

Interim Management Report of Fund Performance

June 30, 2023

Beutel Goodman North American Focused Equity Fund

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Management Discussion of Fund Performance

Investment Objectives and Strategies

The Fund seeks long-term capital growth through investments primarily in common shares and other equity securities of issuers in Canada and the United States.

The Fund seeks to hold a concentrated portfolio of quality companies for the long-term. The investment portfolio of the Fund will therefore consist of a small number of large positions with low turnover. It is not expected that the fund will invest in more than 24 issuers at one time. Currently, the Fund does not expect to invest more than 49% of its assets in securities of U.S. issuers.

The Fund's strategy is to identify companies that can grow their intrinsic value at above normal rates over long periods of time. Companies generating free cash flow are favoured. Securities are purchased when they are trading at a substantial discount to their business value.

Risk

There were no significant changes to the investment objectives or strategies that affected the Fund's overall level of risk during the period. The risks of investing in this Fund and the suitability of the Fund for investors remain as discussed in the Prospectus.

There were no changes to the Fund's risk rating during the reporting period.

Results of Operations

Over the six-month period ended June 30, 2023, Beutel Goodman North American Focused Equity Fund (the "Fund"), Class B returned 4.32% versus 9.08% for the Fund's benchmark, the 60% S&P/TSX Composite Index and 40% S&P 500 Index (C\$). Unlike the benchmark, the Fund's return is net of fees and expenses paid by the Fund. Detailed performance is provided under the heading "Past Performance" in this report.

The period saw positive performance for global equities. In 2023, central banks worldwide began to temper the hawkish hiking cycle that caused so much volatility with stocks in 2022. Inflation remains a key concern for central banks, but price rises have reduced from the historically high peaks reached in the summer of 2022. In March and April of 2023, the stability of the global banking system was called into question after the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank, Signature Bank and First Republic in the U.S, as well as Swiss banking giant Credit Suisse, which was acquired by UBS in a fire-sale deal. Amid this upheaval, regulators in the U.S. and Europe were quick to respond with measures designed to protect the banking system in their respective jurisdictions. This banking mini-crisis also helped emphasize the stability of the Canadian banking system.

Key Contributors to Performance

- In the Canadian equity component of the Fund, the top-performing sectors during the period relative to the benchmark were Energy, Materials and Consumer Discretionary.
 - A combination of stock selection and an underweight position in Energy, an area of relative weakness in the benchmark, contributed to the Fund's relative performance.
 - A zero weight in the Materials sector, an area of relative weakness in the benchmark, contributed to the Fund's relative performance.
 - A combination of stock selection and an overweight position in Consumer Discretionary, an area of relative strength in the benchmark, contributed to the Fund's relative performance.
- In the U.S. equity component of the Fund, the top-performing sectors during the period relative to the benchmark were Energy, Utilities and Financials.
 - A zero weight in the Energy and Utilities sectors, areas of relative weakness in the benchmark, contributed to the Fund's relative performance.
 - Stock selection in the Financials sector contributed to the Fund's relative performance.
- Over the period, the largest individual contributors to Fund performance included Canadian Tire Corporation Ltd., CGI Inc., Masco Corp., American Express Co. and Omnicom Group Inc.

Key Detractors from Performance

- In the Canadian equity component of the portfolio, Information Technology, Communication Services and Financials sectors were the largest detractors from the Fund's relative performance over the period.
 - Stock selection in the Information Technology sector detracted from the Fund's relative performance.
 - A combination of stock selection and an overweight position in the Communication Services and Financials sectors, areas of relative weakness in the benchmark, detracted from the Fund's relative performance.
- In the U.S. equity component of the portfolio, Information Technology, Consumer Discretionary and Health Care sectors were the largest detractors from the Fund's relative performance over the period.
 - A combination of stock selection and an underweight position in the Information Technology and Consumer Discretionary sectors, areas of relative strength in the benchmark, detracted from the Fund's relative performance.
 - A combination of stock selection and an overweight position in the Health Care sector, an area of relative weakness in the benchmark, detracted from the Fund's relative performance.
- Over the period, the largest individual detractors from Fund performance included Amgen Inc., Toronto-Dominion Bank, BlackRock Inc. and Rogers Communications Inc.

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Portfolio Activity

- The portfolio management team (the “team”) employs a stock selection process that is based on identifying securities trading at a significant discount to their business value. The Fund’s sector and stock weights are outcomes of the team’s investment decisions based on bottom-up fundamentals and business quality. As a by-product of the team’s bottom-up investment process, market performance and general management activity, the following changes occurred in the Fund’s portfolio during the reporting period:
 - The Fund’s equity weighting in the U.S. decreased due to relative performance and the team’s buy/sell activities. These proceeds were largely reallocated to Fund holdings in Canada.
 - The Fund’s Industrials, Consumer Discretionary, Consumer Staples and Information Technology weightings increased over the period because of relative performance and the team’s buy/sell activities.
 - The Fund’s Health Care, Financials, Energy and Communication Services sector weightings decreased over the period because of relative performance and the team’s buy/sell activities.
 - Some of the more significant additions to existing Fund holdings over the period included Toronto-Dominion Bank, Magna International Inc., Metro Inc., CAE Inc. and Canadian National Railway Co.
 - CGI Inc. was trimmed over the period.
- At period-end, there were 24 holdings in the Fund, unchanged from the beginning of the period.
- The Fund’s level of cash and cash equivalents decreased from the beginning of the period.

Recent Developments

In March, Sara Shahram, CFA joined the company as Vice President, Canadian Equities. In June, Lucy Paine joined the company as Analyst, U.S. & International Equities. There has been no impact on the Fund as a result of these changes, nor does Beutel Goodman expect there to be.

During the review period, Independent Review Committee member Gary Brent retired and was replaced by John Smeeton.

Once again, the U.S. equity market is being propelled higher by the strength of its mega caps. Meanwhile, many of the holdings in the fund’s portfolio, spanning the Health Care, Consumer Staples, Consumer Discretionary and even Information Technology sectors, are currently trading near all-time low multiples. Throughout all markets, we follow our disciplined equity investment process which is designed to purchase high-quality businesses when they are out of favour and focus on capital preservation. In our experience, purchasing expensive stocks of companies like mega caps that have already factored in upside potential does not typically protect capital in the long term.

In the Canadian equity market, the Energy and Materials sectors have been hit by a disappointing economic recovery in China that has dragged on commodity prices. Resources are a major component of the S&P/TSX Composite Index, so a fall in the price of oil & gas, or fertilizer will have a notable impact on the overall performance of the index.

We are long-term bottom-up value investors and as such, typically wait patiently for market dislocations, as they present opportunities to purchase high-quality businesses when they are out of favour. This disciplined equity investment process is designed to create a high-quality portfolio of holdings with defensive qualities to withstand short-term volatility. As always, we will continue to closely monitor our portfolios and manage them accordingly.

Related Party Transactions

Beutel, Goodman & Company Ltd. (“BG”) is the Manager, Trustee and Portfolio Advisor to this Fund. The Fund pays a management fee to BG as compensation for its services. The Fund pays a fixed administration fee to BG, which in turn pays certain operating expenses of the Fund. BG as trustee of the Fund earns a fee which is paid by the Manager from the fixed administration fee paid by the Fund.

The Fund did not rely on any recommendation or approval of its Independent Review Committee to proceed with any transaction involving related parties because it did not conduct any related party transactions, except for certain inter-fund trades and the management and administrative fees as described above, as approved by the Independent Review Committee by standing instructions, and subject to regulatory requirements.

Management Fees: As Manager, BG is paid a management fee from each class of the Fund based on the average daily net asset value of the particular class. The fee is payable monthly, in arrears, and is calculated at the annualized rate specified for each class of the Fund as set out in the table below. Management fees for Class I units are negotiated and paid directly by the investor, not by the Fund, and, therefore, are not listed.

	Maximum Annual Management Fee Rate %	As a Percentage of Management Fees	
		Dealer Compensation %	General Administration, Investment Advice and Profit %
Class B	1.85	54	46
Class D	1.25	19	81
Class F	0.90	0	100

Administration Fee: The Manager receives a fixed administration fee to pay certain operating expenses of the Fund. These expenses include audit and legal fees; custodian and transfer agent fees; costs attributable to the issue, redemption and change of units, including the cost of the security holder record-keeping system; expenses incurred in respect of preparing and distributing all regulatory reports; fund accounting and valuation costs; independent review committee fees and filing fees, including those incurred by us. The administration fee may vary by class of units and by Fund.

BG, as trustee of the Fund, earns a fee which is paid by the Manager from the administration fee paid by the Fund.

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Financial Highlights

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 6 month period ended June 30 of the current year and for the past 5 years ended December 31. The December 31 information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements and is provided for each class of units.

Financial Highlights per unit

Class B Units

(for the period ended June 30, 2023 and years ended December 31)

\$	June 2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Net assets, beginning of period	20.47	20.96	19.34	18.62	16.39	17.41
Increase (decrease) from operations						
Total revenue	0.30	0.59	0.61	0.56	0.48	0.43
Total expenses	(0.24)	(0.48)	(0.51)	(0.41)	(0.42)	(0.42)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.03	0.48	2.40	0.43	0.16	0.54
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.77	(0.80)	0.98	0.10	2.02	(1.30)
Total increase (decrease) from operations ⁽¹⁾	0.86	(0.21)	3.48	0.68	2.24	(0.75)
Distributions to unitholders per unit:						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	—	0.07	0.05	0.14	0.07	—
From capital gains	—	0.16	1.96	—	—	0.32
From return of capital	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total period distributions ⁽²⁾	—	0.23	2.01	0.14	0.07	0.32
Net assets, end of period ⁽³⁾	21.36	20.47	20.96	19.34	18.62	16.39

Ratios and Supplemental Data

Class B Units

(for the period ended June 30, 2023 and years ended December 31)

	June 2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Total net asset value (\$) (000's) ⁽⁴⁾	20,327	17,013	15,705	12,215	12,360	10,373
Number of outstanding units (000's) ⁽⁴⁾	952	831	749	631	664	633
Management expense ratio ⁽⁵⁾	2.15%	2.14%	2.17%	2.15%	2.16%	2.18%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions ⁽⁶⁾	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Portfolio turnover rate ⁽⁷⁾	0%	30%	38%	17%	15%	23%
Trading expense ratio (%) ⁽⁸⁾	—	0.03%	0.03%	0.01%	0.02%	0.04%
Net asset value per unit, end of period	21.36	20.47	20.96	19.34	18.62	16.39

Financial Highlights per unit

Class D Units

(for the period ended June 30, 2023 and years ended December 31)

\$	June 2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Net assets, beginning of period	12.69	12.87	11.85	11.39	10.01	10.59
Increase (decrease) from operations						
Total revenue	0.19	0.37	0.37	0.34	0.30	0.26
Total expenses	(0.11)	(0.20)	(0.20)	(0.16)	(0.17)	(0.16)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.02	0.42	1.50	0.26	0.08	0.32
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.49	(0.24)	0.66	0.02	1.29	(0.72)
Total increase (decrease) from operations ⁽¹⁾	0.59	0.35	2.33	0.46	1.50	(0.30)
Distributions to unitholders per unit:						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	—	0.01	0.08	0.15	0.09	0.03
From capital gains	—	0.10	1.21	—	—	0.20
From return of capital	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total period distributions ⁽²⁾	—	0.11	1.29	0.15	0.09	0.23
Net assets, end of period ⁽³⁾	13.27	12.69	12.87	11.85	11.39	10.01

Ratios and Supplemental Data

Class D Units

(for the period ended June 30, 2023 and years ended December 31)

	June 2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Total net asset value (\$) (000's) ⁽⁴⁾	6,675	6,393	16,944	13,874	15,325	15,116
Number of outstanding units (000's) ⁽⁴⁾	503	504	1,316	1,171	1,345	1,511
Management expense ratio ⁽⁵⁾	1.52%	1.49%	1.49%	1.51%	1.50%	1.50%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions ⁽⁶⁾	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Portfolio turnover rate ⁽⁷⁾	0%	30%	38%	17%	15%	23%
Trading expense ratio (%) ⁽⁸⁾	—	0.03%	0.03%	0.01%	0.02%	0.04%
Net asset value per unit, end of period	13.27	12.69	12.87	11.85	11.39	10.01

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Financial Highlights per unit

Class F Units

(for the period ended June 30, 2023 and years ended December 31)

\$	June 2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Net assets, beginning of period	21.38	21.92	20.23	19.44	17.11	18.15
Increase (decrease) from operations						
Total revenue	0.32	0.61	0.64	0.58	0.50	0.45
Total expenses	(0.14)	(0.28)	(0.30)	(0.24)	(0.24)	(0.24)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.03	0.34	2.54	0.44	0.17	0.57
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.81	(1.05)	1.11	—	2.01	(1.49)
Total increase (decrease) from operations ⁽¹⁾	1.02	(0.38)	3.99	0.78	2.44	(0.71)
Distributions to unitholders per unit:						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	—	0.33	0.28	0.33	0.27	0.17
From capital gains	—	0.17	2.07	—	—	0.34
From return of capital	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total period distributions ⁽²⁾	—	0.50	2.35	0.33	0.27	0.51
Net assets, end of period ⁽³⁾	22.42	21.38	21.92	20.23	19.44	17.11

Ratios and Supplemental Data

Class F Units

(for the period ended June 30, 2023 and years ended December 31)

	June 2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Total net asset value (\$) (000's) ⁽⁴⁾	67,579	60,640	27,647	22,334	24,637	16,588
Number of outstanding units (000's) ⁽⁴⁾	3,015	2,836	1,262	1,104	1,267	969
Management expense ratio ⁽⁵⁾	1.11%	1.11%	1.11%	1.11%	1.11%	1.12%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions ⁽⁶⁾	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Portfolio turnover rate ⁽⁷⁾	0%	30%	38%	17%	15%	23%
Trading expense ratio (%) ⁽⁸⁾	—	0.03%	0.03%	0.01%	0.02%	0.04%
Net asset value per unit, end of period	22.42	21.38	21.92	20.23	19.44	17.11

Financial Highlights per unit

Class I Units

(for the period ended June 30, 2023 and years ended December 31)

\$	June 2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Net assets, beginning of period	13.66	13.97	12.90	12.40	10.90	11.54
Increase (decrease) from operations						
Total revenue	0.21	0.40	0.41	0.37	0.33	0.30
Total expenses	(0.02)	(0.04)	(0.04)	(0.03)	(0.04)	(0.04)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.02	0.30	1.65	0.28	0.12	0.41
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.51	(0.57)	0.70	0.35	1.34	(1.23)
Total increase (decrease) from operations ⁽¹⁾	0.72	0.09	2.72	0.97	1.75	(0.56)
Distributions to unitholders per unit:						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	—	0.32	0.32	0.35	0.28	0.20
From capital gains	—	0.11	1.34	—	—	0.22
From return of capital	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total period distributions ⁽²⁾	—	0.43	1.66	0.35	0.28	0.42
Net assets, end of period ⁽³⁾	14.39	13.66	13.97	12.90	12.40	10.90

Ratios and Supplemental Data

Class I Units

(for the period ended June 30, 2023 and years ended December 31)

	June 2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Total net asset value (\$) (000's) ⁽⁴⁾	21,783	20,475	18,674	14,000	10,871	8,355
Number of outstanding units (000's) ⁽⁴⁾	1,513	1,499	1,337	1,085	877	766
Management expense ratio ⁽⁵⁾	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions ⁽⁶⁾	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Portfolio turnover rate ⁽⁷⁾	0%	30%	38%	17%	15%	23%
Trading expense ratio (%) ⁽⁸⁾	—	0.03%	0.03%	0.01%	0.02%	0.04%
Net asset value per unit, end of period	14.39	13.66	13.97	12.90	12.40	10.90

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- (1) Net asset value per unit and distributions to unitholders per unit are based on the actual number of units outstanding for the relevant class at the relevant time. The increase (decrease) from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding for the relevant class over the fiscal period.
- (2) Distributions were paid in cash or automatically reinvested in additional units of the Fund.
- (3) This is not a reconciliation of the beginning and ending net assets per unit.
- (4) This information is provided as at period end of the period 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 may have waived or absorbed some of the fund expenses. If this had occurred, the management fee ratio before any such waiver or absorption is listed. The Manager may terminate the waiver or absorption at any time, at its discretion. It is not known when such waivers or absorptions will be terminated.
- (7) 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 fiscal 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 higher turnover rate and the performance of a Fund. Portfolio turnover rate equals the lesser of the costs of purchases and proceeds of sales of portfolio securities for the period divided by the average value of the portfolio securities of the Fund calculated on a monthly basis, excluding short-term securities.
- (8) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs disclosed in the Statements of Comprehensive Income expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value of the Fund during the period.

Past Performance

The performance returns below:

- are calculated as of **December 31** in each year and for the **first 6 months** of the current year;
- assume **all distributions** made by the Fund **are reinvested** to purchase additional units; and
- show the returns of the particular class of the Fund after any applicable management fees and operating expenses have been deducted, **but are not reduced by any redemption charges, optional charges or income taxes payable by you that would have reduced returns on performance.**

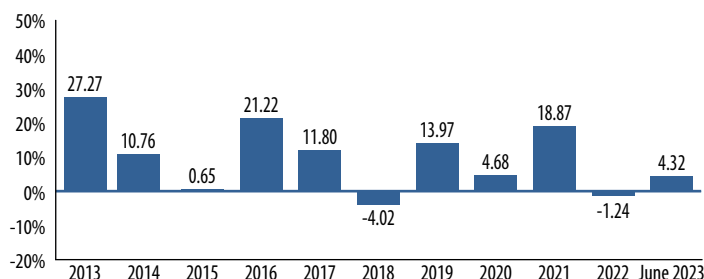
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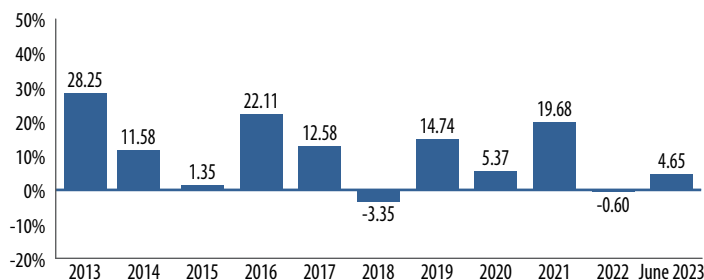
Year-by-Year Returns

The bar chart indicates the Fund's annual performance for each of the year's shown and for the current 6 month period, illustrating how the Fund's performance has changed from year to year. The bar chart shows in percentage terms how much an investment made on the first day of each financial year or period would have grown or decreased by the last day of each financial year or period.

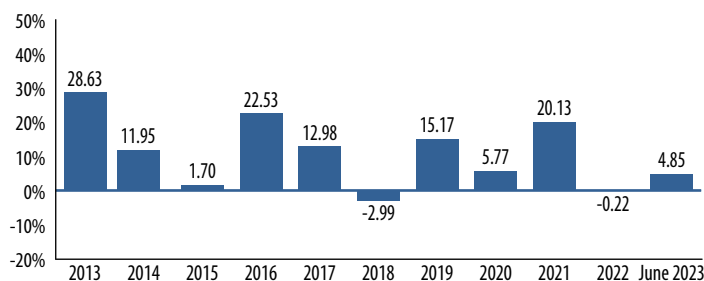
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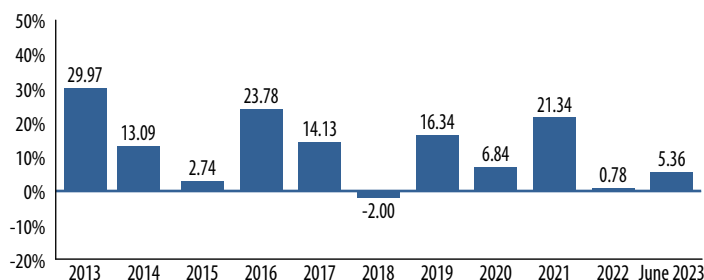
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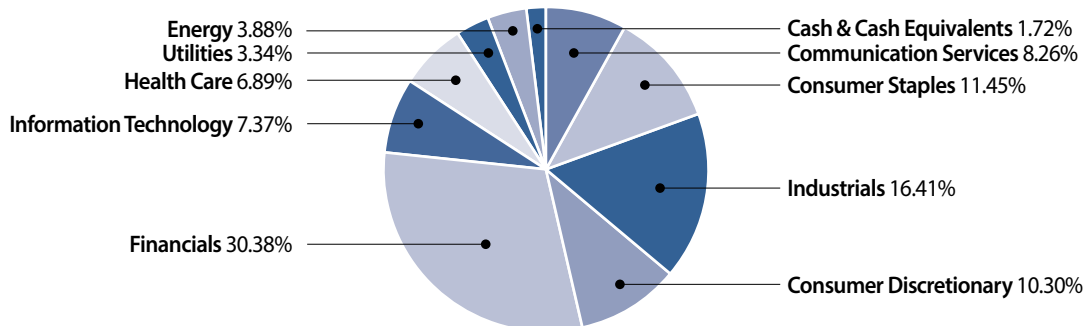
Summary of Investment Portfolio

The following information may change due to the ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund. More current information regarding the holdings of the Fund may be obtained on our website at www.beutelgoodman.com.

Summary of Top 25 Holdings

Issuer Name	% of Net Assets	Issuer Name	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	% of Net Assets
1. Royal Bank of Canada	6.48	14. Masco Corp.			3.84
2. The Toronto-Dominion Bank	5.81	15. Rogers Communications Inc., Class B			3.57
3. Sun Life Financial Inc.	5.64	16. Merck & Co Inc.			3.54
4. Canadian National Railway Co.	5.21	17. Amgen Inc.			3.34
5. BlackRock Inc.	4.83	18. Fortis Inc.			3.33
6. American Express Co.	4.69	19. Canadian Tire Corp Ltd., Class A			3.32
7. Omnicom Group Inc.	4.68	20. QUALCOMM Inc.			3.23
8. Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc.	4.23	21. CAE Inc.			3.14
9. Kimberly-Clark Corp.	4.21	22. Metro Inc., Class A			3.01
10. Cummins Inc.	4.20	23. eBay Inc.			2.98
11. CGI Inc.	4.14	24. Brookfield Corp.			2.90
12. Magna International Inc.	3.99	25. Government of Canada	4.790	17-Aug-23	1.58
13. TC Energy Corp.	3.88				

Asset Mix





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