

## Annual Financial Statements

for the financial year ended August 31, 2020

### Statements of Financial Position (in 000s, except per unit amounts)

As at August 31, 2020 and 2019 (note 1)

	August 31, 2020	August 31, 2019
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Investments (non-derivative financial assets) (notes 2 and 3)	\$ 62,228	\$ 64,702
Cash including foreign currency holdings, at fair value	425	320
Receivable for portfolio securities sold	30	–
Receivable for units issued	4	1
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>62,687</b>	<b>65,023</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Payable for units redeemed	63	–
Management fees payable	105	–
Other accrued expenses	5	–
Distributions payable to holders of redeemable units	4	–
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units</b> (note 5)	<b>\$ 62,510</b>	<b>\$ 65,023</b>
<b>Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units per Class</b>		
Class A	\$ 46,250	\$ 47,662
Class T4	\$ 850	\$ 1,080
Class T6	\$ 314	\$ 241
Select Class	\$ 1,574	\$ 2,743
Elite Class	\$ 3,354	\$ 3,169
Class F	\$ 9,468	\$ 9,352
Class FT4	\$ 700	\$ 776
Class FT6	\$ –	\$ –
<b>Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units per Unit</b> (note 5)		
Class A	\$ 19.44	\$ 17.84
Class T4	\$ 12.61	\$ 12.04
Class T6	\$ 9.95	\$ 9.69
Select Class	\$ 18.64	\$ 17.06
Elite Class	\$ 20.23	\$ 18.43
Class F	\$ 23.82	\$ 21.62
Class FT4	\$ 11.06	\$ 10.44
Class FT6	\$ 10.34	\$ 10.00

### Organization of the Portfolio (note 1)

The Portfolio was established on March 11, 2005 (*Date Established*).

	Inception Date
Class A	March 15, 2005
Class T4	May 17, 2011
Class T6	March 12, 2010
Select Class	November 3, 2006
Elite Class	October 31, 2006
Class F	June 8, 2005
Class FT4	September 21, 2017
Class FT6	September 21, 2017

## Axiom Global Growth Portfolio

### Statements of Comprehensive Income (in 000s, except per unit amounts)

For the periods ended August 31, 2020 and 2019 (note 1)

	August 31, 2020	August 31, 2019
<b>Net Gain (Loss) on Financial Instruments</b>		
Investment income	\$ 974	\$ 1,144
Dividend revenue	330	340
Other changes in fair value of investments and derivatives		
Net realized gain (loss) on sale of investments and derivatives	3,232	2,691
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments and derivatives	2,228	(2,070)
<b>Net Gain (Loss) on Financial Instruments</b>	<b>6,764</b>	<b>2,105</b>
<b>Expenses (note 6)</b>		
Management fees ±±	1,256	1,333
Audit fees	12	14
Custodial fees	102	112
Independent review committee fees	—	—
Regulatory fees	30	21
Transaction costs	—	—
Unitholder reporting costs	59	70
Other expenses	6	5
	<b>1,465</b>	<b>1,555</b>
Expenses waived/absorbed by the Manager	(177)	(188)
	<b>1,288</b>	<b>1,367</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units (excluding distributions)</b>	<b>5,476</b>	<b>738</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units per Class (excluding distributions)</b>		
Class A	\$ 3,918	\$ 440
Class T4	\$ 91	\$ 7
Class T6	\$ 22	\$ 3
Select Class	\$ 214	\$ 39
Elite Class	\$ 304	\$ 53
Class F	\$ 872	\$ 182
Class FT4	\$ 55	\$ 14
Class FT6	\$ —	\$ —
<b>Average Number of Units Outstanding for the Period per Class</b>		
Class A	2,514	2,835
Class T4	77	95
Class T6	25	24
Select Class	111	165
Elite Class	169	175
Class F	418	424
Class FT4	67	74
Class FT6	—	—
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units per Unit (excluding distributions)</b>		
Class A	\$ 1.56	\$ 0.15
Class T4	\$ 1.19	\$ 0.08
Class T6	\$ 0.88	\$ 0.13
Select Class	\$ 1.94	\$ 0.24
Elite Class	\$ 1.80	\$ 0.31
Class F	\$ 2.09	\$ 0.42
Class FT4	\$ 0.82	\$ 0.18
Class FT6	\$ 0.94	\$ 0.20

#### ±± Maximum Chargeable Management Fee Rates (note 6)

Class A	2.00%
Class T4	2.00%
Class T6	2.00%
Select Class	2.12%
Elite Class	1.70%
Class F	1.00%
Class FT4	1.00%
Class FT6	1.00%

#### Administrative and Other Fund Operating Expenses (note 8)

	2020	2019
(\$000s)	16	20

#### Service Provider (note 8)

The amounts paid by the Portfolio (including all applicable taxes) to CIBC Mellon Trust Company for custodial fees, and to CIBC Mellon Global Securities Services Company (CIBC GSS) for fund accounting and reporting, and portfolio valuation (all net of absorptions) for the periods ended August 31, 2020 and 2019 were as follows:

	2020	2019
(\$000s)	38	43

Axiom Global Growth Portfolio

**Statements of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units  
(in 000s)**

For the periods ended August 31, 2020 and 2019 (note 1)

	Class A Units		Class T4 Units		Class T6 Units		Select Class Units	
	August 31, 2020	August 31, 2019	August 31, 2020	August 31, 2019	August 31, 2020	August 31, 2019	August 31, 2020	August 31, 2019
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units (excluding distributions)</b>	\$ 3,918	\$ 440	\$ 91	\$ 7	\$ 22	\$ 3	\$ 214	\$ 39
<b>Distributions Paid or Payable to Holders of Redeemable Units †</b>								
From net investment income	–	–	(23)	(28)	(11)	(9)	–	–
Return of capital	–	–	(14)	(16)	(5)	(5)	–	–
	–	–	(37)	(44)	(16)	(14)	–	–
<b>Redeemable Unit Transactions</b>								
Amount received from the issuance of units	4,468	4,166	22	234	121	184	679	–
Amount received from reinvestment of distributions	–	–	20	20	3	2	–	–
Amount paid on redemptions of units	(9,798)	(9,116)	(326)	(221)	(57)	(105)	(2,062)	(110)
	(5,330)	(4,950)	(284)	33	67	81	(1,383)	(110)
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units</b>	(1,412)	(4,510)	(230)	(4)	73	70	(1,169)	(71)
<b>Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units at Beginning of Period</b>	47,662	52,172	1,080	1,084	241	171	2,743	2,814
<b>Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units at End of Period</b>	\$ 46,250	\$ 47,662	\$ 850	\$ 1,080	\$ 314	\$ 241	\$ 1,574	\$ 2,743

**Redeemable Units Issued and Outstanding (note 5)**

As at August 31, 2020 and 2019

Balance - beginning of period	2,671	2,956	90	88	25	17	161	167
Redeemable units issued	245	244	2	19	12	19	37	–
Redeemable units issued on reinvestments	–	–	1	1	1	–	–	–
	2,916	3,200	93	108	38	36	198	167
Redeemable units redeemed	(537)	(529)	(26)	(18)	(6)	(11)	(114)	(6)
Balance - end of period	2,379	2,671	67	90	32	25	84	161

	Elite Class Units		Class F Units		Class FT4 Units		Class FT6 Units	
	August 31, 2020	August 31, 2019	August 31, 2020	August 31, 2019	August 31, 2020	August 31, 2019	August 31, 2020	August 31, 2019
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units (excluding distributions)</b>	\$ 304	\$ 53	\$ 872	\$ 182	\$ 55	\$ 14	\$ –	\$ –
<b>Distributions Paid or Payable to Holders of Redeemable Units †</b>								
From net investment income	–	–	–	–	(19)	(19)	–	–
Return of capital	–	–	(1)	(5)	(9)	(11)	–	–
	–	–	(1)	(5)	(28)	(30)	–	–
<b>Redeemable Unit Transactions</b>								
Amount received from the issuance of units	259	210	3,288	4,418	145	58	–	–
Amount received from reinvestment of distributions	–	–	1	5	5	8	–	–
Amount paid on redemptions of units	(378)	(363)	(4,044)	(4,106)	(253)	(75)	–	–
	(119)	(153)	(755)	317	(103)	(9)	–	–
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units</b>	185	(100)	116	494	(76)	(25)	–	–
<b>Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units at Beginning of Period</b>	3,169	3,269	9,352	8,858	776	801	–	–
<b>Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units at End of Period</b>	\$ 3,354	\$ 3,169	\$ 9,468	\$ 9,352	\$ 700	\$ 776	\$ –	\$ –

**Redeemable Units Issued and Outstanding (note 5)**

As at August 31, 2020 and 2019

Balance - beginning of period	172	181	433	419	74	75	–	–
Redeemable units issued	14	11	144	213	14	6	–	–
Redeemable units issued on reinvestments	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–
	186	192	577	632	88	82	–	–
Redeemable units redeemed	(20)	(20)	(180)	(199)	(25)	(8)	–	–
Balance - end of period	166	172	397	433	63	74	–	–

**† Net Capital and Non-Capital Losses (note 7)**

As at December 2019, the Portfolio had net capital and non-capital losses (in \$000s) for income tax purposes available to be carried forward as follows:

<b>Total Non-Capital Losses that Expire in:</b>		
<b>Total Net Capital Losses</b>	2,744	1,666

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

*Axiom Global Growth Portfolio*

**Statements of Cash Flows**  
**(in 000s)**

For the periods ended August 31, 2020 and 2019 (note 1)

	August 31, 2020	August 31, 2019
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>		
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units from Operations (excluding distributions)	\$ 5,476	\$ 738
Adjustments for:		
Net realized (gain) loss on sale of investments and derivatives	(3,232)	(2,691)
Net change in unrealized (appreciation) depreciation of investments and derivatives	(2,228)	2,070
Reinvested distributions from underlying funds	(1,304)	(1,484)
Purchase of investments	(1,945)	(4,270)
Proceeds from the sale of investments	11,153	10,603
Other accrued expenses and liabilities	110	—
	<b>8,030</b>	<b>4,966</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>		
Amount received from the issuance of units	8,979	9,278
Amount paid on redemptions of units	(16,855)	(14,209)
Distributions paid to unitholders	(49)	(62)
	<b>(7,925)</b>	<b>(4,993)</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Cash during the Period</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>(27)</b>
<b>Foreign Exchange Loss (Gain) on Cash</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Cash (Bank Overdraft) at Beginning of Period</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>347</b>
<b>Cash (Bank Overdraft) at End of Period</b>	<b>\$ 425</b>	<b>\$ 320</b>

*Axiom Global Growth Portfolio*

**Schedule of Investment Portfolio** As at August 31, 2020

<i>Security</i>	<i>Number of Units</i>	<i>Average Cost (\$000s)</i>	<i>Fair Value (\$000s)</i>	<i>% of Net Assets</i>
<b>MUTUAL FUNDS</b>				
Renaissance Canadian Equity Private Pool, Class 'O'	675,756	9,166	10,166	
Renaissance Canadian Fixed Income Private Pool, Class 'O'	507,832	5,242	5,645	
Renaissance Emerging Markets Equity Private Pool, Class 'O'	370,112	5,556	6,269	
Renaissance Equity Income Private Pool, Class 'O'	264,098	2,309	2,412	
Renaissance Global Bond Private Pool, Class 'O'	489,670	5,354	5,960	
Renaissance International Equity Private Pool, Class 'O'	766,695	10,106	13,308	
Renaissance U.S. Equity Private Pool, Class 'O'	527,942	8,379	18,468	
<b>TOTAL MUTUAL FUNDS</b>		<b>46,112</b>	<b>62,228</b>	<b>99.5%</b>
Less: Transaction costs included in average cost		—		
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b>		<b>46,112</b>	<b>62,228</b>	<b>99.5%</b>
Other Assets, less Liabilities			282	0.5%
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE UNITS</b>			<b>62,510</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Supplemental Schedule to Schedule of Investment Portfolio**

**Offsetting Arrangements** (note 2d)

The Portfolio may enter into various master netting arrangements or other similar agreements that do not meet the criteria for offsetting in the Statements of Financial Position but still allow for the related amounts to be set off in certain circumstances, such as bankruptcy or the termination of the contracts.

As at August 31, 2020 and 2019, the Portfolio did not enter into any arrangements whereby the financial instruments were eligible for offset.

**Interest in Underlying Funds** (note 4)

As at August 31, 2020 and 2019, the Portfolio had no investments in Underlying Funds where the ownership exceeded 20% of each Underlying Fund.

## Axiom Global Growth Portfolio

### Financial Instrument Risks

Investment Objective: Axiom Global Growth Portfolio (the *Portfolio*) seeks to achieve long-term capital growth by investing primarily in a diversified portfolio of global equity mutual funds that provide exposure to countries in North America, Europe, the Far East, and Asia, and emerging market countries for higher growth potential, with some exposure to global fixed income securities for diversification (its *Underlying Funds*).

Investment Strategies: The Portfolio has, under normal market conditions, a long-term strategic asset mix of fixed income (5-35%) and equities (65-95%). The Portfolio Advisor may review and adjust the asset mix, depending on economic conditions and relative value of income and equity securities. The Portfolio will utilize strategic and tactical asset allocation strategies that will:

- invest up to 100% of the Portfolio's net asset value in units of its Underlying Funds managed by the Manager or one of its affiliates;
- allocate the Portfolio's assets among the Underlying Funds according to the asset mix determined by the Portfolio Advisor and monitor, review, and periodically rebalance or modify the Portfolio's asset mix, change the percentage holdings of any Underlying Fund, and add or remove any Underlying Fund at the Portfolio Advisor's sole discretion.

As the Portfolio invests in the Underlying Funds, it may be indirectly exposed to concentration, credit, currency, and interest rate risks from these holdings. Only direct exposure to significant risks that are relevant to the Portfolio is discussed here. General information on risk management and specific discussion on concentration, credit, currency, interest rate, liquidity, and other price/market risk can be found in note 2 of the financial statements.

In the following risk tables, Net Assets is defined as meaning "Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units".

#### Concentration Risk as at August 31, 2020 and 2019

The Schedule of Investment Portfolio presents the securities held by the Portfolio as at August 31, 2020.

The following table presents the investment sectors held by the Portfolio as at August 31, 2019, and groups the securities by asset type, industry sector, geographic region, or currency exposure:

As at August 31, 2019

Portfolio Breakdown	% of Net Assets
<b>Mutual Funds</b>	
Canadian Bond	9.4
Canadian Equity	20.2
Emerging Markets Equity	10.0
International Bond	9.9
International Equity	20.9
U.S. Equity	29.1
<b>Other Assets, less Liabilities</b>	0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

#### Credit Risk

Credit ratings represent a consolidation of the ratings provided by various outside service providers and are subject to change, which could be material.

See the Schedule of Investment Portfolio for counterparties related to over-the-counter derivative contracts, where applicable.

As at August 31, 2020 and 2019, the Portfolio had no significant investments in debt securities.

#### Currency Risk

As at August 31, 2020 and 2019, the Portfolio did not have a significant exposure to currency risk.

#### Interest Rate Risk

As at August 31, 2020 and 2019, the majority of the Portfolio's financial assets and liabilities are non-interest bearing and short-term in nature; accordingly, the Portfolio is not subject to significant amounts of risk due to fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates.

#### Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Portfolio will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Portfolio is exposed to daily cash redemptions of redeemable units. The Portfolio maintains sufficient cash on hand to fund anticipated redemptions.

With the exception of derivative contracts, where applicable, all of the Portfolio's financial liabilities are short-term liabilities maturing within 90 days after the period end.

#### Other Price/Market Risk

The table that follows indicates how net assets as at August 31, 2020 and 2019 would have increased or decreased had the value of the Portfolio's benchmark(s) increased or decreased by 1%. This change is estimated based on the historical correlation between the return of Class A units of the Portfolio as compared to the return of the Portfolio's benchmark(s), using 36 monthly data points, as available, based on the monthly net returns of the Portfolio. This analysis assumes that all other variables remain unchanged. The historical correlation may not be representative of the future correlation and, accordingly, the impact on net assets could be materially different.

Benchmark	Impact on Net Assets (\$000s)	
	August 31, 2020	August 31, 2019
MSCI World Index	554	475
29% S&P 500 Index	713	664
21% MSCI EAFE Index		
16% S&P/TSX Composite Index		
10% FTSE World Government Bond Index (Hedged in CAD)		
10% FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index		
10% MSCI Emerging Markets Index		
4% S&P/TSX Composite Dividend Index		

#### Fair Value Measurement of Financial Instruments

The following is a summary of the inputs used as at August 31, 2020 and 2019 in valuing the Portfolio's financial assets and financial liabilities, carried at fair value:

As at August 31, 2020

Classification	Level 1 (i) (\$000s)	Level 2 (ii) (\$000s)	Level 3 (iii) (\$000s)	Total (\$000s)
<b>Financial Assets</b>				
Mutual Funds	62,228	—	—	62,228
<b>Total Financial Assets</b>	<b>62,228</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>62,228</b>

- (i) Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets  
(ii) Significant other observable inputs  
(iii) Significant unobservable inputs

As at August 31, 2019

Classification	Level 1 (i) (\$000s)	Level 2 (ii) (\$000s)	Level 3 (iii) (\$000s)	Total (\$000s)
<b>Financial Assets</b>				
Mutual Funds	64,702	—	—	64,702
<b>Total Financial Assets</b>	<b>64,702</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>64,702</b>

- (i) Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets  
(ii) Significant other observable inputs  
(iii) Significant unobservable inputs

#### Transfer of assets between Level 1 and Level 2

Financial assets and liabilities transferred from Level 1 to Level 2 are the result of securities no longer being traded in an active market.

For the periods ended August 31, 2020 and 2019, there were no transfers of financial assets and liabilities from Level 1 to Level 2.

Financial assets and liabilities transferred from Level 2 to Level 1 are the result of securities now being traded in an active market.

For the periods ended August 31, 2020 and 2019, there were no transfers of financial assets and liabilities from Level 2 to Level 1.

#### Reconciliation of financial asset and liability movement – Level 3

The Portfolio did not hold any Level 3 investments at the beginning of, during, or at the end of either reporting period.

# Notes to Financial Statements

As at and for the periods as disclosed in the financial statements (see note 1)

## 1. Axiom Portfolios — Organization of the Portfolios and Financial Reporting Periods

The Axiom Portfolios consist of Axiom Balanced Income Portfolio, Axiom Diversified Monthly Income Portfolio, Axiom Balanced Growth Portfolio, Axiom Long-Term Growth Portfolio, Axiom Canadian Growth Portfolio, Axiom Global Growth Portfolio, Axiom Foreign Growth Portfolio, and Axiom All Equity Portfolio.

Each of the Axiom Portfolios (individually, a *Portfolio*, and collectively, the *Portfolios*) is a mutual fund trust, organized under the laws of Ontario and governed by a declaration of trust (*Declaration of Trust*). The address of the Portfolios' head office is Brookfield Place, 161 Bay Street, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Toronto, Ontario M5J 2S1.

The Portfolios are managed by CIBC Asset Management Inc. (the *Manager*). The Manager is also the trustee, registrar, portfolio advisor, and transfer agent of the Portfolios. Each Portfolio may issue an unlimited number of classes of units and an unlimited number of units of each class. On September 1, 2017, the Manager closed certain classes of units to all purchases. The following tables outline the classes of units available for sale as of the date of these financial statements, and the classes of units that were closed to purchases as of September 1, 2017:

*Classes of Units Available for Sale:*

Portfolios	Class A	Class T4	Class T6	Class F	Class FT4	Class FT6
Axiom Balanced Income Portfolio	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Axiom Diversified Monthly Income Portfolio	✓		✓	✓		✓
Axiom Balanced Growth Portfolio	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Axiom Long-Term Growth Portfolio	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Axiom Canadian Growth Portfolio	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Axiom Global Growth Portfolio	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Axiom Foreign Growth Portfolio	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Axiom All Equity Portfolio	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

*Classes of Units Closed to Purchases as of September 1, 2017:*

Portfolios	Class T8	Elite Class	Elite-T4 Class	Elite-T6 Class	Select Class	Select-T4 Class	Select-T6 Class
Axiom Balanced Income Portfolio	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Axiom Diversified Monthly Income Portfolio	✓	✓			✓		✓
Axiom Balanced Growth Portfolio	✓	✓		✓	✓		
Axiom Long-Term Growth Portfolio		✓			✓		
Axiom Global Growth Portfolio		✓			✓		
Axiom All Equity Portfolio					✓		

In the future, the offering of any classes of a Portfolio may be terminated or additional classes may be offered.

Each class of units may charge a different management fee. Operating expenses can either be common or class-specific. Class-specific expenses are allocated on a class-by-class basis. As a result, a separate net asset value per unit is calculated for each class of units.

Class A, T4, and T6 units are available to all investors on a load basis. Investors may pay a sales commission when purchasing Class A, T4, and T6 units of the Portfolios or may pay a deferred sales charge if they redeem their Class A, T4, and T6 units. They may have to pay a short-term trading fee, if applicable.

Class T4, T6, and T8 units have the same characteristics as Class A units, except that they each intend to pay a unique maximum fixed distribution amount per unit, which also results in a separate net asset value per unit. Select-T4, Select-T6, and Select-T8 Class units are the same as Select Class units, except that they each intend to pay a unique maximum fixed distribution amount per unit. Elite-T4, Elite-T6, and Elite-T8 Class units are the same as Elite Class units, except that they each intend to pay a unique maximum fixed distribution amount per unit.

Class F, Class FT4 and Class FT6 units (collectively, the "Class F") are available, subject to certain minimum investment requirements, to investors participating in programs such as clients of "fee-for-service" investment advisors, dealer-sponsored "wrap accounts", and others who pay an annual fee to their dealer, and to investors who have accounts with a discount broker (provided the discount broker offers Class F units on its platform). Instead of paying a sales charge, investors purchasing Class F units may pay fees to their dealer or discount broker for their services. We do not pay a trailing commission in respect of these classes of units, allowing us to charge a lower annual management fee. Class FT4 and FT6 units have the same characteristics as Class F units, except that they each intend to pay a unique maximum fixed distribution amount per unit, which also results in a separate net asset value per unit.

The date upon which each Portfolio was established by Declaration of Trust (*Date Established*) and the date upon which each class of units of each Portfolio was first sold to the public (*Inception Date*) are reported in footnote *Organization of the Portfolio* on the Statements of Financial Position.

The Schedule of Investment Portfolio of each Portfolio is as at August 31, 2020. The Statements of Financial Position are as at August 31, 2020 and August 31, 2019. The Statements of Comprehensive Income, Statements of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units and Statements of Cash Flows are for the years ended August 31, 2020 and 2019, except for Portfolios or classes established during either period, in which case the information presented is from the Date Established or the Inception Date to August 31, 2020 and August 31, 2019.

These financial statements were approved for issuance by the Manager on November 5, 2020.

## 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (*IFRS*) as published by the International Accounting Standards Board (*IASB*).

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis using the historical-cost convention. However, each Portfolio is an investment entity and primarily all financial assets and financial liabilities are measured at fair value in accordance with IFRS. Accordingly, the Portfolios' accounting policies for measuring the fair value of investments and derivatives are consistent with those used in measuring the net asset value for transactions with unitholders. In applying IFRS, these financial statements include estimates and assumptions made by management that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income, and expenses during the reporting periods. However, existing circumstances and assumptions may change due to market changes or circumstances arising beyond the control of the Portfolios. Such changes are reflected in the assumptions when they occur.

These financial statements have been presented in Canadian dollars, which is the Portfolios' functional currency (unless otherwise noted).

### a) Financial Instruments

#### Classification and recognition of financial instruments

Under IFRS 9 Financial Instruments, the Portfolios classify financial assets into one of three categories based on the entity's business model for managing financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. Those categories are:



- *Amortized Cost* - assets held within a business model whose objective is to collect cash flows and where the contractual cash flows of the assets are solely payments of principal and interest (SPPI criterion). Amortization of the asset is calculated utilizing the Effective Interest Rate Method.
- *Fair Value Through Other Comprehensive Income (FVOCI)* - Financial assets such as debt instruments that meet the SPPI criterion and are held within a business model with objectives that include both collecting the associated contractual cash flows and selling financial assets. Gains and Losses are reclassified to Profit or Loss upon derecognition for debt instruments but remain in Other Comprehensive Income for equity instruments.
- *Fair Value Through Profit or Loss (FVTPL)* - A financial asset is measured at FVTPL unless it is measured at Amortized Cost or FVOCI. Derivative contracts are measured at FVTPL. For all instruments classified as FVTPL, the gains and losses are recognized in Profit or Loss.

Financial Liabilities are classified at FVTPL when they meet the definition of held-for-trading (HFT) or when they are designated as FVTPL on initial recognition using the fair value option.

The Manager has assessed the business models of the Portfolios and has determined that the Portfolios' portfolio of financial assets and financial liabilities are managed and performance is evaluated on a fair value basis in accordance with the Portfolios' risk management and investment strategies; therefore, classification and measurement of financial assets is FVTPL.

All Portfolios have contractual obligations to distribute cash to the unitholders. As a result, the Portfolios' obligation for net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units represents a financial liability and is presented at the redemption amount.

## b) Risk Management

The Portfolios' overall risk management approach includes formal guidelines that govern the extent of exposure to various types of risk, including diversification within asset classes and limits on the exposure to individual investments and counterparties. The Manager also has various internal controls to oversee the Portfolios' investment activities, including monitoring compliance with the investment objective and strategies, internal guidelines, and securities regulations. Please refer to each Portfolio's Supplemental Schedule to Schedule of Investment Portfolio for specific risk disclosures.

### Fair value measurement of financial instruments

Financial instruments are valued at their fair value, which 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. Refer to notes 3a to 3c for valuation of each specific type of financial instruments held by the Portfolios. The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the reporting date. The Portfolios use the last traded market price for both financial assets and financial liabilities where the last traded price falls within that day's bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid-ask spread, the Manager determines the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value based on the specific facts and circumstances.

For financial assets and financial liabilities that are not traded in an active market, fair value is determined using valuation techniques.

The Portfolios classify fair value measurement within a hierarchy which gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date;

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and

Level 3: Inputs are unobservable for the asset or liability.

If inputs are used to measure an asset's or liability's fair value, the classification within the hierarchy is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Each Portfolio's fair value hierarchy classification of its assets and liabilities is included in the Supplemental Schedule to Schedule of Investment Portfolio.

The carrying values of all non-investment assets and liabilities approximate their fair values due to their short-term nature. Fair values are classified as Level 1 when the related security or derivative is actively traded and a quoted price is available. If an instrument classified as Level 1 subsequently ceases to be actively traded, it is transferred out of Level 1. In such cases, instruments are reclassified into Level 2, unless the measurement of its fair value requires the use of significant unobservable inputs, in which case it is classified as Level 3.

The Manager is responsible for performing the fair value measurements included in the financial statements of a Portfolio, including the Level 3 measurements. The Manager obtains pricing from third-party pricing vendors and the pricing is reviewed daily. At each financial reporting date, the Manager reviews and approves all Level 3 fair value measurements. The Portfolios also have a Valuation Committee, which meets quarterly to perform detailed reviews of the valuations of investments held by the Portfolios, which includes discussion on Level 3 measurements.

### Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty to a financial instrument, such as a fixed income security or a derivative contract, will fail to discharge an obligation or commitment that it has entered into with a Portfolio. The value of fixed income securities and derivatives as presented on the Schedule of Investment Portfolio includes consideration of the creditworthiness of the issuer and, accordingly, represents the maximum credit risk exposure of the Portfolios.

### Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the value of an investment will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates.

### Interest rate risk

Prices of fixed income securities generally increase when interest rates decline and decrease when interest rates rise. This risk is known as interest rate risk. Prices of longer-term fixed income securities will generally fluctuate more in response to interest rate changes than would shorter-term securities. Due to the nature of short-term fixed income securities with a remaining term-to-maturity of less than one year, these investments are not generally exposed to a significant risk that their value will fluctuate in response to changes in the prevailing levels of market interest rates.

### Liquidity risk

The Portfolios are exposed to daily cash redemptions of redeemable units. Generally, the Portfolios retain sufficient cash and cash equivalent positions to maintain adequate liquidity. However, liquidity risk also involves the ability to sell an asset for cash easily and at a fair price. Some securities are illiquid due to legal restrictions on their resale, the nature of the investment, or simply a lack of interested buyers for a particular security or security type. Certain securities may become less liquid due to changes in market conditions, such as interest rate changes or market volatility, which could impair the ability of a Portfolio to sell such securities quickly or at a fair price. Difficulty in selling securities could result in a loss or lower return for a Portfolio.

### Other price/market risk

Other price/market risk is the risk that the value of investments will fluctuate as a result of changes in market conditions. Several factors can influence market trends, such as economic developments, changes in interest rates, political changes, and catastrophic events, such as pandemics or disasters which occur naturally or are exacerbated by climate change. Pandemics such as coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) may adversely affect global markets and the performance of the Portfolios. All investments are exposed to other price/market risk.

## c) Investment Transactions, Income Recognition, and Recognition of Realized and Unrealized Gains and Losses

- Each transaction of purchase or sale of a portfolio asset by a Portfolio is reflected in the net assets no later than the first computation of net assets made after the date on which the transaction becomes binding upon the Portfolio.
- Interest for distribution purposes shown on the Statements of Comprehensive Income represents the coupon interest received by the Portfolio accounted for on an accrual basis. The Portfolios do 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.
- Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date.
- Security transactions are recorded on a trade date basis. Securities that are exchange-traded are recorded at fair value established by the last traded market price when that price falls within that day's bid-ask spread. Debt securities are recorded at fair value, established by the last traded price on the Over-the-Counter (OTC) market when that price falls within that day's bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid-ask spread, the Manager determines the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value based on the specific facts and circumstances. Unlisted securities are recorded at fair value using fair valuation techniques established by the Manager in establishing a fair value.

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- v) Realized gains and losses on investments and unrealized appreciation or depreciation of investments are calculated using the average cost, excluding transaction costs, of the related investments.
- vi) Investment income is the sum of income paid to the Portfolio that is generated from a Portfolio's investment fund holdings.
- vii) Other income is the sum of income, excluding transaction costs, other than that which is separately classified on the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

### d) Offsetting

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the Statements of Financial Position if there is a currently enforceable legal 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.

Where applicable, additional information can be found in the table *Offsetting Arrangements* as part of the Supplemental Schedule to Schedule of Investment Portfolio. This supplemental schedule discloses the OTC derivatives, which are subject to offsetting.

### e) Portfolio Securities

The cost of securities of the Portfolios is determined in the following manner. Securities are purchased and sold at a market-traded price to arrive at a value for the position traded. The total purchased value represents the total cost of the security to the Portfolio. When additional units of the same security are purchased, the cost of those additional units is added to the total security cost. When units of the same security are sold, the proportionate cost of the units of the security sold is deducted from the total security cost. If there is a return of capital paid by a security, the amount of this return of capital is deducted from the total security cost. This method of tracking security cost is known as "average cost" and the current total for any one security is referred to as the adjusted cost base or "ACB" of the security. Transaction costs incurred in portfolio transactions are excluded from the average cost of investments and are recognized immediately in Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units and are presented as a separate expense item in the financial statements.

The difference between the fair value of securities and their average cost, excluding transaction costs, represents the unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments. The applicable period change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments is included on the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

### f) Multi-Class Structured Portfolios

Each Portfolio may issue an unlimited number of classes of units. The realized and unrealized capital gains or capital losses, income, and common expenses (other than class-specific operating expenses and management fees) of a Portfolio are allocated on each Valuation Date (as defined in note 3) to the unitholders in proportion to the respective prior day's net asset value, which includes the unitholder trade(s) dated for that day, of each class of units at the date on which the allocation is made. Class-specific operating expenses and management fees do not require allocation. All class-specific operating expenses are paid by the Manager and are collected from the Portfolios on a recoverable basis.

### g) Loans and Receivables, Other Assets and Liabilities

Loans and receivables, other assets and liabilities are recorded at cost, which approximates their fair value with the exception of net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, which are presented at the redemption value.

### h) Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units per Unit

Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit of each class is calculated by dividing the Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units (excluding distributions), as reported in the Statements of Comprehensive Income, by the weighted average number of units in issue during the related period.

## 3. Valuation of Investments

The valuation date for a Portfolio is any day when the Manager's head office is open for business (*Valuation Date*). The Manager may, at its discretion, establish other Valuation Dates. The value of the investments or assets of a Portfolio is determined as follows:

### a) Cash and Other Assets

Cash, accounts receivable, dividends receivable, distributions receivable, and interest receivable are valued at their fair value or at their recorded cost.

### b) Mutual Fund Units

Units of each mutual fund in which a Portfolio invests are fair valued at the most recent net asset value quoted by the trustee or manager of the mutual fund on the Valuation Date.

### c) Other Securities

All other securities held by the Portfolios will be fair valued in accordance with the laws of the Canadian securities regulatory authorities, where applicable, and using fair valuation techniques that most accurately reflect their current value as determined by the Manager.

The value of any security or other property of a Portfolio for which a market quotation is not readily available or where, in the opinion of the Manager, the market quotations do not properly reflect the current value of such securities, will be determined by the Manager by valuing the securities at their fair value. In such situations, fair value will be determined using fair valuation techniques that most accurately reflect their fair value as established by the Manager.

## 4. Interest in Underlying Funds

The Portfolios invest in other investment funds (*Underlying Funds*). Each Underlying Fund invests in a portfolio of assets to generate returns in the form of investment income and capital appreciation for its unitholders. Each Underlying Fund finances its operations primarily through the issuance of redeemable units, which are puttable at the unitholder's option and entitle the unitholder to a proportionate share of the Underlying Fund's net assets. The Portfolios' interests in Underlying Funds held in the form of redeemable units are reported in its Schedule of Investments at fair value, which represents the Portfolios' maximum exposure on those investments. The Portfolios' interests in Underlying Funds as at the prior year period ends are presented in the Financial Instrument Risks – Concentration Risks section in the Supplemental Schedule to the Schedule of Investment Portfolio. Distributions earned from Underlying Funds are included in "Investment Income" in the Statements of Comprehensive Income. The total realized and change in unrealized gains (losses) arising from Underlying Funds are also included in the Statements of Comprehensive Income. The Portfolios do not provide any additional significant financial or other support to Underlying Funds.

Where applicable, the table *Interests in Underlying Funds* is presented as part of the Supplemental Schedule to Schedule of Investment Portfolio, which provides additional information on the Portfolios' investments in Underlying Funds where the ownership interest exceeds 20% of each Underlying Fund.

## 5. Redeemable Units Issued and Outstanding

Each Portfolio is permitted to have an unlimited number of classes of units and may issue an unlimited number of units of each class. The outstanding units represent the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units of the Portfolios. Each unit has no par value and the value of each unit is the net asset value determined on each valuation date. Settlement of the cost for units issued is completed as per laws of the Canadian securities regulatory authorities in place at the time of issue. Distributions made by the Portfolios and reinvested by unitholders in additional units also constitute issued redeemable units of the Portfolios.

Units are redeemed at the net assets attributable to holders of a redeemable unit per unit of each class of units of the Portfolio. A right to redeem units of a Portfolio may be suspended with the approval of the Canadian securities regulatory authorities or when normal trading is suspended on a stock, options, or futures exchange in Canada or outside of Canada on which securities or derivatives that make up more than 50% of the value or underlying market exposure of the total assets of the Portfolio, not including any liabilities of the Portfolio, are traded and when those securities or derivatives are not traded on any other exchange that represents a reasonably practical alternative for the Portfolio. The Portfolios are not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements.

The capital received by a Portfolio is utilized within the respective investment mandate of the Portfolio. This includes, for all Portfolios, the ability to make liquidity available to satisfy unitholder unit redemption requirements upon unitholder request.

Changes in issued and outstanding units for the periods ended August 31, 2020 and August 31, 2019 can be found on the Statements of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units.

## 6. Management Fees and Operating Expenses

Management fees are based on the net asset value of the Portfolios and are calculated daily and paid monthly. Management fees are paid to the Manager in consideration for providing, or arranging for the provision of, management, distribution, and portfolio advisory services. Advertising and promotional expenses, office overhead expenses related to the Manager's activities, trailing commissions and the fees of the portfolio sub-advisors are paid by the Manager out of the management fees received from the Portfolios.

For all classes except Class O, the Portfolios may charge up to a maximum annual management fee. The maximum annual management fee expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value for each class of units of the Portfolio is reported in footnote *Maximum Chargeable Management Fee* on the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

In addition to the management fees, the Portfolios are responsible for all expenses relating to the operation and conduct of the business of the Portfolios, including interest, operating, and administrative costs (other than advertising and promotional expenses, which are the responsibility of the Manager), brokerage fees, commissions, spreads, regulatory fees (including the portion of the regulatory fees paid by the Manager that are attributable to the Portfolios), Independent Review Committee fees and expenses, taxes, audit and legal fees and expenses, trustee fees, safekeeping fees, custodial fees, any agency fees, investor servicing costs, and costs of unitholder reports, prospectuses, fund facts, and other reports. All class-specific operating expenses are paid by the Manager and recovered from the Portfolios. The Portfolios do not pay a fee to the trustee.

The Manager may recover from a Portfolio less than the actual class-specific operating expenses paid by the Manager, resulting in the Manager absorbing class-specific expenses. The Manager may also charge to a Portfolio less than the maximum management fee noted in footnote *Maximum Chargeable Management Fee* on the Statements of Comprehensive Income, resulting in the Manager waiving management fees.

The decision to waive and/or absorb management fees and class-specific operating expenses is at the discretion of the Manager. The practice of waiving and/or absorbing management fees and class-specific operating expenses may continue indefinitely or may be terminated at any time without notice to unitholders. Class-specific operating expenses absorbed and/or management fees waived by the Manager are disclosed on the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

In some cases, the Manager may charge management fees to a Portfolio that are less than the management fees the Manager is entitled to charge in respect of certain investors in a Portfolio. The difference in the amount of the management fees will be paid out by the Portfolio to the applicable investors as a distribution of additional units of the Portfolio (*Management Fee Distributions*). Management Fee Distributions are negotiable between the Manager and the investor and are dependent primarily on the size of the investor's investment in the Portfolio. Management Fee Distributions paid to qualified investors do not adversely impact the Portfolio or any of the Portfolio's other investors. The Manager may increase or decrease the amount of Management Fee Distributions to certain investors from time to time.

Where a Portfolio invests in units of an Underlying Fund, the Portfolio does not pay duplicate management fees on the portion of its assets that it invests in units of the Underlying Fund. In addition, the Portfolio will not pay sales fees or redemption fees with respect to the purchase or redemption by it of units of the Underlying Funds. The manager of the Underlying Funds may, in some cases, waive all or a portion of an Underlying Fund's management fee, if any, and/or absorb all or a portion of an Underlying Fund's operating expenses.

## 7. Income Taxes and Withholding Taxes

All of the Portfolios qualify as mutual fund trusts under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada). No income tax is payable by the Portfolios on net income and/or net realized capital gains that are distributed to unitholders. In addition, for all of the Portfolios, income taxes payable on undistributed net realized capital gains are refundable on a formula basis when units of the Portfolios are redeemed. Sufficient net income and realized capital gains of the Portfolios have been, or will be, distributed to the unitholders such that no tax is payable by the Portfolios and, accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been made in the financial statements. Occasionally, a Portfolio may pay distributions in excess of net income and realized capital gains of the Portfolio. This excess distribution is called a return of capital and is non-taxable for the unitholders. However, a return of capital will reduce the adjusted cost base of the unitholders' units for tax purposes.

Non-capital losses are available to be carried forward for 20 years.

Capital losses for income tax purposes may be carried forward indefinitely and applied against capital gains realized in future years. Where applicable, a Portfolio's net capital and non-capital losses are reported in footnote *Net Capital and Non-Capital Losses* on the Statements of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units.

All the Portfolios have a taxation year-end of December 15.

The Portfolios may incur withholding taxes imposed by certain countries on investment income and capital gains. Such income and gains are recorded on a gross basis and the related withholding taxes are shown as a separate expense in the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

## 8. Related Party Transactions

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (*CIBC*) and its affiliates have the following roles and responsibilities with respect to the Portfolios and receive the fees described below in connection with their roles and responsibilities. Management fees payable and other accrued expenses on the Statements of Financial Position are amounts generally payable to a related party of the Portfolio.

### *Manager, Trustee, and Portfolio Advisor of the Portfolios*

CIBC Asset Management Inc. (*CAMI*), a wholly owned subsidiary of CIBC, is the Manager, trustee, and portfolio advisor of each of the Portfolios. The Manager also arranges for fund administrative services (other than advertising and promotional services, which are the responsibility of the Manager), legal, investor servicing, costs of unitholder reports, prospectuses, and other reports. The Manager is the registrar and transfer agent for the Portfolios and provides, or arranges for the provision of, all other administrative services required by the Portfolios. The dollar amount (including all applicable taxes) of all fund administrative expenses (net of absorptions) that the Manager recovers from the Portfolio is reported in footnote *Administrative and Other Fund Operating Expenses* on the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

### *Custodian*

The Custodian holds cash and securities for the Portfolios and ensures that those assets are kept separate from any other cash or securities that the custodian might be holding. The custodian also provides other services to the Portfolios, which could include record keeping and processing of foreign exchange transactions. CIBC Mellon Trust Company is the custodian of the Portfolios (the *Custodian*). The fees and spreads for the services of the Custodian are paid by the Manager and charged to each Portfolio on a recoverable basis. CIBC owns a 50 percent interest in the Custodian.

### *Service Provider*

CIBC Mellon Global Securities Services Company (*CIBC GSS*) provides certain services to the Portfolios, including fund accounting and reporting, and portfolio valuation. CIBC indirectly owns a 50 percent interest in CIBC GSS. The dollar amount paid by the Portfolios (including all applicable taxes) to CIBC Mellon Trust Company for custodial fees (net of absorptions) and to CIBC GSS for fund accounting, reporting, and fund valuation (all net of absorptions) for the six-month periods ended August 31, 2020 and August 31, 2019 is reported in footnote *Service Provider* on the Statements of Operations.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Unitholders of

Axiom Balanced Income Portfolio  
Axiom Diversified Monthly Income Portfolio  
Axiom Balanced Growth Portfolio  
Axiom Long-Term Growth Portfolio  
Axiom Canadian Growth Portfolio  
Axiom Global Growth Portfolio  
Axiom Foreign Growth Portfolio  
Axiom All Equity Portfolio  
(Collectively, the "Portfolios")

## Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Portfolios, which comprise the statements of financial position as at August 31, 2020 and 2019, and the statements of comprehensive income, statements of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units and statements of cash flows for the years then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Portfolios as at August 31, 2020 and 2019, and their financial performance and cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs).

## 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 report. We are independent of the Portfolios 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 Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Management Report of Fund Performance of the Portfolios. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do 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, and in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

We obtained the Management Report of Fund Performance of the Portfolios prior to the date of this auditor's report. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact in this 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 these financial statements in accordance with IFRSs, 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 each Portfolio'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 Portfolios or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Portfolios' financial reporting process.

## 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 these 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 Portfolios' 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 Portfolios' 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 Portfolios 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.

We 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.



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