

# MACKENZIE ALTERNATIVE ENHANCED YIELD FUND

ANNUAL AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS | March 31, 2024

## MANAGEMENT REPORT

### Management's Responsibility for Financial Reporting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared by Mackenzie Financial Corporation, as Manager of Mackenzie Alternative Enhanced Yield Fund (the "Fund"). The Manager is responsible for the integrity, objectivity and reliability of the data presented. This responsibility includes selecting appropriate accounting principles and making judgments and estimates consistent with IFRS Accounting Standards. The Manager is also responsible for the development of internal controls over the financial reporting process, which are designed to provide reasonable assurance that relevant and reliable financial information is produced.

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Mackenzie Financial Corporation is responsible for reviewing and approving the financial statements and overseeing the Manager's performance of its financial reporting responsibilities. The Board meets regularly with the Manager, internal auditors and external auditors to discuss internal controls over the financial reporting process, auditing matters and financial reporting issues.

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

On behalf of Mackenzie Financial Corporation,  
Manager of the Fund



Luke Gould  
President and Chief Executive Officer



Terry Rountes  
Chief Financial Officer, Funds

June 4, 2024

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Securityholders of Mackenzie Alternative Enhanced Yield Fund (the "Fund")

### Opinion

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

- the statements of financial position as at March 31, 2024 and March 31, 2023
- the statements of comprehensive income for the periods then ended as indicated in note 1
- the statements of changes in financial position for the periods then ended as indicated in note 1
- the statements of cash flows for the periods then ended as indicated in note 1 and
- notes to the financial statements, including a summary of material accounting policies (Hereinafter referred to as the "financial statements").

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as at March 31, 2024 and March 31, 2023, and its financial performance and cash flows for the periods then ended as indicated in note 1 in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards.

### Basis for Opinion

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

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

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



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

### Other Information

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

– the information included in the Annual Management Report of Fund Performance of the Fund filed with the relevant Canadian Securities Commissions.

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

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

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We also:

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

The logo for KPMG LLP, featuring the letters 'KPMG' in a stylized, handwritten font, followed by 'LLP' in a smaller, simpler font. A horizontal line is drawn underneath the text.

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants  
Toronto, Canada  
June 4, 2024

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## STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

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

	2024 \$	2023 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Investments at fair value	18,929	36,179
Cash and cash equivalents	123	–
Dividends receivable	24	46
Accounts receivable for investments sold	2	128
Accounts receivable for securities issued	23	134
Due from manager	5	6
Margin on derivatives	–	1,376
Derivative assets	–	139
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>19,106</b>	<b>38,008</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Bank indebtedness	–	8,389
Accounts payable for investments purchased	–	–
Accounts payable for securities redeemed	77	4
Due to manager	2	1
Liability for options written	29	–
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>8,394</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to securityholders</b>	<b>18,998</b>	<b>29,614</b>

	Net assets attributable to securityholders (note 3)			
	per security		per series	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Series A	8.07	8.02	762	1,643
Series F	12.54	12.39	18,034	21,222
Series FB	12.45	12.31	1	1
Series O	12.73	12.53	1	1
Series PW	12.04	11.96	197	655
Series PWFB	12.60	12.43	1	1
Series PWX	12.73	12.52	1	1
Series R	9.01	8.78	1	6,090
			<b>18,998</b>	<b>29,614</b>

## STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

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

	2024 \$	2023 \$
<b>Income</b>		
Dividends	1,527	2,617
Interest income for distribution purposes	114	61
Other changes in fair value of investments and other net assets		
Net realized gain (loss)	(1,944)	(4,568)
Net unrealized gain (loss)	2,285	(1,864)
Securities lending income	17	47
Fee rebate income	65	61
<b>Total income (loss)</b>	<b>2,064</b>	<b>(3,646)</b>
<b>Expenses (note 6)</b>		
Management fees	209	206
Administration fees	39	40
Interest charges	6	2
Borrowing fees	156	504
Commissions and other portfolio transaction costs	16	85
Independent Review Committee fees	–	–
Other	1	–
<b>Expenses before amounts absorbed by Manager</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>837</b>
Expenses absorbed by Manager	20	39
<b>Net expenses</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>798</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders from operations before tax</b>	<b>1,657</b>	<b>(4,444)</b>
Foreign withholding tax expense (recovery)	61	108
Foreign income tax expense (recovery)	–	–
<b>Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders from operations</b>	<b>1,596</b>	<b>(4,552)</b>

	Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders from operations (note 3)			
	per security		per series	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Series A	0.40	(1.42)	60	(115)
Series F	0.92	(1.88)	1,530	(3,127)
Series FB	0.98	(1.84)	–	–
Series O	1.14	(1.73)	–	–
Series PW	0.65	(1.67)	31	(27)
Series PWFB	1.04	(1.80)	–	–
Series PWX	1.13	(1.73)	–	–
Series R	(0.23)	(1.15)	(25)	(1,283)
			<b>1,596</b>	<b>(4,552)</b>

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

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## STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION

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

	Total		Series A		Series F		Series FB		Series O	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
<b>NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SECURITYHOLDERS</b>										
Beginning of period	29,614	36,127	1,643	514	21,222	23,444	1	1	1	1
Increase (decrease) in net assets from operations	1,596	(4,552)	60	(115)	1,530	(3,127)	–	–	–	–
Distributions paid to securityholders:										
Investment income	(1,178)	(2,154)	(47)	(44)	(1,026)	(1,585)	–	–	–	–
Capital gains	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Return of capital	(382)	(13)	(23)	(2)	(348)	(10)	–	–	–	–
Total distributions paid to securityholders	(1,560)	(2,167)	(70)	(46)	(1,374)	(1,595)	–	–	–	–
Security transactions:										
Proceeds from securities issued	1,745	10,852	319	1,906	1,276	8,327	–	–	–	–
Reinvested distributions	462	275	30	26	375	190	–	–	–	–
Payments on redemption of securities	(12,859)	(10,921)	(1,220)	(642)	(4,995)	(6,017)	–	–	–	–
Total security transactions	(10,652)	206	(871)	1,290	(3,344)	2,500	–	–	–	–
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders	(10,616)	(6,513)	(881)	1,129	(3,188)	(2,222)	–	–	–	–
End of period	18,998	29,614	762	1,643	18,034	21,222	1	1	1	1
Securities outstanding – beginning of period			Securities		Securities		Securities		Securities	
Issued			205	52	1,713	1,540	–	–	–	–
Reinvested distributions			40	226	104	620	–	–	–	–
Redeemed			4	3	31	15	–	–	–	–
Redeemed			(155)	(76)	(409)	(462)	–	–	–	–
Securities outstanding – end of period			94	205	1,439	1,713	–	–	–	–
			Series PW		Series PWFB		Series PWX		Series R	
			2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
<b>NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SECURITYHOLDERS</b>										
Beginning of period	655	135	1	1	1	1	6,090	12,030		
Increase (decrease) in net assets from operations	31	(27)	–	–	–	–	(25)	(1,283)		
Distributions paid to securityholders:										
Investment income	(25)	(16)	–	–	–	–	(80)	(509)		
Capital gains	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–		
Return of capital	(11)	(1)	–	–	–	–	–	–		
Total distributions paid to securityholders	(36)	(17)	–	–	–	–	(80)	(509)		
Security transactions:										
Proceeds from securities issued	150	619	–	–	–	–	–	–		
Reinvested distributions	12	7	–	–	–	–	45	52		
Payments on redemption of securities	(615)	(62)	–	–	–	–	(6,029)	(4,200)		
Total security transactions	(453)	564	–	–	–	–	(5,984)	(4,148)		
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders	(458)	520	–	–	–	–	(6,089)	(5,940)		
End of period	197	655	1	1	1	1	1	6,090		
Securities outstanding – beginning of period			Securities		Securities		Securities		Securities	
Issued			55	9	–	–	–	–	693	1,152
Reinvested distributions			12	49	–	–	–	–	–	–
Reinvested distributions			1	1	–	–	–	–	–	6
Redeemed			(52)	(4)	–	–	–	–	(693)	(465)
Redeemed			(2)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Securities outstanding – end of period			16	55	–	–	–	–	–	693

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## STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

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

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Net increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to securityholders from operations	1,596	(4,552)
Adjustments for:		
Net realized loss (gain) on investments	2,129	4,418
Change in net unrealized loss (gain) on investments	(2,240)	1,819
Purchase of investments	(5,395)	(71,874)
Proceeds from sale and maturity of investments	23,046	81,398
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable and other assets	1,399	(1,332)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and other liabilities	1	–
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>20,536</b>	<b>9,877</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Proceeds from securities issued	1,709	10,172
Payments on redemption of securities	(12,639)	(10,363)
Distributions paid net of reinvestments	(1,098)	(1,892)
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities</b>	<b>(12,028)</b>	<b>(2,083)</b>
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>8,508</b>	<b>7,794</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	(8,389)	(16,179)
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash and cash equivalents	4	(4)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>(8,389)</b>
Cash	123	–
Cash equivalents	–	2,010
Bank indebtedness	–	(10,399)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>(8,389)</b>
<b>Supplementary disclosures on cash flow from operating activities:</b>		
Dividends received	1,549	2,651
Foreign taxes paid	61	108
Interest received	114	61
Interest paid	6	2

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## SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

as at March 31, 2024

	Country	Sector	Par Value/ Number of Shares/Units	Average Cost (\$ 000)	Fair Value (\$ 000)
<b>EQUITIES</b>					
Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance Inc.	United States	Financials	6,260	122	94
Ares Capital Corp.	United States	Financials	8,191	220	231
Ashmore Group PLC	United Kingdom	Financials	580	4	2
The Bank of Nova Scotia	Canada	Financials	6,643	539	465
Diversified Royalty Corp.	Canada	Consumer Discretionary	425,360	1,253	1,237
Enbridge Inc.	Canada	Energy	8,992	480	440
Healthpeak Properties Inc.	United States	Real Estate	5,000	184	127
Hercules Capital Inc.	United States	Financials	17,867	394	446
Keyera Corp.	Canada	Energy	610	19	21
Main Street Capital Corp.	United States	Financials	3,834	208	246
Oaktree Specialty Lending Corp.	United States	Financials	8,031	222	214
OFS Credit Co. Inc.	United States	Financials	20	–	–
Solar Capital Ltd.	United States	Financials	13,133	297	273
Starwood Property Trust Inc.	United States	Financials	8,000	248	220
Timbercreek Financial Corp.	Canada	Financials	6,000	55	46
<b>Total equities</b>				<b>4,245</b>	<b>4,062</b>
<b>EXCHANGE-TRADED FUNDS/NOTES</b>					
<sup>1</sup> Mackenzie Floating Rate Income ETF	Canada	Exchange-Traded Funds/Notes	543,060	9,782	9,477
SPDR Bloomberg Emerging Markets Local Bond ETF	United States	Exchange-Traded Funds/Notes	92,114	2,587	2,558
SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust	United States	Exchange-Traded Funds/Notes	3,800	2,216	2,693
Vanguard FTSE Canadian High Dividend Yield Index ETF	Canada	Exchange-Traded Funds/Notes	3,135	164	139
<b>Total exchange-traded funds/notes</b>				<b>14,749</b>	<b>14,867</b>
Transaction costs				(10)	–
<b>Total investments</b>				<b>18,984</b>	<b>18,929</b>
Liability for options written (see schedule of options written)					(29)
Cash and cash equivalents					123
Other assets less liabilities					(25)
<b>Net assets attributable to securityholders</b>					<b>18,998</b>

<sup>1</sup> This exchange-traded fund is managed by Mackenzie.

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## SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

MARCH 31, 2024

EFFECTIVE PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Bonds	62.2
Equities	36.3
<i>Equities</i>	36.5
<i>Written options</i>	(0.2)
Cash and cash equivalents	1.4
Exchange-traded funds/notes	0.4
Other assets (liabilities)	(0.3)

EFFECTIVE REGIONAL ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
United States	67.2
Canada	13.8
Other	6.2
China	1.7
South Korea	1.7
Luxembourg	1.4
Cash and cash equivalents	1.4
Indonesia	1.0
United Kingdom	0.9
Mexico	0.9
Malaysia	0.9
Spain	0.8
Brazil	0.6
Thailand	0.6
Philippines	0.6
South Africa	0.6
Other assets (liabilities)	(0.3)

EFFECTIVE SECTOR ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Term loans	45.4
Financials	14.2
Federal bonds	13.4
Consumer discretionary	8.1
Information technology	4.3
Corporate bonds	3.4
Energy	3.3
Health care	1.8
Cash and cash equivalents	1.4
Communication services	1.4
Industrials	1.2
Real estate	1.0
Consumer staples	0.8
Exchange-traded funds/notes	0.4
Utilities	0.4
Other	(0.2)
Other assets (liabilities)	(0.3)

MARCH 31, 2023

EFFECTIVE PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Bonds	63.6
Equities	56.0
Other assets (liabilities)	1.7
Exchange-traded funds/notes	0.5
Cash and short-term investments	(21.8)

EFFECTIVE REGIONAL ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
United States	56.4
Canada	42.6
Other	7.5
China	2.1
South Korea	1.9
United Kingdom	1.7
Other assets (liabilities)	1.7
Indonesia	1.4
Malaysia	1.1
Mexico	1.0
Luxembourg	0.9
Brazil	0.7
Germany	0.7
Thailand	0.7
South Africa	0.7
Philippines	0.7
Cash and short-term investments	(21.8)

EFFECTIVE SECTOR ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Real estate	25.5
Corporate bonds	24.1
Term loans	23.8
Financials	16.3
Foreign government bonds	15.5
Energy	5.8
Consumer discretionary	4.4
Communication services	1.7
Other assets (liabilities)	1.7
Utilities	1.5
Health care	0.6
Exchange-traded funds/notes	0.5
Materials	0.4
Cash and short-term investments	(21.8)

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

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## SCHEDULE OF OPTIONS WRITTEN

as at March 31, 2024

Underlying Interest	Number of Contracts	Option Type	Expiration Date	Strike Price \$	Premium Paid (\$ 000)	Fair Value (\$ 000)
SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust	(38)	Written Call	Apr. 19, 2024	USD 523.99	(33)	(29)
<b>Total options</b>					<b>(33)</b>	<b>(29)</b>



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## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1. Fiscal Periods and General Information

The information provided in these financial statements and notes thereto is for the periods ended or as at March 31, 2024 and 2023, as applicable. In the year a Fund or series is established or reinstated, 'period' represents the period from inception or reinstatement. Where a series of a Fund was terminated during either period, the information for the series is provided up to close of business on the termination date. Refer to Note 10 for the formation date of the Fund and the inception date of each series.

The Fund is organized as an open-ended mutual fund trust established under the laws of the Province of Ontario pursuant to a Declaration of Trust as amended and restated from time to time. The address of the Fund's registered office is 180 Queen Street West, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The Fund is authorized to issue an unlimited number of units (referred to as "security" or "securities") of multiple series. Series of the Fund are available for sale under Simplified Prospectus or exempt distribution options.

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

### 2. Basis of Preparation and Presentation

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

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

These financial statements were authorized for issue by the Board of Directors of Mackenzie Financial Corporation on June 4, 2024.

### 3. Material Accounting Policies

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

#### (a) Financial instruments

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

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

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

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

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

The Fund accounts for its holdings in unlisted open-ended investment funds, private funds ("Underlying Funds") and Exchange-Traded Funds ("ETFs"), if any, at FVTPL. For private funds, the Manager will rely on the valuations provided by the managers of the private funds, which represents the Fund's proportionate share of the net assets of these private funds. The Fund's investment in Underlying Funds and ETFs, if any, is presented in the Schedule of Investments at fair value which represents the Fund's maximum exposure on these investments.

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

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

#### (b) Fair value measurement

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Refer to the Schedule of Derivative Instruments and Schedule of Options Purchased/Written, as applicable, included in the Schedule of Investments for a listing of derivative and options positions as at March 31, 2024.

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

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

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

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

The estimated fair values for these securities may be different from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the investment existed; and

Level 3 – Inputs that are not based on observable market data.

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

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

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

#### (c) Income and expense recognition

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### (f) Offsetting

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

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

#### (g) Currency

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### (k) Mergers

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

#### (l) Short selling and borrowing fees

The Fund may engage in the short selling of equity and bond securities as a part of its overall investment strategy. When the Fund sells an equity or bond security short, it must borrow the security from a broker, and in exchange pay a borrowing fee to that broker, to complete the sale. The Fund can realize a gain on a short sale, if the price of the security decreases from the date the security was sold short until the date at which the Fund closes out its short position, by buying the security at a lower price and returning it back to the broker. A loss will be incurred if the price of the security increases. Limitations within the Fund's investment strategy on the Fund's ability to engage in short selling and borrowing include: (i) the aggregate market value of all securities sold short by the Fund will not exceed 50% of the total net assets of the Fund; (ii) the aggregate market value of all securities of any particular issuer sold short by the Fund will not exceed 20% of the total net assets of the Fund; (iii) the Fund may borrow cash up to a maximum of 50% of its net asset value; and (iv) the combined use of short-selling and cash borrowing by the Fund is subject to an overall limit of 50% of its net asset value. Gains and losses realized on the short selling of equity and bond securities are included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income – Net realized gain (loss).

#### (m) Future accounting changes

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

### 4. Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

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

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

#### Use of Estimates

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

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

#### Use of Judgments

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

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

##### *Functional currency*

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

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

In determining whether an Underlying Fund or an ETF in which the Fund invests, but that it does not consolidate, meets the definition of a structured entity, Mackenzie is required to make significant judgments about whether these underlying funds have the typical characteristics of a structured entity. These Underlying Funds do meet the definition of a structured entity because:

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

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

### 5. Income Taxes

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

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### 5. Income Taxes (cont'd)

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

### 6. Management Fees and Operating Expenses

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

Each series of the Fund is charged a fixed rate annual administration fee ("Administration Fee") and in return, Mackenzie bears all of the operating expenses of the Fund, other than certain specified fund costs. The Administration Fee is calculated on each series of securities of the Fund as a fixed annual percentage of the daily net asset value of the series.

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

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

### 7. Fund's Capital

The capital of the Fund, which is comprised of the net assets attributable to securityholders, is divided into different series with each series having an unlimited number of securities. The securities outstanding for the Fund as at March 31, 2024 and 2023 and securities issued, reinvested and redeemed for the periods are presented in the Statement of Changes in Financial Position. Mackenzie manages the capital of the Fund in accordance with the investment objectives as discussed in Note 10.

### 8. Financial Instruments Risk

#### i. Risk exposure and management

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

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

#### ii. Liquidity risk

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

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

#### iii. Currency risk

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

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

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

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

#### iv. Interest rate risk

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

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

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

#### v. Other price risk

Other price risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether caused by factors specific to an individual investment, its issuer, or all factors affecting all instruments traded in a market or market segment. All investments present a risk of loss of capital. This risk is managed through a careful selection of investments and other financial instruments within the parameters of the investment strategies. Except for certain derivative contracts and securities sold short, the maximum risk resulting from financial instruments is equivalent to their fair value. The maximum risk of loss on certain derivative contracts such as forwards, swaps, and futures contracts is equal to their notional values. In the case of written call (put) options and short futures contracts, the loss to the Fund continues to increase, theoretically without limit, as the fair value of the underlying interest increases (decreases). However, these instruments are generally used within the overall investment management process to manage the risk from the underlying investments and do not typically increase the overall risk of loss to the Fund. This risk is mitigated by ensuring that the Fund holds a combination of the underlying interest, cash cover and/or margin that is equal to or greater than the value of the derivative contract. In the case of securities sold short, the loss to the Fund continues to increase, without limit, as the fair value of the underlying interest increases. This risk is mitigated by placing limitations on the Fund's ability to sell securities short, which are outlined in Note 3(l).

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

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

#### vi. Credit risk

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

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

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

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

#### vii. Underlying funds

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

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### 9. Other Information

#### Abbreviations

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

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

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

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

Date of Formation: April 17, 2020

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

**Series Offered by Mackenzie Financial Corporation** (180 Queen Street West, Toronto, Ontario, M5V 3K1; 1-800-387-0614; www.mackenzieinvestments.com)

Series A are offered to retail investors investing a minimum of \$500. Investors in Series A securities also want to receive a monthly cash flow of 5% per year.

Series F securities are offered to retail investors who are enrolled in a dealer-sponsored fee-for-service or wrap program, who are subject to an asset-based fee rather than commissions on each transaction and who invest at least \$500; they are also available to employees of Mackenzie and its subsidiaries, and directors of Mackenzie. Investors in Series F securities also want to receive a monthly cash flow of 5% per year.

Series FB securities are offered to retail investors investing a minimum of \$500. Investors are required to negotiate their advisor service fee, which cannot exceed 1.50%, with their financial advisor. Investors in Series FB securities also want to receive a monthly cash flow of 5% per year.

Series O securities are offered only to investors investing a minimum of \$500,000 who have an account with Mackenzie Private Wealth Counsel; certain institutional investors; investors in a qualified group plan, and certain qualifying employees of Mackenzie and its subsidiaries. Investors in Series O securities also want to receive a monthly cash flow of 5% per year.

Series PW securities are offered through our Private Wealth Solutions to certain high net worth investors who invest a minimum of \$100,000. Investors in Series PW securities also want to receive a monthly cash flow of 5% per year.

Series PWFB securities are offered through our Private Wealth Solutions to certain high net worth investors who invest a minimum of \$100,000. Investors are required to negotiate their advisor service fee, which cannot exceed 1.50%, with their financial advisor. Investors in Series PWFB securities also want to receive a monthly cash flow of 5% per year.

Series PWX securities are offered through our Private Wealth Solutions to certain high net worth investors who invest a minimum of \$100,000. Investors are required to negotiate their advisor service fee, which cannot exceed 1.50%, with their financial advisor. Investors in Series PWX securities also want to receive a monthly cash flow of 5% per year.

Series R securities are offered only to other funds managed by Mackenzie on a non-prospectus basis in connection with fund-of-fund arrangements.

Each series is available for purchase under the sales charge purchase option. The charges under the sales charge purchase option are negotiated by investors with their dealers. For further details on this purchase option, please refer to the Fund's Simplified Prospectus and Fund Facts

Series	Inception/ Reinstatement Date	Management Fee	Administration Fee
Series A	June 11, 2020	1.85%	0.24%
Series F	June 11, 2020	0.75%	0.15%
Series FB	June 11, 2020	0.85%	0.24%
Series O	June 11, 2020	— <sup>(1)</sup>	n/a
Series PW	June 11, 2020	1.75%	0.15%
Series PWFB	June 11, 2020	0.75%	0.15%
Series PWX	June 11, 2020	— <sup>(2)</sup>	— <sup>(2)</sup>
Series R	June 11, 2020	n/a	n/a

(1) This fee is negotiable and payable directly to Mackenzie by investors in this series.

(2) This fee is payable directly to Mackenzie by investors in this series through redemptions of their securities.

#### (b) Tax Loss Carryforwards

Total Capital Loss \$	Total Non-Capital Loss \$	Expiration Date of Non-Capital Losses													
		2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037	2038	2039	2040	2041	2042	2043
6,248	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

#### (c) Securities Lending

	March 31, 2024	March 31, 2023
	(\$)	(\$)
Value of securities loaned	555	1,049
Value of collateral received	588	1,105



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

#### (c) Securities Lending (cont'd)

	March 31, 2024		March 31, 2023	
	(\$)	(%)	(\$)	(%)
Gross securities lending income	23	100.0	57	100.0
Tax withheld	(2)	(8.7)	–	–
	21	91.3	57	100.0
Payments to securities lending agent	(4)	(17.4)	(10)	(17.5)
Securities lending income	17	73.9	47	82.5

#### (d) Commissions

	(\$)
March 31, 2024	7
March 31, 2023	32

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

##### i. Risk exposure and management

The Fund seeks a high level of current income and the potential for long-term capital appreciation primarily through long and/or short positions in fixed income securities and equities of issuers anywhere in the world. The Fund's asset mix will generally range between 45%–65% fixed income securities and 35%–55% equities. The Fund may engage in physical short sales and borrowing and/or use derivatives for hedging and investment purposes.

The Fund's aggregate exposure to its sources of leverage, calculated as the sum of the following sources of leverage, must not exceed 300% of its net asset value:

(i) the aggregate market value of securities sold short; (ii) the value of indebtedness under any borrowing arrangements for investment purposes; and (iii) the aggregate notional value of the Fund's specified derivatives positions excluding any specified derivatives used for hedging purposes.

##### ii. Currency risk

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

Currency	March 31, 2024				Impact on net assets			
	Investments (\$)	Cash and Short-Term Investments (\$)	Derivative Instruments (\$)	Net Exposure* (\$)	Strengthened by 5%		Weakened by 5%	
					(\$)	%	(\$)	%
USD	7,102	109	(29)	7,182				
GBP	2	–	–	2				
Total	7,104	109	(29)	7,184				
% of Net Assets	37.4	0.6	(0.2)	37.8				
Total currency rate sensitivity					(407)	(2.1)	407	2.1

Currency	March 31, 2023				Impact on net assets			
	Investments (\$)	Cash and Short-Term Investments (\$)	Derivative Instruments (\$)	Net Exposure* (\$)	Strengthened by 5%		Weakened by 5%	
					(\$)	%	(\$)	%
USD	9,266	3,460	(9,859)	2,867				
EUR	127	–	–	127				
GBP	2	–	–	2				
Total	9,395	3,460	(9,859)	2,996				
% of Net Assets	31.7	11.7	(33.3)	10.1				
Total currency rate sensitivity					(173)	(0.6)	173	0.6

\* Includes both monetary and non-monetary financial instruments

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

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

##### iii. Interest rate risk

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

As at March 31, 2024, had prevailing interest rates increased or decreased by 1%, assuming a parallel shift in the yield curve, with all other variables held constant, net assets would have decreased or increased by approximately \$181 or 1.0% of total net assets (2023 – \$769 or 2.6%). In practice, the actual trading results may differ and the difference could be material.

##### iv. Other price risk

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

Impact on net assets	Increased by 10%		Decreased by 10%	
	(\$)	(%)	(\$)	(%)
March 31, 2024	658	3.5	(987)	(5.2)
March 31, 2023	2,153	7.3	(2,153)	(7.3)

##### v. Credit risk

The Fund's 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 credit worthiness of the debt issuer. For more information regarding the credit risk of underlying funds, refer to the underlying funds' financial statements available on the SEDAR+ website at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca) or at [www.mackenzieinvestments.com](http://www.mackenzieinvestments.com).

#### (f) Fair Value Classification

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

	March 31, 2024				March 31, 2023			
	Level 1 (\$)	Level 2 (\$)	Level 3 (\$)	Total (\$)	Level 1 (\$)	Level 2 (\$)	Level 3 (\$)	Total (\$)
Equities	4,062	–	–	4,062	8,200	129	–	8,329
Exchange-traded funds/notes	14,867	–	–	14,867	27,850	–	–	27,850
Derivative assets	–	–	–	–	–	139	–	139
Derivative liabilities	–	(29)	–	(29)	–	–	–	–
Short-term investments	–	–	–	–	–	2,010	–	2,010
Total	18,929	(29)	–	18,900	36,050	2,278	–	38,328

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

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

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

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

	March 31, 2024	March 31, 2023
	(\$)	(\$)
The Manager	–	–
Other funds managed by the Manager	1	6,090
Funds managed by affiliates of the Manager	–	–

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

The table below presents financial assets and financial liabilities that are subject to master netting arrangements or other similar agreements and the net impact on the Fund's Statements of Financial Position if all set-off rights were exercised as part of future events such as bankruptcy or termination of contracts. No amounts were offset in the financial statements.

	March 31, 2024			
	Gross amount of assets/liabilities (\$)	Amount available for offset (\$)	Margin (\$)	Net amount (\$)
Unrealized gains on derivative contracts	–	–	–	–
Unrealized losses on derivative contracts	–	–	–	–
Liability for options written	(29)	–	–	(29)
Total	(29)	–	–	(29)

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

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

The Fund's investment details in the Underlying Funds as at March 31, 2024 and 2023 are as follows:

March 31, 2024	% of Underlying Fund's Net Assets	Fair Value of Fund's Investment (\$)
Mackenzie Floating Rate Income ETF	1.6	9,477
SPDR Bloomberg Emerging Markets Local Bond ETF	0.1	2,558
SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust	0.0	2,693
Vanguard FTSE Canadian High Dividend Yield Index ETF	0.0	139

March 31, 2023	% of Underlying Fund's Net Assets	Fair Value of Fund's Investment (\$)
iShares Mortgage Real Estate ETF	0.1	591
Mackenzie Floating Rate Income ETF	1.2	8,542
Mackenzie US Investment Grade Corporate Bond Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	1.2	6,295
SPDR Bloomberg Emerging Markets Local Bond ETF	0.2	4,731
Vanguard FTSE Canadian Capped REIT Index ETF	1.6	5,015
Vanguard FTSE Canadian High Dividend Yield Index ETF	0.0	874
Vanguard Real Estate ETF	0.0	1,802

#### (j) Leverage

Leverage occurs when the Fund borrows money or securities, or uses derivatives, to generate investment exposure that would otherwise not be possible. The Fund's aggregate exposure to its sources of leverage is calculated as the sum of the following: (i) the market value of short holdings; (ii) the amount of cash borrowed for investment purposes; and (iii) the notional value of the Fund's derivatives positions, excluding any derivatives used for hedging purposes. This exposure must not exceed 300% of the Fund's NAV. The Fund may use conservative amounts of leverage by borrowing to strategically help fund its yield target and monthly distribution.

During the period ended March 31, 2024, the Fund's aggregate exposure to sources of leverage reached a high of 42% of the Fund's NAV in May 2023, which represents the previous typical amount of leverage in the Fund. The source of leverage was cash borrowing. On June 30, 2023, the portfolio management team ceased to use leverage for the remainder of the period. Including the notional value of derivatives used for hedging, such as options, swaps and forward currency contracts, the low and high amounts of leverage ranged from 0% to 68%.

During the year ended March 31, 2023, the Fund's aggregate exposure to sources of leverage ranged from 44% to 55% of the Fund's NAV, which represents the typical amount of leverage in the Fund. The sources of leverage were cash borrowing and options. Including the notional value of derivatives used for hedging, such as forward currency contracts, the low and high amounts of leverage ranged from 49% to 61%.

#### (k) Investments Pledged as Collateral

As at March 31, 2024, investments in securities with a fair value of \$7,982 (2023 – \$19,910) have been pledged as collateral against investments purchased with cash borrowings.