## **TD U.S. Small-Cap Equity Fund**

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# TD Mutual Funds Interim Management Report of Fund Performance

for the period ended June 30, 2024

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This interim management report of fund performance represents management's view of the significant factors and developments affecting the investment fund's performance and outlook since December 31, 2023, the investment fund's fiscal year-end, until June 30, 2024. This report should be read in conjunction with the 2023 annual management report of fund performance.

## TD U.S. Small-Cap Equity Fund

## **Management Discussion of Fund Performance**

#### **Results of Operations**

The Investor Series units of TD U.S. Small-Cap Equity Fund (the "Fund") returned 3.2% for the six-month period ended June 30, 2024 (the "Reporting Period"), versus 5.6% for the Fund's product benchmark, the Russell 2000 Total Return Index (C\$). Unlike the product benchmark, the Fund's return is quoted after the deduction of fees and expenses. Returns for other series of the Fund may vary, largely due to differences in fees and expenses. Refer to the Past Performance section for returns of various series of the Fund.

#### Market Update

U.S. stocks advanced over the Reporting Period, with some indices reaching all-time highs, supported by positive market sentiment from 2023 about an economic "soft landing" (whereby inflation is tamed without triggering a recession). Earlier in the Reporting Period, expectations for interest rate cuts were lowered by strong economic data. The U.S. equity market was boosted by corporate earnings reports and strong investor interest in companies expected to benefit from artificial intelligence developments. In April, equities fell on signs that inflation reduction had stalled, raising concerns about interest rates remaining higher for longer. Geopolitical tensions in the Middle East pressured stock markets. However, weaker labour market and inflation data in May contributed to a rebound. Large-capitalization stocks remained strong in June, while smaller companies struggled with expectations for fewer interest rate cuts.

## Key Contributors/Detractors

The Fund generated a positive return over the Reporting Period but underperformed its product benchmark. At the overall sector level, security selection detracted from performance, which was partially offset by sector allocation.

- Stock selection in the health care sector detracted from performance. A holding in 10X Genomics Inc., a leader in single-cell gene expression analysis, detracted as the company faced product transition issues, challenges related to sales force reconstitution and weakness in its Chinese end market. Legal issues with NanoString Technologies Inc., a company subsequently acquired by Bruker Corp., may also have dampened investor sentiment. However, the Sub-Adviser expects there is a space for both 10X Genomics and Bruker in a growing industry.
- Security selection in the information technology sector detracted from performance. Not owning Super Micro Computer Inc. detracted from performance. The company is a distributor and manufacturer of information technology solutions and other computer products. Its shares advanced amid accelerating artificial intelligence demand and increased adoption of the company's liquid cooling assets. In the Sub-Adviser's view, Super Micro Computer is a lower-quality company that benefited from a partnership with NVIDIA Corp. It is the largest market capitalization company ever held in the product benchmark, and its size exceeds the Fund's mandate.

- Stock selection in the consumer staples sector also detracted from performance.
- Stock selection in the energy sector contributed to performance. Shares of Diamondback Energy Inc. rose sharply after the company announced a merger deal with exploration and production competitor Endeavor Energy Resources L.P., the largest private operator in the Permian Basin. The Fund sold its holdings in Diamondback Energy before the end of the Reporting Period.
- Security selection in the industrials sector and in the business services segment also contributed to performance.

#### **Recent Developments**

As concerns about a potential U.S. economic recession have receded, investor focus has shifted towards inflation risk. The consensus expectation is for continued expansion, elevated inflationary pressures and fewer interest rate cuts. In the Sub-Adviser's view, weakness in the labour market could lead the U.S. Federal Reserve Board ("Fed") to lower interest rates sooner rather than later. However, the Sub-Adviser expects that the Fed is likely to initiate fewer interest rate cuts than anticipated, given U.S. economic strength and persistently elevated inflation. In the Sub-Adviser's view, these market conditions present many opportunities for active, long-term investors to unlock value.

#### **Related Party Transactions**

Affiliates of TD Asset Management Inc. ("TDAM") may earn fees and spreads in connection with various services provided to, or transactions with, the Fund, such as in connection with banking (including deposit taking), custody, securityholder account maintenance and reporting, brokerage and derivatives transactions.

## Manager, Trustee and Portfolio Adviser:

TDAM, a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Toronto-Dominion Bank ("TD"), is the manager, trustee and portfolio adviser of the Fund. TDAM has retained T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. as sub-adviser for the Fund in addition to TDAM. The Fund pays TDAM an annual management fee, which may vary for each series of the Fund. The Fund also pays TDAM an annual administration fee of 0.20% per simplified prospectus, calculated and accrued as a percentage of the net asset value, with respect to the Investor Series, Advisor Series and D-Series units of the Fund.

#### Distributor:

Certain series of units of the Fund are distributed through brokers and dealers including TD Waterhouse Canada Inc. ("TDWCI"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of TD. TDWCI, like other dealers, is paid a trailer commission by TDAM for distributing certain series of units of the Fund. Trailer commissions are paid by TDAM out of the management fees it receives from the Fund and are based on the average value of assets held by each dealer.

#### Registrar and Transfer Agent:

TD is the registrar and transfer agent of the Fund, and as such maintains all unitholder records, processes purchase, switch, conversion and redemption orders, issues investor statements and prepares annual tax reporting information on behalf of the Fund.

TD earns a foreign exchange spread when unitholders switch between units of funds denominated in different currencies. The Fund also maintains bank accounts and overdraft provisions with TD for which TD earns a fee.

#### Custodian:

TD is the sub-custodian of the Fund and may hold a portion of the assets (including cash and investments) of the Fund.

#### Buying and Selling Securities:

TDAM has established an independent review committee ("IRC") which acts as an impartial and independent committee to review and provide recommendations or, if appropriate, approvals respecting any conflict of interest matters referred to it by TDAM. The IRC prepares, at least annually, a report of its activities for securityholders of the Fund. The report is available on the TDAM website at www.td.com/ca/en/asset-management or at the securityholder's request at no cost by contacting TDAM (see front cover).

The Fund relied on standing instructions from the IRC in respect of one or more of the following transactions:

(a) trades in securities of TD or any affiliate or associate thereof;

- (b) investments in the securities of an issuer where TD Securities Inc., TDWCI, or any other affiliate of TDAM (a "Related Dealer") acted as an underwriter during the distribution of such securities and the 60-day period following the completion of the distribution of the underwritten securities;
- (c) purchases or sales of securities of an issuer from or to another investment fund or discretionary managed account managed by TDAM; and
- (d) purchases of securities from or sales of securities to a Related Dealer, where it acted as principal.

The relevant standing instructions require that securities transactions with related parties conducted by TDAM (i) are free from any influence by an entity related to TDAM and without taking into account any consideration relevant to an entity related to TDAM; (ii) represent the business judgment of TDAM uninfluenced by considerations other than the best interests of the Fund; (iii) comply with the applicable policies and procedures of TDAM; and (iv) achieve a fair and reasonable result for the Fund.

## **Financial Highlights**

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the six-month period ended June 30, 2024 and the past five fiscal years, as applicable. For series that commenced operations during any of the periods presented, the data reported for that period represents results from the commencement of operations (as disclosed in the Past Performance section) to the end of that reporting period.

#### Net Assets per Unit (\$)<sup>1</sup>

	INVESTOR SE	RIES					ADVISOR SEI	RIES				
—	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Net Assets, Beginning of Period	53.86	48.20	61.22	53.87	45.52	37.48	49.55	44.31	56.22	49.45	41.70	34.19
Increase (Decrease) from Operations:												
Total Revenue	0.29	0.63	0.40	0.41	0.45	0.43	0.27	0.55	0.36	0.38	0.42	0.39
Total Expenses (excluding distributions)	(0.72)	(1.33)	(1.34)	(1.58)	(1.22)	(1.18)	(0.66)	(1.21)	(1.22)	(1.44)	(1.11)	(1.07)
Realized Gains (Losses) for the Period	3.72	2.25	4.62	7.69	2.75	3.39	3.43	2.10	4.13	6.93	2.56	3.03
Unrealized Gains (Losses) for the Period	(1.49)	4.46	(16.58)	0.77	6.10	7.69	(1.41)	3.92	(14.72)	0.43	5.81	6.32
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations <sup>2</sup>	1.80	6.01	(12.90)	7.29	8.08	10.33	1.63	5.36	(11.45)	6.30	7.68	8.67
Distributions:												
From Net Investment Income												
(excluding dividends)		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
From Dividends		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
From Capital Gains		(0.48)	(1.11)	0.00	(0.76)	(1.39)		(0.42)	(0.96)	0.00	(0.61)	(1.11)
Return of Capital		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Annual Distributions <sup>3</sup>	0.00	(0.48)	(1.11)	0.00	(0.76)	(1.39)	0.00	(0.42)	(0.96)	0.00	(0.61)	(1.11)
Net Assets, End of Period	55.56	53.86	48.20	61.22	53.87	45.52	51.12	49.55	44.31	56.22	49.45	41.70
	F-SERIES						D-SERIES					
—	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Net Assets, Beginning of Period	54.24	47.89	60.00	52.03	43.24	34.91	19.26	17.03	21.38	18.65	15.62	12.57
Increase (Decrease) from Operations:	51121			52.05	1912.1				21100	10105	10102	
Total Revenue	0.29	0.49	0.40	0.41	0.42	0.41	0.10	0.26	0.13	0.14	0.15	0.15
Total Expenses (excluding distributions)	(0.37)	(0.66)	(0.62)	(0.72)	(0.54)	(0.51)	(0.15)	(0.27)	(0.29)	(0.38)	(0.29)	(0.28)
Realized Gains (Losses) for the Period	3.79	2.37	4.58	7.19	2.75	3.04	1.34	0.76	1.52	2.65	0.96	0.99
Unrealized Gains (Losses) for the Period	(1.65)	4.03	(16.85)	0.51	6.49	6.21	(0.56)	1.58	(5.35)	0.19	2.16	1.56
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations <sup>2</sup>		6.23	(12.49)	7.39	9.12	9.15	0.73	2.33	(3.99)	2.60	2.98	2.42
Distributions:												
From Net Investment Income												
(excluding dividends)		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
From Dividends		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
From Capital Gains		(0.48)	(1.09)	0.00	(0.60)	(1.09)		(0.16)	(0.36)	0.00	(0.25)	(0.25)
Return of Capital		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Annual Distributions <sup>3</sup>	0.00	(0.48)	(1.09)	0.00	(0.60)	(1.09)	0.00	(0.16)	(0.36)	0.00	(0.25)	(0.25)
Net Assets, End of Period	56.32	54.24	47.89	60.00	52.03	43.24	19.97	19.26	17.03	21.38	18.65	15.62
	O-SERIES											
-	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019						
Net Assets, Beginning of Period	56.39	49.42	61.33	52.60	43.46	34.77						
Increase (Decrease) from Operations:												
Total Revenue	0.31	0.71	0.43	0.40	0.43	0.41						
Total Expenses (excluding distributions)	(0.06)	(0.10)	(0.06)	(0.08)	(0.06)	(0.06)						
Realized Gains (Losses) for the Period	3.97	2.29	4.74	7.73	2.77	3.01						
Unrealized Gains (Losses) for the Period	(1.76)	4.75	(18.56)	0.86	7.10	6.74						
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations <sup>2</sup>	2.46	7.65	(13.45)	8.91	10.24	10.10						
Distributions:												

 Net Assets, End of Period
 58.89
 56.39
 49.42
 61.33
 52.60
 43.46

 <sup>1</sup> This information is derived from the Fund's interim and audited annual financial statements prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. The Fund measures fair value of its investments based on close market prices, where the close market price falls within the bid-ask spread or based on quotations from recognized dealers.

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As such, the Fund's accounting policies for measuring the fair value of investments in the financial statements are substantively consistent with those used in measuring the net asset value ("NAV") for transactions with unitholders.

<sup>2</sup> Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase (decrease) from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the financial periods. These tables are not intended to be a reconciliation of the net assets per unit.

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<sup>3</sup> Distributions were paid in cash or reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both.

From Net Investment Income (excluding dividends)

Total Annual Distributions 3

From Dividends

From Capital Gains

Return of Capital

#### **Ratios and Supplemental Data**

	INVESTOR SI	INVESTOR SERIES							ADVISOR SERIES				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020		
Total Net Asset Value (\$000s) <sup>1</sup>	34,232	38,940	41,231	63,147	55,758	54,444	20,206	23,224	21,089	28,462	20,579		
Number of Units Outstanding (000s) 1	616	723	856	1,031	1,035	1,196	395	469	476	506	416		
Management Expense Ratio (%)2	2.44	2.44	2.49	2.55	2.55	2.55	2.42	2.42	2.47	2.52	2.53		
Management Expense Ratio Before													
Waivers or Absorptions (%)	2.44	2.44	2.51	2.55	2.55	2.55	2.42	2.42	2.49	2.52	2.53		
Trading Expense Ratio (%) <sup>3</sup>	0.06	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.06	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03		
Portfolio Turnover Rate (%) <sup>4</sup>	27.56	28.11	30.48	24.84	29.70	31.42	27.56	28.11	30.48	24.84	29.70		
Net Asset Value per Unit (\$)	55.56	53.86	48.20	61.22	53.87	45.52	51.12	49.55	44.31	56.22	49.45		
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	F-SERIES						D-SERIES					
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total Net Asset Value (\$000s) 1	79,481	84,507	81,536	123,585	62,772	42,228	29,394	30,412	29,226	35,916	27,839	25,438
Number of Units Outstanding (000s) <sup>1</sup>	1,411	1,558	1,703	2,060	1,206	977	1,472	1,579	1,716	1,680	1,492	1,628
Management Expense Ratio (%) <sup>2</sup> Management Expense Ratio Before	1.12	1.12	1.11	1.10	1.11	1.10	1.32	1.32	1.48	1.71	1.71	1.71
Waivers or Absorptions (%)	1.12	1.12	1.11	1.10	1.11	1.10	1.33	1.33	1.55	1.71	1.71	1.72
Trading Expense Ratio (%) <sup>3</sup>	0.06	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.06	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.03
Portfolio Turnover Rate (%) <sup>4</sup>	27.56	28.11	30.48	24.84	29.70	31.42	27.56	28.11	30.48	24.84	29.70	31.42
Net Asset Value per Unit (\$)	56.32	54.24	47.89	60.00	52.03	43.24	19.97	19.26	17.03	21.38	18.65	15.62

	O-SERIES					
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total Net Asset Value (\$000s) <sup>1</sup>	226,674	213,580	194,694	378,672	524,178	385,198
Number of Units Outstanding (000s) 1	3,849	3,787	3,940	6,174	9,965	8,863
Management Expense Ratio (%) <sup>2,5</sup>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Management Expense Ratio Before						
Waivers or Absorptions (%)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Trading Expense Ratio (%) <sup>3</sup>	0.06	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.03
Portfolio Turnover Rate (%)4	27.56	28.11	30.48	24.84	29.70	31.42
Net Asset Value per Unit (\$)	58.89	56.39	49.42	61.33	52.60	43.46

<sup>1</sup> This information is provided as at June 30, 2024 and December 31 of the past five fiscal years, as applicable.

<sup>2</sup> Management Expense Ratio ("MER") is based on total expenses (excluding distributions, commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) net of any waivers or absorptions for the stated period, including the Fund's proportionate share of the MER, if any, of the underlying fund(s) in which the Fund has invested in, and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average NAV during the period. Management Expense Ratio Before Waivers or Absorptions is based on total expenses and excludes the management fees on the portion of the NAV the Fund invests in the underlying funds that are managed by TDAM or its affiliates. There will be no duplication of management fees paid to TDAM or its affiliates. Any waivers or absorptions may be discontinued at any time by TDAM at its discretion without notice.

<sup>3</sup> The trading expense ratio ("TER") represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average NAV during the stated period. Where a Fund invests in units of any underlying fund, the TER presented for the Fund includes the portion of TERs, if available, of the underlying fund(s) attributable to this investment.

<sup>4</sup> The Fund's portfolio turnover rate ("PTR") indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio adviser manages its investments. A PTR of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the stated period. The higher a fund's PTR, the greater the trading costs payable, directly or indirectly, by the fund in the period, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the fiscal year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a fund.

performance of a fund. <sup>5</sup> The Fund does not pay any management fees or operating expenses with respect to the O-Series units of the Fund, but may have a MER as a result of its holdings in underlying fund(s), representing the weighted average MER of those underlying fund(s) for the reporting period.

#### **Management Fees**

As manager and trustee of the Fund, TDAM is responsible for the overall business and affairs of the Fund, including activities related to making units of the Fund available to investors, and providing, or arranging for the provision of, investment advisory services and marketing services to the Fund. In consideration for the provision of such services, each series of the Fund, other than O-Series units, pays TDAM a management fee.

Management fees are calculated and accrued on a daily basis for each applicable series based on the net asset value of that series and paid monthly to TDAM.

The simplified prospectus discloses a specified annual management fee rate that TDAM can charge for each series of the Fund. Where TDAM chooses to charge a management fee rate below the specified annual management fee rate, the difference represents a waiver of management fees. TDAM may waive all or a portion of the management fees being charged to the Fund, which may be discontinued at any time by TDAM at its discretion without notice to unitholders. The annual management fees and a breakdown of the major services rendered for each series, as a percentage of the management fees paid, are as follows:

2019 17,556 421 2.52 2.53 0.03 31.42 41.70

(expressed as a %)	Annual Mgmt. Fees®	Dealer Compensation	Waived Operating Expenses	Other‡
Investor Series	2.00	48.87	0.09	51.04
Advisor Series	2.00	48.13	0.09	51.78
F-Series	1.00	0.00	0.17	99.83
D-Series	1.00	0.00	0.17	99.83
O-Series	0.00	N/A	N/A	N/A

There are no management fees paid by the Fund in respect of O-Series units of the Fund. Unitholders in the O-Series pay a negotiated fee directly to TDAM.

 Includes management fees paid by the Fund and the proportionate management fees, if any, of the underlying fund(s) managed by TDAM held by the Fund. However, no management fees are payable by the Fund that, to a reasonable person, would duplicate a fee payable by the underlying fund(s) for the same services.

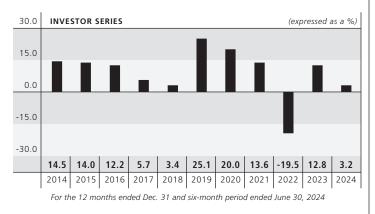
<sup>‡</sup> Investment advisory, trustee, marketing services and other.

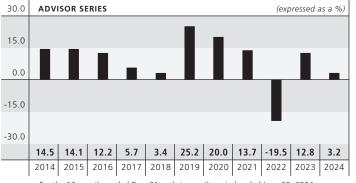
## Past Performance

The following charts show how the Fund has performed in the past, and can help you understand the risks of investing in the Fund. These returns include the reinvestment of all distributions. They do not include deduction of sales, switch, redemption, or other optional charges (which dealers may charge) or income taxes payable, and these returns would be lower if they did. The Fund's past performance does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.

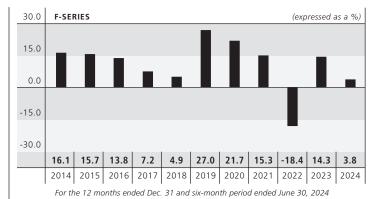
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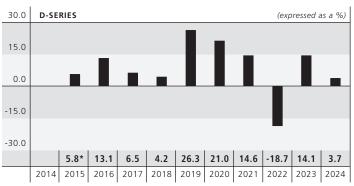
The bar charts show how the Fund's performance has varied from year to year for each of the years shown. They show in percentage terms how an investment made on January 1 would have increased or decreased by December 31 for each year and for the six-month period ended June 30, 2024.



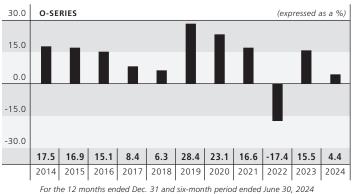


For the 12 months ended Dec. 31 and six-month period ended June 30, 2024





For the 12 months ended Dec. 31 and six-month period ended June 30, 2024 \* From February 10, 2015 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2015



TOTAL NET ASSET VALUE (000s)

## Summary of Investment Portfolio

as at June 30, 2024

	% of Net Asset Value
ASSET ALLOCATION	
U.S. Equities	87.6
Global Equities	5.0
Canadian Equities	3.6
U.S. Preferred Equities	2.5
Cash (Bank Overdraft)	1.6
Canadian Preferred Equities	0.1
U.S. Bonds	0.1
Derivatives	0.0
Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	(0.5)
PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION	
Industrials	19.0
Information Technology	17.0
Financials	16.5
Health Care	15.1
Consumer Discretionary	8.5
Energy	6.8
Real Estate	4.8
Materials	3.8
Consumer Staples	2.9
Utilities	2.8
Communication Services	1.6
Cash (Bank Overdraft)	1.6
Corporate Bonds	0.1
Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	(0.5)

	% of Net Asset Value
TOP 25 INVESTMENTS	
Cash (Bank Overdraft)	1.6
PAR Technology Corporation	1.3
PennyMac Financial Services Inc.	1.0
Onto Innovations Inc.	0.9
Saia Inc.	0.9
Range Resources Corporation	0.9
Parsons Corporation	0.9
Cboe Global Markets Inc.	0.9
RBC Bearings Inc.	0.8
Selective Insurance Group Inc.	0.8
SPX Technologies Inc.	0.8
AZZ Inc.	0.8
Chesapeake Utilities Corporation	0.8
Esab Corporation	0.8
MACOM Technology Solutions Holdings Inc.	0.8
Masimo Corporation	0.8
The Descartes Systems Group Inc.	0.7
East West Bancorp Inc.	0.7
FirstService Corporation	0.7
Element Solutions Inc.	0.7
Federal Signal Corporation	0.7
Mirion Technologies Inc.	0.7
Weatherford International PLC	0.7
Teledyne Technologies Inc.	0.7
Liberty Media Corporation-Liberty Live	0.7
Total % of Net Asset Value represented by these holdings	21.1

Cash held with The Toronto-Dominion Bank, a related party to the Fund, was 1.6% of net asset value of the Fund.

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding to one decimal place of individual figures.

The Summary of Investment Portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund. Updates are available quarterly. You may obtain the most current quarterly information by contacting 1-800-386-3757, by writing to us at TD Asset Management Inc., P.O. Box 100, 66 Wellington Street West, TD Bank Tower, Toronto, Ontario, M5K 1G8, or by visiting our website at www.td.com/ca/en/asset-management.

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## Caution regarding forward-looking statements

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