# Scotia Wealth Pools Scotia Wealth U.S. Large Cap Growth Pool

Annual Management Report of Fund Performance For the year ended December 31, 2024

This annual management report of fund performance contains financial highlights but does not contain the complete annual financial statements of the investment fund. You can get a copy of the annual financial statements at your request, and at no cost, by calling toll-free 1-800-268-9269, by writing to us at 1832 Asset Management L.P., 40 Temperance Street, 16th Floor, Toronto, ON, M5H 0B4 or by visiting our website at www.scotiafunds.com or SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca.

Securityholders may also contact us using one of these methods to request a copy of the investment fund's interim financial statements, proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record or quarterly portfolio disclosure.

1832 Asset Management L.P. is the manager (the "Manager") of the fund. In this document, "we", "us", "our" and the "Manager" refer to 1832 Asset Management L.P. and the "Fund" refers to Scotia Wealth U.S. Large Cap Growth Pool.

The term "net asset value" or "net asset value per unit" in this document refers to the net asset value determined in accordance with Part 14 of National Instrument 81-106 – Investment Fund Continuous Disclosure ("National Instrument 81-106"); while the term "net assets" or "net assets per unit" refers to total equity or net assets attributable to unitholders of the Fund as determined in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards.

### **Caution Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

Certain portions of this report, including, but not limited to, "Recent Developments", may contain forward-looking statements about the Fund and the underlying funds, as applicable, including statements with respect to strategies, risks, expected performance events and conditions. Forward-looking statements include statements that are predictive in nature, that depend upon or refer to future events or conditions, or that include words such as "expects", "anticipates", "intends", "plans", "believes", "estimates", "projects" and similar forward-looking expressions or negative versions thereof.

In addition, any statement that may be made concerning future performance, strategies or prospects and possible future action by the Fund is also a forward-looking statement. Forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and projections about future general economic, political and relevant market factors, such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates, equity and capital markets, and the general business environment, in each case assuming no changes to applicable tax or other laws or government regulation. Expectations and projections about future events are inherently subject to, among other things, risks and uncertainties, some of which may be unforeseeable. Accordingly, current assumptions concerning future economic and other factors may prove to be incorrect at a future date. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and actual results or events could differ materially from those expressed or implied in any forward-looking statements made by the Fund. Any number of important factors could contribute to these digressions, including, but not limited to, general economic, political and market factors in North America and internationally, such as interest and foreign exchange rates, global equity and capital markets, business competition, technological change, changes in government relations, unexpected judicial or regulatory proceedings and catastrophic events. We stress that the above mentioned list of important factors is not exhaustive. Some of these risks, uncertainties and other factors are described in the Fund's simplified prospectus, under the heading "Risk Factors".

We encourage you to consider these and other factors carefully before making any investment decisions. Forward-looking statements should not be unduly relied upon. Further, you should be aware of the fact that the Fund has no specific intention of updating any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, prior to the release of the next management report of fund performance, and that the forward-looking statements speak only to the date of this management report of fund performance.

## **Investment Objective and Strategies**

The Fund's investment objective is to achieve superior long-term returns through capital growth by investing primarily in large capitalization stocks of U.S. corporations.

The Fund uses a growth-oriented investment style to achieve its investment objectives.

The Fund's investments may also include:

- investing up to 15% of its assets in cash and cash equivalents
- investing up to 10% of its assets in non-U.S. securities.

The Fund can invest up to 100% of its assets in foreign securities.

## Risk

The risks associated with investing in the Fund are as described in the simplified prospectus. There were no material changes to the Fund over its last completed financial year that affected the overall level of risk of the Fund.

# **Results of Operations**

For the year ended at December 31, 2024 (the "period"), the Pinnacle Series units of the Fund generated a total return of 25.8%. Fund returns are reported net of all management fees and expenses for all series, unlike the returns of the Fund's benchmark, which is based on the performance of an index that does not pay fees or incur expenses. Returns for other series of the Fund will be similar to Pinnacle Series with any difference in performance being primarily due to different management fees, operating expenses and other expenses that are applicable to that particular series. Please see the "Past Performance" section for the performance of the Fund's other series.

The Fund's broad-based benchmark, the S&P 500 Index (C\$), returned 36.1% during the same period. In accordance with National Instrument 81-106, we have included a comparison to this broad-based index to help you understand the Fund's performance relative to the general performance of the market, but caution that the Fund's mandate may be significantly different from the indices shown.

The Fund's relevant benchmark, the Russell 1000 Growth Index (C\$), returned 45.2% during the same period. We have included this comparison, which more closely reflects the market sectors and/or asset classes in which the Fund invests, to provide a more useful comparative to the performance of the Fund.

The first half of 2024 was effectively all about artificial intelligence ("AI"), with the market attempting to quickly identify winners and losers. The most obvious winners were in the semiconductor industry, which benefited from a surge in demand while supply was constrained.

In the third quarter, the market broadened out amid expectations that interest rates would come down and inflation was cooling. This evolved in the fourth quarter, with Trump's election victory buoying sentiment, particularly for more volatile, cyclical growth companies amid the perception of a more business-friendly market environment. Against this backdrop, the market again narrowed, with leadership largely being concentrated in the small subset of technology companies referred to as the "Magnificent Seven."

The Fund underperformed its relevant benchmark largely as a result of its positioning in the Information Technology sector, given its overweight exposure to software companies and lack of exposure to semiconductors. This accounted for approximately 80% of the Fund's underperformance amid the market's narrow focus on AI.

The Fund's security selection in the Information Technology sector detracted from performance. The Fund's overweight exposure to software and information technology services companies also detracted from performance, as did its underweight exposure to semiconductor companies. The Fund's approach focuses on delivering predictable, consistent mid-teens growth in earnings per share, so the cyclicality inherent in the semiconductor business model simply does not match the Fund's investment goals and this accounted for more than half of its underperformance in the first half of 2024. The Fund's overweight exposure to software companies detracted amid the narrative that the software-as-a-service business model would be disrupted by the emergence of AI. Last, the Fund's overweight exposure to the Health Care sector detracted from performance. Individual detractors included the Fund's lack of exposure to NVIDIA Corporation, which was the dominant player in AI infrastructure. Adobe Inc. faced questions around its ability to monetize generative AI in its product suite. The Fund had no exposure to Broadcom Inc., which had predicted strong AI-related demand for the next several years.

The Fund's security selection in higher-conviction positions like Amazon.com Inc., Netflix Inc. and ServiceNow Inc. contributed to performance. Individual contributors included Shopify Inc., which generated strong earnings results; Netflix Inc. which continued to see strong subscriber growth even in the mature North America market; and Amazon.com, Inc., given that the company's margins continued to rise as it shifted to faster-growing, higher-margin segments.

New positions included Paycom Software, Inc., MSCI Inc., Apple Inc., Oracle Corporation, and CoStar Group, Inc. With the exception of Apple Inc., and Oracle Corporation, the common theme across these additions was the opportunity to add to competitively advantaged businesses that were experiencing short-term weakness at attractive valuations. Apple Inc., and Oracle Corporation are, we believe, poised to see accelerating earnings growth related to generative AI in the years ahead.

Increased positions included Abbott Laboratories, NIKE, Inc., Visa Inc., Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc., Workday, Inc., Zoetis Inc. and Eli Lilly and Company. In general, we increased positions that experienced weakness but where we retained our long-term conviction.

Decreased positions included Netflix Inc., Alphabet Inc., Microsoft Corporation, UnitedHealth Group Incorporated, Amazon.com, Inc., ServiceNow, Inc. and Gartner, Inc. In general, we trimmed positions on share-price strength where we felt valuations were pricing in much of the longer-term earnings growth we had expected.

Eliminated positions included PayPal Holdings, Inc., Align Technology, Inc., Autodesk, Inc., NIKE, Inc. and salesforce.com, inc. In general, we moved on from holdings where we felt earnings growth was slowing and then used the proceeds to add to opportunities elsewhere that we believe are more compelling.

The Fund's net asset value increased to \$964.6 million at December 31, 2024, from \$793.8 million at December 31, 2023. This change was composed of net redemptions of \$27.7 million, and investment performance of \$198.8 million and cash distributions of \$0.3 million. The investment performance of the Fund includes income and expenses which vary year over year. The Fund's income and expenses changed compared to the previous year mainly as a result of fluctuations in average net assets, portfolio activity and changes in the Fund's income earning investments.

Certain series of the Fund, as applicable, may make distributions at a rate determined by the Manager from time to time. If the aggregate amount of distributions in such series exceeds the portion of net income and net realized capital gains allocated to such series, the excess will constitute a return of capital. The Manager does not believe that the return of capital distributions made by such series of the Fund have a meaningful impact on the Fund's ability to implement its investment strategy or to fulfill its investment objective.

### **Recent Developments**

There have been no recent developments that have affected, or are likely to materially affect the Fund.

# **Related Party Transactions**

The Manager is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Bank of Nova Scotia ("Scotiabank"). Scotiabank also owns, directly or indirectly, 100% of Scotia Securities Inc., a mutual fund dealer, and Scotia Capital Inc. (which includes ScotiaMcLeod and Scotia iTRADE), an investment dealer.

The Manager, on behalf of the Fund, may enter into transactions or arrangements with other members of Scotiabank or certain other companies that are related or connected to the Manager (each a "related party"). All transactions between the Fund and the related parties are in the normal course of business and are carried out at arm's length terms.

The purpose of this section is to provide a brief description of any transaction involving the Fund and a related party.

### Management Fees

The Manager is responsible for the day-to-day management and operations of the Fund. Certain series of the Fund pay the Manager a management fee for its services as described in the "Management Fee" section later in this document. The management fee is an annualized rate based on the net asset value of each series of the Fund, accrued daily and paid monthly.

### Fixed Administration Fees and Fund Costs

The Manager pays the operating expenses of the Fund, other than Fund Costs, in exchange for the payment by the Fund of a fixed rate administration fee (the "Fixed Administration Fee") to the Manager with respect to each series of the Fund. The expenses charged to the Fund in respect of the Fixed Administration Fee are disclosed in the Fund's financial statements. The Fixed Administration Fee is equal to a specified percentage of the net asset value of a series, calculated and paid in the same manner as the management fees for the Fund. Further details about the Fixed Administration Fee can be found in the Fund's most recent simplified prospectus.

In addition, each series of the Fund is responsible for its proportionate share of certain operating expenses ("Fund Costs"). Further details about Fund Costs can be found in the Fund's most recent simplified prospectus.

The Manager, at its sole discretion, may waive or absorb a portion of a series' expenses. These waivers or absorptions may be terminated at any time without notice.

### Other Fees

The Manager, or its affiliates, may earn fees and spreads in connection with various services provided to, or transactions with, the Fund, such as banking, custody, brokerage, foreign exchange or derivatives transactions. The Manager, or its affiliates, may earn a foreign exchange spread when unitholders switch between series of funds denominated in different currencies.

#### Independent Review Committee

The Manager has established an independent review committee (the "IRC") in accordance with National Instrument 81-107 – Independent Review Committee for Investment Funds ("NI 81-107") with a mandate to review and provide recommendations or approval, as required, on conflict of interest matters referred to it by the Manager on behalf of the Fund. The IRC is responsible for overseeing the Manager's decisions in situations where the Manager is faced with any present or perceived conflicts of interest, all in accordance with NI 81-107.

The IRC may also approve certain mergers between the Fund and other funds, and any change of the auditor of the Fund. Subject to any corporate and securities law requirements, no securityholder approval will be obtained in such circumstances, but you will be sent a written notice at least 60 days before the effective date of any such transaction or change of auditor. In certain circumstances, securityholder approval may be required to approve certain mergers.

The IRC has five members, Stephen J. Griggs (Chair), Steven Donald, Heather A. T. Hunter, Cecilia Mo and Jennifer L. Witterick, each of whom is independent of the Manager.

The IRC prepares and files a report to the securityholders each fiscal year that describes the IRC and its activities for securityholders as well as contains a complete list of the standing instructions. These standing instructions enable the Manager to act in a particular conflict of interest matter on a continuing basis provided the Manager complies with its policies and procedures established to address that conflict of interest matter and reports periodically to the IRC on the matter. This report to the securityholders is available on the Manager's website or, at no cost, by contacting the Manager.

The compensation and other reasonable expenses of the IRC will be paid out of the assets of the Fund as well as out of the assets of the other investment funds for which the IRC may act as the independent review committee. Each member of the IRC receives an annual retainer of \$62,000 (\$77,000 for the Chair), plus expenses for each meeting. The fees and expenses, plus associated legal costs, are split equally among all of the funds managed by the Manager for which the IRC acts as the independent review committee. The main component of compensation is an annual retainer fee. Expenses of the IRC may include premiums for insurance coverage, travel expenses and reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.

The Manager, in respect of the Fund, received the following standing instructions from the IRC with respect to related party transactions:

- Paying brokerage commissions and spreads to a related party for effecting security transactions on an agency and principal basis on behalf of the Fund;
- Purchases or sales of securities of an issuer from or to another investment fund managed by the Manager;

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- Investments in the securities of issuers for which a related underwriter acted as an underwriter during the distribution of such securities and the 60-day period following the completion of such distribution;
- Executing foreign exchange transactions with a related party on behalf of the Fund;
- Purchases of securities of a related party;
- Entering into over-the-counter derivatives on behalf of the Fund with a related party;
- Outsourcing products and services to related parties which can be charged to the Fund;
- Acquisition of prohibited securities as defined by securities regulations;
- Trading in mortgages with a related party;
- Entering into a designated broker agreement with a related party; and
- Entering into a prime broker agreement with a related party.

# **Financial Highlights**

The Manager is required to advise the IRC of any breach of a condition of the standing instructions. The standing instructions require, among other things, that the investment decision in respect to a related party transaction: (a) is made by the Manager free from any influence by an entity related to the Manager and without taking into account any consideration to any associate or affiliate of the Manager; (b) represents the business judgment of the Manager uninfluenced by considerations other than the best interests of the Fund; and (c) is made in compliance with the Manager's written policies and procedures. Transactions made by the Manager under the standing instructions are subsequently reviewed by the IRC to monitor compliance.

The Manager, in respect of the Fund, did not rely on IRC standing instructions regarding related party transactions during the period.

The following tables show selected key financial information about each series of the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the periods indicated. The information on the following tables is based on prescribed regulations and as a result, is not expected to add across due to the increase (decrease) in net assets from operations being based on average units outstanding during the period and all other numbers being based on actual units outstanding at the relevant point in time. Footnotes for the tables are found at the end of the Financial Highlights section.

### The Fund's Net Assets per Unit (\$)<sup>(1)</sup>

			Increase (	decrease)	from opera	tions	Distributions					
	Net			Realized gains	Unrealized gains	Total increase	From net investment					Net
	Assets,			(losses)	(losses)	(decrease)	income		From	Return		Assets,
	beginning	Total	Total	for the	for the	from	(excluding	From	capital	of	Total	end of
For the period ended	of period	revenue	expenses	period	period	operations <sup>(2)</sup>	dividends)	dividends	gains	capital	distributions <sup>(3)</sup>	period <sup>(1)</sup>
Pinnacle Series												
Dec 31, 2024	48.38	0.46	(0.21)	6.86	5.31	12.42	(0.11)	-	(1.57)	-	(1.68)	59.20
Dec 31, 2023	35.73	0.19	(0.15)	1.04	12.00	13.08	_	-	-	-	_	48.38
Dec 31, 2022	54.61	0.18	(0.14)	1.74	(20.08)	(18.30)	-	-	(0.83)	-	(0.83)	35.73
Dec 31, 2021	45.52	0.20	(0.18)	5.61	5.04	10.67	-	-	(1.43)	-	(1.43)	54.61
Dec 31, 2020	34.69	0.21	(0.15)	3.38	8.01	11.45	-	(0.03)	-	-	(0.03)	45.52
Series F												
Dec 31, 2024	45.32	0.31	(0.64)	5.01	6.20	10.88	-	-	(1.44)	-	(1.44)	55.08
Dec 31, 2023	33.77	0.18	(0.49)	0.82	10.31	10.82	_	-	-	-	_	45.32
Dec 31, 2022	52.02	0.17	(0.50)	2.43	(23.86)	(21.76)	-	-	(0.75)	-	(0.75)	33.77
Dec 31, 2021	43.68	0.19	(0.61)	5.35	3.88	8.81	-	-	(1.27)	-	(1.27)	52.02
Dec 31, 2020	33.57	0.20	(0.49)	3.11	9.63	12.45	-	-	-	-	-	43.68
Series I												
Dec 31, 2024	48.92	0.41	(0.09)	6.30	6.11	12.73	(0.25)	-	(1.59)	-	(1.84)	59.87
Dec 31, 2023	36.05	0.19	(0.05)	1.00	12.03	13.17	-	-	-	-	-	48.92
Dec 31, 2022	54.98	0.18	(0.05)	1.61	(19.03)	(17.29)	-	-	(0.84)	-	(0.84)	36.05
Dec 31, 2021	45.75	0.20	(0.07)	5.63	5.26	11.02	-	-	(1.46)	-	(1.46)	54.98
Dec 31, 2020	34.86	0.21	(0.06)	3.40	7.40	10.95	-	(0.12)	-	-	(0.12)	45.75
Series KM – The start	date for Serie	s KM unit	ts was May	31, 2023								
Dec 31, 2024	11.11	0.05	(0.09)	1.23	1.59	2.78	(0.03)	-	(0.27)	-	(0.30)	13.63
Dec 31, 2023	10.00	0.01	(0.04)	0.52	0.53	1.02	-	-	-	-	-	11.11

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			Increase (decrease) from operations				Distributions					
For the period ended	Net Assets, beginning of period	Total revenue	Total expenses	Realized gains (losses) for the period	Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup>	From net investment income (excluding dividends)	From dividends	From capital gains	Return of capital	Total distributions <sup>(3)</sup>	Net Assets, end of period <sup>(1)</sup>
Series M												
Dec 31, 2024	22.07	0.13	(0.13)	2.29	3.36	5.65	(0.02)	-	(0.71)	-	(0.73)	27.00
Dec 31, 2023	16.33	0.09	(0.10)	0.43	5.25	5.67	-	-	-	-	_	22.07
Dec 31, 2022	24.99	0.08	(0.10)	0.79	(9.13)	(8.36)	-	-	(0.38)	-	(0.38)	16.33
Dec 31, 2021	20.86	0.09	(0.12)	2.58	2.34	4.89	-	-	(0.65)	-	(0.65)	24.99
Dec 31, 2020	15.92	0.10	(0.10)	1.59	3.32	4.91	-	-	-	-	-	20.86

(1) This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements. The net assets per unit presented in the financial statements may differ from the net asset value per unit. An explanation of these differences can be found in note 2 of the Fund's financial statements. The net asset value per unit at the end of the period is disclosed in Ratios and Supplemental Data.

(2) Net assets per unit and distributions per unit are based on the actual number of units outstanding for the relevant series at the relevant time. The increase (decrease) in net assets from operations per unit is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the period.

(3) Distributions were paid in cash or reinvested in additional units of the Fund.

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

As at	Total net asset value (in \$000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	Number of units outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	Management expense ratio ("MER") (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	MER before waivers or absorptions (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	Trading expense ratio ("TER") (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)</sup>	Net asset value per unit (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>
Pinnacle Series							
Dec 31, 2024	212,167	3,583,956	0.30	0.30	0.01	34.63	59.20
Dec 31, 2023	207,817	4,295,612	0.30	0.30	0.01	18.15	48.38
Dec 31, 2022	226,262	6,331,781	0.30	0.30	0.01	27.45	35.73
Dec 31, 2021	360,836	6,607,395	0.29	0.29	0.00	25.62	54.61
Dec 31, 2020	267,261	5,871,033	0.30	0.30	0.01	29.21	45.52
Series F							
Dec 31, 2024	22,566	409,715	1.20	1.20	0.01	34.63	55.08
Dec 31, 2023	20,744	457,759	1.19	1.19	0.01	18.15	45.32
Dec 31, 2022	23,291	689,662	1.20	1.20	0.01	27.45	33.77
Dec 31, 2021	61,896	1,189,892	1.21	1.21	0.00	25.62	52.02
Dec 31, 2020	49,119	1,124,402	1.21	1.21	0.01	29.21	43.68
Series I							
Dec 31, 2024	13,437	224,461	0.08	0.08	0.01	34.63	59.87
Dec 31, 2023	12,325	251,968	0.08	0.08	0.01	18.15	48.92
Dec 31, 2022	12,255	339,930	0.08	0.08	0.01	27.45	36.05
Dec 31, 2021	15,813	287,618	0.08	0.08	0.00	25.62	54.98
Dec 31, 2020	9,080	198,479	0.08	0.08	0.01	29.21	45.75
Series KM							
Dec 31, 2024	1,611	118,209	0.68	0.68	0.01	34.63	13.63
Dec 31, 2023	119	10,709	0.70	0.70	0.01	18.15	11.11
Series M							
Dec 31, 2024	714,816	26,471,744	0.46	0.46	0.01	34.63	27.00
Dec 31, 2023	552,755	25,041,332	0.46	0.46	0.01	18.15	22.07
Dec 31, 2022	458,496	28,075,081	0.46	0.46	0.01	27.45	16.33
Dec 31, 2021	713,787	28,558,921	0.46	0.46	-	25.62	24.99
Dec 31, 2020	516,538	24,760,530	0.46	0.46	0.01	29.21	20.86

(1) This information is provided as at the period end of the years shown.

(2) The management expense ratio is based on the total expenses (including sales tax, and excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) of each series of the Fund and a proportional share of underlying funds' expenses (mutual funds, ETFs and closed end funds), where applicable, for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period.

(3) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs, short borrowing costs and interest on leverage of the Fund and the underlying funds, where applicable, expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value of the Fund during the period.

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

### **Management Fees**

The management fee is an annualized rate based on the net asset value of each series of the Fund, accrued daily and paid monthly. The management fees cover the costs of managing the Fund, arranging for investment analysis, recommendations and investment decision making for the Fund, arranging for distribution of the Fund, marketing and promotion of the Fund and providing or arranging for other services.

The breakdown of services received in consideration of management fees for each series, as a percentage of the management fees, are as follows:

	Management fees (%)	Dealer compensation (%)	Other <sup>†</sup> (%)
Pinnacle Series*	n/a	_	_
Series F	1.00	-	100.0
Series I*	n/a	-	-
Series KM	0.40	-	100.0
Series M	0.40	-	100.0

\* The management fee for this series is negotiated and paid directly by these unitholders and not by the Fund.

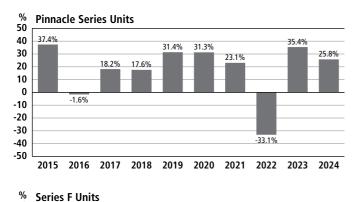
† Relates to all services provided by the Manager described above except dealer compensation.

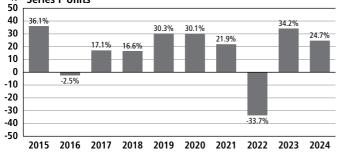
## **Past Performance**

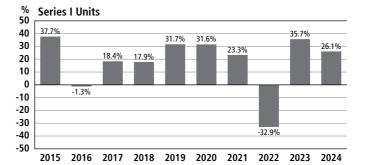
The following shows the past performance for each series and will not necessarily indicate how the Fund will perform in the future. The information shown assumes that all distributions made by each series of the Fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional units of the relevant series. In addition, the information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges that would have reduced returns or performance.

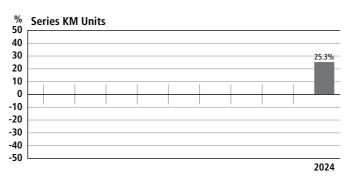
### Year-by-Year Returns

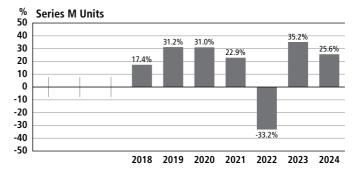
The following charts show the performance for each series of the Fund and illustrate how performance has varied from year to year. The charts show, in percentage terms, how much an investment held on the first day of each calendar year would have increased or decreased by the last day of each calendar year for that series.











#### **Annual Compound Returns**

The annual compound returns table below compares each series of the Fund's performance to one or more benchmarks. A benchmark is usually an index or a composite of more than one index. Fund returns are reported net of all management fees and expenses for all series, unlike the return of benchmarks which are based on the performance of an index that does not pay fees or incur expenses.

		••	Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years	Since Inception
Pinnacle Series	%	25.8	4.5	13.0	16.4	
S&P 500 Index (C\$)	%	36.1	13.7	16.9	15.6	-
Russell 1000 Growth Index (C\$)	%	45.2	15.3	21.4	19.3	-
Series F	%	24.7	3.5	12.0	15.3	_
S&P 500 Index (C\$)	%	36.1	13.7	16.9	15.6	-
Russell 1000 Growth Index (C\$)	%	45.2	15.3	21.4	19.3	-
Series I	%	26.1	4.7	13.2	16.6	_
S&P 500 Index (C\$)	%	36.1	13.7	16.9	15.6	-
Russell 1000 Growth Index (C\$)	%	45.2	15.3	21.4	19.3	-
Series KM	%	25.3	_	-	-	23.7
S&P 500 Index (C\$)	%	36.1	-	-	-	30.4
Russell 1000 Growth Index (C\$)	%	45.2	-	-	-	38.0
Series M	%	25.6	4.3	12.8	_	16.0
S&P 500 Index (C\$)	%	36.1	13.7	16.9	-	15.7
Russell 1000 Growth Index (C\$)	%	45.2	15.3	21.4	-	19.9

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#### **Index Descriptions**

S&P 500 Index (C\$) – This index is a capitalization-weighted index designed to measure the performance of the broad U.S. economy through changes in the aggregate market value of 500 stocks representing all major industries.

Russell 1000 Growth Index (C\$) – This index measures the performance of the large-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 1000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.

A discussion of the performance of the Fund as compared to its benchmark(s) is found in the Results of Operations section of this report.

### **Summary of Investment Portfolio**

The Summary of Investment Portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions. A quarterly portfolio update is available to the investor at no cost by calling 1-800-268-9269, or by visiting www.scotiafunds.com, 60 days after quarter end, except for December 31, which is the calendar year end, when they are available after 90 days.

By Asset Type	Percentage of net asset value <sup>†</sup>
Equities	98.5
Cash and Short Term Instruments (Bank Overdraft)	1.5
Other Net Assets (Liabilities)**	0.0
By Country / Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Percentage of net asset value <sup>†</sup>
United States	97.1
Cash and Short Term Instruments (Bank Overdraft)	1.5
Denmark	1.4
By Industry <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	Percentage of net asset value <sup>†</sup>
Information Technology	40.0
Health Care	17.4
Consumer Discretionary	14.6
Financials	14.1
Communication Services	11.0
Cash and Short Term Instruments (Bank Overdraft)	1.5
Industrials	1.4

Top 25 Holdings	Percentage of net asset value <sup>†</sup>
Amazon.com, Inc.	11.6
Microsoft Corporation	7.4
Alphabet Inc., Class "C"	6.3
Visa Inc., Class "A"	5.7
Oracle Corporation	5.2
Mastercard Incorporated, Class "A"	4.9
ServiceNow, Inc.	4.9
Shopify Inc., Class "A"	4.8
Apple Inc.	4.7
Netflix, Inc.	4.7
Abbott Laboratories	3.8
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.	3.8
Adobe Inc.	3.6
Zoetis Inc.	3.6
MSCI Inc.	3.5
Accenture PLC, Class "A"	3.3
Eli Lilly and Company	3.1
Airbnb, Inc.	3.0
Workday, Inc., Class "A"	2.9
Paycom Software, Inc.	1.8
UnitedHealth Group Incorporated	1.7
Cash and Short Term Instruments (Bank Overdraft)	1.5
Novo Nordisk A/S, ADR	1.4
CoStar Group, Inc.	1.4
Gartner, Inc.	1.4
(1) Excludes other net assets (liabilities) and derivatives.	

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(2) Excludes bonds and debentures.

This refers to transactional net asset value.
\*\* Percentage of total net asset value is less than 0.05%.