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Canadian Equity Fund

(SRA) SF274

Annual audited financial statements
and unaudited supplementary
financial information

For the year ended December 31, 2023



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As presented to

The Canada Life Assurance Company

Year in review 2023

2023 saw rising core inflation which impacted economies around the world. To combat inflation, central banks tightened monetary conditions early in the year. This caused fears of a global recession pushing interest rates higher and bond markets lower. With inflation declining late in the year on reduced economic activity, optimism in the markets picked up. This took equities higher as central banks paused on rate increases and market expectations rose regarding several potential cuts in posted rates in 2024. Equity markets around the world were strong last year (double digit increases across most markets) and outperformed bond markets. Persistent inflation in 2024 could cause central banks to be cautious on rate cuts, potentially disappointing capital markets going forward.

Last year, the Fund generated a total return of 9.3%. The Fund's broad-based benchmark, the S&P/TSX Composite Index, returned 11.7% during the same period. The Fund underperformed the benchmark because of sector positioning in information technology (the Fund has no position in Shopify), where Shopify more than doubled and alone detracted 2.2% of value from the Fund.

Value was added from several non-bank financial companies that performed well last year (Fairfax Financial, EQB Inc. and Element Fleet Management). For individual security selection, AltaGas outperformed the utility sector as they purchased a natural gas processing plant, and the company is looking to increase their capacity at their export terminals. In materials, both Methanex and Algoma Steel contributed; Methanex benefited from rising energy prices given the use of methanol as a substitute, while Algoma benefited from a rebound in flat rolled steel prices which were up over 50% in the year, along with the attention in the sector as U.S. Steel received multiple bids. NFI Group announced an equity receipts issue in May 2023.

The receipts (in which the Fund participated) are part of a refinancing plan to reduce debt. In addition, NFI announced a new e-bus order and a competitor (NOVA bus) announced that they would exit the U.S. market by 2025 to focus on Canada. Meanwhile, another U.S. competitor, Proterra, went bankrupt in August 2023, opening more market share potential for NFI.

Detracting value in the period, were information technology (IT), real estate and energy. Our underweighting of the IT sector detracted value as the sector outperformed as Shopify more than doubled and alone detracted 2.2% of value from the Fund. In real estate, security selection in H&R REIT detracted value as the stock fell as the company was impacted by the overall concern in the sector about office occupancy (which continues to decline). The company reported ongoing earnings improvements throughout the year and post asset sales they continue to buy back stock. In Energy, security selection in Cenovus (which fell) along with no position in Cameco (which almost doubled on the enthusiasm for nuclear energy) detracted value. Cenovus was weak on lower expected refining margins and production growth during the year. However, the stock remains a preferred name amongst the energy producers as the company balances long-life oil production with their refining business, providing multiple sources of profitability and value.

During the period, Birchcliff Energy, West Fraser Timber, Algoma Steel, Telus International and Brookfield Business Partners were added to the Fund. Birchcliff is a major provider of natural gas and adds some diversification to the portfolio in the energy sector. West Fraser provides exposure to lumber and more importantly to the U.S. housing construction market; with no debt and cash on the balance sheet, the company provides attractive upside potential. Telus International declined from a high in October 2021 (after its February 2021 Initial Public Offering from within Telus Corp.) to the low teens. This decline provided the Fund an entry point at a reasonable valuation, and the company provides exposure to the growing area of the artificial intelligence (AI) market, all the while providing a base of exposure to a customer experience/call centre business which is fairly “sticky”. Brookfield Business Partners declined from a high in March 2022. Over the last six years, the company has increased profitability by over

50% a year and increased net asset value by 15% a year. They've also been able to recycle capital, having sold about a dozen businesses over the last 6 years at an average multiple of 5x their investment. Trading at a discount to its valuation, the Fund took a position in the company.

Several existing positions were increased, including Cogeco, AltaGas, NFI Group, Canada Goose, Royal Bank, Manulife and Canfor Corp. Cogeco has been impacted by weakness in their U.S. cable business, but the market appears to be overly pessimistic about the outlook, and so we added to the position. AltaGas underperformed early in the year providing an opportunity for the Fund to add to the position, it then rallied throughout the year. Canada Goose has been weak on concerns about discretionary consumer spending being impacted by an economic slowdown – we don't share the same concerns longer term and have added to our position. In Financials, Royal Bank should strongly benefit from the HSBC acquisition, while Manulife has lagged and so the portfolio holding increased.

The Fund's holding in Alimentation Couche-Tard, Celestica, Stella Jones, ATCO and SNC Lavalin were all sold completely as the stocks hit the target prices. Brookfield Asset Management, Power Corp. and Primaris REIT were sold to invest in other positions in their respective sectors that offered greater upside potential. Several holdings were trimmed on share price strength, although the Fund maintains overweight positions in these companies. Shares of Teck Resources Ltd. performed as there was speculation of a takeover and the Fund used the strength to divest of some of the position. In Financials, Fairfax, Element Fleet and EQB all rallied strongly, and the Fund took some profits. While the Fund had added NFI earlier in the year, price strength later in the year gave the Fund the opportunity to take some profits, although the Fund maintains an overweight.

2024 Outlook

There is a tale of two economies taking place in North America. U.S. real GDP has grown twice as fast as Canada's GDP (7.0% vs 3.4%) despite Canada's population growth of 5.7% vs. growth of 1.8% in the U.S. There are a few reasons for this: i) more impactful

U.S. fiscal policy (government defense spending); ii) better productivity; and iii) a less indebted U.S. consumer who is willing to spend more. While these differences might explain some of the equity market valuation differences, examining the difference in the equity risk premium (ERP) across markets is quite stark. The ERP is the difference between the 10-year Government bond yield and the forward earnings yield, and shows the premium received by investors from owning equities over bonds. Despite higher interest rates in the U.S. and higher valuation levels, the ERP for the U.S. market (S&P 500 as of December 29, 2023) was 1.17% versus 4.03% for Canada's S&P/TSX (with SRA's value portfolio having an ERP of 5.74%). This difference shows the value that exists in Canada vs. the U.S., and especially the value that exists in the Fund.

Even with inflation announcements being watched closely as a predictor of central bank action, inflation could be persistent. CPI announcements in Q4 across developed economies ranged from +1.8% for Italy to +4.6% for the UK with Canada and the U.S. at +3.2%. Peeling back the layers shows that both services inflation and core inflation are running above the headline levels. While current market sentiment is leaning towards falling headline inflation and rate cuts in 2024, central bankers will want to see inflation at a level where they can confidently assess their ability to ease; they are unlikely to want to start easing too soon for fear of having to walk back their decisions later in the year. While we don't predict inflation, there are factors that argue for longer-term persistent inflation: geo-political events boosting energy prices; military spending driving demand; country and regional "green transitions" funded by governments driving demand; and union wage settlements putting more money in consumer pockets. Regardless of the outcome for inflation and interest rates, as a bottom-up Canadian equity value manager, we remain focused for the Fund on investing with our value philosophy mindset by analyzing company earnings, cash flows and net assets to build portfolios that provide attractive risk adjusted upside potential, which generates a long term added value for our clients through a business cycle.

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Contractholders of Canadian Equity Fund (SRA) SF274 (the “Fund”)

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Fund, which comprise the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the statements of comprehensive income, changes in net assets attributable to contractholders and cash flows for the years then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of material accounting policies (collectively 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 December 31, 2023 and 2022, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) and the requirements of Part XII of the Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association Guideline G2.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards (“Canadian GAAS”). 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 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.

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 and the requirements of Part XII of the Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association Guideline G2, 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 Fund's 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 GAAS 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 GAAS, 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 Fund's 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.

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.

/s/ Deloitte LLP
Chartered Professional Accountants
Winnipeg, Manitoba
March 14, 2024

Canadian Equity Fund

(SRA) SF274

(in Canadian \$ thousands)

**Fund Manager: Scheer Rowlett & Associates
Investment Management Ltd.**

Statement of Financial Position

| (in Canadian \$ thousands) For the years ended | December 31 2023 | December 31 2022 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| Assets | | |
| Cash and short-term deposits | - | - |
| Investment income due and accrued | - | - |
| Due from The Canada Life Assurance Company (note 8) | - | - |
| Due from brokers | - | - |
| Due from outside parties | - | - |
| Investments Investment fund units (note 3) | 82,967 | 81,621 |
| Total investments | 82,967 | 81,621 |
| Total assets | 82,967 | 81,621 |
| Liabilities | | |
| Overdrafts | 70 | 10 |
| Due to The Canada Life Assurance Company (note 8) | - | 34 |
| Due to brokers | - | - |
| Due to outside parties | - | - |
| Total liabilities excluding net assets attributable to contractholders | 70 | 44 |
| Net assets attributable to contractholders | 82,897 | 81,577 |

Statement of Comprehensive Income

| (in Canadian \$ thousands) For the years ended | December 31 2023 | December 31 2022 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Income | | |
| Net gain (loss) on investments | 7,241 | 801 |
| Miscellaneous income (loss) | - | - |
| Total income (loss) | 7,241 | 801 |
| Expenses | | |
| Management fees (note 8) | 693 | 721 |
| Other | 70 | 73 |
| Total expenses | 763 | 794 |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets from operations attributable to contractholders | 6,478 | 7 |

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Contractholders

| (in Canadian \$ thousands) For the years ended | December 31 2023 | December 31 2022 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| Net assets attributable to contractholders – beginning of year | 81,577 | 85,384 |
| Contractholder deposits | 318 | 384 |
| Contractholder withdrawals | (5,476) | (4,198) |
| Increase (decrease) in net assets from operations attributable to contractholders | 6,478 | 7 |
| Change in net assets attributable to contractholders | 1,320 | (3,807) |
| Net assets attributable to contractholders – end of year | 82,897 | 81,577 |

Statement of Cash Flows

(in Canadian \$ thousands)
For the years ended

**December 31
2023**

December 31
2022

Net Inflow (Outflow) of Cash Related to the Following Activities

Operating Activities

| | | |
|--|---------|---------|
| Increase (decrease) in net assets from operations attributable to contractholders | 6,478 | 7 |
| Adjustments | | |
| Realized (gains) losses | 8 | (406) |
| Unrealized (gains) losses | (1,309) | 8,600 |
| Gross proceeds of disposition of investments | 5,895 | 4,851 |
| Gross payments for the purchase of investments | - | (38) |
| Distribution income of underlying mutual fund | (5,940) | (8,995) |
| Change in due from/ to The Canada Life Assurance Company | (34) | (5) |
| Change in due from/ to brokers | - | - |
| | 5,098 | 4,014 |

Financing Activities

| | | |
|---|---------|---------|
| Contractholder deposits | 318 | 384 |
| Contractholder withdrawals | (5,476) | (4,198) |
| | (5,158) | (3,814) |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash, short-term deposits and overdrafts | (60) | 200 |
| Cash, short-term deposits and overdrafts, beginning of year | (10) | (210) |
| Cash, short-term deposits and overdrafts, end of year | (70) | (10) |

Schedule of Investment Portfolio

(in Canadian \$ thousands, except number of units)

As at December 31, 2023

| | No. of Units | Average Cost | Fair Value |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|------------|
| Investment Fund Units | | | |
| Scheer Rowlett & Associates Canadian Equity Fund | 6,626,592 | 84,637 | 82,967 |
| Total Investments | | 84,637 | 82,967 |

Top 25 Holdings

| Security Description | % of Total |
|---|------------|
| The Toronto-Dominion Bank | 7.03% |
| Royal Bank of Canada | 6.26% |
| TC Energy Corp. | 4.71% |
| The Bank of Nova Scotia | 4.36% |
| Suncor Energy Inc. | 4.27% |
| Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce | 3.92% |
| Brookfield Corp. | 3.59% |
| AltaGas Ltd. | 3.42% |
| Canadian National Railway Co. | 3.15% |
| Canadian Pacific Kansas City Ltd. | 3.14% |
| Rogers Communications Inc. Class B non-voting | 2.88% |
| Element Fleet Management Corp. | 2.73% |
| CGI Group Inc. Class A sub. voting | 2.70% |
| Magna International Inc. | 2.53% |
| Restaurant Brands International Inc. | 2.50% |
| Barrick Gold Corp. | 2.47% |
| Gildan Activewear Inc. | 2.36% |
| Cenovus Energy Inc. | 2.26% |
| H&R REIT | 2.10% |
| Enbridge Inc. | 1.98% |
| NFI Group Inc. | 1.97% |
| EQB Inc. | 1.87% |
| Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd. sub. voting | 1.84% |
| Methanex Corp. | 1.84% |
| Manulife Financial Corp. | 1.78% |

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help users of the financial statements understand the Fund's financial performance.

(in Canadian \$, except number of units outstanding)

Net Assets Attributable to Contractholders by Category

For the years ended December 31

| | Number of units outstanding | | | | |
|----------|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 |
| Ingenium | 65,397 | 69,680 | 72,879 | 76,879 | 82,282 |

| | Net asset value (in \$ thousands) | | | | |
|----------|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 |
| Ingenium | 82,897 | 81,577 | 85,384 | 68,654 | 71,161 |

Net Assets Attributable to Contractholders Per Unit (note 7)

For the years ended December 31

| | Net asset value per unit (\$) | | | | |
|----------|-------------------------------|----------|----------|--------|--------|
| | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 |
| Ingenium | 1,267.59 | 1,170.73 | 1,171.58 | 893.01 | 864.83 |

| | Increase (decrease) per unit (\$) | | | | |
|----------|-----------------------------------|--|--------|--|--|
| | 2023 | | 2022 | | |
| Ingenium | 96.86 | | (0.85) | | |

Notes to the Financial Statements

(in Canadian \$ thousands)

1. THE FUND

The Canadian Equity Fund (SRA) SF274 (the Fund) is offered by The Canada Life Assurance Company (Canada Life or the Company).

The Company is the sole issuer of the insurance contracts providing for investment in the Fund. The assets of the Fund are owned by the Company and are segregated from the other assets of the Company. The Fund is not a separate legal entity. The Fund invests in a portfolio of assets to generate returns in the form of investment income and capital appreciation for the contractholders, who are the ultimate beneficiaries of the Fund. The Fund's investment activities are overseen by the Company.

The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Great-West Lifeco Inc. (Lifeco), a publicly listed company incorporated and domiciled in Canada. Lifeco is a member of the Power Corporation of Canada (Power Corporation) group of companies and is a subsidiary of Power Corporation.

The Fund's registered office is at 100 Osborne Street North, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, R3C 1V3.

The financial statements of the Fund as at and for the year ended December 31, 2023 were approved for issue by the Company on March 14, 2024.

2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Fund have been prepared in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB). Uniform accounting policies were applied in the preparation of the Fund's financial statements. These accounting policies are based on the IFRS and IFRS Interpretations Committee (IFRIC) interpretations issued and effective at December 31, 2023. The financial statements of the Fund have also been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Part XII of the Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association Guideline G2.

a) Use of Estimates, Significant Accounting Judgments and Assumptions

The preparation of the Fund's financial statements in accordance with IFRS requires management to make estimates, judgments and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities at the reporting date and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. The valuation of investments is the most significant component of the financial statements subject to estimates. Although some variability is inherent in these judgments and assumptions, the Fund believes that the amounts recorded are reasonable.

When the fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded in the Statement of Financial Position cannot be derived from active markets, the fair value is determined using a variety of valuation techniques that include the use of valuation models. The inputs to these models are taken from observable markets where possible, but where this information is not available, estimation is required in establishing fair values. The estimates include consideration of liquidity and model inputs related to items such as credit risk (both own and counterparty's), correlation and volatility. Changes in assumptions about these factors could affect the reported fair value of financial instruments in the Statement of Financial Position and the level where the financial instruments are disclosed in the fair value hierarchy. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

The Company is required to make significant judgments in order to determine the most appropriate classification in accordance with IFRS 9, *Financial Instruments*. The Company has assessed the Fund's business model, the manner in which all financial instruments are managed and the requirements of other accounting standards, and has concluded that fair value through profit and loss (FVTPL) provides the most appropriate measurement and presentation of the Fund's financial instruments.

Entities that meet the definition of an investment entity within IFRS 10, *Consolidated Financial Statements* are required to measure their

subsidiaries at FVTPL rather than consolidate them. The criteria that define an investment entity are as follows:

- An entity that obtains funds from one or more investors for the purpose of providing those investors with investment services;
- An entity that commits to its investors that its business purpose is to invest funds solely for returns from capital appreciation, investment income or both; and
- An entity that measures and evaluates the performance of substantially all of its investments on a fair value basis.

In the judgment of management, the Fund meets the definition of an investment entity. This conclusion will be reassessed on a periodic basis, if any changes in criteria or circumstances exist.

b) Fair Value Measurement and Classification

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities have been categorized based upon the following fair value hierarchy:

Level 1: Fair value measurements utilize observable, quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Fund has the ability to access. Assets and liabilities utilizing Level 1 inputs include equity securities that are actively traded on an exchange, exchange-traded futures and underlying mutual funds which have available prices in an active market with no redemption restrictions.

Level 2: Fair value measurements utilize inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Level 2 inputs include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, and inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, such as interest rates and yield curves that are observable at commonly quoted intervals. The fair values for some Level 2 securities were obtained from a pricing service. The pricing service inputs include, but are not limited to, benchmark yields, reported trades, broker/dealer quotes, issuer spreads, two-sided markets, benchmark securities, offers and reference data. Level 2 assets and liabilities

include those priced using a matrix which is based on credit quality and average life, and generally include some private bonds and equities, most investment-grade and high-yield corporate bonds, most asset-backed securities, most over-the-counter derivatives, and mortgage loans.

Level 3: Fair value measurements utilize one or more significant inputs that are not based on observable market inputs and include situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability. The values of the majority of Level 3 securities were obtained from single broker quotes, internal pricing models, or external appraisers. Assets and liabilities utilizing Level 3 inputs generally include certain bonds and private investments.

For assets and liabilities that are recognized in the financial statements on a recurring basis, the Fund determines whether transfers have occurred between levels in the hierarchy by re-assessing the categorization (based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole) at the end of each reporting period.

Fair values of financial instruments 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. Additional disclosures relating to transfers between levels and a reconciliation of beginning and ending balances in Level 3 are included in the notes to the Schedule of Investment Portfolio, where applicable.

Level 3 financial instruments are reviewed on a periodic basis by the Company. The Company considers the appropriateness of the valuation model inputs, as well as the valuation result using various valuation methods and techniques generally recognized as standard within the industry. The Company estimates the fair value of bonds not traded in active markets by referring to actively traded securities with similar attributes,

dealer quotations, matrix pricing methodology, discounted cash flow analyses and/or internal valuation models. This methodology considers such factors as the issuer's industry, the security's rating, term, coupon rate and position in the capital structure of the issuer, as well as, yield curves, credit curves, prepayment rates and other relevant factors. For bonds that are not traded in active markets, valuations are adjusted to reflect illiquidity, and such adjustments generally are based on available market evidence. In the absence of such evidence, management's best estimate is used.

Transfers into Level 3 are due primarily to decreased observability of inputs in valuation methodologies. Transfers out of Level 3 are due primarily to increased observability of inputs in valuation methodologies as evidenced by corroboration of market prices with multiple pricing vendors.

The Fund's fair value hierarchy classification of its assets and liabilities is included in note 9 on Financial Instrument Risk Management.

Upon initial recognition, the Fund classifies and measures all financial assets and financial liabilities in the Statement of Financial Position at FVTPL. The financial assets and financial liabilities are recognized 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. As such, investment purchase and sale transactions are recorded as of the trade date. The Fund's policy is not to apply hedge accounting.

c) Investment Fund Units

Investment fund units are recorded at fair value, which is the closing net asset value (NAV) per unit of the underlying fund.

d) Cash, Short-term Deposits and Overdrafts

Cash, short-term deposits and overdrafts are comprised of cash on deposit, short-term deposits and overdrafts with terms to maturity of less than three months at acquisition. Due to the nature of

these assets being highly liquid and having short terms to maturity, these items are reported at fair value, which approximates their cost.

e) **Classification of Units Issued by the Fund**

The units of the Fund are classified as financial liabilities under IFRS as the Fund is contractually obligated to repurchase or redeem them for cash or another financial asset when the units are disposed. The net assets attributable to contractholders are classified as FVTPL.

f) **Recognition of Investments and Income**

Financial investment purchases and sales are recorded when the Fund becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument on a trade date basis.

Financial assets and financial liabilities at FVTPL are recorded in the Statement of Financial Position at fair value.

The accrual basis of accounting is used to record all types of investment income earned and expenses incurred by the Fund.

The following are included in net gain (loss) on investments on the Statement of Comprehensive Income:

Realized gains (losses) on investments – recorded upon the sale or maturity of an asset and determined using the average cost basis.

Unrealized gains (losses) on investments – calculated as the in-year change in fair value of the investment and determined using the average cost basis.

After initial measurement, the Fund classifies and measures financial instruments as FVTPL at the reporting date. Changes in the fair value are recorded in net gain (loss) on investments in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Foreign currency

The financial statements have been presented in Canadian dollars, which is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Fund is domiciled and is the Fund's functional currency.

Foreign currency translations are calculated using the exchange rate in effect when the transaction occurred. Monetary assets and

liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are re-translated at the functional currency rate of exchange at the reporting date. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates as at the dates of the initial transactions. Non-monetary items measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value was determined. The gains or losses generated by foreign exchange are recorded in the Statement of Comprehensive Income within net gain (loss) on investments.

g) Offsetting of Financial Instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the Statement 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.

h) Amounts Due to/from Broker

Amounts due to brokers are payables for securities purchased that have been contracted for, but not yet delivered, on the reporting date.

Amounts due from brokers include margin accounts and receivables for securities sold that have been contracted for, but not yet delivered, on the reporting date.

Amounts due to/from brokers are held at fair value which approximates their cost.

Amounts due to/from brokers are settled within a few business days of the reporting date. All securities are purchased and sold in regular way transactions.

i) Amounts Due to/from Outside Parties

Amounts due to outside parties are payables to parties other than related parties of the Fund.

Amounts due from outside parties are receivables due from parties other than related parties of the Fund.

Amounts due to/from outside parties are held at fair value which approximates their cost.

j) Other Expenses

Other expenses consist primarily of securities handling charges. All these expenses are paid to third parties. The accrual basis of accounting is used to record all types of expenses incurred by the Fund.

k) Income Allocation

Net gain (loss) on investments, which includes realized gains and losses and unrealized gains and losses, accrues to each contractholder through the increase (decrease) of the NAV per unit.

l) Issue and Redemption of Units

Units attributable to contractholders are redeemable at the contractholders' option at prices based on the Fund's NAV per unit at the time of redemption and are therefore classified as financial liabilities.

Units are issued and redeemed at their NAV per unit established as noted in the information folder of the Fund.

The Fund's obligation for net assets attributable to contractholders is presented at the redemption amount at the reporting date. The deposits and withdrawals of contractholders are adjusted for inter-fund transfers.

3. INVESTMENT FUND UNITS

Investment fund units of the Fund invest solely in underlying mutual funds.

As the Fund's assets are invested in underlying investment funds, the Fund indirectly pays management fees and operating expenses of the underlying funds. All such charges are included in the management expense ratio of the segregated funds.

Distributions of income from the underlying investment funds are shown as net gain (loss) on investments on the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Investment activity of the underlying fund indirectly exposes the Fund to financial risk. See note 9 on Financial Instrument Risk Management.

Investments in unconsolidated structured entities

The Company has determined that the Fund meets the definition of an investment entity and as such, accounts for its holdings in unlisted open-ended investment funds at FVTPL. The Company has concluded that the underlying funds in which the Fund invests, but do not consolidate, meet the definition of structured entities because: (i) the voting rights in the underlying funds are not dominant rights in deciding who controls them; (ii) each underlying fund's activities are restricted by its prospectus; and (iii) the underlying funds have narrow and well-defined objectives to provide investment opportunities to investors.

4. DESCRIPTION OF UNITS

The capital of the Fund is divided into a category of units.

Individual units are available to individuals for investment in:

- Registered Retirement Savings Plans,
- Registered Savings Plans,
- Tax Free Savings Accounts, and
- Non-Registered Savings Plans through the purchase of an Individual Savings Contract or a Retirement Income Fund.

Individual units are available under this option:

- Ingenium

The category of units is accounted for separately and any increases or decreases in net assets attributable to contractholders during the year are allocated to the category.

5. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The Fund is not subject to externally imposed capital requirements and has no legal restrictions on the issue, repurchase or resale of redeemable units beyond those included in the Fund's offering document. Units are redeemed at the NAV per unit of a Fund on the redemption date. The capital received by a Fund is utilized within the respective investment mandate of the Fund.

6. INCOME TAXES

The Fund is deemed to be a trust under the provisions of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada). Income of a segregated fund is deemed to be payable to the contractholders and therefore the Fund will not have taxable income. In addition, capital gains and losses are deemed to be those of the contractholders and not of the Fund. Realized gains or losses may be reduced by the amount of gains or losses realized by contractholders on the redemption of their investment. As a result, no provision of income tax is required in the financial statements of the Fund.

Foreign investment income is subject to withholding tax deducted at the source of the income in some jurisdictions. Withholding tax is a generic term used for the amount of withholding tax deducted at the source of the income. The Fund presents the withholding tax separately from the net gain (loss) on investments in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

7. NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO CONTRACTHOLDERS PER UNIT

The presentation of unit values is broken down by contractholder category.

Net increase (decrease) in net assets from operations attributable to contractholders per unit per category is calculated by dividing the net increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to contractholders from operations as disclosed in the Statement of Comprehensive Income, by the weighted average number of units of each category outstanding during the year.

8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Lifeco is the parent of the Company as well as a member of the Power Corporation group of companies. Through this relationship, the Company is related to IGM Financial Inc., a company in the financial services sector, along with its subsidiaries I.G. Investment Management, Ltd. and Mackenzie Financial Corporation.

The financial statements of the Fund may include transactions with the following related parties to the Company:

| Related party | Relationship | Incorporated in |
|--|---|-----------------|
| Canada Life Investment Management Ltd. | Wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company | Canada |
| Setanta Asset Management Limited | Indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company | Ireland |
| Putnam Investments, LLC ⁽¹⁾ | Wholly-owned subsidiary of Lifeco | United States |
| IGM Financial Inc. | Subsidiary of Power Corporation | Canada |
| Canada Life Asset Management Limited | Indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company | United Kingdom |
| Irish Life Investment Managers Limited | Indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company | Ireland |

- (1) On January 1, 2024, Lifeco completed the sale of Putnam US Holdings I, LLC (excluding PanAgora Holdings Inc. and its subsidiary PanAgora Asset Management Inc.) to Franklin Resources Inc. Putnam US Holdings I, LLC was a subsidiary of Putnam Investments, LLC and was the indirect parent company of Putnam Investments Canada ULC, which managed certain segregated funds for the Company.
- a) The Company provides management, advisory and administrative services to the Fund which includes the services of key management personnel. In respect of these services, the Fund is charged management and other fees that are at market terms and conditions. Management fees and other fees charged to other categories are calculated at set rates applied against the net assets of the specific category at each valuation date.

- b) The amounts shown as “Due from (to) The Canada Life Assurance Company” represent outstanding management fees, uncleared deposits/withdrawals and investment activity as at the December 31 valuation dates of the Fund.

9. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT RISK MANAGEMENT

a) Risk Management

The Fund’s investment activities expose it to a variety of financial risks. The Schedule of Investment Portfolio presents the securities held by the Fund as at December 31, 2023. The following sections describe the significant risks that are relevant to the Fund.

To assist with managing risk, the Fund Manager maintains a governance structure that oversees the Fund’s investment activities and monitors compliance with the Fund’s stated investment strategy and securities regulations. Financial statements for the underlying funds, which include discussions about their respective risk exposure, are available upon request.

b) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk arises when a Fund encounters difficulty in meeting its financial obligations as they come due. The Fund is exposed to liquidity risk due to potential daily cash redemptions of redeemable units. As the Fund primarily invests all of its net assets in the underlying funds, liquidity risk is mitigated by the underlying funds’ ability to meet the obligation to fund daily cash redemptions of their redeemable units/shares. In addition, the underlying funds retain sufficient cash and cash equivalent positions to maintain adequate liquidity.

c) Currency Risk

Currency risk is the risk that financial instruments that are denominated or exchanged in a currency other than the Canadian dollar, which is the Fund’s reporting currency, will fluctuate due to changes in exchange rates. The Fund’s investments in all underlying funds are denominated in Canadian dollars. However, the Fund is indirectly exposed to currency risk to the extent that the investments of the underlying funds are denominated or traded in a foreign currency.

d) Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk arises on interest-bearing financial instruments such as bonds. The Fund does not directly hold any interest-bearing financial instruments. The Fund is indirectly exposed to the risk that the value of interest-bearing financial instruments held by the underlying funds will fluctuate due to changes in the prevailing levels of market interest rates.

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. The Fund has no direct exposure to credit risk. The greatest indirect concentration of credit risk is in debt securities, such as bonds, held by underlying funds. The fair value of debt securities includes consideration of the creditworthiness of the debt issuer.

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, currency or credit risk), whether caused by factors specific to an individual investment, its issuer, or all factors affecting all instruments traded in a market or market segment. All securities present a risk of loss of capital. For the instruments held by the Fund, maximum risk of loss is equivalent to their fair value. The Fund Manager moderates this risk through a careful selection of underlying funds within the parameters of the investment strategy.

g) Fair Value Classification

Investment Fund Units are recorded at fair value, which is the closing NAV per unit of the underlying fund. This valuation is considered to be a Level 1 classification.

Supplemental Information

(unaudited)

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help users of the financial statements understand the Fund’s financial performance.

Management Expense Ratio (%) ⁽¹⁾

For the years ended December 31

| | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 |
|----------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Ingenium | 0.94 | 0.94 | 0.94 | 0.94 | 0.94 |

Portfolio Turnover Rate (%) ⁽²⁾

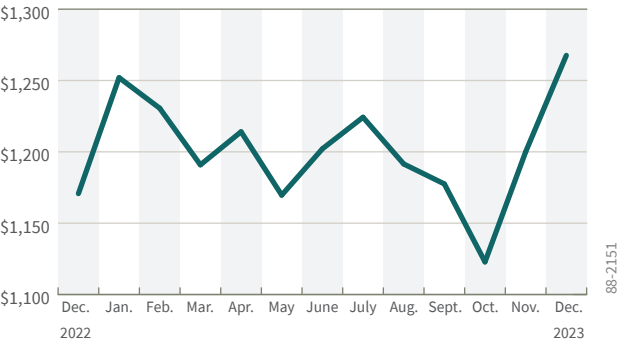
For the years ended December 31

| | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 |
|-------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Portfolio Turnover Rate | - | 0.04 | - | 0.05 | - |

- (1) The management expense ratio has been calculated as the aggregate of all fees, taxes, charges and other expenses incurred during the year divided by the average daily net asset value of the segregated fund attributable to the particular fee option. All ratios shown are on an annual basis. In circumstances where the particular fund or fee option did not have twelve months of exposure, the ratios have been annualized. Management expense ratios are calculated for Individual Customer, Wealth Solutions clients only. No management expense ratio is calculated for the Preferred Series 2 guarantee policy as such fees are charged directly to the contractholder.
- (2) The portfolio turnover rates presented in the financial statements reflects the Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association Inc. (CLHIA) Guideline G2, Individual Variable Insurance Contracts Relating to Segregated Funds 12.3(a)(iii). The portfolio turnover rates indicate how actively the portfolio investments have been bought or sold throughout the year. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the year.

Month-end unit values for the period (unaudited)

ending December 31, 2023



Ten-year history of the fund and the number of policies outstanding (unaudited)

| Period end | Period end unit values | Net assets at period end (\$ thousands) | Number of policies at period end | Number of units outstanding |
|---------------|------------------------|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Dec. 31, 2014 | 635.85 | 73,427 | 3,821 | - |
| Dec. 31, 2015 | 587.18 | 62,559 | 3,625 | - |
| Dec. 31, 2016 | 736.97 | 73,633 | 3,428 | - |
| Dec. 31, 2017 | 811.00 | 75,935 | 3,257 | - |
| Dec. 31, 2018 | 716.79 | 62,697 | 3,108 | - |
| Dec. 31, 2019 | 864.83 | 71,161 | 2,968 | - |
| Dec. 31, 2020 | 893.01 | 68,654 | 2,838 | 76,879 |
| Dec. 31, 2021 | 1,171.58 | 85,384 | 2,722 | 72,879 |
| Dec. 31, 2022 | 1,170.73 | 81,577 | 2,629 | 69,680 |
| Dec. 31, 2023 | 1,267.59 | 82,897 | 2,511 | 65,397 |

Scheer Rowlett and Associates

Canadian Equity Fund

December 31, 2023

| Holdings | Description | Total Cost | Market Value | % of Total |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Energy | | | | |
| 338,658 | Enerflex Ltd. | \$2,574,940.45 | \$2,075,973.54 | 0.28% |
| 743,936 | Suncor Energy Inc. | \$21,594,335.82 | \$31,580,083.20 | 4.27% |
| 758,677 | Cenovus Energy Inc. | \$13,651,593.89 | \$16,751,588.16 | 2.26% |
| 143,931 | Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. | \$5,380,344.93 | \$12,494,650.11 | 1.69% |
| 529,548 | Birchcliff Energy Ltd. | \$4,472,023.77 | \$3,060,787.44 | 0.41% |
| 672,880 | TC Energy Corp. | \$35,151,256.58 | \$34,828,268.80 | 4.71% |
| 306,545 | Enbridge Inc. | \$14,494,517.26 | \$14,622,196.50 | 1.98% |
| Total Energy | | \$97,319,012.70 | \$115,413,547.75 | 15.60% |
| Materials | | | | |
| 217,492 | Methanex Corp. | \$14,015,493.96 | \$13,632,398.56 | 1.84% |
| 168,367 | Nutrien Ltd. | \$8,820,161.86 | \$12,568,596.55 | 1.70% |
| 112,925 | Teck Resources Ltd. Class B | \$2,622,060.10 | \$6,324,929.25 | 0.85% |
| 4,805,598 | Sheritt International | \$23,564,986.81 | \$1,417,651.41 | 0.19% |
| 762,721 | Barrick Gold Corp. | \$19,350,579.27 | \$18,259,540.74 | 2.47% |
| 2,481,031 | OceanaGold Corp. | \$5,057,841.60 | \$6,301,818.74 | 0.85% |
| 83,704 | Newmont Corp. | \$3,979,129.27 | \$4,591,164.40 | 0.62% |
| 46,981 | Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. | \$2,442,553.54 | \$3,413,169.65 | 0.46% |
| 470,036 | Algoma Steel Group Inc. | \$4,623,362.12 | \$6,251,478.80 | 0.84% |
| 49,915 | West Fraser Timber Ltd. | \$4,921,128.45 | \$5,658,364.40 | 0.76% |
| 385,579 | Canfor Corporation | \$7,692,130.13 | \$6,882,585.15 | 0.93% |
| Total Materials | | \$97,089,427.11 | \$85,301,697.65 | 11.53% |
| Industrials | | | | |
| 140,138 | Canadian National Railway | \$23,339,983.90 | \$23,339,983.90 | 3.15% |
| 221,511 | Canadian Pacific Kansas City Ltd. | \$23,223,213.24 | \$23,223,213.24 | 3.14% |
| 937,513 | Element Fleet Management Corp. | \$20,212,780.28 | \$20,212,780.28 | 2.73% |
| 1,064,437 | NFI Group Inc. | \$14,572,142.53 | \$14,572,142.53 | 1.97% |
| 636,208 | Telus International Cda Inc. | \$7,240,047.04 | \$7,240,047.04 | 0.98% |
| 184,350 | Brookfield Business Partners | \$5,041,972.50 | \$5,041,972.50 | 0.68% |
| Total Industrials | | \$93,630,139.49 | \$93,630,139.49 | 12.65% |
| Consumer Discretionary | | | | |
| 239,207 | Magna International Inc. | \$16,600,798.55 | \$18,727,516.03 | 2.53% |
| 133,354 | Linamar Corp. | \$8,775,233.09 | \$8,537,323.08 | 1.15% |
| 399,044 | Gildan Activewear Inc. | \$14,545,889.79 | \$17,486,108.08 | 2.36% |
| 292,409 | Canada Goose Holdings Inc. | \$6,528,013.95 | \$4,602,517.66 | 0.62% |
| 178,492 | Restaurant Brands International Inc. | \$12,941,200.67 | \$18,479,276.76 | 2.50% |
| Total Consumer Discretionary | | \$59,391,136.05 | \$67,832,741.61 | 9.17% |
| Consumer Staples | | | | |
| 28,397 | George Weston Ltd. | \$4,027,385.67 | \$4,671,306.50 | 0.63% |
| 40,484 | Lassonde Inds Inc. -Cl A | \$7,379,538.96 | \$5,677,881.00 | 0.77% |
| Total Consumer Staples | | \$11,406,924.63 | \$10,349,187.50 | 1.40% |

Scheer Rowlett and Associates

Canadian Equity Fund

December 31, 2023

| Holdings | Description | Total Cost | Market Value | % of Total |
|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Financials | | | | |
| 607,962 | The Toronto-Dominion Bank | \$33,356,188.36 | \$52,053,706.44 | 7.03% |
| 345,835 | Royal Bank of Canada | \$29,441,395.25 | \$46,341,890.00 | 6.26% |
| 500,144 | The Bank of Nova Scotia | \$32,289,718.72 | \$32,259,288.00 | 4.36% |
| 455,227 | Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce | \$22,303,843.13 | \$29,043,482.60 | 3.92% |
| 65,535 | Bank of Montreal | \$7,386,277.60 | \$8,592,293.85 | 1.16% |
| 158,617 | Equitable Group Inc. | \$8,953,281.60 | \$13,836,160.91 | 1.87% |
| 499,456 | Brookfield Corp. | \$19,519,500.60 | \$26,546,086.40 | 3.59% |
| 681,187 | CI Financial Corp. | \$14,212,021.41 | \$10,122,438.82 | 1.37% |
| 221,994 | Fairfax India Holdings Corp. | \$3,350,814.35 | \$4,449,363.58 | 0.60% |
| 449,197 | Manulife Financial Corp. | \$11,080,900.29 | \$13,152,488.16 | 1.78% |
| 11,150 | Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd. sub. voting | \$5,550,123.54 | \$13,630,986.50 | 1.84% |
| 175,981 | Trisura Group Ltd. | \$4,371,620.15 | \$5,983,354.00 | 0.81% |
| Total Financials | | \$191,815,685.00 | \$256,011,539.26 | 34.59% |
| Information Technology | | | | |
| 140,951 | CGI Inc. | \$15,533,766.09 | \$20,007,994.45 | 2.70% |
| Total Information Technology | | \$15,533,766.09 | \$20,007,994.45 | 2.70% |
| Communication Services | | | | |
| 510,632 | TELUS Corp. | \$9,625,856.70 | \$12,040,702.56 | 1.63% |
| 343,095 | Rogers Communications Inc. Class B | \$16,915,035.18 | \$21,282,182.85 | 2.88% |
| 151,079 | Cogeco Communications Inc. | \$11,314,564.59 | \$8,966,538.65 | 1.21% |
| Total Communication Services | | \$37,855,456.47 | \$42,289,424.06 | 5.71% |
| Utilities | | | | |
| 910,286 | AltaGas Ltd. | \$17,782,342.49 | \$25,324,156.52 | 3.42% |
| Total Utilities | | \$17,782,342.49 | \$25,324,156.52 | 3.42% |
| Real Estate | | | | |
| 1,568,650 | H&R REIT Units | \$17,117,440.75 | \$15,529,635.00 | 2.10% |
| Total Real Estate | | \$17,117,440.75 | \$15,529,635.00 | 2.10% |
| Cash and Equivalent | | | | |
| Total Cash and Equivalent | | \$8,348,886.44 | \$8,356,628.32 | 1.13% |
| Total Portfolio | | \$647,290,217.22 | \$740,046,691.61 | 100.00% |

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