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## NORTH GROWTH CANADIAN EQUITY FUND

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## Management Discussion of Fund Performance

#### **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

For the six-month period ended June 30, 2024, the Series F and Series D units of the Fund rose 7.38% and 7.22% respectively. The difference in performance between the Series F and Series D units is mostly attributed to the 0.30% per annum trailing commission paid on the Series D units of the Fund. Both series outperformed the S&P/TSX Composite Index, which increased 6.05% over the same period.

The S&P/TSX Composite Index started the year well on anticipation of a rate cut given the moderating pace of inflation. The first quarter of the year was the first since Q4 2022 where the Index constituents posted positive year-over-year earnings growth. In June, encouraged by the progress it made in its fight against inflation, the Bank of Canada announced its first rate cut since it began the hiking cycle in March 2022. These factors together led the Index to its strongest start to a year since 2021. Despite the improving macroeconomic picture, just seven companies accounted for almost 50% of the performance in the S&P/TSX Composite Index in the first half of the year.

From a sector perspective, the best performers were energy, materials and consumer staples increasing 14.07%, 13.65% and 8.28% respectively. Bombardier, Heroux-Devtek and Leon's Furniture, which ended the period as the Fund's three largest holdings, accounted for more than 100% of the Fund's performance during a period where 7 out of 10 top performers in the Index were commodity-based companies. Communication services, real estate and health care were the worst performing sectors declining -11.63%, -4.14% and -3.62% respectively.

During the interim period, the Manager initiated two new positions: Bird Construction and ADF Group. Five positions were eliminated: Blackberry, Innergex Renewable Energy, Boralex, Lumine Group and Perimeter Medical Imaging AI. Some of the larger weight adjustments in the portfolio included sales in TFI International and Bombardier.

#### **RECENT DEVELOPMENTS**

The Fund continues to focus on identifying stocks that meet its "Growth at a Reasonable Price" investment philosophy. The Manager aims to thoroughly understand the businesses in which the Fund is invested continually searching for quality names to add to the portfolio. By not overpaying for growth, The Manager believes that owning companies that deliver consistent earnings growth will drive strong long-term investment returns. As market leadership alternates between large-cap and small-cap stocks, we believe the Fund is well positioned in a broad market recovery.

Subsequent to the end of the reporting period, on July 11, 2024, Heroux-Devtek announced it received an offer to be acquired by US-based Platinum Equity LLC for a 28% premium to its closing price on July 10. As of July 11,

2024, the stock has yielded a 13.98% annualized return since the position was initiated in July 2012 compared to 8.92% for the Index.

#### **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

North Growth Management Ltd. is the manager and portfolio advisor of the Fund. It provides investment and portfolio management services to the Fund and is responsible for the overall operations of the Fund. The Fund pays the Manager for services provided (see *Management Fee*).

During the interim period ended June 30, 2024, the Manager neither purchased nor redeemed any units of the Fund (2023 – neither purchased nor redeemed any units of the Fund).

On June 30, 2024, the Manager and its affiliates and their officers and directors and their spouses beneficially owned 1.41% (December 31, 2023 - 1.62%) of the outstanding Series D and Series F units of the Fund.

On June 30, 2024, the Fund carried an outstanding balance payable to the Manager for management fees in the amount of \$38,957 (December 31, 2023 - \$38,829).

# Financial Highlights

For the interim period ended June 30, 2024 and comparative years ended December 31, 2019 through 2023

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the past five years.

SERIES F - NET ASSETS PER UNIT

	June 30		D	ecember 31		
Net Assets Per Unit <sup>1</sup>		2022			2020	2010
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$24.16	\$24.26	\$28.13	\$24.77	\$22.09	\$16.40
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	0.18	0.42	1.88	0.39	0.26	0.23
Total expenses	(0.09)	(0.19)	(0.19)	(0.22)	(0.18)	(0.15)
Realized gains for the period	0.14	1.55	0.81	1.79	2.56	1.47
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	1.49	(1.10)	(4.44)	2.81	1.57	4.64
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	1.77	0.56	(0.99)	4.34	3.85	6.19
Distributions:						
From income	-	(0.20)	(1.59)	(0.05)	-	-
From capital gains	-	(0.50)	(0.34)	(1.52)	(0.51)	(0.51)
Total Distributions3	-	(0.70)	(1.93)	(1.57)	(0.51)	(0.51)
Net assets at end of period shown	\$25.94	\$24.16	\$24.26	\$28.13	\$24.77	\$22.09

- 1. This information is derived from the Fund's unaudited interim and audited annual financial statements. The net assets per unit presented in the financial statements differs from the net asset value calculated for fund pricing purposes due to the timing of unitholder transactions during the period. An explanation of these differences can be found in the notes to the financial statements. Due to potential rounding differences, the sum of the individual components of the disclosed information does not necessarily amount to the "Net Assets at end of period shown" balance.
- 2. Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the financial period.
- 3. Distributions were paid in cash or reinvested in additional units of the Fund.

SERIES F - RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

Datios and Cumplemental Data	June 30	December 31				
Ratios and Supplemental Data	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total net asset value (000's) <sup>4</sup>	\$10,288	\$10,537	\$10,664	\$5,280	\$2,076	\$2,034
Number of units outstanding (000's) <sup>4</sup>	397	438	439	188	84	92
Management expense ratio <sup>5</sup>	0.70%	0.70%	0.70%	0.70%	0.70%	0.70%
Management expense ratio before waivers and absorptions <sup>6</sup>	0.73%	0.74%	0.73%	0.74%	0.76%	0.76%
Trading expense ratio <sup>7</sup>	0.03%	0.12%	0.06%	0.10%	0.09%	0.03%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>8</sup>	10.40%	18.65%	24.44%	17.46%	18.75%	2.01%
Net asset value per unit	\$25.94	\$24.16	\$24.26	\$28.13	\$24.77	\$22.09

- 4. This information is provided as at June 30th for the interim period shown and December 31st of the comparative years shown.
- 5. Management expense ratio is based on total expenses (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period.
- 6. The Manager pays all fees related to the IRC; the Management expense ratio before waivers and absorptions represents what the MER would be if the Fund paid the IRC fees.
- 7. The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period.
- 8. The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio advisor manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the year. The higher a fund's portfolio turnover rate in a year, the greater the trading costs payable by the fund in the year, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a fund.

SERIES D - NET ASSETS PER UNIT

Net Assets Per Unit <sup>1</sup>	June 30		De	ecember 31		
Net Assets Per Offit	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$24.68	\$24.77	\$28.50	\$25.09	\$22.32	\$16.59
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	0.18	0.42	1.88	0.39	0.26	0.23
Total expenses	(0.12)	(0.28)	(0.29)	(0.32)	(0.24)	(0.20)
Realized gains for the period	0.14	1.55	0.81	1.79	2.56	1.47
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	1.49	(1.10)	(4.44)	2.81	1.57	4.64
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	1.79	0.60	(6.09)	4.37	5.23	6.14
Distributions:						
From income	-	(0.12)	(1.34)	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	(0.50)	(0.34)	(1.50)	(0.47)	(0.47)
Total Distributions <sup>3</sup>	-	(0.62)	(1.68)	(1.50)	(0.47)	(0.47)
Net assets at end of period shown	\$26.46	\$24.68	\$24.77	\$28.50	\$25.09	\$22.32

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Datios and Supplemental Data	June 30	December 31				
Ratios and Supplemental Data	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total net asset value (000's) <sup>4</sup>	\$948	\$836	\$845	\$6,803	\$3,293	\$1,941
Number of units outstanding (000's) <sup>4</sup>	36	34	36	239	131	87
Management expense ratio <sup>5</sup>	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%
Management expense ratio before waivers and absorptions <sup>6</sup>	1.03%	1.03%	1.03%	1.04%	1.06%	1.06%
Trading expense ratio <sup>7</sup>	0.03%	0.12%	0.06%	0.10%	0.09%	0.03%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>8</sup>	10.40%	18.65%	24.44%	17.46%	18.75%	2.01%
Net asset value per unit	\$26.46	\$24.68	\$24.77	\$28.50	\$25.09	\$22.32

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#### MANAGEMENT FEE

North Growth Management Ltd. is the trustee, fund accountant, transfer agent, portfolio advisor and manager of the Fund and receives a management fee from the Fund for these services. The Fund has two prospectus qualified series: Series D and Series F. The management fee for both series is 0.70% of assets under management, calculated daily and paid monthly, based on the daily net asset value of each series.

The Manager pays all operating costs of the Fund from its management fee, except for brokerage fees, any taxes payable, interest charges, if any, and trailer fees. It is not reimbursed for these costs.

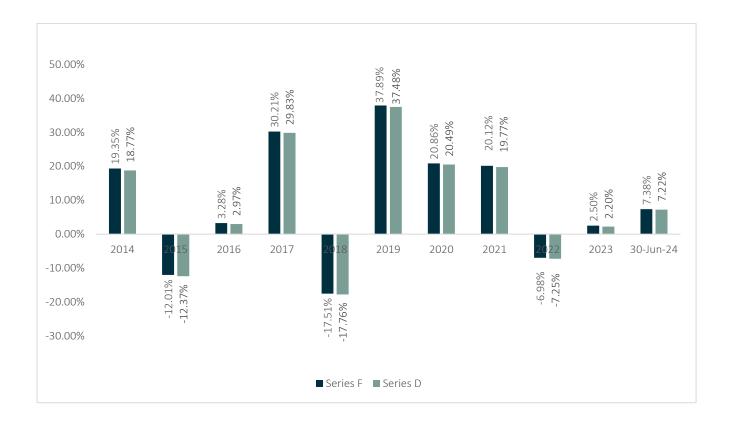
The Fund is distributed by registered dealers. Series D units pay a trailing commission of 0.30%. Series F units do not pay a trailing commission and are available through discount brokers and dealers who are generally compensated by their clients on a fee-for-service basis.

## Past Performance

The performance information shown assumes that all distributions made by the Fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional securities of the Fund. Past performance does not necessarily indicate how the Fund will perform in the future. The Fund's returns are after the deduction of fees and expenses, and the difference in returns between series of units is primarily due to the 0.30% per annum trailing commission on the Series D units. See *Financial Highlights* for the management expense ratio.

#### INTERIM AND YEAR-BY-YEAR RETURNS

The bar chart indicates the Fund's performance for the interim period and each of the years shown. The bar chart shows, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of the interim period and each financial year would have grown or decreased by the last day of each period.



# Summary of Investment Portfolio

### As at June 30, 2024

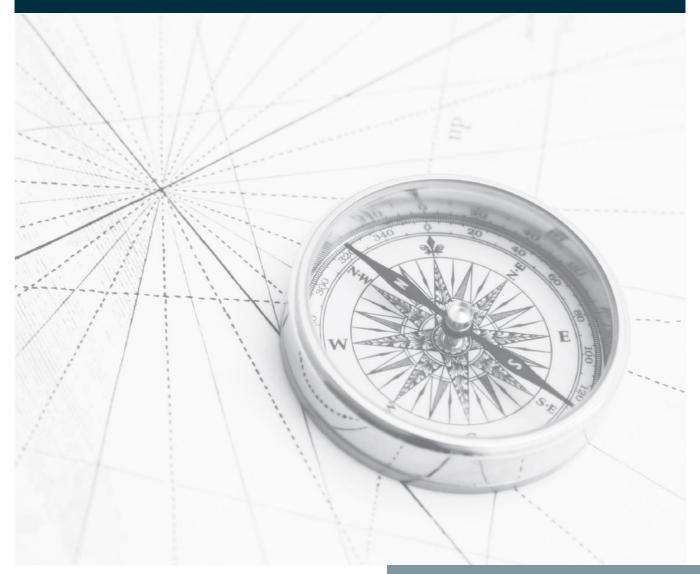
The summary of investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund. It is updated quarterly, within 60 days of quarter end, and is available as indicated on the front cover of this report.

Top 25 Portfolio Holdings

Ranking	Security	% of Net Assets
1	Bombardier Inc., Class B	7.97
2	Heroux-Devtek Inc.	7.31
3	Leon's Furniture Ltd.	7.06
4	TFI International Inc.	6.67
5	Calian Group Ltd.	5.79
6	ATS Corporation	5.00
7	Aritzia Inc.	4.50
8	CAE Inc.	4.43
9	Open Text Corporation	3.87
10	Knight Therapeutics Inc.	3.64
11	Constellation Software Inc.	3.24
12	Restaurant Brands International	3.05
13	Canadian National Railway Company	2.94
14	ADF Group Inc.	2.82
15	Bird Construction Inc.	2.82
16	TELUS Corporation	2.59
17	Bombardier Recreational Products Inc.	2.55
18	Dollarama Inc.	2.41
19	Profound Medical Corp.	2.33
20	Zymeworks Inc.	2.21
21	Canadian Solar Inc.	2.02
22	dentalcorp Holdings Inc.	1.99
23	Polaris Renewable Energy Inc.	1.82
24	AutoCanada Inc.	1.63
25	Evertz Technologies Limited	1.45

#### **Sector Allocation**

Sector	% of Net Assets
Industrials	42.94
Consumer Discretionary	21.46
Information Technology	11.62
Health Care	10.17
Materials	2.82
Communication Services	2.59
Utilities	1.82
Consumer Staples	0.83
<b>Equities Total</b>	94.25
Cash	5.75
Portfolio Total	100.00



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