

#### MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

British Columbia Investment Management Corporation (BCI) manages the Principal Credit Fund (the "Fund") on behalf of governing fiduciaries such as pension fund trustees and other public sector clients. This report contains the financial statements for the Fund for the year ended December 31, 2020.

The financial statements of the Fund have been prepared by management of BCI and approved by the Chief Investment Officer/Chief Executive Officer. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. The significant accounting policies used in the preparation of these statements are disclosed in note 3 to the financial statements. The statements include certain amounts that are based on management's judgement and best estimates.

BCI's Board has established an Audit Committee. The Committee's mandate includes making recommendations on the appointment of the external auditor for the Pooled Investment Portfolios ("PIPs"), reviewing the external audit plan; reviewing BCI's System and Organization Controls Report for the Investment System of British Columbia Investment Management Corporation, and reviewing the annual audited financial statements of the PIPs. The Committee reviews the recommendations of the internal and external auditors with respect to internal controls and the responses of management to those recommendations, and also meets with management and the internal and external auditors to review annual audit plans.

BCI maintains systems of internal control and supporting processes to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded; that transactions are appropriately authorized and recorded; and that there are no material misstatements in the financial statements. BCl's internal control framework includes: a strong corporate governance structure; a code of conduct that includes conflict of interest guidelines; an organizational structure that provides for appropriate segregation of duties and accountability for performance; an enterprise-wide risk management framework that identifies, monitors and reports on key risks; and Board-approved PIP Policies and client-approved investment mandates. BCl's system of internal control is supported by external auditors who review and evaluate internal controls and report directly to the Audit Committee.

BCI's external auditors, KPMG LLP, have full and unrestricted access to the Audit Committee and BCI management. KPMG LLP discusses with management and the Committee the results of their audit of the Fund's financial statements and related findings with respect to such audit. The financial statements are audited by KPMG LLP in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. KPMG LLP has performed such tests and other procedures as they considered necessary to express an opinion on the Fund's financial statements.

[S] Gordon J. Fyfe
Gordon J. Fyfe
Umar Malik
Chief Executive Officer / Chief Investment Officer
Senior Vice President, Finance & CFO

Victoria, British Columbia July 12, 2021



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# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the unitholders of the Principal Credit Fund managed by British Columbia Investment Management Corporation

# **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of the Principal Credit Fund (the "Fund"), which comprise:

- the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2020
- the statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended
- the statement of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units for the year then ended
- the statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

(hereinafter referred to as the "financial statements").

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as at December 31, 2020, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

# Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements" section of our auditors' report.

We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

# Responsibilities of the Manager and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

The Manager is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS, and for such internal control as the Manager determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Manager is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Manager either intends to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Fund's financial reporting process.

# Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

#### We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.
  - The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Manager's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Manager.



- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Manager's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audits.

**Chartered Professional Accountants** 

Vancouver, Canada July 12, 2021

KPMG LLP

# **Statement of Financial Position**

(Expressed in thousands of dollars, except numbers of units)

As at December 31, 2020, with comparative information for 2019

Assets	NOTES		2020	2019
Receivable from sale of investments		\$	31	\$ 
Interest receivable			6,858	_
Derivative assets				
Forwards			352	_
Investments		5,	512,853	3,720,712
Total assets		5,	520,094	3,720,712
Liabilities				
BCI cost recoveries payable	4		356	1,482
Other accounts payable			774	24
Payable to BCI segregated fund	4		11,176	_
Derivative liabilities				
Forwards			39,029	3,513
			51,335	5,019
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units		\$ 5,	468,759	\$ 3,715,693
Number of redeemable units outstanding	5	4.	870.983	3,380.588
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Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit		\$	1,123	\$ 1,099
Unfunded committed capital	6			
Uncertainties related to COVID-19	11			
Subsequent events	12			

# [S] Gordon J. Fyfe

Gordon J. Fyfe Chief Executive Officer

Chief Investment Officer

# **Statement of Comprehensive Income**

(Expressed in thousands of dollars)

Revenue	OTES	2020	2019
Interest income	\$	9,361	\$ 330
Other income		2	_
Foreign exchange loss		(69)	_
Change in fair value of investments and derivatives:			
Net realized gain		10	8,251
Net change in unrealized appreciation		93,669	37,894
Total revenue		102,973	46,475
Expenses			
BCI cost recoveries	4	11,871	8,167
Administrative fees		164	68
Pursuit costs		449	272
Other expenses		46	_
Total operating expenses		12,530	8,507
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	\$	90,443	\$ 37,968

# Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units

(Expressed in thousands of dollars)

	2020	2019
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 3,715,693	\$ 1,664,670
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	90,443	37,968
Redeemable unit transactions:		
Proceeds from units issued	1,900,630	2,052,869
Amounts paid for units redeemed	(238,007)	(39,814)
Net increase from redeemable unit transactions	1,662,623	2,013,055
Balance, end of year	\$ 5,468,759	\$ 3,715,693

# **Statement of Cash Flows**

(Expressed in thousands of dollars)

Operating activities	2020	2019
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	\$ 90,443	\$ 37,968
Adjustments for:		
Foreign exchange loss	69	_
Interest income	(9,361)	_
Net realized gain from investments and derivatives	(10)	(8,251)
Net change in unrealized appreciation of investments and derivatives	(93,669)	(37,894)
Proceeds from sale of investments	440,742	480,700
Amounts paid for purchase of investments	(2,104,071)	(2,486,514)
BCI cost recoveries payable	(1,126)	924
Other accounts payable	750	12
Interest received	2,503	_
Payable to BCI segregated fund	11,176	_
	(1,662,554)	(2,013,055)
Financing activities		
Proceeds from issuance of redeemable units	1,900,630	2,052,869
Payments on redemption of redeemable units	(238,007)	(39,814)
	1,662,623	2,013,055
Net increase in cash	69	_
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(69)	_
Cash, beginning and end of year	\$ _	\$ _

# Schedule of Investments

(Expressed in thousands of dollars)

	2020	201	19	
	Fair Value	Cost	Fair Value	Cost
Private Debt Investments <sup>1</sup>	\$ 5,511,163 \$	5,250,600	\$ 3,714,374	\$ 3,582,542
Money Market Investments				
Units in BCI Pooled Investment Portfolio				
Fund ST1	9	9	9	9
Fund ST3	1,681	1,757	6,329	6,507
	1,690	1,766	6,338	6,516
Total Investments	\$ 5,512,853 \$	5,252,366	\$ 3,720,712	\$ 3,589,058

 $<sup>^{\</sup>mathrm{1}}$  The private debt investments are held through private corporations, limited partnerships and trusts.

# **Derivative Assets and Liabilities**

(Expressed in thousands of dollars)

Year ended December 31, 2020, with comparative information for 2019

		2020					2019				
		Fair Value							Fair Value	2	
	Not	ional Value <sup>(a)</sup>		Derivative Assets <sup>(b)</sup>		Derivative Liabilities		otional Value <sup>(a)</sup>		Derivative Assets <sup>(b)</sup>	Derivative Liabilities
Currency derivatives											
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Forwards	\$	658,295	\$	352	\$	(39,029)	\$	324,469	\$	— \$	(3,513)
Total	\$	658,295	\$	352	\$	(39,029)	\$	324,469	\$	<b>–</b> \$	(3,513)

The terms of maturity based on notional value for the derivatives were as follows at December 31:

	2020	2019
Less than 1 year	\$ 658,295	\$ 324,469
Total	\$ 658,295	\$ 324,469

<sup>(</sup>a) Notional value represents the absolute value of the contractual amount to which a rate or price is applied in order to calculate the exchange of cash flows and is therefore not recorded in the financial statements. Notional amounts do not necessarily indicate the amounts of future cash flows or the current fair value of the derivative contracts and, therefore do not necessarily indicate the Fund's exposure to credit or market risk.

<sup>(</sup>b) The fair value of derivative contracts recorded as an asset represents the credit risk or the loss to which the Fund is potentially exposed should counterparties fail to perform under the derivative contract.

#### 1. THE PORTFOLIOS

British Columbia Investment Management Corporation ("BCI") was established under the *Public Sector Pension Plans Act* as a trust company authorized to carry on trust business and investment management services. The address of BCI's registered office is at 750 Pandora Avenue, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. These financial statements have been prepared by BCI and are the responsibility of BCI management.

Under the *Public Sector Pension Plans Act* and the *Pooled Investment Portfolios Regulation*, B.C. Reg. 447/99 (the "Regulations"), BCI may establish and operate pooled investment portfolios ".... in which money from trust funds, special funds or other funds, other public money and the money of government bodies and designated institutions may be combined in common for the purpose of investment by means of investment units of participation in a pooled investment portfolio." In addition, pooled investment portfolios (the "Funds") previously established under the *Financial Administration Act* and the *Pooled Investment Portfolios Regulation*, B.C. Reg. 84/86, were continued under the *Pooled Investment Portfolios Regulation*, B.C. Reg. 447/99, to be held in trust by BCI and invested by the Chief Investment Officer ("CIO") of BCI.

The Principal Credit Fund ("the Fund") was established on April 01, 2018.

## 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

## (a) Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). These financial statements were authorized for issue by the Chief Executive Officer / Chief Investment Officer on July 12, 2021.

# (b) Accounting for investments

The Fund qualifies as an investment entity as it meets the following definition of an investment entity outlined in IFRS 10, Consolidated Financial Statements (IFRS 10):

- Obtains funds from one or more investors for the purpose of providing those investor(s) with investment management services.
- Commits to its investor(s) that its business purpose is to invest funds solely for returns from capital appreciation, investment income, or both.
- Measures and evaluates the performance of substantially all of its investments on a fair value basis.

## (c) Basis of measurement

These financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis except for investments and derivative financial instruments, which are measured at fair value.

### (d) Functional and presentation currency

These financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars which is the Fund's functional currency

# (e) Use of estimates and judgment

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses. In determining the fair value of some of its investments, BCI reviews and assesses external managers' estimates and assumptions regarding investment industry performance and prospects, as well as general business and economic conditions that prevail or are expected to prevail. By nature, these asset valuations are subjective and do not necessarily result in precise determinations. Financial results as determined by actual events could differ from those estimates and assumptions, and the difference could be material.

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(All amounts expressed in thousands of dollars)

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future period affected. Information about assumptions and estimation uncertainties that have a significant risk of resulting in a material adjustment within the next fiscal year is included in note 8. This information relates to the determination of fair value of investments with significant unobservable inputs.

## 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

## (a) Financial instruments

# (i) Recognition and measurement

Financial instruments are required to be classified into one of the following categories: amortized cost, fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI") or fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL"). All financial instruments are measured at fair value on initial recognition. Measurement in subsequent periods depends on the classification of the financial instrument. Transaction costs are included in the initial carrying amount of financial instruments except for financial instruments classified as FVTPL in which case transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognized initially on the trade date, which is the date on which the Fund becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. The Fund derecognizes a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged, cancelled or expired.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the statement of financial position only when the Fund has a legal right to offset the amounts and intend either to settle on a net basis or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

A financial asset is measured at amortized cost if it meets both of the following conditions:

- it is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

A financial asset is measured at FVOCI if it meets both of the following conditions:

- it is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows and sell financial assets; and
- its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

All financial assets not classified as measured at amortized cost or FVOCI as described above are measured at FVTPL. On initial recognition the Fund irrevocably elects to measure financial assets that otherwise meet the requirements to be measured at amortized cost or at FVOCI as at FVTPL when doing so results in more relevant information.

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition, unless the Fund changes its business model for managing financial assets, in which case all affected financial assets are reclassified on the first day of the first reporting period following the change in the business model.

The Fund has not classified any of its financial assets as FVOCI.

A financial liability is generally measured at amortized cost, with exceptions that may allow for classification as FVTPL. These exceptions include financial liabilities that are mandatorily measured at fair value through profit or loss, such as derivative financial liabilities. On initial recognition the Fund irrevocably designates a financial liability as measured at FVTPL when doing so results in more relevant information.

## (ii) Fair value through profit or loss

Financial instruments classified as FVTPL are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting period with changes in fair value recognized in the Statement of Comprehensive Income in the period in which they occur. The Fund's investments, derivative instruments, payable to BCI segregated fund and redeemable units are classified as FVTPL.

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets (such as publicly traded derivatives and marketable securities) are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the reporting date. The Fund's policy is to recognize transfers into and out of the fair value hierarchy levels as of the date of the event or change in circumstances giving rise to the transfer.

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market, including non-publicly traded derivative financial instruments, is determined using valuation techniques. Valuation techniques include the use of comparable recent arm's length transactions, reference to other instruments that are substantially the same, discounted cash flow analysis, and others commonly used by market participants and which make the maximum use of observable inputs. Should the value of the financial asset or liability, in the opinion of BCI, be inaccurate, unreliable or not readily available, the fair value is estimated on the basis of the most recently reported information of a similar financial asset or liability.

## (iii) Amortized cost

Financial assets and liabilities classified as amortized cost are recognized initially at fair value plus any directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequent measurement is at amortized cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses. The Fund classifies cash, receivable from sale of investments, interest receivable, other accounts payable, and BCI cost recoveries payable, as amortized cost.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortized cost of a financial asset or liability and of allocating interest income or expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that discounts estimated future cash payments through the expected life of the financial asset or liability, or where appropriate, a shorter period.

#### (b) Redeemable units

The Fund classifies financial instruments issued as financial liabilities or equity instruments in accordance with the substance of the contractual terms of the instruments. In accordance with the Regulations, the Fund is required to distribute, to unitholders of the Fund's redeemable units, the taxable income and taxable capital gains of the Fund at least annually. Accordingly, such units are classified as financial liabilities at FVTPL and measured at redemption amount. Distributions to holders of redeemable units are recognized in comprehensive income when they are authorized and no longer at the discretion of BCI

# (c) Issue and redemption of units

Participation in the Fund is expressed in units. The initial value of a unit on inception is \$1 million. For each subsequent unit issuance and redemption, the unit value is determined by dividing the fair value of the net assets of the portfolio by the total number of units outstanding. Where one Fund invests in another Fund, the unit issuances and redemptions are transacted on the same basis as client transactions. All unit transactions are recorded on a trade date basis. The Fund was open participation throughout the year where the number of units available for issue was unlimited and the proportion of units issued or redeemed by each client on a particular valuation date depended on changes to their desired asset allocation.

## (d) Foreign exchange

These financial statements are denominated in Canadian dollars. Foreign denominated investments and other foreign denominated assets and liabilities are translated into Canadian dollars using the exchange rates prevailing on each valuation date. Purchases and sales of investments, as well as income and expense transactions denominated in foreign currencies, are translated using exchange rates prevailing on the date of the transaction. Foreign currency gains and losses are recognized in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

## (e) Revenue recognition

Interest income is recognized on an accrual basis using the effective interest method. Dividend income is recognized on the date that the right to receive payment is established, which for quoted equity securities is usually the ex-dividend date. Portfolio transactions are recorded on the trade date. Realized gains and losses arising from the sale of investments are determined using the average cost basis of the respective investments. Pursuit costs are charged to net income of the Fund in the period incurred.

#### (f) Income taxes

The Fund qualifies as inter-vivos trusts under section 108(1) of the *Income Tax Act (Canada)*. All of the Fund's net income for tax purposes and net capital gains realized in any period are required to be distributed to unitholders such that no income tax is payable by the Fund. As a result, the Fund does not record income taxes. Income taxes associated with the Fund's underlying investments are accounted for in determining the fair value of the respective investments.

## (g) New standards and interpretations not yet adopted

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations as listed below are not yet effective for the year ended December 31, 2020, and have not been applied in preparing these financial statements. None of these are expected to have a significant effect on the financial statements of the Fund.

Effective on January 1, 2021:

- Amendments to References to Conceptual Framework in IFRS Standards
- Definition of a Business (Amendments to IFRS 3)
- Definition of Material (Amendments to IAS 1 and IAS 8)

Effective on January 1, 2023:

IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts

#### 4. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Third party costs that are attributable to the Fund are charged to the Fund. Other costs initially borne by BCI are recovered from the Fund. BCI cost recoveries and corresponding payable are disclosed in the Fund's Statement of Comprehensive Income and Statement of Financial Position.

Where one Fund invests in another Fund, the unit issuances and redemptions are transacted on a basis equivalent to those in an arm's length transaction.

# **Payable to BCI Segregated Fund**

In January 2020, the Principal Credit Fund entered into an agreement with a segregated client account whereby the Principal Credit Fund received funding from the segregated client account to purchase and hold securities on its behalf. As the segregated client account is also managed by BCI, it has been classified as a related party. At maturity of the agreement in January 2021, the Principal Credit Fund will provide the required return based on the return of the Fund to the segregated client account. Neither party has earned or paid the counterparty any fees or interest in connection with this transaction.

The fair value of the payable to the segregated client account of \$11,176 has been recorded on the Statement of Financial Position.

### 5. REDEEMABLE UNITS

The Fund is authorized to issue an unlimited number of units. Units issued and outstanding represent the capital of the Fund. The Fund is not subject to any internally or externally imposed restrictions on their capital. BCI manages the capital of the Fund in accordance with the Fund's investment objectives, including managing the redeemable units to ensure a stable base to maximize returns to all investors, and managing liquidity in order to meet redemptions. The following is a summary of the changes in redeemable units outstanding during the year ended December 31:

	2020	2019
Outstanding, beginning of year	3,380.588	1,516.453
Issued for cash	1,704.234	1,900.283
Redeemed	(213.839)	(36.148)
Outstanding, end of year	4,870.983	3,380.588

#### 6. UNFUNDED COMMITTED CAPITAL

Unfunded capital commitments represent total commitments minus net contributions outstanding as of the reporting date. Net contributions equals contributions less any recallable capital distributions. Recallable capital are distributions or previously contributed capital that has been returned, that may be recalled at some future date. Thus, due to changes in recallable capital, unfunded commitments may change at different reporting dates.

Furthermore, commitments to unlisted private equity investee funds and direct private equity investments are typically made in foreign denominated currencies, but reported in Canadian dollars. Unfunded commitments are translated at the spot rate and net contributions are translated at historical exchange rates. Therefore, due to foreign exchange movements, unfunded commitments will vary on the reporting date.

As at December 31, the Fund's contractual undiscounted cash commitments that can be called on demand are as follows:

	Unfunded committed capital				
	2020	2019			
Direct Private Debt Investments	6,370	34,301			
Unlisted Private Debt Investee Fund	896,290	1,383,408			

#### 7. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

## (a) Risk management framework

The investment objective of the Fund is to exceed the returns relative to the Fund's benchmark, the S&P/LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan 100 Index (the "Index") by 63 basis points per annum, net of all investment expenses incurred. The primary purpose for investing in the Fund is to capture illiquidity premium in the fixed income market.

The Fund can hold the following securities:

- Senior debt;
- Subordinated debt and other fixed income investments, such as but not limited to: mezzanine debt, private debt, asset backed debt, collateralized loan obligations, partnership interests, publicly traded shares of private debt pools/fixed income securities, other debt instruments, and externally managed funds;
- Equity and/or warrants associated with debt investments and/or fund manager companies and subsidiaries;
- Derivative instruments for the purposes of synthetic indexing, risk control, lowering transaction costs, and/or liquidity management; and

- Units in the Canadian Money Market Fund (ST1), Canadian Money Market Fund (ST2), US Dollar Money Market Fund (ST3), and/or government debt securities, and other BCI short-term fixed income pooled funds for cash management purposes; and
- Units in the Floating Rate Funds.

The following restrictions apply to the Fund:

- Leverage is not used by the Fund manager but external fund managers may use low to moderate amounts of leverage in their funds;
- Investments are limited to companies whose countries are classified as a developed or emerging market by the Index;
- The Fund may not sell a security, other than a derivative instrument, which it does not own (i.e. a short sale), borrow securities, or purchase securities using a margin account;
- At inceptions, counterparties to all derivative contracts are restricted to financial institutions
  that are rated A- or higher by Standard & Pool's or have an equivalent rating from another
  credit rating agency.

The Fund holds its private debt investments through private corporations, trusts and limited partnerships. The corporations, trusts and limited partnerships hold the following net assets:

	2020		2019		
	Total	% of Total	Total	% of Total	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 277	— % \$	122	0.1 %	
Net investment-related receivables	13,897	0.3	11,041	0.3	
Direct private debt investments	2,750,879	49.9	1,705,974	45.9	
Unlisted private debt investee funds	2,722,239	49.4	1,936,335	52.1	
BCI money market funds	23,871	0.4	60,902	1.6	
Total	\$ 5,511,163	100.0 % \$	3,714,374	100.0 %	

The Fund's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks. For purposes of describing the financial risks of the Fund, the composition of underlying investments held by the Fund have been considered.

### (b) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation or commitment that it has entered into with the Fund, resulting in a financial loss to the Fund. It arises principally from debt securities held, and also from derivative financial assets, cash, and other receivables due to the Fund. The carrying value of these financial instruments as recorded in the Statement of Financial Position reflects the Fund's maximum exposure to credit risk.

The Fund holds private debt investments which are subject to credit risk. The following table outlines the direct private debt investments held and the related credit rating. The remainder of the Fund's investments are in private debt investee funds. Due to the private nature of the debt investments held by investee funds, they are not subject to rating by a rating agency.

As at December 31, the Fund invested in debt instruments with the following security or issuer credit ratings:

INVESTMENTS BY						
CREDIT RATING		2020		2019		
		Total	% of Total	Total	% of Total	
BBB	\$		1.4 % \$	_	— %	
BB		92,023	3.3	103,747	6.1	
В		1,127,436	41.0	1,050,075	61.6	
CCC		171,141	6.2	115,772	6.8	
Not rated		1,321,884	48.1	436,380	25.5	
Total	\$	2,750,879	100.0 % \$	1,705,974	100.0 %	

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(All amounts expressed in thousands of dollars)

To avoid undue credit risk, BCI management has established specific investment criteria, such as minimum credit ratings for investees and counterparties. Counterparty risk represents the credit risk from current potential and future exposure related to transactions. In order to minimize counterparty risk, counterparties are required to provide adequate collateral and meet minimum credit rating requirements. BCI management frequently monitors the credit rating of its counterparties as determined by recognized credit rating agencies and assesses debt investments for impairment, including significant changes in credit risk.

The Fund's activities may also give rise to settlement risk. Settlement risk is the risk of loss due to failure of an entity to honour its obligations to deliver cash, securities, or other assets prior to the settlement of the transaction as contractually agreed. All investment transactions are settled or paid upon delivery with approved brokers. The risk of default is mitigated since the delivery of securities sold is made simultaneously with the broker receiving payment. Payment is made on a purchase once the securities have been received by the broker. The trade fails if either party fails to meet its obligations.

The Fund invests in foreign currency and swap contracts which inherently have counterparty risk. The credit risk of each counterparty is monitored through the evaluation of the credit quality of each counterparty that transactions with the Fund. Collateral management is centralized by BCI and collateral is held and pledged on a net basis with each counterparty generally at a value equal to the underlying derivative financial instrument. The credit risk exposure of foreign currency and swap instruments, by credit rating category, without taking account of any collateral held at December 31 is as follows:

CREDIT RATING			2020 2019						2019		
			Fair Value						Fair '	Val	ue
	No	tional Value	Derivative Assets		Derivative Liabilities	ı	Notional Value		Derivative Assets		Derivative Liabilities
AAA/AA	\$	220,875 \$	202	\$	(12,010)	\$	145,308	\$	_	\$	(1,578)
Α		437,420	150		(27,019)		179,161		_		(1,935)
Total Derivatives	\$	658,295 \$	352	\$	(39,029)	\$	324,469	\$	_	\$	(3,513)

#### (c) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund will encounter difficulty in meeting the obligations associated with its financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset.

The Fund's financial assets include direct private debt investments and unlisted private debt investee funds, which are generally illiquid. As a result, the Fund may not be able to liquidate some of its investments in these instruments in time to meet its obligations when they become due. However, the Chief Investment Officer ("CIO") may obtain funding from unitholders of the Fund through additional unit issuances to meet the Fund's ongoing liquidity requirements.

BCI's approach to managing liquidity risk is to ensure, as far as possible, that the Fund has sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due. The Fund is exposed to the liquidity risk associated with the requirement to redeem units. Units of the Fund may only be acquired by eligible clients or client groups in accordance with the Fund's purchasing limit that may be established by the CIO. In order to protect the interest of all clients, the CIO may also establish redemption limits for the Fund. The purchase and redemption limits may vary depending on market circumstances, client demand, and the liquidity of the underlying investments.

The Fund's non-derivative liabilities are due within three months of the year-end of the Fund.

The following were the contractual maturities of derivative financial assets and derivative financial liabilities as at December 31

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		2020								
	С	arrying value	Less than 1 year	1 to 2 years	Over 2 years	Total				
Derivative assets	\$	352 \$	352 \$	<b>-</b> \$	— \$	352				
Derivative liabilities		(39,029)	(39,029)	_	_	(39,029)				
	\$	(38,677) \$	(38,677) \$	<b>—</b> \$	<b>—</b> \$	(38,677)				

		2019								
	Ca	arrying value	Less than 1 year	1 to 2 years	Over 2 years	Total				
Derivative assets	\$ - \$		— \$	<b>-</b> \$	<b>-</b> \$	_				
Derivative liabilities		(3,513)	(3,513)	_	_	(3,513)				
	\$	(3,513) \$	(3,513) \$	<b>–</b> \$	<b>–</b> \$	(3,513)				

The Fund's cash position is monitored on a daily basis. In general, investments in cash and BCI Money Market Funds are expected to be highly liquid. BCI management utilizes appropriate measures and controls to monitor liquidity risk in order to ensure that there is sufficient liquidity to meet financial obligations as they come due. The Fund's liquidity position is monitored daily by taking into consideration future forecasted cash flows. This helps to ensure that sufficient cash reserves are available to meet forecasted cash outflows.

## (d) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates and equity prices will affect the Fund's income or the fair value of its holdings of financial instruments. The Fund's strategy for the management of market risk is driven by the Fund's investment objective.

#### (i) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of financial instruments will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates.

Money market investments and private debt investments are subject to interest rate risk. The Fund has established duration bands based on its relevant benchmark to avoid undue active interest rate risk. Money market funds invest in short-term investments and have low interest rate risk.

The Fund's directly held private debt instruments are comprised of variable rate debt instruments and one fixed rate debt instrument with maturities typically ranging from 3.0 to 12.0 years. Lending rates are generally based on LIBOR plus a risk and liquidity premium. As a result, the Fund is not exposed to interest rate fair value risk. As at December 31, the Fund invested in the following debt instruments:

			2020				2019	
	Ca	rrying Value	Interest Rate	Maturity Date	Ca	rrying Value	Interest Rate	Maturity Date
Fixed rate debt	\$	62,565	12.0 %	2030	\$	_	_	_
Variable-rate debt		2,688,314	3.4% to 12.5%	2022 to 2031		1,705,974	3.8% to 10.4%	2020 to 2031

## (i) Currency risk

At December 31, the carrying value of the Fund's net financial assets and financial liabilities held in individual foreign currencies expressed in Canadian dollars and as a percentage of its net assets were as follows. The table includes foreign currency contracts.

CURRENCY		2020	)		2019						
	Net Investments and Investment- Related Receivables	Net Foreign Currency Contracts Receivables /(Payables)	Net Exposure	% of Total Net Assets	Net Investments and Investment- Related Receivables	Currency Contracts Receivable/	Net Exposure	% of Total Net Assets			
British Pound Sterling	\$ 62,633	\$ (58,713)	\$ 3,920	0.1 %	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	— %			
Euro	831,859	(805,814)	26,045	0.5	333,523	(322,314)	11,209	0.3			
United States Dollar	4,491,009	827,695	5,318,704	97.3	3,357,605	318,801	3,676,406	98.9			
Net Foreign Exchange Exposure	\$ 5,385,501	\$ (36,832)	\$5,348,669	97.9 %	\$ 3,691,128	\$ (3,513)	\$3,687,615	99.2 %			

As at December 31, 2020, if the Canadian dollar had strengthened/weakened by 1% in relation to all other currencies, holding all other variables constant, net assets would have decreased/increased, by \$53,487 (2019 - \$36,876), representing 1.0% of the Fund's net assets (2019 - 1.0%). In practice, the actual trading results may differ from the above sensitivity analysis and the difference could be material.

As at December 31, the Fund had additional exposure to currency risk through its future unfunded commitments in individual foreign currencies expressed in Canadian dollars as follows.

CURRENCY	2020	2019
Euro	\$ 209,660 \$	155,660
United States Dollar	686,350	1,262,049
Net foreign currency exposure through unfunded capital commitments	\$ 896,010 \$	1,417,709

As at December 31, 2020, if the Canadian dollar had strengthened/weakened by 1% in relation to all other currencies, holding all other variables constant, future unfunded commitments would have decreased/increased, by \$8,960 (2019 - \$14,177). In practice, the actual trading results may differ from this sensitivity analysis and the difference could be material.

The unfunded committed capital related to the Fund is described in note 6 of the financial statements.

## (ii) Other price risk

Other price risk is the risk that the fair value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether caused by factors specific to an individual investment or its issuer or factors affecting all instruments traded in the market.

All financial instruments are subject to other price risk and a potential loss of capital. The maximum risk is determined by the market value of the financial instruments. There are established investment criteria for the Fund related to diversification of investments and investment mandates for external managers to avoid undue market risk.

Direct investments in the Fund are diversified across industry sectors. Sectors to which the Fund had exposure as at December 31 are as follows:

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INDUSTRY SECTOR	2020		2019	
	Total	% of Total	Total	% of Total
Energy	\$ 316,545	5.8 % \$	248,339	6.8 %
Materials	438,420	8.0	138,129	3.8
Industrials	525,789	9.6	383,739	10.5
Consumer Discretionary	176,623	3.2	131,282	3.6
Health Care	465,747	8.5	353,250	9.7
Financials	123,375	2.3	174,429	4.8
Information Technology	214,397	3.9	116,295	3.2
Telecommunication Services	31,908	0.5	119,612	3.3
Real Estate	64,470	1.2	_	_
Other	393,605	7.2	40,899	1.1
Total Direct Private Debt Investments	2,750,879	50.2	1,705,974	46.8
Total Unlisted Private Equity Investee Funds				
diversified globally	2,722,239	49.8	1,936,335	53.2
Total	\$ 5,473,118	100.0 % \$	3,642,309	100.0 %

As at December 31, the Fund's direct private debt investments and unlisted private debt investee funds are concentrated in the following geographic regions:

GEOGRAPHIC REGION	2020		2019	
	Total	% of Total	Total	% of Total
Direct Private Debt Investments				
Canada	\$ 225,754	4.1 %	\$ 151,052	4.1 %
Cayman Islands	_	_	121,891	3.3
New Zealand	62,496	1.1	52,193	1.4
Europe	62,565	1.1	_	_
Panama	_	_	58,307	1.6
United States	2,400,064	43.9	1,322,531	36.4
Total Direct Private Debt Investments	2,750,879	50.2 %	1,705,974	46.8
Total Unlisted Private Equity Investee Funds diversified				
globally	2,722,239	49.8	1,936,335	53.2
Total	\$ 5,473,118	100.0 %	\$ 3,642,309	100.0 %

As at December 31, 2020, had the fair value of the investments increased or decreased by 10%, with all other variables held constant, net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units would have increased or decreased by approximately \$551,285 (2019 - \$372,071), representing 10.1% (2019 - 10.0%) of the Fund's net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units.

Actual trading results may differ from the above sensitivity analysis and the difference could be material.

### 8. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

#### (a) Valuation models

The objective of valuation techniques is to arrive at a fair value measurement that reflects the price that would be received to sell the asset or paid to transfer the liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

The Funds use widely recognized valuation methods for determining the fair value of common and more simple financial instruments such as foreign currency contracts and money market instruments that use only observable market data which requires little management judgment and estimation. Valuation techniques include net present value and discounted cash flow models, comparison with similar instruments for which observable market prices exists and other valuation models. Assumptions and inputs used in valuation techniques include risk-free and benchmark interest rates, credit spreads and other factors used in estimating discount rates, money market prices, and foreign currency exchange rates in estimating valuations of foreign currency contracts.

Observable prices and model inputs are usually available in the market for listed debt and equity securities, exchange-traded derivatives and simple OTC derivatives. The availability of observable market prices and model inputs reduces the need for management judgment and estimation and reduces the uncertainty associated with the determination of fair values. The availability of observable market prices and inputs varies depending on the products and markets and is prone to changes based on specific events and general conditions in the financial markets.

#### (b) Valuation framework

When third party information, such as broker quotes or pricing services, is used to measure fair value, then management assesses and documents the evidence obtained from third parties to support the conclusion that such valuations meet the requirements of IFRS. This includes:

- verifying that the broker or pricing service is approved by the Fund for use in pricing the relevant type of financial instrument;
- understanding how the fair value has been arrived at and the extent to which it represents actual market transactions;
- when prices for similar instruments are used to measure fair value, how these prices have been adjusted to reflect the characteristics of the instrument subject to measurement; and
- if a number of quotes for the same financial instrument have been obtained, then how fair value has been determined using those quotes.

# (c) Fair value hierarchy

The fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities that are traded in active markets are based on quoted market prices or dealer price quotations. For all other financial instruments, the Fund determines fair values using other valuation techniques.

For financial instruments that trade infrequently and have little price transparency, fair value is less objective, and requires varying degrees of judgment depending on liquidity, concentration, uncertainty of market factors, pricing assumptions and other risks affecting the specific instrument.

The Fund measures fair values using the following fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements.

- Level 1 inputs that are quoted market prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical instruments.
- Level 2 inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable either directly (i.e., as prices) or indirectly (i.e., derived from prices).
- Level 3 inputs that are unobservable.

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The tables below analyze financial instruments measured at fair value at the reporting date by the level in the fair value hierarchy into which the fair value measurement is categorized. The amounts are based on the values recognized in the Statement of Financial Position. All fair value measurements below are recurring.

	2020								2019					
	Level 1 (Quoted Price in Active Market)		Level 2 Significant Observable Inputs)		Level 3 (Significant Inobservable Inputs)		Total		Level 1 (Quoted Price in Active Market)	Level (Significan Observabl Inputs	t e	Level 3 (Significant Unobservable Inputs)	Total	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ _	\$	277	\$	_	\$	277	\$	_	\$ 12	2 9	<b>-</b>	\$ 122	
Net investment- related receivables	_		13,897		_		13,897		_	11,04	1	_	11,041	
Direct private debt investments	_		1,640,271		1,110,608		2,750,879		_	1,341,75	3	334,796	1,676,549	
Unlisted Private Debt Investee Funds	_		_		2,722,239		2,722,239		_	_	_	1,965,760	1,965,760	
BCI money market funds	25,561		_		_		25,561		67,240	_	_	_	67,240	
Total investments	\$ 25,561	\$	1,654,445	\$	3,832,847	\$	5,512,853	\$	67,240	\$ 1,352,91	6 9	\$ 2,300,556	\$ 3,720,712	
Forwards, net	_		(38,677)		_		(38,677)		_	(3,51	3)	_	(3,513)	
	_		(38,677)		_		(38,677)		_	(3,51	3)	_	(3,513)	
Total	\$ 25,561	\$	1,615,768	\$	3,832,847	\$	5,474,176	\$	67,240	\$ 1,349,40	3 5	\$ 2,300,556	\$ 3,717,199	

During 2020 and 2019, there were no significant transfers between Level 1 and Level 2.

The carrying amount of the Fund's net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units also approximates fair value as they are measured at redemption amount and are classified as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy.

The following table shows a reconciliation from the beginning balances to the ending balances for fair value measurements in Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

			2020	
	De	Direct Private bt Investments	Unlisted Private Debt Investee Funds	Total
Opening balance, beginning of year	\$	334,796	\$ 1,965,760	\$ 2,300,556
Total gains recognized in profit or loss		39,536	80,316	119,852
Purchases		934,021	835,139	1,769,160
Sales		(197,745)	(158,976)	(356,721)
Closing balance, end of year	\$	1,110,608	\$ 2,722,239	\$ 3,832,847
Total unrealized gains for the year included in profit or loss related to level 3 investments held at the reporting date	\$	59,225	\$ 44,456	\$ 103,681

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			2019	
	_	Pirect Private Investments	Unlisted Private Debt Investee Funds	Total
Opening balance, beginning of year	\$	— \$	882,827 \$	882,827
Total gains (losses) recognized in profit or loss		(5,332)	18,005	12,673
Purchases		337,235	1,197,318	1,534,553
Transfers		13,662	_	13,662
Sales		(10,769)	(132,390)	(143,159)
Closing balance, end of year	\$	334,796 \$	1,965,760 \$	2,300,556
Total unrealized gains (losses) for the year included in profit or loss	\$	(4 649) \$	78 206 \$	73 557

During 2020 and 2019, there were no significant transfers into or out of Level 3. During 2019, certain direct private debt investments were transferred from Level 2 to Level 3 since broker quotes were not available for these investments.

# Significant Unobservable Inputs Used in Measuring Fair Value

The following table sets out information about significant unobservable inputs used at year-end in measuring the fair value of investments categorized as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy as at December 31:

					2020		
	Fair Value	è	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Input	 mount/ ange	Weighted Average	Sensitivity to Change in Significant Unobservable Input
Direct Private Debt Investments	\$	723,019	Net Asset Value	Net Asset Value	\$ 723,019	N/A	The estimated fair value would increase (decrease) if the net asset value was higher (lower).
Direct Private Debt Investments	\$	387,589	Discounted Cash Flows	Discount rate	5.5% - 15.2%	8.4%	The estimated fair value would increase (decrease) if the discount rate was lower (higher).
Unlisted Private Debt Investee Funds	\$	2,722,239	Net Asset Value	Net Asset Value	\$ 2,722,239	N/A	The estimated fair value would increase (decrease) if the net asset value was higher (lower).

						2019		
	Fair Value	e	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Input		mount/ ange	Weighted Average	Sensitivity to Change in Significant Unobservable Input
Direct Private Debt Investments	\$	224,778	Net Asset Value	Net Asset Value	\$	224,778	N/A	The estimated fair value would increase (decrease) if the net asset value was higher (lower).
Direct Private Debt Investments	\$	110,018	Discounted Cash Flows	Discount rate	6	.76% - 11.02%	8.3%	The estimated fair value would increase (decrease) if the discount rate was lower (higher).
Unlisted Private Debt Investee Funds	\$	1,965,760	Net Asset Value	Net Asset Value	\$	1,965,760	N/A	The estimated fair value would increase (decrease) if the net asset value was higher (lower).

Significant unobservable inputs are developed as follows:

## Net Asset Value:

Represents the net asset value of direct private debt and unlisted private debt investee funds. BCI management values these funds primarily based on the latest available financial information provided by their general partners.

The unlisted private equity investee funds are subject to redemption restrictions and accordingly the Fund is unable to dispose of the investee until the maturity or wind up and liquidation of the respective

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investee. In such cases, it is the Fund's policy to categorize the investee as Level 3 within the fair value hierarchy.

#### **Discount Rate:**

Represents the discount rate applied to the projected future cash flows of each investment. Discount rates and projected cash flows are based on various investment-specific and macroeconomic inputs and assumptions. Discount rates are adjusted to reflect the risk inherent in the projected cash flows.

## **Effects of Unobservable Input on Fair Value Measurement**

The unlisted private equity investee funds are valued based on information received from external managers. The fair value of these investments fluctuates in response to changes in specific assumptions for that particular investee as determined by the external manager.

For certain direct private debt investments, BCI management engages third party independent valuators to estimate the fair market value. The valuators produce comprehensive reports for each applicable investment. The fair value of these investments fluctuates in response to changes in specific assumptions for the key unobservable inputs.

Although the Fund believes that its estimates of fair value in Level 3 are appropriate, the use of different methodologies or assumptions could lead to different measurements of fair value and net assets attributable to the holders of redeemable units.

The following table shows how net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units would change if the fair value of underlying investments was adjusted by 10%.

	2020	2019
Favourable	\$ 383,285	\$ 230,056
Unfavourable	(383,285)	(230,056)

## (d) Financial instruments not measured at fair value

The carrying value of interest receivable, receivable from sale of investments, BCI cost recoveries payable, and other accounts payable approximates their fair value given their short-term nature. These financial instruments are classified as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy because while prices are available, there is no active market for these instruments.

## 9. INVOLVEMENT WITH STRUCTURED ENTITIES

The Fund holds interests in structured entities, both directly and indirectly (i.e. through intermediary holding corporations or limited partnerships, or both). Structured entities are entities that have been designed so that voting or other similar rights are not the dominant factor in determining who controls the entity. Structured entities have been set up to manage legal, tax and other risks that may arise in the course of administering the underlying investments.

Structured entities are comprised of investee funds administered by BCI which are organized as unit trusts; and investee funds administered by third party managers which are organized as limited partnerships. All of these investee funds have been constituted to manage assets on behalf of third party investors and are financed through the issuance of units to investors or capital contributions made by the investors. Accordingly, the Fund's interest in these entities is reflected through the holding of trust units, partnership units or a partnership interest. The tables below set out the direct and indirect interests held by the Fund in structured entities:

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	2020					2019				
Entity	Number of Investee Funds			the	rrying amount included in Investments in e Statement of ancial Position	Number of Investee Funds		otal Net Assets nvestee Funds	Inv	
Investee money market funds administered by BCI	2	\$	2,904,346	\$	25,561	2	\$	1,830,989	\$	67,240
Unlisted private debt investee funds administered by third party managers	4		2,039,712		2,722,239	4		1,965,760		1,965,760

The carrying amount of the investments held in these underlying funds represents the Fund's maximum exposure to loss. During 2020 and 2019, the Fund did not provide financial support to these structured entities and has no intention of providing financial or other support.

## 10. TAXES

Net cumulative capital losses and non-capital losses for the Fund are as follows as of December 31, 2020:

	Net	Non		
	Capital Losses	Capital Losses		
Principal Credit Fund	14,800	1,729		

Net capital losses are available to be carried forward indefinitely and applied against future net realized capital gains. Non-capital losses may be carried forward up to 20 years to reduce future taxable income. The non-capital loss carryforward balance expires in 2039.

#### 11. UNCERTAINTIES RELATED TO COVID-19

On March 11, 2020, the outbreak of the novel strain of the coronavirus ("COVID-19") outbreak was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization ("WHO") prompting many national, regional, and local governments to implement preventative or protective measures. As a result, COVID-19 and the related restrictive measures have had a significant financial and market impact including significant volatility in equity prices, interest rates, bond yields, and foreign exchange rates. The situation is dynamic with various cities and countries around the world responding in different ways to address the outbreak. Government and central banks have reacted with significant monetary and fiscal interventions designed to stabilize economic conditions. BCI is closely monitoring its operations, liquidity and capital resources and is actively working to minimize the current and future impact of this unprecedented situation. The duration and impact of COVID-19 is unknown at this time; as such, it is not reasonably possible to evaluate the impact of the pandemic on the Funds in future periods.

## 12. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent to the Supreme Court of Canada decision of December 13, 2019, it was unclear whether the Fund would be entitled to a rebate of amounts paid in lieu of the goods and services tax (GST) under the Reciprocal Tax Agreement (RTA) between the B.C. and federal governments. As such, the RTA liability for the years ended December 31, 2017 to 2020 was recorded with no offsetting receivable in respect of a rebate.

However, on March 10, 2021, the BC Ministry of Finance and the Department of Finance Canada agreed to amend Schedule A of the RTA to more explicitly acknowledge the Fund's entitlement to a rebate of the amounts paid under the RTA. Furthermore, Finance Canada has confirmed that prior year GST assessments will be vacated by the Canada Revenue Agency and no further GST assessments will be issued against BCI for past filing periods in respect of costs recovered from the Fund.

Therefore, the RTA accrued liability at December 31, 2020 of \$1,241 was reversed on March 31, 2021.



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