# BELLWETHER GLOBAL REAL ESTATE & INFRASTRUCTURE FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended December 31, 2023

(in Canadian dollars)



#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Unitholders of the Bellwether Global Real Estate & Infrastructure Fund

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Bellwether Global Real Estate & Infrastructure Fund, which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023, the statement of comprehensive income, changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units and cash flows for the year then ended, a schedule of investment portfolio as at December 31, 2023, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Bellwether Global Real Estate & Infrastructure Fund as at December 31, 2023, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

#### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the fund in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Trustee's and Manager's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Trustee and the Manager are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, and for such internal control as the Trustee and the Manager determines are necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

The Trustee and the Manager are responsible for overseeing the fund's financial reporting process.

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

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

#### We also:

Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or
error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is
sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement
resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery,
intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are
  appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of
  the fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Trustee's and the Manager's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Trustee and the Manager regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Mr. Richard Clarke, CPA, CA.

**Chartered Professional Accountants** 

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Licensed Public Accountants

Mississauga, Ontario

March 22, 2024

## Statement of Financial Position As at December 31, 2023

	Dec	ember 31, 2023	Dec	cember 31, 2022
ASSETS				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	7,977,744	\$	10,769,119
Dividends receivable		70,839		80,619
Contributions receivable (Note 13)		120,360		54,310
Interest receivable		29,190		17,110
Investments owned, at fair value (Cost:\$101,826,924 - 2022:\$91,824,000)		110,777,220	_	103,204,584
		118,975,353	_	114,125,742
LIABILITIES				
Current liabilities				
Accrued expenses		35,940		35,503
Distributions payable		80		_
Redemptions payable (Note 13)		28,055	_	73,878
		64,075		109,381
Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units	\$	118,911,278	\$	114,016,361
Number of Redeemable Units Outstanding		10,950,935		10,146,066
Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units per Unit	\$	10.86	\$	11.24

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## Statement of Comprehensive Income For the year ended December 31, 2023

		2023		2022
Income Dividends Interest income for distribution purposes	\$	812,033 1,738,552	\$	1,266,569 2,125,207
Change in unrealized (loss) gain on investments and foreign currency Realized gain (loss) on sale of investments and foreign currency		(2,510,387) 5,391,253	_	5,521,414 (415,635)
Expenses		5,431,451	_	8,497,555
Operating costs (Note 6) Withholding tax Commissions and other portfolio transaction costs (Note 7)		464,881 175,139 3,246		431,887 48,467 8,151
	_	643,266	_	488,505
Increase in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units	\$	4,788,185	\$_	8,009,050
Increase in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units per Unit	\$	0.47	\$	0.80

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units For the year ended December 31, 2023

	Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, beginning of year	Proceeds from redeemable units issued	Distribution of net investment income to unitholders	Redemption of redeemable units	Reinvestment of distribution	Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, end of year
2023	\$ 114,016,361	\$\$11,206,869_\$	(8,754,409) \$	(11,099,619)\$	8,753,891	\$\$4,788,185_\$	118,911,278
	Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, beginning of year	Proceeds from redeemable units issued	Distribution of net investment income to unitholders	Redemption of redeemable units	Reinvestment of distribution	Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, end of year
2022	\$ 97,385,972	\$ 18,809,726 \$	(1,413,429)	(10,188,199) \$	1,413,241	\$ 8,009,050	114,016,361

## Statement of Cash Flows For the year ended December 31, 2023

		2023	2022
Cash provided by (used in):			
Operating Activities			
Increase in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units	\$	4,788,185 \$	8,009,050
Adjustments for non-cash items			
Commissions and other portfolio transaction costs		3,246	8,151
Change in unrealized loss (gain) on investments and foreign currency		2,510,387	(5,521,414)
Realized (gain) loss on sale of investments and foreign currency		(5,391,253)	415,635
Change in non-cash balances			
Decrease (increase) in dividends receivable		9,780	(59,826)
(Increase) decrease in contributions receivable		(66,050)	299,498
Increase in interest receivable		(12,080)	(15,622)
Increase in accrued expenses		437	12,729
Decrease in payable for investments purchased		_	(5,259,094)
(Decrease) increase in redemptions payable		(45,823)	49,528
Proceeds from sale of investments		12,423,029	(253,666)
Purchase of investments	_	(17,014,730)	(16,901,114)
Cash used in operating activities	_	(2,794,872)	(19,216,145)
Financing Activities			
Amount paid on redemption of redeemable units		(11,099,619)	(10,188,199)
Distributions to unitholders, net of reinvestments		(438)	(188)
Proceeds from issuances of redeemable units		11,206,869	18,809,726
Cash provided by financing activities		106,812	8,621,339
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents during the year		(2,688,060)	(10,594,806)
Foreign exchange (loss) gain on cash		(103,315)	207,898
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		10,769,119	21,156,027
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<b>\$</b>	7,977,744 \$	10,769,119
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Supplemental information*			
Interest paid	\$	- \$	306
Interest received	Ψ	1,726,472	2,109,585
Dividends received, net of withholding taxes		646,674	1,158,276
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<sup>\*</sup>Included as a part of cash flows from operating activities

## Schedule of Investment Portfolio As at December 31, 2023

Canadian equities   Simoskifield Infrastructure Corp.   \$1,165,766 \$ 1,134,146   0.95	Number of shares/units	Investments owned	Average cost	Fair value	% of net asset value
29,000					
Tidewater Midstream and Infrastructure Ltd.   385,419   1,155,400   0.97		•	\$		
Tricon Residential Inc.   1,822,821   1,809,000   1,52					
Canadian investment funds   S,061,900   S,309,586   4.46					
Canadian investment funds   3,000   Bonnefield Canadian Farmland LP V Class A   2,965,814   4,245,764   3,57   996,050   Russell Investments Global Infrastructure Pool Series O   14,533,303   13,875,777   11.67   932,097   Russell Investments Global Real Estate Pool Series O   12,596,388   10,339,943   8.70   109,822   Trez Capital Private Real Estate Fund Trust - Series I   11,149,255   12,890,893   10.84   14,244,740   41,352,377   34,78   10,882   10,884   10,889   10,884   10,889   10,884   10,884   10,889   10,884   10,884   10,889   10,884   10,884   10,889   10,884   10,884   10,889   10,884   10,884   10,889   10,884   10,884   10,889   10,884   10,88	150,000	Tricon Residential Inc.	1,822,821	1,809,000	
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109,822   Trez Capital Private Real Estate Fund Trust - Series   11,149,255   12,890,893   10.84		Russell Investments Global Real Estate Pool Series O			
U.S. equities   American Tower Corp.   2,459,216   2,280,471   1.92   21,000   Cheniere Energy Inc.   3,365,036   4,733,694   3.98   2,000   Equinix Inc.   2,047,913   2,126,954   1.79   80,000   MPLX LP   2,436,183   3,878,954   3.26   23,500   NextEra Energy Inc.   2,197,096   1,884,797   1.59   14,000   Prologis Inc.   2,186,394   2,464,224   2.07   21,000   Welltower Inc.   2,173,371   2,500,365   2.10   16,865,209   19,869,459   16,71		Trez Capital Private Real Estate Fund Trust - Series I			
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		Other assets, net		8,134,058	6.85
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			\$	118,911,278	100.00

## **Notes to Financial Statements**

For the year ended December 31, 2023

#### 1. Formation of the Fund

Bellwether Global Real Estate & Infrastructure Fund (the "Fund") is an open-end mutual fund trust. The Fund was established by a Declaration of Trust dated May 31, 2019 and commenced operations on October 4, 2019. The address of the Fund's registered office is 1295 Cornwall Road, Unit A3, Oakville, Ontario, L6J 7T5.

Bellwether Investment Management Inc. (the "Manager" or the "Trustee") is the manager and trustee of the Fund. The Manager is responsible for directing the affairs and managing the business of the Fund, including management of the Fund's investment portfolio, and for administering or arranging for the administration of the day-to-day operations of the Fund, including providing or arranging for the provision of investment advice, establishment of brokerage arrangements and bookkeeping and other administrative services for the Fund.

The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve superior risk-adjusted returns with minimal volatility and low correlation to most traditional asset classes, primarily by investing in third-party funds and/or limited partnerships with portfolios comprised of a diversified portfolio of asset classes that are directly or indirectly linked to physical assets (e.g. real estate and infrastructure), or to assets that the Manager of the Fund believes have a tendency to maintain their real (after inflation) value over time. To provide enhanced liquidity, the Fund invests in or gains exposure to primarily equity securities, fixed-income securities and securities of other mutual and pooled funds.

National Bank Independent Network is the Custodian of the Fund. SGGG Fund Services Inc. is the record keeper and valuation services agent for the Fund.

### 2. Basis of Presentation

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with IFRS Accounting Standards as published by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"). The Fund reports under this basis of accounting as required by Canadian Securities Legislation and Canadian Accounting Standards Board. These financial statements should be read in conjunction with annual financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022 which have been prepared in accordance with IFRS.

These financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL") which are presented at fair value. The policies applied in these financial statements are based on IFRS issued and outstanding as of March 22, 2024 which is the date on which the financial statements were authorized for issue by the Trustee.

## 3. Summary of Material Accounting Policy Information

The following summarizes the significant accounting policies of the Fund:

#### Current adoptions and accounting standards issued

IAS 1: Presentation of Financial statements has been amended to require Fund to disclose material rather than significant accounting policies and the amendments are effective for the annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023. As per the amendment, a Fund shall disclose material accounting policy information. Accounting policy information is material if, when considered together with other information included in a Fund's financial statements, it can reasonably be expected to influence decisions that the primary users of general purpose financial statements make on the basis of those financial statements. Accordingly, accounting policy information that relates to immaterial transactions, other events or conditions is immaterial and need not be disclosed. Accounting policy information may nevertheless be material because of the nature of the related transactions, other events or conditions, even if the amounts are immaterial.

IAS 8: Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors has been amended to introduce a new definition of accounting estimates, clarifying that they are monetary amounts in the financial statements that are subject to measurement uncertainty.

The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023 to changes in accounting policies and changes in accounting estimates that occur on or after the start of that period. The Fund did not have any impact due to this amendment.

## **Notes to Financial Statements**

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#### Standards issued but not yet effective

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning after the current reporting period and have not been applied in preparing these financial statements. None of these are expected to have a significant effect on the financial statements of the Fund.

#### **Valuation of Investments**

The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities traded in active markets (such as publicly traded derivatives and trading securities) is based on quoted market prices. In accordance with the provisions of the Fund's Offering Memorandum, investment positions are valued based on the last traded market price for the purpose of determining the net asset per unit for subscriptions and redemptions. For financial reporting purposes, the Fund uses the last traded market price for both financial assets and financial liabilities where the last traded price falls within that day's bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid-ask spread, the Manager determines the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value based on the specific facts and circumstances. When the Fund holds derivatives with offsetting market risks, it uses mid-market prices as a basis for establishing fair values for the offsetting risk positions and applies this bid or ask price to the net open position, as appropriate.

The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities that are not traded in an active market (for example, over-the-counter derivatives) are determined using valuation techniques. The Fund uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each Statement of Financial Position date. Valuation techniques used include the use of comparable recent arm's-length transactions, discounted cash flow analysis, option pricing models and other valuation techniques commonly used by market participants.

Investments in private companies and other assets for which no published market exists are initially valued at cost and adjusted each reporting year, when appropriate, to reflect the most recent value at which such securities have been exchanged in an arm's length transaction which approximates a trade effected in a published market, unless a different fair market value is otherwise determined to be appropriate by the Manager.

#### Investment entity

The Fund has determined that it is an investment entity as defined by IFRS 10, Consolidated Financial Statements ("IFRS 10") and the amendments to IFRS 10, as the following conditions exist:

- (it) The Fund has obtained funds from one or more investors for the purpose of providing those investors with investment management services;
- (ii) The Fund has committed to its investors that its business purpose is to invest funds solely for returns from capital appreciation and investment income; and
- (iii) The Fund measures and evaluates the performance of substantially all of its investments on a fair value basis.

As an investment entity, the Fund is exempted from consolidating particular subsidiaries and instead is required to measure its investments in these particular subsidiaries at FVTPL.

## **Notes to Financial Statements**

For the year ended December 31, 2023

#### Classification

The Fund classifies its investments in debt and equity securities and derivatives as financial assets and financial liabilities at FVTPL in accordance with IFRS 9, Financial Instruments ("IFRS 9").

The Fund classifies its investments at FVTPL based on the Fund's business model for managing those financial assets in accordance with the Fund's documented investment strategy. The portfolio of investments is managed and performance is evaluated on a fair value basis and the portfolio of investments is neither held to collect contractual cash flows nor held both to collect contractual cash flows and to sell financial assets. The Fund is primarily focused on fair value information and uses that information to assess the assets' performance and to make decisions.

The Fund recognizes financial instruments at fair value upon initial recognition, plus transaction costs in the case of financial instruments measured at amortized cost. Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognized at their trade date. The Fund's investments have been classified as FVTPL. The Fund's obligation for net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units is presented at the redemption amount. All other financial assets and financial liabilities are classified as subsequently measured at amortized cost. Under this method, financial assets and financial liabilities reflect the amount required to be received or paid, discounted, when appropriate, at the contract's effective interest rate. A financial asset is classified as subsequently measured at amortized cost only if both of the following criteria are met:

- I) The asset is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows, and
- ii) The contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal outstanding

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is comprised of cash on deposits and cash equivalents with financial institutions and bank overdraft is carried at amortized cost which approximates fair value.

#### **Financial instruments**

The Fund's financial instruments include cash and cash equivalents, dividends receivable, contributions receivable, interest receivable, investments owned at fair value, accrued expenses, distributions payable and redemptions payable. Investments are classified as FVTPL valued based on the policies described under the heading "Valuation of Investments". All other financial instruments are classified as subsequently measured at amortized cost and recorded at cost or amortized cost. Financial liabilities are carried at amortized cost, which closely approximates their fair values given their short-term nature. Please refer to Note 8 for a discussion of the management of financial risks.

## Recognition/derecognition

The Fund recognizes financial assets or financial liabilities designated as trading securities on the trade date – the date it commits to purchase or sell short the instruments. From this date, any gains and losses arising from changes in fair value of the assets or liabilities are recognized in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Other financial assets are derecognized when, and only when, the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire; or it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset to another entity. The Fund derecognizes financial liabilities when, and only when, the Fund's obligations are discharged, cancelled or they expire.

### Offsetting financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the Statement of Financial Position when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognized amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. In the normal course of business, the Fund enters into various master netting agreements or similar agreements that do not meet the criteria for offsetting in the Statement of Financial Position but still allow for the related amounts to be offset in certain circumstances, such as bankruptcy or termination of the contracts.

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#### Fair value measurement

Investments measured at fair value are classified into one of three fair value hierarchy levels, based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. The inputs or methodologies used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

The three fair value hierarchy levels are as follows:

Level 1 – Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;

Level 2 – Inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e., as prices) or indirectly (i.e., derived from prices); and

Level 3 - Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

Refer to Note 9 for fair value measurement analysis.

### Investment transactions and revenue recognition

Investment transactions are accounted for on the trade date. Interest income is accrued daily and dividend income is recognized on the ex-dividend date. Realized gain/(loss) on sale of investments and unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) in investments are determined on an average cost basis. Average cost does not include amortization of premiums or discounts on fixed income securities with the exception of zero coupon bonds.

The unrealized gain/(loss) on each investment held by the Fund at year end is determined by the fair value of that investment less the average cost of the investment.

Distributions from income trust holdings ("trusts") are recorded on the ex-distribution date and the components of the distributions are recorded as dividends, capital gains or a return of capital as appropriate and on the basis of the best information available to the Manager. Distributions from trusts that are a return of capital reduce the average cost of the trusts reported on the Schedule of Investment Portfolio.

To the extent that a Fund incurs withholding taxes imposed by certain countries on investment income and capital gains generated in that country, the revenue from such income or gains is recorded net of withholding taxes in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

#### **Foreign Currency Translation**

The functional and presentation currency of the Fund is the Canadian dollar. The fair value of foreign investments and other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Canadian dollars at the exchange rates prevailing at 12:00pm Eastern Standard Time (the "noon rate") on each valuation day. Purchases and sales of foreign securities denominated in foreign currencies and the related income are translated into Canadian dollars at rates of exchange prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions.

#### Net Assets Attributable to Holders per Unit

The Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit are calculated by dividing the Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units of a particular series of units by the total number of units of that particular series outstanding at the end of the year.

#### Increase in Net Assets Attributable to Holders per Unit

Increase in Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit is based on the increase in Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units attributed to each series of units, divided by the weighted average number of units outstanding of that series during the year. Refer to Note 11 for the calculation.

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#### **Taxation of the Fund**

The Fund qualifies as a unit trust under the provisions of the Income Tax Act (Canada) and, accordingly, is subject to tax on its investment income, including net realized capital gains, for the calendar year in which its net investment income or sufficient net realized capital gains are not paid or payable to its unitholders as at the end of the calendar year. It is the intention of the Manager that all annual net investment income and sufficient net taxable capital gains will be distributed to unitholders on a calendar year basis such that Canadian income taxes payable by the Fund will be minimized.

In any year in which the Fund realizes a net capital loss, caused when realized capital losses exceed realized capital gains, the Fund may carry forward that net capital loss balance to reduce net realized capital gains in subsequent years.

As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Fund had realized capital losses available to carry forward to future years as follows:

	2023	2022
Bellwether Global Real Estate & Infrastructure Fund	\$ 720,056 \$	720,056

As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Fund had no non-capital losses available to carry forward.

#### **Distributions**

All distributions on redeemable units of a series will be reinvested automatically in additional units of the same series, without charge, at the series net asset value per unit determined as of the date of distribution unless the unitholder otherwise directs in writing. The unitholder may, by written request, receive the distribution payment by cheque or electronic transfer. All distributions are made on a pro rata basis to each registered unitholder, determined as of the close of business on the date of distribution. When redemptions occur during the calendar year, the unitholder may have taxable income and capital gains attributed to them up to the date of redemption.

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## 4. Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with IFRS requires management to use accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgment in the process of applying the Fund's accounting policies. Estimates are continually evaluated and based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The following discusses the most significant accounting judgments and estimates that the Fund has made in preparing the financial statements:

Classification and measurement of investments and application of the fair value option

In classifying and measuring financial instruments held by the Fund, the Manager is required to make significant judgments about whether or not the business of the Fund is to manage its portfolio of investments and evaluate performance on a fair value basis and that the portfolio of investments is neither held to collect contractual cash flows nor held both to collect contractual cash flows and to sell financial assets. The most significant judgments made include assessing and determining the appropriate business model that enables the decision that the Fund's investments are classified as FVTPL.

Fair value measurement of securities not quoted in an active market

The Fund may hold financial instruments that are not quoted in active markets and are valued using valuation techniques that make use of observable data, to the extent practicable. Various valuation techniques are utilized, depending on a number of factors, including the use of comparable recent arm's-length transactions, discounted cash flow analysis, option pricing models and other valuation techniques commonly used by market participants. Key inputs and assumptions used are company specific and may include estimated discount rates and expected price volatilities. Changes in key inputs could affect the reported fair value of these financial instruments held by the Fund.

#### 5. Redeemable Units of the Fund

Unitholders' equity is considered to be the source of capital for the Fund. The Fund's objectives in managing capital are to safeguard the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, to provide financial capacity and flexibility to meet its strategic objectives and to provide an adequate return to unitholders commensurate with the level of risk while maximizing the distributions to unitholders.

Since both the income and expenses of the Fund are reasonably predictable and since the Fund does not have any externally imposed capital requirements, the Trustee believes that the current level of distributions, capital and capital structure is sufficient to sustain ongoing operations. The Trustee actively monitors the cash position and financial performance of the Fund to ensure there are resources to meet current distribution levels.

The Fund may issue an unlimited number of units, which may be divided into an unlimited number of Series. The Fund currently offers Series A, Series F and Series O Units. Series A Units may be purchased through investment dealers. Series F Units are available to all investors other than those investing in the Series A or Series O units and may be purchased either through investment dealers or directly from the Manager. Series O Units may only be purchased directly from the Manager. Series O Units are available to institutional investors and other selected investors who enter into a managed account agreement with the Manager. The managed account agreement stipulates the negotiated management fee that will be paid by the investor directly to the Manager.

Redeemable Units of the Fund are redeemable at the option of the unitholders in accordance with the provisions of the Offering Memorandum at their Net Asset Value Per Unit and do not have any nominal or par value.

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As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, only units of Series O had been in issue. The changes in outstanding redeemable units during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 are summarized as follows:

	Redeemable Units, beginning of year	Redeemable Units Issued	Redemptions of Redeemable Units	Reinvestments of Units	Redeemable Units, end of year
2023	10,146,066	970,704	(960,602)	794,767	10,950,935
2022	9,202,135	1,738,279	(918,880)	124,532	10,146,066

#### 6. Related Party Transactions

The Fund considers its related parties to consist of key members and senior officers, including their close family members, and companies controlled or significantly influenced by such individuals, and reporting shareholders and their affiliates which may exert significant influence over the Fund's activities.

Bellwether Investment Management Inc.

Bellwether Investment Management Inc. is the fund Manager of the Fund. Both management fees and operating expenses are paid to the Manager by the Fund.

#### **Management Fees**

The Manager of the Fund is entitled to a management fee. The applicable management fee relating to Series A units of the Fund is equal to (1/12) of 1.50% of the average net asset value of the Fund relating to such Series during each month. The applicable management fee relating to the Series F units of the Fund is equal to (1/12) of 0.75% of the average net asset value of the Fund relating to such series during each month. Management fees relating to the Series O units of the Fund are paid directly by the unitholder and are not charged to the Fund.

#### **Operating Expenses**

The operating expenses charged to the Fund will be capped at 60 basis points per annum.

## 7. Brokerage Commissions and Other Transaction Costs

The Fund paid \$3,246 (2022 - \$8,151) brokerage commissions and other transaction costs for portfolio transactions during the year ended December 31, 2023.

In addition to covering brokerage services on security transactions, commissions paid to certain brokers may also cover goods and services provided to the manager other than order execution (soft costs).

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Fund did not have soft costs.

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## 8. Risks Associated with Financial Instruments

The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve superior risk-adjusted returns with minimal volatility and low correlation to most traditional asset classes, primarily by investing in third-party funds and/or limited partnerships with portfolios comprised of a diversified portfolio of asset classes that are directly or indirectly linked to physical assets (e.g. real estate and infrastructure), or to assets that the Manager of the Fund believes have a tendency to maintain their real (after inflation) value over time. The Fund intends to allocate capital to invest in securities and funds (the "Portfolio") managed by certain third-party managers (each an "Underlying Fund") selected by the Manager from time to time based on the Manager's assessment of the market outlook and the ability of the investment to help the Fund meet its stated investment objectives. Such Underlying Funds will hold an actively managed portfolio of investments in the public and/or private markets.

The Fund is exposed to various types of risks that are associated with their investment strategies, financial instruments and the markets in which they invest. These financial risks include market risk (which includes currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk), credit risk, and liquidity risk.

The Manager of the Fund seeks to minimize these risks by employing experienced portfolio managers who manage the security portfolios of the Fund on a daily basis according to market events and the Fund's investment objectives. The Manager further moderates these risks through a careful selection of securities within specified limits and the Fund's market price risk is managed through diversification of the investment portfolio. The Fund's overall risk management program seeks to minimize the potentially adverse effect of risk on the Fund's financial performance in a manner consistent with the Fund's investment objective.

These risks and related risk management practices employed by the Fund are further discussed below:

### (i) Currency Risk

Currency risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of a Fund will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates.

The Fund holds assets, including cash, short-term investments and equities, which are denominated in US Dollars. The Canadian Dollar is the functional currency of the Fund. The Fund is therefore exposed to currency risk because the value of the securities denominated in US Dollars fluctuates due to changes in the exchange rate between the Canadian and US Dollar.

The table below summarizes the Fund's exposure to currency risk. As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, if the exchange rate between the Canadian Dollar and the US Dollar increased or decreased by 5%, with all other variables held constant, the increase or respectively in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units would approximately be as follows:

		Exposure		Impact if CAD strengthened or weake by 5% in relation to other currencie								
Currency	Monetary	N	Non-Monetary		Total		Monetary	Non-Monetary			Total	
December 31, 2023												
U.S. Dollar	\$ 3,890,211	\$	64,115,257	\$	68,005,468	\$	194,511	\$	3,205,763	\$	3,400,274	
	\$ 3,890,211	\$	64,115,257	\$	68,005,468	\$	194,511	\$	3,205,763	\$	3,400,274	
% of Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units	3.3		53.9		57.2		0.2		2.7		2.9	

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		Exposure	Impact if CAD strengthened or weakened by 5% in relation to other currencies								
Currency	Monetary	ı	Non-Monetary	•	Total		Monetary	N	on-Monetary		Total
December 31, 2022											
U.S. Dollar	\$ 5,846,766	\$	59,562,639	\$	65,409,405	\$	292,338	\$	2,978,132	\$	3,270,470
	\$ 5,846,766	\$	59,562,639	\$	65,409,405	\$	292,338	\$	2,978,132	\$	3,270,470
% of Net Assets Attributable to Holders											
of Redeemable Units	5.1		52.2		57.3		0.3		2.6		2.9

In practice, the actual results may differ from this sensitivity analysis and the difference could be material.

#### (ii) Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

The majority of each Fund's financial assets and liabilities are non-interest bearing. As a result, the Fund are not subject to significant interest rate risk due to fluctuations in the prevailing level of market interest rates.

As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Fund did not have significant exposure to interest rate risk.

#### (iii) Other Price Risk

Other price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in the market.

The investments of the Fund are subject to normal market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in financial markets. The maximum risk resulting from financial instruments held by the Fund is determined by the fair value of the financial instruments. The Manager monitors the Fund's overall market positions on a daily basis and positions are maintained within established ranges as disclosed in the Fund's Offering Memorandum.

The Fund's other price risk is affected by changes in actual market prices. As at December 31, 2023 and 2022 if the S&P Real Assets Index had increased or decreased by 5%, with all other variables held constant, then the approximate increase or decrease to Net Assets would have been as follows:

Market Sensitivity Analysis	December 31, 2023 Estimated Impact on net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	December 31, 2022 Estimated Impact on net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units
Bellwether Global Real Estate & Infrastructure Fund	\$ 5,261,918	\$ 4,902,218

In practice, actual results may differ from this sensitivity analysis and the difference could be material.

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### (iv) Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty to a financial instrument will fail to discharge a commitment that it has entered into with a Fund. The fair value of a financial instrument takes into account the credit rating of its issuer.

All transactions in listed securities are settled or paid for upon delivery using approved brokers. Credit risk is considered minimal in the Fund because delivery of securities sold is only made once the broker has received payment. Payment is made on a purchase once the securities have been received by the broker. The trade will fail if either party fails to meet its obligation.

The Fund also invests in cash and short-term investments. The Fund limits exposure to credit loss by placing cash and other short-term investments with high credit quality government and financial institutions.

As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Fund did not have significant investments in debt securities.

#### (v) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is defined as the risk that the Fund may not be able to settle or meet its obligations on time or at a reasonable price.

The Fund's exposure to liquidity risk is concentrated in the Fund's ability to satisfy the weekly cash redemptions of units. Further liquidity risk arises from the fact that redeemable units are redeemable on demand at the unitholder's option. The Fund's investments are considered readily realizable and highly liquid. In addition, the Fund retains sufficient cash positions to maintain liquidity.

As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Fund did not have significant exposure to liquidity risk.

#### 9. Classification of financial instruments – fair value measurements:

The following table summarizes the levels within the fair value hierarchy in which the fair value measurements of the Fund's investments fall as of December 31. 2023 and 2022:

December 31, 2023

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets				
Equities	\$ 25,179,045 \$	- \$	- \$	25,179,045
Investment Fund	_	24,215,720	61,382,455	85,598,175
	\$ 25,179,045 \$	24,215,720 \$	61,382,455 \$	110,777,220

December 31, 2022

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets				_
Equities	\$ 21,604,548 \$	- \$	- \$	21,604,548
Investment Fund	_	81,600,036	_	81,600,036
	\$ 21,604,548 \$	81,600,036 \$	- \$	103,204,584

During the year ended December 31, 2023, certain investment funds were transferred from Level 2 to Level 3 as a result of the continuous evaluation of the appropriateness of the levels of fair value measurements in which measurements are categorized at each reporting date. As at December 31, 2023, the fair value of investment funds was \$61,382,455.

The changes in investments measured at fair value using significant Level 3 inputs for the year ended December 31, 2023 are reflected below:

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December 31, 2023

	Total
Beginning Balance, January 01, 2023	\$ _
Purchases	11,553,557
Net transfers into and/or out of Level 3	50,060,839
Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) included in net income	(231,941)
Ending Balance, December 31, 2023	\$ 61,382,455

There are no such changes in investments measured at fair value using significant Level 3 inputs for the year ended December 31, 2022.

### 10. Involvement with unconsolidated structured entities:

The table below describes the types of structured entities that the Fund does not consolidate but in which they hold an interest.

December 31, 2023

Strategy	Number of Investee Funds	Net Asset Value of Investee Fund (range and weighted avg)	estment fair value	% of net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units
Farming	1	\$ 283,521,849	\$ 4,245,764	4.1%
Infrastructure	3	9,651,735,914	40,307,488	39.1%
Real Estate	5	3,925,169,421	41,044,925	39.8%
			\$ 85,598,176	82.9%

December 31, 2022

Strategy	Number of Investee Funds	Net Asset Value of Investee Fund (range and weighted avg)	Investment fair value	% of net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units
Farming	1	\$ 225,787,835	\$ 3,574,890	3.5%
Infrastructure	3	7,701,285,547	39,037,738	37.8%
Real Estate	4	3,303,333,928	38,987,408	37.8%
			\$ 81,600,036	79.1%

The objective of the Fund is to achieve superior risk-adjusted returns with minimal volatility and low correlation to most traditional asset classes, primarily by investing in third-party funds and/or limited partnerships with portfolios comprised of a diversified portfolio of asset classes that are directly or indirectly linked to physical assets (e.g. Real estate and infrastructure), or to assets that the Manager of the Fund believes have a tendency to maintain their real (after inflation) value over time.

The Fund finances its operations by issuing redeemable units which are puttable at the holder's option and entitle the holder to a proportional stake in the Fund's net assets.

The change in fair value of the investment in the Fund is included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income in net gains/losses on financial instruments and derivatives held at FVTPL.

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## 11. Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit

The Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 are calculated as follows:

	Attributa	e in Net Assets ble to Holders of nable Units per Series	Weighted Average of Redeemable Units Outstanding During the Year	Increase in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units per Unit	
December 31, 2023	\$	4,788,185	10,251,616	\$	0.47
December 31, 2022	\$	8,009,050	9,950,672	\$	0.80

## 12. Filing Exemption

The Fund has advised the Ontario Securities Commission that the Fund is relying on the exemption from the filing requirements pursuant to Section 2.11 of National Instrument 81-106.

## 13. Contributions receivable and redemptions payable

Contributions receivable and redemptions payable consists of units purchased/redeemed during the year for which cash has not been received/paid at year end.