



CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

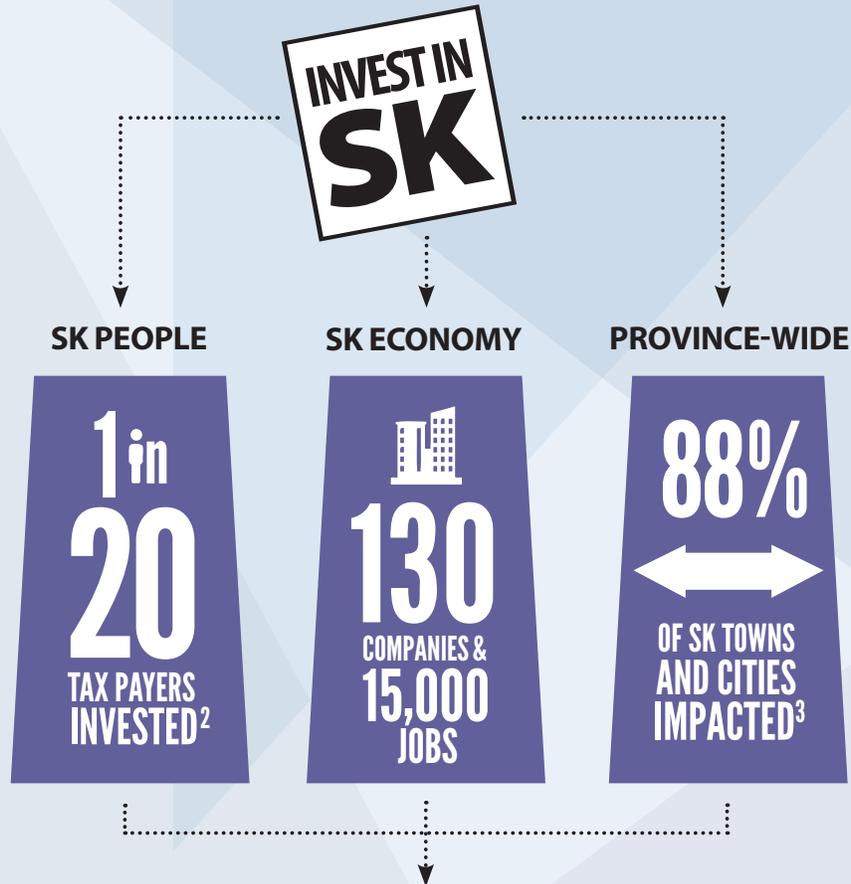
Impact.

New Look, Same Commitment!

Golden Opportunities is excited to share our NEW look in celebration of 20 years of impact! It represents two decades of expertise while reflecting the Fund's forward-looking approach and continued commitment to driving value and growth into the future.

Your Investment Impacts Saskatchewan

20 years of experience and **\$3 Billion** in economic impact.¹
It all starts with your investment.



TOP PERFORMING RVC FUND IN SK⁴
—★★★★★/5—

¹ Golden Opportunities Fund economic impact estimate completed by Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority (SREDA) - September 2018.

² Statistics Canada - Income Statistics 2017, Golden Opportunities Fund.

³ Statistics Canada - Population Census 2016 (with population over 1,000), Golden Opportunities Fund.

⁴ Top Performing: Class i-share based on 1 year (29.8%), 3 year (12.6%), 5 year (8.3%), and since inception (5.0%) returns as at August 31, 2018 per Fundata. Star-Rating: Class i-share as at August 31, 2018 per Globefund.

Provided below is the Message to Shareholders included in the 2018 Annual Report, the full report is available at GoldenOpportunities.ca or SEDAR.com

To Our Valued Shareholders

We are especially pleased to provide Golden Opportunities Fund's 2018 annual message to Shareholders as it celebrates the 20th Anniversary since our inception as Saskatchewan's first provincial Retail Venture Capital (RVC) Fund. The tremendous impact that the Fund has achieved over the past two decades is due to the thousands of Shareholders that have shown confidence in the Fund's mandate: **to invest in Saskatchewan and support local growth companies and jobs.**

An economic impact estimate completed by Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority (SREDA) confirms that the economic impact of Golden Opportunities on the local economy has been tremendous, generating an estimated \$3 billion and impacting over 15,000 jobs, of which the majority are in growth companies. It all starts with your investment!

ECONOMIC IMPACT

- **\$3 BILLION** in estimated economic impact generated, which is equivalent to approximately 14.7% of Saskatchewan's total gross domestic product (GDP) growth from 1999 to 2017.
- **88%** of Saskatchewan cities and towns have seen investment from the Fund.²
- Approximately **ONE IN EVERY 20 TAXPAYERS** in Saskatchewan has invested in Golden Opportunities making them an instrumental part of the impact created by the Fund.

Golden Opportunities' impact was recognized early on the national stage when the Fund was selected as the Canadian Labour Sponsored Investment Fund of the Year in 2004. That success continues today, with the Fund being recognized as the top performing RVC Fund in Saskatchewan and Canada receiving a five out of five-star rating.¹ Change has been a constant throughout the Fund's history, from changes in Government and Saskatchewan Premiers, to changes in the volatility of commodity cycles and the regulatory environment of the Fund's dealer network. However, through all this change the Fund has remained committed to its overriding principle of transparency while communicating its investment strategies and priorities to a broad group of stakeholders.

Our 20th Anniversary message comes at a time when we have managed the portfolio through years of economic challenges in the Province of Saskatchewan due to prolonged low commodity prices. Today, the outlook is positive. Year-over-year uranium prices increased by 30%, the price of West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude oil increased by 48% and potash prices are stable. This has translated into forecasts for positive gross domestic product (GDP) growth in 2018, with further increases in GDP forecasted for 2019 by RBC Economic Research, BMO Capital Markets, TD Economics and Scotiabank.

¹ Class i-share as at August 31, 2018 per Globefund.

² With population over 1,000.

20 YEARS Celebrating our 20th Anniversary with the distinction of being the

Top Performing Saskatchewan RVC Fund!¹



Class i-share as at August 31, 2018 per Globefund

This positive outlook comes at a good time for Golden Opportunities. As at fiscal year-end, the Fund has never been better positioned to pursue new strategic investments due to its overall growth in assets and strong liquidity from highly successful exits in the reporting period. **Assets of the Fund grew by \$75 million to \$386 million, a 24% increase from the previous fiscal year-end, while liquidity improved by \$69 million to \$126 million, a 121% increase.**

The strong increase in liquidity was as a result of:

- A focus on maintaining a strong balance sheet to support portfolio companies through a slower economic cycle in the Province due to prolonged low commodity prices;
- Strong demand for units in the Fund's share classes through the RRSP season and growing Payroll Investment Plan (PIP) contributions, which increased year-over-year by 7.0%;
- The successful exit and/or partial exit of portfolio companies such as Connect Energy Holdings Ltd., Solido Design Automation Inc. and CanniMed Therapeutics Inc.

With strong investment activity and a positive economic outlook, the Fund's current liquidity is timely.

These key performance indicators resulted in strong performance with the Diversified Class A-share and Innovation Class i-share both posting impressive year-over-year increases in unit value. **Golden Opportunities celebrates its 20th Anniversary with the distinction of being the top performing RVC Fund in Saskatchewan once again based on one-year, three-year, five-year and since inception returns of the Class i-share as reported by Fundata, and is the only RVC Fund in Saskatchewan awarded a five out of five-star rating by Globefund as at August 31, 2018.**

With the Fund's annual capitalization limit at \$35 million going forward, reflecting an adjustment from the March 2017 Saskatchewan Provincial Budget, and strong performance of the Fund, Shareholders are encouraged to make their annual purchase early to avoid disappointment due to the Fund selling out. **By enrolling in the Fund's Payroll Investment Plan (PIP) or Pre-authorized Contribution (PAC) Plan, Shareholders are guaranteed receipt of the tax credits on their investment should the maximum capitalization limit be reached.**

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The Fund's founding and largest share class, the Diversified Class A-share,

posted positive increases in assets, liquidity and unit value year-over-year, confirming its sound investment strategy through the economic downturn and strong position looking forward into the next decade. **Overall, assets of the share class grew to \$328 million, an increase of 22% year-over-year, while it strengthened liquidity and its ability to conduct new transactions by \$59 million or 193%. This translated into strong unit value performance for the share class, posting returns of 20.1% (one-year), 4.8% (three-year), 4.7% (five-year) and 2.9% (since inception) as reported by Fundata as at August 31, 2018, which positions it as the top performing Class A-share in Saskatchewan based on its one-year return.¹**

In the reporting period, the exit or partial exit of companies such as Connect Energy Holdings Ltd., Solido Design Automation Inc. and CanniMed Therapeutics Inc. validated the Fund's ability to patiently drive value in new innovative companies while demonstrating the ongoing impact on the economy as the acquirers have committed to maintaining a local presence for the continued growth of these companies in Saskatchewan. For example, Solido Design Automation Inc., under the new ownership of Siemens AG has grown its research and development and customer support teams in Saskatoon by more than 50% with further growth plans anticipated in the future. Connect Energy continues to provide long-term, fixed-price contracts of natural gas to local businesses with a local team. Since acquiring CanniMed Therapeutics Inc., Aurora Cannabis Inc. has initiated several strategic investments at its Saskatoon operations to advance crop yields and drive additional facility efficiencies. These investments include both building and equipment improvements, as well as further investment in additional headcount. To date, these investments have generated substantial production capacity improvements at the CanniMed Therapeutics Inc. facility while also permitting the introduction of cannabis oil hard shell capsules and CO2 cannabis resin production.

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES' TOP HOLDINGS IN THE DIVERSIFIED CLASS A-SHARE ARE COMPANIES THAT ARE LEADING THEIR RESPECTIVE INDUSTRY SECTORS WHICH ENABLES THEM TO MANAGE THROUGH ECONOMIC CYCLES IMPACTED BY TRADE UNCERTAINTY, COMMODITY PRICES OR OTHER GLOBAL AND POLITICAL FACTORS.

WARMAN HOME CENTRE LP (BUILDING SUPPLIES SERVICES)

Warman Home Centre LP is an industry-leader in the building supplies industry in Saskatchewan, with five distinct operating divisions: Warman Home Centre, Warman Homes, Warman Truss, Warman Metals and Warman Cabinets. With over three decades of experience, the company has a reputation for excellence in customer service delivered by its 200 employees and has consistently performed well through multiple housing cycles in the Province. Warman Home Centre LP is a cornerstone in the Fund's management buyouts (MBOs) and is well-positioned to drive future value with its executive aligned holding ownership of 43.5%. Economic forecasts for the Province in 2019 are positive including increased housing starts and retail sales as forecasted by RBC Economic Research in the amounts of 4.3% and 3.4% respectively.



GOLDEN HEALTH CARE INC. (HEALTHCARE)

Healthcare and the well-being of our seniors continues to be a key focus within the Fund's portfolio. Golden Health Care Inc.'s philosophy is based on the traditional values of caring for those who cared for us throughout our lifetimes. The Fund has ownership of eight locations with over 480 suites, providing levels 1 to 4 care to residents. Diamond House, located in Warman, Saskatchewan, is the largest and newest home and has achieved occupancy of more than 80% while other homes with similar delivery models in Swift Current, North Battleford, Prince Albert, Emerald Park and Estevan maintain full occupancy with waiting lists. In the fiscal period, the Fund increased its investment and ownership position in the long-term care sector by investing an additional \$2.8 million in Golden Health Care Inc.



¹ Class A-share based on 1 year return as at August 31, 2018 per Fundata.

DYNA HOLDINGS LP (MANUFACTURING AND PROCESSING)

The succession of long-standing, successful Saskatchewan companies from their founders to their senior team, backed by growth capital from Golden Opportunities, continues to be a proven investment strategy in our portfolio. Dyna Holdings LP is uniquely diversified across four divisions including full-service machining and fabrication (DynaIndustrial LP), engineering and manufacturing of custom bearings for downhole drilling (Tackpoint LP), specialized crane services (Dyna Crane Services LP) and the design and engineering of custom filtration systems for the oil and gas industry (Fluid Clarification LP). This broad base of companies servicing the oil and gas, and mining industries has seen an increase in activity from renewed strength in the oil sector and the United States dollar boosting export sales.



H.J.R. ASPHALT LP (INFRASTRUCTURE)

The MBO of one of Saskatchewan's longest-standing highway asphalt companies is a strategic diversification to balance other commodity-reliant companies in the Fund's portfolio. The thousands of kilometers of highways that connect our rural and agriculture communities, and our challenging winters, make safety and reliance on our highways paramount. The company will pave 16% more highway kilometers this fiscal period over last, creating jobs for three full-time crews, and growth in year-over-year revenues.

HJR ASPHALT LP

AURORA CANNABIS INC. (HEALTHCARE) NEW

In the reporting period, Aurora Cannabis Inc. completed its acquisition of CanniMed Therapeutics Inc. which was the largest transaction in the cannabis industry at the time, valued at \$1.1 billion dollars, up from their original offer price of \$609 million in November 2017. In the reporting period and subsequent, Golden Opportunities undertook a risk management strategy that saw an exit of two-thirds of the shares received, while continuing to hold the remaining equity position in Aurora Cannabis Inc. as it executes its global growth strategy.



Aurora Cannabis Inc. has become one of the world's largest and leading cannabis companies and is prominent in the emerging global medicinal marijuana sector, having more than 500,000 kg per annum of funded grow capacity, with sales and operations in 18 countries, across five continents. The company is vertically integrated and horizontally diversified across every key segment of the value chain, including facility engineering and design, cannabis breeding and genetics research, cannabis and hemp production, and wholesale and retail distribution. The company's recent year-end reporting on September 24, 2018 states major milestones over the previous year-end, including a 206% increase in revenue, improved gross margin in the sale of medical cannabis to 65%, 11 strategic acquisitions and rapid growth in its headcount, from 300 a year ago to 1,400. Active, registered patients increased to 43,308, a 164% increase over the previous quarter, supported by its seven facilities with production licenses and five facilities with sales licenses.



OUR INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

The top five holdings of the Diversified Class A-share reaffirm the Fund's focus on investing in companies that are leaders in diverse sectors and represent the investment philosophy of this share class which is focused on: investment in **innovation companies** and leaders in emerging global business, delivery of long-term **healthcare** needs for our seniors throughout Saskatchewan, and ensuring long-standing Saskatchewan companies remain locally owned through the engagement of existing executive teams in our **MBOs**.





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BY GLOBEFUND*

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The Innovation Class i-share

was launched by Golden Opportunities in partnership with Western Economic Diversification (WED) Canada to invest in a portfolio of local innovation companies focused on making a difference globally. Their innovative technologies and processes positively impact how we interact, save lives, clean up the environment and produce goods and services. We live in a world where innovation and new technologies are no longer an option but a necessity for economies and companies to be competitive. These companies can have longer commercialization timelines, but they also reward Shareholders and local economies for patience through creation of new, highly skilled jobs that are the foundation for an innovation economy. The Innovation share class exists at a time when there is strong momentum around exciting announcements such as Protein Industries Canada's (PIC) new supercluster, the launch and ongoing work of Co.Labs Technology Incubator, the Saskatchewan Commercial Innovation Incentive (SCII), which is North America's first patent box style incentive, and the new Saskatchewan Technology Start-Up Incentive (referred to as the Angel Tax Credit) recently announced by the Minister of Innovation for Saskatchewan.

In the reporting period, the Class i-share's assets grew to \$49 million, an increase of 42% from the previous year, while its liquidity, which enables it to continue to provide patient capital to new innovation companies, increased by 49% to \$31.2 million. The execution of the Class i-share's investment strategy resulted in the share class posting leading returns as at August 31, 2018 of 29.8% (one-year), 12.6% (three-year), 8.3% (five-year) and 5.0% (since inception) as reported by Fundata, and being awarded a five out of five-star rating and the proud distinction as the top performing RVC Fund in Saskatchewan and Canada by Globefund once again as we celebrate our 20th Anniversary.

WED's loan loss provision, exclusively for this share class, provides up to 80% in loan loss protection for any one transaction. At year-end, it remains in place with 84% of the \$3.3 million still available to offset any future loss provisions, should they occur. This partnership with the Federal Government is unique to Golden Opportunities and is not available with any other RVC Fund, reaffirming the strong partnerships that Golden Opportunities has formed with broad stakeholders in support of driving innovation in our local economy.

THE INNOVATION CLASS I-SHARE'S TOP HOLDINGS REPRESENT BROAD SECTORS IN THE INNOVATION ECONOMY AND ARE AT VARIOUS STAGES IN THE EXECUTION OF THEIR STRATEGIES TO COMMERCIALIZE A UNIQUE TECHNOLOGY, PRODUCT OR PROCESS.

PARADIGM CONSULTING GROUP INC. (INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY) **NEW**

Paradigm Consulting Group Inc. is an information technology company with more than 100 employees and operations in Regina and Winnipeg. As a leader in Western Canada, it delivers management consulting, custom application technology services and portfolio, program, and project management to an enterprise level client base across a broad range of industries including healthcare, insurance, telecommunications and the public sector.



AURORA CANNABIS INC. (HEALTHCARE) **NEW**

Aurora Cannabis Inc. is a global leader in the cannabis sector and through its worldwide presence has also brought together the preeminent cannabis research and development team with its Medical Centre of Excellence. Its Medical Centre of Excellence was formed through the combination of science and product development teams from Aurora Cannabis Inc. and CanniMed Therapeutics Inc. in Saskatoon. It is expected to continue to evolve product innovation applications such as the delivery of medical cannabis through vegan CanniMed Therapeutics Inc. capsules, a high potency medical cannabis strain referred to as Aurora Frost, hard and soft gel capsules, fast-dissolving oral thin film wafers and new oil types.



LIBRESTREAM TECHNOLOGIES INC. (SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT)

Librestream Technologies Inc. is a technology company providing visual collaboration solutions to allow enterprises to remotely view, diagnose, consult and resolve issues in real time. Librestream Technologies Inc.'s virtual presence collaboration solution, Onsight Connect, delivers full collaboration between smartphones, tablets, desktops, and Onsight's rugged smart cameras and external video sources. The technology continues to show market adoption from Fortune 500 customers such as Cisco, The Procter & Gamble Company and Baker Hughes, and has experienced an increase in year-over-year gross sales of 76%.



SUPERIORFARMS SOLUTIONS LP (AGRICULTURE MANUFACTURING)

With manufacturing facilities in Imperial and Regina, SuperiorFarms Solutions LP has a history of designing and launching equipment to meet the ever-changing needs of farmers around the world. The Rite Way Land Roller continues to be a leading seller through its network of 188 dealers representing over 300 locations, while new product innovation is in its DNA. Through innovation and open communication with its customers and dealer network, SuperiorFarms Solutions LP stays on top of changing needs and, following its recent completion of testing, is now introducing a redesigned Rotary Harrow. In addition, SuperiorFarms Solutions LP has developed a Seven-Bar Harrow in response to farmer feedback.



DYNA HOLDINGS LP (CUSTOM ENGINEERING, FABRICATION & DESIGN)

Dyna Holdings LP's division, DynaIndustrial Inc., designed and launched the DynaBolter through its fabrication facilities located in Saskatoon and Regina. The DynaBolter is a semi-automated, single operator roof-bolter that is used to install rock bolts (in hard-rock and soft-rock mines) to ensure the over-head rock is self-supportive. The single, in-cabin operator design allows for the entire roof-bolting process to be operated hydraulically from the cabin. The design significantly enhances the safety of the roof-bolting process by moving the operator away from the roof-bolter mechanism and into a protected cabin.



MED-LIFE DISCOVERIES LP (LIFE SCIENCES)

Led by long-standing Chief Scientific Officer, Dr. Shawn Ritchie, Med-Life Discoveries LP's focus continues to be on the research and development of a portfolio of patents and technology for the detection or treatment of life-threatening diseases. The company's Therapeutics Division has made advances and submitted its pre-Investigational New Drug (pre-IND) briefing package to the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for its lead orphan compound, PPI-1040, for the treatment of Rhizomelic Chondrodysplasia Punctata (RCDP). RCDP is a disease that affects children with severe developmental impairment and skeletal dysplasia, and many do not survive past the age of five. The company's Diagnostic Division continues to develop and produce detection technology relating to colorectal cancer, pancreatic cancer and Alzheimer's disease.



The Resource Class R-share

has a 100% weighting in oil and gas by design and its performance over the past number of years has been reflective of the prolonged decline in oil prices, compounded with political uncertainty to major pipelines, in Canada both corresponding to a negative impact on the capital market for the Canadian energy sector. Although oil prices in the fiscal period have strengthened, this has not yet translated into a recovery of portfolio company values as the capital spending that drives growth in the sector was subdued through 2017 and into early 2018, as a result of unfavorable capital market conditions. Sustained strength in the price of WTI oil combined with continued positive drilling results and operational efficiencies over the next year will be important contributors to growth in the portfolio, as will the ability to raise capital. The outlook is positive as the capital markets have shown support over the past year to the portfolio's top holdings, alongside strong operational execution.

The Resource Class R-share has **increased its asset value by 3.0% year-over-year** while remaining relatively flat in terms of its liquidity position.

BURGESS CREEK EXPLORATION INC.

In the reporting period, the company completed a \$53 million equity financing and is expected to increase its production by five times its 2017 rate due to strong drilling results and strategic acquisitions.



MATRRIX ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES INC.

MATRRIX Energy Technologies Inc. had a transformational year with a \$20 million equity raise while executing on a series of acquisitions to establish a dominant footprint in Saskatchewan's land base contract drilling business.



CREDESCENCE RESOURCES II LP

In the period, Credence Resources II LP secured an institutional capital commitment of \$100 million from a United States investor and will establish a dominant position in the emerging East Duvernay Shale Basin play.



TORC OIL & GAS LTD. NEW

TORC Oil & Gas Ltd. is expected to achieve a 20% increase in production, weighted predominantly in Southeast Saskatchewan's light oil plays, and a 50% increase in cash flow per share.



Summary

Over the past 20 years, Golden Opportunities has been fortunate to have the support of thousands upon thousands of residents and families who believed that *Investing in Saskatchewan* was the right thing to do and that we could build world-class companies and technologies right here at home. That belief resulted in an estimated \$3 billion of economic impact in Saskatchewan as reported by SREDA. Thank you for being part of it and having the confidence in your Fund to make it happen.

Through our transparent and ever-evolving investment strategy, your Fund has also provided positive returns throughout the period and since inception culminating this past year as the top performing RVC Fund in Saskatchewan due to double-digit, year-over-year returns by both the Diversified Class A-share and Innovation Class i-share. We are in an ideal position to embark on new opportunities over the next decades while economic conditions also improve.

We would like to thank our Board of Directors for their strong stewardship, guidance and passion for Saskatchewan. We would like to give special recognition to our past Board Chair, the Honourable William McKnight, and express our sincere gratitude for his remarkable leadership and for being a forefather of this asset class bringing it to fruition in Canada when he was the Federal Minister of Labour. We are forever thankful for the support of you, our Shareholders.

The impact made over the last two decades in our local economy, and that will continue to be made, starts with your investment. Together, we are building a stronger Province for all residents of Saskatchewan.

Sincere regards,



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