# FGP GLOBAL SMALLER COMPANIES FUND

Investment Policy Statement | June 1, 2023



#### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

The FGP Global Smaller Companies strategy (the "Fund") aims to generate an attractive total investment return through long-term capital growth as well as dividend and other income. To achieve this, the Fund will invest primarily in a diversified mix of global equity securities in the small and mid capitalization space.

## **PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE**

The Fund's objective is to exceed the return of its Performance Benchmark over five-year periods.

#### **INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

FGP employs a long-term, bottom-up quality and value-oriented approach to security selection. The portfolio manager, supported by FGP's research team, is responsible for security selection and portfolio construction within FGP's diversification and risk control quidelines.

#### **Performance Benchmark**

MSCI ACWI Small Cap Index (net in C\$).

#### **PERMISSIBLE INVESTMENTS**

Eligible equity investments include publicly-listed common and preferred shares, debentures convertible into common or preferred shares, installment receipts, American Depository Receipts, Global Depository Receipts and exchange-traded index participation units.

Eligible cash and money market investments include cash and demand deposits, short term debt securities of Canadian government(s) and corporate issuers including treasury bills issued by the Federal, Provincial or Territorial governments or any of their agencies; bankers' acceptances, term deposits, commercial paper, the FGP Money Market Fund, and any other evidences of indebtedness with terms to maturity of less than one year.

The Fund may use derivatives, such as currency forwards as permitted by Canadian securities laws, to hedge against potential currency fluctuations.

The Fund may invest in units of other FGP Funds from time to time. The Fund may invest all of its assets in units of other FGP Funds. In selecting in which (if any) other Funds the Fund may invest, FGP's portfolio managers consider whether the underlying Fund will contribute to accomplishing the Fund's investment objectives including managing diversification, liquidity or other investment risks. Investors in the Fund are entitled, on request, to receive a copy of the Offering Memorandum and the annual and interim financial statements of the underlying Fund(s) from FGP at no charge. If a conflict exists between this policy statement and a policy statement of an underlying Fund, the policy statement of the underlying Fund shall prevail.

#### **Diversification and Risk Control Guidelines**

The Fund has established guidelines to ensure the investments of the Fund are diversified. The assets of the Fund are invested in a prudent fashion, with securities selected for their overall contribution to the investment objective of the Fund.

**Security Level Guidelines:** The Fund typically holds 35 to 65 equity securities (excludes indirect investments), and the individual weight for each equity investment will vary based on FGP's assessment of quality and valuation. No more than 10% of the market value of the Fund may be invested in a single issuer. The minimum credit quality for any short-term money market investments is 'R1' or 'A'.

Sector Level Guidelines: There is no minimum investment requirement within a sector. Total investments in any sector may not exceed 40% of the Fund's market value.

Cash Level Guidelines: The Fund may have a maximum cash weighting of 10%.

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# **Country and Regional Guidelines:**

WEIGHT OF REGION (% OF PORTFOLIO MARKET VALUE)			
COUNTRY/REGION	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	
Developed Markets	70%	100%	
Emerging Markets	0%	20%	
Frontier Markets	0%	10%	

## Market Capitalization (Cap) Guidelines: The Fund invests directly and indirectly in a diversified portfolio of stocks:

- At least 60% of the market value of the Fund must be invested in companies with a market cap less than or equal to the market cap of the largest holding in the MSCI ACWI Small Cap index.
- At least 50% of the market value of the Fund must be invested in companies with a market cap greater than or equal to \$1 billion (USD).
- The minimum market cap for any direct investment is \$300 million (USD) at time of purchase.

FUND FACTS			
Fund Code	1037	Net investment income and net realized gains on investment are	
Fund Class	A		
Performance Inception Date	August 31, 2021		
Taxable Investors (Non-Registered Plans)	Eligible		
Non-Taxable Investors (Registered Plans) Eligible		paid to unitholders on a periodic basis as indicated. Distributions are made on a pro rata basis within each class to unitholders of	
Valuation Frequency	Daily	record at the close of business on the second last business da	
Distribution Frequency	Income – Monthly Capital Gains – Minimum Annually	prior to the date of distribution.  Temporary variances from these investment policy guidelines will generally be corrected within 20 days.	
Expense Ratio *	0.20%	generally be corrected within 90 days.  The Fund may engage in securities lending.	
Trustee	CIBC Mellon Trust Co.		
Custodian	CIBC Mellon Trust Co.		
Auditor	Deloitte LLP		

<sup>\*</sup>The Fund incurs direct expenses for services provided by the Trustee, Custodian, Registrar and Auditor. The 2022 expense ratio for the Fund is presented above. FGP does not charge management fees directly to the Fund.

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