

### BCI FUNDING PROGRAM

## Debt Investor Presentation

## Strong Credit Profile

### One of the World's Largest Public Sector Asset Managers

- Created under a Provincial act, British Columbia Investment Management Corporation (BCI) is owned by the Province of British Columbia and supported by mature founding legislation
- BCI provides investment management services to British Columbia's public sector

#### **No Pension Liabilities**

 BCI is exclusively an investment manager and is not responsible for its clients' pension or other liabilities

### Legislated Independence and Control of Investment Activities

 CEO/CIO has legislated independent authority over investment decisions

### History of Strong Operating and Investment Performance

• 7.8% 10-year annualized rate of return

### Substantial Assets Under Management (AUM)

- C\$229.5 billion of net AUM
- Assets are invested in a broad range of asset classes worldwide

#### **Robust Debt Program Support**

- BCI's debt obligations are backed by its investment assets
- Client withdrawals are subject to satisfying existing commitments including debt obligations

### Significant Liquidity and Prudent Use of Leverage

- Government bonds represent 21% of gross assets
- Total financial leverage is 9% of net AUM (predominantly in the form of collateralized repo)
- Maximum permitted financial leverage is 30% of net AUM. Financial leverage includes secured and unsecured borrowing. Unsecured debt is capped at 15% of recourse assets

#### **BCI's Long-term Credit Ratings**







AAA

Aaa (Stable) AAA (Stable)

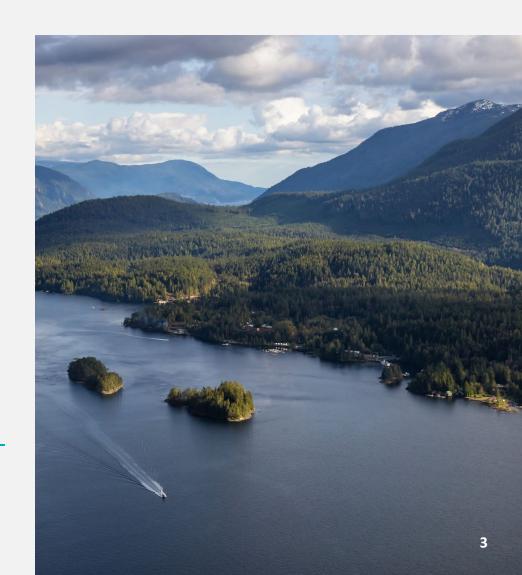
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A credit rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold a security and may be subject to revisions or withdrawal at any time.



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## 01 BCI in Brief



### Who We Are

BCI is one of the world's largest public sector asset managers

## C\$229.5 billion of net assets under management

#### Stable, diverse and well-funded clients

Over 97% of assets are managed for 10 public sector pension funds and three insurance funds

All pension clients are surplus funded

Public sector asset manager with no pension liabilities

#### Legislated independence and control of investments

- CEO/CIO has legislated independent authority over investment decisions
- Client withdrawal rights are subject to satisfying existing commitments, including debt obligations

#### **Strategic Advantages**

- Long-term investment focus
- Significant scale and asset diversification
- Stable legislative framework and strong governance

#### **Global Reach**

- Investments in six continents
- Offices in Victoria, Vancouver, New York and London

#### **ESG Commitment**

- ESG integration and expertise across all asset classes
- Supporting risk mitigation and value creation

#### **Robust Risk and Liquidity Management Practices**

- Legislated risk-management requirements
- Third-party-reviewed liquidity-management practices



### Governance

# BCI is a Public Sector Asset Manager Owned by the Province of British Columbia

- BCI was established in 1999 pursuant to the BC Public Sector Pension Plans Act (PSPPA)
- The majority of assets under management are held in Pooled Investment Portfolios ("Funds") pursuant to the PSPPA and associated regulations

#### **Control of Assets Under Management**

- BCI owns and controls the assets in its Funds
- BCI has authority to rebalance assets to meet its obligations
- Client withdrawals are subject to satisfying existing commitments, including debt obligations

#### **Legislated Independence**

- CEO/CIO has authority over investment decisions (PSPPA, s.21)
- Seven-member board: four client appointees, three government appointees including the Chair (PSPPA, s.19)
- The Government of British Columbia and BCI's Board are precluded by legislation from involvement in investment decisions (PSPAA, s.20(5))
- The Government of British Columbia does not guarantee BCI's obligations



## 02 Our Clients



### Our Clients

#### Client Profile (%) As at March 31, 2024 <sup>1</sup>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Percentage based on net assets.



BCI makes investment decisions that secure the financial futures for over **740,000** pension plan beneficiaries, **2.7** million British Columbia workers, and **4** million Autoplan holders.

#### **Pension Funds**

- BC Hydro and Power Authority Pension Plan
- British Columbia Railway Company
- College Pension Plan
- Insurance Corporation of British Columbia
- Municipal Pension Plan
- Public Service Pension Plan
- Teachers' Pension Plan
- University of Victoria Combination & Money Purchase Pension Plans
- University of Victoria Staff Pension Plan
- WorkSafeBC Pension Plan

#### **Insurance Funds**

- Credit Union Deposit Insurance Corporation of British Columbia
- Insurance Corporation of British Columbia
- WorkSafeBC Accident Fund

#### **Special Purpose Funds**

- 2010 Games Operating Trust
- 94 Forward Society
- BC Assessment Authority
- BC Hydro and Power Authority
- BC Pension Corporation
- BC Transportation
   Financing Authority
- British Columbia Railway Company

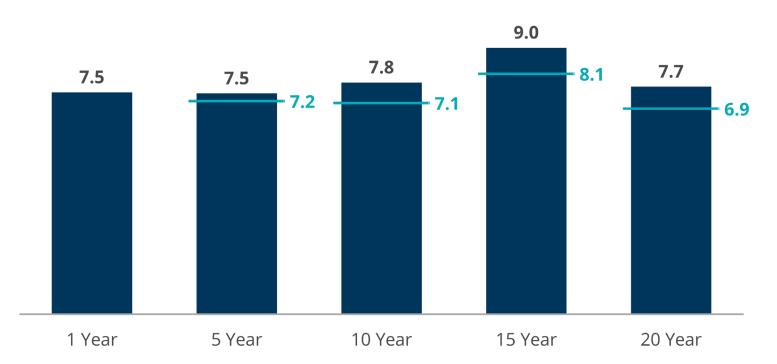
- Columbia Basin Trust
- Healthcare Investment Unit Trust
- Innovate BC
- Municipal Retiree Benefit Trust
- · Province of British Columbia
- Public Education Benefits Trust

## 03 Performance & Asset Mix



## Annualized Pension Returns<sup>1,2</sup> (%)





#### Benchmark<sup>3</sup>

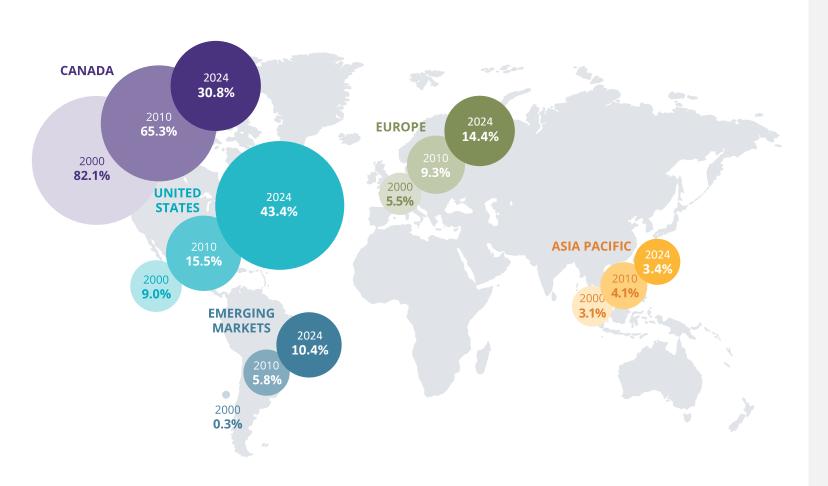


<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Reflects the investment returns of BCI's six largest pension clients: BC Hydro and Power Authority Pension Plan; College Pension Plan; Municipal Pension Plan; Public Service Pension Plan; Teachers' Pension Plan; and WorkSafeBC Pension Plan.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Includes the impact of centralized currency management program, where set.

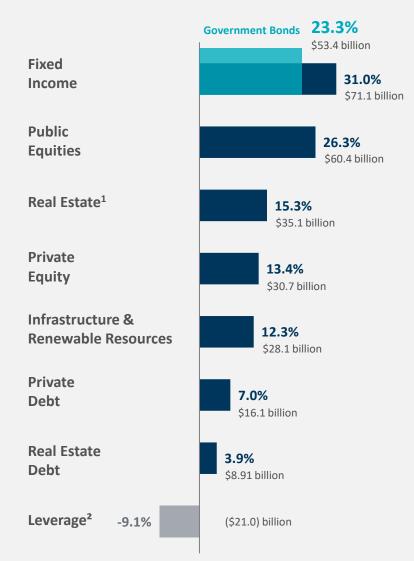
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Benchmark is a blend of BCI's six largest pension clients' benchmarks as defined in their Statements of Investment Policies and Procedures.

### Asset Mix: Increased Diversification



#### For the fiscal year 2024, values do not sum to 100 per cent due to exposures from categories without a specific country.

#### **NET ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT**



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Real Estate is managed by QuadReal Property Group and its affiliates (QuadReal).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Leverage does not include derivatives mark to market.

### Asset Mix & Net AUM



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The projection to 2030 is based on aggregate client long-term strategic asset allocation targets as at September 2023 with projected net contributions and investment returns.

## Robust Risk Management

#### **Board-approved policies governing:**

#### **Investment Risk Management**

- Client funding and contribution
- Concentration
- Counterparty
- Credit
- ESG
- Leverage
- Liquidity
- Market

#### **Enterprise Risk Management**

- · Identifying, assessing, monitoring and reporting on key business and operational risks
- Capturing and reviewing risk events
- Managing a comprehensive insurance program
- · Coordinating crisis-management activities

#### **BCI's risk management framework**

- Established by the BCI Board and overseen by the
  - CEO-chaired Investment Risk Committee
  - COO-chaired Enterprise Risk Committee
- Investment Strategy & Risk Department reports to the CEO
- Return targets are risk adjusted, embedding a risk lens into BCl's investment process
- Liquidity risk management is effected through a liquidity coverage ratio (LCR) framework, incorporating stress-testing and contingencies
- Independent third-party validation of risk management functions to ensure compliance with policies and best practices

## Funding Program



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BCI accesses debt markets to support the investment objectives of our clients, providing for broader portfolio diversification, an improved risk-adjusted investment profile and enhanced liquidity.

**BCI's Long-term Credit Ratings** 

Moody's
Aaa
(Stable)

STANDARD &POOR'S

> AAA (Stable)



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**Total Funding Program** 

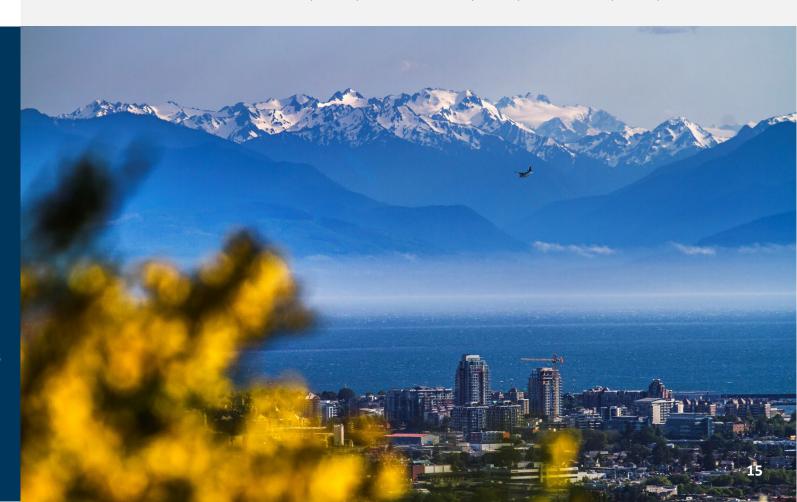
- C\$18.7 billion of repo funding and C\$2.3 billion of unsecured debt funding as at March 31, 2024
- Targeting an equal balance between repo and unsecured debt over a longer time horizon through steady growth in MTN issuance
- Governance limits unsecured debt to a maximum of 15% of Combined Funds net AUM

#### **Senior Unsecured Debt**

- Emphasizing C\$ issuance to align with liquid assets and develop a consistent issuer footprint
- Targeting C\$5-7 billion of unsecured debt outstanding by 2026
- Proceeds will be used for general investment purposes

Term Debt Issued by Canadian Public Sector Asset Managers Qualifies for Inclusion in Prominent Bond Indices such as:

- FTSE Canada Universe
- Bloomberg Canada Aggregate
- ICE BofA Canada Broad Market
- Morningstar Canada Core



### Issuance Structure

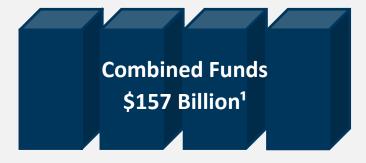
### **BCI Clients**

Client Fund Management Agreements appoint BCI as investment agent

Client withdrawals are subject to satisfying existing commitments, including debt obligations



BCI owns and controls its Funds' assets



Combined Funds currently exclude real estate Funds due to QuadReal's separate debt program. BCI retains ownership and control of assets in its real estate Funds.

### **Debt Issuance**

Issuer: BCI in respect of the assets of the Combined Funds

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As at December 31, 2023

## Select Canadian Supra Sovereign & Agency Comparison

	BCi	BRITISH COLUMBIA	© CDPQ	nvestments	P∫P
Legal Status & Ownership	Owned by the Province of British Columbia	Sub-sovereign	Agent of the Province of Quebec	Canadian federal Crown Corporation, owned by the Government of Canada	Canadian federal Crown Corporation, owned by the Government of Canada
Role	Asset Manager	Provincial Government	Asset Manager	Asset Manager	Asset Manager
Net Assets	C\$229.5 billion (As at March 31, 2024)	n/a	C\$434.2 billion (As at December 31, 2023)	C\$632.4 billion (As at March 31, 2024)	C\$264.6 billion (As at March 31, 2024)
Financial Leverage (Gross Assets-Net Assets)/ Net Assets	9%	n/a	18%	29%	14%
Government Bond Assets (% of Gross Assets)	21%	n/a	15%	18%	24%
Rating (Moodys/S&P/DBRS)	Aaa/AAA/AAA	Aaa/AA+/AA(high)	Aaa/AAA/AAA	Aaa/AAA/AAA	Aaa/AAA/AAA

CDPQ, CPP Investments and PSP financial information is sourced from publicly available financial statements.

For BCI's Combined Funds, net assets are \$157 billion, financial leverage is 12% and government bond assets are 32% of total Combined Funds assets as at December 31, 2023. BCI retains ownership and control of assets in all of its Funds.

## 05 ESG & Responsible Investing



## Evolution of Responsible Investing at BCI

Become a founding signatory to the UN Principles for Responsible Investment

2006

Sign the Global Investor Statement on Climate Change

2014

Begin reporting in alignment with the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) recommendations Release our first

Climate Action Plan

2018

Sign the Canadian Investor Statement on Climate Change

Join the ESG Data Convergence Initiative (EDCI) to support data quality and availability in private markets

2021

Appoint BCI's first Global Head of ESG and increase dedicated ESG support across asset classes

Publish the 11th edition of our Proxy Voting Guidelines, raising expectations for public companies on climate change and diversity

2023

#### 2007

Sign the UN
Declaration
on Climate Change
by the Financial
Services Sector

#### 2013

Make our first investment in global green bonds: IFC Green Bonds guaranteed by the World Bank

#### 2017

Join the Climate Action 100+ as a founding signatory and Chair of the Investor Group

Sign 30% Club Canadian Investor Group Statement of Intent

#### 2020

Receive board approval for BCl's ESG Governance Policy and release our corporate-wide ESG Strategy

Establish the Sustainable Development Investments Asset Owner Platform

#### 2022

Release our 2022 Climate Action Plan, using our influence in the market to drive actions aligned with netzero emissions by 2050

#### 2024

Exceed \$5 billion of total historic participation in sustainable bonds, generating returns and supporting positive environmental and social outcomes

Realize 40% carbon footprint reduction in our public equities portfolio using 2019 as a baseline<sup>1</sup>

#### **Achieved**

a score of 100% in the Global SWF's 2024 GSR Scoreboard — a comprehensive evaluation of the governance, sustainability, and resilience practices of global sovereign wealth funds and pension funds

#### Recognized

for our innovative ESG Risk and Opportunity
Framework with a Responsible Investment
Association Leadership Award for Integration and
Principles for Responsible Investment case study

#### **Earned**

top spot in the Responsible Asset Allocator Initiative's Leaders List of the 30 Most Responsible Asset Allocators

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Using the Weighted Average Carbon Intensity methodology

### **ESG Strategy**

#### An integral part of our responsibility to invest and manage our client funds

BCI's corporate-wide, four pillar ESG Strategy ensures consistency across all asset classes to address the issues most material to our clients' investments

#### **INTEGRATE**

BCI integrates ESG analysis and risk management in all investment processes, from supporting clients' asset-allocation decisions to individual investment decisions within our portfolios

#### **INVEST**

BCI actively seeks opportunities to invest in ESG-themed investments that contribute to improved long-term outcomes for clients and reinforce our investment beliefs



#### **INFLUENCE**

Through engagement and advocacy, BCI applies its influence on companies in which we invest, our partners, and other participants in capital markets

#### **INSIGHT**

BCI uses its learnings across all ESG activities, as well as its understanding of emerging trends, to generate insights that help us continuously adapt and improve our strategies, processes, and approaches

#### Learn more about BCI's ESG Strategy at:

www.BCI.ca/ESG

#### Collaboration

Working with like-minded investors and organizations to strengthen our collective influence

























### Climate Action Plan

#### Collaboration













#### Creating and preserving financial value through the transition to a low-carbon economy

BCI is committed to using our influence to drive actions aligned with the global goal of achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050

Ensure at least 80% of BCl's carbonintensive investments<sup>1</sup> have set mature net-zero aligned commitments by 2030, or are the subject of direct or collaborative climate engagement by BCl

Continue to track and report the **total portfolio carbon footprint** with the expectation that it will decrease over time

Measure physical risk exposure across portfolio via **physical climate risk tool** 

Achieved expected reduction in public equities weighted average carbon intensity (WACI) by 30% (compared to 2019)



Further integrate climate stress testing into investment decisions and monitor the total portfolio's climate change stress-test outcomes

Pursue meaningful investments in climate solutions through specific actions in all asset classes such as amount invested as defined by Sustainable Development Investments Asset Owner Platform taxonomy, green bond taxonomy, green building certification, and climate-themed investment strategies



Exceeded \$5 billion of total historical participation in sustainable bonds

Learn more about BCI's climate-related disclosures in our Corporate Annual Report.

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  BCl's carbon-intensive investments are defined as the companies that make up over 80% of BCl's carbon footprint.

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