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## **VPI FOREIGN EQUITY POOL**

**INTERIM MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE  
FOR THE SIX-MONTH PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

### **MANAGER**

VALUE PARTNERS INVESTMENTS INC.

### **PORTFOLIO MANAGER**

PATIENT CAPITAL MANAGEMENT INC.

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## Interim Management Discussion of Fund Performance

August 20, 2019

The Interim Management Report of Fund Performance presents management's view of the significant factors and developments affecting the Pool's performance and outlook since December 31, 2018, the Pool's most recent fiscal year-end. This report should be read in conjunction with the Annual Management Report of Fund Performance for the year ended December 31, 2018.

### Results of Operations

Net assets for the Pool increased by approximately \$10.4 million for the six-month period ended June 30, 2019. This increase was due to net sales of \$2.7 and a \$7.7 million increase in net assets from operations. The increase in net assets from operations was due to \$4.8 million net realized gains on sale of investments, \$1.2 million of unrealized appreciation in the value of investments, \$3.3 million of dividend income, \$0.8 million of interest income and \$0.6 of foreign exchange gain on cash. This was offset by \$3.0 million of management fees and operating expenses.

There were several changes made to the Pool's holdings which changed the allocation of the portfolio over the course of the period. The following table summarizes the businesses that were added or removed from the portfolio:

<i>Additions</i>	<i>Dispositions</i>
None	Verizon Communications

As a result of this change, additions to existing holdings and market value movement, there were some shifts in the portfolio allocation from the beginning of the year as indicated in the following table:

<i>Sector</i>	<i>Allocation Increase</i>	<i>Sector</i>	<i>Allocation Decrease</i>
Cash & Equivalents	4.4%	Telecommunication Services	6.6%
Diversified Financials	0.9%	Retailing	1.2%
Software & Services	0.9%	Healthcare, Equipment & Services	0.6%
Banks	0.5%		
Energy	0.5%		
Insurance	0.5%		

Each series of the Pool experienced gains in the range of 2.7% to 3.9% for the period as compared to a 13.5% return for the S&P 500 Total Return Index (C\$). The Pool underperformed the benchmark due to its energy and retail holdings as concerns over a potential slowdown in economic activity put pressure on both oil company and retail company share prices. The Pool's performance was impacted by the fact that it did not own any of the small number of stocks that drove virtually all of the S&P 500's return during the first half of 2019. The share prices of these businesses (Facebook, Apple, Amazon, Netflix, Google – "FAANG") continue to trade at extraordinary valuations. The Portfolio Manager believes that these valuations along with historically high aggregate market valuations pose a significant risk for the loss of capital. Both the Index and the Pool were negatively impacted by the fall of the U.S. dollar relative to Canadian dollar. The Portfolio Manager continues to hold substantial cash balances as equity valuations have made it difficult to identify investment opportunities that meet its criteria for quality and value.



**Revenues and Expenses**

Revenues of the Pool amounted to \$4.1 million for the period, which can be attributed primarily to dividend income from its holdings. The Pool also experienced foreign exchange gains on cash of \$0.6 million, which are the result of the depreciation of the US dollar relative to the Canadian dollar during the period. The Pool also realized gains on the sale of investments of \$4.8 million. This was offset by \$3.0 million of management fees and operating expenses.

Realized gains on the sale of investments during the period are attributable to the following dispositions in the portfolio as noted previously:

<b>Holding</b>	<b>Approximate Holding Period</b>	<b>Proceeds (millions)</b>	<b>Cost (millions)</b>	<b>Realized Gain (Loss) (millions)</b>
Verizon Communications	1.8 years	\$ 18.4	\$ 13.6	\$ 4.8
Treasury Bills	n/a	\$ 99.1	\$ 99.1	\$ -
		\$ 117.5	\$ 112.7	\$ 4.8

**Recent Developments**

*Economic Conditions*

North American equity markets posted positive returns during the first six months of 2019. As of June 30, 2019, the year to-date performance for the S&P/TSX Total Return Index and S&P 500 Total Return Index (C\$) were 16.2% and 13.5% respectively. Both the Canadian and U.S. markets rebounded sharply off the declines experienced in the fourth quarter of 2018. Market sentiment improved during the first six months of 2019 due to the prospect of lower interest rates. Central bankers in Canada and the U.S reversed course on their interest rate outlook as global trade tensions brought on fears of an economic slowdown. The Canadian market responded positively to the resolution of trade disputes with the U.S. and completion of the renegotiated North American Free Trade Agreement. The U.S. market's Canadian dollar returns were negatively impacted by the appreciation of the American dollar relative to the Canadian dollar. A small number of high-tech companies continued to contribute a significant percentage of the S&P 500 total return.

The U.S. economy continued to perform well during the first half of 2019. For the twelve months ended March 31, 2019 the economy grew by 3.2%. This growth rate was the highest twelve months showing in four years. There was positive news on the employment front as well, as strong manufacturing and non-manufacturing activity all added to the strong economic growth. In addition, an improving trade deficit helped the American economy. However, the expectation is that growth in the second half will slow down. The impact of last year's tax cuts and a moderation in inventory building may reduce growth to 2%. Optimism has also been tempered by the Trump Administration's imposition of tariffs on China and many of its other trading partners. Geopolitical concerns are also emerging; the relationship with Iran is quickly deteriorating and may lead to strained oil supplies while issues with North Korea remain unresolved. The Canadian economy continued to perform unevenly during the first half of 2019. While employment has been strong economic activity has been somewhat sluggish. The Canadian economy continues to be impacted by the lack of investment in the Canadian oil and gas industry. In addition, China and Canada are experiencing diplomatic difficulties. As a result, China has banned the import of certain agricultural products. On a positive note, NAFTA has been successfully renegotiated and trade disputes with the U.S. have largely been resolved.

The Portfolio Manager views both the U.S. and Canadian equity markets in general, as overvalued and posing a significant amount of risk. The Portfolio Manager believes that valuation parameters are at high levels and that the risk of a significant correction is high. The energy and U.S. retail sectors continue to show value.

The Portfolio Manager views long-term government bonds as risky in today's environment. With global interest rates at all-time lows the risk of capital loss in fixed income markets is quite high. In addition, investors are not being appropriately compensated for taking credit risk as interest rates on non-investment grade bonds are at very low levels.

The VPI Foreign Equity Pool holds substantial cash balances and is well positioned to take advantage of any opportunities that may arise. Over the long term, the Portfolio Manager's focus on purchasing quality companies at attractive valuations will hold the Pool in good stead. The Portfolio Manager continues to diligently search for excellent long-term opportunities that meet the criteria for value and quality.

*Series B*

Effective August 15, 2019, the Pool has discontinued sales of Series B units and, by the end of the calendar year, all Series B units will be switched to Series A units, which have a lower management expense ratio. There will be no costs to unitholders as a result of this change.



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**Portfolio Allocation**

US Equities	47.0%	Offshore Equities	15.1%
Canadian Equities	18.9%	Other Net Assets	0.3%
Cash & Equivalents	18.7%		

**Sector Allocation**

Cash & Equivalents	18.7%	Retailing	5.7%
Banks	15.6%	Insurance	5.2%
Energy	13.9%	Media	5.1%
Automobiles & Components	10.5%	Healthcare Equipment & Services	4.3%
Software & Services	6.7%	Consumer Services	1.2%
Diversified Financials	6.5%	Other Net Assets	0.3%
Capital Goods	6.3%		

**Top 25 Holdings**

<b>Issuer</b>	<b>Maturity Date</b>	<b>Percentage of Net Assets</b>
Canada Treasury Bills	09-Jul-19	9.5%
Canada Treasury Bills	04-Sept-19	6.9%
Oracle Corporation		6.7%
Kimco Realty Corporation		6.5%
Snap-On Inc.		6.3%
Linamar Corporation		5.7%
Wells Fargo & Company		5.4%
Bank of Nova Scotia		5.2%
Loews Corporation		5.2%
Total S.A.		5.2%
WPP PLC		5.1%
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce		5.0%
Honda Motor Limited		4.8%
CVS Health Corporation		4.3%
Macy's Inc.		3.7%
Devon Energy Corporation		3.7%
Cenovus Energy Inc.		3.0%
Cash		2.3%
National Oilwell Varco Inc.		2.0%
Bed Bath & Beyond Inc.		2.0%
Speedway Motorsports Inc.		1.2%
Other Net Assets		0.3%
<b>Total</b>		<b>100.0%</b>

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



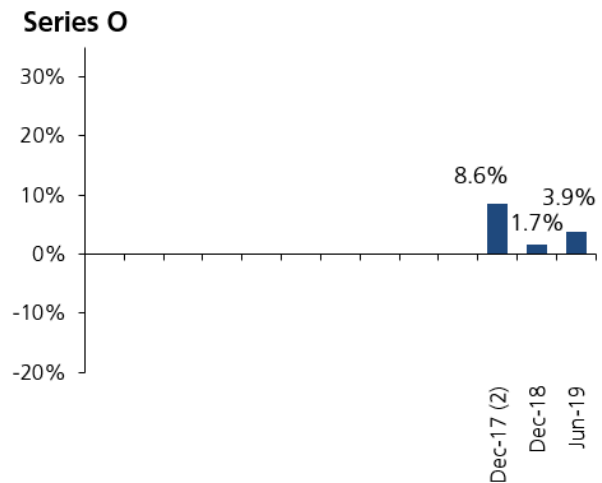
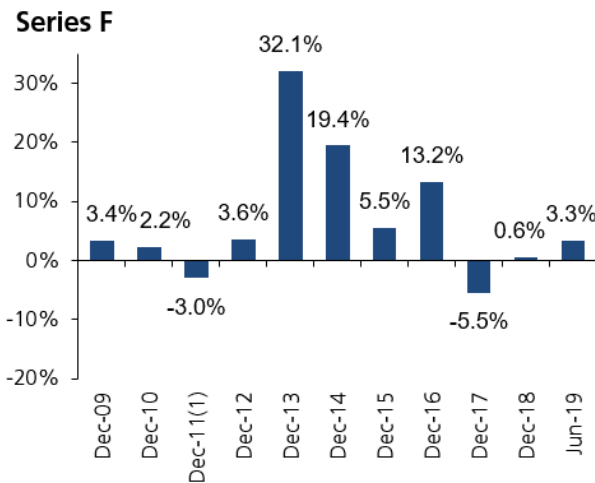
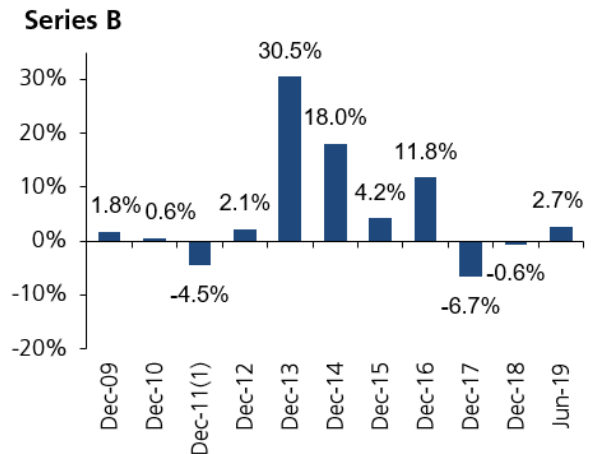
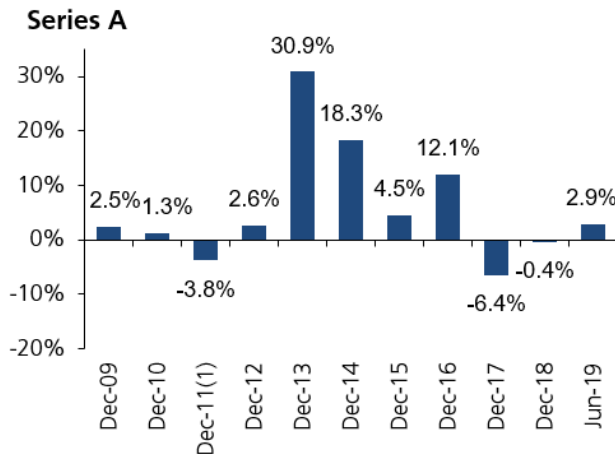
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**Past Performance**

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

**Year-by-Year Returns**

The bar charts below show the performance of each series of the Pool (net of fees) for the six-month period ended June 30, 2019, and the previous years ended December 31 or since inception to December 31. It shows in percentage terms, how an investment made on January 1 or on inception would have increased or decreased by the end of the respective periods.



(1) Patient Capital Management Inc. was appointed portfolio manager of the Pool on November 1, 2011.

(2) 2017 return is since inception on July 5, 2017



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#### **Management Fees**

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

For the six-months ended June 30, 2019, approximately 40% of the management fee revenues received by the Manager from the Pool were paid to registered dealers and brokers as sales and/or trailing commissions. Since each series may have a different commission structure, this percentage may vary by series. For unitholders eligible for the Management Fee Reduction Program, approximately 16% of the gross management fees were returned to unitholders as management fee rebates. The remainder of the management fee revenue, after payment of fees to the Portfolio Manager for its services, was retained by the Manager for corporate purposes.

#### **Related Party Transactions**

Value Partners Investments Inc. is the manager of the Pool and is responsible for the overall business and operations of the Pool. For the six-month period ended June 30, 2019, the Pool paid \$2.3 million in management fees (excluding taxes) to the Manager.



**Financial Highlights**

The following tables show selected key financial information about each series of the Pool and are intended to help you understand the Pool's financial performance for the past five years ended December 31 and the six-month period ended June 30, 2019. *This information is derived from the Pool's audited annual financial statements and interim unaudited financial statements and is not intended to be a reconciliation of the net asset value per unit.*

**The Pool's Net Assets Per Unit (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>**

<b>Series A</b>	<b>June 30 2019</b>	<b>December 31 2018</b>	<b>December 31 2017</b>	<b>December 31 2016</b>	<b>December 31 2015</b>	<b>December 31 2014</b>
<b>Net assets, beginning of period</b>	<b>12.54</b>	<b>12.66</b>	<b>14.09</b>	<b>12.90</b>	<b>13.02</b>	<b>11.33</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	0.22	0.62	0.13	0.30	0.41	0.22
Total expenses	(0.15)	(0.32)	(0.30)	(0.29)	(0.32)	(0.30)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.23	(0.14)	0.74	0.38	0.96	1.63
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.06	(0.25)	(1.41)	1.23	(0.60)	0.47
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>0.36</b>	<b>(0.09)</b>	<b>(0.84)</b>	<b>1.62</b>	<b>0.45</b>	<b>2.02</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	-	(0.06)	-	-	-	-
From dividends	-	(0.02)	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	(0.53)	(0.38)	(0.71)	(0.38)
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(0.08)</b>	<b>(0.53)</b>	<b>(0.38)</b>	<b>(0.71)</b>	<b>(0.38)</b>
<b>Net assets, end of period</b>	<b>12.90</b>	<b>12.54</b>	<b>12.66</b>	<b>14.09</b>	<b>12.90</b>	<b>13.02</b>

<b>Series B</b>	<b>June 30 2019</b>	<b>December 31 2018</b>	<b>December 31 2017</b>	<b>December 31 2016</b>	<b>December 31 2015</b>	<b>December 31 2014</b>
<b>Net assets, beginning of period</b>	<b>10.22</b>	<b>10.29</b>	<b>11.50</b>	<b>10.58</b>	<b>10.68</b>	<b>9.29</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	0.18	0.49	0.09	0.24	0.33	0.19
Total expenses	(0.14)	(0.29)	(0.27)	(0.26)	(0.29)	(0.28)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.18	0.00	0.62	0.31	0.80	1.33
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.09	(0.19)	(1.28)	1.00	(0.52)	0.36
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>0.31</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>(0.84)</b>	<b>1.29</b>	<b>0.32</b>	<b>1.60</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	(0.46)	(0.33)	(0.55)	(0.29)
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(0.46)</b>	<b>(0.33)</b>	<b>(0.55)</b>	<b>(0.29)</b>
<b>Net assets, end of period</b>	<b>10.50</b>	<b>10.22</b>	<b>10.29</b>	<b>11.50</b>	<b>10.58</b>	<b>10.68</b>



**Financial Highlights (continued)**

<b>Series F</b>	<b>June 30 2019</b>	<b>December 31 2018</b>	<b>December 31 2017</b>	<b>December 31 2016</b>	<b>December 31 2015</b>	<b>December 31 2014</b>
<b>Net assets, beginning of period</b>	<b>11.21</b>	<b>11.32</b>	<b>12.49</b>	<b>11.37</b>	<b>11.38</b>	<b>9.90</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	0.20	0.56	0.12	0.29	0.36	0.21
Total expenses	(0.08)	(0.17)	(0.16)	(0.15)	(0.17)	(0.16)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.20	(0.14)	0.65	0.34	0.79	1.17
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.03	(0.25)	(1.09)	1.21	(0.65)	0.68
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>0.35</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(0.48)</b>	<b>1.69</b>	<b>0.33</b>	<b>1.90</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	-	(0.14)	-	-	-	-
From dividends	-	(0.04)	-	(0.04)	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	(0.49)	(0.34)	(0.64)	(0.44)
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(0.18)</b>	<b>(0.49)</b>	<b>(0.38)</b>	<b>(0.64)</b>	<b>(0.44)</b>
<b>Net assets, end of period</b>	<b>11.58</b>	<b>11.21</b>	<b>11.32</b>	<b>12.49</b>	<b>11.37</b>	<b>11.38</b>

<b>Series O<sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>June 30 2019</b>	<b>December 31 2018</b>	<b>December 31 2017</b>
<b>Net assets, beginning of period<sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>9.75</b>	<b>9.85</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>			
Total revenue	0.17	0.49	0.30
Total expenses	(0.02)	-	-
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.18	(0.24)	-
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.07	0.23	1.70
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>0.40</b>	<b>0.48</b>	<b>2.00</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>			
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	-	(0.20)	-
From dividends	-	-	0.56
From capital gains	-	(0.01)	0.46
Return of capital	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(0.21)</b>	<b>1.02</b>
<b>Net assets, end of period</b>	<b>10.13</b>	<b>9.75</b>	<b>9.85</b>

(1) This information is derived from the Pool's audited annual financial statements.

(2) Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the financial period.

(3) Distributions were paid in cash/reinvested in additional units of the Pool, or both.

(4) Inception date: July 5, 2017





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**Ratios and Supplemental Data**

<b>Series A</b>	<b>June 30 2019</b>	<b>December 31 2018</b>	<b>December 31 2017</b>	<b>December 31 2016</b>	<b>December 31 2015</b>	<b>December 31 2014</b>
Total net asset value (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$218,879	\$211,303	\$197,108	\$184,946	\$151,563	\$106,631
Number of units outstanding (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	16,972	16,852	15,567	13,127	11,748	8,192
Management expense ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	2.04%	2.05%	2.06%	2.06%	2.08%	2.12%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	2.04%	2.05%	2.06%	2.06%	2.08%	2.12%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(3)</sup>	0.01%	0.04%	0.02%	0.01%	0.04%	0.04%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(4)</sup>	3.16%	32.85%	22.39%	18.05%	36.35%	40.65%
Net asset value per unit <sup>(1)</sup>	\$12.90	\$12.54	\$12.66	\$14.09	\$12.90	\$13.02

<b>Series B</b>	<b>June 30 2019</b>	<b>December 31 2018</b>	<b>December 31 2017</b>	<b>December 31 2016</b>	<b>December 31 2015</b>	<b>December 31 2014</b>
Total net asset value (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$9,293	\$10,483	\$12,603	\$16,168	\$13,619	\$9,133
Number of units outstanding (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	885	1,026	1,225	1,406	1,287	855
Management expense ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	2.32%	2.32%	2.32%	2.32%	2.34%	2.40%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	2.32%	2.32%	2.32%	2.32%	2.34%	2.40%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(3)</sup>	0.01%	0.04%	0.02%	0.01%	0.04%	0.04%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(4)</sup>	3.16%	32.85%	22.39%	18.05%	36.35%	40.65%
Net asset value per unit <sup>(1)</sup>	\$10.50	\$10.22	\$10.29	\$11.50	\$10.58	\$10.68

<b>Series F</b>	<b>June 30 2019</b>	<b>December 31 2018</b>	<b>December 31 2017</b>	<b>December 31 2016</b>	<b>December 31 2015</b>	<b>December 31 2014</b>
Total net asset value (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$44,382	\$40,472	\$34,974	\$25,464	\$17,100	\$8,097
Number of units outstanding (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	3,833	3,612	3,089	2,038	1,504	711
Management expense ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	1.09%	1.10%	1.10%	1.10%	1.13%	1.16%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	1.09%	1.10%	1.10%	1.10%	1.13%	1.16%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(3)</sup>	0.01%	0.04%	0.02%	0.01%	0.04%	0.04%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(4)</sup>	3.16%	32.85%	22.39%	18.05%	36.35%	40.65%
Net asset value per unit <sup>(1)</sup>	\$11.58	\$11.21	\$11.32	\$12.49	\$11.37	\$11.38

<b>Series O</b>	<b>June 30 2019</b>	<b>December 31 2018</b>	<b>December 31 2017</b>
Total net asset value (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$1,218	\$1,088	\$61
Number of units outstanding (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	120	112	6
Management expense ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	0.15%	0.16%	0.14%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(3)</sup>	0.01%	0.04%	0.02%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(4)</sup>	3.16%	32.85%	22.39%
Net asset value per unit <sup>(1)</sup>	\$10.13	\$9.75	\$9.85

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

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

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

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



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#### **Other Information**

As at June 30, 2019, Value Partners Group Inc. (VPGI) owns 100 percent of the Manager and Lawton Partners Financial Planning Services Limited (Lawton Partners), a mutual fund dealer. VPGI is 37.4 percent owned by Longton Ltd., whose shareholders include specified members of the Lawton family, including one director/officer of the Manager and one director/officer/sales representative of Lawton Partners. Certain of the directors, officers and shareholders of VPGI are also shareholders and sales representatives of Lawton Partners.

As of June 30, 2019, sales representatives of Lawton Partners hold, in aggregate, Class A1 shares of VPGI representing 17.2 percent of the common equity and Class C1 shares representing 6.2 percent of the common equity. The remaining common equity of VPGI was held by sales representatives of other dealer firms and employees of the Manager. Additional information regarding equity interests may be obtained from the Pool's annual information form or from the Manager's website at [www.valuepartnersinvestments.ca](http://www.valuepartnersinvestments.ca).

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

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

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

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