## MACKENZIE MUTUAL FUNDS

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Offering Series A, D, F, F5, F8, FB, FB5, O, PW, PWFB, PWFB5, PWT5, PWT8, PWX8, T5 and T8 units, unless otherwise stated.

#### **FUNDS**

Mackenzie USD US Mid Cap Opportunities Fund

Mackenzie Inflation-Focused Fund<sup>1</sup>

FOOTNOTES: (1) Also offers Series AR and PWR.



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## NAME, FORMATION AND HISTORY OF THE FUNDS

#### Introduction

This annual information form contains information concerning the mutual funds listed on the cover (individually, each is a "Fund", and collectively, they are referred to as the "Funds"). Each of the Funds is managed by Mackenzie Financial Corporation, which is also the promoter, registrar, transfer agent and/or trustee of the Funds.

To make this document easier to read and understand, we have used personal pronouns throughout much of the text. References to "Mackenzie Investments", "Mackenzie", "our", "we" or "us" generally refer to Mackenzie Financial Corporation in its capacity as trustee and/or manager of the Funds. References to "you" are directed to the reader as a potential or actual investor in the Funds.

In this document, all of the mutual funds that we manage, including the Funds, are referred to collectively as the "Mackenzie Funds" or, each individually, as a "Mackenzie Fund". All Funds, are mutual funds which are subject to National Instrument 81-102 Investment Funds ("NI-81-102").

The Funds have been established as unit trusts and issue units to investors. Units of the Funds are sold through independent registered broker and dealer representatives ("financial advisors").

The following plans are collectively referred to as "registered plans":

- registered retirement savings plans ("RRSPs"), including
  - locked-in retirement accounts ("LIRAs"),
  - locked-in retirement savings plans ("LRSPs").

- restricted locked-in savings plans ("RLSPs"),
- registered retirement income funds ("RRIFs"), including
  - life income funds ("LIFs"),
  - locked-in retirement income funds ("LRIFs"),
  - prescribed retirement income funds ("PRIFs"),
  - restricted life income funds ("RLIFs"),
- tax free savings accounts ("TFSAs"),
- registered education savings plans ("RESPs"),
- registered disability savings plans ("RDSPs"), and
- deferred profit sharing plans ("DPSPs").

#### Address of the Funds and Mackenzie Investments

Our head office and the sole office of each of the Funds, as well as their mailing address, is located at 180 Queen Street West, Toronto, Ontario M5V 3K1.

#### **Formation of the Funds**

The Funds are currently governed by the terms of their Declarations of Trust, some of which have been grouped together under a Master Declaration of Trust. The relevant Declaration of Trust is amended each time a new fund or series is created, in order to include the investment objectives and any other information specific to the new Mackenzie Fund.

Table 1 lists the name of each Fund and the date of its formation, unless otherwise noted, and the notes to the table provide details of material amendments to the Declarations of Trust in the last 10 years relating to the units offered under the simplified prospectus.

Table 1: Funds

Fund	Date of Formation	Date of Master Declaration of Trust
Mackenzie USD US Mid Cap Opportunities Fund	August 15, 2022	October 19, 1999
Mackenzie Inflation-Focused Fund	August 15, 2022	October 19, 1999

## **INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS AND PRACTICES**

#### NI 81-102

The simplified prospectus contains detailed descriptions of the investment objectives, investment strategies and the fund risks for each of the Funds. In addition, the Funds are subject to certain restrictions and practices contained in securities legislation, including NI 81-102, which are designed, in part, to ensure that the investments

of mutual funds are diversified and relatively liquid and to ensure the proper administration of mutual funds. We intend to manage the Funds in accordance with these restrictions and practices or to obtain relief from the securities regulatory authorities before implementing any variations.

#### **Exemptions from NI 81-102**

The following provides a description of the exemptions that certain Funds have received from the provisions of NI 81-102, and/or a description of the general investment activity.

#### **U.S. Listed ETF Relief**

Given the incorporation of the alternative mutual funds into NI 81-102, this ETF Relief is only relevant for U.S.-listed exchanged-traded funds.

The Funds, other than money market funds, have obtained an exemption from the Canadian securities regulatory authorities which allows them to purchase and hold securities of the following types of ETFs (collectively, the "**Underlying ETFs**"):

- (a) ETFs that seek to provide daily results that replicate the daily performance of a specified widely quoted market index (the ETF's "Underlying Index") by a multiple of up to 200% ("Leveraged Bull ETFs"), inverse multiple of up to 100% ("Inverse ETFs"), or an inverse multiple of up to 200% ("Leveraged Bear ETFs");
- (b) ETFs that seek to replicate the performance of gold or silver, or the value of a specified derivative whose underlying interest is gold or silver on an unlevered basis ("Underlying Gold or Silver Interest"), or by a multiple of up to 200% (collectively, the "Leveraged Gold/Silver ETFs"); and
- (c) ETFs that invest directly, or indirectly through derivatives, in physical commodities, including, but not limited to, agriculture or livestock, energy, precious metals and industrial metals, on an unlevered basis ("Unlevered Commodity ETFs", together with the Leveraged Gold/Silver ETFs, collectively, the "Commodity ETFs").

This relief is subject to the following conditions:

- a Fund's investment in securities of an Underlying ETF must be in accordance with its fundamental investment objectives;
- the securities of the Underlying ETF must be traded on a stock exchange in Canada or the United States;
- a Fund may not purchase securities of an Underlying ETF if, immediately after the transaction, more than 10% of the NAV of the Fund, taken at market value at the time of the transaction, would consist of securities of Underlying ETFs;
- a Fund may not purchase securities of Inverse ETFs or securities of Leveraged Bear ETFs or sell any securities short if, immediately after the transaction, the Fund's aggregate market value exposure represented by all such securities purchased and/or sold short would exceed 20% of the NAV of the Fund, taken at market value at the time of the transaction; and
- immediately after entering into a purchase, derivatives or other transaction to obtain exposure to physical commodities, the Fund's aggregate market value exposure (whether direct or indirect, including through Commodity

ETFs) to all physical commodities (including gold), does not exceed 10% of the NAV of the Fund, taken at market value at the time of the transaction.

#### Cover relief in connection with certain derivatives

All Funds, other than money market funds, have received exemptive relief to permit each Fund to use, as cover, a right or obligation to sell an equivalent quantity of the underlying interest of the standardized future, forward, or swap, when

- the Fund opens or maintains a long position in a debt-like security that has a component that is a long position in a forward contract or in a standardized future or forward contract or
- the Fund enters into or maintains a swap position and during periods when the Fund is entitled to receive payments under the swap.

The relief is subject to the following terms:

- when the Fund enters into or maintains a swap position for periods when the Fund would be entitled to receive fixed payments under the swap, the Fund holds
  - cash cover in an amount that, together with margin on account for the swap and the market value of the swap, is not less than, on a daily mark-to-market basis, the underlying market exposure of the swap;
  - a right or obligation to enter into an offsetting swap on an equivalent quantity and with an equivalent term and cash cover that, together with margin on account for the position, is not less than the aggregate amount, if any, of the obligations of the Fund under the swap, less the obligations of the Fund under such offsetting swap; or
  - a combination of the positions referred to in the preceding two subparagraphs that is sufficient, without recourse to other assets of the Fund, to enable the Fund to satisfy its obligations under the swap;
- when the Fund opens or maintains a long position in a debtlike security that has a component that is a long position in a forward contract, or in a standardized future or forward contract, the Fund holds
  - cash cover in an amount that, together with margin on account for the specified derivative and the market value of the specified derivative, is not less than, on a daily mark-to-market basis, the underlying market exposure of the specified derivative;
  - a right or obligation to sell an equivalent quantity of the underlying interest of the future or forward contract, and cash cover that, together with margin on account for the position, is not less than the amount, if any, by which the market price of the future or forward contract exceeds the strike price of the right or obligation to sell the underlying interest; or

 a combination of the positions referred to in the preceding two subparagraphs that is sufficient, without recourse to other assets of the Fund, to enable the Fund to acquire the underlying interest of the future or forward contract:

#### the Fund will not

- purchase a debt-like security that has an option component or an option; or
- purchase or write an option to cover any position under section 2.8(1)(b), (c), (d), (e) or (f) of NI 81-102 if, immediately after the purchase or writing of such option, more than 10% of the net asset value of the Fund at the time of the transaction would be made up of (i) purchased debt-like securities that have an option component or purchased options, in each case, held by the Fund for purposes other than hedging, or (ii) options used to cover any position under subsections 2.8(1)(b), (c), (d), (e) or (f) of NI 81-102.

#### **Standard Investment Restrictions and Practices**

The remaining standard investment restrictions and practices set out in NI 81-102 are deemed to be included in this annual information form. A copy of the investment restrictions and practices adopted by the Funds will be provided to you upon request by writing to us at the address shown under "Address of the Funds and Mackenzie Investments".

As permitted under National Instrument 81-107 Independent Review Committee for Investment Funds ("NI 81-107"), the Funds may engage in inter-fund trades subject to certain conditions, including, for exchange-traded securities, that the trades are executed using the current market price of a security, rather than the last sale price before the execution of the trade. Accordingly, the Funds have obtained exemptive relief to permit the Funds to engage in inter-fund trades if the security is an exchange-traded security, executed at the last sale price immediately before the trade is executed, on an exchange upon which the security is listed or quoted.

#### **Approval of the Independent Review Committee**

The Independent Review Committee ("IRC") of the Mackenzie Funds under NI 81-107 has approved a standing instruction to permit

the Funds to invest in certain issuers related to us as provided for in NI 81-107. Issuers related to us include issuers that control Mackenzie or issuers that are under common control with Mackenzie. We have determined that, notwithstanding the specific provisions of NI 81-107 and the standing instruction that has been adopted, it would be inappropriate for the Funds to invest in securities issued by IGM Financial Inc., which indirectly owns 100% of the outstanding common shares of Mackenzie. The IRC monitors the investment activity of the Funds in related issuers at least quarterly. In its review, the IRC considers whether investment decisions

- have been made free from any influence by, and without taking into account any consideration relevant to, the related issuer or other entities related to the Fund or us:
- represent our business judgment, uninfluenced by considerations other than the best interests of the Fund;
- have been made in compliance with our policies and the IRC's standing instruction; and
- achieve a fair and reasonable result for the Fund.

The IRC must notify securities regulatory authorities if it determines that we have not complied with any of the above conditions.

For more information about the IRC, see "Mackenzie Funds' Independent Review Committee".

#### **Change of Investment Objectives and Strategies**

A change in a Fund's investment objectives can only be made with the consent of the investors in the Fund at a meeting called for that purpose. The investment strategies explain how the Fund intends to achieve its investment objectives. As manager of the Funds, we may change the investment strategies from time to time, but will give you notice, by way of a press release, of our intention to do so if it would be a material change as defined in National Instrument 81-106, *Investment Fund Continuous Disclosure* ("NI 81-106"). Under NI 81-106, a change in the business, operations or affairs of a Fund is considered to be a "material change" if a reasonable investor would consider it important in deciding whether to purchase or continue to hold units of the Fund.

## **DESCRIPTION OF UNITS**

Each Fund is associated with a specific investment portfolio and specific investment objectives and strategies, and may offer new series, at any time, without notice to you and without your approval.

Each Fund is entitled to the total return (including realized and unrealized gains) on the portfolio assets of that Fund, less the portion

of management fees, administration fees and fund costs (as described in the simplified prospectus of the Funds) attributable to that Fund.

The series of each Fund are entitled to a *pro rata* share in the net return of that Fund. The series of each Fund also have the right to

receive distributions, when declared, and to receive, upon redemption, the NAV of the series.

#### **Series of Units**

The expenses of each series of each Fund are tracked separately, and a separate NAV is calculated for each series. Although the money which you and other investors pay to purchase units of each series, and the expenses of each series, are tracked on a series-byseries basis in your Fund's administration records, the assets of all series of your Fund are combined into a single pool to create one portfolio for investment purposes.

There are currently 19 series of units available under this simplified prospectus: Series A, AR, D, F, F5, F8, FB, FB5, O, PW, PWR, PWFB, PWFB5, PWT5, PWT8, PWX, PWX8, T5 and T8 units. The particular series available within each Fund under this annual information form are listed on the front cover. The minimum investment and eligibility requirements of the series are detailed in the simplified prospectus.

Some of the Funds have additional series that are only offered on an exempt-distribution basis.

#### **Distributions**

Each Fund intends to distribute sufficient net income and net capital gains to its investors each year to ensure that the Fund does not pay ordinary income tax under Part I of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) (the "**Tax Act**"). A Fund may also distribute returns of capital. A Fund may pay a distribution of net income, net capital gains and/or returns of capital at such time or times as we, acting as manager, in our discretion, determine.

The net income and net capital gains of a Fund will be distributed first to pay any management expense distributions to investors who are entitled to benefit from a reduction in the management fee. For more information, see "Fees, Expenses and Management Expense Reductions". A Fund may allocate net capital gains as a redemption distribution to an investor who redeems that Fund's units – including to an investor who redeems that Fund's units in the course of switching to another Mackenzie Fund. Any remaining net income or net capital gains of a Fund to be distributed will be allocated among the series of units of the Fund based on the relative NAVs of the series and on each series' expenses available to offset net income or net capital gains on or before the date of the distribution and distributed *pro rata* to investors in each series on the distribution payment date. Any such distribution will occur on or about the business day following the distribution record date or dates, at our discretion.

Our Chief Investment Officer and lead portfolio managers who invest in Funds they manage do not pay any management fees in respect of their investment in Series F or O units. They may be entitled to special distributions from a Fund to effect the management fee reduction. For Series F, these individuals will receive a special

distribution from the Funds they manage in order to reduce their allocation of management fees to zero.

#### Liquidation or other termination rights

If a Fund or a particular series of units of a Fund is ever terminated, each unit that you own will participate equally with each other unit of the same series in the assets of the Fund attributable to that series after all of the Fund's liabilities (or those allocated to the series of units being terminated) have been paid or provided for.

#### Conversion and redemption rights

Units of most Funds may be exchanged for other units of that Fund or another Mackenzie Fund (a "switch") as described under "Purchases and Switches (Exchanges of Units)" and may be redeemed as described under "How to Redeem Units"

#### Voting rights and changes requiring investor approval

You have the right to exercise one vote for each unit held at meetings of all investors of your Fund and at any meetings held solely for investors of that series of units. We are required to convene a meeting of investors of a Fund to ask them to consider and approve, by not less than a majority of the votes cast at the meeting (either in person or by proxy), any of the following material changes if they are ever proposed for the Fund:

- a change to the basis of the calculation of management fee rates or of other expenses that are charged to the Fund or to you, which could result in an increase in charges to the Fund or to you unless (i) the contract is an arm's length contract with a party other than us or an associate or affiliate of ours for services relating to the operation of the Fund, and (ii) you are given at least 60 days' written notice of the effective date of the proposed change, or unless (i) the mutual fund is permitted to be described as "no-load", and (ii) the investors are given at least 60 days' written notice of the effective date of the proposed change. Similarly, the introduction of certain new fees by us for the Fund which may be payable by the Fund or investors of the Fund would also require the approval of a majority of the votes cast at a meeting of investors of the Fund;
- a change of the manager of a Fund (other than a change to an affiliate of ours);
- any change in the investment objectives of a Fund;
- any decrease in the frequency of calculating the NAV for each series of units;
- certain material reorganizations of a Fund; and
- any other matter which is required by the constating documents of a Fund, by the laws applicable to a Fund, or by any agreement to be submitted to a vote of the investors in a Fund.

#### Other changes

You will be provided with at least 60 days' written notice of

- a change of auditor of a Fund; and
- certain reorganizations with, or transfer of assets to, another mutual fund, if a Fund will cease to exist thereafter and you will become a securityholder of another Fund (otherwise an investor vote will be required).

For most Funds, except as noted below, we generally provide at least 30 days' notice to you (unless longer notice requirements are imposed under securities legislation) to amend the applicable Declaration of Trust in the following circumstances:

- when the securities legislation requires that written notice be given to you before the change takes effect; or
- when the change would not be prohibited by the securities legislation and we reasonably believe that the proposed

amendment has the potential to adversely impact your financial interests or rights, so that it is equitable to give you advance notice of the proposed change.

We are generally also entitled to amend the applicable Declaration of Trust without prior approval from, or notice to, you if we reasonably believe that the proposed amendment does not have the potential to adversely affect you, or

- to ensure compliance with applicable laws, regulations or policies;
- to protect you;
- to remove conflicts or inconsistencies between the Declaration of Trust and any law, regulation or policy affecting the Fund, trustee or its agents;
- to correct typographical, clerical or other errors; or
- to facilitate the administration of the Fund or to respond to amendments to the Tax Act which might adversely affect the tax status of a Fund or you if no change is made.

### **VALUATION OF PORTFOLIO SECURITIES**

The portfolio securities of each Fund are valued as at the close of trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange (the "TSX") (the "valuation time") on each trading day. A "trading day" is any day that the TSX is open for trading. The value of the portfolio securities and other assets of each Fund is determined by applying the following rules:

- Cash on hand or on deposit, bills and notes and accounts receivable, prepaid expenses, cash dividends and interest declared or accrued and not yet received are generally valued at their full amount, unless we have determined that any of these assets are not worth the full amount, in which event, the value shall be deemed to be the value that we reasonably deem to be the fair value.
- Precious metals (certificates or bullion) and other commodities are valued at their fair market value, generally based on prevailing market prices as reported on exchanges or other markets.
- Portfolio securities listed on a public securities exchange are valued at their close price or last sale price reported before the valuation time on that trading day. If there is no close price and if no sale is reported to have taken place before the valuation time on that trading day, they are valued at the average of the last bid and ask prices reported before that time on that trading day.
- Unlisted portfolio securities of the Funds traded on an overthe-counter market are valued at the last sale price reported before the valuation time on that trading day. If no sale is reported to have taken place before the valuation time on that trading day, they are valued at the average of the last bid and ask prices reported before that time on that trading day.
- Notwithstanding the foregoing, if portfolio securities are interlisted or traded on more than one exchange or market,

we shall use the close price or last sale price or the average of the last bid and ask prices, as the case may be, reported before the valuation time on the exchange or market that we determine to be the principal exchange or market for those securities.

- Fixed-income securities listed on a public securities exchange will be valued at their close price or last sale price before the valuation time on that trading day, or if there is no close price and if no sale is reported to have taken place before the valuation time on that trading day, at the average of the last bid and ask prices before that time on that trading day.
- Non-exchange-traded fixed-income securities of the Funds are valued at their fair value based on prices supplied by established pricing vendors, market participants or pricing models, as determined before the valuation time on that trading day.
- Where a Fund owns securities issued by another mutual fund (an "Underlying Fund"), the securities of the Underlying Fund are valued at the price calculated by the manager of the other mutual fund for the applicable series of securities of the other mutual fund for that trading day in accordance with the constating documents of the other mutual fund.
- Long positions in options, debt-like securities and warrants are valued at the current market value of their positions.
- Where an option is written by a Fund, the premium received by the Fund for those options is reflected as a deferred credit. The deferred credit is valued at an amount equal to the current market value of the option which would have the effect of closing the position. Any difference resulting from revaluation shall be treated as an unrealized gain or loss on investment. The deferred credit shall be deducted in

calculating the NAV of the Fund. The Fund's portfolio securities which are the subject of a written option shall continue to be valued at their current market value as determined by us.

- Foreign currency hedging contracts are valued at their current market value on that trading day with any difference resulting from revaluation being treated as an unrealized gain or loss on investment.
- The value of a forward contract or swap is the gain or loss on the contract that would be realized if, on that trading day, the position in the forward contract or the swap were to be closed out.
- The value of a standardized future is,
  - if the daily limits imposed by the futures exchange through which the standardized future was issued are not in effect, the gain or loss on the standardized future that would be realized if, on that trading date, the position in the standardized future was closed out, or
  - if the daily limits imposed by the futures exchange through which the standardized future was issued are in effect, based on the current market value of the underlying interest of the standardized future.
- Margin paid or deposited on standardized futures or forward contracts is reflected as an account receivable, and margin consisting of assets other than cash is noted as held as margin.
- Portfolio securities, the resale of which are restricted or limited by law or by means of a representation, undertaking or agreement by the Fund, are valued at the lesser of:
  - their value based upon reported quotations in common use on that trading day; and
  - the market value of portfolio securities of the same class or series of a class, whose resale is not restricted (the "related securities") less a discount which reflects the difference between the acquisition cost of the securities versus the market value of the related securities on the date of the purchase; this amount decreases over the restricted period in proportion until the securities are no longer restricted.
- Portfolio securities that are quoted in foreign currencies are converted to Canadian dollars using an exchange rate as of the close of the North American markets on that trading day. In the case of a US Dollar Fund (as defined in Calculation of Net Asset Value), portfolio securities that are quoted in non-U.S. dollar currencies are converted to U.S. dollars using an exchange rate as of the close of the North American markets on that trading day.

 Notwithstanding the foregoing, portfolio securities and other assets for which market quotations are, in our opinion, inaccurate, unreliable, not reflective of all available material information or not readily available, are valued at their fair value as determined by us.

If a portfolio security cannot be valued under the foregoing rules or under any other valuation rules adopted under applicable securities laws, or if any rules we have adopted are not set out under applicable securities laws but at any time are considered by us to be inappropriate under the circumstances, then we will use a valuation that we consider to be fair, reasonable and in your best interest. In those circumstances, we would typically review current press releases concerning the portfolio security, discuss an appropriate valuation with other portfolio managers, analysts, the Investment Funds Institute of Canada and consult other industry sources to set an appropriate fair valuation. If, at any time, the foregoing rules conflict with the valuation rules required under applicable securities laws, we will follow the valuation rules required under applicable securities laws.

The constating documents of each of the Funds contain details of the liabilities to be included in calculating the NAV for each series of units of each of the Funds. The liabilities of a Fund include, without limitation, all bills, notes and accounts payable, all management fees, administration fees and fund costs payable or accrued, all contractual obligations for the payment of money or property, all allowances authorized or approved by us for taxes (if any) or contingencies and all other liabilities of the Fund. We will determine in good faith whether such liabilities are series expenses or common expenses of the Funds. In calculating the NAV for each series of units, we will use the latest reported information available to us on each trading day. The purchase or sale of portfolio securities by a Fund will be reflected in the first calculation of the NAV for each series of units after the date on which the transaction becomes binding.

Within the past three (3) years, we have not exercised our discretion to deviate from the Funds' valuation practices described above.

#### Differences from IFRS

In accordance with amendments to NI 81-106, the fair value of a portfolio security used to determine the daily price of a Fund's units for purchases and redemptions by investors will be based on a Fund's valuation principles set out above, which may not be the same as the requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). Hence, the reported value of securities held by a Fund may differ from what is reported in the annual and interim financial statements.

## **CALCULATION OF NET ASSET VALUE**

The NAV of a Fund, as of any valuation time, is the market value of the Fund's assets, less its liabilities.

Note that the NAV for the Mackenzie USD US Mid Cap Opportunities Fund (the "US Dollar Fund") is calculated in U.S.

dollars, (together with other funds offered under a separate simplified prospectus whose NAV is calculated in U.S. Dollars, the "US Dollar Funds").

After the close of business on each trading day, a separate NAV for each series of units of each Fund will be calculated because management fees, administration fees and fund costs for each series are different.

For each series of each Fund, the NAV per security is calculated by

- adding up the series' proportionate share of the cash, portfolio securities and other assets of the Fund;
- subtracting the liabilities applicable to that series of units (which includes the series' proportionate share of common liabilities, plus liabilities directly attributable to the series); and
- dividing the net assets by the total number of units of that series owned by investors.

The NAV per security applied to purchase and redemption orders of units of each Fund will generally increase or decrease on each trading day as a result of changes in the value of the portfolio securities owned by the Fund. When distributions (other than management expense distributions) are declared by a series of a Fund, the NAV per security of that series will decrease by the per-security amount of the distributions on the payment date.

The NAV per security for purchases and redemptions of units of the Funds is the value first calculated after the receipt by us of all appropriate documents pertaining to a purchase or redemption order.

The NAV of each Fund and the NAV per security is available to the public, at no cost, by calling **1-800-387-0614**.

## **PURCHASES AND SWITCHES (EXCHANGES OF UNITS)**

#### **Purchase of Units**

Units of the Funds are sold only through independent financial advisors. The financial advisor you select is your agent to provide you with investment recommendations to meet your own risk/return objectives and to place orders on your behalf. We are not liable for the recommendations given to you by your financial advisor. Units of the Funds may be redeemed through your financial advisor or us.

There are four available purchase options for Series A, AR, T5 or T8 units (except as noted otherwise below):

- the sales charge purchase option, where you may be required to pay a negotiable sales charge to your dealer;
- the redemption charge purchase option, where we will pay your dealer a fixed commission on your behalf at the time of your purchase, and you may be required to pay a redemption charge to reimburse us for that commission if you redeem your units within seven (7) years;
- the low-load 2 purchase option, where we will pay your dealer a fixed commission on your behalf at the time of your purchase, and you may be required to pay a redemption charge to reimburse us for that commission if you redeem your units within two (2) years (this option is not available for the Maximum Diversification Funds); or
- the low-load 3 purchase option, where we will pay your dealer a fixed commission on your behalf at the time of your purchase, and you may be required to pay a redemption charge to reimburse us for that commission if you redeem your units within three (3) years.

Each of the latter three purchase options is a "Deferred Sales Charge purchase option". Please note all Deferred Sales Charge purchase options are not available for purchase on any applicable series of the Funds. Switching from securities of a Mackenzie Fund previously purchased under these Deferred Sales Charge purchase options to securities of the Funds, under the same purchase option, is available.

If you own Series A, T5 or T8 units that were purchased under a Deferred Sales Charge purchase option (and the series were not purchased as part of our Charitable Giving Program), we will automatically switch your units into the sales charge purchase option of the same series of the same Fund on the second Friday of the month following the expiry of your redemption fee schedule, subject to certain exceptions outlined in the paragraph below. In all cases where we are switching you within the same series, your management fees will not change.

Upon the automatic switch into the sales charge purchase option, the trailing commission paid to your dealer will be as set out in the "Dealer Compensation" section of the simplified prospectus. Note that the increase in trailing commission on the switch, as shown in the "Dealer Compensation" section of the simplified prospectus, would have increased in any case since, generally, the trailing commission automatically increases upon the completion of your redemption fee schedule to the equivalent amount of the trailing commission paid in respect of the sales charge purchase option of the applicable Fund.

There are no charges levied when we implement this switch.

The issue price of the units is based on the Fund's NAV for that series of units next calculated after your purchase order has been received in good order. We must receive the application form and money within two (2) trading days of receiving your purchase order (one (1) trading day for Mackenzie Canadian Money Market Fund).

If we have not received payment by the end of the (2nd) second trading day (first trading day for money market funds) after your purchase order is placed, we are required by law to redeem the units on the next trading day. If the amount received on the redemption exceeds what you would have paid for the units, the Fund must keep the surplus. However, if your purchase obligation exceeds the amount received on the redemption (which will occur if the Fund's NAV has declined since the date of your purchase order), you or your dealer will be required to pay the Fund the amount of the deficiency, plus any additional expenses of processing the redemption order. Your dealer may require you to pay this amount if you were the cause of the failed purchase order.

Details of the purchase options and instructions on how to submit a purchase order are set out in the simplified prospectus under the heading "Purchases, Switches and Redemptions".

Series D, F, F5, F8, FB, FB5, O, PW, PWR, PWFB, PWFB5, PWT5, PWT8, PWX and PWX8 units are not available under the Deferred Sales Charge purchase options. There is no sales charge to purchase Series F, F5, F8, FB, FB5, PWFB or PWFB5 units of the Funds; however, Series F, F5, F8, FB, FB5, PWFB and PWFB5 units are only available if you have already entered into a fee-for-service advisory agreement or wrap program arrangement with your dealer, under which you will pay fees directly to your dealer.

#### Compensation paid to your dealer

Your selection of purchase options will affect the level of compensation that your dealer is entitled to receive initially on the purchase transaction, and thereafter so long as you hold units in the Funds. More information on how we compensate dealers for the sale of the Funds is set out in the "Dealer Compensation" section of the simplified prospectus.

#### **How to Switch Units between Funds**

You can switch among the mutual fund units of Mackenzie Funds for which you are eligible by contacting your financial advisor, who will pass your instructions on to us. You should know the following information about switches:

- If you are in a Mackenzie Investments RDSP, you may only switch your Series AR or PWR units to Series AR or PWR units of another Fund.
- Your dealer can charge you a switch fee of up to 2% of the value of the units switched for the services that it provides to you on the exchange.

- If the units you want to switch were bought under a Deferred Sales Charge purchase option, your new units will have the same redemption charge schedule. If the new units are not available under a Deferred Sales Charge purchase option, you will have to pay any applicable redemption charges on the units you redeem before your new units are issued.
- Units of a Mackenzie Fund that you bought under a particular purchase option should only be switched for other units under that same purchase option (if available). If the units that you bought under a particular purchase option are not available in the Fund you want to switch to, then you may pay sales charges. If you follow these rules, you will avoid having to pay any unnecessary additional sales charges. Switches among purchase options are permitted under certain circumstances. Please read the simplified prospectus of the Funds.
- You may not switch units you bought under a particular type of Deferred Sales Charge purchase option to other units to be purchased under a different type of Deferred Sales Charge purchase option.
- Units you bought under the group fee option may only be switched for other units being purchased under the group fee option.
- The unit price on a switch of units is based on the Fund's first calculation of NAV for the series of units after your switch order has been received in good order.

## How to switch units from one series to another series within the same Fund

You can switch your units of a series of a Fund into units of another series of the same Fund by contacting your financial advisor, who will promptly pass your instructions on to us. You should know the following information about switches between series of the same Fund:

- You can switch units of another series of a Fund into Series D, F, F5, F8, FB, FB5, O, PW, PWFB, PWFB5, PWR, PWT5, PWT8, PWX and PWX8 units only if you are an eligible investor for those series of units. For a list of the categories of investors who are eligible to purchase these units, see the heading "Purchases, Switches and Redemptions" in the simplified prospectus. To determine your eligibility, consult your financial advisor.
- You can switch units of a series of a Fund into Series O, PW, PWFB, PWFB5, PWR, PWT5, PWT8, PWX and PWX8 units of the same Fund if you qualify to purchase those series of units.
- Before switching any Series A, AR, T5 or T8 units into Series D, F, F5, F8, FB, FB5, O, PW, PWFB, PWFB5, PWR, PWT5, PWT8, PWX and PWX8, units, you will have to pay any applicable redemption charges if you purchased those units under a Deferred Sales Charge purchase option because Series D, F, F5, F8, FB, FB5, O, PW, PWFB, PWFB5, PWR, PWT5, PWT8, PWX, and, PWX8 units are available only on a sales-charge purchase-option basis.

- If you switch Series A, AR, T5 or T8 units bought under a particular type of Deferred Sales Charge purchase option to Series A, AR. T5 or T8 units of the same purchase option, your new units will have the same redemption charge schedule. If you remain within the same purchase option, you will avoid having to pay any unnecessary additional sales charges.
- Prior to the expiry of the applicable Deferred Sales Charge purchase option schedule, switches are not permitted between Series A, AR, T5 or T8 units purchased under the sales charge purchase option and Series A, AR, T5 or T8 units purchased under a Deferred Sales Charge purchase option of the same Fund, other than redemption charge units eligible for the free redemption amount as described under "How to Redeem Units"
- In addition, once the redemption charge schedule is complete, your redemption charge units may be switched to sales charge units or another available series of units without increased costs to you. Your dealer is paid a higher trailing commission on sales charge units and may be paid a higher trailing commission if your redemption charge units are switched into another available series of units. Switches are also not permitted between Series A, AR, T5 or T8 units purchased under the low-load 2 purchase option or low-load 3 purchase option and Series A, AR, T5 or T8 units purchased under the redemption charge purchase option.

You are also permitted to make switches among purchase options in accordance with our policies and procedures, which are non-taxable.

The following Table 2 summarizes which switch transactions will be taxable to you if your units are held outside a registered plan.

Table 2: Taxable switches if units held outside a registered plan

Type of Switch	Taxable	Non-Taxable
From any series and/or purchase option to any other series and/or purchase option of the same Fund		<b>√</b>
All other switches	✓	

#### Delivery of Fund Facts, prospectuses, statements and reports

We or your financial advisor or dealer will send you

- Fund Facts, and any amendments, other than as set out below:
- confirmation statements when you purchase, switch or redeem units of your Fund;
- account statements:
- at your request, the simplified prospectus, annual audited financial statements and/or semi-annual unaudited financial statements for a Fund and/or Fund annual management

- reports of fund performance and/or interim management reports of fund performance; and
- if your Fund paid a distribution, T3 tax slips annually (Quebec residents will also receive a Réleve 16), unless your units are held in a registered plan.

You should retain all your confirmations and account statements to assist with the preparation of your tax return and calculations of the adjusted cost base of your units for tax purposes. Please note that each of these documents is also available to you electronically at www.mackenzieinvestments.com through InvestorAccess (you must register for this service).

## Exemption from delivery of Fund Facts requirement for investors in our Portfolio Architecture Service

Before you enrol in our Portfolio Architecture Service ("PAS"), your dealer will deliver or send you a copy of the Fund Facts for the Funds in the model portfolio you have chosen. Upon request, you will also be provided with a copy of the Funds' simplified prospectus.

Following your initial investment in the PAS, you will not receive any subsequent Fund Facts for the series of the Fund(s) you are invested in, provided that your dealer sends you a notice advising you that (i) except when there is a new Fund(s) introduced as part of your model portfolio, you will not receive the Fund Facts after the date of the notice unless you subsequently request that it be provided; (ii) upon your request, and at no cost, you are entitled to receive the most recently filed Fund Facts by calling us toll-free at 1-800-387-0614, by e-mailing us at service@mackenzieinvestments.com, or by sending your request by mail to our address set out in the Fund Facts or simplified prospectus provided to you; (iii) you can also obtain copies of the Fund Facts at www.sedar.com or at our website address at www.mackenzieninvestments.com; (iv) you will not have a statutory right to withdraw from purchases made for asset class changes. permitted range changes and rebalancing trades (each as described in the PAS Agreement), but you will continue to have a right of action in the event there is a misrepresentation in the simplified prospectus or in any document incorporated by reference in the prospectus; and (v) you may terminate the PAS Agreement at any time. You will also be reminded annually as to how you can request the most recently filed Fund Facts.

# Exemption from delivery of Fund Facts requirement for investors who are switched between Retail Series units and Private Wealth Series units

The Fund Facts document for each Retail Series (defined below) has been consolidated with its corresponding Private Wealth Series Fund Facts Document (the "Consolidated Fund Facts"). Each Consolidated Fund Facts document contains information about both the Retail Series and its corresponding Private Wealth Series, including the fee decreases applicable to the Private Wealth Series. When you initially purchase Retail Series or Private Wealth Series units of a Fund, you will receive the Consolidated Fund Facts for the

series of the Fund. However, if you hold Retail Series units and subsequently qualify for the corresponding Private Wealth Series units, as applicable, which have lower combined management and administration fees, we will switch you into the applicable lower fee series and you will not receive another Consolidated Fund Facts document for the lower-fee series. If you hold Private Wealth Series securities and subsequently cease to qualify for that series, we will switch you into the corresponding Retail Series, which have higher combined management and administration fees and you will not receive another Consolidated Fund Facts document for the higher series. However, you may request, at no cost, that we send you the most recently filed Fund Facts for the relevant series by calling us toll-1-800-387-0614, free at e-mailing us by

service@mackenzieinvestments.com, or by sending your request by mail to our address set out in the Fund Facts or simplified prospectus provided to you. You can also obtain copies of the Fund Facts at www.sedar.com at our website address www.mackenzieninvestments.com. You will not have a statutory right to withdraw from an agreement of purchase and sale in respect of a purchase of Private Wealth Series units made pursuant to the automatic switch, but you will continue to have a right of action for damages or rescission in the event any Fund Facts or document incorporated by reference into a simplified prospectus for the relevant series contains a misrepresentation, whether or not you request the Fund Facts

### **HOW TO REDEEM UNITS**

#### **Redemption of Units**

The instructions for submitting an order to redeem your units are set out in the simplified prospectus under the heading "Purchases, Switches and Redemptions".

The amount that you will receive for your redemption order is based on the Fund's NAV for that series of units next calculated after your redemption order has been received in good order. In the case of a US Dollar Fund, the amount you will receive will be in U.S. dollars. Your redemption order must be in writing or, if you have made arrangements with your dealer, by electronic means through your dealer. If you have a security certificate, you must present the certificate at the time of your redemption request. To protect you from fraud, for redemptions above certain dollar amounts, your signature on your redemption order (and certificate, if applicable) must be guaranteed by one of a bank, trust company, member of a recognized stock exchange or any other organization satisfactory to us.

At times, it may be more convenient for you to telephone us directly to place a redemption order for your Mackenzie Investments account. Our telephone number is **1-800-387-0614**. Your financial advisor can give you our Telephone Redemption Service application form. This service is not available to redeem units of any Fund held in a registered plan or for units in accounts held in your dealer's or other intermediary's name. We recommend that you always consult your financial advisor before placing a redemption order. Your redemption proceeds will be transferred electronically to your bank account. There is no charge for the Telephone Redemption Service.

If you request more than one redemption at a time, your redemption requests will be processed in the order in which they are received. Redemption orders involving transfers to or from registered plans may be delayed until all administrative procedures involved with registered plans are complete.

If we do not receive everything we need to complete your redemption order within ten (10) trading days after the redemption

date, under securities law, we are required on that tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) trading day to purchase the same number of units that you redeemed. We will apply your redemption proceeds to the payment required for those units. If the NAV per security has decreased since the redemption date, the Fund must keep the excess proceeds. If the NAV per security has increased since that date, you or your dealer will be required to pay the Fund the deficiency and any additional expenses of processing the repurchase order. Your dealer may require you to pay this amount if you were the cause of the failed redemption order.

If the market value of your investment no longer meets the specified minimum investment required because you redeem units, we may, at our discretion, redeem your units, close your account and return the proceeds of the redemption to you.

We will not redeem your units if their value drops below the specified minimum investment requirement as a result of a decline in the NAV per security rather than a redemption of your units.

#### Sales charge purchase option

If you paid your dealer a sales charge at the time of purchase, there is no charge to redeem your units.

#### **Deferred Sales Charge purchase options**

If you bought your Series A, AR, T5 or T8 units under a Deferred Sales Charge purchase option, then you did not pay your dealer a sales charge at the time of purchase. Instead, we paid that sales charge to your dealer on your behalf. Therefore, if you redeem your units

- within seven (7) years of their issue date, in the case of redemption charge units;
- within two (2) years of their issue date, in the case of units purchased under low-load 2 purchase option; or
- within three (3) years of their issue date, in the case of units purchased under low-load 3 purchase option;

then, to compensate us for that payment, you may be required to pay us a redemption charge based on the percentages set out in the simplified prospectus under the heading "Fees and Expenses". Some redemptions may be made without a redemption charge, as described under "Free redemption amount" below.

Please note that for the Funds, the Deferred Sales Charge purchase options are only available if you are switching from another Mackenzie Fund offered under a separate simplified prospectus.

If you own Series A, T5 or T8 units that were purchased under a Deferred Sales Charge purchase option (and the series were not purchased as part of our Charitable Giving Program), we will automatically switch your units into the sales charge purchase option of the same series of the same Fund on the second Friday of the month following the expiry of your redemption fee schedule, subject to certain exceptions outlined in the paragraph below. In all cases where we are switching you within the same series, your management fees will not change.

In all cases where we are switching you into a different series of a Fund, your management fees will be reduced. See the "Fees and Expenses" section of the simplified prospectus.

Upon the automatic switch into the sales charge purchase option, the trailing commission paid to your dealer will be as shown in the "Dealer Compensation" section of the simplified prospectus. Note that the increase in trailing commission on the switch as shown in the "Dealer Compensation" section of the simplified prospectus would have increased in any case since, generally, the trailing commission automatically increases, upon the completion of your redemption fee schedule, to the equivalent amount of the trailing commission paid in respect of the sales charge purchase option of the applicable Fund.

There are no charges levied when we implement this switch.

Please note that Series D, F, F5, F8, FB, FB5, O, PW, PWFB, PWFB5, PWR, PWT5, PWT8, PWX and PWX8 units are not available under any Deferred Sales Charge purchase option.

We follow the principles listed below to reduce your redemption charges for all Series A, AR, T5 or T8 units that you purchased under a Deferred Sales Charge purchase option:

- we will always redeem any available free redemption amounts first:
- then, we will redeem those units you purchased the earliest;
- we will give those of your units acquired as an automatic reinvestment of Fund distributions the same date of issue as the units on which the distribution was paid; and
- units that you switch will be given the same date of issue as the units that you owned before the switch, except,
  - if you are redeeming Series AR units that were purchased under a Deferred Sales Charge purchase option through a regular investment plan (such as a

PAC), and your Series AR units were switched from another series, currently, the redemption charge rate may be determined on an annual basis, such that, for each year that you owned the original series, we may deem the date of your first purchase of the series in that year as the "original purchase date" for all series purchased in that year; and

• if the switch is not between units purchased under the same purchase option, the units switched will be dated as of the date of the switch.

If you want to know more about the calculation of redemption charges, call your financial advisor or us.

#### Free redemption amount

If you hold Series A, AR, T5 or T8 units of a Fund purchased under a Deferred Sales Charge purchase option you can redeem the following amounts of those series of units of a Fund each calendar year without paying a redemption charge (the "free redemption amount"):

- up to 10% of the market value of the units of a Fund which you owned as of December 31 of the previous calendar year; plus
- up to 10% of the cost of any new purchases of those units of that Fund in the current calendar year before the redemption order; less
- any cash dividends or distributions from the Fund that you received on the units of that Fund in the current year.

If your free redemptions plus cash dividends or distributions received exceed your free redemption amount in a given year, the excess will carry forward to reduce your free redemption amount in the following year. You cannot carry forward any unused portion of the free redemption amount to another year. Some investors may not be eligible to receive the free redemption amount if they switched units of other Mackenzie Funds without a free redemption right into units of the Funds. Refer to the simplified prospectus and annual information form of the Mackenzie Funds originally purchased to determine whether you are eligible.

#### Suspension of redemption rights

We may suspend the redemption of units of a Fund or may postpone the date of payment upon redemption

during any period when normal trading is suspended on a stock exchange, options exchange or futures exchange within or outside Canada on which securities are listed and traded, or on which specified derivatives are traded, which represent more than 50%, by value or underlying market exposure, of the total assets of the Fund without allowance for liabilities, and if those portfolio securities or specified derivatives are not traded on any other exchange that represents a reasonably practical alternative for the Fund, or  with the prior permission of the Ontario Securities Commission (the "OSC").

For the purposes of making this determination, the Fund will also be considered to own directly the securities owned by any Underlying Fund whose securities are owned by the Fund.

During any period of suspension, there will be no calculation of the NAV for any series of units of the Fund, and the Fund will not be permitted to issue, redeem or switch any units.

The issue, redemption and switch of units and the calculation of the NAV for each series of units will resume.

- if the suspension resulted from the suspension of normal trading on one or more exchanges, when normal trading resumes on these exchanges, or
- if the suspension occurred with the prior permission of the OSC, when the OSC declares the suspension ended.

In the event of a suspension,

 if you have placed a purchase order for a series of units of the Fund, you may either withdraw the purchase order prior

- to termination of the suspension or receive units of the series based on the series NAV per security next calculated after the termination of the suspension; and
- if you have requested the redemption or switch of units of the Fund, but the redemption or switch proceeds cannot be calculated because of the suspension, you may either withdraw your request prior to termination of the suspension or,
  - in the case of redemption, receive payment based on the series NAV per security, less the applicable redemption charge, if any, next calculated after the termination of the suspension; or
  - in the case of a switch, have the units switched on the basis of the series NAV per security next calculated after the termination of the suspension.

If we have received your redemption request and the redemption proceeds have been calculated prior to a suspension, but payment of the redemption proceeds has not yet been made, the Fund will pay your redemption proceeds to you during the suspension period.

### RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUND OPERATIONS

#### **Management Services**

We are the manager, trustee and transfer agent/registrar of each of the Funds. You may contact us concerning the Funds or your accounts at:

Mackenzie Financial Corporation 180 Queen Street West Toronto, Ontario M5V 3K1 Telephone: 1-800-387-0614 Fax: 1-416-922-5660

Website: <a href="www.mackenzieinvestments.com">www.mackenzieinvestments.com</a></a>
E-mail: <a href="mailto:service@mackenzieinvestments.com">service@mackenzieinvestments.com</a>

The documents comprising each Fund's permanent information record and the registers of investors of each of the Funds are maintained at our office in Toronto.

In our capacity as manager of the Funds, we provide the staff necessary to conduct the Funds' day-to-day operations under the terms of the Master Management Agreement described under "Master Management Agreement". The services that we provide to the Funds, as manager, include the following:

- in-house portfolio managers or arranging for external subadvisors to manage the Funds' portfolios;
- arranging fund administration services to process portfolio trades and to provide daily calculations of the value of the

- Funds' portfolio securities, the NAV of the Funds, and the NAV per security for each series of the Funds;
- transfer agent/registrar personnel to process purchase, switch and redemption orders;
- promoting the sales of each Fund's units through independent financial advisors in each province and territory of Canada;
- customer service personnel to respond to dealer and investor enquiries concerning investor accounts; and
- all other support personnel to ensure that the Funds' operations are conducted in an efficient manner.

From time to time, we engage outside parties as agents to assist us in providing management and administrative services to the Funds. As manager of the Funds, we determine the terms of engagement and compensation payable by the Funds to those agents. We have also engaged CIBC Mellon Global Securities Services Company and CIBC Mellon Trust Company ("CIBC Mellon") as Fund Administrator. For more information about CIBC, please see "Fund Administrator".

B2B Trustco is the trustee of the registered plans sponsored by us.

#### **Directors and executive officers of Mackenzie Investments**

The names, municipalities of residence and principal occupations during the preceding five years of each of the directors and executive officers of Mackenzie Investments are set out in Table 3 and Table 4.

**Table 3: Directors of Mackenzie Investments** 

Name and municipality of residence	Position
Naomi Andjelic Bartlett Burlington, Ontario	Director of Mackenzie Investments, and Senior Vice-President and Chief Compliance Officer, IGM Financial Inc. <sup>1</sup>
	Previously, Vice-President Compliance, Scotiabank (August 2018-August 2021) and prior thereto, Director, Compliance, Global Banking & Markets and Treasury, Scotiabank.
Earl Bederman Toronto, Ontario	Director of Mackenzie Investments; retired Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Investor Economics Inc.
Karen L. Gavan Toronto, Ontario	Director of Mackenzie Investments; retired Director, President and Chief Executive Officer of Economical Mutual Insurance Company
Luke Gould Winnipeg, Manitoba	Director, Chairman, President, Chief Executive Officer and Ultimate Designated Person of Mackenzie Investments
	Previously Executive Vice-President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer of Mackenzie Investments, IGM Financial Inc.¹ and Investors Group Inc.²; Director of Investors Group Financial Services Inc.² and Investors Group Securities Inc.;
Nancy McCuaig Winnipeg, Manitoba	Director of Mackenzie Investments and Senior Vice-President, Technology Architecture and Information Security, IGM Financial Inc. <sup>1</sup>
	Previously, Senior Vice-President, Chief Technology and Data Office, IGM Financial Inc. <sup>1</sup> (2018-2021) and prior thereto, Senior Vice- President, Head of IT, Investors Group Inc. <sup>2</sup>
Subhas Sen Toronto, Ontario	Director of Mackenzie Investments and Senior Vice-President, Head of Business Operations at Mackenzie Investments

**Table 4: Executive Officers of Mackenzie Investments** 

Name and municipality of residence	Position
Kristi Ashcroft Toronto, Ontario	Executive Vice-President, Products & Solutions, Mackenzie Investments;
	previously, Senior Vice-President, Head of Product
Chris Boyle Toronto, Ontario	Senior Vice-President, Institutional of Mackenzie Investments;

Name and municipality of residence	Position
Gary Chateram Toronto, Ontario	Senior Vice-President, Co-Head of Retail of Mackenzie Investments,
	Previously, District Vice-President, Retail Sales of Mackenzie Investments; and prior thereto, Vice-President, Institutional Sales of Fidelity Investments Canada ULC (October 2010-February 2020)
Michael Cooke Toronto, Ontario	Senior Vice-President, Head of Exchange Traded Funds of Mackenzie Investments;
Cynthia Currie Toronto, Ontario	Executive Vice-President and Chief Human Resources Officer of IGM Financial Inc. <sup>1</sup> .
	Previously, Vice-President, Corporate Services & Investments, Sun Life Financial, Inc.
Michael Dibden Toronto, Ontario	Executive Vice-President, Chief Operating Officer of IGM Financial Inc. <sup>1</sup> , Mackenzie Investments and Investors Group Inc. <sup>2</sup> ;
	previously, Senior Vice-President, Technology, CIBC
Ryan Dickey Toronto, Ontario	Senior Vice-President, Co-Head of Retail of Mackenzie Investments,
	Previously, Regional Vice-President, Retail Sales of Mackenzie Investments; and prior thereto Senior Vice-President, Sales and District Sales Manager
Rhonda Goldberg Toronto, Ontario	Executive Vice-President and General Counsel of IGM Financial Inc. <sup>1</sup> and Mackenzie Investments;
	previously, Senior Vice President, Client and Regulatory Affairs of IGM Financial Inc. <sup>1</sup> and Mackenzie Investments
Steven Locke Toronto, Ontario	Senior Vice-President, Chief Investment Officer, Fixed Income and Mult-Asset Strategies of Mackenzie Investments;
	previously, Senior Vice-President, Investment Management of Mackenzie Investments
Lesley Marks Toronto, Ontario	Senior Vice-President, Chief Investment Officer, Equities of Mackenzie Investments
	previously, Chief Investment Officer and Head of Investment Management of BMO Private Wealth; Chief Investment Strategist of BMO Private Investment Counsel; and Chief Investment Officer and Portfolio Manager of BMO Global Asset Management
Douglas Milne Toronto, Ontario	Executive Vice-President, Chief Marketing Officer of Mackenzie Investments, IGM Financial Inc.¹ and Investors Group Inc.²;
	previously, Vice-President, Marketing, TD Bank Group; and Vice-President, Marketing, Cara Operations
Keith Potter Winnipeg, Manitoba	Executive Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer of Mackenzie Investments, IGM Financial Inc.¹ and Investors Group Inc.²; Director of Investors Group Financial Services Inc.² and Investors Group Securities Inc.

Name and municipality of residence	Position
Terry Rountes Woodbridge, Ontario	Vice-President, Fund Services and Chief Financial Officer, Mackenzie Funds and IG Wealth Funds of Investors Group Inc. <sup>2</sup>
Fate Saghir Toronto, Ontario	Senior Vice-President, Head of Sustainable Investing of Mackenzie Investments;
	previously, Vice-President, Market Strategy, Research and Innovation of Mackenzie Investments
Gillian Seidler Toronto, Ontario	Vice-President, Compliance and Chief Compliance Officer of Mackenzie Investments, Chief Compliance Officer of I.G. Investment Management Ltd. <sup>2</sup> and Mackenzie Investments Corporation <sup>3</sup> ;
	previously, Vice-President, Compliance, Mackenzie Investments, and prior thereto Assistant Vice-President, Compliance of Mackenzie Investments

#### **NOTES**

- Our parent company.
- 2. An affiliate of ours.
- 3. Our subsidiary.

### **Portfolio Management Services**

We are the portfolio manager for the Funds and we manage the portfolio investments directly.

Each of the portfolio managers has primary responsibility for the investment advice given to the accounts that he/she manages or comanages. On a continuing basis, each portfolio manager evaluates the accounts for which he/she has responsibility, including the percentage that is invested in a type of security generally or in a particular security, diversification of holdings among industries and, in general, the makeup of the account.

We also provide portfolio management services to other mutual funds and private accounts. If the availability of any particular portfolio security is limited and that security is appropriate for the investment objective of more than one mutual fund or private account, the securities will be allocated among them on a *pro rata* basis or other equitable basis having regard to whether the security is currently held in any of the portfolios, the relevant size and rate of growth of the accounts and any other factors that we consider reasonable.

The table below describes the portfolio manager and its principal location and, the lead portfolio managers for each Fund, their years of service with that firm and their most recent five (5) years' business experience.

#### **Mackenzie Financial Corporation, Toronto, Ontario**

Table 5 identifies the individuals who are principally responsible for portfolio investment for each Fund.

Table 5: Portfolio Manager of Mackenzie Financial Corporation

Name and title	Fund	With the firm since	Principal occupation in the last 5 years
Sonny Aggarwal, Vice-President, Investment Management	Mackenzie USD US Mid Cap Opportunities Fund	2014	Since January 2019, Portfolio Manager. Prior thereto, Associate Portfolio Manager
Philip Taller, Senior Vice-President, Investment Management	Mackenzie USD US Mid Cap Opportunities Fund	2011	Portfolio Manager
Benoit Gervais, Senior Vice-President, Investment Management	Mackenzie Inflation-Focused Fund	2001	Portfolio Manager
Onno Rutten, Vice-President, Investment Management	Mackenzie Inflation-Focused Fund	2011	Portfolio Manager
Konstantin Boehmer, Senior Vice-President & Co-Lead Fixed Income, Investment Management	Mackenzie Inflation-Focused Fund	2013	Portfolio Manager
Jeff Li, Vice-President, Investment Management	Mackenzie Inflation-Focused Fund	2014	Portfolio Manager. Since 2019, Associate Portfolio Manager of the Manager; prior thereto, Senior Investment Analyst of the Manager (2017-2019) and Quantitative Research Analyst of the Manager (2015- 2017)

Name and title	Fund	With the firm since	Principal occupation in the last 5 years
Felix Wong, Vice-President, Investment Management	Mackenzie Inflation-Focused Fund	2008	Portfolio Manager

#### **Brokerage Arrangements**

Investment portfolio brokerage transactions for the Funds are arranged by us as manager/portfolio manager through a large number of brokerage firms. Brokerage fees for the Funds are usually paid at the most favourable rates available to us or the respective portfolio managers based on their respective entire volumes of Fund trading as managers and/or portfolio managers of significant mutual fund and other assets and subject to the rules of the appropriate stock exchange. Many of the brokerage firms who carry out brokerage transactions for the Funds may also sell units of those Funds to their clients.

From time to time, we also allocate brokerage transactions to compensate brokerage firms for general investment research (including provision of industry and company analysis, economic reports, statistical data pertaining to the capital markets, portfolio reports and portfolio analytics), trading data and other services that assist in carrying out investment decision-making services to the Funds for the portfolio management services that we provide. Such transactions will be allocated with appropriate regard to the principles of a reasonable brokerage fee, benefit to the Funds and best execution of the brokerage transactions. We will attempt to allocate the Funds' brokerage business on an equitable basis, bearing in mind the above principles. We are not under a contractual obligation to allocate brokerage business to any specific brokerage firm. Other than fundon-fund investments for certain Mackenzie Funds, brokerage transactions are not carried out through us or any companies that are affiliated with us.

Certain third-party companies, as well as brokerage firms, provided certain services to us and certain sub-advisors in connection with the Funds, and contributions were paid for by the Funds (also known as "soft dollars"), including the provision of industry and company analysis, economic reports, statistical data pertaining to the capital markets, portfolio reports and portfolio analytics. For more information and to obtain the name of these companies, you can 1-800-387-0614 contact us at by email service@mackenzieinvestments.com. Please note that we face a potential conflict of interest by obtaining services using soft dollars. This conflict exists because we are able to use these services to manage the Funds without paying cash for these services. This reduces our expenses to the extent that we would have paid for these services directly had they not been paid for using soft dollars. Certain Funds may generate soft dollars used to purchase services that ultimately benefit other Mackenzie Funds or other accounts managed by the sub-advisors, for which we, or the applicable sub-advisor, provides portfolio management services, effectively cross-subsidizing the other Funds or accounts that benefit directly from the service. For instance, fixed-income funds normally do not generate soft dollars to pay for products. Therefore, where services used to manage fixed-income funds are paid for using soft dollars, the soft dollars have been generated entirely by equity funds. In other words, the fixed-income funds receive the benefit of these services even though they have been paid for by the equity funds.

#### Trustee

We are the trustee of the Funds. With certain exceptions, under the Declarations of Trust for most of the Funds, the trustee may resign or may be removed by the manager upon 90 days' notice. Pursuant to the Declarations for these Funds, where the trustee resigns, is removed or is otherwise incapable of acting, the manager can appoint a successor trustee. Prior written notice and investor approval of the appointment of a successor trustee is not required if we resign in favour of an affiliate. See also "Voting rights and changes requiring investor approval".

#### Custodian

Pursuant to a Master Custodian Agreement (as defined below) between us, on behalf of the Funds, and Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce ("CIBC"), Toronto, Ontario, CIBC has agreed to act as custodian for the Funds. For more information about the Master Custodian Agreement, see "Master Custodian Agreement".

The custodian receives and holds all cash, portfolio securities and other assets of each Fund for safekeeping and will act upon our instructions with respect to the investment and reinvestment of each Fund's assets from time to time. Under the terms of the custodian agreement and subject to the requirements of the Canadian Securities Administrators, the custodian may appoint one or more subcustodians to facilitate effecting portfolio transactions outside of Canada. The fees for custody safekeeping services are calculated on an individual-Fund basis according to that Fund's cash and securities on deposit with the custodian and paid by us out of the administration fee it receives from the Funds, except Mackenzie Gold Bullion Fund (offered under a separate simplified prospectus), which pays its own custody safekeeping fees. The fees for securities transactions are calculated on an individual-Fund basis according to the portfolio security transactions undertaken for the Fund and are paid by the Funds.

#### **Securities Lending Agents**

We, on behalf of the Funds, have entered into a Securities Lending Authorization Agreement dated May 6, 2005, as amended, with CIBC of Toronto, Ontario, the custodian of the Funds and The Bank of New York Mellon ("BNY Mellon") of New York, New York (the "Securities Lending Agreement"). The securities lending agents are not our affiliate or our associate.

The Securities Lending Agreement appoints and authorizes CIBC and BNY Mellon to act as agent for securities lending transactions for those Funds that engage in securities lending and to execute, in the applicable Fund's name and on its behalf, securities lending agreements with borrowers in accordance with NI 81-102. The Securities Lending Agreement requires that the collateral received by a Fund in a securities lending transaction must generally have a market value of 105%, but never less than 102%, of the value of the securities loaned. Under the Securities Lending Agreement, CIBC and BNY Mellon agree to indemnify us from certain losses incurred in connection with its failure to perform any of its obligations under the Securities Lending Agreement. The Securities Lending Agreement may be terminated at any time at the option of either party upon 30 days' prior notice to the other party.

#### Lenders

We, on behalf of the Funds, have entered into prime brokerage documentation with BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc. and Scotia Capital Inc.,

dated April 27, 2018, as amended (each, a "Prime Broker Agreement"). Pursuant to the terms of the Prime Broker Agreements, the Fund may borrow money from BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc. and/or Scotia Capital Inc. for investment purposes in accordance with its investment objectives and strategies.

Neither BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc. nor Scotia Capital Inc. is an affiliate or associate of Mackenzie

#### **Fund Administrator**

CIBC Mellon Global Securities Services Company and CIBC Mellon Trust Company are collectively the Fund Administrator. The Fund Administrator is responsible for certain aspects of the day-to-day administration of the Funds, including NAV calculations and fund accounting.

### **Independent Review Committee**

For information on the Mackenzie Funds' Independent Review Committee and the role it fulfils with respect to the Funds, see "Mackenzie Funds' Independent Review Committee".

#### **Auditor**

The auditor of the Funds is Deloitte LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, Toronto, Ontario.

## **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

#### **Principal Holders of Units**

#### **Shares of Mackenzie Investments**

IGM Financial Inc., Winnipeg, Canada indirectly owns all of the outstanding voting shares of Mackenzie Investments. As of July 31, 2022, Power Financial Corporation beneficially owned, directly and indirectly, 157,132,080 common shares of IGM Financial Inc. representing 66.117% of the outstanding voting shares of IGM Financial Inc. (excluding 0.022% held by The Canada Life Assurance Company in its segregated funds or for similar purposes). Power Corporation of Canada directly owned 100% of the outstanding voting shares of Power Financial Corporation. The Desmarais Family Residuary Trust, a trust for the benefit of the members of the family of the late Mr. Paul G. Desmarais, has voting control, directly and indirectly, of Power Corporation of Canada.

#### **Directors and Executive Officers of Mackenzie Investments**

As of July 31, 2022, the directors and executive officers of Mackenzie Investments beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, in aggregate, less than 1% of the common shares of IGM Financial Inc. and less than 1% of the common shares of any service provider to Mackenzie Investments or the Funds.

#### **Independent Review Committee**

As of July 31, 2022, the members of the independent review committee beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, in aggregate, less than 1% of the common shares of IGM Financial Inc. and less than 1% of the common shares of any service provider to us or the Funds.

#### Units of the Funds

As at the date of this annual information form, we or an officer of Mackenzie owns, beneficially and of record, units of the Funds as follows:

Table 6: Mackenzie ownership of units of the Funds

Fund	Series	Number of units	Percentage of Units of the Series Owned
Mackenzie USD US Mid Cap Opportunities Fund	А	15,000	100%
Mackenzie Inflation-Focused Fund	Α	15,000	100%

As the Funds are new, the investment by us in these units of the Funds represents the initial investment in the Funds and may be redeemed in accordance with the regulatory requirements only when a Fund has investments of at least \$500,000 by investors not affiliated with us.

## Investments by mutual funds and segregated funds managed by Mackenzie Investments and its affiliates

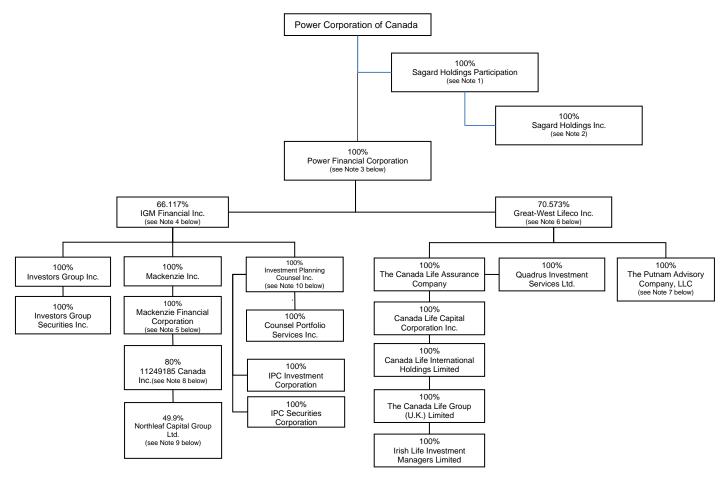
Mutual funds and segregated funds managed by us and our affiliates, or other investors at our discretion, may invest in Series R or Series S units. As these series are intended solely for investment by these investors as a means to ensure that there is no duplication of fees payable to us, they will generally not pay sales charges, redemption fees or management fees. Up to 100% of Series R or Series S units of the Funds may be owned by one or more of these investors. Therefore, these investors may own (individually or collectively) more than 10% of all the outstanding units of a Fund.

#### **Affiliated Entities**

As of the date of this annual information form, no person or company which is an "affiliated entity" to us (as this term is defined in the form requirement under National Instrument 81-101) provides services to the Funds or to us in relation to the Funds, other than the companies listed below. The amount of fees received from the Funds by any "affiliated entity" is contained in the audited financial statements of the Funds.

As disclosed above under "Directors and executive officers of Mackenzie Investments", in addition to being our senior officers, certain individuals also serve as senior officers of other affiliated entities, including Investors Group Inc.

The following diagram describes the relevant corporate relationships within the Power Group of Companies, as of July 31, 2022:



#### NOTES:

- Sagard Holdings Participation is 100% owned by Power Corporation of Canada.
- Sagard Holdings Inc. is 100% owned by Sagard Holdings Participation.
- Power Corporation of Canada directly controls 100% of Power Financial Corporation.
- 4. Power Financial Corporation, directly and indirectly, owns 66.117% (excluding 0.022% held by The Canada Life Assurance Company in its segregated funds or for similar purposes).
- Non-voting common and non-voting participating shares have also been issued.
- 6. Power Corporation of Canada indirectly controls 70.573% (including 4.007% held directly and indirectly by IGM Financial Inc.) of the

- outstanding common shares of Great-West Lifeco Inc., representing approximately 65% of all voting rights attached to all outstanding voting shares of Great-West Lifeco Inc.
- 7. Indirectly owned by Great-West Lifeco Inc.
- Mackenzie Financial Corporation owns 80% of the outstanding shares. Great-West Lifeco Inc. owns 20% of the outstanding shares. GP of Armstrong LP.
- 11249185 Canada Inc. has 49.9% non-controlling voting interest in Northleaf Capital Group Ltd.
- 10. IGM Financial Inc. owns 95.22% (the remaining 4.78% is owned by IPC Management.)

## **FUND GOVERNANCE**

#### Mackenzie Investments

As the manager of the Funds, we are under a statutory duty imposed by the *Securities Act* (Ontario) to act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of all of our managed Mackenzie Funds, and

to exercise the degree of care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in the same circumstances.

Our Board of Directors is responsible for overseeing our compliance with that statutory duty owed to the Mackenzie Funds.

The Board of Directors operates in accordance with the provisions of a Unanimous Shareholders Agreement (the "USA") entered into by our shareholders. Pursuant to the USA, the Board generally supervises our functions as the manager of the Funds. Mackenzie Inc., the sole voting shareholder, has oversight responsibilities for all other matters related to us, including corporate governance, operating results, financial and strategic planning, product strategy, compensation and personnel decisions and overall corporate level risk management.

In addition, we have appointed an IRC, which reviews potential conflicts of interest matters referred to it by our management.

#### **Board of Directors of Mackenzie Investments**

Our Board is currently comprised of six directors, two of whom are independent of us and our subsidiaries and affiliates and four of whom are members of management. The Board's mandate is for the most part limited to fund governance matters through the operation of the USA and oversees us in fulfilling our obligations in our role as the manager and trustee of the Mackenzie Funds.

The Board performs its role through the following activities:

- approving the offering documents of new funds;
- supervises our activities in respect of our obligations in managing the Mackenzie Funds, which are based on laws and regulations, the constating documents of the Mackenzie Funds and the continuous disclosure documents of the Mackenzie funds (such as simplified prospectuses, annual information forms, Fund Facts documents, management reports of fund performance, etc.). The Board has also created sub-committees to review simplified prospectuses, information circulars and other continuous disclosure documents prepared for investors and potential investors;
- meets at least quarterly and reviews policies adopted by us and reports relating to our compliance with those policies, including policies relating to conflicts of interest as required by NI 81-107. The principal policies include valuation of portfolio securities for the Mackenzie Funds, the use of derivative instruments by the Mackenzie Funds, the use of securities lending by the Mackenzie Funds, short selling, proxy-voting policies for the Mackenzie Funds, the allocation of trades on behalf of the Mackenzie Funds and the restrictions imposed on personal trading by officers and others with access to the Mackenzie Funds' trading activities (which are contained in the Business Conduct Policy). The restrictions on personal trading comply with the standards for the mutual fund industry set by the Investment Funds Institute of Canada. Compliance monitoring with respect to these and other policies is carried out on an ongoing basis by the staff of our Legal and Compliance Departments, who report to the Board on a regular basis;

- receives reports regarding the compliance of the Mackenzie Funds with their investment objectives and strategies, and securities legislation generally;
- reviews performance of the Mackenzie Funds. In this capacity, it receives regular reports from management with respect to the performance of the Mackenzie Funds and reviews with management the performance of specific portfolio managers and sub-advisors. However, the ultimate decisions regarding appointing or replacing specific portfolio managers or sub-advisors are the responsibility of management and overseen by Mackenzie Inc.;
- reviews proposals regarding material changes to the Mackenzie Funds and any continuous disclosure in respect of those changes;
- receives regular reports on, and reviews with management the operations of, the Mackenzie Funds. This includes oversight of fund valuation processes, the transfer agency function, and the information systems used to support these operations. The Board also reviews material services provided by third party suppliers;
- reviews all financial reporting by the Mackenzie Funds, including the interim and annual financial statements and management reports of fund performance;
- meets with the Mackenzie Funds' auditors regularly to discuss the financial reporting of the Mackenzie Funds and specific accounting issues that may arise and the effect of specific events on the Mackenzie Funds' financial position.
   The Board also reviews with management and with the Mackenzie Funds' auditor the adoption of specific accounting policies;
- receives reports from management with respect to our compliance with laws and regulations that affect us as a manager of mutual funds and that could have a material impact on fund financial reporting, including tax and financial reporting laws and obligations. The Board also reviews the income tax status of the Mackenzie Funds and Mackenzie Investments;
- reviews policies relating to financial risks established by management of Mackenzie Investments, as well as compliance with those policies, and reviews and assesses the insurance coverage maintained by us as it relates to our role of managing the Mackenzie Funds;
- reviews internal financial controls with management on a regular basis. The Board meets with our Internal Audit Department, outside the presence of management, to review and gain assurance that reasonable financial controls are in place and are effective;
- reviews the annual plan of our Internal Audit Department with respect to the Mackenzie Funds and their reports;
- oversees all aspects of the relationship between us and the auditor of the Mackenzie Funds. The Board reviews and

approves the terms of auditor engagements, the audit and non-audit services provided by the auditor, sets its remuneration and reviews its performance annually or more frequently. The Board regularly meets with the auditor outside the presence of management of Mackenzie Investments; and

reviews its mandate on a regular basis.

The independent members of the Board are compensated for their participation on the Board through the payment of an annual retainer. Board members who are part of management receive no additional compensation for their participation on the Board. The Board may, from time to time, engage legal consultants to assist it in fulfilling its duties. We generally pay for these expenses.

Our Board is not responsible for overseeing the activities of our wholly owned subsidiaries. Our subsidiaries are overseen by their own Boards of Directors under applicable corporate statutes within their local jurisdiction.

#### **Mackenzie Funds' Independent Review Committee**

Under NI 81-107, mutual funds are required to form an independent review committee to review, among other things, conflict-of-interest matters to provide impartial judgment on these matters to us, in our role as manager of the Mackenzie Funds. We have created the IRC, which consists of four members: Robert Hines (Chair), George Hucal, Scott Edmonds and Atul Tiwari.

The IRC reviews potential conflicts of interest referred to it by us, as manager of the Mackenzie Funds, and makes recommendations on whether a course of action achieves a fair and reasonable result for the applicable Mackenzie Funds, and only upon making that determination does it recommend to us that the transaction proceed. This includes potential transactions, as well as regular review of our policies and procedures relating to conflicts of interest.

NI 81-107 specifically permits us to submit proposals to the IRC to cause a Mackenzie Fund to directly purchase or sell securities to another Mackenzie Fund without using a broker, although, to date, we have not taken advantage of this provision. Also, as stated under "Investment Restrictions and Practices", the IRC has approved standing instructions to permit the Mackenzie Funds to invest in securities of companies related to us.

NI 81-107 also permits the IRC, upon referral by us, to consider proposals to change the auditor of a Mackenzie Fund or to approve mergers between Mackenzie Funds. In most cases, if the IRC approves these changes, a vote of investors would not be required; rather, you would be given 60 days' prior notice of the changes.

## Supervision of Securities Lending, Repurchase and Reverse Repurchase Transactions

Many of the Funds are permitted to enter into securities lending, repurchase and reverse repurchase transactions consistent with its investment objectives and in compliance with the applicable provisions of NI 81-102. We have appointed the Funds' custodian as the Funds' agent and have entered into an agreement with that agent to administer any securities lending and repurchase transactions for that Fund (a "Securities Lending Agreement"). Those Funds also may enter into reverse repurchase transactions directly or through an agent.

The Securities Lending Agreement complies with, and the agent is bound to comply with, the applicable provisions of NI 81-102. We will manage the risks associated with securities lending, repurchase and reverse repurchase transactions (which are described in the simplified prospectus under the heading "General Investment Risks") by requiring the agent to

- maintain internal controls, procedures and records, including a list of approved counterparties based on generally accepted creditworthiness standards, transaction and credit limits for each counterparty and collateral diversification standards;
- establish daily the market value of both the securities loaned by a Fund under a securities lending transaction or sold by a Fund under a repurchase transaction and the cash or collateral held by a Fund. If, on any day, the market value of the cash or collateral is less than 102% of the market value of the borrowed or sold securities, the agent will request that the counterparty provide additional cash or collateral to the Fund to make up the shortfall; and
- ensure that a Fund does not loan or sell more than 50% of the total assets of that Fund through securities lending or repurchase transactions (without including the collateral for loaned securities and cash for sold securities).

Securities lending and reverse repurchase transactions are entered into by the agent on behalf of the Funds and we monitor the risks of these transactions. To facilitate monitoring, the agent provides us with regular and comprehensive reports summarizing the transactions involving securities lending, repurchase and reverse repurchases.

Our Fund Services and Legal Departments have created written policies and procedures that set out the objectives and goals for securities lending, repurchase transactions or reverse repurchase transactions, and the risk management and oversight procedures applicable where the Funds engage in these transactions.

Our Legal, Compliance and Fund Services Departments are responsible for reviewing the Securities Lending Agreement. Our Board of Directors will receive reports, if any, regarding compliance exceptions in connection with the Funds' use of securities lending, repurchase and reverse repurchase transactions.

At present, we do not simulate stress conditions to measure risk in connection with securities lending, repurchase or reverse repurchase transactions. Risk measurement procedures or simulations are conducted by the agent in respect of loans outstanding and the collateral lodged by each borrower and across all borrowers in the agents' overall securities lending and repurchase portfolios. These procedures and simulations include the Funds' units but are not specific to the Funds.

#### **Supervision of Derivatives Trading**

We have adopted various policies and internal procedures to supervise the use of derivatives within our Fund portfolios. All policies and procedures comply with the derivative rules set out in NI 81-102 or as modified by any exemptions to NI 81-102 granted by the Canadian Securities Administrators. These policies are reviewed at least annually by senior management.

We have established an approval process for the use of derivatives before derivatives can be used in the Funds to ensure compliance with NI 81-102 or any granted exemptions to NI 81-102 and to ensure that the derivative is suitable for the Fund within the context of the Fund's objectives and investment strategies.

Our Fund Services Department records, values, monitors and reports on the derivative transactions that are entered into the Fund's portfolio records. We have established threshold education and experience requirements for all staff who perform activities related to the valuation, monitoring, reporting and overall supervision of derivatives trading to ensure that those operations are carried out prudently and efficiently.

The Fund Administrator enters all derivative trade information, and these trade entries and valuations are reviewed at the time of initial entry by a qualified staff member who has met threshold education and experience requirements. Valuations of derivative instruments are carried out according to the procedures described under "Valuation of Portfolio Securities". The Compliance Department conducts ongoing monitoring of derivatives strategies for compliance with regulation designed to ensure (i) all derivatives strategies of the Mackenzie Funds meet regulatory requirements; and (ii) derivative and counterparty exposures are reasonable and diversified. New derivative strategies are subject to a standardized approval process involving members from the Investment Management, Fund Services and Compliance Departments.

Under NI 81-102, mutual funds may engage in derivative transactions for both hedging and non-hedging purposes. Where we engage an external advisory firm to provide portfolio management services to the Funds and that firm trades in derivative instruments (or other instruments) for the Funds, under NI 81-102, we will be responsible for ensuring that all trading for the Funds by the subadvisors is suitable to the Funds' objectives and strategies. When derivatives are used for hedging purposes, our internal policies require that the derivatives have a high degree of negative correlation to the position being hedged, as required by NI 81-102. Derivatives will not

be used to create leverage within the Fund's portfolio unless permitted under NI 81-102. We do not simulate stress conditions to measure risk in connection with the Funds' use of derivatives.

The designated Senior Vice-President, Investments oversees the compliance with the derivatives policies by the portfolio managers. The Compliance Department reports any identified exceptions to the derivatives policies and procedures described above.

#### **Proxy-Voting Policies and Procedures**

The Funds managed by our internal portfolio managers ("**Internal Managers**") follow the proxy-voting policies and procedures mandated by us.

Our objective is to vote the securities of companies for which we have proxy-voting authority in a manner most consistent with the long-term economic interest of Fund investors.

#### **Voting practices**

We take reasonable steps to vote all proxies received. However, we cannot guarantee that we will vote in all circumstances. We may refrain from voting where administrative or other procedures result in the costs of voting outweighing the benefits. We may also refrain from voting if, in our opinion, abstaining or otherwise withholding our vote is in your best interests.

#### Fund-of-Fund voting

We may vote the securities of an Underlying Fund owned by a Fund when the Underlying Fund is not managed by us. If an Underlying Fund is managed by us or one of our associates or affiliates, we will not vote the securities of the Underlying Fund but will decide if it is in your best interests for you to vote on the matter individually. Generally, for routine matters, we will decide that it is not in your best interests to vote individually. However, if we decide that it is in your best interests for you to vote, then we will ask you for instructions on how to vote your proportionate share of the Underlying Fund securities owned by the Fund and will vote accordingly. We will only vote the proportion of the Underlying Fund securities for which we have received instructions.

#### Summary of proxy voting guidelines

We generally vote in line with the recommendations from the Glass Lewis ESG proxy voting guidelines, which have been deemed to be in the best interests of investors. Portfolio managers that choose to deviate from the Glass Lewis proxy voting guidelines must document the reason for their decision. Our policy and the guidelines prioritize the following considerations:

#### Environmental:

- We will generally support proposals regarding the environment, in particular, those seeking improved sustainability reporting and disclosure about company practices which impact the environment.
- We will generally support requests for the company to provide disclosure in line with certain reporting recommendations, such as those by the Financial Stability Board's Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosure.

#### Social:

- We generally (i) vote against members of the nominating committee in the event that the board has an average tenure of over ten years and the board has not appointed a new nominee to the board in at least five years; or (ii) vote against the male members of the nominating committee in instances where the board is comprised of fewer than 30% female directors for large-cap companies, or against the nominating committee when there is not at least one woman on the board at mid- and small-cap companies.
- We will generally support enhancing the rights of workers, as well as considering the communities and broader constituents in the areas in which companies do business

#### Governance:

- We generally vote in favour of (i) proposals that support a
  majority of Board members being independent of
  management; (ii) the appointment of outside directors to an
  issuer Board or Audit Committee; as well as (iii)
  requirements that the Chair of the Board be separate from
  the office of the Chief Executive Officer.
- Proxies related to executive compensation are voted on a case-by-case basis. Generally, we will vote in favour of stock options and other forms of compensation that (i) do not result in a potential dilution of more than 10% of the issued and outstanding shares; (ii) are granted under clearly defined and reasonable terms; (iii) are commensurate with the duties of plan participants; and (iv) are tied to the achievement of corporate objectives.
- We will generally not support (i) the repricing of options; (ii) plans that give the Board broad discretion in setting the terms of the granting of options; or (iii) plans that authorize allocation of 20% or more of the available options to any individual in any single year.
- We will generally support that the Board of Directors provide adequate oversight of ESG issues, including whether the company provides sufficient disclosure concerning ESG risks.

We will generally vote in favour of shareholder rights plans designed to provide sufficient time to undertake a fair and complete shareholder value maximization process and that do not merely seek to entrench management or deter a public bidding process. In addition, we will generally support plans that

promote the interests and equal treatment of all investors, and that allow for periodic shareholder ratification.

#### Conflicts of interest

Circumstances may occur where a Mackenzie Fund has a potential conflict of interest relative to its proxy voting activities. Where an Internal Manager has a conflict or potential conflict, he or she will notify our Chief Investment Officer ("CIO") and either the Senior Vice-President, Legal ("SVP, Legal") or the Chief Compliance Officer ("CCO"). Should the CIO and either the SVP, Legal or the CCO conclude that a conflict exists, the CCO will document the conflict and inform our Fund Services Department.

We will maintain a Proxy Voting Watch List ("Watch List") that includes the names of issuers that may be in conflict and our Fund Administrator will notify us of any meeting circulars and proxies received from an issuer on the Watch List. The CIO and either the SVP, Legal or CCO will discuss the voting matter(s) with the Internal Manager and ensure that the proxy-voting decision is based on our proxy-voting policies and is in the best interests of the Mackenzie Fund.

All voting decisions made as described in the following section are documented and filed by the Fund Administrator.

#### **Proxy voting procedures**

Mackenzie utilizes the Glass Lewis Viewpoint platform to administer and execute its proxy voting process. Glass Lewis receives proxy materials and then reviews all materials, completes their research process, and generates a set of recommendations for each meeting to Mackenzie. Recommendations are consistent with the Glass Lewis voting guidelines that Mackenzie has instructed them to apply.

An automatic notification including a direct link to the research and recommendation is sent by Glass Lewis to the Mackenzie investment management teams via the Viewpoint system. The Mackenzie Portfolio Manager reviews the research and any additional information and considers all aspects of the vote including their own viewpoint to make an independent voting decision. The Portfolio Manager executes the vote via the Viewpoint platform by either voting with or against the Glass Lewis recommendations.

Following electronic receipt of Mackenzie's voting decision via Viewpoint, Glass Lewis communicates the voting decisions electronically to the ballot distributor as well as to the custodian banking network globally on Mackenzie's behalf. All records related to proxies, votes, and related research materials are maintained by Mackenzie within the Glass Lewis Viewpoint platform.

#### Information requests

The policies and procedures that the Funds follow when voting proxies relating to portfolio securities are available upon request at any time, at no cost, by calling toll free at 1-800-387-0614 or by writing to Mackenzie Financial Corporation, 180 Queen Street West, Toronto, Ontario M5V 3K1.

Each Fund's proxy-voting record for the most recent 12-month period ending June 30 will be available free of charge to any investor of that Fund upon request at any time after August 31 of the same year by calling **1-800-387-0614**, and will also be available on our website at **www.mackenzieinvestments.com**.

#### **Short-Term Trading Policies and Procedures**

We have adopted policies and procedures to detect and deter inappropriate and excessive short-term trading.

We define an inappropriate short-term trade as a combination of a purchase and redemption, including switches between Mackenzie Funds, made within 30 days which we believe is detrimental to Fund investors and that may take advantage of Funds with investments priced in other time zones or illiquid investments that trade infrequently.

We define excessive short-term trading as a combination of purchases and redemptions, including switches between Mackenzie Funds that occurs with such frequency within a 30-day period that we believe is detrimental to Fund investors.

Inappropriate short-term trading may harm Fund investors who do not engage in these activities by diluting the NAV of their Fund units as a result of the market timing activities of other investors. Inappropriate and excessive short-term trading may cause a Fund to carry an abnormally high cash balance and/or high portfolio turnover rate, both of which may reduce a Fund's returns.

All trades that we determine to be inappropriate short-term trades will be subject to a 2% fee. All trades that we determine to be part of a pattern of excessive short-term trading will be subject to a 1% fee. The fees charged will be paid to the applicable Funds.

We may take such additional action as we consider appropriate to prevent further similar activity by you. These actions may include the delivery of a warning to you; placing you or your account(s) on a watch list to monitor your trading activity; the subsequent rejection of further purchases by you if you continue to attempt such trading activity; and/or closure of your account.

In determining whether a short-term trade is inappropriate or excessive, we will consider relevant factors including the following:

- bona fide changes in investor circumstances or intentions;
- unanticipated financial emergencies;
- the nature of the Mackenzie Fund:

- past trading patterns;
- unusual market circumstances; and
- an assessment of harm to the Mackenzie Fund or to us.

The following types of redemptions (including switches) will be exempt from short-term trading fees:

- from money market or similar Mackenzie Funds. These Mackenzie Funds are exempt from short-term trading fees because they are unlikely to be exposed to the adverse effects of short-term trading.
- from an Underlying Fund by a Fund in a fund-of-funds program or other similar program;
- for our asset allocation programs, excluding manual rebalancing in our Guided Portfolio Service;
- for systematic withdrawal plans (applies only to nonregistered and TFSA accounts);
- redemptions of units received on the reinvestment of income or other distributions;
- redemptions of units to pay management fees, administration fees, operating expenses, fund costs and/or advisor fees with respect to Series O, PWX or PWX8 units;
- redemptions of units to pay Mackenzie Investments Charitable Giving Program fees; and
- automatic rebalancing of your holdings within our Guided Portfolio Service which will not, in any circumstances other than a manual rebalancing, result in short-term trading fees being charged.

We, the Mackenzie Funds and any other parties to the arrangements above do not receive any compensation or other consideration for the above arrangements. Other than as set out in the simplified prospectus, we have not entered into any arrangements with any other entity (including other funds) that would permit short-term trading by that entity.

In making these judgments, we seek to act in a manner that we believe is consistent with your best interests. Your interests and the Mackenzie Funds' ability to manage their investments may be adversely affected by inappropriate or excessive short-term trading because, among other things, these types of trading activities can dilute the value of Mackenzie Fund units, can interfere with the efficient management of a Mackenzie Fund portfolio and can result in increased brokerage and administrative costs.

While we will actively take steps to monitor, detect and deter inappropriate and excessive short-term trading, we cannot ensure that such trading activity will be completely eliminated. For example, certain financial institutions may offer alternative investment products to the public that are comprised, in whole or in part, of units of Mackenzie Funds. These institutions may open accounts with us on behalf of multiple investors whose identity and trading activity is not normally recorded on our transfer agent system.

We reserve the right to restrict, reject or cancel, without any prior notice, any purchase or switch order, including transactions

that we deem to represent inappropriate or excessive short-term trading.

#### **Short-Selling Policies and Procedures**

Most Funds may engage in short selling, where such short selling will be done in accordance with securities regulations. We have adopted written policies and procedures that set out the objectives and goals for short selling and the risk management procedures applicable to short selling. These policies and procedures (which include trading

limits and controls) are developed by our compliance department and the CIO, and are reviewed annually. The Board of Directors also reviews and approves the policies each year. The CIO is responsible for approving whether a Fund may use short selling, and for overseeing the Fund's short-selling activities. Short-selling activities are monitored by our compliance department. Risk measurement procedures or simulations generally are not used to test the portfolio of the Fund under stress conditions.

## FEES, EXPENSES AND MANAGEMENT EXPENSE REDUCTIONS

The fees and expenses payable by the Funds are set out in the simplified prospectus under the heading "Fees and Expenses".

We may authorize a reduction in the management fee rate, administration fee rate and/or fund costs that we charge with respect to any particular investor's units of the Fund. We will reduce the amount charged to the Fund and the Fund will then make a special distribution ("Fee Distribution") to the investor by issuing additional units of the same series of the Fund equal in value to the amount of the reduction or, at the request of the investor, by paying this amount in cash. The Fee Distributions paid by Funds will be paid, first, out of the Fund's income and capital gains and then, if necessary, out of capital. The tax consequences of Fee Distributions will generally be borne by the qualifying investors receiving these distributions.

Except in respect of the Private Wealth Series fee reductions, the level of reduction is typically negotiable between you and us, and usually will be based on the size of your account and the extent of Fund services you require.

## Switching between Retail Series and Private Wealth Series

We will automatically switch your Series A, AR, FB, FB5, T5 and T8 (the "Retail Series") into the applicable Private Wealth Series once you have \$100,000 in Eligible Investments (as defined below) within your Eligible Accounts (the "Eligibility Criteria"), subject to certain exceptions outlined below and provided your dealer offers Private Wealth Series units. These switches will occur so that you will be invested in the Private Wealth Series with the lowest combined management and administration fees for which you are eligible. Please note that Retail Series units that are subject to a redemption charge will not be automatically switched.

Eligible Investments are (i) the Private Wealth Series that you hold within your Eligible Account(s), and (ii) any Series A, AR, B, C, D, DA, DF, F, F5, F8, FB, FB5, G, GP, I, O, O5, S5, S8, SC, T5, T8 or Investor Series units of Mackenzie Funds (offered under a separate simplified prospectus) and other series of selected Funds that you hold within your Eligible Account(s). Once you meet the Private Wealth Series Eligibility Criteria through a purchase or a switch transaction you will be automatically switched into the applicable Private Wealth Series the following business day. In addition, we will automatically switch your units into the applicable Private Wealth Series on or about the second Friday of every month if positive market movement has allowed you to meet the Eligibility Criteria. Please note you will never be moved out of a Private Wealth Series because of a decrease in market value.

Retail Series units held in our Portfolio Architecture Service or Open Architecture Service program will be excluded from the automatic switches.

You are responsible for ensuring your advisor is aware of all Eligible Accounts that should be linked in order to qualify for Private Wealth Series. We will link your Eligible Accounts only after your advisor has communicated your Eligible Account information to us. Generally, neither Mackenzie nor your advisor have the ability to independently determine what accounts should be linked. Mackenzie will, however, automatically link accounts belonging to one individual if the address associated with each account is identical and they have the same dealer representative code. This means that if you have two or more accounts with the same advisor, provided your advisor maintains these accounts under the same dealer representative code, they will be automatically linked by us. Accounts will not be automatically linked if you hold Funds with more than one advisor or dealer. For example, if you also hold Funds in a discount brokerage account, that account will not be automatically linked with an account you hold with your advisor.

The calculation of your total investments with us for purposes of determining whether you are or remain eligible for Private Wealth Series will be determined in accordance with the calculation of a 'high watermark'. A 'high watermark' is the highest peak in value that a fund or account has reached since we began automatically switching

investors to Private Wealth Series in April 2017. The 'high watermark' is calculated daily and is the greater of either the previous days' high watermark plus the current day's additional purchases and minus the current day's redemptions, or the current day's market value.

Redemptions of your units (except for redemptions from Charitable Giving Accounts, RDSPs and RRIFs, including LIFs, LRIFs, PRIFs and RLIFs) will decrease the 'high watermark'. However, market value declines in your Private Wealth Series or Eligible Investments in your Eligible Accounts will not decrease your 'high watermark'.

If you no longer meet the Eligibility Criteria for Private Wealth Series (and the series were not purchased as part of our Charitable Giving Program), we will automatically switch your units back into the appropriate Retail Series, which will have higher management and administration fees than the Private Wealth Series. Such switches will occur on or about the second Friday of every month. Unless your Eligible Investments fall below \$75,000 (for reasons other than a decrease in market value), we do not automatically switch your units back to the applicable Retail Series. This is intended to provide you

with flexibility in connection with major life events. We reserve the right to switch your Private Wealth Series to Retail Series if, in our view, you are misusing this flexibility to fall below the Eligibility Criteria for Private Wealth Series.

Please speak with your advisor for more details about this program.

#### **Management Fees on Private Wealth Series**

The management fees for Series PWX and PWX8 units are payable directly to us and will be paid by the redemption of units you hold. Where fee reductions on these series are applicable, we apply fee reductions by subtracting the amount of the reduction from the maximum management fees shown in the simplified prospectus. This occurs before units are redeemed to pay the management fees on Series PWX and PWX8 units. Fee reductions on all other Private Wealth Series units are implemented as discussed above.

### **INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS**

This is a summary of principal Canadian federal income tax considerations under the Tax Act and the regulations under the Tax Act (the "Regulations") applicable to the Funds and to you as an investor in the Funds. This summary assumes that you are an individual (other than a trust) resident in Canada, that you hold your units directly, as capital property or within a registered plan, and are not affiliated with and deal at arm's length with the Fund. This summary is not intended to be legal advice or tax advice. We have tried to make this discussion easy to understand. As a result, it may not be technically precise or cover all the tax consequences that may be relevant to you. Accordingly, you should consult your own tax advisor, having regard to your own particular circumstances when you consider purchasing, switching or redeeming units of a Fund.

This summary is based on the current provisions of the Tax Act the Regulations, all proposals for specific amendments to the Tax Act or the Regulations that have been publicly announced by the Minister of Finance (Canada) before the date hereof and our understanding of the current published administrative practices and assessing policies of the Canada Revenue Agency (the "CRA"). Except for the foregoing, this summary does not take into account or anticipate any change in law, whether by legislative, regulatory, administrative or judicial action. Furthermore, this summary does not take into account provincial, territorial or foreign income tax legislation or considerations.

This summary is also based on the assumptions that: (i) none of the issuers of securities held by a Fund will be a foreign affiliate of the Fund or any unitholder, (ii) none of the securities held by a Fund will be a "tax shelter investment" within the meaning of section 143.2 of the Tax Act; (iii) none of the securities held by the Fund will be an interest in a trust (or a partnership which holds such an interest) which would require the Fund (or the partnership) to report significant amounts of income in connection with such interest pursuant to the rules in section 94.1 or 94.2 of the Tax Act, or an interest in a non-resident trust other than an "exempt foreign trust" as defined in the Tax Act; and (iv) no Fund will enter into any arrangement where the result is a dividend rental arrangement for the purposes of the Tax Act.

#### How the Funds are Taxed

The following paragraphs describe some of the ways in which mutual funds can earn income:

- Mutual funds can earn income in the form of interest, dividends or income from the investments they make, including in other mutual funds, and can be deemed to earn income from investments in certain foreign entities. All income must be computed in Canadian dollars, even if earned in a foreign currency.
- Mutual funds can realize a capital gain by selling an investment for more than its adjusted cost base ("ACB"). They can also realize a capital loss by selling an investment for less than its ACB. A mutual fund that invests in foreign-denominated securities must calculate its ACB and proceeds of disposition in Canadian dollars based on the conversion rate on the date the securities were purchased and sold, as applicable. As a result, a mutual fund may

realize capital gains and losses due to changes in the value of the foreign currency relative to the Canadian dollar.

- Mutual funds can realize gains and losses from using derivatives or engaging in short selling. Generally, gains and losses from derivatives are added to or subtracted from the mutual fund's income. However, if derivatives are used by a mutual fund as a hedge to limit its gain or loss on a specific capital asset or group of capital assets and there is sufficient linkage, then the gains and losses from these derivatives are generally capital gains or capital losses. Generally, gains and losses from short selling Canadian securities are treated as capital, and gains and losses from short selling foreign securities are treated as income. The derivative forward agreement rules in the Tax Act (the "DFA Rules") target certain financial arrangements (described in the DFA Rules as "derivative forward agreements") that seek to reduce tax by converting, through the use of derivative contracts, the return on investments that would have the character of ordinary income to capital gains. The DFA Rules will generally not apply to derivatives used to closely hedge gains or losses due to currency fluctuations on underlying capital investments of a Fund. Hedging, other than currency hedging on underlying capital investments, which reduces tax by converting the return on investments that would have the character of ordinary income to capital gains through the use of derivatives contracts, will be treated by the DFA Rules as on income account.
- Gains and losses from trading in precious metals and bullion will be treated on income account, rather than as capital gains and losses.

In certain circumstances, a Fund may be subject to loss restriction rules that deny or defer the deduction of certain losses. For example, a capital loss realized by a Fund will be suspended if, during the period that begins 30 days before and ends 30 days after the date on which the capital loss was realized, the Fund or an affiliated person (as defined in the Tax Act) acquires property that is, or is identical to, the property on which the loss was realized and owns that property at the end of the period.

If a Fund invests in another fund that is a Canadian resident trust (an "Underlying Canadian Fund"), other than a specified investment flow-through trust, the Underlying Canadian Fund may designate a portion of amounts that it distributes to the Fund as may reasonably be considered to consist of (i) taxable dividends (including eligible dividends) received by the Underlying Canadian Fund on shares of taxable Canadian corporations; and (ii) net taxable capital gains realized by the Underlying Canadian Fund. Any such designated amounts will be deemed for tax purposes to be received or realized by the Fund as such a taxable dividend or taxable capital gain, respectively. An Underlying Canadian Fund that pays foreign withholding tax may make designations such that a Fund may be treated as having paid its share of such foreign tax for purposes of the foreign tax credit rules in the Tax Act.

Since the Funds are organized as trusts, the following sections describe the taxation of these types of entities.

#### The Funds

Each Fund computes its income or loss separately. All of a Fund's deductible expenses, including management fees, will be deducted in calculating the Fund's income for each taxation year. The Fund will be subject to tax on its net income, including net taxable capital gains, not paid or payable to its investors for the taxation year after taking into consideration any loss carry-forwards and any capital gains refund. Each Fund intends to pay to investors enough of its income and capital gains for each taxation year so that it will not be liable for ordinary income tax under Part I of the Tax Act.

The losses of a Fund may be restricted when a person or partnership becomes a "majority-interest beneficiary" of the Fund (generally by holding units representing more than 50% of NAV of the Fund) unless the Fund qualifies as an "investment fund" by satisfying certain investment diversification and other conditions.

Each Fund will be entitled for each taxation year throughout which it is a mutual fund trust to reduce (or receive a refund in respect of) its liability, if any, for tax on its net realized capital gains by an amount determined under the Tax Act based on the redemptions of its units during the year ("capital gains refund"). The Manager may in its discretion utilize the capital gains refund mechanism for a Fund in any particular year. The capital gains refund in a particular taxation year may not completely offset the tax liability of the Fund for such taxation year which may arise upon the sale of its investments in connection with redemption of units.

A Fund is required to compute its income and gains for tax purposes in Canadian dollars. A Fund's foreign investments may therefore result in foreign exchange gains or losses that will be taken into account in computing the Fund's income for tax purposes.

#### Funds that do not qualify as "mutual fund trusts"

A Fund that does not qualify as a "mutual fund trust" for purposes of the Tax Act throughout its taxation year is not eligible for a capital gains refund and could be subject to alternative minimum tax for the year, Part X.2 tax, as well as other taxes under the Tax Act. In addition, if one or more "financial institutions", as defined in the Tax Act, owns more than 50% of the fair market value of the units of such a Fund, that Fund will be a "financial institution" for income tax purposes and thus subject to certain "mark-to-market" tax rules. In this case, most of the Fund's investments would be considered mark-to-market property, with the result that

 it will be deemed to have disposed of and re-acquired its mark-to-market property at the end of each taxation year, as well as at such time as it becomes, or ceases to be, a financial institution; and  the gains and losses from these deemed dispositions will be on income account, not capital account.

In any year throughout which the Funds do not qualify as a mutual fund trust under the Tax Act, the Funds could be subject to tax under Part XII.2 of the Tax Act. Part XII.2 of the Tax Act provides that certain trusts (excluding mutual fund trusts) that have an investor who is a "designated beneficiary" under the Tax Act at any time in the taxation year are subject to a special tax under Part XII.2 of the Tax Act on the trust's "designated income" under the Tax Act. "Designated beneficiaries" generally include non-resident persons, non-resident owned investment corporations, certain trusts, certain partnerships, and certain tax-exempt persons in certain circumstances where the tax-exempt person acquires units from another beneficiary. "Designated income" generally includes income from businesses carried on in Canada and taxable capital gains from dispositions of taxable Canadian property. Where the Fund is subject to tax under Part XII.2, provisions in the Tax Act are intended to ensure that Unitholders who are not designated beneficiaries receive an appropriate refundable tax credit.

Each Fund was established in 2022, and does not yet qualify as a "mutual fund trust" but are each expected to qualify as a mutual fund trust by the time it files its first tax return in which it will make an election to be deemed to be a mutual fund trust effective from the date of its creation.

## Taxation of the Fund if Investing in Foreign-Domiciled Underlying Trusts

#### Section 94.1

A Fund may be subject to section 94.1 of the Tax Act if it holds or has an interest in "offshore investment fund property" within the meaning of the Tax Act. In order for section 94.1 of the Tax Act to apply to that Fund the value of the interests must reasonably be considered to be derived, directly or indirectly, primarily from portfolio investments of the offshore investment fund property. If applicable, these rules can result in the Fund including an amount in its income based on the cost of its offshore investment fund property multiplied by a prescribed interest rate. These rules would apply in a taxation year to a Fund if it could reasonably be concluded, having regard to all the circumstances, that one of the main reasons for that Fund acquiring, holding or having the investment in, the entity that is an offshore investment fund property is to benefit from the portfolio investments of the entity in such a manner that the taxes on the income, profits and gains therefrom for any particular year are significantly less than the tax that would have been applicable if such income, profits and gains had been earned directly by a Fund. The Manager has advised that none of the reasons for a Fund acquiring an interest in an offshore investment fund property may reasonably be considered to be as stated above.

#### Section 94.2

A Fund may invest in foreign-domiciled underlying investment funds that qualify as "exempt foreign trusts" (the "**Underlying Foreign Funds**") for purposes of the non-resident trust rules in sections 94 and 94.2 of the Tax Act.

If the total fair market value at any time of all fixed interests of a particular class in an Underlying Foreign Fund held by the Fund, persons or partnerships not dealing at arm's length with the Fund, or persons or partnerships that acquired their interests in the Underlying Foreign Fund in exchange for consideration given to the Underlying Foreign Fund by the Fund, is at least 10% of the total fair market value at the time of all fixed interests of the particular class of the Underlying Foreign Fund, the Underlying Foreign Fund will be a "foreign affiliate" of the Fund and will be deemed by section 94.2 of the Tax Act to be at the time a "controlled foreign affiliate" of the Fund.

If the Underlying Foreign Fund is deemed to be a "controlled foreign affiliate" of the Fund at the end of the particular taxation year of the Underlying Foreign Fund and earns income that is characterized as "foreign accrual property income" as defined in the Tax Act ("FAPI") in that taxation year of the Underlying Foreign Fund, the Fund's proportionate share of the FAPI (subject to deduction for grossed up "foreign accrual tax" as discussed below) must be included in computing its income for Canadian federal income tax purposes for the taxation year of the Fund in which that taxation year of the Underlying Foreign Fund ends, whether or not the Fund actually receives a distribution of that FAPI. It is expected that the full amount of the income, as determined for Canadian federal income tax purposes, allocated or distributed to an Underlying Foreign Fund by the issuers that it holds securities of will be FAPI. FAPI will also include any net realized taxable capital gains, as determined for Canadian federal income tax purposes, of the Underlying Foreign Fund from the disposition of those units.

To the extent an amount of FAPI will be required to be included in computing the income of a Fund for Canadian federal income tax purposes, a grossed-up amount may be deductible in respect of the "foreign accrual tax" as defined in the Tax Act ("FAT"), if any, applicable to the FAPI. Any amount of FAPI included in income (net the amount of any FAT deduction) will increase the adjusted cost base to the Fund of its units of the Underlying Foreign Fund in respect of which the FAPI was included.

#### How You Are Taxed on a Fund Investment

How you are taxed on an investment in the Funds depends on whether you hold the investment inside or outside a registered plan.

#### If you hold units of the Funds outside a registered plan

#### **Distributions**

You must include in your income for a taxation year the taxable portion of all distributions (including Fee Distributions) paid or payable (collectively, "paid") to you from a Fund during the year, computed in Canadian dollars, whether these amounts were paid to you in cash or reinvested in additional units. In the case of a US Dollar Fund, you will be paid in U.S. dollars; however, you will have to convert the amounts paid to you into Canadian dollars for tax purposes. The amount of reinvested distributions is added to the ACB of your units to reduce your capital gain or increase your capital loss when you later redeem. This ensures that you do not pay tax on the amount again at a later date.

Distributions paid by a Fund may consist of capital gains, ordinary taxable dividends, foreign-source income, other income and/or return of capital.

Ordinary taxable dividends are included in your income, subject to the gross-up and dividend tax credit rules. Capital gains distributions will be treated as capital gains realized by you, one-half of which will generally be included in calculating your income as a taxable capital gain. A Fund may make designations in respect of its foreign-source income so that you may be able to claim any foreign tax credits allocated to you by that Fund.

You may receive a return of capital from your Fund. You will not be immediately taxed on a return of capital, but it will reduce the ACB of your units of that Fund (unless the distribution is reinvested) such that, when you redeem your units, you will realize a greater capital gain (or smaller capital loss) than if you had not received the return of capital. If the ACB of your units is reduced to less than zero, the ACB of your units will be deemed to be increased to zero and you will be deemed to realize a capital gain equal to the amount of this increase.

The higher the portfolio turnover rate of a Fund in a year, the greater the chance that you will receive a capital gains distribution. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a Fund.

When units of a Fund are acquired by purchasing or switching into that Fund, a portion of the acquisition price may reflect income and capital gains of the Fund that have not yet been realized or distributed. Accordingly, unitholders who acquire units of a Fund just before a distribution date, including at year-end, may be required to include in their income amounts distributed from the Fund, even though these amounts were earned by the Fund before the unitholder acquired the units and were included in the price of the units.

#### Sales and redemption charges and fees

A sales charge paid on the purchase of units is not deductible in computing your income but is added to the ACB of your units. A redemption charge paid on the redemption of units is not deductible in

computing your income but effectively reduces the proceeds of disposition of your units.

The fees that you pay for Series O, PWX and PWX8 units ("Unbundled Fees") consist of advisory fees that you pay to your dealer and management fees that you pay to us. To the extent that such fees are collected by redemption of units, you will realize gains or losses in non-registered accounts. The deductibility of Unbundled Fees, for income tax purposes, will depend on the exact nature of services provided to you and the type of investment held. Fees relating to services provided to registered accounts are not deductible for income tax purposes, regardless of whether such fees were charged to the registered account. You should consult with your tax advisor regarding the deductibility of Unbundled Fees paid in your particular circumstance.

#### **Switches**

You will not realize a capital gain or capital loss when you switch the purchase option under which you hold units of a series of a Fund.

You will not realize a capital gain or capital loss when you switch between series of the same Fund. The cost of the acquired units will be equal to the ACB of the units that you switched.

Other switches involve a redemption of the units being switched and a purchase of the units acquired on the switch.

#### Redemptions

If you redeem units outside of a registered plan (including switches between Funds) the Fund may distribute capital gains to you as partial payment of the redemption price. The taxable portion of the capital gain so allocated must be included in your income (as taxable capital gains) and may be deductible by the Fund in computing its income, subject to subsection 132(5.3) of the Tax Act. Subsection 132(5.3) of the Tax Act only permits a trust that is a "mutual fund trust" for purposes of the Tax Act a deduction in respect of a capital gain of the "mutual fund trust" designated to a unitholder on a redemption of units where the unitholder's proceeds of disposition are reduced by the designation, up to the amount of the unitholder's accrued gain on those units. Unitholders who redeem units are advised to consult with their own tax advisers.

You will realize a capital gain (capital loss) if any of your units in a Fund are redeemed. Generally your capital gain (capital loss) will be the amount by which the NAV of the redeemed units is greater (less) than the ACB of those units. You may deduct redemption charges and other expenses of redemption when calculating your capital gain (capital loss). Generally, one-half of your capital gain is included in your income for tax purposes as a taxable capital gain and one-half of your capital loss can be deducted against your taxable capital gains, subject to the provisions of the Tax Act.

In certain circumstances, loss restriction rules will limit or eliminate the amount of a capital loss that you may deduct. For example, a capital loss that you realize on a redemption of units will be deemed to be nil if, during the period that begins 30 days before and ends 30 days after the day of that redemption, you acquired identical units (including through the reinvestment of distributions or a Fee Distribution paid to you) and you continue to own these identical units at the end of that period. In this case, the amount of the denied capital loss will be added to the ACB of your units. This rule will also apply where the identical units are acquired and held by a person affiliated with you (as defined in the Tax Act).

#### Calculating your ACB

Your ACB must be calculated separately for each series of units that you own in each Fund and must be calculated in Canadian dollars. The total ACB of your units of a particular series of a Fund is generally equal to

 the total of all amounts you paid to purchase those units, including any sales charges paid by you at the time of purchase;

#### plus

 the ACB of any units of another series and/or Fund that were switched on a tax-deferred basis into units of the particular series;

#### plus

the amount of any reinvested distributions on that series;

#### less

the return of capital component of distributions on that series;

#### less

 the ACB of any units of the series that were switched on a tax-deferred basis into units of another series and/or Fund;

#### less

 the ACB of any of your units of that series that have been redeemed.

The ACB of a single security is the average of the total ACB. Where you switch between series and/or purchase options of the same Fund, the cost of the new units acquired on the switch will generally be equal to the ACB of the previously owned units switched for those new units.

For example, suppose you own 500 units of a particular series of a Fund with an ACB of \$10 each (a total of \$5,000). Suppose you then purchase another 100 units of the same series of the Fund for an additional \$1,200, including a sales charge. Your total ACB is \$6,200 for 600 units so that your new ACB of each security of the series of the Fund is \$6,200 divided by 600 units or \$10.33 per security.

#### Taxes on U.S. Dollar Income

The CRA requires any income and any capital gains and losses to be reported in Canadian dollars. As a result, when you receive a distribution from a US Dollar Fund, you will need to calculate the amount in Canadian dollars. Additionally, when you redeem units of a US Dollar Fund, you will need to calculate any gains or losses based on the Canadian dollar value of the Fund units on the date they were purchased and the date they were redeemed.

You should consult your own tax advisor regarding the tax consequences of receiving income and proceeds of redemption in U.S. dollars.

#### Tax statements and reporting

If applicable, we will send tax statements to you each year identifying the taxable portion of your distributions, the return of capital component of distributions and redemption proceeds paid to you for each year. Tax statements will not be sent to you if you did not receive distributions or redemption proceeds, or if units are held in your registered plan. You should keep detailed records of your purchase cost, sales charges, distributions, redemption proceeds and redemption charges in order to calculate the ACB of your units. You may wish to consult a tax advisor to help you with these calculations.

Generally, you will be required to provide your financial advisor with information related to your citizenship or residence for tax purposes, and, if applicable, your foreign tax identification number. If you, or your controlling person(s) are (i) identified as a U.S. Person (including a U.S. resident or citizen), (ii) identified as a tax resident of a country other than Canada or the U.S., or (iii) do not provide the required information and indicia of U.S. or non-Canadian status are present, details about you and your investment in a Fund will be reported to the CRA unless units are held inside a registered plan. The CRA will provide the information to the relevant foreign tax authorities under exchange of information treaties.

#### If you hold units of the Funds inside a registered plan

When units of a Fund are held in your registered plan, generally, neither you nor your registered plan will be taxed on distributions received from the Fund or capital gains realized on the disposition of the units of the Fund provided the units are a qualified investment and are not a prohibited investment for the registered plan. However, a withdrawal from a registered plan may be subject to tax.

The units of each Fund are expected to be a qualified investment for registered plans at all times.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the holder of a TFSA or RDSP, the subscriber of a RESP or the annuitant of a RRSP or RRIF (a "controlling individual") holds a "significant interest" in a Fund, or if such controlling individual does not deal at arm's length with a Fund for purposes of the Tax Act, the Units of such Fund will be a "prohibited investment" for such TFSA, RRSP, RESP, RDSP, or RRIF. If Units of

a Fund are a "prohibited investment" for a TFSA, RRSP, RESP, RDSP or RRIF that acquires such Units, the controlling individual will be subject to a penalty tax as set out in the Tax Act. Generally, a controlling individual will not be considered to have a "significant interest" in a Fund unless the controlling individual owns 10% or more of the value of the outstanding Units of such Fund, either alone or together with persons and partnerships with which the controlling individual does not deal at arm's length. If your registered plan holds a prohibited investment, you become liable to a 50% potentially refundable tax on the value of the prohibited investment and a 100% tax on income and capital gains attributable to, and capital gains realized on, the disposition of the prohibited investment.

The Funds were recently established. Under a safe harbour rule for new mutual funds, units of these Funds will not be a prohibited investment for your registered plan at any time during the first 24

months of the Fund's existence provided that the Fund is a mutual fund trust under the Tax Act during that time and is in substantial compliance with NI 81-102 or follows a reasonable policy of investment diversification.

You should consult with your own tax advisor regarding the special rules that apply to each type of registered plan, including whether or not a particular unit of a Fund would be a prohibited investment for your registered plan. It is your responsibility to determine the tax consequences to you and your registered plan of establishing the registered plan and causing it to invest in the Funds. Neither we nor the Funds assume any liability to you as a result of making the Funds and/or series available for investment within registered plans.

## REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

The Funds do not directly employ any directors, officers or trustees to carry out their Fund operations. We, as manager of the Funds, provide all personnel necessary to conduct the Fund's operations.

Each IRC member is entitled to an annual retainer of \$40,000 (\$50,000 for the Chair) and a fee of \$1,500 for each meeting attended. In addition, the Chair of an IRC sub-committee is entitled to an annual retainer of \$5,000. Members are also entitled to be reimbursed for all reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, including reasonable travel and accommodation expenses. We also purchase and maintain insurance liability coverage for the benefit of the IRC members. For the year ended March 31, 2022, the total amount expensed in this regard by the Mackenzie Funds was \$276,999.75. All fees and expenses were allocated among the Mackenzie Funds in a manner that was fair and reasonable.

The individual IRC members received total compensation and reimbursement of expenses by the Mackenzie Funds as follows:

Table 7: IRC members' compensation

IRC Member	Total individual compensation, including expense reimbursement
Robert Hines (Chair)	\$70,999.92
George Hucal	\$56,499.96
Scott Edmonds	\$60,999.96
Atul Tiwari <sup>1</sup>	N/A

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Atul Tiwari joined the IRC effective September 22, 2021.

Effective July 1, 2021, each IRC member is entitled to an annual retainer of \$50,000 (\$60,000 for the Chair) and a fee of \$3,000 for each quarterly meeting attended. In addition, the IRC members are entitled to \$1,500 for each additional meeting.

For a description of the role of the IRC, see "Mackenzie Funds' Independent Review Committee".

## MATERIAL CONTRACTS

Set out below are particulars of the material contracts entered into by the Funds as of the date of this annual information form, as well as a description of the portfolio management agreements that we have entered into with certain firms with respect to certain of the Funds. Minor contracts entered into by the Funds in the ordinary course of their business have been excluded.

You may inspect copies of the contracts listed below during normal business hours at our Toronto office at 180 Queen Street West, Toronto, Ontario M5V 3K1.

#### **Declarations of Trust**

The Declarations of Trust of the Funds, which govern all of the Funds, and their effective dates are set out under "Name, Formation and History of the Funds". The Declarations of Trust set out the powers and duties of the manager and the trustee of the Funds, the attributes of units of the Funds, procedures for purchase, exchange and redemption of units, recordkeeping, calculation of the Funds' income and other administrative procedures. The Declarations also contain provisions for the selection of a successor trustee if we should resign and for termination of the Funds if no successor trustee can be

found. We are not paid a fee in our capacity as trustee (as would be required if an outside trustee were hired), but we are entitled to be reimbursed for any costs incurred on the Funds' behalf.

#### **Master Management Agreement**

We have entered into an amended and restated master management agreement (the "Master Management Agreement") on October 19, 1999, as amended, to provide the management and administrative services to the Funds necessary to enable them to carry out their business operations.

Table 8: Master Management Agreement

Master Management Agreement	Funds	Date of Agreement	Last Amendment
1	Mackenzie USD US Mid Cap Opportunities Fund Mackenzie Inflation-Focused Fund	October 19, 1999	August 15, 2022

Under the Master Management Agreement, we are responsible for providing directly, or for arranging other persons or companies to provide, administration services to the Funds; portfolio management services; distribution services for the promotion and sale of the Funds' units; and other operational services. The Master Management Agreement contains details about fees and expenses payable by the Funds to us, including the management fee rates and administration fee rates, as applicable, and the Master Management Agreement is amended each time a new fund or new series of a fund is added to the Master Management Agreement. The Master Management Agreement has been executed by us on our own behalf, as manager, and on behalf of the Funds for which we are trustee, in our capacity as trustee.

The Master Management Agreement generally continues from year to year, unless terminated with respect to any one or more of the Funds on not less than 6 months' prior written notice. The Master Management Agreement may be terminated on shorter notice if any party to the Master Management Agreement is in breach of the terms of the Master Management Agreement and the breach has continued

for at least 30 days without being remedied or if the other party goes bankrupt, ceases to hold appropriate regulatory approvals or commits an act which materially adversely affects its ability to perform the obligations under the Master Management Agreement.

#### **Master Custodian Agreement**

We have entered into a master custodian agreement with CIBC, dated February 24, 2005, as amended, on behalf of the Funds to obtain custodial services for the Funds' assets ("Master Custodian Agreement").

The Master Custodian Agreement complies with the applicable provisions of NI 81-102 regarding custodial services and requires the custodian to hold the Fund's assets in trust and to separately identify each Fund's account assets. The agreement contains schedules which set out which Funds are governed by that agreement and the fees payable to the custodian for the range of services provided to the Funds. The agreement can be terminated by the Funds or by the custodian on 120 days' prior written notice.

## **LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS**

We are not aware of any ongoing legal and administrative proceedings material to the Mackenzie Funds to which we or any Mackenzie Fund is a party.

#### **Penalties and Sanctions**

We entered into a settlement agreement with the OSC on April 6, 2018 ("Settlement Agreement").

The Settlement Agreement states that we failed to (i) comply with National Instrument 81-105 Mutual Fund Sales Practices ("NI 81-105") by not meeting the minimum standards of conduct expected of industry

participants in relation to certain sales practices between May 2014 and December 2017; (ii) have systems of controls and supervision over our sales practices that were sufficient to provide reasonable assurances that we were complying with our obligations under NI 81-105; and (iii) maintain adequate books, records and other documents to demonstrate our compliance with NI 81-105.

We agreed to (i) pay an administrative penalty of \$900,000 to the OSC; (ii) submit to regular reviews of our sales practices, procedures and controls by an independent consultant until the OSC is satisfied our sales practices program is fully compliant with securities laws; and (iii) pay costs of the OSC's investigation in the amount of \$150,000.

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The purpose of NI 81-105 is to discourage sales practices that could be perceived as inducing dealers and their representatives to sell mutual fund securities on the basis of incentives they were receiving (such as promotional items or activities) rather than on the basis of what is suitable for and in the best interest of their clients.

In the Settlement Agreement, the OSC noted that, in response to the OSC investigation, we (i) have dedicated significant financial and human resources to enhance our systems of controls and supervision for sales practices; (ii) retained an independent consultant in September 2017 to assess the quality of our controls around our sales practices, and the consultant noted that, overall, we have demonstrated a continuously improving compliance culture, and since 2014 they have seen an increased investment in resources, in terms of both people and systems, focused on sales practices compliance;

and (iii) have no disciplinary history with the OSC and cooperated with Staff in connection with Staff's investigation of the matters referred to in this Settlement Agreement.

We, and not any of our investment fund products (the "Mackenzie Products"), paid all monetary and non-monetary benefits at issue. The performance of the Mackenzie Products was not impacted by these matters and the management expense ratios of the Mackenzie Products were not affected. We, and not the Mackenzie Products, have paid all costs, fines and expenses relating to the resolution of this matter, including the above-noted administrative penalty, investigative costs and the fees relating to the independent compliance consultant.

# CERTIFICATE OF THE FUNDS AND THE MANAGER AND PROMOTER OF THE FUNDS

This annual information form, together with the simplified prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference into the simplified prospectus, constitute full, true and plain disclosure of all material facts relating to the securities offered by the simplified prospectus, as required by the securities legislation of all of the provinces and territories of Canada and do not contain any misrepresentations.

Dated the 15th day of August, 2022

Mackenzie USD US Mid Cap Opportunities Fund
Mackenzie Inflation-Focused Fund
(collectively, the "Funds")

"Luke Gould"	"Keith Potter"			
Luke Gould Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer Mackenzie Financial Corporation	Keith Potter Executive Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer Mackenzie Financial Corporation			
ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF MACKENZIE FINANCIAL CORPORATION IN ITS CAPACITY AS MANAGER, PROMOTER AND TRUSTEE OF THE FUNDS				
"Subhas Sen"	"Naomi Andjelic Bartlett"			
Subhas Sen Director Mackenzie Financial Corporation	Naomi Andjelic Bartlett Director Mackenzie Financial Corporation			

## Mackenzie Mutual Funds

#### Mackenzie USD US Mid Cap Opportunities Fund

#### Mackenzie Inflation-Focused Fund

Additional information about the Funds is available in each Fund's fund facts, management reports of fund performance, and financial statements.

You can get a copy of these documents at no cost by calling toll-free **1-800-387-0614**, or from your financial advisor or by e-mail at **service@mackenzieinvestments.com**.

These documents and other information about the Funds, such as information circulars and material contracts, are also available at www.mackenzieinvestments.com or at www.sedar.com.

