

# Semi-Annual Management Report of Fund Performance

## BMO Harris Canadian Growth Equity Portfolio

For the period ended June 30, 2012

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### Management Discussion of Fund Performance

*BMO Harris Investment Management Inc. ("BHIMI"), the manager and portfolio manager, is responsible for the management of the overall business, investments and operations of BMO Harris Private Portfolios and has engaged BMO Asset Management Inc. ("BMO AM") as the sub-advisor (the "sub-advisor") of BMO Harris Canadian Growth Equity Portfolio (the "Portfolio").*

*On March 26, 2012, BHIMI's investment research and Canadian equity portfolio management team joined BMO AM to form a centralized investment team in Canada. As a result, BMO AM is now the sub-advisor for the Portfolio, while BHIMI continues as the manager.*

#### Results of Operations

For the six-month period ended June 30, 2012, the Portfolio returned -3.4%, after expenses.

The Portfolio's benchmark, the S&P/TSX Composite Index, generated a -1.5% total return over the same six-month period.

The first half of 2012 was volatile for equity markets; positive returns in the first quarter gave way to a significant sell-off in the second quarter. The pullback in the second quarter was a reaction to renewed fears about the European sovereign debt crisis, as well as evidence of economic slowing in the United States and China. Throughout the period, eurozone political leaders demonstrated a commitment to supporting the

eurozone union and avoiding systemic risk. That said, the period was fraught with challenges and ended with no agreement on a permanent resolution. In this "risk off" period (meaning a time when investors shun risk), the Portfolio's growth-oriented and non-defensive bias hurt its performance relative to its benchmark.

The Portfolio's relative performance suffered from its underweight positions in defensive sectors (Health Care, Consumer Staples, Telecommunication Services, and Utilities) and its overweight position in the Information Technology sector, which performed negatively over the review period. The Portfolio benefited from its overweight positions in the Consumer Discretionary and Industrials sectors. Specific companies that enhanced performance in the first half of 2012 include SXC Health Solutions Corp., Dollarama Inc., Agrium Inc., IMAX Corp., and Visa Inc. Detracting from performance were the Portfolio's holdings in Niko Resources Ltd., Cequence Energy Ltd., Eastern Platinum Ltd., Bankers Petroleum Ltd., and Romarco Minerals Inc.

As of June 30, 2012, the Portfolio had a 75% exposure to large-capitalization stocks (defined as greater than \$4 billion in market capitalization), 19% exposure to small- and middle-capitalization stocks, and 6% in cash. At the end of the period, approximately 12% of the Portfolio was invested in U.S. equities. The Portfolio's U.S. dollar exposure is being fully hedged back into Canadian dollars.

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*For information on the Portfolio's longer-term performance and composition, please refer to the Past Performance section and Summary of Investment Portfolio section of this report.*

### Recent Developments

In the near term, the Portfolio's sub-advisor expects to continue increasing the Portfolio's U.S. equity exposure to reach an approximate 15% weight. The focus for adding U.S. securities is on sectors that offer the potential for growth and that are not well represented in Canada, such as Information Technology, Industrials, Consumer Discretionary, Consumer Staples, and Health Care. This strategy allows the Portfolio to access a greater number of high-quality securities that have global reach and growth potential.

Equity market volatility is expected to remain elevated in the second half of 2012, given ongoing concerns about the eurozone and global growth. Following the end of the second quarter, there was further monetary easing in Europe and China, indicating continued commitment by global authorities to prudently manage the macroeconomic environment. While near-term economic challenges and market volatility may still lie ahead, the sub-advisor maintains a positive outlook for the Canadian equity market. This outlook is based on attractive valuation levels of equities versus bonds and expectations for continued moderate global growth driven by modest growth in the United States and faster-growing emerging markets, which represent a larger portion of the world economy. Momentum in equity markets is expected to remain positive for the performance of this Portfolio since it is constructed to take advantage of opportunities across a wide spectrum of attractively priced stocks that offer growth opportunities.

### *Change to Expenses*

The Portfolio is responsible for the payment of all expenses relating to the operation of the Portfolio and the carrying on of its business. Currently, these expenses are capped and the trustee absorbs any expenses above this capped amount.

Effective October 1, 2012, the existing cap on the expenses of the Portfolio will be removed. Also, commencing on that date, any fees payable to the sub-advisor of the Portfolio over 0.15% (plus any applicable HST) will become an expense of the Portfolio.

### *Transition to International Financial Reporting Standards*

In March 2011, the Canadian Accounting Standards Board ("AcSB") amended its mandatory requirement for all Canadian publicly accountable enterprises to prepare their financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"), permitting investment companies, which includes mutual funds, to defer the adoption of IFRS. On December 12, 2011, the AcSB decided to extend by one year the deferral from fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2013 to January 1, 2014.

The deferral of the mandatory IFRS changeover date to January 1, 2014 is to prevent Canadian investment companies and segregated accounts of life insurance enterprises from having to change their current accounting treatment for controlled investees while the IASB finalizes its proposed investment entities standard. Under IFRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements, investment companies are required to consolidate their controlled investments. The IASB has issued an exposure draft that will exempt entities that qualify as investment entities from consolidating their controlled investments and requires such entities to record, with very limited exceptions, all of their investments at fair value through profit or loss account. This exposure draft is still under review. Canadian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP") permits investment companies to fair value their investments regardless of whether those investments are controlled. The AcSB will continue to monitor the need to revise the IFRS changeover date for these entities.

The Portfolio has not elected to early adopt IFRS, therefore it will adopt IFRS effective January 1, 2014. The Portfolio expects to report its financial results for the six-month period ending June 30, 2014 prepared on an IFRS basis. The Portfolio will also provide comparative data on an IFRS basis, including an opening balance sheet as at January 1, 2013. Further revisions by the AcSB to the IFRS adoption date for investment companies are possible.

BHIMI has not identified any changes that will impact net asset value per unit as a result of the changeover to IFRS. However, this determination is subject to change as BHIMI finalizes its assessment of potential IFRS differences and as new standards are issued by the IASB prior to the Portfolio's adoption of IFRS. The

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criteria contained within the IFRS Financial Instruments: Presentation Standard may require unit-holders' equity to be classified as a liability within the Portfolio's Statement of Net Assets, unless certain conditions are met. BHIMI is currently assessing the Portfolio's unitholder structure to confirm classification.

### Related Party Transactions

BMO Trust Company, an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Bank of Montreal, is the trustee (the "trustee") and BHIMI is the manager of the Portfolio. From time to time, BHIMI may, on behalf of the Portfolio, enter into transactions or arrangements with or involving other members of BMO Financial Group, or certain other persons or companies that are related or connected to the Portfolio (each, a "related party" and collectively, the "related parties").

#### *Portfolio Manager*

BHIMI has hired BMO AM, a related party, to provide investment advice and make investment decisions for the Portfolio's investment portfolio. BMO AM receives an investment advisory fee based on assets under management that is paid monthly. BMO AM is paid by BHIMI and not by the Portfolio.

#### **Buying and Selling Securities**

##### *Related-Party Underwritings*

During the period, BHIMI relied on an approval and standing instruction provided by the Portfolio's Independent Review Committee ("IRC") to enable the Portfolio to make an investment in a class of equity and/or non-government debt securities of an issuer during the period of distribution of those securities to the public and/or the 60-day period following the distribution period where BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc., an affiliate of BHIMI, acted as an underwriter in the distribution (each investment, a "related party transaction"). In accordance with the IRC's approval and standing instruction, in making a decision to cause the Portfolio to make a related party transaction, BHIMI and BMO AM are required to comply with BHIMI's written policies and procedures governing the related party transaction and report periodically to the IRC, describing each instance that BHIMI relied on the approval and standing instruction and their compliance or non-compliance with the governing policies and procedures. The governing policies and procedures are designed to ensure the related party transaction (i) is made free from any influence of BMO Nesbitt Burns

Inc. or an associate or affiliate of BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc. and without taking into account any considerations relevant to BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc. or an associate or affiliate of BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc., (ii) represents the business judgment of BHIMI, uninfluenced by considerations other than the best interests of the Portfolio, and (iii) achieves a fair and reasonable result for the Portfolio.

#### *Brokerage Commissions*

The Portfolio pays standard brokerage commissions at market rates to BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc., an affiliate of the manager, for executing a portion of its trades. The brokerage commissions charged to the Portfolio during the period were as follows:

	2012 (\$000s)	2011 (\$000s)
Total Brokerage Commissions	45	139
Brokerage Commissions paid to BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc.	2	10

#### *Wealth Management Fee*

Units of the Portfolio are only available through the wealth management service offered through BMO Financial Group. The trustee, a related party, receives an annual fee from each investor for the wealth management service offered through BMO Financial Group. A tiered schedule is applied to calculate the annual fee for this service; the fee schedule starts at 1.95% and declines to 0.20% (depending on the nature and size of the investor's investment portfolio), and is calculated as a percentage of the assets under management. The actual investment management fee payable by each investor is set out in the BHIMI Investment Management Fee Schedule that has been provided to the investor in conjunction with the investment management agreement between the investor, the trustee and BHIMI. This fee is paid directly by the investor to the trustee. The trustee may compensate financial institutions and securities registrants within BMO Financial Group for client referrals to the wealth management service.

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### *Unitholder Services*

The Portfolio is provided with certain facilities and services by related parties. BMO AM is the registrar of the Portfolio. The trustee and BMO AM are paid by the Portfolio for fees relating to the custodial and administrative services they provide, respectively. Administrative services include fund accounting, record keeping and purchases/redemption order processing. The fees charged to the Portfolio during the period were as follows:

	<b>2012</b> <b>(\$000s)</b>	<b>2011</b> <b>(\$000s)</b>
Unitholder Services	28	41

### Management Fee

There is no management fee charged to the Portfolio. The trustee receives an annual fee from investors for the wealth management service offered through BMO Financial Group.

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### Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Portfolio and are intended to help you understand the Portfolio's financial performance for the periods indicated.

The Portfolio's Net Assets Per Unit <sup>(1)</sup>	Six months ended June 30, 2012	Years ended December 31				
		2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Net assets, beginning of period	\$ 8.87	10.88	8.81	6.48	11.82	10.94
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	\$ 0.08	0.15	0.18	0.16	0.18	0.19
Total expenses	\$ (0.01)	(0.03)	(0.03)	(0.02)	(0.03)	(0.04)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	\$ (0.27)	0.52	0.83	(0.10)	(1.76)	1.11
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	\$ (0.07)	(2.47)	1.38	2.41	(3.62)	(0.24)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>\$ (0.27)</b>	<b>(1.83)</b>	<b>2.36</b>	<b>2.45</b>	<b>(5.23)</b>	<b>1.02</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ —	—	—	—	0.03	0.02
From dividends	\$ —	0.19	0.12	0.16	0.16	0.14
From capital gains	\$ —	—	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	\$ —	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>0.19</b>	<b>0.12</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>0.19</b>	<b>0.16</b>
<b>Net assets, end of period</b>	<b>\$ 8.58</b>	<b>8.87</b>	<b>10.88</b>	<b>8.81</b>	<b>6.48</b>	<b>11.82</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> This information is derived from the Portfolio's audited annual financial statements and unaudited June 30, 2012, semi-annual financial statements. The net assets per unit presented in the financial statements differs from the net asset value calculated for Portfolio pricing purposes. An explanation of these differences can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

<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 period. This table is not intended to be a reconciliation of beginning to ending net assets per unit.

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

Ratios and Supplemental Data	Six months ended June 30, 2012	Years ended December 31				
		2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Total net asset value (000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 74,360	84,542	130,354	84,872	65,137	132,106
Number of units outstanding (000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	8,653	9,500	11,949	9,609	10,012	11,153
Management expense ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	% 0.11	0.11	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
Management expense ratio before waivers or management absorptions	% 0.11	0.11	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
Trading expense ratio <sup>(3)</sup>	% 0.11	0.18	0.19	0.17	0.18	0.21
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(4)</sup>	% 10.30	29.17	53.29	33.99	32.43	38.82
Net asset value per unit	\$ 8.59	8.90	10.91	8.83	6.51	11.85

<sup>(1)</sup> This information is provided as at June 30 or December 31 of the period shown.

<sup>(2)</sup> Management expense ratio is based on total expenses (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period.

<sup>(3)</sup> The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period.

<sup>(4)</sup> The portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Portfolio's investment manager manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Portfolio buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the year. The higher a portfolio turnover rate in a year, the greater the trading costs payable by the Portfolio in the year, 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 Portfolio.

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## Past Performance

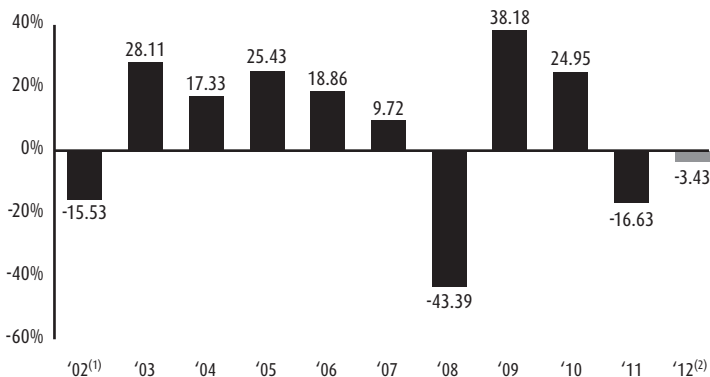
### General

The Portfolio's performance information assumes that all distributions made by the Portfolio in the periods shown were used to purchase additional units of the Portfolio and is based on the net asset value of the Portfolio.

The performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges that, if applicable, would have reduced returns or performance. Please remember, how the Portfolio has performed in the past does not indicate how it will perform in the future.

### Year-by-Year Returns

The following bar chart(s) show the performance for each of the financial years and for the six-month period ended June 30, 2012 shown. The chart(s) show in percentage terms how an investment made on the first day of each financial year would have increased or decreased by the last day of the financial year.



<sup>(1)</sup> Return from March 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002. Four mutual funds, all of which were offered by way of private placement merged to form the Portfolio on February 28, 2002.

<sup>(2)</sup> For the six-month period ended June 30, 2012.

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### Summary of Investment Portfolio

as at June 30, 2012

Portfolio Allocation	% of Net Asset Value	Top 25 Holdings	% of Net Asset Value
Financials	29.1	Toronto-Dominion Bank, The	8.0
Energy	18.8	Cash/Receivables/Payables	5.9
Materials	17.5	Bank of Nova Scotia	5.8
Industrials	7.2	Royal Bank of Canada	5.4
Consumer Discretionary	7.2	Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan Inc.	3.3
Cash/Receivables/Payables	5.9	Manulife Financial Corporation	3.3
Information Technology	4.6	SXC Health Solution Corp.	2.9
Consumer Staples	3.6	Dollarama Inc.	2.8
Health Care	3.3	Rogers Communications Inc., Class B	2.8
Telecommunication Services	2.8	Canadian Natural Resources Limited	2.7
		Intact Financial Corporation	2.6
		Goldcorp Inc.	2.4
		Suncor Energy Inc.	2.3
		Diageo plc, ADR	2.1
		Pacific Rubiales Energy Corp.	2.0
		Descartes Systems Group Inc., The	1.8
		Yum! Brands, Inc.	1.8
		Visa Inc., Class A	1.7
		Canadian National Railway Company	1.6
		Cenovus Energy Inc.	1.6
		National Bank of Canada	1.6
		Kraft Foods Inc., Class A	1.5
		Tourmaline Oil Corp.	1.5
		Canadian Western Bank	1.4
		FedEx Corporation	1.3
		<b>Top holdings as a percentage of net asset value</b>	<b>70.1</b>
		<b>Total Net Asset Value</b>	<b>\$74,359,974</b>

*The summary of investment portfolio may change due to the Portfolio's ongoing portfolio transactions. Updates are available quarterly.*

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