \$6,493) were transferred from Level 1 to Level 2 as a result of changes in the inputs used for valuation.

#### (g) Manager's Investment in the Fund

The investments held by the Manager and other funds managed by the Manager, investing in series P, R or S of the Fund, as applicable (as described in *Fund Formation and Series Information* in note 10), were as follows:

	March 31, 2024	March 31, 2023
	(\$)	(\$)
The Manager	–	–
Other funds managed by the Manager	333,333	229,210

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

As at March 31, 2024 and 2023, 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, 2024 and 2023 are as follows:

March 31, 2024	% of Underlying Fund's Net Assets	Fair Value of Fund's Investment (\$)
iShares MSCI EAFE Min Vol Factor ETF	0.1	11,354

  

March 31, 2023	% of Underlying Fund's Net Assets	Fair Value of Fund's Investment (\$)
iShares MSCI EAFE Min Vol Factor ETF	0.0	2,801