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# Mawer Global Equity Fund

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## Annual Management Report of Fund Performance

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

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## Management Discussion of Fund Performance

### Investment Objectives and Strategies

The objective of the Mawer Global Equity Fund (the "Fund") is to invest for above-average risk-adjusted returns in securities of companies around the world. This is done by choosing companies that we believe will be wealth-creating in the long-term and are trading at a discount to their intrinsic value. We prefer companies with enduring competitive advantages that will allow them to earn a return greater than their cost of capital over the long-term. The Fund has a long-term buy-and-hold strategy and seeks to keep turnover low.

### Risk

This Fund is suitable for investors seeking long-term growth and who have a medium tolerance for risk. General risks of investing in this Fund are outlined in the Prospectus and include the possibility of reduction in value of any given investment, liquidity risk, interest rate risk, and currency risk amongst others.

The Manager reduces the exposure to these risks by not concentrating more than 20% of the net assets of the Fund in a particular industry (i.e., sub-sector) as defined by the Global Industry Classification Standards (GICS). The Fund typically invests in global corporations with a market capitalization of \$3 billion (USD) or more at the time of purchase. The Fund also typically keeps its Emerging Market weight to less than 20% of the Fund's market value as defined by countries within the MSCI Emerging Markets Total Return Index. The Fund also invests a maximum 75% of the Fund's market value in the United States and a maximum 25% of the Fund's market value in any other country not mentioned above.

### Results of Operations

The Fund's net assets increased 17.2% to \$12,190.4 million from \$10,402.5 million at December 31, 2023. Of this change, \$1,923.2 million is attributable to positive investment performance and -\$135.3 million was due to net redemptions to the Fund.

The Manager assesses the Fund's underlying securities for liquidity on a quarterly basis. During the period the Fund has remained in compliance with National Instrument 81-102.

Over the twelve-month period, the Fund's series A units' return was 17.1% (after deducting fees and expenses paid by the series) in comparison to the MSCI ACWI Index (Net) return of 18.9%. All performance values provided are in Canadian dollar terms.

2023 went out with a bang as the MSCI ACWI posted a stellar return. Markets particularly surged in the final two months of the year as investor sentiment shifted dramatically towards the view that central banks are not only done with interest rate hikes this cycle but are also on the verge of meaningful easing starting in early 2024.

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In terms of relative performance, security selection was positive, but was offset by negative sector allocation. Both security selection and the underweight stance in Technology negatively impacted the relative performance. At the stock level, Microsoft performed well, in line with the other big technology stocks. Convenience store operator Alimentation Couche-Tard also contributed to performance, aided by the strong financial results and management's bold plans to grow the business over the next five years. Strong fundamentals and organic growth boosted the performance of reference data provider Wolters Kluwer and the health care company Novo Nordisk. Meanwhile, the Fund holding Organon, a pharma company with a large portfolio of branded off-patent drugs in niches and branded women's health products, had its challenges. Earnings disappointed the market; revenue was flat while margins and net income were down, pressured by rising costs and foreign exchange movements.

Some of the prominent initiations included Publicis Groupe and Eurofins. Publicis Groupe is France headquartered and second largest communications agency in the world focusing on creative content/brand management, media buying, and marketing related technology and data consulting. Eurofins is a Luxembourg headquartered, lab-based testing company focused on areas that impact human health such as biopharma, food, and the environment. Meanwhile, some of the exits included specialty pharmaceutical company Recordati and drug store chain operator Tsuruha Holdings, in favour of better risk-adjusted opportunities elsewhere.

Now, a very simple model is that equity markets are driven in the short-term by four factors: earnings, rates, events, and investor sentiment. Looking ahead to 2024, we know that war, regulatory actions, geopolitics, and new technologies have the potential to move markets. Investors seem hyper-focused on how central banks will manage rates and whether economic demand will remain as resilient as it has so far. Seven of the world's ten most populous countries are headed to the polls in 2024. And to borrow from Benjamin Graham, Mr. Market's notoriously fickle sentiment can change quickly.

Thankfully, our investment process doesn't rely on such broad-based macro assessments. Its focus is much longer-term and more bottom-up in nature. More precisely: identifying companies that can create wealth by generating returns on capital in excess of their cost of capital for many years by virtue of sustainable competitive advantages. When led by excellent management teams, the wealth-creating nature of these business models can be enhanced and extended. By focusing on companies whose goods and services provide genuine value to their customers, the risk (though can never eliminate) is reduced that events or shocks fatally impair their business models.

### Recent Developments

There are no recent developments to report related to the strategic positioning of the Fund, the Manager, or the policies of the Independent Review Committee.

### Related Party Transactions – Management Fees

The Portfolio Advisor receives management fees, which are calculated for Series A Units as 1.15% per annum of the net asset value of the Fund calculated on a daily basis. Management fees for Series O Units are payable directly to the Manager by Series O investors and not by the Fund.

The Manager of the Fund has the ability, at their discretion, to reduce the management fees for large investors. This reduction is effected by means of a management fee distribution and will be automatically reinvested in additional units of the Fund at the net asset value of the Fund on the date of distribution. Mawer also receives fees for performing administrative services. As at December 31, 2023 the Fund owes Mawer \$0 related to these administrative services.

### 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 past five years. This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements which are prepared in accordance with IFRS.

#### The Fund's Net Asset Value (NAV) per Unit<sup>1</sup>

SERIES A	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Net Assets, beginning of year	37.93	42.84	35.93	32.77	27.35
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	0.92	0.70	0.61	0.55	0.74
Total expenses	(0.64)	(0.58)	(0.60)	(0.52)	(0.46)
Realized gains (losses) for the year	0.20	0.77	2.61	2.11	0.95
Unrealized gains (losses) for the year	5.96	(5.78)	5.06	1.00	4.41
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>6.44</b>	<b>(4.89)</b>	<b>7.68</b>	<b>3.14</b>	<b>5.64</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	(0.24)	(0.11)	(0.02)	(0.04)	(0.23)
From dividends	-	-	-	-	(0.03)
From capital gains	-	-	(0.72)	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
Total Annual Distributions <sup>3</sup>	(0.24)	(0.11)	(0.74)	(0.04)	(0.26)
<b>Net Assets, end of year</b>	<b>44.16</b>	<b>37.93</b>	<b>42.84</b>	<b>35.93</b>	<b>32.77</b>

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SERIES O	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Net Assets, beginning of year	37.85	42.90	36.47	34.14	28.49
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	0.93	0.70	0.63	0.57	0.76
Total expenses	(0.10)	(0.09)	(0.09)	(0.08)	(0.07)
Realized gains (losses) for the year	0.20	0.78	2.67	2.31	0.99
Unrealized gains (losses) for the year	5.97	(5.77)	5.25	1.44	4.60
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>7.00</b>	<b>(4.38)</b>	<b>8.46</b>	<b>4.24</b>	<b>6.28</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	(0.79)	(0.60)	(0.49)	(0.39)	(0.57)
From dividends	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.01)	(0.03)	(0.07)
From capital gains	-	(0.13)	(1.39)	(1.06)	(0.07)
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
Total Annual Distributions <sup>3</sup>	(0.80)	(0.75)	(1.89)	(1.48)	(0.71)
<b>Net Assets, end of year</b>	<b>44.08</b>	<b>37.85</b>	<b>42.90</b>	<b>36.47</b>	<b>34.14</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> This information is derived from the Fund's audited financial statements.

<sup>(2)</sup> Net asset value 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 year.

<sup>(3)</sup> Distributions were reinvested in additional units of the Fund and/or paid in cash.

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

SERIES A	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total net asset value (000's) <sup>1</sup>	1,340,874	1,112,390	1,270,447	978,326	825,604
Number of units outstanding (000's) <sup>1</sup>	30,366	29,329	29,655	27,227	25,192
Management expense ratio <sup>2</sup>	1.30%	1.31%	1.31%	1.31%	1.31%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	1.30%	1.31%	1.31%	1.31%	1.31%
Trading expense ratio <sup>3</sup>	0.02%	0.02%	0.03%	0.06%	0.06%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>4</sup>	11.30%	17.95%	22.27%	32.13%	16.96%
<b>Net asset value per unit<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>44.16</b>	<b>37.93</b>	<b>42.84</b>	<b>35.93</b>	<b>32.77</b>

SERIES O	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total net asset value (000's) <sup>1</sup>	10,849,543	9,290,080	10,419,450	7,055,787	4,718,543
Number of units outstanding (000's) <sup>1</sup>	246,129	245,460	242,892	193,463	138,231
Management expense ratio <sup>2</sup>	0.01%	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	0.01%	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%
Trading expense ratio <sup>3</sup>	0.02%	0.02%	0.03%	0.06%	0.06%
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<sup>(1)</sup> This information is provided as at December 31 of the year shown, as applicable.

<sup>(2)</sup> Management expense ratio is based on total expenses for the stated year and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net assets during the year.

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

<sup>(4)</sup> The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's Portfolio Advisors manage its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the year. The higher a fund's portfolio turnover rate in a year, the greater the trading costs payable by the fund in the year, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a fund.

### Past Performance

Sales commissions, trailing commissions, management fees and expenses all may be associated with mutual fund investments. Please read the Prospectus before investing. The indicated rates of return are the historical annual compounded total returns including changes in unit value and reinvestment of all distributions and do not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or optional charges or income taxes payable by any investor that would have reduced returns. Mutual funds are not guaranteed. Their value changes frequently and past performance may not be repeated.

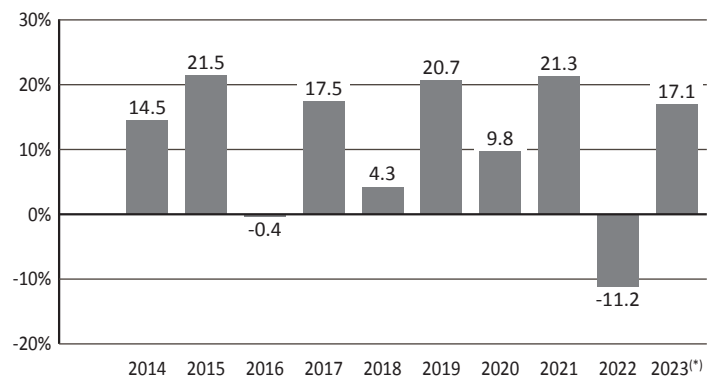
The Fund's performance numbers assume that all distributions are reinvested in additional units of the Fund. If you hold this Fund outside of a registered plan, income and capital gains distributions that are paid to you increase your income for tax purposes whether paid to you in cash or reinvested in additional units. The amount of the reinvested taxable distributions is added to the adjusted cost base of the units that you own. This would decrease your capital gains or increase your capital loss when you later redeem from the Fund, thereby ensuring that you are not taxed on this amount again. Please consult your tax advisor regarding your personal tax situation.

The past performance of the Fund is set out in the following charts.

### Year-by-Year Returns

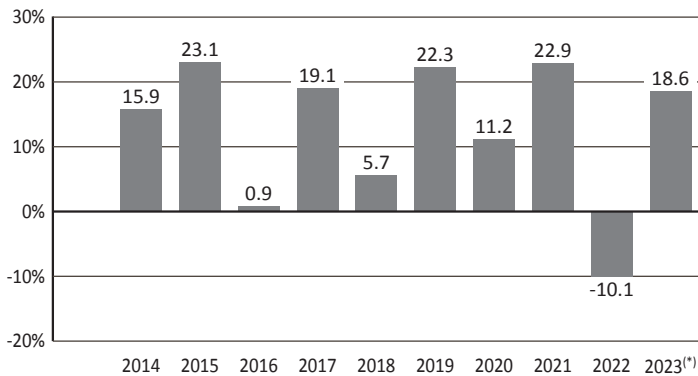
The bar charts below show the Fund's annual performance in each of the past 10 years, if applicable, to December 31. The charts show in percentage terms how an investment made on January 1 would have increased or decreased by December 31 of the fiscal year.

Series A



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### Series O



<sup>(\*)</sup> Series A start date was October 22, 2009; Series O start date was October 22, 2009.

### Annual Compound Returns

The following table shows the historical annual compound total return of the Fund for the periods shown ending on December 31, 2023. The annual compound total return is benchmarked to the Mawer Global Equity Benchmark (GE Benchmark) and calculated on the same compound basis. The GE Benchmark is a composite return stream consisting of MSCI World Index (net) from inception to September 30, 2016 and the MSCI ACWI (net), as of September 30, 2016. The MSCI ACWI captures large and mid cap representation across 23 Developed Markets (DM) and 26 Emerging Markets (EM) countries. All index returns are calculated in Canadian dollars on a total return basis, meaning that all distributions are reinvested.

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception <sup>(*)</sup>
Mawer Global Equity Fund – Series A	17.1%	8.1%	10.8%	11.0%	11.7%
Global Equity Benchmark	18.9%	7.0%	11.0%	10.4%	10.8%
Mawer Global Equity Fund – Series O	18.6%	9.5%	12.3%	12.4%	13.2%
Global Equity Benchmark	18.9%	7.0%	11.0%	10.4%	10.8%

<sup>(\*)</sup> Series A start date was October 22, 2009; Series O start date was October 22, 2009.

### Summary of Investment Portfolio

A summary of the Fund as at December 31, 2023 is as follows:

	% of Portfolio
Treasury Bills	3.3
<b>Total Short-Term Investments</b>	<b>3.3</b>
<b>Equities</b>	
Asia	2.9
Europe	38.1
Latin America	2.0
North America	53.8
<b>Total Equities</b>	<b>96.8</b>
<b>Total Portfolio</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

The following table lists the 25 largest holdings of the Fund (or all holdings if the total number of holdings is less than 25) as at December 31, 2023.

Issuer	Percentage of Net Asset Value
Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc.	4.6%
Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc.	4.4%
Publicis Groupe SA	4.1%
Microsoft Corporation	4.0%
Bayerische Motoren Werke (BMW) AG Preferred	4.0%
Wolters Kluwer NV	4.0%
UnitedHealth Group Incorporated	3.8%
CGI Inc.	3.6%
Aon PLC Cl. A	3.0%
KDDI Corporation	2.9%
Novo Nordisk A/S Cl. B	2.9%
CDW Corporation	2.8%
FTI Consulting, Inc. Cl. A	2.8%
Bunzl PLC	2.5%
Roche Holding AG Non-Voting	2.3%
Booking Holdings Inc.	2.3%
Admiral Group PLC	2.2%
Amphenol Corporation Cl. A	2.1%
Alphabet Inc. Cl. C	2.1%
XP Inc. Cl. A	2.0%
Intercontinental Exchange, Inc.	1.9%
JDE Peet's NV	1.9%
Insperty, Inc.	1.9%
Nestlé SA Registered Shares	1.8%
FedEx Corporation	1.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>71.6%</b>

The investments and percentages may have changed by the time you purchase units of this fund. The top 25 holdings are made available quarterly, 60 days after quarter-end and may be obtained by contacting your registered representative or by contacting the Manager toll-free at 1-844-395-0747 or by e-mail at [info@mawer.com](mailto:info@mawer.com). The Prospectus and other information about the underlying mutual fund(s) are available online at [www.sedarplus.com](http://www.sedarplus.com) and [www.mawer.com](http://www.mawer.com).