



**2024 Annual Report** 

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### **Message to Shareholders**

We are pleased to present the 2024 annual report for Golden Opportunities Fund and to report on another successful year for your local investment Fund. This report details Golden Opportunities' achievements over the past year and highlights the Fund's impact since inception now over 25 years ago. We would like to start this message by

SOLD OUT EARLY
AGAIN LAST YEAR
Invest Early

thanking you, our shareholders, for your investment and continued support. Due to your ongoing and overwhelming demand, Golden Opportunities experienced an early sell-out again last year reaching the \$35 million annual investment capitalization limit in Saskatchewan which reflects the strong endorsement by investors for the Fund. *It is through local dollars invested by shareholders that the Fund has now raised over \$650 million since inception resulting in approximately \$200 million in tax credits for shareholders, helping more people to grow their savings and reach their financial goals.* These local dollars raised have been invested back into the economy providing growth capital to over 165 companies, continuing to impact thousands of jobs that are widespread across our local communities. Your investment creates significant economic impact. This impact is due to the collaboration of a province of stakeholders that continue to believe in the principles that Golden Opportunities was founded on – to keep hard-earned dollars invested in the province and provide local companies with patient growth capital.

### **Positive Shareholder Value**

During the annual reporting period, Golden Opportunities experienced strong momentum and success which produced positive returns for our shareholders and financial results. We are pleased to report that all the Fund's share classes, the Diversified Class A-share, the Innovation Class i-share and the Resource Class R-share, and their respective series, delivered positive one-year returns as at August 31, 2024. The Fund was also recognized as the Top Performing Retail Venture Capital (RVC) Diversified Class A-share, our largest and longest-standing share class, in Saskatchewan.<sup>1</sup>

The Class A-share's positive one-year returns for the A-B Series and the A-F Series were 9.90% and 9.25% respectively. These returns do not include the tax credits that shareholders receive on their investment, which is in addition.

# **Top Performing**Retail Venture Capital A-share



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A-B 1 YEAR | SINCE INCEPTION SERIES 9.90% | 14.69%

A-F 1 YEAR | 3 YEAR | 5 YEAR | INCEPTION | 5 SERIES | 9.25% | 15.15% | 8.51% | 7.65%

#### **Market Diversification**

Additionally, these positive results demonstrate the strength of your Fund to deliver in a challenging environment with high inflation and rising interest rates, to try and combat inflation, and various other global events that investors have experienced. Golden Opportunities has provided investors with diversification and less volatility.

For example, when looking at the difference between a \$1,000 investment in Golden Opportunities' Diversified Class A-B share, since inception in December 2021 to September 2024, and a \$1,000 investment in the S&P/TSX SmallCap Index over the same time period, the Golden Opportunities investment grew to \$1,443, and to over \$1,700 when you include the tax credits, in comparison to the S&P/TSX SmallCap Index growth to \$1,090.

These short and long-term results demonstrate a proven track record of delivering performance for our shareholders.

# Capital Gains and Additional Tax Credits

Shareholders that invested eight years ago now have maturing units that can be reinvested (rolled) back into the fund this year for another tax credit, with no new money invested. These shareholders are also once again in a capital gains position at fiscal year-end in both the Diversified Class A-share and Innovation Class i-share. For example, a \$5,000 Diversified Class A-share investment made eight years ago can now be rolled to generate a value of approximately \$13,500!<sup>2</sup>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Based on a \$5,000 Class A-share investment in SK made September 2, 2016, 35% in initial tax credits in 2016, 47.5% marginal tax rate, increase in share value as of September 6, 2024 and \$5,000 reinvested for 32.5% in additional tax credits for the 2024 tax year.

### **Drivers of Results**

These gains and positive performance experienced in the annual reporting period continue to be a direct result of the Fund's *focused investment thesis* and active management strategy, which has never been clearer, and our *alignment with a growing economy* and *strong sectors*. Further contributing to the positive performance, during the annual reporting period the Fund also completed the successful exit of portfolio company Dyna Crane Services LP. Dyna Crane operates as an overhead crane assembly, installation and maintenance company located in Regina, and from this investment, the Fund posted a 26.2% internal rate of return (IRR) and 3.25X multiple of invested capital (MOIC), driving added value and results for our shareholders.

### **Focused Investment Thesis**

Golden Opportunities' investment thesis continues to be focused on investing in Management Buyouts (MBOs) and providing growth capital to these long-standing and local companies. MBOs represent investments in well-established companies with decades of experience, proven business models and aligned management teams. Golden Opportunities' investment helps to ensure that these legacy companies remain locally owned, and continue to operate, grow and keep jobs at home. In turn, they result in partnership income, dividends and interest back to the Fund providing further liquidity, which is important for fund management. During the annual reporting period, we are pleased to report that approximately \$17 million in partnership income, dividends and interest for the Diversified Class A-share was generated predominantly due to our MBO investments. At fiscal year-end, the Fund's weighting in MBOs maintained at approximately 50% of the Class A-share's total invested capital. Into the future, ongoing opportunities are anticipated as more than 75% of Canada's business owners plan to exit their business in the next 10 years, and less than 10% have a formal business succession plan in place.<sup>3</sup> Golden Opportunities has and will continue to help address this gap.

### **Growing Economy and Strength in Sectors**

During the reporting period, Golden Opportunities continued to focus on investing locally in one of the fastest growing economies in the country. In 2023, real GDP reached an all-time high of \$77.9 billion in Saskatchewan, which represented an increase of 1.6% and placed the province 2<sup>nd</sup> in the nation for real GDP growth.<sup>4</sup> Furthermore, the province experienced record high population and the largest job increase in Canada last year, and maintained the lowest unemployment rate across the nation at 5.4%, which is well below the national average of 6.6%. Private capital investment grew to \$12.4 billion

in 2023 and is also projected to reach \$14.2 billion in 2024 – an increase of over 14% over last year, and the highest percentage increase in Canada as well.<sup>5</sup> Investing in Golden Opportunities provides investors with access to not only this growing economy but also key sectors such as infrastructure, agriculture and technology, to name a few, that are driving this growth. Many of the Fund's portfolio companies are operating in these key sectors, creating direct and indirect impact.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Canadian Federation of Independent Business, October 2022 <sup>4</sup>RBC Economics, September 2024

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Statistics Canada, August 2024



### **Investing in Infrastructure**

Infrastructure continues to be a strong sector with Saskatchewan's Growth Plan setting a target of \$30 billion invested into the sector by 2030. Almost \$19 billion, or 63% of the goal has been reached with 2024-25 targeted to be the largest capital budget in the province's history of another \$4.4 billion allocated to local projects.<sup>6</sup> Furthermore, interest rate reductions experienced during the fiscal year, and subsequent, increased activity in this sector from private sector investments, such as the BHP Jansen potash mine expansion and numerous canola crush and mining facilities, and public sector investments being announced. These investments not only stimulate growth for our economy, but also present opportunities for our portfolio companies that operate within this sector such as Dynalndustrial LP and Maxie's Excavating LP, which are both MBO investments that experienced notable growth and milestones during the fiscal year.



Founded over four decades ago, designs, manufactures and repairs heavy industrial equipment and components primarily used by customers in the mining, steel and pipe mill industries.



Added BHP as a key customer, continued operations near *full capacity* and maintained confirmed project orders in its sales pipeline at the *highest level in the company's history*.



A 50-year-old brand that has grown into one of the largest excavating companies in Saskatchewan.



Posted the *strongest contracted order book* in the past five years, and working with the Ministry of Highways on major highway projects, BHP on the Jansen mine and the Cargill canola crush facility in Regina, to name a few.



### **Investing in Agriculture**

We will need to produce as much food in the next 40 years as we have in the last 10,000 years combined to feed the planet's growing population.<sup>7</sup> With the most arable farmland in Canada, Saskatchewan is positioned to help meet the rising global needs as an important source for agri-food products and the province's sustainable and high-quality products are in high demand globally. In 2023, Saskatchewan's agriculture industry posted a fourth straight year of record agri-food exports reaching more than \$20.2 billion – this exceeded the \$18.5 billion reached in 2022, \$17.5 billion in 2021 and \$16.4 billion in 2020.8 The sector and the Fund's agriculture portfolio companies continued to be a key focus for Golden Opportunities this fiscal year as companies, such as Degelman Industries LP and Rocky Mountain Equipment, innovated and expanded in global and local markets.



Over 60 years of innovating and manufacturing agriculture and industrial equipment for the global market across 15 countries.



Maintained an ongoing focus on research and development, brought *new products to market* this year including a new high dump Rock Picker and a new Field Ripper, and commenced a collaboration with Dutch Industries Ltd. to market the BioSpreader product line, leveraging Degelman's powerful brand and strong reputation.



Two decades of experience, and Canada's largest independent agriculture equipment dealer and largest dealer of Case New Holland agriculture equipment in the Canadian Prairies.



With more than \$1 billion dollars of annual revenue and growth from 37 to 45 locations since the Fund's investment, the company continued to outperform expectations this year as a result of strong demand.



### **Investing in Technology**

The innovation and technology sector remains a key and growing sector in Saskatchewan, and in the last four years employment in the sector grew by over 108%, increasing from 2,631 in 2019 to 5,489 in 2023. Additionally, from 2016 to 2023, the technology sector accounted for 10% of all job creation with nearly 350 tech companies calling the province home in 2023.9 The Fund's investment in this sector remains focused on mature innovation and technology companies such as WBM Technologies LP and Headversity that both experienced another strong year.



Established over seven decades ago, one of Canada's top IT service providers delivering world class technology solutions to the public and private sector including many of Western Canada's largest and most progressive organizations.



Increased the employee base by 145, approximately 40%, and received notable recognition by suppliers, customers and industry through various awards and accolades, for example:

 Named 'Fastest Rising Organization' on the 2024 Solution Provider 500 List of North America's Largest Managed IT Solution Providers.



A leading, global provider of real-time mental health resiliency and training technology through its workplace mental wellness platform.



Impacted over 3 million lives across more than 18 countries and 26 industries to date with its mental wellness platform, and continued to grow its impact adding new customers such as:

- Telus Health
- National Hockey League (NHL)
- Gymnastics Canada

### **Together, We Impact Tomorrow**

As we reflect on the past year, and since inception now over a quarter century ago, we are proud of Golden Opportunities' accomplishments – for our shareholders and for all of our stakeholders. Thank you to everyone involved in building and continuing to grow your local investment Fund, and congratulations on the success that we have achieved together. The Fund's positive performance and results outlined in this 2024 annual report demonstrate the commitment and dedication of so many including our Board of Directors, our fund management team, the numerous leadership teams across our portfolio companies, our advisor network, and you - our shareholders. We anticipate another strong year of demand and encourage shareholders to make their investment early as investing can happen anytime throughout the year.

In closing, thank you again to our thousands of shareholders for your confidence in a strong and stable Fund – it all starts with your investment, and we appreciate your trust and commitment. As we embark on the next year and into the future, we are excited for the growth and opportunity ahead, and the impact that we can make together with your continued investment and support of Golden Opportunities Fund.

Respectfully,

Grant J. Kook, C.Dir., S.O.M.

President & CEO



# Policies and Practices of the Fund

### Policies and Practices of the Fund

### **Corporate Governance**

Golden Opportunities Fund Inc. (the "Fund") has developed a corporate governance policy (the "Corporate Governance Policy"), having regard to what are considered to be the best corporate governance policies and practices for public companies.

The Corporate Governance Policy specifies the principles and practices applicable to governance of the Fund and establishes a framework for relevant governance, process, policies and controls applicable to the Fund. In addition to the Corporate Governance Policy, the Fund has adopted other policies and practices that it views as being consistent with the best corporate governance policies and practices. The Fund has also implemented procedures that will assist the Fund's Board of Directors (the "Board") and the Fund's manager, Westcap Mgt. Ltd. (the "Manager"), in achieving the policies set forth in the Corporate Governance Policy.

The following is a summary of certain matters addressed in the Corporate Governance Policy:

- · Objective The purpose of the Corporate Governance Policy is to maintain strong corporate governance standards and policies for the Fund.
- Structure and Constitution of the Board The structure of the Board will be in accordance with The Labour-Sponsored Venture Capital Corporations Act (Manitoba) (the "Manitoba Act") and The Labour-sponsored Venture Capital Corporations Act (Saskatchewan) (the "Saskatchewan Act") and will be comprised of business executives and professionals with a wide range of industry experience. In addition, a majority of the Board will be independent of the Manager.
- Standards of Conduct and Code of Ethics In addition to the duties of officers and directors provided for in The Business Corporations Act, 2021 (Saskatchewan), the officers and directors of the Fund will be governed by the CFA Institute Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct.
- Compensation and Insurance The Corporate Governance Policy sets out the compensation structure for directors. The Fund will provide insurance for directors, officers, and members of the independent review committee against liability incurred by them in such capacity.
- Strategic Planning On at least an annual basis, the Fund will approve an operating budget for the upcoming year and will review the actual to budgeted results of the previous year.
- Officers The Board has the authority to appoint the officers and there are currently two officers of the Fund.
- The Manager The duties and responsibilities of the Manager are as set out in a management agreement between the Fund and the Manager, as amended November 18, 2020.
- Shareholder Communications An annual report together with annual audited financial statements and annual management reports of fund performance will be filed on an annual basis and sent to all shareholders who request a copy. In addition, the Fund will file its unaudited semi-annual interim financial statements and interim management reports of fund performance and send a copy to all shareholders who request a copy. The Fund will send all required meeting materials for the Fund's annual general meeting to its shareholders. The Fund has adopted a privacy policy related to the protection of confidential information of its shareholders.

The Fund is committed to continually reviewing and improving its corporate governance practices. In that respect, the Fund intends to review the Corporate Governance Policy and its corporate governance practices on an annual basis and implement changes considered appropriate for the Fund from time to time. The Corporate Governance Policy is available for inspection during regular business hours at the head office of the Fund at Suite 601, 409 3rd Avenue South, Saskatoon, SK, S7K 5R5.

### **Business Operations**

The Fund's Class A Shares, Class A-B Shares and Class A-F Shares are referred to collectively as the "Class A Fund"; the Class I Shares, Class I-B Shares and Class I-F Shares are referred to collectively as the "Class I Fund"; and the Class R Shares, Class R-B Shares and Class R-F Shares are referred to collectively as the "Class R Fund". The Board approves an annual operating plan and budget for the Class A Fund, Class I Fund and Class R Fund.

#### Class A Fund

For the year ended August 31, 2024, \$32 million was raised in Saskatchewan from the issue of Class A-B Shares and Class A-F Shares, which was \$1.3 million higher than budget. In Manitoba, \$1.5 million was raised from the issue of Class A-B Shares and Class A-F Shares, which was \$40 thousand above budget. The Fund ended the year with a cost base on its Class A Fund venture investment portfolio of \$205.7 million, which was \$10 million below budget. The Class A Fund was \$7 million below budget for venture investments purchased through the year and investment exits and repayments exceeded budget by \$3 million. Excluding net realized and unrealized gains, the incentive participation amount, the contingent incentive participation amount and income taxes, the Class A Fund had operating income of \$3.8 million, which was below budget by \$1.1 million, primarily due to lower partnership income earned in the year. Please see the Class A Fund's Annual Management Report of Fund Performance for a more detailed explanation of the results for 2024.

In the upcoming year, the Fund intends to maintain the amount of Class A Fund share capital raised in Saskatchewan and Manitoba. The Fund will continue to manage expenses and focus on creating shareholder value within its venture investment portfolio and will continue to make new investments and follow-on investments that meet the Fund's investment criteria.

#### Class I Fund

During the year ended August 31, 2024, \$3.2 million was raised in Saskatchewan from the issue of Class I-B Shares and Class I-F Shares, which was \$578 thousand below budget. In Manitoba, \$75 thousand was raised from the issue of Class I-B Shares and Class I-F Shares, which was \$34 thousand below budget. Venture investments purchased for the year were \$813 thousand, which was below budget by \$4.2 million. Excluding the net realized and unrealized gains, the incentive participation amount, the contingent incentive participation amount and income taxes, the Class I Fund earned income of \$357 thousand in the year ended August 31, 2024, which was \$12 thousand below budget for the year. Please see the Class I Fund's Annual Management Report of Fund Performance for a more detailed explanation of the results for 2024.

For the upcoming year, the Fund intends to maintain its shareholder base in Saskatchewan and Manitoba and make additional venture investments that meet its investment criteria.

#### Class R Fund

During the year ended August 31, 2024, the Fund raised Class R share capital of \$338 thousand in Saskatchewan, which was \$93 thousand below budget. Excluding the net unrealized gains, the Class R Fund loss of \$229 thousand was less than the budgeted loss for the year of \$231 thousand.

For the upcoming year, the Fund intends to maintain its Class R Fund shareholder base in Saskatchewan. The Fund intends to seek out additional venture investments that meet its investment criteria.

### **Compensation and Expenses**

Each director of the Fund receives an annual retainer of \$1,000, except for the chair who receives an annual retainer of \$3,000. Each member of a committee of the Board receives an additional annual retainer of \$750, except for the chairs of each committee (other than the investment committee) who receive an additional annual retainer of \$1,750. Each director or committee member is also entitled to receive \$300 per meeting for meetings that are less than one hour in duration and \$600 per meeting for meetings that are more than one hour in duration. Persons who are also directors, officers, employees or contractors of the Manager are not entitled to receive the annual retainers or fees for attendance at Board or committee meetings. The aforementioned restriction currently applies to Grant Kook. In addition, all directors are entitled to be reimbursed for expenses incurred in attending board and committee meetings.

The following table summarizes the compensation earned by the Fund's Board of Directors during the year ended August 31, 2024. The amounts indicated include independent review committee fees received by members of the Board of Directors and all Board and committee meetings the Directors attended during the year.

Director	Director Fees	Other Compensation	Travel Expenses	Other Expenses
Murad Al-Katib	\$1,600	-	-	-
Brian L. Barber	\$9,450	-	-	-
Blair Davidson	\$7,067	-	-	-
Catherine Gryba	\$3,850	-	-	-
Kenneth Juba	\$5,050	-	-	-
Grant J. Kook	-	-	-	-
James S. Salamon <sup>(1)</sup>	\$3,567	-	-	-
Lorraine Sali	\$6,650	-	-	-
Shane Sali <sup>(2)</sup>	\$2,067	-	-	\$55
Ron S. Waldman	\$6,500	-	-	-
Total	\$45,801	-	-	\$55

<sup>(1)</sup> Term ended December 13, 2023

The Fund has engaged the Manager to manage all aspects of the Fund. The Manager charges a management fee based upon the pricing net asset value of the Fund and is responsible for the employment and payment of all salaries of the Manager's staff. As such, the Fund does not have any employees, and the two officers of the Fund are not directly compensated by the Fund.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(2)</sup> Elected December 13, 2023

#### Policies and Practices for Use of Financial and Other Resources

The Fund plans to make investments in small and medium-sized Saskatchewan eligible businesses and Manitoba eligible business entities, with the objective of achieving long-term capital appreciation. The Fund will use its financial and other resources to achieve this objective.

#### **Risk Factors**

The risks associated with making investments in the Fund are described in the Fund's prospectus under the section "Risk Factors". A copy of the Fund's prospectus can be obtained by calling 1-866-261-5686, visiting the Fund's website at www.goldenopportunities.ca, by writing to the Fund at Suite 601, 409 3rd Avenue South, Saskatoon, SK, S7K 5R5 or by visiting the SEDAR+ website at www.sedarplus.ca.

### **Valuation Policy**

The Fund's process for valuing its Class A Shares, Class A-B Shares, Class A-F Shares, Class I Shares, Class I-B Shares, Class I-F Shares, Class R Shares, Class R-B Shares and Class R-F Shares is described in the Fund's prospectus under the section "Calculation of Net Asset Value". A copy of the Fund's prospectus can be obtained by calling 1-866-261-5686, visiting the Fund's website at www.goldenopportunities.ca, by writing to the Fund at Suite 601, 409 3rd Avenue South, Saskatoon, SK, S7K 5R5 or by visiting the SEDAR+ website at www.sedarplus.ca.

#### **Financial Reserves**

The Fund has developed a Liquid Reserve Policy to maintain available reserves to meet the financial obligations or potential obligations of the Fund. The reserves of the Fund will be invested in eligible investment instruments with the objective of maintaining the principal balance and earning a sufficient return on investment that is commensurate with the risk taken. All liquid reserves will be invested as per the terms of all governing legislation and applicable national instruments as well as the Tax Credit Trust Agreement between the Fund, the Government of Saskatchewan, and Concentra Trust. The Liquid Reserve Policy establishes guidelines for the quality of the investments made as well as the amount to be maintained on reserve. The Fund reviews its Liquid Reserve Policy on an annual basis and implements changes as required.

For the year ended August 31, 2024, the Fund has complied with its Liquid Reserve Policy.

### **Investment Policy**

The Fund plans to make investments in small and medium-sized Saskatchewan eligible businesses and Manitoba eligible business entities, with the objective of achieving long-term capital appreciation. The Saskatchewan share capital raised is invested as per the Saskatchewan Act and the Manitoba share capital raised is invested as per the Manitoba Act. The Fund will not invest more than 10% of the net assets of the Class A Fund, the Class I Fund, or the Class R Fund, as taken at market value at the time of such investment, in any one eligible business or eligible business entity, other than where the securities are issued or guaranteed by the Government of Canada, the Government of any Province or Territory in Canada or the Government of the United States of America.

With the proceeds raised from the issuance of the Class A Shares, Class A-B Shares and Class A-F Shares, the Fund will invest in a range of businesses from a broad cross-section of the economy that may include, among others, eligible businesses and eligible business entities involved in the biotechnology, renewable energy, technology, oil & gas, agriculture, services and manufacturing sectors of the economy to the extent permitted by the Saskatchewan Act in the case of Saskatchewan share capital raised, and to the extent permitted by the Manitoba Act in the case of Manitoba share capital raised.

With the proceeds raised from the issuance of the Class I Shares, Class I-B Shares and Class I-F Shares, the Fund will invest in a portfolio of innovation companies, which may include sectors such as information and communication technology, life sciences, biotechnology, industrial biotechnology, clean technology, energy technology, value-added agriculture, and advanced manufacturing rather than a broad cross-section of the economy as is the case with the proceeds from the issuance of the Class A Shares, Class A-B Shares and Class A-F Shares.

With the proceeds raised from the issuance of the Class R Shares, Class R-B Shares and Class R-F Shares, the Fund will seek to invest in businesses in the energy, mining and/or related resource services sector, to the extent permitted by the Saskatchewan Act.

A full description of the Fund's Investment Policy is contained in the Fund's prospectus under the sections "Investment Objectives", "Investment Strategies", "Overview of the Sectors that the Fund Invests In", and "Investment Restrictions". A copy of the Fund's prospectus can be obtained by calling 1-866-261-5686, visiting the Fund's website at www.goldenopportunities.ca, by writing to the Fund at Suite 601, 409 3rd Avenue South, Saskatoon, SK, S7K 5R5 or by visiting the SEDAR+ website at www.sedarplus.ca.

# **Golden Opportunities Fund Inc. Financial Statements**

For the year ended August 31, 2024

# Management's Responsibility for Financial Reporting

### To the Shareholders of Golden Opportunities Fund Inc.

The financial statements are the responsibility of management and have been approved by the Board of Directors.

The financial statements have been prepared by management based on the information available to November 1, 2024 and are in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and reflect management's best estimates and judgments.

Management has established systems of internal controls which are designed to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded from loss or unauthorized use, and to produce reliable accounting records for the preparation of financial information.

The Board of Directors discharges its duties relating to the financial statements primarily through the activities of its Audit and Valuation Committees, which are composed of members of the Board of Directors. The Valuation Committee has a responsibility for approving the value of the Fund's assets, the net asset value of the Fund and the net asset value of the Class A, Class A-B, Class I, Class I-B, Class I-F, Class R, Class R-B, and Class R-F Shares of the Fund at August 31, 2024, as determined by management.

The Audit Committee meets with management to ensure that management is performing responsibly to maintain financial controls and systems, and to review the financial statements of the Fund. The Audit Committee also meets with the independent auditors to discuss the audit approach, the review of internal account controls and the results of their examination, prior to submitting the financial statements to the Board of Directors and recommending their approval. The Audit Committee also considers, for review by the Board of Directors and approval by the shareholders, the engagement or reappointment of the external auditors.

The financial statements have been audited by Buckberger Baerg & Partners LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants. The auditor's report outlines the scope of their audit and their opinion on the financial statements.

November 1, 2024

Grant J. Kook

President, CEO & Director

. Darcy D. Ogrodnick

CFO

# **Independent Auditor's Report**

#### To the Shareholders of

Golden Opportunities Fund Inc. Class A Shares Golden Opportunities Fund Inc. Class I Shares Golden Opportunities Fund Inc. Class R Shares

(collectively referred to as the "Funds")

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of each of the Funds, which comprise the statements of financial position as at August 31, 2024 and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares and statement of cash flows for the year then ended and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of material accounting policy information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Funds as at August 31, 2024 and their financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting 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 report. We are independent of the Funds in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Other matter

The financial statements of the Funds for the year ended August 31, 2023, were audited by another auditor who expressed an unmodified opinion on those statements on November 1, 2023.

#### Other information

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

• Management Report of Fund Performance

Our opinion on these 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 and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements, or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

We obtained the Management Report of Fund Performance prior to the date of this auditor's report. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact in this auditor's report. We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting 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 Funds' 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 Funds or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- · Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Funds' 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 Funds' 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 Funds 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

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.

Chartered Professional Accountants

Buchberger Baerg & Partners LLP

SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN November 1, 2024

### STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION - CLASS A

#### As at August 31

(in thousands of Canadian dollars except number of shares and per share amounts)

		2024		2023
Assets				
Cash	\$	18,574	\$	16,734
Short-term investments		8,110		41,500
Subscriptions receivable		180		-
Interest and other receivables		20,448		16,256
Funds held in trust (Note 6)		-		513
Venture investments		313,625		283,839
		360,937		358,842
Liabilities				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		2,163		2,254
Income tax payable (Note 14)		277		-
Redemptions payable		371		-
Incentive participation amount payable (Note 9(g))		29		18,834
Contingent incentive participation amount (Note 9(g))		40,241		31,951
		43,081		53,039
Total net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares	\$	317,856	\$	305,803
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares				
Class A	\$	217,886	\$	247,044
Class A-B		71,305		36,908
Class A-F		28,665		21,851
	\$	317,856	\$	305,803
Number of redeemable shares outstanding (Note 7)				
Class A	1	0,208,648	1	2,105,025
Class A-B		2,931,935	'	1,667,446
Class A-F		1,015,811		845,944
Class A I		1,013,011		043,944
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares per share (Note 8)				
Class A	\$	21.34	\$	20.41
Class A-B		24.32		22.13
Class A-F		28.22		25.83

Approved by the Board

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### STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME - CLASS A

#### Years ended August 31

(in thousands of Canadian dollars except per share amounts)

_	2024	2023
Income	12.524	16044
Partnership income	\$ 13,521	\$ 16,944
Interest income for distribution purposes  Dividend income	3,085	3,025
	225	278
Net realized gain (loss) on disposition of venture investments  Net increase in unrealized appreciation of venture investments	166	(32,979)
net increase in unlealized appreciation of venture investments	30,494 <b>47,491</b>	55,369
Expenses	וכד, וד	33,309
Administration fees (Note 9(e))	578	602
Audit fees	236	268
Custodian fees (Note 9(e))	136	108
Directors' fees and expenses	29	32
Incentive participation amount (Note 9(g))	29	1,133
Increase in contingent incentive participation amount (Note 9(g))	8,290	6,984
Independent review committee fees	3	1
Legal fees	70	96
Management fees (Note 9(a))	8,047	7,573
Marketing service fees (Note 9(f))	335	303
Other expenses	196	177
Percentage-based payments and amortized commissions (Notes 9(c) and 9(d))	1,236	1,504
Service fees (Note 9(b))	1,758	1,470
Share issue costs	220	233
Shareholder reporting costs	139	106
Transaction costs	=	5
_	21,302	20,595
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares from operations before tax	26,189	34,774
Provision for income tax (Note 14)	7,995	
Total increase in net assets attributable to holders of		
redeemable shares from operations	\$ 18,194	\$ 34,774
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares from operations		
Class A	9,649	27,498
Class A-B	6,164	4,300
Class A-F	2,381	2,976
_	\$ 18,194	\$ 34,774
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares from operations per share		
Class A	\$ 0.87	\$ 2.12
Class A-B	2.59	4.05
Class A-F	2.53	3.83

### STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO **HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE SHARES – CLASS A**

Years ended August 31

(in thousands of Canadian dollars)

				2024
	Class A	Class A-B	Class A-F	Total
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares, beginning of year	\$ 247,044	\$ 36,908	\$ 21,851	\$ 305,803
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares from operations	 9,649	6,164	2,381	18,194
Redeemable share transactions				
Issue of redeemable shares	-	28,654	4,821	33,475
Redemption of redeemable shares	 (38,807)	(421)	(388)	(39,616)
Net (decrease) increase from redeemable share transactions	 (38,807)	28,233	4,433	(6,141)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares, end of year	\$ 217,886	\$ 71,305	\$ 28,665	\$ 317,856

				2023
	 Class A	Class A-B	Class A-F	Total
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares, beginning of year	\$ 258,246	\$ 6,174	\$ 15,277	\$ 279,697
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares from operations	27,498	4,300	2,976	34,774
Redeemable share transactions				
Issue of redeemable shares	- (0.0 = 0.0)	26,572	3,693	30,265
Redemption of redeemable shares	 (38,700)	(138)	(95)	(38,933)
Net (decrease) increase from redeemable share transactions	(38,700)	26,434	3,598	(8,668)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares, end of year	\$ 247,044	\$ 36,908	\$ 21,851	\$ 305,803

### STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS - CLASS A

#### Years ended August 31

(in thousands of Canadian dollars)

	2024	2023
Cash flows from operating activities		
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares from operations	\$ 18,194	\$ 34,774
Adjustments for non-cash items:		
Net realized (gain) loss on disposition of venture investments	(166)	32,979
Net increase in unrealized appreciation of venture investments	(30,494)	(68,101)
Increase in contingent incentive participation amount	8,290	6,984
Venture investments purchased	(3,050)	(7,928)
Venture investments repaid	3,186	4,189
Proceeds on disposition of venture investments	827	36,083
Purchase of short-term investments	(10,355)	(61,000)
Maturity of short-term investments	43,745	30,500
Net change in balances other than cash and investments (Note 10)	(22,387)	760
	7,790	9,240
Cash flows used in financing activities		
Proceeds from issue of redeemable shares	33,295	30,265
Amounts paid on redemption of redeemable shares	(39,245)	(38,933)
	(5,950)	(8,668)
Net increase in cash	1,840	572
Cash, beginning of year	16,734	16,162
Cash, end of year	\$ 18,574	\$ 16,734
Supplemental cash flow information		
Interest received	\$ 2,169	\$ 1,676
Dividends received	225	278
Income taxes paid	7,718	-

Non-cash transactions (Note 12(b))

#### As at August 31, 2024

(in thousands of Canadian dollars except par value/number of units)

#### Short-term investments

Par Value/ Number of Units/Shares	Issuer and Description of Security	Maturity Date	Cost	Fa	ir Value
	Conexus Credit Union				
5,000,000	4.95% term deposit	May 2, 2025	\$ 5,000	\$	5,000
	Diamond North Credit Union				
110,000	4.30% term deposit	August 26, 2025	110		110
	Conexus Credit Union				
3,000,000	4.50% term deposit	August 29, 2025	 3,000		3,000
Short-term inv	restments (2.55%)*		\$ 8,110	\$	8,110

#### Venture investments

Par Value/ Number of Units/Shares	Issuer and Description of Security	Expiry/Maturity Date	Cost
	102049367 Saskatchewan Ltd.		
100	common shares		\$ -
182	0% demand promissory note		-
	Avalon Oil & Gas Ltd.		
9,403,100	class A common shares		6,779
	Burgess Creek Exploration Inc.		
1,963,000	class A common shares		1,963
	Can Pro Capital Corp.		
3,800	class A common shares		4
3,329,838	0% demand debenture		3,330
	Can Pro Ingredients Ltd.		
19,117,629,955	class A common shares		7,257
2,250,000	15% demand debenture		2,250
630,000	15% demand debenture		630
	Chrysalis Software Inc.		
5,000,000	class D preferred shares		5,000
	Credence Resources Inc.		
1	class A common share		-
100,000	class B common shares		100

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(in thousands of Canadian dollars except par value/number of units)

**Venture investments** (continued)

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Par Value/ Number of Units/Shares	Issuer and Description of Security	Expiry/Maturity Date	Cost
	Credence Resources LP		
1	series 2A limited partnership unit		\$ -
1	series 2B limited partnership unit		-
1	series 4A limited partnership unit		-
1	series 5A limited partnership unit		-
1	series 5B limited partnership unit		-
1	series 5D limited partnership unit		-
1	series 6A limited partnership unit		-
1	series 7A limited partnership unit		-
1	series 9A limited partnership unit		-
16,458,170	variable rate participating loan		16,458
	Credence Resources II Inc.		
1	class A common share		-
100,000	class B common shares		100
	Credence Resources II LP		
1	series 2A limited partnership unit		-
1	series 5A limited partnership unit		-
6,691,598	variable rate participating loan		6,692
	Degelman Industries LP		
20,693,902	limited partnership units		20,694
	Diamond House Inc.		
46	class A common shares		-
	DIL Ventures LP		
6,306,098	limited partnership units		6,306
	Dyna Holdings GP Inc.		
50	class A common shares		-
	Dyna Holdings LP		
10,675,971	limited partnership units		10,014
	Field Exploration Inc.		
1	class A common share		-
100,000	class B common shares		100
	Field Exploration LP		
1	series 2A limited partnership unit		-
1	series 2B limited partnership unit		-
1	series 2C limited partnership unit		-
4,858,400	variable rate participating loan		4,858

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7,263,750

limited partnership units

(in thousands of Canadian dollars except par value/number of units)

**Venture investments** (continued)

Par Value/ Number of Units/Shares	Issuer and Description of Security	Expiry/Maturity Date	Cost
	Fort Garry Brewing Company GP Inc.		
666	common shares		\$ -
	Fort Garry Brewing Company LP		
3,982,674	limited partnership units		3,983
	GHC Warman Realty Inc.		
4,560,000	class A common shares		6,270
	GOF Care Homes Inc.		
100	class A common shares		-
27,525	0% demand promissory notes		28
	Golden Health Care Inc.		
694,000	class A common shares		13,620
561,478	13% demand promissory notes		561
	Jump.ca Wireless Supply Corp.		
703,241	class B preferred shares		1,974
	Librestream Technologies Inc.		
186,336	series B preferred shares		120
110,396	series C preferred shares		84
	Maxie's Excavating LP		
8,820,000	limited partnership units		8,820
	Med-Life Discoveries GP Inc.		
48	common shares		-
47,702	0% demand promissory note		48
	Med-Life Discoveries LP		
17,234,436	limited partnership units		14,682
2,286,692	11% demand promissory notes		2,287
238,249	15% demand promissory note		238
	Paradigm Consulting Group LP		
3,865,000	limited partnership units		3,865
	Performance Plants Inc.		
4,508,118	common shares		4,518
	Prairie Meats Inc.		
78	class A common shares		-
	Prairie Meats LP		

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(in thousands of Canadian dollars except par value/number of units)

**Venture investments** (continued)

Par Value	/
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Number of Units/Shares	Issuer and Description of Security Expiry/Maturity Date	Cost
	Retail Innovation Labs Inc.	
561,794	class B preferred shares	\$ 6,778
513,187	18% demand promissory note	513
	Rite Way Mfg. Co. Ltd.	
2,854,238	class A common shares	-
	Rocky Mountain Equipment Saskatchewan LP	
10,000	limited partnership units	10
	RW Roads Solutions Inc.	
435,762	class A common shares	-
	RW Roads Solutions LP	
435,762	limited partnership units	436
	Safety Seven Manufacturing Inc.	
100,000	class A common shares	-
20,000	class C preferred shares	200
459,149	0% demand promissory note	459
	Stampede Drilling Inc.	
2,000,000	common shares	2,000(1)
	Stranraer Holdings LP	
14,750,000	limited partnership units	-
	SuperiorFarms Solutions LP	
2,854,238	limited partnership units	2,854
	Terra Grain Fuels Inc.	
4,214	common shares (through 101247441 Saskatchewan Ltd.)	-
	Vesta Energy Corp.	
341,622	common shares	447
	Warman Home Centre Inc.	
41	class A common shares	-
	Warman Home Centre LP	
13,785,429	class A limited partnership units	13,785
	WBM Technologies LP	
3,015,000	limited partnership units	3,015
	Western Building Centres Limited	
7,462,285	class A common shares	47
5,451,383	class F preferred shares	5,451
4,750,000	class G preferred shares	4,750

#### As at August 31, 2024

(in thousands of Canadian dollars except par value/number of units)

**Venture investments** (continued)

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Number of Units/Shares	Issuer and Description of Security	Expiry/Maturity Date	Cost
	Western Building Centres Limited (continued)		
632,196	15% demand promissory note		\$ 632
	Woodland Development Corp.		
3,400,000	common shares		3,400
	ments at cost (64.71%)* reciation of venture investments		<b>\$ 205,674</b> 107,951
Venture invest	ments at fair value (98.67%)*		\$ 313,625
*Percentages sho	own relate amounts to total net assets attributable		

to holders of redeemable shares.

### <sup>(1)</sup>Supplemental disclosure of fair value of publicly traded investments

Issuer	Fair valu	e
Stampede Drilling Inc.	\$ 45	0
	\$ 45	0

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(in thousands of Canadian dollars except par value/number of units)

#### Venture portfolio breakdown

Industry Sector	Number of Investees	Cost	Fair Value	% of Cost	% of Fair Value
Manufacturing	9	\$ 40,963	\$ 118,678	19.92%	37.84%
Building Supplies	3	24,665	48,565	11.99%	15.49%
Health Care	6	37,734	45,738	18.35%	14.58%
Technology	6	21,349	36,371	10.38%	11.60%
Oil & Gas	11	42,897	22,532	20.85%	7.18%
Agriculture	3	10	18,721	_(2)	5.97%
Value-added Processing	4	20,735	13,111	10.08%	4.18%
Infrastructure	1	8,820	7,805	4.29%	2.49%
Consumer Discretionary	2	3,983	2,104	1.94%	0.67%
Biotechnology	1	4,518	-	2.20%	-
Energy	1	-	-	-	-
	47	\$ 205,674	\$ 313,625	100.00%	100.00%

<sup>(2)</sup>less than 0.01%

Stage of Development	Number of Investees	Cost	I	Fair Value	% of Cost	% of Fair Value
Start-up	10	\$ 44,862	\$	23,681	21.81%	7.55%
Growth	19	73,408		87,719	35.69%	27.97%
Mature	18	87,404		202,225	42.50%	64.48%
	47	\$ 205,674	\$	313,625	100.00%	100.00%

### STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION - CLASS I

#### As at August 31

(in thousands of Canadian dollars except number of shares and per share amounts)

		2024		2023
Assets				
Cash	\$	1,211	\$	3,577
Short-term investments		8,675		11,755
Subscriptions receivable		70		-
Interest and other receivables		3,593		2,818
Funds held in trust (Note 6)		-		153
Venture investments		48,155		44,474
		61,704		62,777
Liabilities				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		587		459
Income tax payable (Note 14)		39		-
Redemptions payable		43		-
Incentive participation amount payable (Note 9(g))		-		2,476
Contingent incentive participation amount (Note 9(g))		4,274		3,066
		4,943		6,001
Total net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares	\$	56,761	\$	56,776
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares				
Class I	\$	45,377	\$	49,202
Class I-B	Y	8,850	Ÿ	5,336
Class I-F		2,534		2,238
Class I I	\$	56,761	Ś	56,776
		30,701		30,770
$\textbf{Number of redeemable shares outstanding} \ (Note\ 7)$				
Class I		2,726,647		3,046,813
Class I-B		500,243		318,276
Class I-F		114,384		107,023
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares per share (Note 8)				
Class I	\$	16.64	\$	16.15
Class I-B		17.69		16.77
Class I-F		22.15		20.91

Approved by the Board

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### STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME - CLASS I

#### Years ended August 31

(in thousands of Canadian dollars except per share amounts)

		2024	2023
Income			
Partnership income	\$	1,790	\$ 1,747
Interest income for distribution purposes		938	791
Dividend income		242	191
Net realized gain (loss) on disposition of venture investments		30	(5,529)
Net increase in unrealized appreciation of venture investments		3,186	10,070
		6,186	7,270
Expenses			
Administration fees (Note 9(e))		131	109
Audit fees		74	69
Custodian fees (Note 9(e))		34	28
Directors' fees and expenses		10	9
Incentive participation amount		-	5
Increase in contingent incentive participation amount (Note 9(g))		1,208	960
Independent review committee fees		1	1
Legal fees		16	40
Management fees (Note 9(a))		1,488	1,439
Marketing service fees (Note 9(f))		33	37
Other expenses		71	34
Percentage-based payments and amortized commissions (Notes 9(c) and 9(d))		309	344
Service fees (Note 9(b))		319	285
Share issue costs		98	55
Shareholder reporting costs		29	20
		3,821	3,435
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares from operations before tax		2,365	3,835
reactinable states from operations before tax		2,505	3,033
Provision for income tax (Note 14)		425	
Total increase in net assets attributable to holders of			
redeemable shares from operations	\$	1,940	\$ 3,835
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable			
shares from operations			
Class I	\$	1,375	\$ 3,242
Class I-B		426	389
Class I-F		139	204
	\$	1,940	\$ 3,835
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares from operations per share			
Class I	\$	0.48	\$ 1.01
Class I-B	•	1.01	1.78
Class I-F		1.25	1.99

### STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO **HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE SHARES – CLASS I**

Years ended August 31

(in thousands of Canadian dollars)

				2024
	 Class I	Class I-B	Class I-F	Total
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares, beginning of year	\$ 49,202	\$ 5,336	\$ 2,238	\$ 56,776
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares from operations	1,375	426	139	1,940
Redeemable share transactions				
Issue of redeemable shares	-	3,157	166	3,323
Redemption of redeemable shares	(5,200)	(69)	(9)	(5,278)
Net (decrease) increase from redeemable share transactions	 (5,200)	3,088	157	(1,955)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares, end of year	\$ 45,377	\$ 8,850	\$ 2,534	\$ 56,761

				2023
	Class I	Class I-B	Class I-F	Total
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares, beginning of year	\$ 51,203	\$ 1,415	\$ 1,843	\$ 54,461
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares from operations	 3,242	389	204	3,835
Redeemable share transactions				
		2.557	101	2.740
Issue of redeemable shares	-	3,557	191	3,748
Redemption of redeemable shares	 (5,243)	(25)	-	(5,268)
Net (decrease) increase from redeemable share transactions	(5,243)	3,532	191	(1,520)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares, end of year	\$ 49,202	\$ 5,336	\$ 2,238	\$ 56,776

### STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS - CLASS I

#### Years ended August 31

(in thousands of Canadian dollars)

	2024	2023
Cash flows (used in) from operating activities		
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares from operations	\$ 1,940	\$ 3,835
Adjustments for non-cash items:		
Net realized (gain) loss on disposition of venture investments	(30)	5,529
Net increase in unrealized appreciation of venture investments	(3,186)	(10,070)
Increase in contingent incentive participation amount	1,208	960
Venture investments purchased	(591)	(4,179)
Proceeds on disposition of venture investments	148	25
Purchase of short-term investments	(11,175)	(12,260)
Maturity of short-term investments	14,255	12,680
Net change in balances other than cash and investments (Note 10)	 (2,953)	3,992
	(384)	512
Cash flows used in financing activities		
Proceeds from issue of redeemable shares	3,253	3,748
Amounts paid on redemption of redeemable shares	 (5,235)	(5,268)
	(1,982)	(1,520)
Net decrease in cash	(2,366)	(1,008)
Cash, beginning of year	3,577	4,585
Cash, end of year	\$ 1,211	\$ 3,577
Supplemental cash flow information		
Interest received	\$ 601	\$ 465
Dividends received	242	191
Income taxes paid	386	-

Non-cash transactions (Note 12(b))

As at August 31, 2024

(in thousands of Canadian dollars except par value/number of units)

#### Short-term investments

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Number of Units/Shares	Issuer and Description of Security	Maturity Date		Cost	Fai	ir Value
	Affinity Credit Union					
1,000,000	4.50% term deposit	January 3, 2025	\$	1,000	\$	1,000
	Diamond North Credit Union					
500,000	4.30% term deposit	February 20, 2025		500		500
	Synergy Credit Union					
1,500,000	3.75% term deposit	May 15, 2025		1,500		1,500
	Cornerstone Credit Union					
3,250,000	4.65% term deposit	June 11, 2025		3,250		3,250
	Diamond North Credit Union					
2,000,000	4.30% term deposit	August 28, 2025		2,000		2,000
	Conexus Credit Union					
425,000	4.50% term deposit	August 29, 2025	_	425		425
Short-term investments (15.28%)*			\$	8,675	\$	8,675

#### Venture investments

Par'	Val	lue/
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Number of Units/Shares	Issuer and Description of Security	Expiry/Maturity Date	c	ost
	102049367 Saskatchewan Ltd.			
13	0% demand promissory note		\$	-
	54E Dev Studios Inc.			
950,000	SAFE notes		Ş	950
	Callia Inc.			
137,604	Series A+ preferred shares			222
	Chrysalis Software Inc.			
5,367,000	class D preferred shares		5,3	367
	Degelman Industries LP			
3,487,306	limited partnership units		3,4	487
	DIL Ventures LP			
1,062,694	limited partnership units		1,0	063

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(in thousands of Canadian dollars except par value/number of units)

**Venture investments** (continued)

Par Value/ Number of Units/Shares	Issuer and Description of Security	Expiry/Maturity Date	Cost
	Dyna Holdings LP		
1,903,805	limited partnership units		\$ 1,786
	Environmental Material Science Inc.		
23,812	seed preferred shares		125
	Ground Truth Agriculture Inc.		
39,660	preferred shares		200
	Librestream Technologies Inc.		
590,062	series B convertible preferred shares		380
349,586	series C convertible preferred shares		266
	MacroMind Media Inc.		
1,546,193	series B convertible preferred shares		2,000
	Med-Life Discoveries GP Inc.		
2	class A common shares		-
2,248	0% demand promissory note		2
	Med-Life Discoveries LP		
2,735,077	limited partnership units		1,932
1,013,904	11% demand promissory notes		1,014
114,243	15% demand promissory note		114
	Paradigm Consulting Group LP		
2,000,000	limited partnership units		2,000
	Pivot Furniture Technologies Inc.		
63,900	SAFE note		64
	Precision Al Inc.		
290,697	preferred shares		250
160,000	10% convertible note	December 5, 2024	160
	Retail Innovation Labs Inc.		
168,017	class B preferred shares		2,028
153,480	18% demand promissory notes		153
	Rite Way Mfg. Co. Ltd.		
485,828	common shares		-
	Rivercity Innovations Ltd.		
43,353	preferred shares		75
50,000	5% convertible note	October 27, 2024	50

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42,901

5% convertible note

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(in thousands of Canadian dollars except par value/number of units)

**Venture investments** (continued)

Number of Units/Shares	Issuer and Description of Security	Expiry/Maturity Date	Cost
	RW Roads Solutions Inc.		
74,172	common shares		\$ -
	RW Roads Solutions LP		
74,172	limited partnership units		74
	SalonScale Technology Inc.		
108,050	SAFE note		108
	Stampede Drilling Inc.		
4,174,194	common shares		1,570 <sup>(1)</sup>
	StoreToDoor Technology Inc.		
11,718	common shares		75
75,000	7% convertible note	May 10, 2025	75
150,000	15% convertible note	November 2, 2025	150
	SuperiorFarms Solutions LP		
485,828	limited partnership units		486
	TAIV Inc.		
20,000	4% demand convertible note		20
	Three Farmers Foods Inc.		
1,658,601	common shares		2,000
1,234,568	class C preferred shares		1,000
	Vize Labs Inc.		
75,000	8% demand convertible note		75
40,000	8% demand convertible note		40
	WBM Technologies LP		
3,015,000	limited partnership units		3,015
	ments at cost (57.11%)* reciation of venture investments		<b>\$ 32,419</b> 15,736
Venture invest	ments at fair value (84.84)*		\$ 48,155

<sup>\*</sup>Percentages shown relate amounts to total net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares.

#### <sup>(1)</sup>Supplemental disclosure of fair value of publicly traded investments

Issuer	Fair value	e
Stampede Drilling Inc.	\$ 93	9
	\$ 93	9

As at August 31, 2024

(in thousands of Canadian dollars except par value/number of units)

#### Venture portfolio breakdown

Industry Sector	Number of Investees	Cost	Fair Value	% of Cost	% of Fair Value
Technology	15	\$ 17,605	\$ 22,408	54.31%	46.54%
Manufacturing	8	6,896	20,179	21.27%	41.90%
Value-added Processing	1	3,000	2,082	9.25%	4.32%
Health Care	2	3,062	2,261	9.45%	4.70%
Oil & Gas	1	1,570	939	4.84%	1.95%
Consumer Discretionary	2	286	286	0.88%	0.59%
	29	\$ 32,419	\$ 48,155	100.00%	100.00%

Stage of Development	Number of Investees	Cost	F	air Value	% of Cost	% of Fair Value
Start-up	16	\$ 7,818	\$	6,878	24.12%	14.28%
Growth	8	15,250		18,941	47.05%	39.33%
Mature	5	9,351		22,336	28.83%	46.39%
	29	\$ 32,419	\$	48,155	100.00%	100.00%

# STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION – CLASS R

# As at August 31

(in thousands of Canadian dollars except number of shares and per share amounts)

	2024	2023
Assets		
Cash	\$ 243	\$ 758
Short-term investments	710	1,065
Subscriptions receivable	3	-
Interest and other receivables	10	14
Venture investments	 5,063	4,581
	6,029	6,418
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	64	67
Redemptions payable	20	
	 84	67
Total net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares	\$ 5,945	\$ 6,351
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares		
Class R	\$ 5,029	\$ 5,784
Class R-B	848	522
Class R-F	68	45
	\$ 5,945	\$ 6,351
Number of redeemable shares outstanding (Note 7)		
Class R	694,236	843,384
Class R-B	136,824	85,204
Class R-F	8,298	5,587
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares per share (Note 8)		
Class R	\$ 7.24	\$ 6.86
Class R-B	6.20	6.12
Class R-F	8.23	8.02

Approved by the Board

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# STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME – CLASS R

# Years ended August 31

(in thousands of Canadian dollars except per share amounts)

		2024		2023
Income				
Interest income for distribution purposes	\$	109	\$	82
Dividend income		-		23
Net realized loss on disposition of venture investments		-		(115)
Net increase in unrealized appreciation of venture investments		502		486
		611		476
Expenses				
Administration fees (Note 9(e))		31		26
Audit fees		18		17
Custodian fees (Note 9(e))		14		11
Directors' fees and expenses		2		2
Legal fees		2		3
Management fees (Note 9(a))		156		168
Marketing service fees (Note 9(f))		3		4
Other expenses		13		10
Percentage-based payments and amortized commissions (Notes 9(c) and 9(d))		35		49
Service fees (Note 9(b))		34		34
Share issue costs		23		13
Shareholder reporting costs		7		5
Transaction costs		-		1
		338		343
Total increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares from operations	Ś	273	Ś	133
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares from operations				
Class R	\$	256	\$	133
Class R-B		15		-
Class R-F		2		-
	\$	273	\$	133
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares from operations per share				
Class R	\$	0.34	\$	0.15
Class R-B		0.13		-
Class R-F		0.28		0.10

# STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO **HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE SHARES – CLASS R**

Years ended August 31

(in thousands of Canadian dollars)

				2024
	 Class R	Class R-B	Class R-F	Total
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares, beginning of year	\$ 5,784	\$ 522	\$ 45	\$ 6,351
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares from operations	256	15	2	273
Redeemable share transactions				
Issue of redeemable shares	-	317	21	338
Redemption of redeemable shares	 (1,011)	(6)	-	(1,017)
Net (decrease) increase from redeemable share transactions	(1,011)	311	21	(679)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares, end of year	\$ 5,029	\$ 848	\$ 68	\$ 5,945

				2023
	 Class R	Class R-B	Class R-F	Total
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares, beginning of year	\$ 6,537	\$ 133	\$ 13	\$ 6,683
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares from operations	133	-	-	133
Redeemable share transactions				
Issue of redeemable shares	-	390	32	422
Redemption of redeemable shares	(886)	(1)	_	(887)
Net (decrease) increase from redeemable share transactions	(886)	389	32	(465)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares, end of year	\$ 5,784	\$ 522	\$ 45	\$ 6,351

# STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS – CLASS R

# Years ended August 31

(in thousands of Canadian dollars)

	2024	2023
Cash flows from operating activities		
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares from operations	\$ 273	\$ 133
Adjustments for non-cash items:		
Net realized loss on disposition of venture investments	-	115
Net increase in unrealized appreciation of venture investments	(502)	(486)
Venture investments purchased	-	(600)
Venture investments repaid	68	-
Proceeds on disposition of venture investments	-	481
Purchase of short-term investments	(710)	(1,065)
Maturity of short-term investments	1,065	1,545
Net change in balances other than cash and investments (Note 10)	(47)	(22)
	147	101
Cash flows used in financing activities		
Proceeds from issue of redeemable shares	335	422
Amounts paid on redemption of redeemable shares	 (997)	(887)
	(662)	(465)
Net decrease in cash	(515)	(364)
Cash, beginning of year	 758	1,122
Cash, end of year	\$ 243	\$ 758
Supplemental cash flow information		
Interest received	\$ 122	\$ 74
Dividends received	-	23

Non-cash transactions (Note 12(b))

# SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO – CLASS R

### As at August 31, 2024

(in thousands of Canadian dollars except par value/number of units)

### Short-term investments

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Number of Units/Shares	Issuer and Description of Security	Maturity Date	Cost	Faiı	Value
	Diamond North Credit Union				
210,000	4.30% term deposit	August 26, 2025	\$ 210	\$	210
	Cornerstone Credit Union				
500,000	4.10% term deposit	August 30, 2025	 500		500
Short-term inv	estments (11.94%)*		\$ 710	\$	710

### Venture investments

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Number of Units/Shares	Issuer and Description of Security	Expiry/Maturity Date	Cost
	Avalon Oil & Gas Ltd.		
1,472,939	class A common shares		\$ 534
	Burgess Creek Exploration Inc.		
815,000	class A common shares		815
	Credence Resources LP		
1	series 5C limited partnership unit		-
1	series 5E limited partnership unit		-
1	series 9B limited partnership unit		-
1,049,862	variable rate participating loan		1,050
	Credence Resources II LP		
1	series 2B limited partnership unit		-
1	series 3A limited partnership unit		-
1	series 5B limited partnership unit		-
556,746	variable rate participating loan		556
	Field Exploration LP		
1	series 2D limited partnership unit		-
191,600	variable rate participating loan		192
	Stampede Drilling Inc.		
2,677,419	common shares		830(1)
	Vesta Energy Corp.		
25,599	common shares		34

# SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO - CLASS R

### As at August 31, 2024

(in thousands of Canadian dollars except par value/number of units)

**Venture investments** (continued)

Par Value/

Number of Units/Shares	Issuer and Description of Security	Expiry/Maturity Date	Cost
	Woodland Development Corp.		
600,000	common shares		\$ 600
	tments at cost (77.56%)* reciation of venture investments		\$ <b>4,611</b> 452
Venture invest	ments at fair value (85.16%)*		\$ 5,063

<sup>\*</sup>Percentages shown relate amounts to total net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares.

# <sup>(1)</sup>Supplemental disclosure of fair value of publicly traded investments

Issuer	Fair va	ir value		
Stampede Drilling Inc.	\$	603		
	\$	603		

### Venture portfolio breakdown (2)

Stage of Development	Number of Investees	Cost	F	air Value	% of Cost	% of Fair Value
Start-up	3	\$ 1,541	\$	1,558	33.42%	30.77%
Growth	5	3,070		3,505	66.58%	69.23%
	8	\$ 4,611	\$	5,063	100.00%	100.00%

<sup>(2)</sup> All Class R Fund venture investments are in the oil & gas industry sector.

# **Notes to the Financial Statements**

August 31, 2024

### 1. General information

Golden Opportunities Fund Inc. (the "**Fund**") was incorporated under the laws of Saskatchewan by Articles of Incorporation dated December 8, 1997, as subsequently amended and revised. The Fund was registered as an extra-provincial corporation to carry on business under the laws of Manitoba on September 30, 2008. The principal place of business of the Fund is Suite 601, 409 3rd Avenue South, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

The Fund's authorized redeemable shares include:

- Class A (SK) shares and Class A (MB) shares (together, the "Class A Shares"),
- Class A-B (SK) shares and Class A-B (MB) shares (together, the "Class A-B Shares"),
- Class A-F (SK) shares and Class A-F (MB) shares (together, the "Class A-F Shares"),
- Class I (SK) shares and Class I (MB) shares (together, the "Class I Shares"),
- Class I-B (SK) shares and Class I-B (MB) shares (together, the "Class I-B Shares"),
- Class I-F (SK) shares and Class I-F (MB) shares (together, the "Class I-F Shares"),
- Class R (SK) shares and Class R (MB) shares (together, the "Class R Shares"),
- Class R-B (SK) shares and Class R-B (MB) shares (together, the "Class R-B Shares"), and
- Class R-F (SK) shares and Class R-F (MB) shares (together, the "Class R-F Shares").

The Class R (MB) shares, Class R-B (MB) shares, and Class R-F (MB) shares have not yet been made available for issue. The Class A-B Shares, Class I-B Shares and Class R-B Shares are referred to collectively as the "**B Series**", and the Class A-F Shares, Class I-F Shares and Class R-F Shares are referred to collectively as the "**F Series**". The B Series and F Series are currently the only shares available for issue. The Class A Shares, Class I Shares and Class R Shares are no longer available for issue but remain eligible for redemption. All shares are issued and redeemed at a continuous offering price equal to the pricing net asset value ("**Pricing NAV**") per share for the applicable series.

The separation of shares by province is for legal purposes only but does not affect the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares as each class of share has the same rights regardless of the province they are issued in. All the Fund's shares have, in all material respects, identical rights, redemption features, tax credit eligibility and other attributes, except that different fees and expenses are attributable to each series of shares, as described in Note 9.

The Fund is registered as a labour-sponsored venture capital corporation under *The Labour-sponsored Venture Capital Corporations Act* (Saskatchewan) (the "**Saskatchewan Act**") and *The Labour-Sponsored Venture Capital Corporations Act* (Manitoba) (the "**Manitoba Act**"). The Fund is taxable as a mutual fund corporation and is a prescribed Labour-sponsored Venture Capital Corporation under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) (the "**Federal Act**").

The Federal Act, Saskatchewan Act and Manitoba Act allow an individual resident in Saskatchewan or Manitoba to invest in redeemable shares of the Fund and obtain a personal income tax credit. Investors who request a redemption of shares within the eight-year period following their purchase will, subject to certain exceptions, be subject to a withholding fee equal to the tax credits received on the initial purchase of the shares.

Proceeds from the issue of redeemable shares are invested in three separate portfolios of assets as follows:

- The "Class A Fund" includes the assets acquired with funds raised from the issue of Class A Shares, Class A-B Shares and Class A-F Shares,
- The "Class I Fund" includes the assets acquired with funds raised from the issue of Class I Shares, Class I-B Shares and Class I-F Shares, and
- The "Class R Fund" includes the assets acquired with funds raised from the issue of Class R Shares, Class R-B Shares and Class R-F Shares.

Based on the requirements of *National Instrument 81-106, Investment Fund Continuous Disclosure*, since the Class A Fund, Class I Fund and Class R Fund have separate portfolios of assets, they are considered separate investment funds. As a result, separate financial statements for the Class A Fund, Class I Fund and Class R Fund have been provided.

The investment objective of the Fund is to maximize shareholder returns through the long-term appreciation of the Fund's Pricing NAV. The Fund makes investments in small and medium-sized eligible Saskatchewan businesses and Manitoba business entities, as defined in the Saskatchewan Act and the Manitoba Act, respectively, with the objective of achieving long-term capital appreciation. The Class I Fund is invested in innovation companies, and the Class R Fund in resource companies, rather than a broad cross-section of the economy as is the case with the Class A Fund.

The Fund has retained Westcap Mgt. Ltd., a related party, as the fund manager (the "Manager") to manage all aspects of the Fund. The sponsor of the Fund is the Construction and General Workers' Union Local 180.

# 2. Basis of presentation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("**IFRS**") as published by the International Accounting Standards Board. The policies applied in these financial statements are based on IFRS issued and effective as of August 31, 2024, and the financial statements were approved by the Fund's Board of Directors on November 1, 2024. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis using the historic cost convention, except for investments at fair value through profit or loss ("**FVTPL**") which are measured at fair value.

Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares, and corresponding Pricing NAVs, are calculated for the Fund's Class A, Class A, Class A-F, Class I, Class I, Class I-F, Class I, Class I-F, Class R-B and Class R-F shares, respectively, and are reflected separately in these financial statements. Income or losses attributable to a specific venture investment will only be reflected in either Class A Fund, Class I Fund or Class R Fund net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares, as applicable.

Costs and expenses not specifically attributable to any redeemable share class are allocated, at the time the costs and expenses are incurred, based on the relative share capital of the Class A Fund, Class I Fund and Class R Fund as a proportion of the total share capital of the Fund as at the latest available weekly pricing net asset valuation.

# 3. Application of revised accounting standards

The following amendments to standards, effective for the annual period beginning on September 1, 2023, have been adopted by the Fund:

- IAS 1, Presentation of Financial Statements, requiring entities to disclose material, instead of significant, accounting policy information, and
- IAS 8, Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors, clarifying the definition of "accounting policies" and "accounting estimates".

The amendments have an impact on the Fund's disclosures of accounting policies, but not on the measurement, recognition or presentation of any items in the financial statements.

# 4. Summary of material accounting policy information

### a) Financial instruments

The Fund recognizes financial instruments at fair value upon initial recognition, plus transaction costs in the case of financial instruments measured at amortized cost. Transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of financial assets or financial liabilities at FVTPL are recognized immediately in profit or loss.

After initial recognition, the Fund classifies and measures its investments based on both the Fund's business model for managing those financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. The Fund's portfolio of financial assets is managed, and performance is evaluated, on a fair value basis. The Fund is primarily focused on fair value information and uses that information to assess the assets' performance and to make decisions.

The contractual cash flows of the Fund's debt securities are solely principal and interest, however, these securities are neither held for the purpose of collecting contractual cash flows nor held both for collecting contractual cash flows and for sale. The collection of contractual cash flows is only incidental to achieving the objective of the Fund's business model. Consequently, all investments are measured at FVTPL.

The Fund's obligations for net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares are classified as financial liabilities in accordance with IAS 32, *Financial Instruments: Presentation* and are presented at the redemption amount. All other financial assets and liabilities are measured at amortized cost, which approximates their fair value. Under this method, financial assets and liabilities reflect the amount required to be received or paid, discounted, when appropriate, at the contract's effective interest rate.

### b) Fair value measurement

The fair value of financial assets traded in active markets is based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the reporting date. The Fund uses the last traded market price for financial assets where the last traded price falls within that day's bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid-ask spread, or where no sales in a security have been transacted on the reporting date, the Manager determines the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value based on specific facts and circumstances. The Fund's policy is to recognize transfers into and out of the fair value hierarchy levels at the end of the reporting period during which the event or change in circumstances giving rise to the transfer occurred.

The fair value of financial assets that are not traded in an active market is determined using valuation techniques. The Fund uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each valuation date. Valuation techniques include the use of comparable recent arm's length transactions, independent valuations and others commonly used by market participants and which make the maximum use of observable inputs. Details regarding the valuation process of the Fund's investments in eligible businesses are included in the Fund's annual prospectus. Refer to Note 12 for further information about the Fund's fair value measurements and additional details regarding the valuation process for the Fund's investments in eligible businesses.

### c) Investments in associates and subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are all entities, including investments in other investment entities, over which the Fund has control. The Fund controls an entity when it is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and can affect those returns through its power over the entity.

The Fund has determined that it is an investment entity and, as such, it accounts for subsidiaries at fair value except for any subsidiaries which provide services related to the Fund's investment activities, which are consolidated. The Fund currently does not have any subsidiaries that are consolidated. Associates are investments over which the Fund has significant influence or joint control, all of which have been designated at FVTPL.

# 4. Summary of material accounting policy information (continued)

### c) Investments in associates and subsidiaries (continued)

The Fund's interests in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associates are as follows:

		202	4	2023		
Investee	Relationship	Ownership interest	Voting interest	Ownership interest	Voting interest	
102049367 Saskatchewan Ltd.	Subsidiary	100%	100%	100%	100%	
Can Pro Capital Corp.	Subsidiary	100%	100%	100%	100%	
Can Pro Ingredients Ltd.	Subsidiary	82%	82%	82%	82%	
Credence Resources Inc.	Associate	50%	50%	50%	50%	
Credence Resources LP	Associate	100%	50%	100%	50%	
Credence Resources II Inc.	Associate	50%	50%	50%	50%	
Credence Resources II LP	Associate	100%	50%	100%	50%	
Degelman Industries LP	Associate	35%	35%	35%	35%	
Diamond House Inc.	Subsidiary	57%	57%	57%	57%	
DIL Ventures LP	Associate	35%	35%	35%	35%	
Dyna Holdings GP Inc.	Associate	50%	50%	50%	50%	
Dyna Holdings LP	Associate	50%	50%	50%	50%	
Field Exploration Inc.	Associate	50%	50%	50%	50%	
Field Exploration LP	Associate	100%	50%	100%	50%	
Fort Garry Brewing Company GP Inc.	Subsidiary	67%	67%	67%	67%	
Fort Garry Brewing Company LP	Subsidiary	67%	67%	67%	67%	
GHC Warman Realty Inc.	Subsidiary	57%	57%	57%	57%	
GOF Care Homes Inc.	Subsidiary	100%	100%	100%	100%	
Golden Health Care Inc.	Subsidiary	100%	100%	100%	100%	
Maxie's Excavating LP	Associate	35%	35%	35%	35%	
Med-Life Discoveries GP Inc.	Associate	50%	50%	50%	50%	
Med-Life Discoveries LP	Associate	50%	50%	50%	50%	
Paradigm Consulting Group LP	Subsidiary	59%	59%	60%	60%	
Prairie Meats Inc.	Subsidiary	78%	78%	78%	78%	
Prairie Meats LP	Subsidiary	66%	66%	70%	70%	
Retail Innovation Labs Inc.	Associate	25%	25%	23%	23%	
Rite Way Mfg. Co. Ltd.	Associate	50%	50%	50%	50%	
Rocky Mountain Equipment Saskatchewan LP	Subsidiary	100%	100%	100%	100%	
RW Roads Solutions LP	Associate	50%	50%	50%	50%	
RW Roads Solutions Inc.	Associate	50%	50%	50%	50%	
SuperiorFarms Solutions LP	Associate	48%	48%	50%	50%	
Terra Grain Fuels Inc. (through 101247441 Saskatchewan Ltd.)	Associate	42%	42%	42%	42%	
Warman Home Centre Inc.	Associate	41%	41%	41%	41%	
Warman Home Centre LP	Associate	41%	41%	41%	41%	
Western Building Centres Ltd.	Subsidiary	100%	100%	100%	100%	

All investee companies have Canada as their principal place of business and country of incorporation. Certain investee companies for which there is a senior lender may have restrictions on dividends and loan repayments imposed on it if the investee company is not within covenants imposed on it by its senior lender.

# 4. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

### d) Investment transactions and income recognition

Distributions from partnerships are recognized as partnership income in the period they are declared by the investee. The interest income for distribution purposes shown in the Statement of Comprehensive Income represents the coupon interest received by the Fund and is accounted for on an accrual basis. Dividends are recognized as income on the ex-dividend date.

Investment transactions relating to private venture investments are accounted for on the closing date of the transaction, or in the case of funding tranches, the dates on which funds are advanced. Realized and unrealized gains and losses from venture investment transactions are calculated on an average cost basis. Regular way purchases and sales are accounted for on the trade date for financial reporting purposes and any unrealized and realized gains on such transactions are calculated on an average cost basis.

# 5. Critical accounting estimates and judgments

The preparation of financial statements requires management to use judgment in applying its accounting policies and to make estimates and assumptions about the future. The following discusses the most significant accounting judgments and estimates that the Fund has made in preparing these financial statements:

### a) Qualification as an investment entity

The Fund has determined that it meets the definition of 'investment entity'. An investment entity is an entity that: obtains funds from one or more investors for the purpose of providing them with investment management services, commits to its investors that its business purpose is to invest funds solely for returns from capital appreciation, investment income, or both, and measures and evaluates the performance for substantially all its investments on a fair value basis. The most significant judgment that the Fund has made in determining that it meets this definition is that fair value is used as the primary measurement attribute to measure and evaluate the performance of substantially all its investments.

### b) Fair value measurement of securities not quoted in an active market

The methods used to determine the fair value of financial instruments that are not quoted in active markets incorporate various assumptions that are based on market conditions, and for which observable inputs are not generally available. Significant areas requiring the use of estimates include assessments of the financial condition of investees that might indicate a change in value of an investment. Changes in assumptions about these factors could affect the reported fair value of financial instruments. Refer to Note 12 for further information about the Fund's fair value measurements.

### 6. Funds held in trust

Funds held in trust as of August 31, 2023 were amounts deposited with legal counsel pursuant to pending investment purchases that were closed during the year ended August 31, 2024.

### 7. Redeemable shares

The Fund's redeemable shares are issuable at the applicable Pricing NAV to eligible investors, certain registered retirement savings plans, and certain tax-free savings account and are subject to restrictions on transfer and redemption in accordance with the Saskatchewan Act, the Manitoba Act, and the Fund's articles. Collectively, the shares are voting, entitled to elect a minority of the Directors of the Fund, entitled to receive dividends at the discretion of the Board of Directors and may be transferred to certain registered retirement income funds. Under certain circumstances, the shares are redeemable at the applicable Pricing NAV.

The Fund also has 10 Class B shares outstanding, which were issued to the Fund's sponsor for a nominal amount. The Class B shares are non-participating, voting, and entitled to elect a simple majority of the Board of Directors of the Fund. The shares are redeemable at the option of the Fund at the subscription price. There were no transactions affecting the Fund's Class B shares during the years ended August 31, 2024 or 2023.

# 7. Redeemable shares (continued)

During the year, the number of shares issued, redeemed and outstanding were as follows:

				2024
	Beginning of year	Shares issued	Shares redeemed	End of year
Class A Shares	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			·
Class A (SK) shares	11,776,208	-	(1,858,520)	9,917,688
Class A (MB) shares	328,817	-	(37,857)	290,960
	12,105,025	-	(1,896,377)	10,208,648
Class A-B Shares				
Class A-B (SK) shares	1,612,014	1,234,786	(17,858)	2,828,942
Class A-B (MB) shares	55,432	48,341	(780)	102,993
	1,667,446	1,283,127	(18,638)	2,931,935
Class A-F Shares				
Class A-F (SK) shares	801,585	170,200	(14,759)	957,026
Class A-F (MB) shares	44,359	14,426	-	58,785
	845,944	184,626	(14,759)	1,015,811
Class I Shares				
Class I (SK) shares	2,987,179	-	(311,909)	2,675,270
Class I (MB) shares	59,634	-	(8,257)	51,377
	3,046,813	-	(320,166)	2,726,647
Class I-B Shares				
Class I-B (SK) shares	310,452	181,546	(3,689)	488,309
Class I-B (MB) shares	7,824	4,419	(309)	11,934
	318,276	185,965	(3,998)	500,243
Class I-F Shares				
Class I-F (SK) shares	102,243	7,774	(413)	109,604
Class I-F (MB) shares	4,780	-	-	4,780
	107,023	7,774	(413)	114,384
Class R Shares				
Class R (SK) shares	843,384	-	(149,148)	694,236
Class R-B Shares				
Class R-B (SK) shares	85,204	52,571	(951)	136,824
Class R-F Shares				
Class R-F (SK) shares	5,587	2,721	(10)	8,298

# 7. Redeemable shares (continued)

				2023
	Beginning of year	Shares issued	Shares redeemed	End of year
Class A Shares				
Class A (SK) shares	13,794,346	-	(2,018,138)	11,776,208
Class A (MB) shares	364,583	-	(35,766)	328,817
	14,158,929	-	(2,053,904)	12,105,025
Class A-B Shares				
Class A-B (SK) shares	323,582	1,295,335	(6,903)	1,612,014
Class A-B (MB) shares	3,458	51,992	(18)	55,432
	327,040	1,347,327	(6,921)	1,667,446
Class A-F Shares		'		
Class A-F (SK) shares	660,479	144,798	(3,692)	801,585
Class A-F (MB) shares	30,300	14,357	(298)	44,359
	690,779	159,155	(3,990)	845,944
Class I Shares				
Class I (SK) shares	3,319,261	-	(332,082)	2,987,179
Class I (MB) shares	69,193		(9,559)	59,634
	3,388,454		(341,641)	3,046,813
Class I-B Shares				
Class I-B (SK) shares	90,806	221,249	(1,603)	310,452
Class I-B (MB) shares	1,461	6,363	-	7,824
	92,267	227,612	(1,603)	318,276
Class I-F Shares				
Class I-F (SK) shares	92,721	9,540	(18)	102,243
Class I-F (MB) shares	4,516	264	-	4,780
	97,237	9,804	(18)	107,023
Class R Shares				
Class R (SK) shares	975,992		(132,608)	843,384
Class R-B Shares				
Class R-B (SK) shares	21,454	64,181	(431)	85,204
Class R-F Shares				
Class R-F (SK) shares	1,632	3,955		5,587

### 8. Reconciliation of net asset values

The Fund's accounting policy is to measure the fair value of publicly traded securities using the last traded market price, provided that the last traded price falls within that day's bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid-ask spread, or where no sales in a security have been transacted on the reporting date, the Manager determines the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value based on specific facts and circumstances.

For the determination of the Fund's Pricing NAV, the value of publicly traded securities is determined based on the previous day's closing price, or, if no sales of a security have been transacted on that date, then based on that day's closing bid price, or, if there is no closing bid price, then based on the most recent closing price. As a result, there may be a difference between the Pricing NAV and the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares as shown on the Statement of Financial Position.

At August 31, 2024 and 2023, there were no differences between the Pricing NAV per share and net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares per share for the Class A Fund, Class I Fund or Class R Fund.

### 9. Fees and expenses

### a) Management fees

The Manager has been retained to manage and administer the business affairs of the Fund, including management of the venture investment and short-term investment portfolios. In consideration of the performance by the Manager of its duties, the Manager receives an annual management fee equal to 2.5% of the aggregate Pricing NAV for each of the Class A Fund, Class I Fund and Class R Fund. The management fee is calculated and payable monthly in arrears based on the Pricing NAVs as at each weekly valuation date.

The Fund is responsible for any fees and expenses paid to any third party for management of the short-term investment portfolio should the Manager no longer provide these services to the Fund.

#### b) Service fees

An annual service fee equal to 0.5% of the aggregate Pricing NAV of the Class A Shares, Class I Shares and Class R Shares is paid quarterly to selling agents of the Fund. An annual service fee equal to 1.25% of the aggregate Pricing NAV of the B Series is paid quarterly to selling agents of the Fund. Service fees are recorded on an accrual basis based on net assets attributable to holders of Class A Shares, Class A-B Shares, Class I-B Shares, Class R-B Shares. No service fees are paid with respect to the F Series.

### c) Percentage-based payments

While the Class A Shares, Class I Shares and Class R Shares are no longer available for issue, the Fund has engaged an arm's length party to pay sales commissions on the Class A Shares, Class I Shares and Class R Shares previously issued. As remuneration for managing the payment of the commissions, the Fund has agreed to pay the arm's length party an annual percentage-based payment of 0.95% of the gross proceeds (net of redemptions) raised in any calendar year on the sale of Class A Shares, Class I Shares and Class R Shares over eight consecutive years. Percentage-based payments are recorded on an accrual basis based on the amount of gross proceeds (net of redemptions) from the issue of redeemable shares during the current and previous seven calendar years. There are no sales commissions payable on sales of the B Series or F Series.

### d) Amortized sales commissions

Purchasers of the Class A Shares, Class I Shares and Class R Shares had an option to select an alternative sales commission structure, whereby eight annual instalments equal to 0.75% of the investor's cost of purchasing the shares would be paid to selling agents of the Fund. While the Class A Shares, Class I Shares and Class R Shares are no longer available for issue, the instalments will continue to be payable with respect to shares previously purchased until such time as the applicable shares are redeemed or the end of the eight-year instalment period (whichever is earlier). Amortized sales commissions are recorded on an accrual basis based on the amount of gross proceeds (net of redemptions) from the issue of redeemable shares during the previous 96 months. No amortized commissions are paid with respect to the B Series or F Series.

#### e) Administration fees

Pursuant to a transfer agency agreement, the Fund has retained Prometa Fund Support Services Inc. to provide certain services to the Fund, including processing of sales orders and maintaining shareholder records. The Fund has retained Concentra Trust as the Fund's Custodian and Bare Trustee.

#### f) Marketing service fees

As remuneration for distribution services being provided by the principal distributor of the Fund, the Fund has agreed to pay the principal distributor an aggregate annual marketing service fee of 1.00% of gross proceeds raised from the issue of redeemable shares.

# 9. Fees and expenses (continued)

### g) Incentive participation amount

The Manager is entitled to an incentive participation amount ("IPA") equal to 20% of any return derived from an eligible investment of the Fund (excluding the first 10% of interest and dividend income earned and any commitment or work fees paid to the Fund in connection with the investment) in any fiscal year provided that: (i) the Class A Fund, Class I Fund or Class R Fund, as applicable, has earned sufficient income to generate a rate of return on all venture investments which is greater than the five-year average guaranteed investment certificate rate of Concentra Bank plus 1.5% on an annualized basis; (ii) has earned sufficient income from the particular investment to provide a cumulative investment return at an average annual rate in excess of 10% since investment; and, (iii) has recouped an amount from the venture investment, through income earned, liquidation of the investment, or otherwise, equal to all the principal invested in the particular venture investment.

For the Class A Fund, an IPA of \$29 thousand (2023 - \$1.1 million) was paid or payable to the Manager during the year ended August 31, 2024, on the portion of realized gains from the disposition of venture investments that have been received in cash. The IPA was 0.01% (2023 - 0.39%) expressed as a percentage of average Pricing NAV for the Class A Fund for the year.

For the Class A Fund, a contingent IPA of \$40.2 million (2023 - \$32 million) has been reflected in the financial statements in respect of unrealized gains and excess returns as at August 31, 2024. The increase in the contingent IPA of \$8.3 million (2023 - \$7 million) during the year ended August 31, 2024 represents a decrease of 2.71% (2023 - 2.42%) in average Pricing NAV of the Class A Fund for the year.

For the Class I Fund, an IPA of \$\\$nil (2023 - \$5 thousand) was paid or payable to the Manager during the year ended August 31, 2024, on the portion of realized gains from the disposition of venture investments that have been received in cash. The IPA was nil% (2023 - 0.01%) expressed as a percentage of average Pricing NAV for the Class I Fund for the year.

For the Class I Fund, a contingent IPA of \$4.3 million (2023 - \$3.1 million) has been reflected in the financial statements in respect of unrealized gains and excess returns as at August 31, 2024. The increase in the contingent IPA of \$1.2 million (2023 - \$960 thousand) during the year ended August 31, 2024 represents a decrease of 2.13% (2023 - 1.75%) in average Pricing NAV of the Class I Fund for the year.

For the Class R Fund, there was no IPA paid or payable for the year ended August 31, 2024 or 2023. No contingent IPA is accrued for the Class R Fund at August 31, 2024 or 2023.

### h) Direct expenses

The Fund pays all direct costs and expenses incurred in the operation of the Fund, such as directors' fees, custodian fees, insurance, legal, audit, and valuation expenses.

2024

# 10. Net change in balances other than cash and investments

(thousands of dollars)

						2027
	Cla	ss A Fund	Cla	ss I Fund	Clas	s R Fund
Increase in interest and other receivables	\$	(4,281)	\$	(797)	\$	(44)
Decrease in funds held in trust		513		153		-
(Decrease) increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities		(91)		128		(3)
Decrease in incentive participation amount payable		(18,805)		(2,476)		-
Increase in income tax payable		277		39		
	\$	(22,387)	\$	(2,953)	\$	(47)

						2023
	Clas	s A Fund	Cla	ss I Fund	Clas	s R Fund
(Increase) decrease in interest and other receivables	\$	(1,718)	\$	1,142	\$	(9)
Decrease in funds held in trust		2,502		2,862		-
Decrease in accounts payable and accrued liabilities		(61)		(17)		(13)
Increase in incentive participation amount payable		37		5		-
	\$	760	\$	3,992	\$	(22)

For the year ended August 31, 2024, accrued interest receivable of \$89 thousand (2023 - \$nil) in the Class A Fund, \$22 thousand (2023 - \$nil) in the Class I Fund, and \$48 thousand (2023 - \$nil) in the Class R Fund was added to the cost of venture investments as a result of conversion of debt instruments to equity in the year.

## 11. Financial instruments by category

(thousands of dollars)

The following tables present the carrying amounts of the Fund's financial assets by category. All the Fund's financial liabilities, other than its net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares, were carried at amortized cost as at the end of each period.

Cash
Short-term investments
Subscriptions receivable
Interest and other receivables
Venture investments

						2024
Category	Cla	ss A Fund	Cla	Class I Fund		R Fund
FVTPL	\$	18,574	\$	1,211	\$	243
FVTPL		8,110		8,675		710
Amortized cost		180		70		3
Amortized cost		20,448		3,593		10
FVTPL		313,625		48,155		5,063
	\$	360,937	\$	61,704	\$	6,029

#### 2023

Cash
Short-term investments
Interest and other receivables
Funds held in trust
Venture investments

Category	Cla	Class A Fund Class		ss I Fund	Class	R Fund
FVTPL	\$	16,734	\$	3,577	\$	758
FVTPL		41,500		11,755		1,065
Amortized cost		16,256		2,818		14
Amortized cost		513		153		-
FVTPL		283,839		44,474		4,581
	\$	358,842	\$	62,777	\$	6,418

### 12. Fair value of financial instruments

### a) Fair value hierarchy

The Fund classifies fair value measurements within a hierarchy which gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3).

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are:

- Level 1 Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date,
- Level 2 Inputs other than quoted market prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, and
- Level 3 Inputs are unobservable for the asset or liability.

If inputs of different levels are used to measure an asset's or liability's fair value, the classification within the hierarchy is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

The Manager is responsible for performing fair value measurements included in the financial statements of the Fund, including Level 3 measurements. The Manager performs semi-annual valuations as at the last day of February and the last day of August in each year based on policies and procedures established by the Fund's Board of Directors. For investments for which no public market exists, the valuations are performed based on the Canadian Venture Capital and Private Equity Association valuation guidelines.

The semi-annual valuations are approved by the Valuation Committee of the Board of Directors, and the valuation prepared as at the end of August in each year is also presented to the Board of Directors for approval.

The following tables illustrate the classification of the Fund's assets measured at fair value within the fair value hierarchy as at August 31, 2024 and 2023:

### a) Fair value hierarchy (continued)

### i. Class A Fund

(thousands of dollars)

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		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Short-term investments	\$	-	\$ 8,110	\$ -	\$ 8,110
Venture investments		450	2,474	310,701	313,625
	\$	450	\$ 10,584	\$ 310,701	\$ 321,735
					2023
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Short-term investments	\$	-	\$ 41,500	\$ -	\$ 41,500
Venture investments		480	2,380	280,979	283,839
	\$	480	\$ 43,880	\$ 280,979	\$ 325,339
<ul><li>ii. Class I Fund (thousands of dollars)</li></ul>					
					2024
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Short-term investments	\$	-	\$ 8,675	\$ -	\$ 8,675
Venture investments		939	-	47,216	48,155
	\$	939	\$ 8,675	\$ 47,216	\$ 56,830
					2023
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Short-term investments	\$	-	\$ 11,755	\$ -	\$ 11,755
Venture investments		1,002		43,472	44,474
	\$	1,002	\$ 11,755	\$ 43,472	\$ 56,229
iii. Class R Fund (thousands of dollars)					
					2024
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Short-term investments	\$	-	\$ 710	\$ -	\$ 710
Venture investments		603	-	4,460	5,063
	\$	603	\$ 710	\$ 4,460	\$ 5,773
					2023
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Short-term investments	\$		\$ 1,065	\$ -	\$ 1,065
Venture investments	_	643		3,938	4,581
	\$	643	\$ 1,065	\$ 3,938	\$ 5,646

All fair value measurements above are recurring. The carrying value of the contingent IPA approximates its fair value. The carrying values of cash, subscriptions receivable, interest and other receivables, funds held in trust, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, redemptions payable, IPA, and the Fund's obligation for net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares approximate their fair values as these instruments are short-term in nature.

### b) Changes in Level 3 instruments

The following tables present the movement in Level 3 instruments for the years ended August 31, 2024 and 2023 (thousands of dollars):

						2024
	Cla	ss A Fund	Cla	ss I Fund	Clas	s R Fund
Beginning balance	\$	280,979	\$	43,472	\$	3,938
Purchases		3,464		813		223
Repayments		(3,511)		(200)		(243)
Proceeds on disposition		(827)		(148)		-
Net realized gains		166		30		-
Net unrealized gains		30,430		3,249		542
Ending balance	\$	310,701	\$	47,216	\$	4,460
Net unrealized gains during the year included in the Statements of Comprehensive Income for Level 3 assets held at end of year	\$	30,430	\$	3,249	\$	542
	Cla	ss A Fund	Cla	ss I Fund	Clas	2023 s R Fund
Beginning balance	\$	277,960	\$	34,356	\$	2,814
Purchases		7,928		4,179		600
Repayments		(4,189)		-		-
Dispositions		(13,452)		-		-
Net realized losses		1,401		-		-
Net unrealized gains		36,766		4,937		524
Transferred to Level 2		(25,435)				_
Ending balance	\$	280,979	\$	43,472	\$	3,938
Net unrealized gains during the year included in the Statements of Comprehensive Income for Level 3 assets held at end of year	\$	37,881	\$	4,737	\$	524

During the year ended August 31, 2024, a Class A Fund investment of \$nil (2023 - \$25.4 million) was transferred from Level 3 to Level 2 due to the availability and use of observable inputs in the valuation of the investment. There were no other financial instruments transferred between levels of the fair value hierarchy during the year ended August 31, 2024 or 2023.

The Fund may at times receive non-cash consideration in the normal course of purchases and dispositions of venture investments. During the year ended August 31, 2024, the Class A Fund made non-cash purchases of venture investments of \$414 thousand (2023 - \$nil) and received non-cash repayments of venture investments of \$325 thousand (2023 - \$nil). During the year ended August 31, 2024, the Class I Fund made non-cash purchases of venture investments of \$222 thousand (2023 - \$nil) and received non-cash repayments of venture investments of \$200 thousand (2023 - \$nil), During the year ended August 31, 2024, the Class R Fund made non-cash purchases of venture investments of \$223 thousand (2023 - \$nil) and received non-cash repayments of venture investments of \$175 thousand (2023 - \$nil).

### c) Level 3 measurements

The following tables present the fair value, categorized by key valuation techniques and the unobservable inputs used within Level 3 as of August 31, 2024 and 2023.

The sensitivity analysis set out below is intended to reflect the uncertainty inherent in the valuation of these investments under current market conditions, and its results cannot be extrapolated due to non-linear effects that changes in valuation assumptions may have on the fair value of these investments. While this illustrates the overall effect of changing the values of the unobservable inputs by a set percentage, the significance of the impact and the range of reasonably possible alternative assumptions may differ significantly between investments, given their different terms and circumstances. Furthermore, the analysis does not indicate the probability of such changes occurring and it does not necessarily represent the Fund's view of expected future changes in the fair value of these investments. Any management actions that may be taken to mitigate the inherent risks are not reflected in this analysis.

### i. Class A Fund

(thousands of dollars)

2024
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Valuation technique	Fair value	Unobservable inputs	Range of inputs	Sensitivity of input value	Impact on fair value +/-
Multiple of EBITDA	\$ 202,563	EBITDA multiple	4.09x-7.39x	0.50x	\$16,495/\$(16,495)
Capitalization of net operating income	46,050	Capitalization rate	7.00-9.25%	0.50%	3,912/(3,423)
NAV/unit	21,781	% variance	100%	10%	2,178/(2,178)
Tangible book value	18,333	% variance	100%	10%	1,681/(1,675)
Multiple of revenue	13,449	Enterprise value/revenue	3.58x	0.50x	1,180/(1,207)
Recent financing	6,239	Transaction price	100%	10%	624/(624)
Discounted cash flow	2,286	Discount rate	11.4%-50%	1.50%	385/(321)
	\$ 310,701				

#### 2023

Valuation technique	Fair value	Unobservable inputs	Range of inputs	Sensitivity of input value	Impact on fair value +/-
Multiple of EBITDA	\$ 172,208	EBITDA multiple	4.09x-7.39x	0.50x	\$13,988/\$(13,988)
Capitalization of net operating income	44,452	Capitalization rate	6.75-8.75%	0.50%	3,959/(3,453)
NAV/unit	17,376	% variance	100%	10%	1,738/(1,738)
Tangible book value	17,833	% variance	100%	10%	1,631/(1,625)
Multiple of revenue	13,974	Enterprise value/revenue	4.10x	0.50x	1,128/(1,128)
Recent financing	12,667	Transaction price	100%	10%	1,267/(1,267)
Discounted cash flow	2,469	Discount rate	11.4%-50%	1.50%	358/(298)
	\$ 280,979				

### c) Level 3 measurements (continued)

### ii. Class I Fund

(thousands of dollars)

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Valuation technique	Fair value	Unobservable inputs	Range of inputs	Sensitivity of input value	Impact on fair value +/-
Multiple of EBITDA	\$25,765	EBITDA multiple	4.09x-7.39x	0.50x	\$2,096/\$(2,096)
Recent financing	11,201	Transaction price	100%	10%	1,120/(1,120)
Multiple of revenue	6,185	Enterprise value/revenue	3.58x-3.67x	0.50x	781/(789)
Tangible book value	2,261	% variance	100%	10%	160/(157)
Capitalization of net operating income	1,691	Capitalization rate	7.00%	0.50%	109/(94)
Discounted cash flow	113	Discount rate	3% -11.4%	1.50%	7/(6)
	\$47,216				

### 2023

Valuation technique	Fair value	Unobservable inputs	Range of inputs	Sensitivity of input value	Impact on fair value +/-
Multiple of EBITDA	\$21,353	EBITDA multiple	4.09x-7.39x	0.50x	\$1,673/\$(1,673)
Recent financing	11,322	Transaction price	100%	10%	1,132/(1,132)
Multiple of revenue	6,772	Enterprise value/revenue	3.14x-4.10x	0.50x	595/(595)
Tangible book value	2,165	% variance	100%	10%	150/(148)
Capitalization of net operating income	1,547	Capitalization rate	7.00%	0.50%	104/(90)
Discounted cash flow	313	Discount rate	3% -11.4%	1.50%	19/(17)
	\$43,472	-			

### iii. Class R Fund

(thousands of dollars)

					2024
		Unobservable	Range of	Sensitivity of	Impact on fair value
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Valuation technique Fair value inputs input value NAV/unit \$ % variance \$446/\$(446) 4,460 100% 10% \$ 4,460

2023

Valuation technique	-	Fair value	Unobservable inputs	Range of inputs	Sensitivity of input value	Impact on fair value +/-
NAV/unit	\$	3,338	% variance	100%	10%	\$334/\$(334)
Recent financing		600	Transaction price	100%	10%	60/(60)
	\$	3,938				

### 13. Risks associated with financial instruments

The Fund's activities expose it to a variety of risks associated with financial instruments, including credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk (including price risk and interest rate risk). The Fund has no exposure to currency risk as all financial instruments of the Fund are denominated in Canadian currency. The objective of the Fund is to manage these risks while maintaining a risk/return balance that is consistent with the Fund's investment objectives. The Manager seeks to mitigate these risks by monitoring the Fund's investment holdings and by diversifying the investment portfolio within the constraints of governing legislation. There is a risk of loss of capital for all investments made by the Fund.

#### a) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. Concentration of credit risk relates to groups of counterparties that have similar economic or industry characteristics that cause their ability to meet contractual obligations to be similarly affected by changes in economic or other conditions. Most of the credit risk to which the Fund is exposed arises from its short-term investments, venture investments in debt securities, and accrued interest receivable.

The Fund analyzes credit concentration based on the counterparty, industry, and geographic location. To mitigate counterparty risk associated with its debt venture investments, the Fund has, where possible, secured its debt investments with first or subordinated charges on the assets of the investee company and imposed certain financial covenants on the investee companies. The Fund seeks to mitigate risks associated with a particular industry by investing its venture investment portfolios in a diverse range of industries. The Fund seeks to mitigate credit risk in its short-term investment portfolios by investing in instruments with a minimum Dominion Bond Service rating of A or in instruments that are guaranteed by the Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation.

For the Class A Fund, the maximum credit risk exposure at August 31, 2024 is \$53.1 million (2023 - \$87.8 million). The Class A Fund's venture investment portfolio includes investments in 15 (2023 - 17) debt instruments at August 31, 2024. The diversification of the Class A Fund venture investments by industry sector is outlined in the Schedule of Investment Portfolio. Although the Class A Fund's venture investment portfolio consists primarily of investments in Saskatchewan and Manitoba companies, many companies in the portfolio have access to national or international markets. To mitigate geographic risk, the Class A Fund has been invested in companies with a diverse range of end markets.

For the Class I Fund, the maximum credit risk exposure at August 31, 2024 is \$13.4 million (2023 - \$16.1 million). The Class I Fund's venture investment portfolio includes investments in 16 (2023 - 15) debt instruments at August 31, 2024. The diversification of the Class I Fund venture investments by industry sector is outlined in the Schedule of Investment Portfolio.

For the Class R Fund, the maximum credit risk exposure as at August 31, 2024 is \$2.7 million (2023 - \$3.1 million). At August 31, 2024, the Class R Fund's venture investment portfolio includes investments in three (2023 - four) debt instruments.

### b) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Fund is exposed to weekly cash redemptions of its redeemable shares and has instituted a liquid reserve policy for each of the Class A Fund, Class I Fund and Class R Fund for managing its liquidity risk. Under the liquid reserve policy, each of the Class A Fund, Class I Fund and Class R Fund will maintain reserves equal to the lesser of 20% of retained earnings or 50% of net earnings after taxes for the previous fiscal year. In addition, an amount equal to 25% of all guarantees issued will be maintained on reserve. At August 31, 2024 there are no guarantees issued.

The Fund invests in debt securities and equity investments that are not traded in an active market. As a result, the Fund may not be able to quickly liquidate its investments in these instruments at amounts which approximate their fair values or be able to respond to specific events such as deterioration in the creditworthiness of any issuer.

The financial liabilities of the Fund mature in less than three months except for the contingent IPA. The contingent IPA is an estimate, based on unrealized gains and excess returns, that would have been payable had the Fund disposed of its entire venture investment portfolio at fair value at August 31, 2024. The maturity of the contingent IPA is uncertain and is only payable to the Manager if specific criteria are met, as outlined in Note 9(g).

Although the redeemable shares are redeemable on demand at the holder's option, shares redeemed within the eight-year period following their purchase are generally subject to a withholding fee equal to the tax credits received by the investor. As a result, holders of the Fund's shares typically retain them for an extended period. Furthermore, subject to certain restrictions, the Fund is not obligated to redeem its shares under certain circumstances as outlined in the Fund's prospectus. Based on the redemption history of the Fund, the Manager expects that the redeemable shares outstanding at August 31, 2024 will be redeemed over a period of several years.

## 13. Risks associated with financial instruments (continued)

#### c) Market risk

The Fund's investments are subject to market risk which is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices.

#### i. Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Fund holds securities with fixed interest rates that expose the Fund to fair value interest rate risk. The Fund attempts to mitigate this risk by investing all cash and short-term investments at short-term market interest rates. The Fund also holds debt venture investments subject to variable interest rates, which exposes the Fund to cash flow interest rate risk. The Fund mitigates this risk by maintaining fixed interest rates on a portion of its debt venture investments. Based on cost, at August 31, 2024, 28.16% (2023 - 27.78%) of the Class A Fund debt venture investments, 62.82% (2023 - 61.51%) of the Class I Fund debt venture investments and nil% (2023 - 8.57%) of the Class R Fund venture investments bear interest at fixed rates.

#### ii. Price risk

The Fund is exposed to price risk, which is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk). The Fund is exposed to fluctuations in the value of its equity venture investments due to such risks as commodity prices or changes to the public markets.

The Class A Fund venture investment portfolio is exposed to commodity prices such as oil and gas, and agricultural commodities, however, the Fund seeks to mitigate this risk by investing in a diverse range of industries. At August 31, 2024, the Class A Fund was invested in 11 (2023 - 11) different industry sectors.

The Class I Fund invests in companies in the innovation sector of the Saskatchewan and Manitoba economies. At August 31, 2024, the Class I Fund was invested in 28 (2023 - 28) private companies and one (2023 - one) public company in six (2023 - six) different industry sectors.

The Class R Fund invests in companies in the resource sector of the Saskatchewan economy. At August 31, 2024, the Class R Fund was invested in seven (2023 - seven) private companies and one (2023 - one) public company in the resource sector.

Although the Fund invests primarily in private companies, the Fund has acquired publicly traded companies through the exit of private companies and, as a result, is exposed to fluctuations in the public market. For the Class A Fund, publicly traded companies make up 0.14% (2023 - 0.17%) of the venture investment portfolio, based on fair value, at August 31, 2024. For the Class I Fund, publicly traded companies make up 1.95% (2023 - 2.25%) of the venture investment portfolio, based on fair value, at August 31, 2024. For the Class R Fund, publicly traded companies make up 11.91% (2023 - 14.04%) of the venture investment portfolio, based on fair value, at August 31, 2024.

The following table illustrates the impact of a 10% change in the value of publicly traded securities on the Pricing NAV of each of the Fund's redeemable shares at August 31, 2024 and 2023:

2024

		2023	
Impact on Pricing NAV (\$/share)	Impact on Pricing NAV (%)	Impact on Pricing NAV (\$/share)	Impact on Pricing NAV (%)
\$ - (1)	0.01%	\$ - (1)	0.01%
_ (1)	0.02%	_ (1)	0.02%
_ (1)	0.02%	_ (1)	0.02%
0.03	0.15%	0.03	0.17%
0.04	0.23%	0.04	0.22%
0.04	0.20%	0.05	0.22%
0.08	1.08%	0.07	1.05%
0.04	0.65%	0.04	0.66%
0.05	0.66%	0.05	0.68%
	\$ - (1) - (1) - (1) - (1) - (1)  0.03 0.04 0.04  0.08 0.04	Pricing NAV (\$/share)         Pricing NAV (%)           \$ - (1)         0.01%           - (1)         0.02%           - (1)         0.02%           0.03         0.15%           0.04         0.23%           0.04         0.20%           0.08         1.08%           0.04         0.65%	Impact on Pricing NAV (\$/share)

<sup>(1)</sup> impact is less than \$0.01 per share

2023

## 13. Risks associated with financial instruments (continued)

#### d) Concentration risk

Concentration risk arises because of the concentration of exposures within the same category, whether it is geographic location, product type, industry sector or counterparty type. A summary of the venture portfolio concentration by industry sector and stage of development is provided in the Schedule of Investment Portfolio for each of the Class A Fund, Class I Fund and Class R Fund. The Class R Fund is a resource focused portfolio with a strategy to invest in companies in the energy, mining and/or related resource sectors of the Saskatchewan economy. Accordingly, all the Class R Fund venture investments are in the oil & gas sector as at August 31, 2024 and 2023.

### e) Capital risk management

Redeemable shares issued and outstanding are the capital of the Fund. The Manager manages the capital of the Fund in accordance with the Fund's investment objectives, policies, and restrictions as outlined in the Fund's prospectus, while attempting to maintain sufficient liquidity to meet shareholder redemptions, operational requirements, and future venture investments.

Pursuant to the Saskatchewan Act, the Fund is obligated, during the 24-month period following the end of the fiscal year in which the Saskatchewan share capital is raised, to invest and maintain at least 75% of the share capital raised in Saskatchewan in investment instruments issued by eligible businesses. Under the Saskatchewan Act, an amount equal to 20% of the capital raised in Saskatchewan must be set aside in a trust fund until the Fund has met the investment requirements as set forth in the Saskatchewan Act. Pending release, the trust monies will be invested in investments permitted by the Saskatchewan Act. At August 31, 2024, the Fund complied with the investment pacing requirements under the Saskatchewan Act.

For the Class A Fund, cash and short-term investments of \$8.2 million (2023 - \$6.8 million) are held within the trust fund required by the Saskatchewan Act at August 31, 2024. For the Class I Fund, cash and short-term investments of \$5 million (2023 - \$4.5 million) are held within the trust fund at August 31, 2024. For the Class R Fund, cash and short-term investments of \$52 thousand (2023 - \$108 thousand) are held within the trust fund at August 31, 2024.

The regulations to the Saskatchewan Act require the Fund to invest 18.75% of its annual net capital (being annual capital raised less annual capital required to satisfy redemption obligations) in eligible innovation activities. Eligible innovation activities include: (i) activities carried out by an eligible business whose principal business is directly related to one or more of the following sectors: clean or environmental technology, health and life sciences, crop and animal sciences, industrial biotechnology, information and communication technology; or (ii) activities carried out by an eligible business that involves technical risk, productivity improvement or the application of a technology, process or innovation that is new to Saskatchewan and facilitates growth, supports trade or exports or enhances Saskatchewan's competitiveness. At August 31, 2024, the Fund complied with this innovation pacing requirement under the Saskatchewan Act.

Pursuant to the Manitoba Act, the Fund is obligated, during the 24-month period following the end of the fiscal year in which the Manitoba share capital is raised, to invest at least 70% of the equity capital raised in Manitoba in eligible investments issued by eligible business entities or in any other type of investment authorized by the Manitoba Act, and 14% of the Manitoba share capital so invested must be in eligible investments for which the total cost of the eligible investments held by the Fund in such entity and any related entities does not exceed \$2 million. At August 31, 2024, the Fund complied with the investment pacing requirements under the Manitoba Act.

### 14. Income taxes

All share classes of the Fund are combined as a single legal entity in computing the net income for tax purposes, and income taxes are allocated to the Class A Fund, Class I Fund and Class R Fund based on the taxable income attributable to each fund. Income taxes allocated to each fund are further allocated to each series of shares within that fund based on the relative share capital of each series as a proportion of the total share capital of that fund.

Under the Federal Act, no taxes are generally payable by the Fund on dividends received from Canadian corporations, and income taxes payable on capital gains are substantially refundable on a formula basis when shares of the Fund are redeemed or capital gains dividends are paid, or deemed to be paid, by the Fund to its shareholders. A portion of the income taxes payable on investment income earned by the Fund is also refundable on payment, or deemed payment, of taxable dividends to the shareholders.

The refundable portion of income taxes is recorded as an asset, as the Fund intends to recover all the refundable tax through the deemed payment of dividends by capitalizing an amount of its taxable income as paid up capital on its redeemable shares. If, and to the extent that, the Fund increases the paid up capital of a class of shares, the holder of the shares will be deemed to have received a dividend and the adjusted cost base of the holder's shares will be increased by the amount of the deemed dividend.

# 14. Income taxes (continued)

The Fund's provision for income tax differs from the amount computed by applying the Fund's statutory income tax rate for the following reasons (thousands of dollars):

		2024		2023
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares from operations before tax:				
Class A Fund	\$	26,189	\$	34,774
Class I Fund	Ş	,	Ş	,
Class R Fund		2,365		3,835
Class R Fund		273		133
		28,827		38,742
Statutory tax rate		27.00%		27.00%
Expected income tax provision		7,783		10,460
Increase (decrease) resulting from:				
Partnership income for tax purposes in excess of accounting income		3,115		463
Net increase in unrealized appreciation of venture investments		(9,229)		(21,237)
Increase in contingent IPA		2,564		1,692
Taxable capital gains in excess of net realized gains (losses) recognized in accounting income		2,660		11,603
Capital loss carry-forward applied		(1,298)		(1,175)
Additional tax on investment income		955		541
Refundable portion of income taxes		(2,364)		(1,783)
Other		(616)		(564)
Income tax provision for the current period		3,570		-
Adjustments recognized in the current period for income taxes of prior periods		4,850		_
Total provision for income tax	\$	8,420	\$	-
Provision for income tax:				
Class A Fund	\$	7,995	\$	-
Class I Fund		425		-
Class R Fund		-		-
	\$	8,420	\$	_

As at August 31, 2024, the Fund has estimated capital losses available for carryforward of \$nil (2023 - \$9.6 million).

Temporary differences between the tax basis of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts may be either taxable or deductible. Taxable temporary differences give rise to deferred income tax liabilities and deductible temporary differences give rise to deferred income tax assets. When the fair value of investments is greater than their tax basis, a deferred income tax liability arises, and the deferred tax liability is offset by refundable taxes generated by future payments of capital gains dividends. When the fair value of investments is less than their tax basis, a deferred income tax asset arises and, due to the uncertainty of such deferred income tax assets ultimately being realized, a full valuation allowance is applied to offset the asset. Any unused capital and non-capital losses represent deferred income tax assets to the Fund for which a full valuation allowance has been established such that no net benefit has been recorded by the Fund.

# 15. Related party transactions

The Manager is a company controlled by the President & Chief Executive Officer of the Fund.

For the Class A Fund, management fees of \$8 million (2023 - \$7.6 million) and office costs totaling \$7 thousand (2023 - \$8 thousand) were paid or payable to the Manager during the year ended August 31, 2024. During the year ended August 31, 2024, the Manager earned an IPA of \$29 thousand (2023 - \$1.1 million) on realized gains in the Class A Fund that have been received in cash.

For the Class A Fund, management fees of \$688 thousand (2023 - \$664 thousand) are included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities, there is an IPA payable to the Manager of \$29 thousand (2023 - \$18.8 million) and an accrued contingent IPA of \$40.2 million (2023 - \$32 million) at August 31, 2024.

For the Class I Fund, management fees of \$1.5 million (2023 - \$1.4 million) and office costs of \$2 thousand (2023 - \$1 thousand) were paid or payable to the Manager during the year ended August 31, 2024. During the year ended August 31, 2024, the Manager earned an IPA of \$nil (2023 - \$5 thousand) on realized gains in the Class I Fund that have been received in cash.

For the Class I Fund, management fees of \$127 thousand (2023 - \$124 thousand) are included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities, there is an IPA payable to the Manager of \$nil (2023 - \$2.5 million) and an accrued contingent IPA of \$4.3 million (2023 - \$3.1 million) at August 31, 2024.

For the Class R Fund, management fees of \$156 thousand (2023 - \$168 thousand) and office costs of less than \$1 thousand (2023 - less than \$1 thousand) were paid or payable to the Manager during the year ended August 31, 2024.

For the Class R Fund, management fees of \$13 thousand (2023 - \$14 thousand) are included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities at August 31, 2024.

The above-mentioned transactions were in the normal course of operations, are non-interest bearing, and are measured at the exchange amount, which is the amount of consideration established and agreed to by the related parties.

# 16. Net assets of the Fund

The Fund's auditors, Buckberger Baerg and Partners LLP, reviewed the aggregate fair value of the Fund's investment portfolio, calculated in accordance with the Fund's internal valuation policies and with the principles outlined in the Fund's prospectus. The auditors employ a Chartered Business Valuator as a member of the audit team. Based on the scope of the review, Buckberger Baerg and Partners LLP provided an opinion to the Audit and Valuation Committees of the Fund as to the reasonableness of the aggregate fair value at August 31, 2024.

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