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**INTERIM MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE
FOR THE SIX-MONTH PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

MANAGER

VALUE PARTNERS INVESTMENTS INC.

PORTFOLIO MANAGER

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Interim Management Discussion of Fund Performance

August 22, 2023

The Interim Management Report of Fund Performance presents management's view of the significant factors and developments affecting the Pool's performance and outlook since December 31, 2022, the Pool's most recent fiscal year-end. This report should be read in conjunction with the Annual Management Report of Fund Performance for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Results of Operations

Net assets of the Pool increased by approximately \$100.2 million for the six-month period ended June 30, 2023 due to a \$19.1 million increase in net assets from operations and \$91.6 million of net sales. This was offset by \$10.5 million of distributions paid to holders of redeemable units. The increase in net assets from operations was due to \$4.7 million of unrealized appreciation in the value of investments and foreign currency forward contracts, \$12.0 million in dividend and interest income and \$4.1 million of net realized gains on the sale of investments and foreign currency forward contracts. This was offset by \$1.7 million in management fees and operating expenses.

Each series of the Pool experienced a gain in the range of 3.9% to 4.8% which was higher than the 2.5% gain of the FTSE TMX Universe Bond Index (the "Index"). Credit spread tightening, especially in below investment grade issues, as well as lower Pool duration helped to mitigate the impact of rising government rates. Issues of Air Canada, Latam Airlines and AMC Entertainment led performance higher. A long-dated Royal Bank of Canada floating rate note maturing in 2085 jumped significantly in price as investors reassessed its probability of being called. In addition, a secured Maxar Technologies bond was called in the period at a premium and a small holding of a Credit Suisse issue that was purchased at \$75 in March matured at par.

Revenues and Expenses

Revenues of the Pool for the period amounted to \$12.0 million, which can be primarily attributed to interest income from its holdings. The Pool experienced \$4.1 million of net realized gains on the sale of investments and currency forward contracts and \$4.7 million of unrealized appreciation in the value of investments and currency forward contracts. The Pool also incurred \$1.7 million in management fees and operating expenses net of \$75 thousand of expenses absorbed by the Manager.

Recent Developments

Economic Conditions

Government bond yields rose during the second quarter as the U.S. banking crisis abated and the economy demonstrated resilience despite higher interest rates. Early in the quarter, bonds rallied as investors worried about the collapse of U.S. regional banks and its potential impact on credit flow to households and businesses. However, yields rebounded higher as the second quarter ended because of favourable economic news including the resolution of the U.S. debt-ceiling debate. The labour market remains strong and while inflation has trended lower, it is still at a very high level. There is optimism among one segment of investors who believe that the U.S. Federal Reserve can tame price increases without tipping the economy into recession. On the other side are investors pointing to the persistent inversion of the yield curve, where short bond yields are higher than long bond yields. The inversion of the yield curve generally precedes an economic recession.

Corporate bond spreads tightened in the second quarter but the underlying rise in government yields resulted in the U.S. Corporate Bond Index falling 0.2%. The U.S. High Yield Bond Index rose 1.6% in the quarter and is up a solid 5.4% year-to-date. The Canadian FTSE Universe Bond Index fell 0.7% during the quarter and the FTSE Corporate Bond Index rose 0.2% for the same period. They are up 2.5% and 3.0% respectively year-to-date.

At the beginning of June, the Bank of Canada surprised the markets by raising its overnight policy rate to 4.75%, after not hiking at its previous two meetings. The central bank admitted to inflation remaining stubbornly high. Consumption and services growth has been strong and spending on interest-sensitive goods including housing has picked up. Demand for labour continues to be strong and even with higher immigration, new workers have found employment. The Bank of Canada believes monetary policy is not sufficiently restrictive to bring inflation sustainably to its 2% target.



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Recent Developments (continued)

Change in Ownership

On June 13, 2023, it was announced that Value Partners Group Inc. ("VPGI"), the parent company of the Manager, had reached an agreement with The Canada Life Assurance Company ("Canada Life") for Canada Life to acquire VPGI ("the Transaction"). The Transaction is expected to close by the end of 2023 and will result in the indirect acquisition of the Manager of the Pool. The completion of the Transaction is subject to receipt of all required regulatory approvals, as well as satisfaction of customary closing conditions.



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Portfolio Allocation

Corporate Bonds	68.0%	Equities	0.7%
Government Bonds	16.6%	Cash	0.5%
Mortgage-backed securities	11.2%	Forwards	0.4%
Term-Loans	2.3%	Other Net Assets	0.3%

Sector Allocation

Corporate Bonds	68.0%	Energy	0.5%
Government Bonds	16.6%	Cash	0.5%
Mortgage-backed securities	11.2%	Forwards	0.4%
Term-Loans	2.3%	Other Net Assets	0.3%
		Capital Goods	0.2%

Top 25 Holdings

Issuer	Maturity Date	Coupon Rate	Percentage of Net Assets
Canadian Government Bond	1-Nov-23	0.5%	11.3%
Air Canada	15-Aug-29	4.6%	5.2%
Toronto-Dominion Bank	18-Jan-28	4.5%	3.5%
Ford Credit Canada Co., FRN	21-Mar-24	7.3%	3.1%
Pacific Life Global Funding II, FRN	1-Feb-27	5.4%	2.6%
Toronto-Dominion Bank, FRN	8-Jun-26	5.2%	2.4%
Manulife Financial Corporation, FRN	19-Jun-81	3.4%	2.3%
Royal Bank of Canada	22-Dec-25	4.1%	2.0%
Latam Airlines Group SA	15-Oct-29	13.4%	2.0%
Manulife Financial Corp., FRN	19-Mar-82	4.1%	1.8%
Bombardier Inc.	1-May-34	7.5%	1.8%
Canadian Government Bond	1-Apr-24	0.3%	1.7%
TransCanada Pipelines Ltd.	15-May-67	7.1%	1.6%
Delta Airlines SkyMiles	16-Sep-27	6.5%	1.6%
AMC Entertainment Holdings Inc.	15-Feb-29	7.5%	1.5%
Canadian Government Real Return Bond	1-Dec-26	7.6%	1.4%
Royal Bank of Canada	17-Jan-28	4.6%	1.4%
New York Life Global Funding, FRN	30-Jun-26	5.7%	1.4%
Bank of Nova Scotia, FRN	4-Aug-26	3.0%	1.4%
Canadian Mortgage Pools, FRN	1-Apr-27	4.9%	1.3%
Air Canada	1-Jul-25	4.0%	1.3%
Spirit AeroSystems Inc.	15-Apr-25	7.5%	1.3%
Canadian Mortgage Pools	1-Jul-26	4.8%	1.2%
NatWest Group PLC	10-Nov-26	7.5%	1.2%
Toronto-Dominion Bank	31-Oct-81	3.6%	1.2%
Total			57.5%

The above summary of investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Pool. An update will be made available within 60 days of each subsequent quarter-end.



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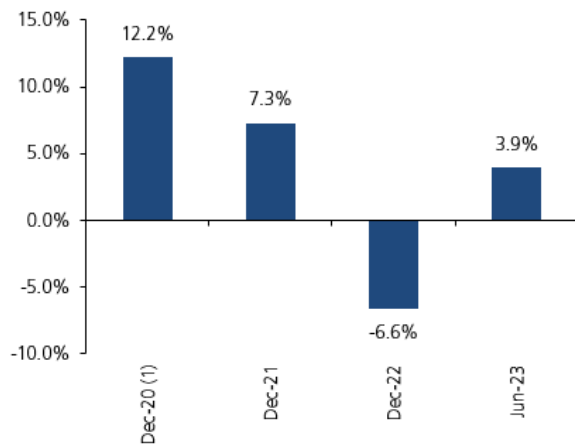
Past Performance

The historical performance information shown below assumes that all distributions were reinvested in the Pool and does not account for any sales, redemptions, distributions or optional charges or income taxes payable by an investor that would have reduced returns. Mutual fund returns are not guaranteed, their values change frequently and past performance may not be repeated.

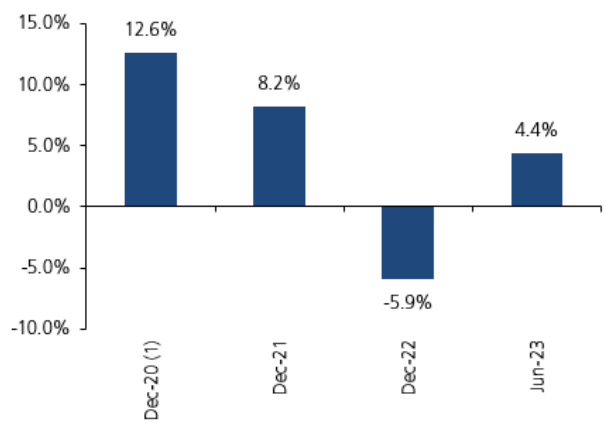
Year-by-Year Returns

The bar charts below show the performance of each series of the Pool (net of fees) for the six-month period ended June 30, 2023 or since inception to December 31. It shows in percentage terms, how an investment made on January 1 or on inception would have increased or decreased by the end of the respective periods.

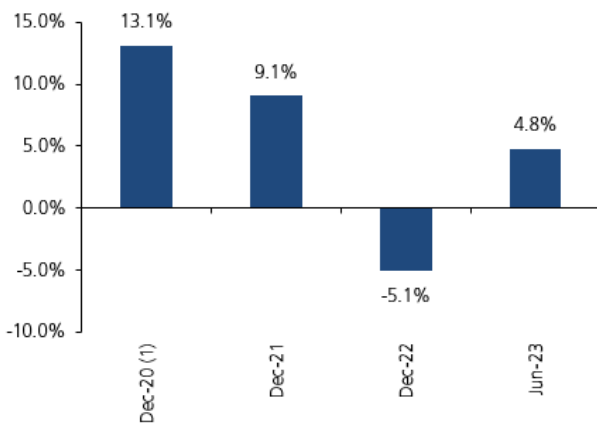
Series A



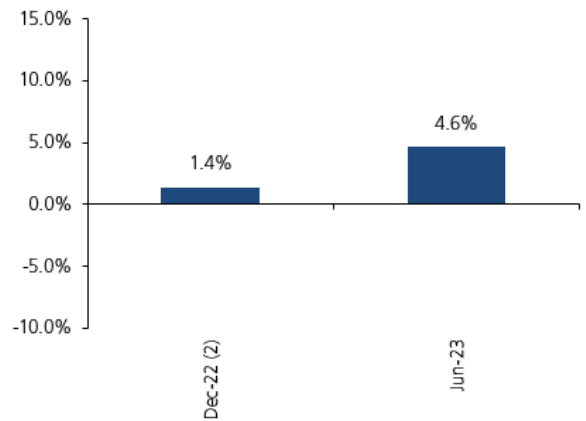
Series F



Series I



Series O



(1) 2020 return is since inception on June 29, 2020

(2) 2022 return is since inception on June 28, 2022



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Management Fees

The Pool pays an annual management fee on each of its series (excluding Series I and Series O) to the Manager. The management fee is calculated daily as a percentage of the net asset value of each series as of the close of business on each business day. In consideration for the management fees, the Manager may pay a percentage sales commission and/or trailing commission to registered dealers or brokers for units bought and held in the Pool depending on which series of units were purchased. The Manager also pays a portion of the management fee to the Portfolio Manager for its services in managing the investment portfolio. Series O units of the Pool pay a portfolio management fee based on a percentage of the net asset value of Series O units as of the close of business on each business day calculated at a rate of 0.30% annually.

For the six-months ended June 30, 2023, approximately 37% of the management fee revenues received by the Manager from the Pool were paid to registered dealers and brokers as sales and/or trailing commissions. Since each series may have a different commission structure, this percentage may vary by series. For unitholders eligible for the Management Fee Reduction Program, approximately 11% of the gross management fees were returned to unitholders as management fee rebates. The remainder of the management fee revenue, after payment of fees to the Portfolio Manager for its services, was retained by the Manager for corporate purposes.

Related Party Transactions

Value Partners Investments Inc. is the manager of the Pool and is responsible for the overall business and operations of the Pool. For the six-month period ended June 30, 2023, the Pool paid \$1.7 million in management fees (excluding taxes) to the Manager. In addition, the parent company of the Manager also held 1 Series O unit of the Pool as of June 30, 2023.

Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about each series of the Pool and are intended to help you understand the Pool's financial performance for the period ended December 31, 2022 and the six-month period ended June 30, 2023. *This information is derived from the Pool's audited annual financial statements and interim unaudited financial statements and is not intended to be a reconciliation of the net asset value per unit.*

The Pool's Net Assets Per Unit (\$) ⁽¹⁾

Series A ⁽⁴⁾	June 30 2023	December 31 2022	December 31 2021	December 31 2020
Net assets, beginning of period ⁽⁴⁾	9.86	10.88	10.78	10.00
Increase (decrease) from operations:				
Total revenue	0.27	0.41	0.50	0.28
Total expenses	(0.09)	(0.17)	(0.18)	(0.09)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.09	(0.21)	0.44	0.32
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.11	(0.73)	(0.12)	1.04
Total increase (decrease) from operations ⁽²⁾	0.38	(0.70)	0.64	1.55
Distributions:				
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	(0.17)	(0.20)	(0.28)	(0.23)
From dividends	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	(0.43)	(0.40)	(0.19)
Return of capital	-	-	-	-
Total annual distributions ⁽³⁾	(0.17)	(0.63)	(0.68)	(0.42)
Net assets, end of period	10.19	9.86	10.88	10.78



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Financial Highlights (continued)

Series F ⁽⁴⁾	June 30 2023	December 31 2022	December 31 2021	December 31 2020
Net assets, beginning of period⁽⁴⁾	9.87	10.84	10.78	10.00
Increase (decrease) from operations:				
Total revenue	0.26	0.41	0.50	0.28
Total expenses	(0.05)	(0.09)	(0.10)	(0.05)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.09	(0.22)	0.42	0.30
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.12	(0.71)	(0.18)	0.98
Total increase (decrease) from operations⁽²⁾	0.42	(0.61)	0.64	1.51
Distributions:				
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	(0.22)	(0.33)	(0.41)	(0.27)
From dividends	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	(0.43)	(0.40)	(0.19)
Return of capital	-	-	-	-
Total annual distributions⁽³⁾	(0.22)	(0.76)	(0.81)	(0.46)
Net assets, end of period	10.08	9.87	10.84	10.78

Series I ⁽⁴⁾	June 30 2023	December 31 2022	December 31 2021	December 31 2020
Net assets, beginning of period⁽⁴⁾	9.89	10.87	10.82	10.00
Increase (decrease) from operations:				
Total revenue	0.25	0.41	0.51	0.29
Total expenses	-	-	-	-
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.10	(0.19)	0.48	0.24
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.11	(0.80)	(0.03)	0.81
Total increase (decrease) from operations⁽²⁾	0.46	(0.58)	0.96	1.33
Distributions:				
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	(0.27)	(0.43)	(0.52)	(0.27)
From dividends	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	(0.43)	(0.40)	(0.19)
Return of capital	-	-	-	-
Total annual distributions⁽³⁾	(0.27)	(0.86)	(0.92)	(0.46)
Net assets, end of period	10.09	9.89	10.87	10.82



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Series O	June 30 2023	December 31 2022
Net assets, beginning of period⁽⁵⁾	9.89	10.00
Increase (decrease) from operations:		
Total revenue	0.26	0.25
Total expenses	(0.03)	(0.01)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.12	(0.29)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.04)	0.05
Total increase (decrease) from operations⁽²⁾	0.31	-
Distributions:		
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	(0.26)	(0.24)
From dividends	-	-
From capital gains	-	(0.18)
Return of capital	-	-
Total annual distributions⁽³⁾	(0.26)	(0.42)
Net assets, end of period	10.09	9.89

(1) This information is derived from the Pool's audited annual financial statements and from the interim unaudited financial statements for the current period ended June 30, 2023.

(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/reinvested in additional units of the Pool, or both.

(4) Inception date: June 29, 2020

(5) Inception date: June 28, 2022



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Ratios and Supplemental Data

Series A	June 30 2023	December 31 2022	December 31 2021	December 31 2020
Total net asset value (000's) ⁽¹⁾	\$155,830	\$132,649	\$122,753	\$52,057
Number of units outstanding (000's) ⁽¹⁾	15,299	13,313	11,280	4,829
Management expense ratio ⁽²⁾	1.69%	1.69%	1.64%	1.65%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	1.69%	1.69%	1.64%	1.65%
Trading expense ratio ⁽³⁾	0.00%	0.01%	0.00%	0.00%
Portfolio turnover rate ⁽⁴⁾	22.08%	67.59%	43.09%	8.36%
Net asset value per unit ⁽¹⁾	\$10.19	\$9.86	\$10.88	\$10.78

Series F	June 30 2023	December 31 2022	December 31 2021	December 31 2020
Total net asset value (000's) ⁽¹⁾	\$42,191	\$37,039	\$31,758	\$8,446
Number of units outstanding (000's) ⁽¹⁾	4,186	3,752	2,931	784
Management expense ratio ⁽²⁾	0.90%	0.90%	0.86%	0.90%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	0.90%	0.90%	0.86%	0.90%
Trading expense ratio ⁽³⁾	0.00%	0.01%	0.00%	0.00%
Portfolio turnover rate ⁽⁴⁾	22.08%	67.59%	43.09%	8.36%
Net asset value per unit ⁽¹⁾	\$10.08	\$9.87	\$10.84	\$10.78

Series I	June 30 2023	December 31 2022	December 31 2021	December 31 2020
Total net asset value (000's) ⁽¹⁾	\$292,165	\$229,067	\$271,716	\$248,796
Number of units outstanding (000's) ⁽¹⁾	28,947	23,167	24,998	22,984
Management expense ratio ⁽²⁾	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	0.06%	0.05%	0.06%	0.07%
Trading expense ratio ⁽³⁾	0.00%	0.01%	0.00%	0.00%
Portfolio turnover rate ⁽⁴⁾	22.08%	67.59%	43.09%	8.36%
Net asset value per unit ⁽¹⁾	\$10.09	\$9.89	\$10.87	\$10.82

Series O	June 30 2023	December 31 2022
Total net asset value (000's) ⁽¹⁾	\$8,965	\$162
Number of units outstanding (000's) ⁽¹⁾	889	16
Management expense ratio ⁽²⁾	0.38%	0.30%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	0.38%	0.35%
Trading expense ratio ⁽³⁾	0.00%	0.01%
Portfolio turnover rate ⁽⁴⁾	22.08%	67.59%
Net asset value per unit ⁽¹⁾	\$10.09	\$9.89

(1) This information is provided as at the date shown.

(2) Management expense ratio is based on total expenses for the stated period (excluding distributions, commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net assets during the period. In the period a series is established, the management expense ratio is annualized from the date of inception to December 31.

(3) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net assets during the period.

(4) The Pool's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Pool's portfolio manager manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Pool buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the year. The higher the Pool's portfolio turnover rate in a year, the greater the trading costs payable by the Pool 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 the Pool.



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Forward-Looking Statements

This report may contain forward-looking statements about the Pool, including its strategy, expected performance and condition. Forward-looking statements include statements that are predictive in nature, that depend upon or refer to future events or conditions, or that include words such as "expects", "anticipates", "intends", "plans", "believes", "estimates", or negative versions thereof and similar expressions. In addition, any statement that may be made concerning future performance, strategies or prospects, and possible future Pool action, is also a forward-looking statement. Forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and projections about future events and are inherently subject to, among other things, risks, uncertainties and assumptions about the Pool and economic factors.

Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance, and actual events and results could differ materially from those expressed or implied in any forward-looking statements made by the Pool. Any number of important factors could contribute to these digressions, including, but not limited to, general economic, political and market factors in North America and internationally, interest and foreign exchange rates, global equity and capital markets, business competition, technological change, changes in government regulations, unexpected judicial or regulatory proceedings, and catastrophic events.

We stress that the above-mentioned list of important factors is not exhaustive. We encourage you to consider these and other factors carefully before making any investment decisions and we urge you to avoid placing undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Further, you should be aware of the fact that the Pool has no specific intention of updating any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.