



**BEUTEL GOODMAN MANAGED FUNDS'  
INDEPENDENT REVIEW COMMITTEE  
2023 REPORT TO UNITHOLDERS**

**December 31, 2023**

Dear Investor:

I am pleased to present our annual report for 2023.

The Beutel Goodman Managed Funds' Independent Review Committee (IRC) was established in 2007 to advise the manager of the Funds, then Beutel Goodman Managed Funds Inc. and currently Beutel, Goodman & Company Ltd., on conflicts of interest in mutual fund management under the provisions of the Canadian Securities Administrators' *National Instrument 81-107 Independent Review Committee for Investment Funds* (Instrument). The Instrument has been designed to promote investor protection in mutual funds.

The IRC reviews conflict of interest matters identified and referred to it by the manager of the Funds, and provides its recommendation as to whether the manager's policies resolve such conflict matters in a way which achieves a fair and reasonable result for the mutual fund. In addition, there are certain actions under the Instrument that require the approval of the Committee before they can be undertaken.

In addition, at least once per year, the IRC reviews and assesses the adequacy and effectiveness of the manager's policies and procedures relating to conflict of interest matters with respect to the Funds. We also review and assess our independence, effectiveness and compensation each year.

The IRC looks forward to continuing its effective relationship with Beutel Goodman & Company Ltd.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Norton", is written in a cursive style.

Jeff Norton, Chair

## Members of the Independent Review Committee

Name	Residence	First Appointed
Jeff Norton, Chair	Winnipeg, Manitoba	July 2012
Idon Biron	Toronto, Ontario	May 2007
John Smeeton	Toronto, Ontario	May 2023

Mr. Norton was appointed Chair of the IRC on May 1, 2014.

None of the members of the IRC serves on the independent review committee of another investment fund.

### Holdings

As at December 31, 2023, no member of the IRC beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, any units in any of the Funds nor any securities of the manager or any material service provider to the Funds or the manager with respect to its fund business.

### Compensation and Indemnities

The aggregate compensation paid by the Funds to the members of the IRC for the twelve-month period from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 was \$60,000 plus taxes.

No indemnities were paid to any members of the IRC by the Funds during 2023.

At least annually, the IRC, after considering any recommendations from the manager, reviews member compensation, giving consideration to the:

1. best interests of the Funds;
2. number, nature, size and complexity of the Funds;
3. nature and extent of the workload, including the time and energy required to serve;
4. responsibilities undertaken and exposure to liabilities; and
5. best practices of the industry, including industry averages and surveys on compensation levels of other similar committees.

### Conflict of Interest Matters

The IRC is not aware of any instance in 2023 in which the manager acted in a conflict of interest matter referred to the IRC for which the IRC did not provide a positive recommendation.

The IRC is not aware of any instance in which the manager acted in a conflict of interest matter but did not meet a condition imposed by the IRC in its recommendation.

The IRC is not aware of any instance in which the manager acted in a conflict of interest matter referred to the IRC for which the IRC was required to give its approval.

## **Standing Instructions**

The IRC has provided standing instructions to the manager regarding the conflict of interest matters covered by the policies listed below. In each case, the standing instructions require the manager to comply with the related policy and procedures and to periodically report such activity to the IRC.

1. Personal Trading
2. Soft Dollar Arrangements
3. Allocation of Trades
4. Trade Errors
5. Gifts
6. Fund Valuation
7. Expense Allocation
8. Increase in Management Fees
9. Inter-Fund Trading
10. In Specie Transactions with Managed Accounts
11. In Specie Transactions with Pooled Funds

## **Beutel Goodman Managed Funds**

Beutel Goodman Canadian Equity Fund  
Beutel Goodman Total World Equity Fund  
Beutel Goodman North American Focused Equity Fund  
Beutel Goodman Fundamental Canadian Equity Fund  
Beutel Goodman Canadian Dividend Fund  
Beutel Goodman Small Cap Fund  
Beutel Goodman Income Fund  
Beutel Goodman Long Term Bond Fund  
Beutel Goodman Core Plus Bond Fund  
Beutel Goodman Balanced Fund  
Beutel Goodman Money Market Fund  
Beutel Goodman American Equity Fund  
Beutel Goodman International Equity Fund  
Beutel Goodman World Focus Equity Fund  
Beutel Goodman Global Equity Fund  
Beutel Goodman Global Dividend Fund  
Beutel Goodman Short Term Bond Fund