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Dear Securityholder,

The Independent Review Committee (IRC) of the Mackenzie Funds is pleased to provide its annual report for the period ended March 31, 2020 as required by National Instrument 81 - 107 *Independent Review Committee* for Investment Funds.

Your IRC has a mandate to review conflict of interest matters identified and referred to the IRC by Mackenzie Financial Corporation (the Manager) in respect of the Mackenzie Funds (the Funds) and to give its approval or recommendation, depending on the nature of the conflict of interest matter. A "conflict-of-interest matter" is a situation where a reasonable person would consider the Manager or an entity related to the Manager to have an interest that may conflict with the Manager's ability to act in good faith and in the best interests of the Funds. In each instance where a conflict-of-interest matter is identified and referred to the IRC, the focus of the IRC is to determine if the Manager's proposed action achieves a fair and reasonable result for the Funds.

At least annually, the IRC also reviews and assesses the adequacy and effectiveness of the Manager's policies in respect of the Funds and conducts a self-assessment of the IRC's independence, compensation and effectiveness.

The IRC's duties and functions are distinct from those of the Manager's Board. The latter are described within the report.

The members of the IRC, whose identities are listed in the report, bring to their duties a wide range of business experience.

The IRC continues to be well satisfied with the open and cooperative attitude the Manager has brought to its interaction with IRC members. They look forward to maintaining that level of cooperation and to continue to consider whether conflict issues are resolved in a manner that achieves a fair and reasonable result for the Funds.

**Robert Hines** 

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Chair of the Independent Review Committee

# Report of the Independent Review Committee of Mackenzie Funds for the Year Ended March 31, 2020

#### Structure of the Funds and Their Governance

Mackenzie Financial Corporation, the manager of the Funds (the Manager), is governed by a Board of Directors. Those Funds that are structured as classes of a fund corporation also have a Board of Directors. The Boards each have distinct functions though they have identical membership. A majority of the members of the Boards are independent of Mackenzie Financial Corporation. The Boards oversee matters relating to the Funds including monitoring investment performance, reviewing financial statements and management reports of fund performance, receiving reports on the operations of the Funds and reviewing proposed changes to the Funds including changes to investment objectives and strategies.

# **Scope of Report**

The Funds have a financial year that ends on March 31 and this report relates to the twelve-month period ended March 31, 2020. The Funds are listed at the conclusion of this report.

## The IRC and its Membership

The IRC became operational on November 1, 2007. The names of the members of the IRC are listed below. Mr. Robert Hines, Mr. Martin Taylor and Mr. George Hucal were first appointed effective May 1, 2007, and Mr. Scott Edmonds was appointed effective February 24, 2012. Each member has been subsequently reappointed with the agreement of the Manager. Mr. Robert Hines was appointed Chair on February 1, 2013.

Name	Residence
Robert Hines (Chair)	Toronto, Ontario
Martin Taylor	Toronto, Ontario
George Hucal	Montreal, Quebec
Scott Edmonds	Vancouver, British Columbia

All IRC members are independent of the Manager and maintain transparency in relation to their personal holdings of Funds and securities of the Manager. As at March 31, 2020 the members of the IRC did not beneficially own, directly or indirectly, in the aggregate, more than 0.1% of any outstanding units of any series of the Funds. As at March 31, 2020, the members of the IRC did not beneficially own directly or indirectly, in the aggregate, more than 0.1% of any class or series of voting

or equity securities of the Manager or its indirect parent companies, IGM Financial Inc., Power Financial Corporation or Power Corporation of Canada. As at March 31, 2020, the members of the IRC did not beneficially own, in the aggregate, directly or indirectly, more than 0.1% of any class or series of voting or equity securities of any material service provider to the Funds or the Manager.

The members of the IRC also serve, in a separate capacity, as members of the IRC for mutual funds managed by Counsel Portfolio Services Inc., an affiliate of the Manager.

### **Compensation and Indemnities**

The members of the IRC are entitled to be compensated by the Funds and to be indemnified by the Funds in appropriate circumstances. The aggregate compensation paid by the Funds to the IRC for the period from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020 was \$235,000.

The members of the IRC were not paid any amounts under the indemnities provided to them by the Funds during the period.

The IRC reviews and determines its own compensation on an annual basis as required by National Instrument 81-107. In deciding the appropriate level of compensation, the IRC:

- considers the Manager's recommendations on reasonable compensation for the IRC
- considers the workload of the IRC and the contribution made by each of its members
- considers the benefit accruing to the Funds as a result of the IRC activity
- considers the complexity and difficulty of the tasks undertaken by the IRC, and
- conducts a review of the compensation and expenses that other Canadian mutual fund governance agency members receive in comparable circumstances at the applicable time period, if that information is publicly available and accessible by the IRC.

## **Summary of Conflict of Interest Matters**

Approvals and Standing Instructions

During the period, the Manager relied upon the approval and standing instruction of the IRC in order to enable the Funds to invest in related issuers of the Funds. Absent



IRC approval, the Funds could not have made these investments. For purposes of the above, a related issuer of a Fund is an issuer who is a substantial securityholder of the Manager (holding more than 20% of the voting securities of the Manager) or an issuer in which a substantial securityholder of the Manager has a significant interest (holding more than 10% of the voting securities of the issuer), or an issuer of which a director or officer of the portfolio manager or an affiliate of the portfolio manager is also a director or officer.

The standing instruction requires that the Manager act in accordance with the Investment in Securities of a Related Company Policy, make periodic reports of its adherence to the Policy accompanied by certificates of the applicable portfolio managers attesting thereto and provide timely notification of any material breaches of, or exceptions to, the Policy.

During the period the Manager relied on the approval and standing instructions of the IRC in order to engage in inter-fund trading (which is also referred to as cross-trading). Inter-fund trading occurs when a Fund purchases portfolio securities from or sells portfolio securities to another Fund. This standing instruction requires the Manager to act in accordance with the applicable policy, make periodic reports of its adherence to the policy and provide timely notification of any material breaches of, or exceptions to, the policy.

#### Approval

During the period, the Manager relied upon the approval of the IRC to proceed with the proposal to merge Mackenzie US Dividend Registered Fund into Mackenzie US Dividend Fund.

#### Positive Recommendations

During the period, the Manager relied upon the recommendation of the IRC to proceed with the following proposals:

- (a) to merge Mackenzie Canadian Balanced Fund into Mackenzie Strategic Income Fund
- (b) to merge Mackenzie US Strategic Income Fund into Mackenzie Global Strategic Income Fund
- (c) to merge Mackenzie Cundill US Class into Mackenzie US Growth Class
- (d) to eliminate a third party sub-advisor mandate in Mackenzie Corporate Bond Fund and Mackenzie North American Corporate Bond

- Fund and invest the proceeds in mandates managed by the Manager; and
- (e) to eliminate a third party sub-advisor in the seven Symmetry Portfolios and invest the proceeds in mandates managed by the Manager

Positive Recommendations and Standing Instructions

The IRC reviews existing standing instructions each year and the Manager's proposals to continue or terminate those standing instructions. The IRC also reviews, from time to time, the Manager's requests for new standing instructions. As a result of the IRC's reviews during the year ended March 31, 2020, the Manager received positive recommendations and standing instructions in respect of the conflict of interest matters addressed by the following policies:

Policy	Description
Portfolio Positions Disclosure	Governs the release of information about a fund's investments
Code of Business Conduct and Ethics	Governs the activities of the Manager's employees and directors
Gift and Entertainment	Governs the acceptance of gifts and entertainment by the Manager's employees
Access Persons' Personal Trading	Governs the personal trading of individuals who have access to fund portfolio information
Indirect Access Persons	Governs the activities of individuals who have incidental access to fund portfolio information
Mackenzie Fund Insiders' Personal Trading	Governs the personal trading of individuals who have access to inside information about a Fund
Best Execution	Governs the oversight of the execution of trades of portfolio securities by brokers, including the selection of brokers and commissions paid
Proxy Voting	Governs voting of proxies held by the Funds



Policy	Description
Use of Client Brokerage Commissions	Governs the acceptance of services by the Manager from brokers that execute portfolio transactions for the Funds
Trade Allocation	Governs the allocation of investment opportunities among the Funds and other accounts
Short-Term Trade Monitoring	Governs the monitoring of potential harmful investor activity
Gain/Loss Accounting	Governs the correction of errors in calculating the security price of a Fund, in managing investor transactions, and in trading a Fund's portfolio securities
Valuation	Governs the determination of the value of a Fund's portfolio securities
Sub advisor Conflict of Interest	Governs the oversight of Fund external portfolio managers
Redemption & Disposition for Investments in Funds	Governs the process by which the Manager withdraws seed capital from the Funds
Corporate Class Tax Management	Governs the allocation of taxes and dividends by a mutual fund corporation to its investors and governs investment in securities that are likely to generate foreign source income in a mutual fund corporation
Investment Management Changes	Governs investment management changes where the change results in an economic benefit to the Manager or a related entity
Large Transaction in Mutual Funds	Governs the arrangements made by the Manager for investments in the Funds
In Specie Transfers	Governs the in specie transfers of securities between Funds and other accounts or pools managed by the Manager

Policy	Description
Investments in ETFs	Governs investments by an investment fund managed by Mackenzie (including a conventional mutual fund or exchange traded fund) in an exchange traded fund managed by Mackenzie
Sales Practices	Governs Mackenzie's sales practices in relation to advisors that sell the Funds

# **Additional Information**

Securityholders who would like additional details regarding the activities of the IRC may contact the Manager at service@mackenzieinvestments.com. Questions for members of the IRC will be appropriately directed to our attention.



#### **MACKENZIE MUTUAL FUNDS:**

Advanced Folio Fund

Aggressive Folio Fund

Balanced Folio Fund

Canada Life Pathways Canadian Concentrated Equity

Canada Life Pathways Canadian Equity Fund

Canada Life Pathways Core Bond Fund

Canada Life Pathways Core Plus Bond Fund

Canada Life Pathways Emerging Markets Equity Fund

Canada Life Pathways Emerging Markets Large Cap

**Equity Fund** 

Canada Life Pathways Global Core Plus Bond Fund

Canada Life Pathways Global Multi Sector Bond Fund

Canada Life Pathways Global Tactical Fund

Canada Life Pathways International Concentrated

**Equity Fund** 

Canada Life Pathways International Equity Fund

Canada Life Pathways Money Market Fund

Canada Life Pathways U.S. Concentrated Equity Fund

Canada Life Pathways U.S. Equity Fund

Canadian Dividend Class (Laketon)

Canadian Equity Fund (Laketon)

Canadian Equity Class (Laketon)

Canadian Growth Class (GWLIM)

Canadian Growth Fund (GWLIM)

Canadian Low Volatility Class

Canadian Value Class (FGP)

Cash Management Class

Conservative Folio Fund

Core Bond Fund (Portico)

Core Plus Bond Fund (Portico)

Corporate Bond Fund (Portico)

Diversified Fixed Income Folio Fund

Dividend Class (GWLIM)

Dividend Fund (GWLIM)

Focused Canadian Equity Class (CGOV)

Global All Cap Equity Class (Setanta)

Global All Cap Equity Fund (Setanta)

Global Dividend Equity Class (Setanta)

Global Dividend Equity Fund (Setanta)

Global Infrastructure Equity Fund (London Capital)

Global Low Volatility Fund (ILIM)

Global Monthly Income Fund (London Capital)

Global Real Estate Fund (London Capital)

Growth and Income Class (GWLIM)

Growth and Income Fund (GWLIM)

Income Fund (Portico)

International Bond Fund (CLI)

International Core Equity Class (Putnam)

International Core Equity Fund (Putnam)

Long Term Bond Fund (Portico)

Mackenzie All China Equity Fund

Mackenzie Alternative Strategies Fund

Mackenzie Anti-Benchmark Global Investment Grade

Mackenzie Asian Small-Mid Cap Fund

Mackenzie Balanced ETF Portfolio

Mackenzie Broad Risk Premia Collection Fund

Mackenzie Canadian Aggregate Bond Index ETF

Mackenzie Canadian All Corporate Bond Index ETF

Mackenzie Canadian Bond Fund

Mackenzie Canadian Dividend Class

Mackenzie Canadian Dividend Fund

Mackenzie Canadian Equity Class

Mackenzie Canadian Equity Fund

Mackenzie Canadian Equity Index ETF

Mackenzie Canadian Growth Balanced Class

Mackenzie Canadian Growth Balanced Fund

Mackenzie Canadian Growth Class

Mackenzie Canadian Growth Fund

Mackenzie Canadian Large Cap Equity Index ETF

Mackenzie Canadian Money Market Fund

Mackenzie Canadian Short-Term Bond Index ETF

Mackenzie Canadian Small Cap Class

Mackenzie Canadian Small Cap Fund

Mackenzie Canadian Short Term Fixed Income ETF

Mackenzie Canadian Short Term Income Fund

Mackenzie China A-Shares CSI 300 Index ETF

Mackenzie China Bond Fund

Mackenzie Conservative ETF Portfolio

Mackenzie Conservative Income ETF Portfolio

Mackenzie Core Plus Canadian Fixed Income ETF

Mackenzie Core Plus Global Fixed Income ETF

Mackenzie Corporate Bond Fund

Mackenzie Credit Absolute Return Fund

Mackenzie Cundill Canadian Balanced Fund

Mackenzie Cundill Canadian Security Class

Mackenzie Cundill Canadian Security Fund

Mackenzie Cundill Value Class

Mackenzie Cundill Value Fund

Mackenzie Diversified Alternatives Fund

Mackenzie Emerging Markets Bond Index ETF (CAD-

Hedged)

Mackenzie Emerging Markets Class



Mackenzie Emerging Markets Fund

Mackenzie Emerging Markets Large Cap Fund

Mackenzie Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond

Index ETF

Mackenzie Emerging Markets Opportunities Fund

Mackenzie Emerging Markets Small Cap Fund

Mackenzie Enhanced Equity Risk Premia Fund

Mackenzie Enhanced Fixed Income Risk Premia Fund

Mackenzie European Small-Mid Cap Fund

Mackenzie Floating Rate Income Fund

Mackenzie Floating Rate Income ETF

Mackenzie Global Credit Opportunities Fund

Mackenzie Global Dividend Fund

Mackenzie Global Energy Opportunities Long/Short

Fund

Mackenzie Global Environmental Equity Fund

Mackenzie Global Equity Fund

Mackenzie Global Equity Income Fund

Mackenzie Global Growth Balanced Fund

Mackenzie Global Growth Class

Mackenzie Global High Yield Fixed Income ETF

Mackenzie Global Inflation-Linked Fund

Mackenzie Global Leadership Impact ETF

Mackenzie Global Leadership Impact Fund

Mackenzie Global Long/Short Equity Alpha Fund

Mackenzie Global Macro Fund

Mackenzie Global Resource Class

Mackenzie Global Resource Fund

Mackenzie Global Small Cap Class

Mackenzie Global Small Cap Fund

Mackenzie Global Small-Mid Cap Fund

Mackenzie Global Strategic Income Fund

Mackenzie Global Sustainability and Impact Balanced

Fund

Mackenzie Global Tactical Bond Fund

Mackenzie Global Tactical Investment Grade Bond

Fund

Mackenzie Gold Bullion Class

Mackenzie Growth ETF Portfolio

Mackenzie Growth Fund

Mackenzie High Diversification Canadian Equity Class

Mackenzie High Diversification Emerging Markets

**Equity Fund** 

Mackenzie High Diversification European Equity Fund

Mackenzie High Diversification Global Equity Fund

Mackenzie High Diversification International Equity

Fund

Mackenzie High Diversification US Equity Fund

Mackenzie Income Fund

Mackenzie International Equity Index ETF

Mackenzie International Equity Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)

Mackenzie International Dividend Fund

Mackenzie International Quantitative Large Cap Fund

Mackenzie International Quantitative Small Cap Fund

Mackenzie Investment Grade Floating Rate Fund

Mackenzie Ivy Canadian Balanced Class

Mackenzie Ivy Canadian Balanced Fund

Mackenzie Ivy Canadian Fund

Mackenzie Ivy European Class

Mackenzie Ivy Foreign Equity Class

Mackenzie Ivy Foreign Equity Currency Neutral Class

Mackenzie Ivy Foreign Equity Fund

Mackenzie Ivy Global Balanced Class

Mackenzie Ivy Global Balanced Fund

Mackenzie Ivy Global Equity ETF

Mackenzie Ivy International Class

Mackenzie Ivy International Fund

Mackenzie Maximum Diversification All World

Developed ex North America Index ETF

Mackenzie Maximum Diversification All World

Developed Index ETF

Mackenzie Maximum Diversification Canada Index

ETF

Mackenzie Maximum Diversification Developed

Europe Index ETF

Mackenzie Maximum Diversification Emerging

Markets Index ETF

Mackenzie Maximum Diversification US Index ETF

Mackenzie Moderate Growth ETF Portfolio

Mackenzie Monthly Income Balanced Portfolio

Mackenzie Monthly Income Conservative Portfolio

Mackenzie Multi-Strategy Absolute Return Fund

Mackenzie North American Corporate Bond Fund

Mackenzie Portfolio Completion ETF

Mackenzie Precious Metals Class

Mackenzie Private Canadian Focused Equity Pool

Mackenzie Private Canadian Focused Equity Pool Class

Mackenzie Private Global Conservative Income

Balanced Pool

Mackenzie Private Global Equity Pool

Mackenzie Private Global Equity Pool Class

Mackenzie Private Global Fixed Income Pool

Mackenzie Private Global Income Balanced Pool

Mackenzie Private Income Balanced Pool

Mackenzie Private Income Balanced Pool Class

Mackenzie Private US Equity Pool

Mackenzie Private US Equity Pool Class

Mackenzie Sovereign Bond Fund

Mackenzie Strategic Income Class



Mackenzie Strategic Income Fund

Mackenzie Strategic Bond Fund

Mackenzie Unconstrained Bond ETF

Mackenzie Unconstrained Fixed Income Fund

Mackenzie US All Cap Growth Fund

Mackenzie US Dividend Fund

Mackenzie USD Global Strategic Income Fund

Mackenzie USD Global Tactical Bond Fund

Mackenzie USD Ultra Short Duration Income Fund

Mackenzie US Growth Class

Mackenzie US High Yield Bond Index ETF (CAD-

Hedged)

Mackenzie US Investment Grade Corporate Bond Index

ETF (CAD-Hedged)

Mackenzie US Large Cap Equity Index ETF

Mackenzie US Large Cap Equity Index ETF (CAD-

Hedged)

Mackenzie US Mid Cap Growth Class

Mackenzie US Mid Cap Growth Currency Neutral Class

Mackenzie US Mid Cap Opportunities Fund

Mackenzie US Quantitative Large Cap Fund

Mackenzie US Quantitative Small Cap Fund

Mackenzie US Small Cap Fund

Mackenzie US TIPS Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)

Mid Cap Canada Fund (GWLIM)

Moderate Folio Fund

Money Market Fund

Monthly Income Fund (London Capital)

North American High Yield Bond Fund

North American Specialty Class

Short Term Bond Fund (Portico)

Symmetry Balanced Portfolio

Symmetry Balanced Portfolio Class

Symmetry Canadian Bond Fund

Symmetry Canadian Equity Fund

Symmetry Comprehensive Equity Fund

Symmetry Conservative Income Portfolio

Symmetry Conservative Income Portfolio Class

Symmetry Conservative Portfolio

Symmetry Conservative Portfolio Class

Symmetry EAFE Equity Fund

Symmetry Equity Portfolio Class

Symmetry Fixed Income Portfolio

Symmetry Global Bond Fund

Symmetry Growth Portfolio

Symmetry Growth Portfolio Class

Symmetry Low Volatility Fund

Symmetry Moderate Growth Portfolio

Symmetry Moderate Growth Portfolio Class

Symmetry US Equity Fund

U.S. Dividend Class (GWLIM)

U.S. Dividend Fund (GWLIM)

U.S. Low Volatility Fund (Putnam)

U.S. Value Fund (Putnam)

U.S. Value Class (Putnam)

