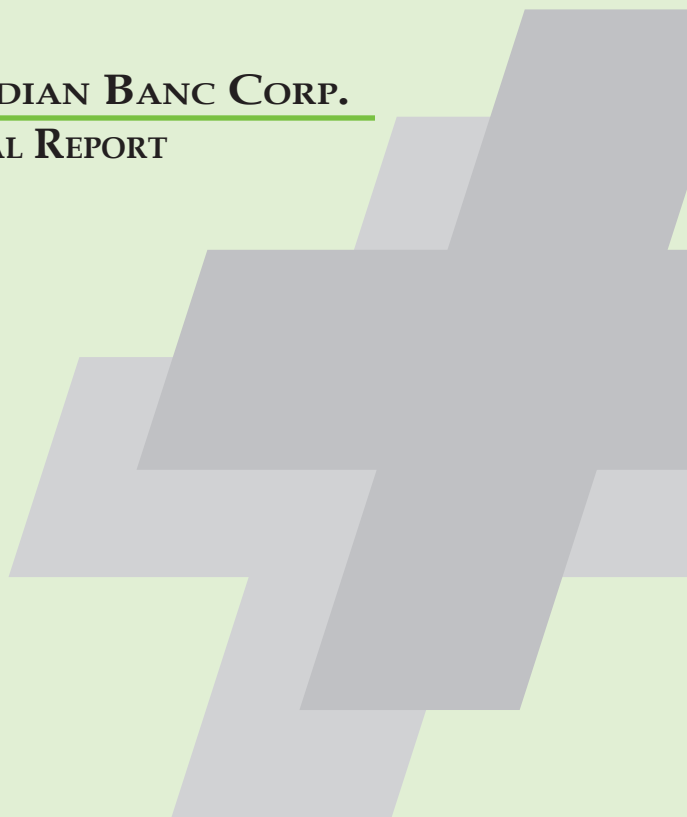


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**2023 ANNUAL REPORT**



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The above-mentioned list of important factors is not exhaustive. You should consider these and other factors carefully before making any investment decisions and you should avoid placing undue reliance on forward-looking statements. While the Company currently anticipates that subsequent events and developments may cause the Company's views to change, the Company does not undertake to update any forward-looking statements.

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**CANADIAN BANC CORP.**  
**ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE**  
**NOVEMBER 30, 2023**

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This is the annual Management Report of Fund Performance (MRFP) for the year ended November 30, 2023. This MRFP contains financial highlights but does not contain the complete financial statements of the Company. The annual financial statements and accompanying notes are attached to this report.

Investors may also obtain a copy of the Company's proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record, or quarterly portfolio disclosure by visiting our website at [www.canadianbanc.com](http://www.canadianbanc.com) or by writing to the Company at Investor Relations, 200 Front Street West, Suite 2510, Toronto, Ontario M5V 3K2.

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## **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES**

### **Investment objectives**

Canadian Banc Corp. invests primarily in a portfolio of common shares which will include each of the following Canadian chartered banks:

Bank of Montreal	National Bank of Canada
Bank of Nova Scotia	Royal Bank of Canada
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	Toronto-Dominion Bank

The Company may also invest up to 20% of the net asset value in equity securities of Canadian or foreign financial services corporations other than the core holdings listed above. In order to supplement the dividends received on the portfolio and to reduce risk, the Company will from time to time write covered call options in respect of some or all of the common shares in the portfolio.

The Company offers two types of shares:

### **Preferred shares**

The investment objectives with respect to the Preferred shares are as follows:

1. Preferred shareholders are entitled to receive a cumulative preferential floating rate monthly dividend at an annual rate equivalent to the prevailing Canadian prime rate plus 1.5%, with a minimum annual rate of 5% and a maximum annual rate of 8% based on the \$10 repayment value; and
2. On the termination date of December 1, 2028 (subject to further 5 year extensions thereafter), to pay holders the \$10 repayment value of those shares.

## **Class A shares**

The investment objectives with respect to the Class A shares are as follows:

1. To provide holders of Class A shares with monthly cash distributions targeted to be at a rate of 15% annualized based on the volume weighted average market price of the Class A shares for the last 3 trading days of the preceding month and to pay the original issue price of those shares on the termination of the Company. The net asset value per unit must remain above the required \$15 per unit threshold for monthly distributions to be declared; and
2. On the termination date, to pay holders the original issue price (\$15) of those shares.

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## **RISK**

The risks of investing in the Company remain as discussed in the Annual Information Form dated February 23, 2024. In addition, note 5 of the financial statements (“Management of Risk of Financial Instruments”) contains disclosure on specific types of risks related to the financial investments held by the Company.

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## **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

North American markets continued to experience macroeconomic headwinds and bouts of volatility during the year ended November 30, 2023. After aggressive tightening of monetary policies beginning in early 2022, central banks moderated their pace of interest rate increases during the early months of 2023 as record high inflationary pressures began to abate. As a result, market expectations that the monetary tightening cycle would soon end helped improve market sentiment in the early months of the year. The global economy continued to slow during the year and inflation eased further as the year progressed. In the United States, growth was stronger than expected, led by robust consumer and government spending. In Canada, economic growth stalled through the middle quarters of 2023, with higher interest rates restraining spending, and the labour market eased, despite wage growth.

In March 2023, regulators abruptly closed certain U.S. regional banks due to liquidity and solvency concerns. Later that month, Credit Suisse was taken over by UBS Group at the behest of regulators in Switzerland. These events led to widespread and significant declines in the market prices of financial services companies globally and highlighted the risks associated with the historical pace of increase in interest rates that had occurred over the last year.

Markets were also buffeted by the ongoing developments surrounding the U.S. debt ceiling and the potential adverse consequences that could result if the U.S. defaulted on its obligations. In early June 2023, U.S. lawmakers passed legislation to suspend the nation’s debt ceiling through January 1, 2025, averting a U.S. default just days ahead of the deadline.

Though the spread between the 10-year and 2-year treasury yield narrowed near the end of the year, the yield curve continued to be inverted during the year, with shorter term maturities yielding more than longer-term maturities, which generally adversely impacted the earnings potential of financial services companies and reflected market expectations for a decline in longer-term interest rates as a result of a deteriorating economic performance.

Overall, portfolio returns were adversely impacted by the weaker performance of the financial services stocks held in the portfolio other than life insurance stocks which benefited from higher longer-term rates.

As the year ended, market participants continued to closely monitor economic data and remarks from monetary policymakers to determine the possibility and timing of interest rate cuts in the new year and whether the economy would experience a soft landing or a recession, as central banks remained committed to restoring price stability.

The net assets per unit finished at \$18.75 as at November 30, 2023, after the payment of \$2.72 in combined distributions to both classes of shares at the targeted rates. A combined total of \$31.35 has been paid in distributions since inception.

On March 2, 2023, the Company announced the extension of the termination date of the Company for a further five year period from December 1, 2023 to December 1, 2028. In connection with the extension of the termination date of the Company, a special retraction right was offered allowing existing shareholders to tender one or both classes of shares and receive a retraction price based on the November 30, 2023 net asset value of \$18.75 per unit (\$10.00 per Preferred share and \$8.75 per Class A share). 8,523,887 Preferred shares and 51,483 Class A shares were tendered for retraction and a total of \$85,689,346 was paid subsequent to the year-end on December 15, 2023 in connection with the special retraction.

The termination date of the Company may be extended thereafter at the Company's discretion for additional terms of five years each. Shareholders will be provided with a special retraction right in connection with any such extension.

The Company announced on May 25, 2023 that the TSX accepted its notice of intention to make a Normal Course Issuer Bid (the "NCIB") to purchase its Preferred shares and Class A shares through the facilities of the TSX and/or alternative Canadian trading systems. The NCIB commenced on May 29, 2023 and will terminate on May 28, 2024. Pursuant to the NCIB, the Company proposes to purchase, from time to time, if it is considered advisable, up to 2,226,511 Preferred shares and 2,204,842 Class A shares of the Company, representing 10% of the public float of 22,265,111 Preferred shares and 22,048,422 Class A shares. As of May 15, 2023, there were 22,287,682 Preferred shares and 22,082,182 Class A shares issued and outstanding. The Company will not purchase, in any given 30-day period, in the aggregate, more than 445,753 Preferred shares or more than 441,643 Class A shares, being 2% of the issued and outstanding Preferred shares and Class A shares as of May 15, 2023. The previous NCIB which commenced on May 27, 2022 terminated on May 26, 2023. There were no Preferred shares nor Class A shares purchased for cancellation during the year ended November 30, 2023.

During the year ended November 30, 2023, 9,312,900 Preferred shares were sold through an at-the-market equity program ("ATM Program") at an average selling price of \$10.03 per Preferred share. Gross proceeds, net proceeds and commissions on the Preferred share sales were \$93,452,435, \$91,116,500 and \$2,335,935, respectively.

During the year ended November 30, 2023, 9,311,100 Class A shares were sold through the ATM Program at an average selling price of \$12.79 per Class A share. Gross proceeds, net proceeds and commissions on the Class A share sales were \$119,045,151, \$116,069,314 and \$2,975,837, respectively.

The Company issued 8,674,000 Preferred shares at \$9.80 per shares for gross proceeds of \$85,005,200 pursuant to a secondary offering that was completed on November 23, 2023. Agents' fees and issuance costs on the Preferred shares were \$2,700,156 in connection with this offering. This offering was completed in order to restore an equal number of Preferred shares and Class A shares following the retraction of shares in connection with the special retraction right offered to both classes of shares in connection with the extension of the termination date of the Company.

The Company issued 2,360,000 Preferred shares at \$10.00 per share and 1,560,000 Class A shares at \$13.75 per share for gross proceeds of \$45,050,000 pursuant to a secondary offering that was completed on January 31, 2023. Agents' fees and issuance costs were \$1,791,402 in connection with this offering.

Net assets of the Company finished the year at \$601.7 million, prior to the payment of retraction proceeds in December 2023 of \$85.7 million.

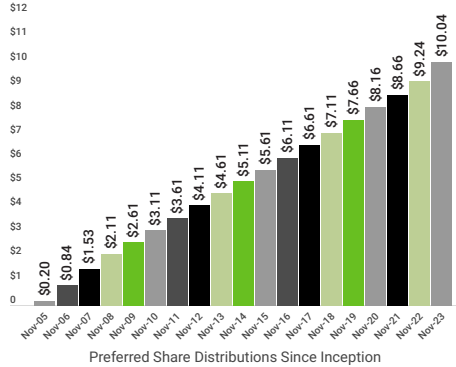
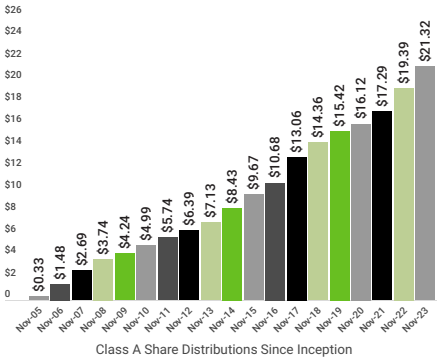
The covered call writing program continued to provide additional income and supplemented the dividend income earned in the portfolio.

## Class A shares – Distributions

Class A shareholders receive monthly cash distributions targeted to be at a rate of 15% annualized based on the volume weighted average market price of the Class A shares for the last 3 trading days of the preceding month. The net asset value per unit must remain above the required \$15 per unit threshold for monthly distributions to be paid. Total monthly cash distributions per Class A share during the year amounted to \$1.9212.

## Preferred shares – Distributions

Preferred shareholders are entitled to receive a cumulative preferential floating rate monthly dividend at an annual rate equivalent to the prevailing Canadian prime rate plus 1.5%, with a minimum annual rate of 5% and a maximum annual rate of 8% based on the \$10 repayment value. Total distributions during the year amounted to \$0.80 per Preferred share.



21.32

Cumulative total of distributions paid to Class A share since inception



10.04

Cumulative total of distributions paid to Preferred share since inception



1.12

Special distributions paid since inception

## RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Financial markets and equity markets have experienced volatility in response to significant macroeconomic factors, including central bank responses to inflation levels and geopolitical events and tensions, including military events. The investment portfolio of the Company has been subject to these market fluctuations and may continue to experience significant volatility as these situations evolve.

Pursuant to the special retraction right in connection with the extension of the termination date of the Company, the Company redeemed 8,523,887 Preferred shares and 51,483 Class A shares and made retraction payments of \$85,238,870 and \$450,476, respectively, to each class of shares subsequent to the year-end on December 15, 2023.

## RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Quadravest Capital Management Inc. (“Quadravest”) as investment manager and Manager earns fees from the Company as described below in the Management Fees section.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following tables show selected financial information about the Company and are intended to help you understand the Company's financial performance for the past five years. This information is derived from the Company's audited annual financial statements. The information in the following table is presented in accordance with National Instrument ("NI") 81-106 and, as a result, does not act as a continuity of opening and closing net assets per unit.

### The Company's net assets per unit

	Years ended November 30				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Net assets per unit, beginning of year <sup>(1)</sup>	21.37	23.11	19.01	21.36	21.02
Increase (decrease) from operations					
Total revenue	0.84	0.79	0.81	0.84	0.83
Total expenses	(0.23)	(0.28)	(0.33)	(0.24)	(0.29)
Realized gains for the year	0.03	0.16	0.28	(0.32)	0.44
Unrealized gains (losses) for the year	(1.24)	(0.43)	5.05	(1.52)	0.96
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup>	<u>(0.60)</u>	<u>0.24</u>	<u>5.81</u>	<u>(1.24)</u>	<u>1.94</u>
Distributions <sup>(3)</sup>					
Canadian dividends	(2.69)	(2.53)	(1.40)	(1.21)	(1.15)
Capital gains dividends	(0.03)	(0.15)	(0.27)	-	(0.45)
Total distributions	<u>(2.72)</u>	<u>(2.68)</u>	<u>(1.67)</u>	<u>(1.21)</u>	<u>(1.60)</u>
Net assets per unit at end of year	18.75	21.37	23.11	19.01	21.36
Net assets per Preferred share	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Net assets per Class A share	<u>8.75</u>	<u>11.37</u>	<u>13.11</u>	<u>9.01</u>	<u>11.36</u>
Net assets per unit at end of year	18.75	21.37	23.11	19.01	21.36

(1) Net assets per unit is the difference between the aggregate amount of the Company's assets and the aggregate amount of its liabilities, excluding Preferred shares and net assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A shares, at the valuation date, divided by the number of units then outstanding.

(2) Total increase (decrease) from operations is before the payment of Preferred and Class A share distributions and other income (charges) related to Preferred shares and is calculated based on the weighted average number of units outstanding during the year.

(3) Distributions to Preferred shares and Class A shares are based on the number of Preferred shares and Class A shares outstanding on the record date for each distribution in the year and were paid in cash. Characterization of distributions is based on the tax treatment that is received by investors.

## RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

	┌ 2023	Years ended November 30			└ 2019
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Net asset value (millions) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$601.7	\$345.4	\$235.9	\$203.1	\$237.0
Number of units outstanding <sup>(2)</sup>	32,088,590	16,168,419	10,207,582	10,679,482	11,092,282
Base Management expense ratio <sup>(3)</sup>	1.07%	1.16%	1.39%	1.28%	1.35%
Management expense ratio including one time secondary offering expenses <sup>(4)</sup>	3.30%	2.60%	1.45%	1.28%	1.35%
Management expense ratio per Class A share <sup>(5)</sup>	15.59%	9.61%	6.74%	9.42%	7.70%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(6)</sup>	1.99%	6.11%	9.11%	14.5%	2.5%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(7)</sup>	0.03%	0.04%	0.05%	0.06%	0.02%
Closing market price (TSX): Preferred shares	\$9.84	\$10.06	\$10.70	\$10.31	\$10.67
Closing market price (TSX): Class A shares	\$9.78	\$13.40	\$13.20	\$8.67	\$10.59

(1) This information is provided as at November 30.

(2) At times when there is an unequal number of Class A and Preferred shares outstanding, a notional unit amount will be determined as the quotient of the total net asset value of the Company and the sum of the net asset value per share attributable to Class A shares and Preferred shares.

(3) A separate base management expense ratio per unit has been presented to reflect the ongoing operating expenses of the Company. The base management expense ratio per unit is based on total expenses for the stated year, excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs, withholding tax, distributions on Preferred shares and any one time offering expenses and is expressed as an annualized percentage of the average net asset value of the Company during the year.

(4) Share issue expenses including all agents' fees and other offering expenses are one time initial expenses connected with the launch of the Company or any subsequent secondary offering. Any expenses incurred with secondary offerings were offset by the accretion to net asset value per unit of such offerings.

(5) Management expense ratio per Class A share is based on the requirements of NI 81-106. This instrument requires that all split share companies produce an expense ratio which allocates all ongoing operating expenses of the Company (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs and withholding tax), all distributions on Preferred shares and all issuance costs to the Class A shares and expresses this as an annualized percentage of the average net asset value attributable to the Class A shares during the year. The management expense ratio per Class A share should not be interpreted as the required return necessary for the Company or the Class A shares to cover the operating expenses of the Company. This calculation is based only on a portion of the Company's assets whereas the Company utilizes its entire assets to generate investment returns. Management believes that the base management expense ratio per unit disclosed in the table above is the most representative ratio in assessing the ongoing efficiency of the administration of the Company, making comparisons to the expense ratios of single unit mutual funds or determining the minimum investment returns necessary by the Company to achieve growth in net asset value per unit.

(6) The Company's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively Quadravest manages the portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Company buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the year. The Company employs a covered call writing strategy which can cause the portfolio turnover rate to be higher than conventional mutual funds. The higher the Company's portfolio turnover rate in a year, the greater the trading costs payable by the Company in the year and the greater 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 Company.

(7) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of the average net asset value of the Company during the year.



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## MANAGEMENT FEES

Pursuant to the terms of the investment management agreement, Quadrainvest is entitled to a base management fee payable in arrears at an annual rate equal to 0.65% of the net asset value of the Company, which includes the outstanding Preferred shares, calculated as at each month end valuation date. In addition, Quadrainvest is entitled to receive a performance fee subject to the achievement of certain pre-established total return thresholds.

Pursuant to the management agreement, Quadrainvest is entitled to an administration fee payable monthly in arrears at an annual rate equal to 0.20% of the net asset value of the Company, which includes the outstanding Preferred shares, calculated as at each month-end valuation date and an amount equal to the service fee payable to dealers on the Class A shares at a rate of 0.50% per annum. No service fee will be paid in any calendar quarter if regular dividends are not paid to holders of Class A shares in respect of each month in such calendar quarter. Effective June 1, 2022, the Company discontinued the payment of the service fee.

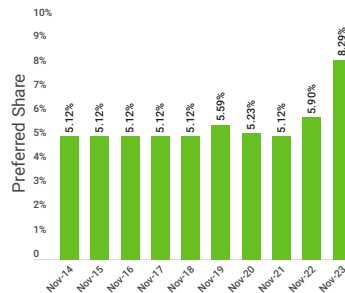
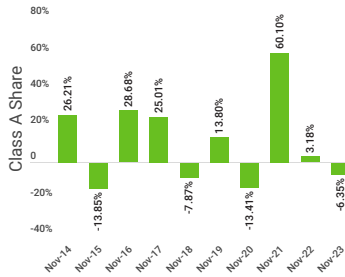
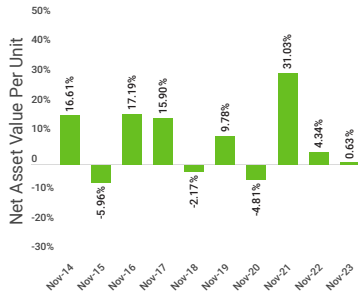
The base management fee was used by Quadrainvest to provide investment analysis, make investment decisions, and make brokerage arrangements for the purchase and sale of securities including the covered call writing program. The administration fee was used to provide or arrange administrative services required by the Company which includes all operational services, financial accounting, shareholder reporting and regulatory reporting.

## PAST PERFORMANCE

### Year-by-Year Returns

The past performance of 1) the net asset value per unit; 2) the Preferred share on a net asset value basis; and 3) the Class A share on a net asset value basis for each of the last 10 years are presented in the bar charts below. Each bar in the chart reflects the change in percentage terms of how a unit, a Preferred share or a Class A share would have increased or decreased during the applicable year. In respect to the charts displayed below, please note the following:

- The performance information shown assumes that all cash distributions made by the Company during the years shown were reinvested in the applicable additional securities of the Company;
- The performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges that would have reduced returns or performance; and
- Past performance of the Company does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.



## ANNUAL COMPOUND PERFORMANCE

The following table shows the Company's annual compound return for the one, three, five and ten years ended November 30, 2023 and since inception:

	One year	Three years	Five years	Ten years	Since inception
Canadian Banc Corp. - Unit	0.63%	11.22%	7.53%	7.68%	7.24%
Canadian Banc Corp. - Preferred share	8.29%	6.43%	6.02%	5.57%	5.60%
Canadian Banc Corp. - Class A share	-6.35%	15.66%	8.80%	9.40%	8.70%

## MARKET INDICES<sup>(1)</sup>

S&P TSX Financial Index	-0.28%	10.01%	8.40%	8.81%	8.38%
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- (1) As a result of the Company being limited to a specific universe of stocks and that a covered call writing program is implemented to generate additional income, the investment profile of the Company is quite unique and any comparisons with any other external market indices may not be appropriate.

## SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

All holdings as at November 30, 2023

Name	Weighting (%)
Royal Bank of Canada	18.8
Toronto-Dominion Bank	12.5
National Bank of Canada	9.0
Bank of Montreal	7.8
Bank of Nova Scotia	5.2
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	4.8
J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.	4.8
Bank of America	3.7
Citigroup Inc.	2.0
Goldman Sachs Group Inc.	2.0
Morgan Stanley	1.2
<b>Total long positions as a percentage of net assets</b>	<b>71.8</b>
Cash	32.6
Other net assets (liabilities)	-4.4
	100.0

The summary of investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Company. Updates are available quarterly.

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**CANADIAN BANC CORP.**

**MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING**

The financial statements of Canadian Banc Corp. (the "Company") have been prepared by Quadravest Capital Management Inc. (the "Manager" of the Company) and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company. The Manager is responsible for the information and representations contained in these financial statements and the other sections of the annual report.

The Manager maintains appropriate procedures to ensure that relevant and reliable financial information is produced. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IFRS Accounting Standards"). The significant accounting policies applicable to the Company are described in note 3 to the financial statements.

The Board of Directors of the Company is responsible for ensuring that management fulfills its responsibilities for financial reporting and has reviewed and approved these financial statements.

The Manager with the approval of the Board of Directors of the Company has appointed PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the external auditor of the Company. They have audited the financial statements of the Company in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards to enable them to express to shareholders their opinion on the financial statements. The auditor has full and unrestricted access to the Audit Committee to discuss its findings.



**WAYNE FINCH**

Chief Executive Officer, President and Director  
Quadravest Capital Management Inc.



**SILVIA GOMES**

Chief Financial Officer  
Quadravest Capital Management Inc.



## Independent auditor's report

To the Shareholders of Canadian Banc Corp. (the Company)

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### Our opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as at November 30, 2023 and 2022, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IFRS Accounting Standards).

#### What we have audited

The Company's financial statements comprise:

- the statements of financial position as at November 30, 2023 and 2022;
- the statements of comprehensive income/(loss) for the years then ended;
- the statements of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A shares for the years then ended;
- the statements of cash flow for the years then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, which include significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

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### 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 *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report.

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

#### Independence

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

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### Other information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Annual Management Report of Fund Performance and the information, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon, included in the annual report.

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Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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### **Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the financial statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as management 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, management is responsible for assessing the Company'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 management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

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### **Auditor's 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 auditor's 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 these 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 Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management'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 Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's 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 auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company 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.

We 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 audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Christina Fox.

*PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP*

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Toronto, Ontario  
February 15, 2024

**CANADIAN BANC CORP.**  
**STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

AS AT NOVEMBER 30, 2023 AND NOVEMBER 30, 2022

	November 30, 2023 (\$)	November 30, 2022 (\$)
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
Investments	432,093,317	291,725,526
Cash	195,880,944	60,390,826
Interest, dividends and other receivables	238,078	80,090
Receivable in respect of investments sold	<u>2,070,472</u>	<u>921,796</u>
	<b><u>630,282,811</u></b>	<b><u>353,118,238</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current Liabilities		
Written options	603,455	1,142,692
Fees and other accounts payable	626,940	313,252
Payable in respect of investments purchased	21,713,058	2,576,565
Distributions payable	5,678,296	3,642,089
Preferred shares (notes 1 and 6)	364,561,820	161,092,820
Class B shares	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	<b><u>393,184,569</u></b>	<b><u>168,768,418</u></b>
<b>NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE CLASS A SHARES (note 1)</b>		
	<b>237,098,242</b>	<b>184,349,820</b>
Preferred shares outstanding (notes 1 and 6)	36,456,182	16,109,282
Class A shares outstanding (notes 1 and 6)	27,091,782	16,220,682
Net assets per Preferred share	\$10.00	\$10.00
Net assets per Class A share	\$8.75	\$11.37
Net assets per unit	\$18.75	\$21.37

Approved on behalf of the Board of Directors



**WAYNE FINCH**

Director



**PETER CRUICKSHANK**

Director

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.



**CANADIAN BANC CORP.**  
**STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME / (LOSS)**

FOR THE YEARS ENDED NOVEMBER 30

	2023 (\$)	2022 (\$)
<b>INCOME</b>		
<b>Net gain (loss) on investments and derivatives</b>		
Net realized gain (loss)	702,350	2,152,379
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation	(28,441,637)	(5,734,274)
Dividends	15,106,167	9,952,011
Interest for distribution purposes	4,050,603	547,091
<b>Net gain (loss) on investments and derivatives</b>	<b><u>(8,582,517)</u></b>	<b><u>6,917,207</u></b>
<b>Other gain (loss)</b>		
Realized gain (loss) on currency	10,189	(69,340)
Change in unrealized gain (loss) in the value of currency	14,398	(10,290)
	<b><u>(8,557,930)</u></b>	<b><u>6,837,577</u></b>
<b>EXPENSES (note 7)</b>		
Management fees	3,910,833	2,521,376
Service fee	-	263,020
Audit fees	28,763	30,134
Directors' fees	14,334	22,025
Independent Review Committee fees	4,064	4,077
Custodial fees	92,704	60,506
Legal fees	34,286	32,258
Shareholder reporting costs	42,055	23,667
Other operating expenses	172,997	98,816
Harmonized sales tax	514,416	349,698
Transaction Costs	143,658	106,637
Withholding taxes	372,682	137,617
	<b><u>5,330,792</u></b>	<b><u>3,649,831</u></b>
<b>Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A shares before distributions and other income (charges) related to Preferred shares</b>		
	<b>(13,888,722)</b>	<b>3,187,746</b>
Distributions on Preferred shares	(19,170,171)	(7,816,730)
Premium (discount) on issuance of Preferred shares	(1,411,365)	912,422
Issuance costs on Preferred shares	(5,942,443)	(1,503,032)
<b>Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A shares</b>	<b><u>(40,412,701)</u></b>	<b><u>(5,219,594)</u></b>
<b>Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders per redeemable Class A share (note 8)</b>	<b>(1.81)</b>	<b>(0.39)</b>

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**CANADIAN BANC CORP.**  
**STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**  
**ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE CLASS A SHARES**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED NOVEMBER 30**

	2023 (\$)	2022 (\$)
<b>Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A shares - Beginning of year</b>	<b>184,349,820</b>	<b>133,821,328</b>
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A shares	(40,412,701)	(5,219,594)
Gross proceeds on issuance of Class A shares (note 6)	140,495,151	86,563,745
Agents' fees and issuance costs on issuance of Class A shares	<u>(4,139,475)</u>	<u>(2,698,067)</u>
Net proceeds on issuance of Class A shares	<u>136,355,676</u>	<u>83,865,678</u>
<b>Distributions on Class A shares<sup>(1)</sup></b>		
Canadian dividends	(42,565,253)	(26,110,619)
Capital gains dividends	<u>(629,300)</u>	<u>(2,006,973)</u>
	<u>(43,194,553)</u>	<u>(28,117,592)</u>
<b>Change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A shares</b>	<u><b>52,748,422</b></u>	<u><b>50,528,492</b></u>
<b>Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A shares - End of year</b>	<u><b>237,098,242</b></u>	<u><b>184,349,820</b></u>

(1) Characterization of distributions is based on the tax treatment that is received by shareholders.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**CANADIAN BANC CORP.**  
**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOW**  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED NOVEMBER 30

	2023 (\$)	2022 (\$)
<b>Cash flows from (used in) operating activities</b>		
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A shares	(40,412,701)	(5,219,594)
Adjustment for:		
Distributions on Preferred shares	19,170,171	7,816,730
Unrealized (gain) loss in the value of currency	(14,398)	10,290
(Premium) discount on issuance of Preferred shares	1,411,365	(912,422)
Issuance costs on Preferred shares	5,942,443	1,503,032
Net realized (gain) loss on investments and derivatives	(702,350)	(2,152,379)
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation of investments and derivatives	28,441,637	5,734,274
Purchase of investments, net of option premiums	(153,474,291)	(69,236,227)
Proceeds from sale of investments	2,815,793	9,795,559
(Increase) decrease in interest, dividends and other receivables	(157,988)	(70,450)
Increase (decrease) in fees and other accounts payable	177,188	(62,294)
Cash flows from (used in) operating activities	<u>(136,803,131)</u>	<u>(52,793,481)</u>
<b>Cash flows from (used in) financing activities</b>		
Gross proceeds on issuance of Class A shares and Preferred shares (note 6)	342,552,786	146,493,167
Agents' fees and issue costs on issuance of Class A shares and Preferred shares	(9,945,418)	(4,201,099)
Distributions paid on Class A shares	(42,588,815)	(27,127,970)
Distributions paid on Preferred shares	(17,739,702)	(7,242,016)
Cash flows from (used in) financing activities	<u>272,278,851</u>	<u>107,922,082</u>
Unrealized gain (loss) in the value of currency	14,398	(10,290)
Net increase (decrease) in cash	135,490,118	55,118,311
Cash at beginning of the year	60,390,826	5,272,515
<b>Cash at end of the year</b>	<b><u>195,880,944</u></b>	<b><u>60,390,826</u></b>
Dividends received, net of withholding taxes*	14,578,011	9,740,342
Interest received*	4,050,603	547,091

\* Included as part of Cash Flows from Operating Activities.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**CANADIAN BANC CORP.**  
**SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO INVESTMENTS**

AS AT NOVEMBER 30, 2023

No. of shares (contracts)	Description	Average Cost (\$ (Premiums received)	Fair Value (\$)
<b>6 Core Holdings</b>			
<b>Canadian Common Equities</b>			
420,100	Bank of Montreal	43,213,948	46,790,738
519,600	Bank of Nova Scotia	33,974,460	31,539,720
517,400	Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	26,760,342	29,026,140
603,200	National Bank of Canada	36,998,915	54,239,744
924,267	Royal Bank of Canada	106,652,978	113,333,620
906,200	Toronto-Dominion Bank	64,290,715	74,978,988
<b>Total Canadian Common Equities in Core Holdings (81.1%)</b>		<b><u>311,891,358</u></b>	<b><u>349,908,950</u></b>
<b>Other U.S. Common Equities</b>			
535,290	Bank of America	22,985,231	22,128,959
193,700	Citigroup Inc.	12,302,087	12,107,235
25,705	Goldman Sachs Group Inc.	11,018,580	11,903,471
135,200	J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.	22,866,627	28,611,351
69,100	Morgan Stanley	5,008,083	7,433,351
<b>Total Other U.S. Common Equities in Core Holdings (19.0%)</b>		<b><u>74,180,608</u></b>	<b><u>82,184,367</u></b>
<b>Total Common Equities in Core Holdings (100.1%)</b>		<b><u>386,071,966</u></b>	<b><u>432,093,317</u></b>
<b>Call Options written (100 shares per contract)</b>			
<b>Canadian call options written</b>			
(300)	Bank of Montreal @ \$114 December 2023	(28,200)	(24,150)
(100)	Bank of Montreal @ \$115 December 2023	(13,800)	(5,400)
(175)	Bank of Nova Scotia @ \$60 December 2023	(19,775)	(21,350)
(400)	Bank of Nova Scotia @ \$62 December 2023	(34,600)	(9,600)
(748)	Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce @ \$55 January 2024	(30,668)	(123,420)
(750)	National Bank of Canada @ \$92 January 2024	(120,050)	(73,875)
(660)	Royal Bank of Canada @ \$123 December 2023	(87,780)	(79,200)
(150)	Royal Bank of Canada @ \$124 December 2023	(10,500)	(11,025)
(725)	Toronto-Dominion Bank @ \$87 January 2024	(63,075)	(17,763)
(160)	Toronto-Dominion Bank @ \$88 December 2023	(5,040)	(321)
<b>Total Canadian call options written (-0.1%)</b>		<b><u>(413,488)</u></b>	<b><u>(366,104)</u></b>

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**CANADIAN BANC CORP.****SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED...)**

AS AT NOVEMBER 30, 2023

No. of shares (contracts)	Description	Average Cost (\$) (Premiums received)	Fair Value (\$)
	<b>U.S. call options written</b>		
(4)	Bank of America Corp. @ \$27 December 2023	(470)	(1,939)
(590)	Bank of America Corp. @ \$32 January 2024	(39,198)	(43,597)
(195)	Citigroup Inc. @ \$47 December 2023	(12,426)	(12,955)
(25)	Goldman Sachs Group Inc. @ \$355 January 2024	(19,322)	(19,321)
(119)	J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. @ \$150 December 2023	(38,917)	(109,312)
(135)	J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. @ \$160 January 2024	(35,843)	(43,014)
(35)	Morgan Stanley @ \$82.5 January 2024	(6,833)	(7,213)
	<b>Total U.S. call options written (0.0%)</b>	<u>(153,009)</u>	<u>(237,351)</u>
		<u>385,505,469</u>	<u>431,489,862</u>
	Less adjustments for transaction costs	(125,848)	
	<b>Total Investments (100.0%)</b>	<u>385,379,621</u>	<u>431,489,862</u>

### **1. Incorporation**

Canadian Banc Corp. (the “Company”) is a mutual fund corporation established under the laws of the Province of Ontario on May 25, 2005 that began investment operations on July 15, 2005. The manager and the investment manager of the Company is Quadravest Capital Management Inc. (“Quadravest” or “Manager”). The Company’s principal office is located at 200 Front Street West, Suite 2510, Toronto, Ontario M5V 3K2. The Company invests in an actively managed portfolio of common shares comprised primarily of 6 Canadian chartered banks. The Company employs an active covered call writing program to enhance the income earned from the portfolio. On March 2, 2023, the Company announced the extension of the termination date of the Company for a further five year period from December 1, 2023 to December 1, 2028. In connection with the extension of the termination date of the Company, a special retraction right was offered allowing existing shareholders to tender one or both classes of shares and receive a retraction price based on the November 30, 2023 net asset value of \$18.75 per unit (\$10.00 per Preferred share and \$8.75 per Class A share). 8,523,887 Preferred shares and 51,483 Class A shares were tendered for retraction and a total of \$85,689,346 was paid subsequent to the year-end on December 15, 2023 in connection with the special retraction.

In order to restore an equal number of Preferred shares and Class A shares, the Company completed a secondary offering of 8,674,000 Preferred shares for net proceeds of \$82,305,044 on November 23, 2023.

The termination date of the Company may be extended thereafter at the Company’s discretion for additional terms of five years each. Shareholders will be provided with a special retraction right in connection with any such extension.

### **2. Basis of presentation**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IFRS Accounting Standards”). These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of financial assets and financial liabilities (including derivative financial instruments) at fair value through profit or loss (“FVTPL”).

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors of the Company on February 15, 2024.

### **3. Summary of significant accounting policies**

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies followed by the Company.

#### **Investments and financial instruments**

The Company classifies its investments, including derivatives, based on both the Company’s business model for managing those financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. The portfolio of financial assets is managed and performance is evaluated on a fair value basis. The Company is primarily focused on fair value information and uses that information to assess the assets’ performance and to make decisions. The Company has not taken the option to irrevocably designate any equity securities as fair value in other comprehensive income (“FVOCI”). Consequently, all investments, including derivatives are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

The Company’s obligations for net assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A shares are presented at the annual redemption amount. All other financial assets and liabilities

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are recognized initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortized cost, which approximates fair value.

The Company recognizes regular purchases and sales of financial instruments on the trade date, which is the date on which it commits to purchase or sell the instrument. Transaction costs, such as brokerage commissions, related to financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are expensed as incurred and transaction costs related to financial instruments not at FVTPL are included in the carrying amounts thereof. A financial asset is derecognized when the rights to receive cash flows from the investment have expired or have been transferred and when the Company has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset. Dividends are recognized as income on the ex-dividend date. Realized gains and losses and unrealized appreciation and depreciation are determined on an average cost basis. The cost of investments is determined using the average cost method.

Written option premiums received by the Company are, so long as the options are outstanding, reflected as a liability, in the Statements of Financial Position and are valued at an amount equal to the current market value of an option that would have the effect of closing the position. Gains or losses realized upon expiration or exercise of the option are included in net realized gain (loss) on investments and derivatives in the Statements of Comprehensive Income/(Loss).

The Preferred shares rank prior to the Class A and Class B shares and are thus not subordinate to all other classes of puttable instruments and therefore, the shares have been classified as financial liabilities. These shares are carried at amortized cost. Amortization of premiums or discounts on the issuance of Preferred shares is included in the Statements of Comprehensive Income/(Loss).

The Class B shares are subordinate to the Preferred shares but rank prior to the Class A shares and are thus not subordinate to all other classes of puttable instruments and therefore, the shares have been classified as financial liabilities. These shares are carried at amortized cost.

The Class A shares may be retracted monthly, annually, or on the termination date of the Company. As a result, the shares contain multiple contractual obligations, and therefore, have been presented as financial liabilities.

The net asset value of the Company is determined in accordance with requirements of law, including National Instrument 81-106, Investment Fund Continuous Disclosure, and is used to process shareholder transactions. For financial reporting purposes under IFRS Accounting Standards, net assets of the Company is determined as the difference between the aggregate amount of the Company's assets and the aggregate amount of its liabilities, excluding Preferred shares and net assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A shares ("Net Assets of the Company"). Preferred shares and Class A shares are issued on the basis that an equal number of Preferred shares and Class A shares (together, a "unit") will be issued and outstanding at all material times. At times when there is an unequal number of Class A and Preferred shares outstanding, a notional unit amount will be determined as the quotient of the total net asset value of the Company and the sum of the net asset value per share attributable to Class A shares and Preferred shares.

### **Valuation of investments**

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 shares and

options) are based on the last traded prices at the close of trading on the reporting date. The Company uses the last traded market price for both financial assets and financial liabilities where the last traded price falls within that day's bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid-ask spread, the Manager determines the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value based on the specific facts and circumstances. The Company'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 is determined using valuation techniques. The Company uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each reporting date. 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, option pricing models and others commonly used by market participants and which make the maximum use of observable inputs. Refer to note 5 for further information about the Company's fair value measurements.

#### **Cash**

Cash is comprised of demand deposits with a financial institution.

#### **Translation of foreign currencies**

The Company's functional and presentation currency is Canadian dollars. The fair value of investments and other assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into the Company's functional currency at the rates of exchange prevailing at each measurement date. Purchases and sales of investments, income and expenses are translated at the rates of exchange prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions.

#### **Management fees, administration fees and performance fees**

Management fees and administration fees are accrued by the Company over time, as services are rendered by QuadraVest. At each measurement date, the Company recognizes an expense and financial liability based on the amount, if any, of performance fees expected to be paid based on the net asset value of the Company. Refer to note 7 for further information about the calculation of management, administration fees and performance fees, if any, of the Company.

#### **Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders per redeemable Class A share**

Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders per redeemable Class A share is based on the increase or decrease in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A shares divided by the weighted average number of such shares outstanding during the year. Refer to note 8 for the calculation.

#### **Taxation**

The Company qualifies as a mutual fund corporation under the Income Tax Act (Canada) (the "Tax Act") and it is subject to income tax in each taxation year on the amount of its net income for the taxation year, including net realized taxable capital gains, if any, at the rate applicable to mutual fund corporations. The general income tax rules associated with a public corporation also apply to a mutual fund corporation with the exception that taxes



payable on net realized capital gains are refundable on a formula basis when its shares are redeemed or when it pays capital gains dividends out of its capital gains dividend account to its shareholders.

Interest and foreign income are taxed at normal corporate rates applicable to mutual fund corporations and can be reduced by permitted deductions for tax purposes.

All of the Company's expenses including management fees, administration fees and operating expenses will be taken into account in determining its overall tax liability.

As a mutual fund corporation, taxable dividends received from taxable Canadian corporations are subject to a Part IV tax of 38 1/3%. Such taxes are fully refundable upon payment of taxable dividends to its shareholders on a basis of \$1.15 for every \$3 of dividends paid. Any such tax paid is reported as an amount receivable until recovered through the payment to shareholders of dividends out of net investment income. All tax on net taxable realized capital gains is refundable when the gains are distributed to shareholders as capital gains dividends or through redemption of shares at the request of shareholders, while the Company qualifies as a mutual fund corporation. As a result of the capital gains refund mechanism and Part IV tax refunds, the Company recovers any Canadian income taxes paid in respect of its capital gains and taxable Canadian dividends. As a result, the Company has determined that it is in substance not taxable. Consequently, the tax benefit of capital and non-capital losses and other temporary differences have not been reflected in the Statements of Financial Position as deferred income tax assets or liabilities.

The Company has estimated accumulated non capital losses for tax purposes as at November 30, 2023 of \$26,125,259 (November 30, 2022-\$24,747,755) that are available to lower taxable income in future years if required and expire after the scheduled termination date of the Company on December 1, 2028. The Company also has estimated accumulated capital losses for tax purposes of \$1,280,570 (November 30, 2022-\$1,280,570) which may be used to lower future capital gains if required and which do not expire.

#### **4. Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments**

The preparation of these financial statements include estimates and assumptions by management based on past experiences, present conditions and expectations of future events. Where estimates were made, the reported amounts for assets, liabilities, income and expenses may differ from the amounts that would otherwise be reflected if the ultimate outcome of all uncertainties and future events were known at the time these financial statements were prepared. The Company's most significant estimates involve the measurement of investments and derivatives at fair value as described in note 5.

#### **5. Management of Risk of Financial Instruments**

The Company classifies fair value measurements within a hierarchy which gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities and lowest priority to unobservable inputs. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are:

Level 1 - Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can assess at the measurement date;

Level 2 - Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and

Level 3 - Inputs that are unobservable for the asset or liability.

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The following table illustrates the classification of the Company's financial instruments within the fair value hierarchy as at November 30, 2023 and November 30, 2022:

Financial assets and liabilities at fair value as at November 30, 2023

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Equities	\$432,093,317	-	-	\$432,093,317
Options	(\$603,455)	-	-	(\$603,455)
	<u>\$431,489,862</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$431,489,862</u>

Financial assets and liabilities at fair value as at November 30, 2022

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Equities	\$291,725,526	-	-	\$291,725,526
Options	(\$1,142,692)	-	-	(\$1,142,692)
	<u>\$290,582,834</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$290,582,834</u>

All fair value measurements above are recurring and fair values are classified as Level 1 when the related security or derivative is actively traded and a quoted price is available. There were no transfers or reclassifications between levels for the years ended November 30, 2023 and 2022.

The Company's investment activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including price risk, interest rate risk and currency risk), credit risk and liquidity risk.

Any sensitivity analysis presented below may differ from actual results and the difference could be material.

**Market Price Risk**

All securities investments present a risk of loss of capital. The 6 core holdings were selected because of their long term history of market price appreciation and dividend growth. These portfolio companies were selected from the banking sector of the financial services index of the S&P/TSX 60 index and are among the largest financial services companies in Canada.

The market price risk is affected by three main components: price risk, interest rate risk and foreign currency movements.

**Price risk**

Other price risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk).

The supplemental covered call writing program generates an additional stream of income to the portfolio which may also help mitigate against market price declines during years in which a particular portfolio company has a covered call option written against that position.

The Company is exposed to other price risk from its investment in equity securities and written options. As at November 30, 2023, had the prices on the respective stock exchanges for these equity securities increased by 10%, with all other variables held constant, Net Assets of the Company would have increased by approximately \$40,221,000 (November 30, 2022-\$26,169,000). Similarly, had the prices on the respective stock exchanges for these equity securities decreased by 10%, with all other variables held constant, Net Assets of the Company would have decreased by approximately \$42,877,000 (November 30, 2022-\$28,544,000).

### **Interest rate risk**

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of interest bearing financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. The majority of the Company's financial assets and liabilities are non interest bearing. The Preferred shares have a floating distribution rate policy based on the prevailing Canadian prime rate plus 1.5%, with a minimum annual rate of 5% and a maximum annual rate of 8% based on the \$10 repayment value of the Preferred shares. If the Canadian prime rate increased or decreased by 1%, there would be no material impact on the dividends payable to the Preferred shares. As a result, the Company is not subject to significant amounts of risk due to fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates and considers interest rate risk insignificant as at November 30, 2023 and 2022.

### **Currency risk**

Currency risk is the risk that financial instruments that are denominated in a currency other than the Canadian dollar, which is the Company's reporting currency, will fluctuate due to changes in exchange rates. Certain portfolio holdings are listed on the New York stock exchange and trade in U.S. dollars. As at November 30, 2023, 14.0% (November 30, 2022-17.2%) of the Net Assets of the Company are invested in U.S. dollar denominated assets which includes U.S. dollar cash held. As a result, the Company's Net Assets will be affected by changes in the U.S. dollar relative to the Canadian dollar. The Company has not entered into currency hedging contracts. If the Canadian dollar appreciated/depreciated by 5% against the U.S. dollar, the Net Assets of the Company would decrease/increase by approximately \$4,226,200 (November 30, 2022-\$2,962,400).

### **Other risks**

#### **Credit risk**

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty will be unable to pay amounts in full when due. All of the Company's transactions are in listed securities and options and are settled and paid for using approved brokers. The risk of default is considered minimal as delivery of securities sold is only made once the broker has received payment. Payment is made on purchase once the securities have been received by the broker. Cash is held with a reputable and regulated financial institution. As at November 30, 2023 and 2022, the Company did not have significant credit risk exposure.

#### **Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company may not be able to settle or meet its obligations on time or at a reasonable price. The Company is exposed to liquidity risk primarily through its monthly and annual retractions of Class A shares and Preferred shares. The Company receives adequate notice for all retraction requests. The Company's portfolio is invested in highly liquid large capitalization investments that trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") and the New York Stock Exchange. All Class A shares and Preferred shares outstanding are redeemable on a monthly and annual basis but are scheduled to be redeemed upon termination of the Company. As at November 30, 2023 and 2022, all other financial liabilities are payable within three months from the end of the year.

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**Concentration risk**

The Company's portfolio is concentrated in the banking sector and as such will be exposed to the specific factors that affect this sector. An individual portfolio holding could be as high as 20% of the net asset value of the Company.

**The Company's investment portfolio is concentrated in the following segments as at:**

	November 30, 2023	November 30, 2022
Canadian common equities	58.1%	67.2%
U.S. common equities	13.7%	17.2%
Canadian call options written	-0.1%	-0.3%
U.S. call options written	0.0%	0.0%
Other assets less liabilities (excluding Preferred shares)	28.3%	15.9%
	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

**6. Redeemable Units**

**Preferred shares**

The Company is authorized to issue an unlimited number of Preferred shares.

<u>Preferred share transactions</u>	November 30, 2023	November 30, 2022
Beginning of year	16,109,282	10,207,582
Issued during the year	<u>20,346,900</u>	<u>5,901,700</u>
End of year	36,456,182	16,109,282

Preferred shareholders are entitled to receive a cumulative preferential floating rate monthly dividend at an annual rate equivalent to the prevailing Canadian prime rate plus 1.5%, with a minimum annual rate of 5% and a maximum annual rate of 8% based on the \$10 repayment value.

All Preferred shares outstanding on the termination date will be redeemed by the Company on that date. The Preferred shares have been presented as liabilities in the financial statements.

Preferred shares trade under the symbol "BK.PR.A" on the TSX. The trading price of Preferred shares on the TSX was \$9.84 as at November 30, 2023 (November 30, 2022-\$10.06). Preferred shares may be surrendered at any time for retraction at specified retraction amounts, but will be retracted only on the last business day of each month. Shareholders who concurrently retract a Preferred share and a Class A share in the month of July in each year will be entitled to receive an amount equal to the net asset value per unit calculated on the last business day of July. Preferred shares retracted in any other month will receive a retraction price based on a discounted specified retraction formula. Under the terms of a recirculation agreement, the Company may, but is not obligated to, require the recirculation agent to use its best efforts to find purchasers for any Preferred shares or Class A shares tendered for retraction.

The Preferred shares rank in priority to the Class A shares and Class B shares with respect to the payment of dividends. Preferred shares rank in priority to the Class A shares upon termination of the Company.

The Company announced on May 25, 2023 that the TSX accepted its notice of intention to make a Normal Course Issuer Bid (the "NCIB") to purchase its Preferred shares and Class A shares through the facilities of the TSX and/or alternative Canadian trading systems. The NCIB commenced on May 29, 2023 and will terminate on May 28, 2024. Pursuant to the NCIB, the Company proposes to purchase, from time to time, if it is considered advisable, up to 2,226,511 Preferred shares and 2,204,842 Class A shares of the Company, representing 10% of the public

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float of 22,265,111 Preferred shares and 22,048,422 Class A shares. As of May 15, 2023, there were 22,287,682 Preferred shares and 22,082,182 Class A shares issued and outstanding. The Company will not purchase, in any given 30-day period, in the aggregate, more than 445,753 Preferred shares or more than 441,643 Class A shares, being 2% of the issued and outstanding Preferred shares and Class A shares as of May 15, 2023.

The previous NCIB which commenced on May 27, 2022 terminated on May 26, 2023.

There were no Preferred shares nor Class A shares purchased for cancellation during the years ended November 30, 2023 and 2022.

The Company may issue shares to the public from time to time, at the Company's discretion, under an at-the-market equity program (the "ATM Program"). Any Class A shares or Preferred shares sold in the ATM Program will be sold through the TSX or any other marketplace in Canada on which the Class A shares and Preferred shares are listed, quoted or otherwise traded at the prevailing market price at the time of sale.

During the year ended November 30, 2023, 9,312,900 Preferred shares were sold through the ATM Program at an average selling price of \$10.03 per Preferred share. Gross proceeds, net proceeds and commissions on the Preferred share sales were \$93,452,435, \$91,116,500 and \$2,335,935, respectively.

During the year ended November 30, 2022, 3,190,700 Preferred shares were sold through the ATM Program at an average selling price of \$10.12 per Preferred share. Gross proceeds, net proceeds and commissions on the Preferred share sales were \$32,279,022, \$31,556,860 and \$722,162, respectively.

The Company issued 8,674,000 Preferred shares at \$9.80 per shares for gross proceeds of \$85,005,200 pursuant to a secondary offering that was completed on November 23, 2023. Agents' fees and issuance costs on the Preferred shares were \$2,700,156 in connection with this offering.

The Company issued 2,360,000 Preferred shares at \$10 per shares for gross proceeds of \$23,600,000 pursuant to a secondary offering that was completed on January 31, 2023. Agents' fees and issuance costs on the Preferred shares were \$767,076 in connection with this offering.

The Company issued 1,167,000 Preferred shares at \$10 per shares for gross proceeds of \$11,670,000 pursuant to a secondary offering that was completed on June 8, 2022. Agents' fees and issuance costs on the Preferred shares were \$391,996 in connection with this offering.

The Company issued 1,544,000 Preferred shares at \$10.35 per shares for gross proceeds of \$15,980,400 pursuant to a secondary offering that was completed on February 24, 2022. Agents' fees on the Preferred shares paid by the Company in connection with this offering were \$363,226. A portion of the agents' fees on the Class A shares and the Preferred and shares in the amount of \$232,372 and other issuance costs in the amount of \$86,263 were paid by Quadravest.

**Class A shares and Class B shares**

Authorized

An unlimited number of Class A shares  
 1,000 Class B shares

Class A share transactions

	November 30, 2023	November 30, 2022
Beginning of year	16,220,682	10,207,582
Issued during the year	<u>10,871,100</u>	<u>6,013,100</u>
End of year	27,091,782	16,220,682

Class A shares were originally issued at \$15 per share. Class A shareholders receive monthly cash distributions targeted to be at a rate of 15% annualized based on the volume weighted average market price of the Class A shares for the last 3 trading days of the preceding month. The net asset value per unit must remain above the required \$15 per unit threshold for monthly distributions

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to be declared. All Class A shares outstanding on the termination date will be redeemed by the Company on that date.

Class A shares trade under the symbol "BK" on the TSX. The trading price of Class A shares on the TSX was \$9.78 as at November 30, 2023 (November 30, 2022-\$13.40). Class A shares may be surrendered at any time for retraction at specified retraction amounts, but will be retracted only on the last business day of each month. Shareholders who concurrently retract a Class A share and a Preferred share in the month of July in each year will be entitled to receive an amount equal to the net asset value per unit calculated on the last business day of July. Class A shares retracted in any other month will receive a retraction price based on a discounted specified retraction formula. Under the terms of a recirculation agreement, the Company may, but is not obligated to, require the recirculation agent to use its best efforts to find purchasers for any Preferred shares or Class A shares tendered for retraction. Gains or losses from the redemption of shares, if any, are recorded in gain (loss) on redemptions on the Statements of Comprehensive Income/(Loss). The Preferred shares rank in priority to the Class A shares with respect to the payment of dividends. Upon the termination of the Company, Class A shareholders will receive an amount equal to the net asset value per unit less \$10 (the redemption value of the Preferred shares).

During the year ended November 30, 2023, 9,311,100 Class A shares were sold through the ATM Program at an average selling price of \$12.79 per Class A share. Gross proceeds, net proceeds and commissions on the Class A share sales were \$119,045,151, \$116,069,314 and \$2,975,837, respectively.

During the year ended November 30, 2022, 3,302,100 Class A shares were sold through the ATM Program at an average selling price of \$13.73 per Class A share. Gross proceeds, net proceeds and commissions on the Class A share sales were \$45,324,245, \$44,311,723 and \$1,012,522, respectively.

The Company issued 1,560,000 Class A shares at \$13.75 per shares for gross proceeds of \$21,450,000 pursuant to a secondary offering that was completed on January 31, 2023. Agents' fees and issuance costs on the Class A shares were \$1,024,326 in connection with this offering.

The Company issued 1,167,000 Class A shares at \$14.50 per shares for gross proceeds of \$16,921,500 pursuant to a secondary offering that was completed on June 8, 2022. Agents' fees and issuance costs on the Class A shares were \$803,364 in connection with this offering.

The Company issued 1,544,000 Class A shares at \$15.75 per shares for gross proceeds of \$24,318,000 pursuant to a secondary offering that was completed on February 24, 2022. Agents' fees and issuance costs on the Class A shares were \$856,534 in connection with this offering.

The holders of Class B shares are not entitled to receive dividends. The Class B shares are retractable at a price of \$1.00 per share. Class B shareholders are entitled to one vote per share. On July 15, 2005, the Company issued 1,000 Class B shares to Canadian Banc Corp. Holding Trust for cash consideration of \$1,000.

## **7. Expenses**

The Company is responsible for all expenses incurred in connection with the operation and administration of the Company, including, but not limited to, accounting and administration fees, custodian fees, transfer agent fees, legal and audit expenses, fees payable to the independent directors of the Company and the Company's independent review committee, regulatory filing and stock exchange fees, costs of reporting to shareholders and costs and expenses arising as a result of complying with all applicable laws, regulations and policies.

Pursuant to the management agreement, Quadravest is entitled to an administration fee payable monthly in arrears at an annual rate of 0.20% of the net asset value of the Company, which includes the outstanding Preferred shares, calculated as at each month-end valuation date and an amount equal to the service fee payable to dealers on the Class A shares at a rate of 0.50% of the net asset value attributable to Class A shares per annum. No service fee will be paid in any

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calendar quarter if regular dividends are not paid to holders of Class A shares in respect of each month in such calendar quarter. Effective June 1, 2022, the Company discontinued the payment of the service fee.

Pursuant to the terms of the investment management agreement, Quadravest is entitled to a base management fee payable in arrears at an annual rate equal to 0.65% of the net asset value of the Company, which includes the outstanding Preferred shares, calculated as at each month-end valuation date. In addition, Quadravest is entitled to receive a performance fee subject to the achievement of certain pre-established total return thresholds.

Total management fees of \$3,910,833 (November 30, 2022-\$2,521,376), incurred during the year ended November 30, 2023, include the administration fee and base management fee. As at November 30, 2023, \$389,968 (November 30, 2022-\$240,633) was payable to the Manager with respect to the administration fee and investment management fee. No performance fees were paid during the years ended November 30, 2023 and 2022.

Total brokerage commission paid during the year by the Company for its portfolio transactions were \$143,658 (November 30, 2022-\$106,637). Brokerage commissions paid to certain brokers may, in addition to paying for the cost of brokerage services in respect of portfolio transactions, also provide for the cost of investment research services provided to the investment manager. The value of such research services included in commissions paid to brokers for the year ended November 30, 2023 amounted to \$11,247 (November 30, 2022-\$8,428).

**8. Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders per redeemable Class A share**

The increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders per redeemable Class A share for the years ended November 30, 2023 and 2022 is calculated as follows:

	2023	2022
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A shares	(\$40,412,701)	(\$5,219,594)
Weighted average Class A shares outstanding	22,379,870	13,271,924
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders per redeemable Class A share	(\$1.81)	(\$0.39)

**9. Distributions**

Distributions per share were as follows:

	November 30, 2023	November 30, 2022
Preferred shares	\$0.80	\$0.57
Class A shares	\$1.9212	\$2.1049

**10. Capital Management**

The Company considers its capital to consist of Class A, Class B and Preferred shares.

The Company's objectives in managing its capital are:

- i) To provide holders of Preferred shares with a cumulative preferential floating rate monthly dividend at an annual rate equivalent to the prevailing Canadian prime rate plus 1.5%, with a minimum annual rate of 5% and a maximum annual rate of 8% based

on the \$10 repayment value and to pay holders the \$10 repayment value of those shares on the termination of the Company; and

- ii) To provide holders of Class A shares with monthly cash distributions targeted to be at a rate of 15% annualized based on the volume weighted average market price of the Class A shares for the last 3 trading days of the preceding month and to pay the original issue price of those shares on the termination of the Company. The net asset value per unit must remain above the required \$15 per unit threshold for monthly distributions to be declared.

In order to manage its capital structure, the Company may adjust the amount of dividends paid to shareholders or return capital to shareholders.

#### **11. Reconciliation of net asset value per Class A share to net assets attributable to holders per redeemable Class A share**

As at As at November 30, 2023 and November 30, 2022, there were no differences between net asset value per Class A share used for transactional purposes and net assets attributable to holders per redeemable Class A share for financial reporting purposes.

#### **12. Subsequent event**

Pursuant to the special retraction right in connection with the extension of the termination date of the Company, the Company redeemed 8,523,887 Preferred shares and 51,483 Class A shares and made retraction payments of \$85,238,870 and \$450,476, respectively, to each class of shares subsequent to the year-end on December 15, 2023.







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## **QUADRVEST CAPITAL MANAGEMENT INC.**

Quadravest Capital Management Inc. was formed in 1997 and is focused on the creation and management of enhanced yield products for retail investors. The investment strategy combines fundamental based equity investing with covered call writing. Guided by four key principles, Quadravest sets attainable investment objectives that allow the team to stay focused on a long-term investment strategy.

The four principles – innovation in financial products, discipline in investment management, solid results for investors, and excellence in client service – form the foundation of Quadravest. Each member of the firm’s tight-knit team is committed to upholding these principles, ensuring a coherence and dedication that is unique to the Company.

Quadravest has raised over \$2.5 billion in initial public offerings.

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