



# **Annual Management Report of Fund Performance**

## December 2020

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You may also contact us using one of these methods to request a copy of the Portfolio's proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure records and quarterly portfolio disclosure.

# **Performance Analysis**

#### **Investment Objective and Strategies**

The Portfolio seeks to provide income and achieve medium- and long-term capital growth through investment diversification. The Portfolio invests primarily in equity securities, including income trust units of Canadian issuers that pay income or dividends. The Portfolio may also invest in securities of foreign issuers that pay income or dividends and in debt instruments of Canadian and foreign issuers. The Portfolio Manager seeks to add value, principally through the selection of stocks that pay dividends and offer the best investment opportunities. A bottom-up approach is used to select stocks offering the best potential, and a top-down approach to control risks in terms of positions in different sectors.

#### Risk

The Portfolio invests primarily in equities of Canadian issuers. Derivatives may also be used for hedging purposes or to establish market positions. The risks related to investments in the Portfolio remain as set out in the Simplified Prospectus. The risks associated with the Portfolio and its holdings are as follows: stock markets risk, sector risk, specific issuer risk, interest rate risk, credit risk, large transactions risk, foreign securities risk, currency risk, derivatives risk, securities lending risk, exchange-traded funds risk, underlying funds risk, multi-series risk, short selling risk and loss restrictions risk.

# **Operating Results**

The FDP Canadian Dividend Equity Portfolio, Series A posted a net return of 1.6% for 2020, versus 19.1% for 2019. The FDP Canadian Dividend Equity Portfolio, Series I posted a net return of 2.8% for 2020.

Following a challenging first quarter caused by the global pandemic, markets started to recover, up to new highs from the lows reached in March. Exceptional monetary and fiscal measures implemented by governments and central banks relieved both markets and economies

The Canadian stock market, as measured by the S&P/TSX Composite Index, posted a 5.6% return for 2020. Seven of the index's eleven component sectors posted positive returns. Information Technology (84.2%), thanks to the strong performance of e-commerce company Shopify, and Utilities (23.3%), driven by gold stocks, contributed significantly to the index's performance. Conversely, Energy (-26.2%), impeded by falling oil demand—which went from USD61.06 a barrel in late December 2019 to USD48.52 as at December 31, 2020—, and Health Care (-22.8%) detracted from index performance.

In the fourth quarter, positive news about COVID-19 vaccines, central banks' intention to maintain an accommodating monetary policy for an extended period and the U.S. President-elect's plan to introduce additional stimulus contributed to market performance and caused the Energy, Consumer Discretionary, Health Care (especially cannabis stocks), Financials and Real Estate sectors to rebound.

Despite markets generally rebounding from their March 2020 lows, the impact of the pandemic on the global economic recovery remains uncertain. Vaccines' efficacy and speed of rollout will significantly impact investors' confidence in financial markets.

#### **Recent Developments**

There are currently no events to report for 2021.

#### **Related Party Transactions**

The Manager of the FDP Canadian Dividend Equity Portfolio is Professionals' Financial – Mutual Funds Inc. The Manager is in charge of the portfolio's research, analyses, selections and transactions. The Investment Committee of Professionals' Financial – Mutual Funds Inc. supervises the execution of the mandates entrusted to the internal managers and to other external managers, as the case may be.

Monthly management fees, calculated daily at an annual percentage of the Portfolio's net assets after deducting the value of interfund investments, are paid to the Manager.

# **Financial Highlights**

The following tables illustrate key financial data concerning the Portfolio. Their purpose is to help you understand its financial results for the past five years.

This information comes from the December 31, 2020 audited annual financial statements of the Fund. You can obtain the financial statements on the website at fdpgp.ca/en.

#### Portfolio's Distributions and Net Assets per Unit (in dollars)

Series A	Years ended December 31					
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	
Net assets, beginning of year	9.803	8.624	9.426	9.329	8.867	
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	0.251	0.294	0.242	0.282	0.254	
Total expenses	(0.127)	(0.135)	(0.130)	(0.121)	(0.110)	
Realized gains (losses)	0.205	0.372	0.147	0.380	0.174	
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.233)	1.122	(0.842)	(0.092)	0.556	
Total increase (decrease) from operations (1)	0.096	1.653	(0.583)	0.449	0.874	
Distributions:						
from income	0.004	0.002	0.005	_	_	
from dividends	0.165	0.149	0.149	0.173	0.196	
from capital gains	0.390	0.312	0.083	0.199	0.299	
from capital returns	_	_	_	_	_	
Total distributions (2)	0.559	0.463	0.237	0.372	0.495	
Net assets at the end of the year	9.381	9.803	8.624	9.426	9.329	

# FDP Canadian Dividend Equity Portfolio, Series A and I (continued)

Series I	Years ended December 31					
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	
Net assets, beginning of year	10.745	9.419	10.302	10.161	9.802	
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	0.275	0.323	0.263	0.303	0.295	
Total expenses	(0.024)	(0.025)	(0.025)	(0.016)	(0.013)	
Realized gains (losses)	0.228	0.410	0.163	0.408	0.358	
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.281)	1.198	(0.894)	(0.051)	0.640	
Total increase (decrease)						
from operations (1)	0.198	1.906	(0.493)	0.644	1.280	
Distributions:						
from income	0.008	0.004	0.009	_	_	
from dividends	0.296	0.283	0.283	0.279	0.272	
from capital gains	0.441	0.305	0.091	0.208	0.543	
from capital returns	_	_	_	_	_	
Total distributions <sup>(2)</sup>	0.745	0.592	0.383	0.487	0.815	
Net assets at the end of the year	10.266	10.745	9.419	10.302	10.161	

<sup>(1)</sup> Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase or decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the financial period.

### **Ratios and Supplemental Data**

Series A	Years ended December 31						
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016		
Net asset value (in thousands of dollars) (1)	69,065	74,893	67,316	74,905	69,468		
Number of units outstanding (thousands) (1)	7,362	7,640	7,806	7,946	7,447		
Management expense ratio (%) (3)	1.430	1.400	1.402	1.299	1.217		
Management expense ratio before waivers and absorptions (%)	1.430	1.400	1.402	1.299	1.217		
Portfolio turnover rate (%) (4)	275.30	90.35	78.55	448.09	602.38		
Trading expense ratio (%) (5)	0.28	0.08	0.08	0.44	1.00		
Net asset value per unit	9.381	9.803	8.624	9.426	9.329		

	Years ended December 31					
Series I	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	
Net asset value (in thousands of dollars) (2)	186,140	244,500	204,570	217,326	227,204	
Number of units outstanding (thousands) (2)	18,132	22,754	21,718	21,096	22,361	
Management expense ratio (%) (3)	0.257	0.235	0.248	0.156	0.133	
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- (1) The information is derived from audited annual financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). In compliance with these Standards, net assets per unit presented in the financial statements generally equal the net asset value calculated to establish unit prices.
- (2) Management expense ratio includes management fees and operating expenses. It excludes income tax withheld on dividend income and transaction costs, and is expressed as a percentage of the daily average annualized net asset value during the fiscal year.
- (3) The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio manager manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the year. The higher a Fund's portfolio turnover rate in a year, the greater the trading costs payable by the Fund in the year, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a Fund.
- (4) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value of each series during the year.

# **Management Fees**

Series A and Series I units pay management fees to the Manager, Professionals' Financial – Mutual Funds Inc., for service rendered to the unitholders, and investment management and administration services. Series A units' annual management fees of 1.10% and 0.10% for Series I are calculated daily according to the net assets and paid monthly after deducting the value of interfund investments. For 2020, Series A units paid \$833,000 and \$221,000 for Series I to the Manager.

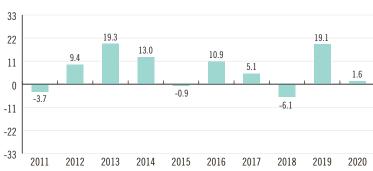
#### **Past Performance**

Information on performance presupposes that the Portfolio's distributions during the years presented have been totally reinvested in additional units of the same series. The returns do not include deductions for sales fees, transfer, redemption or other optional fees (because there are none) or income taxes payable, and would be lower if they included such items. The Portfolio's past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance.

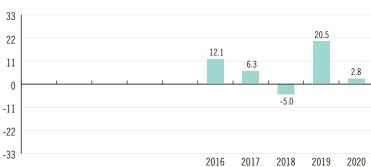
#### **Annual Performance**

The following bar graphs indicate the Portfolio's annual returns for each year. They show the year-to-year variation in the Portfolio's return. The graphs present, in percentage form, what would have been the upward or downward variation, on the last day of the year, of an investment made on the first day of that year.

# % Series A



#### % Series I



#### **Annual Compound Returns**

The following graph indicates the Portfolio's annual composite returns and highlights Portfolio performance fluctuations from one fiscal year to the next, ending on December 31. for each year, as well as those of the Portfolio's benchmark.

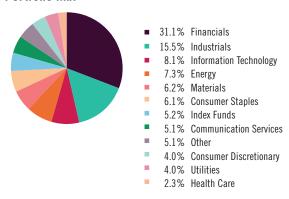
	1 yr %	3 yrs %	5 yrs %	10 yrs %
FDP Canadian Dividend Equity Portfolio. Series A	1.58	4.37	5.76	6.43
FDP Canadian Dividend Equity Portfolio. Series I	2.79	5.59	6.99	_
S&P/TSX Composite Index	1.08	3.99	8.80	6.05

<sup>(2)</sup> Distributions were reinvested in additional units of the Portfolio.

# FDP Canadian Dividend Equity Portfolio, Series A and I (continued)

# **Overview of Portfolio**

# Portfolio Mix



# **Top 25 Portfolio Holdings**

	% of net asset value
Royal Bank of Canada	6.9
The Toronto-Dominion Bank	6.3
Cash and Cash Equivalent	5.1
Canadian National Railway Company	3.6
The Bank of Nova Scotia	3.0
Bank of Montreal	3.0
Canadian Pacific Railway Limited	2.9
Enbridge Inc.	2.6
Sun Life Financial Inc.	2.4
iShares Core S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index ETF	2.4
Brookfield Asset Management Inc. Cl. A	2.2
Constellation Software Inc.	2.1
Waste Connections, Inc.	1.9
Canadian Natural Resources, Ltd.	1.7
Rogers Communications Inc., Cl. B	1.7
Nutrien Ltd.	1.6
TC Energy Corporation	1.6
Metro Inc.	1.5
TELUS Corporation	1.5
SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust	1.5
Barrick Gold Corporation	1.5
Manulife Financial Corporation	1.4
Suncor Energy Inc.	1.4
Thomson Reuters Corporation	1.4
iShares S&P/TSX 60 Index ETF	1.3

This portfolio may change due to continual trading in the Portfolio. An update of this data is available every quarter on our website at fdpgp.ca/en.