

**ANNUAL INFORMATION FORM  
DATED MAY 25, 2021**

RELATING TO

SERIES B UNITS OF:

LEITH WHEELER CANADIAN EQUITY FUND  
LEITH WHEELER CORE BOND FUND  
LEITH WHEELER MONEY MARKET FUND

AND

SERIES B UNITS AND SERIES F UNITS OF:

LEITH WHEELER BALANCED FUND  
LEITH WHEELER CARBON CONSTRAINED CANADIAN EQUITY FUND  
LEITH WHEELER CANADIAN DIVIDEND FUND  
LEITH WHEELER CORPORATE ADVANTAGE FUND  
LEITH WHEELER EMERGING MARKETS EQUITY FUND  
LEITH WHEELER INCOME ADVANTAGE FUND  
LEITH WHEELER INTERNATIONAL EQUITY PLUS FUND  
LEITH WHEELER MULTI CREDIT FUND  
LEITH WHEELER PREFERRED SHARE FUND  
LEITH WHEELER SHORT TERM INCOME FUND  
LEITH WHEELER U.S. DIVIDEND FUND  
LEITH WHEELER U.S. EQUITY FUND  
LEITH WHEELER U.S. SMALL/MID-CAP EQUITY FUND

AND

SERIES B UNITS, SERIES B (CAD HEDGED),  
SERIES F UNITS AND, SERIES F (CAD HEDGED) UNITS OF:

LEITH WHEELER HIGH YIELD BOND FUND

(unit trusts managed by  
Leith Wheeler Investment Counsel Ltd.)

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In this document:

- *we, us, the Manager and Leith Wheeler* refers to Leith Wheeler Investment Counsel Ltd.
- *you* refers to anyone who invests in, or is interested in investing in, Leith Wheeler Investment Funds.
- *trustee* refers to CIBC Mellon Trust Company.

Together, the trustee and we (either directly or by delegation from the trustee) have authority over the assets and affairs of Leith Wheeler Balanced Fund, Leith Wheeler Canadian Equity Fund, Leith Wheeler U.S. Equity Fund, Leith Wheeler Core Bond Fund, Leith Wheeler Money Market Fund, Leith Wheeler International Equity Plus Fund, Leith Wheeler Income Advantage Fund, Leith Wheeler Canadian Dividend Fund, Leith Wheeler Corporate Advantage Fund, Leith Wheeler High Yield Bond Fund, Leith Wheeler U.S. Small/Mid-Cap Equity Fund, Leith Wheeler Emerging Markets Equity Fund, Leith Wheeler Multi Credit Fund Leith Wheeler Carbon Constrained Canadian Equity Fund, Leith Wheeler Preferred Share Fund, Leith Wheeler Short Term Income Fund and Leith Wheeler U.S. Dividend Fund (collectively, the “Funds”). Leith Wheeler Investment Funds Ltd. distributes units of the Funds in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario directly and through registered investment dealers and brokers. (See “Responsibility for Operations”).

Since many attributes of the Funds and of the units of the Funds are similar, the units of Funds are being offered pursuant to a consolidated simplified prospectus. However, no Fund assumes responsibility for the disclosure relating to any other Fund or for any misrepresentation relating to any other Fund contained in this consolidated annual information form or in the consolidated simplified prospectus of the Funds.

Except as provided herein, references to “units” in this annual information form refer to units of the Funds. Except as otherwise indicated, all references in this document to Series B units refer to Series B and Series B (CAD Hedged) units, collectively. Except as otherwise indicated, all references in this document to Series F units refer to Series F and Series F (CAD Hedged) units, collectively. Except as otherwise indicated, all references in this document to Series A units refer to Series A and Series A (CAD Hedged) units, collectively.

## THE STRUCTURE OF THE FUNDS

Each Fund is a unit trust established under the laws of the Province of British Columbia by trust indenture, or master trust agreement in the case of Leith Wheeler International Equity Plus Fund, Leith Wheeler Income Advantage Fund, Leith Wheeler Canadian Dividend Fund, Leith Wheeler Corporate Advantage Fund and Leith Wheeler High Yield Bond Fund (in each case collectively, the “Trust Agreement”), as amended and supplemented from time to time.

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Date Established</b>
Leith Wheeler Balanced Fund	September 22, 1987
Leith Wheeler Canadian Equity Fund	April 27, 1994
Leith Wheeler U.S. Equity Fund	April 27, 1994
Leith Wheeler Core Bond Fund	April 27, 1994
Leith Wheeler Money Market Fund	April 27, 1994
Leith Wheeler International Equity Plus Fund	October 31, 2007
Leith Wheeler Income Advantage Fund	December 21, 2010

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Date Established</b>
Leith Wheeler Canadian Dividend Fund	December 21, 2010
Leith Wheeler Corporate Advantage Fund	May 29, 2014
Leith Wheeler High Yield Bond Fund	May 27, 2015
Leith Wheeler U.S. Dividend Fund	September 26, 2016
Leith Wheeler U.S. Small/Mid-Cap Equity Fund	October 27, 2016
Leith Wheeler Emerging Markets Equity Fund	May 25, 2017
Leith Wheeler Multi Credit Fund	May 25, 2017
Leith Wheeler Carbon Constrained Canadian Equity Fund	May 25, 2018
Leith Wheeler Preferred Share Fund	May 25, 2018
Leith Wheeler Short Term Income Fund	May 25, 2018

The principal office of each Fund is Suite 1500, 400 Burrard Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6C 3A6.

### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES**

All of the Funds provide investors with the opportunity to participate with others who share a common investment objective by buying units of the Fund. By pooling your capital with others, you gain access to diversified portfolios of professionally-managed investments with clearly stated goals.

We may not change the fundamental objectives of a Fund, without first obtaining approval of the unitholders. (See “Your Rights as a Unitholder” for details about your entitlement to vote on certain matters).

The investment objectives and policies of each of the Funds are summarized in the Funds’ simplified prospectus.

### **INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS AND PRACTICES**

Each Fund is subject to the standard restrictions and practices of Canadian securities legislation, including National Instrument 81-102 *Mutual Funds*. These restrictions and practices are designed, in part, to ensure the investments of the Funds are diversified and relatively liquid, and to ensure the Funds are properly administered. We manage each Fund in accordance with these restrictions and practices.

#### **Eligibility for Registered Plans**

Units of each Fund are expected to be “qualified investments” within the meaning of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) (the “Tax Act”) for the following registered plans:

- registered retirement savings plans (RRSPs)
- registered retirement income funds (RRIFs)
- deferred profit sharing plans (DPSPs)
- registered education savings plans (RESPs)

- registered disability savings plans (RDSPs)
- tax-free saving accounts (TFSA)

(each a, “Registered Plan”)

You may hold units of a Fund in any of these Registered Plans, as long as your investment complies with the terms of the plan. You can also hold units of a Fund through a Leith Wheeler RRSP, RRIF or TFSA. See “Certain Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations” for additional information about holding units of a Fund in a Registered Plan.

## **YOUR RIGHTS AS A UNITHOLDER**

We divide each Fund into units. Each Fund is authorized to issue an unlimited number of series and an unlimited number of units and fractions of units of each series. No certificates are issued to unitholders. No units are listed on any stock exchange.

As a unitholder of the Funds, you are entitled to participate ratably with other holders of units in distributions made by a Fund (except management fee distributions) and on liquidation, in the net assets of the Fund remaining after satisfaction of outstanding liabilities. You have no ownership rights to any assets of the Fund. A unit of one Fund does not carry rights to any other Fund. As a unitholder, you have no special rights to buy other units.

You may redeem units of all Funds on demand.

You can switch units of one Fund for units of any other Fund without charge through us.

Your rights as a unitholder of a Fund can be changed only in accordance with the provisions attaching to the units and the provisions of the Trust Agreement. Major changes require unitholder approval. As a unitholder of a Fund you are entitled to vote at all meetings of the Fund (except where the holders of another series of units are entitled to vote separately as a series) and to one vote for each whole unit you hold. Except as noted below, you are entitled to vote on the following matters:

- certain material changes to the Trust Agreement (see “Amendment of Trust Agreements”)
- the appointment of a new Manager other than one affiliated with the current Manager
- any change in the basis of the calculation of a fee or expense that is charged to the Fund or directly to its unitholders in a way that could result in an increase in charges to the Fund or its unitholders
- the introduction of a fee or expense that is charged to the Fund or directly to its unitholders that could result in an increase in charges to the Fund or its unitholders
- any change in the fundamental investment objectives of the Fund
- any decrease in the frequency of calculating the net asset value per unit
- in certain cases, where the Fund undertakes a reorganization with, or transfers its assets to, another mutual fund, and the Fund ceases to continue after the reorganization or transfer of assets, and the transaction results in the unitholders of the Fund becoming unitholders in the other mutual fund
- where the Fund undertakes a reorganization with, or acquires assets from, another mutual fund, continues after the reorganization or acquisition of assets, and the transaction results in the unitholders of the other mutual fund becoming unitholders of the Fund, and the transaction would be a material change to the Fund.

Approval of the above matters requires an affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of units voted at a meeting called to resolve those matters or by written consent of holders of at least 50% of the units outstanding. To the extent that a Fund holds units of another fund managed by us (or an affiliate) we will not vote the proxies in connection with the Fund's holding of the other fund. Under certain circumstances, we may arrange to send proxies to unitholders of the applicable Fund so that unitholders of the Fund can direct the voting of proxies of the other fund.

Leith Wheeler is not required to seek the approval of the unitholders of a Fund for a change in the management fees charged to the Fund. Leith Wheeler is also not required to seek the approval of unitholders of Leith Wheeler International Equity Plus Fund, Leith Wheeler Income Advantage Fund, Leith Wheeler Canadian Dividend Fund, Leith Wheeler Corporate Advantage Fund, Leith Wheeler High Yield Bond Fund, Leith Wheeler U.S. Small/Mid-Cap Equity Fund, Leith Wheeler Emerging Markets Equity Fund, Leith Wheeler Multi Credit Fund, Leith Wheeler Carbon Constrained Canadian Equity Fund, Leith Wheeler Preferred Share Fund, Leith Wheeler Short Term Income Fund or Leith Wheeler U.S. Dividend Fund for the introduction of, or a change in the basis of calculation of, any other fee or expense that is charged to such Fund or directly to unitholders of such Fund by the Manager or a third party, in connection with the holding of such units. Any such change will only be made if notice is mailed to unitholders at least 60 days prior to the date on which the increase is to take effect.

Meetings to consider the above matters may be called only by the Trustee, Manager or, in some cases, unitholders. Unitholders have no other voting rights.

## VALUATION OF PORTFOLIO SECURITIES

**Assets** - The assets of each Fund include:

- all cash on hand or on deposit, treasury bills, short-term paper or certificates of deposit
- all bills, notes and accounts receivable
- all shares, subscription rights and other securities
- all cash dividends (as of ex-dividend date) and cash distributions not yet received by the Fund but declared to unitholders of record before the net asset value per unit or net asset value per series of the Fund is determined
- all bonds, debentures, mortgages and other evidences of indebtedness
- interest accrued on any fixed interest-bearing securities
- all other property, including prepaid expenses.

**Value of assets** - For purposes of determining the purchase and redemption price of a Fund's units, we determine the value of these assets by using the following principles:

- Cash on hand or on deposit, treasury bills and short-term paper or certificates of deposit are all valued at cost plus accrued interest.
- Securities listed on any stock exchange or traded over-the-counter are valued at:
  - the latest sale price, if traded, or
  - if not traded, at a price which is no higher than the closing ask price and no lower than the closing bid price.
- Clearing corporation options are valued at the current market value. If a covered option is written, the premium received will be offset by a deferred credit and, so long as an open position is maintained, the

deferred credit will be valued at an amount equal to the current market value of an option that would have the effect of closing a position, and any difference resulting from re-evaluation is treated as an unrealized gain or loss and the deferred credit is deducted in arriving at net asset value.

- We determine the value of mortgages and all other assets to be the value that we believe best reflects the fair market value of those assets in accordance with the requirements of applicable securities legislation.
- The value of a futures contract, forward contract or swap shall be the gain or loss, if any, that would arise as a result of closing the position in the futures contract or forward contract or swap, as the case may be, on that Valuation Day unless daily limits are in effect, in which case fair market value shall be based on the current value of the underlying interest. Margin paid or deposited in respect of futures contracts, forward contracts, and swaps shall be reflected as an account receivable and margin consisting of assets other than cash shall be noted as held as margin.
- For assets and liabilities in a foreign currency, we use the exchange rate available that day from a reliable bank or other agent that we select to determine the value in the currency in which the fund calculates its net asset value.

We will deviate from these valuation principles in circumstances where the above methods do not accurately reflect the fair value of a security at any time. We have not exercised our discretion to deviate from the valuation principles described above in the past five years.

### **Liabilities**

The liabilities of each Fund include:

- all bills, notes and accounts payable and/or accrued
- all administrative and operating expenses payable or accrued or both, including management fees
- all contractual obligations for money or property, including any unpaid distribution credited to unitholders
- all allowances authorized or approved by us for taxes (if any) or contingencies
- all other liabilities of the Fund.

While National Instrument 81-106 *Investment Fund Continuous Disclosure* requires investment funds, such as the Funds, to use fair value to determine the value of assets and liabilities, it does not require investment funds to determine fair value in accordance with the CPA Canada Handbook. The Funds calculate the net asset value of the units of each Fund on the basis of the valuation principles set forth in this annual information form.

Since January 1, 2014, Canadian investment entities, such as the Funds, are required to prepare their annual audited financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”). IFRS requires investments to be valued based on a price between the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value. Under IFRS, each Fund’s accounting policies for measuring the fair value of its investments will align, in most instances, with those used in measuring its net asset value of the units for the purposes of redemption and purchase of units of the Fund. IFRS also impacts the overall presentation of the financial statements, such as the inclusion of a Statement of Cash Flows in the financial statements. Overall, there are enhanced disclosure requirements.

## **How we calculate net asset value**

### ***Leith Wheeler Money Market Fund***

For the Leith Wheeler Money Market Fund, we make every effort to maintain the series net asset value per unit of each series at \$10.00 (CDN) by crediting to unitholders of each series their proportionate share of adjusted net income accumulated daily, with settlements being made monthly. Where fluctuations in the series net asset value of any series of the Leith Wheeler Money Market Fund would otherwise cause the series net asset value per unit to be more or less than \$10, the trustee may, but is not required to, consolidate or subdivide the outstanding units of the series.

### ***All Other Funds***

Each series will be responsible for its share of common expenses of a Fund together with the expenses of the series. The price of each series of a Fund is calculated by taking the proportionate share of the assets of a series of the Fund and subtracting a series' proportionate share of the common liabilities of the Fund and in the case of Series B (CAD Hedged) or Series F (CAD Hedged) adjusting for the currency transactions. The liabilities of a specific series in respect of fees are then subtracted to determine the net asset value of a series. The price per unit of a series is determined by dividing the net asset value of that series by the number of units held by unitholders of that series of a Fund - this is the net asset value per unit of each series. We do not use this equation for the Leith Wheeler Money Market Fund.

## **When we calculate net asset value**

We determine the net asset value per unit and net asset value per series for each Fund at 1:00 p.m. Vancouver time on each business day (which is any day other than Saturday, Sunday or statutory holidays) (a "Valuation Day"). The net asset value per unit and net asset value per series remain in effect until we determine the next net asset value per unit or net asset value per series.

Units are still considered outstanding on the day we receive a request to redeem them. They are valued at the redemption price per unit on the applicable Valuation Day (which is equal to the net asset value per unit or net asset value per series) and are considered a liability of a Fund only after the close of business on that Valuation Day.

The net asset value and net asset value per unit of a Fund are available at no cost on the Leith Wheeler Investment Counsel Ltd. internet site at [www.leithwheeler.com](http://www.leithwheeler.com) or by contacting us at [info@leithwheeler.com](mailto:info@leithwheeler.com).

## **BUYING UNITS**

### **How to buy units of a Fund**

We offer units of the Funds for sale on a continuous basis. You may buy units of a Fund directly from Leith Wheeler Investment Funds Ltd., or through registered dealers, in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario. If you buy units through a registered dealer you may be charged a commission by the dealer in connection with the purchase. The dealer may also require you to compensate it for any losses the dealer suffers if you fail to complete your purchase of units.

Your order must be received before 1:00 p.m. Vancouver time on a Valuation Day for units to be purchased at the net asset value per unit that day. Purchase orders received after that time will be processed the next Valuation Day.



We reserve the right to reject your subscription, but if we do so we will immediately return your purchase money.

Within 10 days after receiving your order and full payment, we will send you a statement confirming the purchase amount, the price per unit, the number of units you have bought (including fractions) and the total number of units held in your account.

### **Purchase price**

The price you pay for a unit is the net asset value per unit of the relevant series of a Fund determined on the Valuation Day that we receive your order (if we receive it before 1:00 p.m. Vancouver time). The price for orders received after that time will be calculated on the next Valuation Day. The Manager will accept or reject purchase orders within two business days after receiving the order. If we reject your purchase order we will immediately refund your money.

You must pay for units of a Fund with cash or, in certain circumstances, at our discretion, with securities that qualify for the portfolio of that Fund. The Leith Wheeler U.S. Dividend Fund is denominated in U.S. dollars. If you pay for units of the Leith Wheeler U.S. Dividend Fund with non-U.S. dollar cash then we will use the exchange rate available on the day the units are issued to determine the number of units to be issued, regardless of the exchange rate on the settlement date of the purchase of the units..

If we do not receive the full payment for your order within three business days of the Valuation Day, we are required to cancel the order by redeeming your units. You will be responsible for paying any difference if the redemption price is less than your original purchase price for the units.

### **How to switch units of a Fund**

You can switch your units between any of the Funds at no charge through us. When we receive your request to switch, we will sell your units and use the proceeds to buy units of the new Fund. Where the Leith Wheeler U.S. Dividend Fund is involved, we will use the exchange rate available on the day the units are switched to determine the number of units to be issued, regardless of the exchange rate on the settlement date of the units.

If you switch between Funds, it will involve a disposition of your units for income tax purposes and may result in a capital gain or capital loss, which will have tax implications if you hold your units outside of a Registered Plan. See “Certain Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations” for details.

If you use a registered dealer to effect the switch, the dealer may charge you a fee.

### **How to convert units of a Fund**

You can convert from Series A, Series B, Series F and Series I1 units of a Fund to any other series units of a Fund. You can only convert to Series A, Series F or Series I1 units if you are an eligible investor for Series A, Series F or Series I1 units and meet certain other criteria relating to the particular series we establish from time to time.

The term Hedged Series refers to the Series A (CAD Hedged) units, Series B (CAD Hedged) units and Series F (CAD Hedged) units, collectively. The term Non-Hedged Series refers to all series of units other than the Hedged Series.

Based in part on the administrative practice of the Canada Revenue Agency (the “CRA”): (i) a conversion from one series of Non-Hedged Series units to another series of Non-Hedged Series units is not considered a disposition for income tax purposes and, consequently, does not generally result in a capital gain or capital loss to a converting unitholder; and (ii) a conversion to or from units of any Hedged Series to or from units

of any other series (including a different Hedged Series) will result in a disposition for income tax purposes, which may result in a capital gain or capital loss if you hold your units outside a Registered Plan. See “Certain Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations”.

If you use a registered dealer to effect a conversion, the dealer may charge you a fee.

### **Minimums for buying**

For each of our Funds the minimum initial investment is \$25,000 for accounts held directly with Leith Wheeler Investment Funds Ltd. and \$5,000 if purchased through a third party, such as a discount broker (which we can waive, in each case, at our discretion). The minimum investment (other than automatic reinvestments) after the initial investment is \$1,000. The minimum subsequent investment (excluding automatic reinvestment of distributions) in the Leith Wheeler U.S. Dividend Fund is U.S.\$1,000 (subject to waiver at our absolute discretion). You can direct that your initial or subsequent investments be invested in one or more of the Funds, so long as they total at least the minimum set out above.

## **REDEEMING UNITS**

### **How to request a redemption**

To request a redemption of some or all of your units in a Fund, deliver a written request for redemption (addressed to the trustee) to us. We will forward it to the trustee for you. Within 3 business days after we receive your written request, we will send you a cheque for the redemption price, along with a statement confirming the transaction and showing you the remaining balance in your account.

### **Redemption price**

You can redeem units on any Valuation Day at the net asset value per unit of the relevant series of a Fund. If we receive your redemption request before 1:00 p.m. Vancouver time the redemption price will be equal to the net asset value per unit of the relevant series calculated on that day. If your request arrives after that time, the redemption price will be calculated on the next Valuation Day.

So long as we have not suspended calculation of the net asset value, we will pay you the redemption price within 3 business days after the Valuation Day for your written redemption request. For the Leith Wheeler Money Market Fund, we will also deliver to you any net investment income that has been credited but not distributed to you.

If you use a registered dealer to request your redemption and you fail to deliver the necessary documents on time or fail to satisfy other requirements of securities legislation, the dealer may require you to compensate it for any losses it suffers.

A redemption of units of a Fund is a disposition for income tax purposes and may result in a capital gain or capital loss, which will have tax implications if you hold your units outside of a Registered Plan. See “Certain Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations” for details.

### **Automatic redemption**

We are permitted to establish a floor amount as the minimum amount that must remain in any unitholder's account. The floor amount for the Leith Wheeler Balanced Fund is \$1,000. There is no floor amount for any other Fund at this time. If we do establish a floor amount for any units or series of the other Funds, we will give unitholders 60 days' advance notice. Where a floor amount is set, if your investment drops below

that floor amount, we will give you 14 days' notice before we redeem your units. In the case of the Leith Wheeler International Equity Plus Fund, Leith Wheeler Income Advantage Fund, Leith Wheeler Canadian Dividend Fund, Leith Wheeler Corporate Advantage Fund, Leith Wheeler High Yield Bond Fund, Leith Wheeler U.S. Small/Mid-Cap Equity Fund, Leith Wheeler Emerging Markets Equity Fund, Leith Wheeler Multi Credit Fund, Leith Wheeler Carbon Constrained Canadian Equity Fund, Leith Wheeler Preferred Share Fund, Leith Wheeler Short Term Income Fund and Leith Wheeler U.S. Dividend Fund, we may also redeem your units of the Fund at any time if you become a resident of a foreign jurisdiction where your foreign residency may have negative tax consequences for the Fund.

If we become aware that you no longer qualify to hold Series F units of a Fund, we have the option of redeeming your units or we may change your units to Series B units of the Fund. If we become aware that you no longer qualify to hold Series F units, we will give your representative 30 days' notice before we redeem or switch your units.

### **Suspension of redemptions**

A Fund may suspend your right to request a redemption for all or part of the time:

- when normal trading is suspended on any stock exchange, options exchange or futures exchange on which securities are listed or traded, or on which specified derivatives are traded, if those securities or specified derivatives represent more than 50% of the value, or underlying market exposure, of the Fund's total assets are traded, or
- if the securities regulatory authorities consent, conditions are such that disposal of the assets of the Fund is not reasonably practicable or determination of the value of the Fund's assets is not practicable.

## **RESPONSIBILITY FOR OPERATIONS**

The Trust Agreement of each Fund gives the trustee and the Manager (either directly or by delegation from the trustee as permitted in the Trust Agreement) all powers necessary to operate and conduct the affairs of the Fund. The Custodial Services Agreement authorizes the custodian to hold the assets of the Fund.

### **Trustee**

The trustee of each Fund is CIBC Mellon Trust Company, Vancouver, British Columbia. The trustee maintains records, performs fund accounting and has delegated the calculation of the net asset value to us. The trustee is required to act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the Funds.

The trustee may resign on 60 days' notice, or be removed by the Manager on 30 days' notice. If the trustee resigns or is removed, the Manager will appoint a successor trustee.

The trustee's fee is paid by the Manager out of its management fee.

### **Custodian**

CIBC Mellon Trust Company is the custodian of the portfolio and trust assets of each Fund at its offices in Toronto. The custodian is permitted to appoint sub-custodians.

### **Manager**

As Manager we are responsible for administering and supervising the Funds and managing the portfolio of the Funds (including purchases and sales of portfolio securities), calculating the net asset value, effecting

redemptions (with the trustee) and subscriptions, ensuring compliance with the Funds' investment restrictions and advising the trustee on matters relating to the valuation of each Fund's assets. We took the initiative in creating the Funds and may be considered the promoter of the Funds.

Unitholders may not change the Manager except where we resign or become insolvent or bankrupt. We may resign on 180 days' notice to the trustee. See "Amendment of Trust Agreements". Each Fund will terminate if a successor manager has not been appointed within 90 days after the effective date of our resignation.

Our principal office is 1500 – 400 Burrard Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6C 3A6.

Below are the names, municipalities of residence, positions with the Manager and principal occupations of the directors and executive officers of the Manager during the preceding five years:

<u>Name, Municipality of Residence</u>	<u>Position with Leith Wheeler</u>	<u>Principal Occupation</u>
Jim Gilliland Langley, B.C.	President, Chief Executive Officer, Head of Fixed Income, Ultimate Designated Person and Director	President and Chief Executive Officer since April 2013, Head of Fixed Income since September 2009, Vice-President between September 2009 and April 2013, Leith Wheeler
Cecilia Wong Vancouver, B.C.	Vice-President, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Compliance Officer and Director	Vice-President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Compliance Officer, Leith Wheeler
William J. Dye West Vancouver, B.C.	Head of Canadian Equities and Director	Head of Canadian Equities, Leith Wheeler
Gordon Gibbons Coquitlam, B.C.	Director	Retired since July 2018, Senior Vice-President, Portfolio Manager, Leith Wheeler until 2018
Jonathon Palfrey West Vancouver, B.C.	Senior Vice-President, Portfolio Manager and Director	Senior Vice-President, Portfolio Manager, Leith Wheeler
David Jiles Vancouver, BC	Canadian Equity Analyst and Director	Canadian Equity Analyst, Leith Wheeler
Neil Watson Vancouver, BC	Vice President and Director	Vice President, Portfolio Manager, Leith Wheeler

The Manager's duties which involve conflicts of interest are over seen by the independent review committee. See "Fund Governance - Independent Review Committee".

### **Portfolio Advisers**

Model portfolios are developed for each asset class (Canadian Equities, U.S. Equities and Fixed Income). This model is then applied to each of our Funds.

Responsibility for developing model portfolios and/or oversight of the overall investments lies with the following:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Committees</u>	<u>Years with Leith Wheeler</u>	<u>Business Experience</u>
Jim Gilliland	President and Chief Executive Officer	Portfolio Review Committee and Fixed Income Committee	11	28
William J. Dye	Head of Canadian Equities	Portfolio Review Committee and Canadian Equity Committee	36	37

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Committees</u>	<u>Years with Leith Wheeler</u>	<u>Business Experience</u>
David Jiles	Canadian Equity Analyst	Portfolio Review Committee and Canadian Equity Committee	26	37
Neil Watson	Vice-President, Portfolio Manager	Portfolio Review Committee	28	33
Perry Teperson	Vice-President, Portfolio Manager	Portfolio Review Committee	17	30
Richard Liley	Canadian Equity Analyst	Canadian Equity Committee	21	25
Patrick Reddy	Canadian Equity Analyst	Canadian Equity Committee	15	21
Nick Z. Szucs	Canadian Equity Analyst	Canadian Equity Committee	10	23
David Slater	U.S. Equity Analyst		6	22
Eric Lam	Fixed Income Analyst	Fixed Income Committee	12	27
Dhruv Mallick	Fixed Income – High Yield Portfolio Manager	Fixed Income Committee	6	16
Alexei Konopkine	Fixed Income Analyst	Fixed Income Committee	16	16
Michelle Zuliani	Fixed Income Analyst		8	13
Barrow, Hanley, Mewhinney & Strauss, LLC. <sup>(1)</sup>		n/a	n/a	n/a
Edinburgh Partners Limited <sup>(2)</sup>		n/a	n/a	n/a

(1) Leith Wheeler has appointed Barrow, Hanley, Mewhinney & Strauss, LLC. (“BHMS”) as sub-adviser to Leith Wheeler in respect of stock recommendations for U.S. equities and Emerging Markets equities. Leith Wheeler can terminate the agreement on 30 days’ prior notice and BHMS can terminate the agreement on 60 days’ prior notice.

(2) Leith Wheeler has appointed Edinburgh Partners Limited (“Edinburgh”) as sub-adviser to Leith Wheeler in respect of stock recommendations for international equities. Leith Wheeler can terminate the agreement with Edinburgh on 30 days’ prior notice and Edinburgh can terminate the agreement on 60 days’ prior notice.

The business experience during the last five years for most of the above individuals is set out in the table above.

### **Principal Distributor**

As principal distributor, Leith Wheeler Investment Funds Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Leith Wheeler Investment Counsel Ltd., markets and distributes the Funds. The agreement whereby Leith Wheeler Investment Funds Ltd. agrees to act as principal distributor may be terminated by either party giving 60 days’ notice.

### **Brokerage Arrangements**

We decide which dealers are allocated brokerage business from the Funds based on their ability to execute trades and competitive commission costs.

### **Registrar and Auditor**

The trustee acts as registrar of each Fund. The auditors of the Funds are KPMG LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, Vancouver, B.C.

## PRINCIPAL HOLDERS OF SECURITIES

### The Funds

At April 30, 2021, the only persons who owned more than 10% of the units of any class or series of voting securities of the Funds directly or indirectly are the following:

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Units/ Series</b>	<b>Number of Units</b>	<b>Percentage of Units/Series</b>	<b>Holder</b>
Leith Wheeler Balanced Fund	Series A	2,837,873.03	60.34%	Transalta
	Series B	1,398,046.09	38.04%	Benflex Group RRIF
Leith Wheeler Canadian Dividend Fund	Series A	1,806,136.56	11.36%	Leith Wheeler Income Advantage Fund
	Series A	3,296,270.75	20.73%	Little Red River Cree Nation
	Series A	1,951,719.59	12.27%	Missanabie Cree Legacy trust
	Series B	25,964.05	15.09%	Benflex Group RRIF
	Series B	29,968.35	17.42%	Investor A
Leith Wheeler Canadian Equity Fund	Series A	18,139,687.39	27.76%	Canada Life Assurance - Canadian Equity
	Series B	126,173.94	12.68%	Donata Holdings
Leith Wheeler Carbon Constrained Canadian Equity Fund	Series A	1457916.715	25.18%	Employee Life & Health trust, IATSE 891
	Series A	3,265,090.20	56.40%	AFBS RSP General Fund
	Series B	3,474.66	10.91%	Investor B
	Series B	3,551.06	11.15%	Investor C
	Series B	3,267.48	10.26%	Investor D
	Series B	7,845.26	24.64%	Leith Wheeler Investment Counsel
Leith Wheeler Corporate Advantage Fund	Series B	101,531.72	19.10%	Investor E
Leith Wheeler Income Advantage Fund	Series A	370,386.39	10.81%	Western Automotive Management Ltd.
Leith Wheeler International Equity Plus Fund	Series A	2691819.189	80.92%	Leith Wheeler Balanced Fund
Leith Wheeler Emerging Markets Equity Fund	Series A	784,652.95	10.48%	Machinist 692
	Series A	3,500,307.23	46.77%	NDT Industry
	Series B	3,613.25	17.39%	Investor F
	Series B	7,697.82	37.04%	Investor G
	Series B	2,193.73	10.56%	Investor H
	Series F	1,044.77	25.67%	Investor I
	Series F	1,896.83	46.61%	1964718 Alberta Ltd.
	Series F	1,127.76	27.71%	Leith Wheeler Investment Counsel
	Series F	1340.1961	10.52%	Investor J
	Series F	1923.7477	15.10%	Investor K
	Series F	1910.1257	14.99%	Investor L
	Series F	4927.4725	38.67%	Investor M
Leith Wheeler High Yield Bond Fund	Series B	5335.7978	14.15%	Investor N
	Series B	4475.3665	11.87%	Investor O

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Units/ Series</b>	<b>Number of Units</b>	<b>Percentage of Units/Series</b>	<b>Holder</b>
	Series F	11375.3781	22.54%	Investor P
	Series A (Hedged)	148246.1155	19.92%	StateStreet ITF Morningstar - Balanced
	Series A (Hedged)	130991.9174	17.61%	Carthos Service
	Series B (Hedged)	30912.1323	22.19%	Benflex Group RRIF
	Series B (Hedged)	17927.024	12.87%	Investor Q
	Series B (Hedged)	14012.4482	10.06%	Investor R
Leith Wheeler Money Market Fund	Series A	3600382.133	13.06%	Little Red River Cree Nation
	Series B	401788.741	45.18%	Edmonton Eskimo Trust Fund
Leith Wheeler Multi Credit Fund	Series A	4,065,255.64	18.26%	Leith Wheeler Core Plus Bond Fund
	Series A	4,615,176.86	20.73%	IBEW Local 213 (Fixed Income) Pension Plan
	Series B	47,673.78	23.83%	Safety Shoes and Equipment Centre Ltd.
Leith Wheeler Preferred Share Fund	Series A	726,803.26	16.02%	Leith Wheeler Income Advantage Fund
	Series A	1,885,633.66	41.56%	Leith Wheeler Corporate Advantage Fund
	Series B	21,588.30	86.86%	Investor S
	Series B	257,087.72	12.28%	Tedemmatt Inc.
Leith Wheeler US Dividend Fund	Series B	888.14	30.60%	Investor T
	Series B	733.27	25.27%	Investor U
	Series B	1,280.60	44.13%	Leith Wheeler Investment Counsel
	Series F	1,723.46	24.28%	Investor V
	Series F	1,162.37	16.38%	Investor W
	Series F	1,121.34	15.80%	Ludwig Farms Ltd.
	Series F	1,176.36	16.58%	1075462 B.C. Ltd.
	Series F	1,325.60	18.68%	Leith Wheeler Investment Counsel
Leith Wheeler US Equity Fund	Series F	18,076.28	11.57%	Investor X
Leith Wheeler US Small/Mid- Cap Equity Fund	Series A	654649.0439	71.78%	Leith Wheeler Balanced Fund
	Series B	24691.9293	50.94%	Investor Y
	Series F	11653.4447	14.95%	Investor Z
Leith Wheeler Short Term Income Fund	Series B	156,714.89	16.86%	Investor AA
	Series B	117,047.37	12.59%	Marble Tile & Terrazzo Employee Benefit
	Series F	106,234.48	38.72%	470428 B.C. Ltd.
	Series II	23,880.93	23.39%	Groupe Vsim Inc.
	Series II	15,008.86	14.70%	Groupe Vsim Inc.
	Series II	12,852.86	12.59%	Foundation Sandra Et Alain Bouchard

Note: To protect the privacy of investors, we have omitted the names of individual investors. This information is available on request by contacting us at the telephone number on the back cover of this annual information form.

## The Manager

No person beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, more than 10% of the shares of the Manager, except:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number of Shares</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Of Record</u>
Dye Enterprises Ltd. <sup>(1)</sup>	72,100	10.9	Yes

(1) controlled by William J. Dye and Karen Dye.

As of April 30, 2021, the directors, officers and employees of the Manager and their controlled corporations, as a group, held 100% of the outstanding common shares of the Manager.

## FUND GOVERNANCE

### General

As stated earlier, the Trust Agreement of each Fund gives the trustee and Manager (either directly or by delegation from the trustee as permitted in the Trust Agreement) all powers necessary to operate and conduct the affairs of the Fund. The custodian is authorized to hold the assets of the Funds pursuant to a Custodial Services Agreement. See “Responsibility for Operations”.

Both the trustee and custodian are independent of Leith Wheeler and there is no cross-ownership.

Leith Wheeler Investment Funds Ltd. is the principal distributor for the Funds which are offered in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario through Leith Wheeler’s office in Vancouver and through registered dealers.

There are no arrangements between any Fund and brokers pertaining to payment of sales charges or service fees. Investors may be charged a commission by the dealer in connection with the acquisition of units. The Manager does not directly or indirectly pay fees, sales commissions or trailing commissions, nor does the Manager provide any non-monetary benefits, to registered dealers for distributions of units of the Funds.

### Derivatives

Leith Wheeler has not adopted any written policies or procedures setting out the objectives and goals for derivative trading or any formal risk management procedures. There are no trading limits and controls in place for foreign exchange derivatives.

Leith Wheeler’s Compliance Officer is responsible for setting and reviewing the policies and procedures for derivatives. The Management Committee of Leith Wheeler must approve the policies and procedures set by the Compliance Officer. Prior to implementation of any use of derivatives by Leith Wheeler Balanced Fund, Leith Wheeler U.S. Equity Fund, Leith Wheeler Core Bond Fund or Leith Wheeler Income Advantage Fund, policies and procedures for managing risk and trading limits and controls will be implemented.

### Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures

We vote all proxies and our objective on voting proxies is to ensure that the long-term value of a Fund is maximized and all shareholders are treated fairly. If a potential conflict of interest arises with respect to proxies, we will always vote in the best interests of a Fund and its unitholders.



Each proxy vote is analyzed on its own merit. The responsibility for this analysis rests with the analyst who is responsible for the particular investment. In the case of certain U.S. equities or international equities, we obtain recommendations on proxy voting from our sub-advisers. Where a vote is considered significant either from our perspective or that of a Fund, it is reviewed by the appropriate investment committee(s). We keep written records of how we vote and why.

We support the following principles against which all proxy issues are reviewed:

- Board of Directors
  - The majority of the Board should be independent of management.
  - The Nominating, Compensation, Audit and Reserve Evaluation (in the case of oil and gas companies) Committees of the Board should be established with a majority of members who are independent of management.
  - The roles of Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer should be separate.
  - Each Board member should attend a minimum of 75% of meetings.
- Management Compensation – we actively support compensation arrangements that:
  - Align executive compensation with shareholder interests and motivate management to increase long-term shareholder value.
  - Are competitive.
  - Are not structured to reward failure or mediocrity.
  - When in the form of stock options, fulfill the above requirements and are not overly dilutive and inordinately expensive for shareholders. We typically vote against stock option plans unless the granting of options is tied to the achievement of a specific metric such as return on equity or a minimum growth in earnings per share.
- Takeover Protection
  - Each situation will be evaluated on an individual basis but we will generally support transactions that treat shareholders equally and adequately compensate minority shareholders. We will generally support various takeover defences that are aligned to the growth of long-term shareholder value and allow reasonable time for a firm to generate a competing bid.
- Shareholder Rights / Fair Treatment of Minority Shareholders
  - We will generally oppose the introduction of measures like dual class share structures that have potential to treat one class of shareholders unfairly.
- Auditor Independence
  - To preserve its independence, the vast majority of an auditing firm's revenue from the company should be generated from audit-related work versus other sources.

You may obtain a copy of the voting policies and procedures, and when available the proxy voting record of a Fund, on request, at no cost, by calling (604) 683-3391 or toll free at 1-888-292-1122 and asking for the Investment Funds Department or by writing to Leith Wheeler Investment Counsel Ltd., 1500, 400 Burrard Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6C 3A6.

The proxy voting record of a Fund for the most recent period ended June 30 of each year is available to any unitholder of the Fund upon request at any time after August 31 of that year.

## **Compliance**

Compliance monitoring of the Funds is ongoing. The Funds are valued daily based on market values and the security holdings and market values are reconciled on a monthly basis against the custodian's records. We reconcile the unitholder recordkeeping of the trustee on a daily basis to the Manager's unitholder recordkeeping.

Risk management is dealt with on many levels. Leith Wheeler has established internal controls to ensure the Funds are managed in a prudent manner according to their stated objectives and in accordance with all applicable legislation. The portfolio advisers are aware of the objectives and strategies of a Fund, the investment restrictions and practices prescribed by the Canadian securities administrators and any additional guidelines and criteria that we consider appropriate. Various measures to assess risk are used, including mark to market security valuation, fair value accounting, effective exposure reporting, and monthly reconciliations of security and cash positions. The Funds are priced on each Valuation Day, which ensures that performance accurately reflects market movements.

## **Short-Term Trading**

At present, we have not found any occurrences of short-term trading and, accordingly, do not believe a short-term trading policy is currently warranted. If in the future we observe that short-term trading is occurring with frequency, we may opt to implement a policy to deal with short-term trading costs.

## **Conflicts**

A Fund may be subject to various conflicts of interest because we engage in a range of management and advisory activities. On occasion we may make the same investment recommendation with respect to a Fund and for one or more of the other Funds and our other clients. We are not obligated to present any particular investment to a Fund and may take for our own account or recommend to others any investment opportunity. Where a Fund and any one or more of the other Funds or our other clients are engaged in the purchase or sale of the same security, the transaction, if effected by us, will be effected on an equitable basis, having regard to such factors as we consider relevant.

## **Independent Review Committee**

The Manager has established an independent review committee ("IRC") pursuant to National Instrument 81-107 *Independent Review Committee for Investment Funds* ("NI 81-107"). The IRC is currently composed of three members, Eric Watt (Chair), Leon Getz and Brian Scott, each of whom is independent of the Manager and its affiliates. On March 26, 2018, former Chair Michael Scott submitted his resignation from the IRC.

Under NI 81-107, the Manager is required to develop policies and procedures on conflicts of interest matters. The mandate of the IRC is to consider and provide recommendations to the Manager on conflicts of interest to which the Manager is subject when managing the Funds and, in certain cases, such as inter-fund trades, to decide whether or not to approve the Manager's proposal. The IRC will provide its recommendations and approvals to the Manager with a view to the best interests of the Funds.

The compensation, travel and accommodation expenses of the IRC, as well as the other reasonable costs of complying with NI 81-107, are payable pro rata by the Funds. Total compensation was paid to the IRC in the amount of \$28,600 for the financial year ended December 31, 2018. Eric Watt received \$11,200, and Leon Getz and Brian Scott each received \$8,700. Although the fees and expenses of the IRC are payable by the Funds, the Manager has absorbed this expense for the year ended December 31, 2020.

## MANAGEMENT FEES

The Manager may, in its sole discretion, agree to charge a reduced management fee as compared to the fee that the Manager otherwise would be entitled to charge the Funds with respect to investments in the Funds by certain unitholders. An amount equal to the difference between the management fee otherwise chargeable and the reduced fee payable by the Funds will be distributed by the Funds to affected unitholders as management fee distributions. The rate of management fee distributions may be negotiated by investors with the Manager on a case by case basis. The timing of payment or reinvestment is also negotiated with such investors. The tax consequences of management fee distributions made by a Fund generally will be borne by the unitholders receiving these distributions. Management fee distributions will be paid first out of net income and net realized capital gains of the Funds and then out of capital. The tax consequences of receiving a management fee distribution are discussed under “Certain Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations - Taxation of Unitholders”.

To avoid duplication of management fees in instances where another of the Funds invests in units of Leith Wheeler Money Market Fund, the management fee charged to Leith Wheeler Money Market Fund will be based on its net asset value excluding investments made by the other Fund and any resulting reduction in the management fee otherwise chargeable will be distributed to the investing Fund as a management fee distribution.

## CERTAIN CANADIAN FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

In the opinion of Torys LLP, counsel for the Funds, the following is, as of the date hereof, a fair summary of the principal Canadian federal income tax considerations generally applicable to investors who, for purposes of the Tax Act and at all relevant times, are individuals (other than trusts) resident in Canada, deal at arm’s length with the Funds and hold their units as capital property. Individuals meeting these requirements are referred to as “Unitholders” in this summary. This summary is based on the current provisions of the Tax Act, the regulations thereunder (the “Regulations”) and counsel’s understanding of the current published administrative policies and assessing practices of the CRA, and takes into account all specific proposals to amend the Tax Act or the Regulations publicly announced by the Minister of Finance (Canada) before the date hereof (the “Tax Proposals”). It has been assumed that the Tax Proposals will be enacted as proposed. However, no assurance can be given in this respect. Except for the Tax Proposals, this summary does not take into account or anticipate any change in law or administrative practice, whether by legislative, administrative or judicial action, and it does not take into account any provincial, territorial or foreign tax legislation or considerations, which may differ from the federal considerations described in this summary.

**This summary is based on the assumption that each Fund is a “mutual fund trust” and/or a “registered investment”, each within the meaning of the Tax Act, and at all material times.**

**This summary is of a general nature, is not comprehensive and is not intended, nor should it be construed to be, legal or tax advice to any particular investor. PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS SHOULD CONSULT THEIR OWN TAX ADVISERS AS TO THE INCOME AND OTHER TAX CONSEQUENCES ARISING IN THEIR PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES.**

### Taxation of the Funds

A Fund will generally not be subject to tax under Part I of the Tax Act (other than with respect to alternative minimum tax discussed below) if for each taxation year the Fund distributes its net income and net realized capital gains and deducts the full amount available for deduction in respect of amounts paid or payable to Unitholders. In addition, a Fund that qualifies as a “mutual fund trust” under the Tax Act throughout a taxation year may retain capital gains and claim fully or partially offsetting “capital gains refunds” in certain circumstances and depending in part upon the level of unit redemptions. Each Fund will be required to

compute its income and gains for tax purposes in Canadian dollars and may, therefore, realize foreign exchange gains or losses that will be taken into account in computing its income for tax purposes. Generally, a Fund will include gains and deduct losses on income account in connection with its derivative activities used for non-hedging purposes and will recognize such gains or losses for income tax purposes at the time they are realized by the Fund.

The Tax Proposals contained in the 2019 Canadian Federal budget and revised on July 30, 2019 proposed that for taxation years that commence on or after March 19, 2019, a “mutual fund trust” for purposes of the Tax Act (subject to certain transitional rules not applicable to the Funds), will be denied a deduction that it otherwise would have been entitled to, in respect of amounts allocated (the “allocated amount”) to unitholders whose units are redeemed by such trust if certain conditions are met.

The deduction will be denied in respect of the portion of the allocated amount, if such portion is not included in the unitholder’s proceeds of disposition of the unit on the redemption to the extent (i) such portion would be, without reference to subsection 104(6) of the Tax Act, paid out of the income (other than taxable capital gains) of the trust, and/or (ii) such portion is a capital gain, to the extent that it is greater than the capital gain that would otherwise have been realized by the unitholder on the redemption (with the unitholder’s cost calculated by the manager after using “reasonable efforts” to determine such cost).

Leith Wheeler has advised that it intends to administer the redemption of units of the Funds in such a manner so as to avoid the inclusion of any income to the Funds under this provision if enacted.

The “derivative forward rules” in the Tax Act (the “DFA Rules”) target certain financial arrangements that seek to reduce tax by converting, through the use of derivative contracts, the return on investments that would have the character of ordinary income to capital gains. The DFA Rules will generally not apply to derivatives used to closely hedge gains or losses due to currency fluctuations on underlying capital investments of a Fund. Where a Fund uses derivatives to closely hedge gains or losses on underlying capital investments held by the Fund, the Fund intends to treat these gains or losses on capital account; provided however that hedging other than currency hedging on underlying capital investments, if any, that reduces tax by converting the return on investments that would have the character of ordinary income to capital gains through the use of derivative contracts, would be treated by the DFA Rules as on income account.

Capital or income losses realized by a Fund cannot be allocated to Unitholders but may, subject to certain limitations, be deducted by the Fund from capital gains or net income realized in other years. In certain circumstances, a capital loss realized by a Fund may be denied or suspended and, therefore, may not be available to offset capital gains. For example, a capital loss realized on the disposition of a particular property by a Fund will be suspended if, during the period that begins 30 days before and ends 30 days after the disposition, the Fund (or a person affiliated with the Fund for the purposes of the Tax Act) owns, or has a right to acquire a property that is, or is identical to, the particular property.

Leith Wheeler has advised counsel that the Leith Wheeler U.S. Small/Mid-Cap Equity Fund, Leith Wheeler Emerging Markets Equity Fund and Leith Wheeler Carbon Constrained Canadian Equity Fund do not currently meet the requirements to be a “mutual fund trust” under the Tax Act. If at any time in a year a Fund which does not qualify as a mutual fund trust has an investor that is a “designated beneficiary” within the meaning of the Tax Act, the Fund may be subject to a special tax at a rate of 40% under Part XII.2 of the Tax Act on its “designated income” within the meaning of the Tax Act. A “designated beneficiary” includes a non-resident person. “Designated income” includes income from carrying on business in Canada (which may include gains on certain derivatives) and capital gains from dispositions of “taxable Canadian property” within the meaning of the Tax Act. Where a Fund is subject to tax under Part XII.2, the Fund may make designations which will result in Unitholders that are not designated beneficiaries receiving a tax credit with respect to their share of the Part XII.2 tax paid by the Fund. In addition, a Fund that does

not qualify as a “mutual fund trust” for purposes of the Tax Act may also be subject to alternative minimum tax. To compute income subject to alternative minimum tax, various adjustments are made to a Fund’s income, including adjustments with respect to the Fund’s realized capital gains and “taxable dividends” from “taxable Canadian corporations”, each within the meaning of the Tax Act. Accordingly, such income may affect the Fund’s liability for alternative minimum tax. A Fund that does not qualify as a “mutual fund trust” for purposes of the Tax Act is also not entitled to claim the capital gains refund that would otherwise be available to it if it were a “mutual fund trust” throughout the year. As a consequence, non-redeeming Unitholders of such Funds for a particular taxation year will be allocated, and subject to tax on the amount of net realized capital gains that would have otherwise been reduced or refunded as a capital gains refund in respect of redeeming units throughout the year. A Fund that does not qualify as a “mutual fund trust” for purposes of the Tax Act will not be a “Canadian security” for purposes of the irrevocable election under subsection 39(4) of the Tax Act. A Fund that does not qualify as a “mutual fund trust” for purposes of the Tax Act will be a “financial institution” for purposes of the “mark-to-market” property rules in the Tax Act at any time if more than 50% of the fair market value of all interests in the Fund are held at that time by one or more financial institutions. Under these rules, gains and losses from the disposition or deemed disposition of “mark-to-market property” will be included and deducted on income account and will be recognized for tax purposes at the time they are realized or deemed to be realized by such Fund.

Each of the Leith Wheeler U.S. Small/Mid-Cap Equity Fund, Leith Wheeler Emerging Markets Equity Fund and Leith Wheeler Carbon Constrained Canadian Equity Fund is a “registered investment” but not a “mutual fund trust”. A Fund that is a “registered investment” and that is not a “mutual fund trust” will be liable for a penalty tax under subsection 204.6(1) of the Tax Act if, at the end of any month, the Fund holds any investments that are not qualified investments for Registered Plans. The tax for a month is equal to 1% of the fair market value at the time of its acquisition of each non-qualified investment held at the end of the month.

In certain circumstances, a Fund may experience a “loss restriction event” for purposes of the Tax Act, which generally will occur each time any person, together with other persons with whom that person is affiliated within the meaning of the Tax Act, or any group of persons acting in concert, acquires units of the Fund having a fair market value that is greater than 50% of the fair market value of all the units of the Fund. The Tax Act provides relief from the application of the “loss restriction event” rules for Funds that are “investment funds” as defined therein. The Manager has advised counsel that it expects that the Funds will be “investment funds” as defined for purposes of the “loss restriction event” rules. If a Fund fails to meet this definition, the Fund may be deemed to have a year end for tax purposes upon the occurrence of a “loss restriction event”. Where such a deemed year end occurs, any undistributed income and realized capital gains (net of applicable losses) would be expected to be made payable to all Unitholders of the Fund as a distribution on their units (or tax thereon paid by the Fund in respect of such year). In addition, accrued capital losses and certain other realized losses of the Fund would be unavailable for use by the Fund in future years.

A Fund may be subject to section 94.1 of the Tax Act if it holds or has an interest in “offshore investment fund property” within the meaning of the Tax Act. In order for section 94.1 of the Tax Act to apply to a Fund, the value of the interests must reasonably be considered to be derived, directly or indirectly, primarily from portfolio investments of the offshore investment fund property. If applicable, these rules can result in a Fund including an amount in its income based on the cost of the Fund’s offshore investment fund property multiplied by a prescribed interest rate. These rules would apply in a taxation year to a Fund if it could reasonably be concluded, having regard to all the circumstances, that one of the main reasons for the Fund acquiring, holding or having the investment in the entity that is an offshore investment fund property was to benefit from the portfolio investments of the entity in such a manner that the taxes on the income, profits and gains therefrom for any particular year were significantly less than the tax that would have been applicable if such income, profits and gains had been earned directly by the Fund. Counsel has been advised that none of the reasons for a Fund acquiring an interest in offshore investment fund property may reasonably be considered to be as stated above. As a result, section 94.1 should not apply to the Funds.

## **Taxation of Unitholders**

Unitholders, generally, will be required in computing their income to include the amount (computed in Canadian dollars) of the net income, including the net taxable portion of net realized capital gains, as is paid or payable to them by the Fund in the taxation year (including by way of management fee distributions), whether or not such amounts are paid in cash or are reinvested in additional units of the Fund and regardless of whether the income and capital gains accrued to the Fund or were realized by the Fund before the Unitholder acquired the units of the Fund. To the extent that distributions made by a Fund to a Unitholder in a year exceed the Unitholder's share of the Fund's net income and net realized capital gains for the year, the excess distributions will be a return of capital that is not taxable to the Unitholder but that reduces the "adjusted cost base", as defined in the Tax Act, of the Unitholder's units. If the adjusted cost base of a Unitholder's units of a Fund would otherwise be less than zero, the negative amount will be deemed to be a capital gain realized by the Unitholder from the disposition of units and the adjusted cost base of the units will then be increased by the amount of such gain to zero.

Where a Unitholder is entitled to receive a management fee distribution, such management fee distribution must be included in computing the Unitholder's income to the extent payable out of the net income and net realized capital gains of a Fund, and will reduce the Unitholder's adjusted cost base of units to the extent payable as a return of capital of the Fund. All Unitholders entitled to receive a management fee distribution should consult with their own advisers regarding all tax considerations relevant to such management fee distribution.

Each Fund intends to make designations so that dividends from taxable Canadian corporations, foreign-source income and net realized taxable capital gains will, to the extent of amounts distributed, be considered to have been received as such by Unitholders. The dividend gross-up and tax credit treatment under the Tax Act normally applicable to "taxable dividends" paid by a taxable Canadian corporation will apply to amounts designated as taxable dividends. An enhanced gross-up and dividend tax credit is available for certain "eligible dividends" designated as such by a taxable Canadian corporation in accordance with the Tax Act.

A Fund may derive income or gains from investments in countries other than Canada and, as a result, may be liable to pay income or profits tax to such countries. To the extent that such foreign tax that is characterized as "non-business income tax" under the Tax Act paid by the Fund exceeds 15% of the amount included in the Fund's income from such investments, such excess may generally be deducted by the Fund in computing its net income for the purposes of the Tax Act. To the extent that such foreign tax (i) that is characterized as "non-business income tax" under the Tax Act paid by the Fund does not exceed 15% of such non-business income tax and has not been deducted in computing the Fund's income, or (ii) is characterized as "business income tax" under the Tax Act paid by the Fund, the Fund may designate in respect of a Unitholder a portion of its foreign source income that can reasonably be considered to be part of the Fund's income distributed to such Unitholder so that such income and a portion of the foreign tax paid by the Fund may be regarded as foreign source income of, and foreign tax paid by, the Unitholder for the purposes of computing the Unitholder's foreign tax credit. Unitholders will be advised each year of the composition of amounts distributed to them and should consult their own tax advisors in this regard.

Based in part on the administrative practice of the CRA, a conversion from one series of Non-Hedged Series units to another series of Non-Hedged Series units is not considered a disposition for income tax purposes and, consequently, does not generally result in a capital gain or capital loss to a converting Unitholder.

On the actual or deemed disposition of a unit of a Fund, including: (i) the redemption of a unit by a Fund or at the demand of a Unitholder; (ii) the switch of a Unitholder's investment from one Fund to another Fund; and (iii) a conversion from or to a Hedged Series, the Unitholder will realize a capital gain (or capital loss) equal to the amount, if any, by which the proceeds of disposition, less any reasonable costs of disposition, exceed (or are exceeded by) the Unitholder's adjusted cost base of the unit. The adjusted cost base is

determined separately for each series of units of a Fund owned by the Unitholder. The Unitholder's adjusted cost base of such units is subject to the averaging provisions contained in the Tax Act and includes the amount of a distribution entitlement that is reinvested in the purchase of units. A Unitholder must include in income one-half of any capital gain (a "taxable capital gain") realized by or designated to the Unitholder in a taxation year. One-half of a capital loss (an "allowable capital loss") must, in general, be netted against taxable capital gains realized in the same taxation year, and any excess of allowable capital losses over taxable capital gains in a particular taxation year may generally be carried back three years or forward indefinitely to offset taxable capital gains in those other years, subject to the relevant rules, adjustments and restrictions under the Tax Act.

Capital gains realized by a Unitholder on a disposition of units of a Fund or capital gains or taxable dividends designated to a Unitholder by a Fund may, depending on the Unitholder's particular circumstances, also give rise to a liability for alternative minimum tax.

Unitholders are required to compute all amounts including their income, capital gains and cost base of the units in Canadian dollars for purposes of the Tax Act and may, as a consequence, realize income or capital gains by virtue of changes in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to the value of the Canadian dollar.

### **Registered Plans and Eligibility for Investment**

If you hold units of a Fund in a Registered Plan, you will not pay tax on any distributions paid or payable to the Registered Plan by a Fund in a particular year or on any capital gains realized by the Registered Plan from redeeming or otherwise disposing of these units. However, most withdrawals from such Registered Plans (other than a withdrawal from a TFSA and certain permitted withdrawals from RESPs and RDSPs) are generally taxable.

Leith Wheeler has advised counsel that it anticipates that at all material times each of the Funds will be a "mutual fund trust" or "registered investment" with the result that the units of each Fund will be "qualified investments" for Registered Plans. Notwithstanding that units of a Fund may be qualified investments for an RRSP, RRIF, TFSA, RDSP or RESP (each, a "Plan" and collectively, the "Plans"), the annuitant of an RRSP or RRIF, the holder of a TFSA or RDSP, or the subscriber of an RESP (each, a "Plan Holder"), as the case may be, will be subject to a penalty tax in respect of the units if they are a "prohibited investment" for a plan within the meaning of the Tax Act. Generally, units of a Fund would be a "prohibited investment" for a Plan if the Plan Holder (i) does not deal at arm's length with the Fund for purposes of the Tax Act, or (ii) alone or together with persons and partnerships with whom the Plan Holder does not deal at arm's length, holds, or is deemed to hold, 10% or more of the fair market value of all units of the Fund. Units of a Fund will not be a "prohibited investment" for a Plan if the units are "excluded property" as defined in the Tax Act for purposes of the prohibited investment rules. Generally, units of the Funds will be "excluded property" for a Plan if, (i) at least 90% of the value of all equity of the Fund is owned by persons dealing at arm's length with the Plan Holder; (ii) the Plan Holder deals at arm's length with the Fund; and (iii) certain other criteria set forth in the Tax Act are met. Plan Holders who hold or intend to hold units of a Fund in a Plan should consult with their own tax advisers as to whether units of the Fund would be a prohibited investment for the Plan, having regard to their particular circumstances.

### **AMENDMENT OF TRUST AGREEMENTS**

We can amend the Trust Agreement for a Fund, other than Leith Wheeler International Equity Plus Fund, Leith Wheeler Income Advantage Fund, Leith Wheeler Canadian Dividend Fund, Leith Wheeler Corporate Advantage Fund, Leith Wheeler High Yield Bond Fund, Leith Wheeler U.S. Small/Mid-Cap Equity Fund, Leith Wheeler Emerging Markets Equity Fund, Leith Wheeler Multi Credit Fund, Leith Wheeler Carbon Constrained Canadian Equity Fund, Leith Wheeler Preferred Share Fund, Leith Wheeler Short Term

Income Fund and Leith Wheeler U.S. Dividend Fund with the approval of the trustee, if the amendment does not adversely affect unitholders and is necessary or desirable:

- to bring the trust indenture into conformity with current practice,
- to comply with any applicable government regulation or policy,
- to provide additional protection to unitholders,
- to increase the management fee,
- to rectify any clerical or typographical omission or remove conflicts or inconsistencies.

Unitholder approval of a proposed amendment to a Trust Agreement of these Funds is required for an amendment that would prejudice the interest of unitholders in the Fund or is required by applicable securities legislation.

We can amend the Trust Agreement for Leith Wheeler International Equity Plus Fund, Leith Wheeler Income Advantage Fund, Leith Wheeler Canadian Dividend Fund, Leith Wheeler Corporate Advantage Fund, Leith Wheeler High Yield Bond Fund, Leith Wheeler U.S. Small/Mid-Cap Equity Fund, Leith Wheeler Emerging Markets Equity Fund, Leith Wheeler Multi Credit Fund, Leith Wheeler Carbon Constrained Canadian Equity Fund, Leith Wheeler Preferred Share Fund, Leith Wheeler Short Term Income Fund and Leith Wheeler U.S. Dividend Fund with the approval of the trustee and without notice to unitholders, if the amendment does not:

- require unitholder approval under applicable law,
- modify the rights of unitholders by reducing the amount payable on liquidation of the Fund, or
- amend the provisions of the Trust Agreement which require unitholder approval of certain amendments to the Trust Agreement,

provided that no amendment which would change the powers, authorities and liabilities of the trustee shall be made without the prior written approval of the trustee.

A Trust Agreement may also be amended with the consent of unitholders (either by the written consent of the holders of at least 50% of the outstanding units or by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of units voted at a meeting of unitholders). The quorum for meetings of the Funds is holders of 5% of the outstanding units, or two unitholders in the case of Leith Wheeler International Equity Plus Fund, Leith Wheeler Income Advantage Fund, Leith Wheeler Canadian Dividend Fund, Leith Wheeler Corporate Advantage Fund, Leith Wheeler High Yield Bond Fund, Leith Wheeler U.S. Small/Mid-Cap Equity Fund, Leith Wheeler Emerging Markets Equity Fund, Leith Wheeler Multi Credit Fund, Leith Wheeler Carbon Constrained Canadian Equity Fund, Leith Wheeler Preferred Share Fund, Leith Wheeler Short Term Income Fund and Leith Wheeler U.S. Dividend Fund.

## **TERMINATION OF THE FUNDS**

We may elect to terminate each Fund. A Fund will also terminate if all outstanding units are redeemed or if the Manager is removed or resigns and no successor manager is appointed within 90 days after such removal or resignation or if the trustee resigns or is removed and no successor is appointed. Redemption of units will be suspended after the giving notice to unitholders of the termination of a Fund.



### **MATERIAL CONTRACTS**

The only contracts material to a Fund are its Trust Agreement, the Custodial Services Agreement and the Distribution Agreement with Leith Wheeler Investment Funds Ltd. as principal distributor of the Funds, as amended from time to time, which may be inspected at the office of the trustee or the Manager during normal business hours.

### **LEGAL MATTERS**

There are no legal or administrative proceedings affecting any of the Funds or the Manager.

**CERTIFICATE OF THE FUNDS AND THE MANAGER**

**LEITH WHEELER BALANCED FUND  
LEITH WHEELER CANADIAN DIVIDEND FUND  
LEITH WHEELER CANADIAN EQUITY FUND  
LEITH WHEELER CARBON CONSTRAINED CANADIAN EQUITY FUND  
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LEITH WHEELER MULTI CREDIT FUND  
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LEITH WHEELER SHORT TERM INCOME FUND  
LEITH WHEELER U.S. DIVIDEND FUND  
LEITH WHEELER U.S. EQUITY FUND  
LEITH WHEELER U.S. SMALL/MID-CAP EQUITY FUND**

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Dated: May 25, 2021

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By: “James Gilliland”  
James Gilliland  
Chief Executive Officer of  
Leith Wheeler Investment Counsel Ltd.,  
as Manager and on behalf of the Trustee

By: “Cecilia Wong”  
Cecilia Wong  
Chief Financial Officer of  
Leith Wheeler Investment Counsel Ltd.,  
as Manager and on behalf of the Trustee

**On behalf of the Board of Directors of  
Leith Wheeler Investment Counsel Ltd., as Manager of the Funds  
and on behalf of the Trustee**

By: “Jon Palfrey”  
Jon Palfrey  
Director

By: “Neil Watson”  
Neil Watson  
Director

**CERTIFICATE OF THE PRINCIPAL DISTRIBUTOR**

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as Principal Distributor of the Funds**

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James Gilliland  
Chief Executive Officer

By: “Cecilia Wong”  
Cecilia Wong  
Chief Financial Officer

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Additional information about the Funds is available in the Funds' Fund Facts, management reports of fund performance and financial statements.

You can get a copy of these documents by:

- calling us toll free at 1-888-292-1122
- contacting us at [info@leithwheeler.com](mailto:info@leithwheeler.com)
- from your dealer

These documents and other information about the Funds, such as information circulars and material contracts, are also available on the Leith Wheeler Investment Counsel Ltd. internet site at [www.leithwheeler.com](http://www.leithwheeler.com) or at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).