

# **Annual Management Report of Fund Performance**

for the financial year ended August 31, 2020

All figures are reported in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted.

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

## **Investment Objective and Strategies**

Investment Objective: Renaissance Canadian Small-Cap Fund (the *Fund*) seeks above-average, long-term growth of capital by investing primarily in a diversified portfolio of equity securities of small- to medium-sized Canadian issuers.

Investment Strategies: The Fund invests in equity securities of smallto medium-sized Canadian and foreign issuers and may also invest in illiquid investments, such as restricted securities.

#### Risk

The Fund is a Canadian small/mid-cap equity fund that is suitable for long-term investors who can tolerate medium to high investment risk.

For the period ended August 31, 2020, the Fund's overall level of risk remains as discussed in the simplified prospectus.

## **Results of Operations**

The Fund's portfolio advisor is CIBC Asset Management Inc. (*CAMI*, the *Manager* or *Portfolio Advisor*). The commentary that follows provides a summary of the results of operations for the period ended August 31, 2020. All dollar figures are expressed in thousands, unless otherwise indicated.

The Fund's net asset value decreased by 41% during the period, from \$98,327 as at August 31, 2019 to \$58,238 as at August 31, 2020. Net redemptions of \$41,769 were partially offset by net income of \$1,527 and positive investment performance, resulting in an overall decrease in net asset value.

Class A units of the Fund posted a return of 24.5% for the period. The Fund's benchmark, the S&P/TSX Small Cap Index (the *benchmark*), returned -1.1% for the same period. The Fund's return is after the deduction of fees and expenses, unlike the benchmark's return. See the section *Past Performance* for the returns of other classes of units offered by the Fund.

The spread of COVID-19 forced many countries to shut down large parts of their economies for an extended period of time, especially in the first quarter of 2020. This, in turn, led to sharp declines in financial

markets, as most asset classes were negatively impacted by investors seeking to reduce risk.

Central banks and governments around the world announced broad measures to help ensure financial markets could continue to function properly, and to limit the economic damage brought about by COVID-19-related disruptions. The Bank of Canada (the *BoC*) lowered its benchmark overnight interest rate three times, by 50 basis points each time, to 0.25%. The BoC also implemented a bond-buying program to support the economy. This program included the purchase of bankers' acceptances, which helped stabilize that market. Supported by those fiscal and monetary measures, equity markets rebounded substantially from their low levels reached in late March.

Commodity prices, including those of oil, copper and iron ore, began the period at relatively strong levels before weakening in response to concern about demand. In anticipation of central bank stimulus measures and infrastructure spending, however, many base and bulk metal prices climbed higher near the end of the period. The price of gold was strong throughout the period. Earlier in the period, gold prices rose in response to robust physical demand and a weaker U.S. dollar. Later in the period, investors grew more "risk" averse and began to focus on safety and inflation protection, which are attributes that tend to be associated with gold.

Over the period, an underweight allocation to the energy sector contributed to the Fund's performance. Security selection within the information technology, health care and materials sectors also contributed to performance.

Individual contributors to performance included Trisura Group Ltd., Andlauer Healthcare Group Inc. and Dye & Durham Ltd. Trisura continued to successfully execute on its U.S. expansion strategy. Andlauer had a successful initial public offering (*IPO*) in December 2019. Dye & Durham's IPO also benefited from high demand and the company's combination of profitability, growth and economic resilience through the pandemic. A moderate underweight allocation to the materials sector detracted from the Fund's performance. The Fund held an underweight holding in many of the lowest-quality stocks in the materials sector, and these stocks benefited as commodity prices rose later in the period. Security selection in the communication services sector detracted from performance. On an individual holdings basis, Kew Media Group Inc. detracted from performance as the company reported a challenging quarter operationally. The Fund's holding in North American Construction Group Ltd. detracted from performance as negative sentiment pushed the energy sector lower.

Holdings added to the Fund during the period included European Residential Real Estate Investment Trust (*REIT*), a company that had been spun out from Canadian Apartment Properties REIT and focuses on the Netherlands multi-family residential market. The Portfolio Advisor believes the region has good market dynamics, strong population growth and tight supply conditions. Mainstreet Equity Corp. was also added to the Fund. Mainstreet is a real estate company focused on mid-market residential apartments in Western Canada. The Portfolio Advisor believes the recent stock price decline was a market overreaction. Element Fleet Management Corp. was added as the Portfolio Advisor believes the company is resilient and relatively well positioned for the coming economic environment.

Increased holdings during the period included Minto Apartment REIT. The Portfolio Advisor believes Minto has a strong portfolio in key urban locations, development expertise and a solid management team. A&W Revenue Royalties Income Fund provides a high yield and defensive qualities that may help the company withstand potentially volatile markets. The Fund's position in Enghouse Systems Ltd. was increased as the Portfolio Advisor favours the company's work-from-home technologies, strong recurring revenue and the cash it has available to deploy opportunistically.

Holdings eliminated from the Fund during the period included DIRTT Environmental Solutions, ARC Resources Ltd. and Sangoma Technologies Corp. DIRTT Environmental was sold as a result of heightened competition and changing dynamics in the prefabricated interior construction industry.

Decreased holdings included Pinnacle Renewable Energy Inc., Cargojet Inc., Andlauer and Dye & Durham. Pinnacle Renewable Energy was decreased as the company's stock price recovered and its industry environment remained challenging. Cargojet Inc., Andlauer and Dye & Durham were trimmed in response to the significant outperformance of their respective stock prices.

The Fund's higher portfolio turnover rate for the period was due to increased equity market volatility, which created greater purchase and sale opportunities.

# **Recent Developments**

The composition of the Independent Review Committee (*IRC*) changed during the period. Don Hunter and Merle Kriss retired effective April 26, 2020. Effective April 27, 2020, David Forster and Deborah Leckman were appointed as members of the IRC. Marcia Lewis Brown was appointed Chair effective April 1, 2020.

The international spread of COVID-19 caused a significant slowdown in the global economy and volatility in financial markets. The COVID-19 outbreak may adversely affect global markets and the performance of the Fund.

# **Related Party Transactions**

CIBC and its affiliates have the following roles and responsibilities with respect to the Fund, and receive the fees described below in connection with their roles and responsibilities.

# Manager, Trustee, and Portfolio Advisor of the Fund

CAMI, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CIBC, is the Fund's Manager, Trustee, and Portfolio Advisor. As Manager, CAMI receives management fees with respect to the Fund's day-to-day business and operations, calculated based on the net asset value of each respective class of units of the Fund as described in *Management Fees*. As Trustee, CAMI holds title to the Fund's property (cash and securities) on behalf of its unitholders. As Portfolio Advisor, CAMI provides, or arranges to provide for, investment advice and portfolio management services to the Fund. CAMI also compensates dealers in connection with their marketing activities regarding the Fund. From time to time, CAMI may invest in units of the Fund.

# Distributor

Dealers and other firms sell units of the Fund to investors. These dealers and other firms include CAMI's related dealers such as the CIBC Investor's Edge discount brokerage division of CIBC Investor Services Inc. (*CIBC ISI*), the CIBC Imperial Service division of CIBC ISI, and the CIBC Wood Gundy division of CIBC World Markets Inc. (*CIBC WM*). CIBC ISI and CIBC WM are wholly-owned subsidiaries of CIBC.

CAMI may pay sales commissions and trailing commissions to these dealers and firms in connection with the sale of units of the Fund. These dealers and other firms may pay a portion of these sales commissions and trailing commissions to their advisors who sell units of the Fund to investors.

# Brokerage Arrangements and Soft Dollars

The Portfolio Advisor makes decisions, including the selection of markets and dealers and the negotiation of commissions, with respect to the purchase and sale of portfolio securities, certain derivative products and the execution of portfolio transactions. Brokerage business may be allocated by the Portfolio Advisor to CIBC WM and CIBC World Markets Corp., each a subsidiary of CIBC. CIBC WM and CIBC World Markets Corp. may also earn spreads on the sale of fixed income securities, other securities, and certain derivative products to the Fund. A spread is the difference between the bid and ask prices for a security in the applicable marketplace, with respect to the execution of portfolio transactions. The spread will differ based upon various factors such as the nature and liquidity of the security.

Dealers, including CIBC WM and CIBC World Markets Corp., may furnish goods and services, other than order execution, when CAMI processes trades through them (referred to in the industry as "soft-dollar" arrangements). These goods and services are paid for with a portion of brokerage commissions and assist CAMI with investment decision-making services for the Fund or relate directly to the execution of portfolio transactions on behalf of the Fund.

The fees and spreads for services of the Custodian directly related to the execution of portfolio transactions by the Fund are paid by CAMI and/or dealer(s) directed by CAMI, up to the amount of the credits generated under soft dollar arrangements from trading on behalf of the Fund during that month.

In addition, the Manager may enter into commission recapture arrangements with certain dealers with respect to the Fund. Any commission recaptured will be paid to the Fund.

During the period, the Fund paid brokerage commissions and other fees of \$38,949 to CIBC WM; the Fund did not pay any brokerage commissions or other fees to CIBC World Markets Corp. Spreads associated with fixed income and other securities are not ascertainable and, for that reason, cannot be included when determining these amounts.

# Fund Transactions

The Fund may enter into one or more of the following transactions (the *Related Party Transactions*) in reliance on the standing instructions issued by the IRC:

- invest in or hold equity securities of CIBC or issuers related to a portfolio sub-advisor;
- invest in or hold non-exchange-traded debt securities of CIBC or an issuer related to CIBC, with terms-to-maturity of 365 days or more, issued in a primary offering and in the secondary market;
- make an investment in the securities of an issuer for which CIBC WM, CIBC World Markets Corp., or any affiliate of CIBC (a *Related Dealer*) acts as an underwriter during the offering of the securities or at any time during the 60-day period following the completion of the offering of such securities (in the case of a "private placement" offering, in accordance with the exemptive relief order granted by the Canadian securities regulatory authorities and in accordance with the policies and procedures relating to such investment);
- purchase equity and debt securities from or sell them to a Related Dealer, where it is acting as principal;
- undertake currency and currency derivative transactions where a Related Dealer is the counterparty;
- purchase securities from or sell securities to another investment fund or a managed account managed by the Manager or an affiliate of the Manager; and
- engage in in-specie transfers by receiving portfolio securities from, or delivering portfolio securities to, a managed account or another investment fund managed by the Manager or an affiliate, in respect of a purchase or redemption of units of the Fund, subject to certain conditions.

At least annually, the IRC reviews the Related Party Transactions for which they have issued standing instructions. The IRC is required to

advise the Canadian securities regulatory authorities, after a matter has been referred to or reported to it by the Manager, if it determines that an investment decision was not made in accordance with conditions imposed by securities legislation or the IRC in any Related Party Transactions requiring its approval.

# Custodian

CIBC Mellon Trust Company is the custodian of the Fund (the *Custodian*). The Custodian holds all cash and securities for the Fund 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 Fund including record-keeping and processing of foreign exchange transactions. The fees and spreads for services of the Custodian directly related to the execution of portfolio transactions by the Fund are paid by CAMI and/or dealer(s) directed by CAMI, up to the amount of the credits generated under soft dollar arrangements from trading on behalf of the Fund during that month. All other fees and spreads for the services of the Custodian are paid by the Manager and charged to the Fund on a recoverable basis. CIBC owns a 50% interest in the Custodian.

# Service Provider

CIBC Mellon Global Securities Services Company (*CIBC GSS*) provides certain services to the Fund, including securities lending, fund accounting and reporting, and portfolio valuation. Such servicing fees are paid by the Manager and charged to the Fund on a recoverable basis. CIBC indirectly owns a 50% interest in CIBC GSS.

## **Financial Highlights**

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the period ended August 31.

#### The Fund's Net Assets per Unit<sup>1</sup> - Class A Units

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	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$ 19.12	\$ 20.91	\$ 22.35	\$ 23.43	\$ 23.49	
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.43	
Total expenses	(0.55)	(0.54)	(0.63)	(0.62)	(0.66)	
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(1.76)	(0.72)	1.09	1.12	0.47	
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	6.14	(1.14)	(1.19)	(1.60)	2.02	
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$ 4.19	\$ (1.97)	\$ (0.37)	\$ (0.66)	\$ 2.26	
Distributions:						
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ _	\$ _	\$ _	\$ _	\$ _	
From dividends	-	-	-	-	_	
From capital gains	-	-	1.05	0.38	2.33	
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Distributions <sup>3</sup>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1.05	\$ 0.38	\$ 2.33	
Net Assets, end of period	\$ 23.81	\$ 19.12	\$ 20.91	\$ 22.35	\$ 23.43	

<sup>1</sup> This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements.

<sup>2</sup> Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The total increase (decrease) from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding during the period.

<sup>3</sup> Distributions were paid in cash, reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both.

#### **Ratios and Supplemental Data - Class A Units**

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	
Total Net Asset Value (000s) <sup>4</sup>	\$ 49,982	\$ 49,899	\$ 67,418	\$ 85,644	\$ 111,452	
Number of Units Outstanding <sup>4</sup>	2,099,347	2,609,902	3,224,950	3,832,164	4,757,257	
Management Expense Ratio <sup>5</sup>	2.34%	2.34%	2.35%	2.36%	2.60%	
Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>6</sup>	2.42%	2.42%	2.35%	2.36%	2.66%	
Trading Expense Ratio <sup>7</sup>	0.68%	0.46%	 0.57%	 0.33%	 0.40%	
Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>8</sup>	101.48%	61.92%	92.27%	57.41%	64.43%	
Net Asset Value per Unit	\$ 23.81	\$ 19.12	\$ 20.91	\$ 22.35	\$ 23.43	
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<sup>5</sup> Management expense ratio is based on the total expenses of the fund (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs), incurred by or allocated to a class of units for the period shown, expressed as an annualized percentage of the daily average net asset value of that class during the period.

<sup>6</sup> The decision to waive and/or absorb management fees and operating expenses is at the discretion of the Manager. The practice of waiving and/or absorbing management fees and operating expenses may continue indefinitely or may be terminated at any time without notice to unitholders.

<sup>7</sup> The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs before income taxes expressed as an annualized percentage of the daily average net asset value during the period. Spreads associated with fixed income securities trading are not ascertainable and, for that reason, are not included in the trading expense ratio calculation.

<sup>8</sup> The portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the portfolio advisor and/or portfolio sub-advisor manages the portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to a fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the period. The higher a portfolio turnover rate in a period, the greater the trading costs payable by a fund in the period, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a fund.

#### The Fund's Net Assets per Unit<sup>1</sup> - Class F Units

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$ 10.28	\$ 11.14	\$ 11.58	\$ 11.89	\$ 11.74	
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.22	
Total expenses	(0.16)	(0.15)	(0.18)	(0.16)	(0.15)	
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.92)	(0.42)	0.60	0.54	0.25	
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	3.27	(0.55)	(0.64)	(0.77)	1.06	
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$ 2.38	\$ (0.89)	\$ (0.03)	\$ (0.16)	\$ 1.38	
Distributions:						
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
From dividends	0.08	0.04	0.02	0.03	-	
From capital gains	-	-	0.36	0.08	1.18	
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Distributions <sup>3</sup>	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.11	\$ 1.18	
Net Assets, end of period	\$ 12.88	\$ 10.28	\$ 11.14	\$ 11.58	\$ 11.89	

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#### **Ratios and Supplemental Data - Class F Units**

2020		2019		2018		2017		2016	
\$ 3,115	\$	2,860	\$	4,625	\$	6,222	\$	7,209	
241,855		278,147		415,039		537,118		606,374	
1.01%		1.00%		0.98%		0.98%		0.97%	
1.13%		1.13%		1.03%		0.99%		0.98%	
0.68%		0.46%		0.57%		0.33%		0.40%	
101.48%		61.92%		92.27%		57.41%		64.43%	
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#### The Fund's Net Assets per Unit<sup>1</sup> - Class O Units

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$ 12.05	\$ 13.04	\$ 13.60	\$ 14.18	\$ 13.85	
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.26	
Total expenses	(0.09)	(0.06)	(0.08)	(0.05)	(0.06)	
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(3.11)	(0.45)	0.67	0.67	0.32	
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(1.00)	(0.75)	(0.70)	(1.00)	1.35	
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$ (3.91)	\$ (0.99)	\$ 0.11	\$ (0.11)	\$ 1.87	
Distributions:						
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ 0.09	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
From dividends	0.21	0.14	0.07	0.08	-	
From capital gains	-	-	0.55	0.41	1.38	
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Distributions <sup>3</sup>	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.49	\$ 1.38	
Net Assets, end of period	\$ 14.96	\$ 12.05	\$ 13.04	\$ 13.60	\$ 14.18	

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#### **Ratios and Supplemental Data - Class O Units**

2020		2019		2018		2017		2016	
\$ 5,141	\$	45,568	\$	62,593	\$	79,543	\$	96,620	
343,728		3,782,066		4,799,059		5,850,353		6,812,140	
0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%	
0.14%		0.09%		0.07%		0.06%		0.06%	
0.68%		0.46%		0.57%		0.33%		0.40%	
101.48%		61.92%		92.27%		57.41%		64.43%	
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<sup>4</sup> This information is presented as at August 31 of the period(s) shown.

<sup>5</sup> Management expense ratio is based on the total expenses of the fund (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs), incurred by or allocated to a class of units for the period shown, expressed as an annualized percentage of the daily average net asset value of that class during the period.

<sup>6</sup> The decision to waive and/or absorb management fees and operating expenses is at the discretion of the Manager. The practice of waiving and/or absorbing management fees and operating expenses may continue indefinitely or may be terminated at any time without notice to unitholders.

<sup>7</sup> The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs before income taxes expressed as an annualized percentage of the daily average net asset value during the period. Spreads associated with fixed income securities trading are not ascertainable and, for that reason, are not included in the trading expense ratio calculation.

<sup>8</sup> The portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the portfolio advisor and/or portfolio sub-advisor manages the portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to a fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the period. The higher a portfolio turnover rate in a period, the greater the trading costs payable by a fund in the period, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a fund.

# **Management Fees**

The Fund pays CAMI an annual management fee to cover the costs of managing the Fund. Management fees are based on the Fund's net asset value and are calculated daily and paid monthly. Management fees are paid to CAMI 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, and trailing commissions are paid by CAMI out of the management fees received from the Fund. The Fund is required to pay applicable taxes on the management fees paid to CAMI. Refer to the simplified prospectus for the annual management fee rate for each class of units.

For Class O units, the management fee is negotiated with and paid by, or as directed by, unitholders or dealers and discretionary managers on behalf of unitholders. Such Class O management fee will not exceed the Class F unit management fee rate.

The following table shows a breakdown of the services received in consideration of the management fees, as a percentage of the management fees collected from the Fund for the period ended August 31, 2020. These amounts do not include waived fees or absorbed expenses.

	Class A Units	Class F Units
Sales and trailing commissions paid to dealers	42.64%	0.00%
General administration, investment advice, and profit	57.36%	100.00%

## **Past Performance**

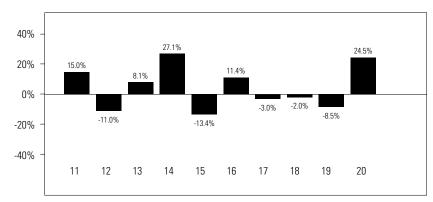
The performance data provided assumes reinvestment of distributions only and does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution, or other optional charges payable by any unitholder that would have reduced returns. Past performance does not necessarily indicate how a fund will perform in the future.

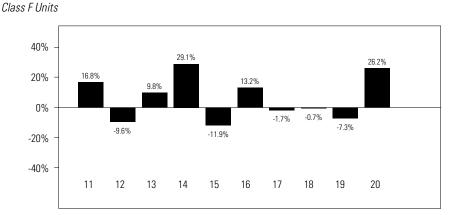
The Fund's returns are after the deduction of fees and expenses, and the difference in returns between classes of units is primarily due to differences in the management expense ratio. See *Financial Highlights* section for the management expense ratio.

## Year-by-Year Returns

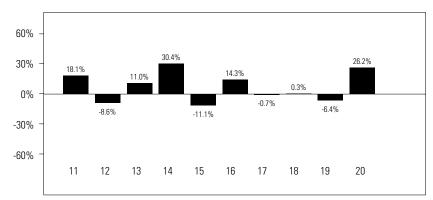
These bar charts show the annual performance of each class of units of the Fund for each of the periods shown, and illustrate how the performance has changed from period to period. These bar charts show, in percentage terms, how an investment made on September 1 would have increased or decreased by August 31, unless otherwise indicated.

Class A Units





Class O Units



# **Annual Compound Returns**

This table shows the annual compound return of each class of units of the Fund for each indicated period ended on August 31, 2020. The annual compound return is compared to the Fund's benchmark.

The Fund's benchmark is the S&P/TSX Small-Cap Index.

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years*	or Since Inception*	Inception Date
Class A units	24.5%	3.7%	3.8%	3.9%		October 25, 1996
S&P/TSX Small-Cap Index	-1.1%	-1.0%	4.0%	1.9%		
Class F units	26.2%	5.1%	5.3%	5.5%		November 3, 2005
S&P/TSX Small-Cap Index	-1.1%	-1.0%	4.0%	1.9%		
Class O units	26.2%	5.8%	6.1%	6.4%		July 12, 2005
S&P/TSX Small-Cap Index	-1.1%	-1.0%	4.0%	1.9%		

\* If a class of units has been outstanding for less than 10 years, the annual compound return since inception is shown.

**S&P/TSX Small-Cap Index** provides an investable index for the Canadian small cap market. The index is float adjusted and market cap weighted and was developed with industry input as the ideal benchmark for those with small cap exposure of the Canadian equity market.

A discussion of the Fund's relative performance compared to its benchmark can be found in Results of Operations.

# Summary of Investment Portfolio (as at August 31, 2020)

The summary of investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the investment fund. A quarterly update is available by visiting www.renaissanceinvestments.ca. The Top Positions table shows a fund's 25 largest positions. For funds with fewer than 25 positions in total, all positions are shown. Cash and cash equivalents are shown in total as one position.

	% of Net Asset
Portfolio Breakdown	Value
Materials	20.6
Industrials	18.6
Real Estate	10.7
Financials	10.4
Health Care	9.2
Other Equities	7.9
Information Technology	6.5
Cash & Cash Equivalents	6.3
Energy	5.5
Corporate Bonds	3.8
Forward & Spot Contracts	0.3
Other Assets, less Liabilities	0.2

	% of Net Asset
Top Positions	Value
Cash & Cash Equivalents	6.3
Akumin Inc.	5.0
K92 Mining Inc.	4.8
StorageVault Canada Inc.	4.0
Polaris Infrastructure Inc., Convertible, Callable, 7.00%, 2024/05/31	3.8
Westaim Corp. (The)	3.8
GDI Integrated Facility Services Inc.	3.8
European Residential REIT	3.7
Dye & Durham Ltd.	3.6
Teranga Gold Corp.	3.5
Trisura Group Ltd.	3.5
Badger Daylighting Ltd.	3.5
North American Construction Group Ltd.	3.4
Willscot Mobile Mini Holdings Corp.	3.4
ERO Copper Corp.	3.2
Boyd Group Services Inc.	3.1
Champion Iron Ltd.	2.8
SSR Mining Inc.	2.7
Park Lawn Corp.	2.7
Andlauer Healthcare Group Inc.	2.6
Waterloo Brewing Ltd.	2.5
Cargojet Inc.	2.2
Minto Apartment REIT	1.9
Pure Gold Mining Inc.	1.8
People Corp.	1.7

#### A note on forward-looking statements

The management report of fund performance may contain forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include statements that are predictive in nature, that depend upon or refer to future events or conditions, or that include words such as "expects", "anticipates", "intends", "plans", "believes", "estimates", or other similar wording. In addition, any statements that may be made concerning future performance, strategies, or prospects and possible future actions taken by the fund, are also forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors that may cause the actual results and achievements of the fund to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such statements. Such factors include, but are not limited to: general economic, market, and business conditions; fluctuations in securities prices, interest rates, and foreign currency exchange rates; changes in government regulations; and catastrophic events.

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