

# Semi-Annual Management Report of Fund Performance

## BMO Private U.S. Growth Equity Portfolio

For the period ended June 30, 2025

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### Management Discussion of Fund Performance

*BMO Private Investment Counsel Inc. (“BPIC” or the “Manager”), the manager and portfolio manager, is responsible for the management of the overall business, investments and operations of the BMO Private Portfolios and has engaged Sands Capital Management, LLC (“Sands” or the “sub-advisor”) as the sub-advisor of BMO Private U.S. Growth Equity Portfolio (the “Portfolio”).*

#### Results of Operations

Over the six-month period ended June 30, 2025, the Portfolio returned 8.75% in C\$ (14.79% in US\$), after expenses. The Portfolio's benchmark is the Russell 1000 Growth Index, which generated a 0.31% total return in C\$ (6.09% in US\$) over the same six-month period.

Growth equities, as measured by the Russell 1000 Growth Index, returned 6.1% in U.S. dollar terms in the first half of 2025. This advance masked significant volatility, as equities recovered from earlier losses, supported by easing inflation, strong corporate earnings and improving sentiment around artificial intelligence (“AI”) and global trade.

After a strong January, equity markets entered a drawdown that lasted from February through early April. The sell-off was triggered by rising policy uncertainty, culminating in the Trump administration's

April 2 announcement of higher tariffs. Volatility, as measured by the CBOE Volatility Index, spiked to its highest level in over four years before growth equities bottomed on April 8.

A 90-day tariff truce between the United States and China lifted market sentiment and reduced investor uncertainty. Meanwhile, May inflation data came in below expectations for headline and core Consumer Price Index readings, easing concerns that tariffs would drive a broader rise in prices. This revived hopes for interest-rate cuts later in the year.

S&P 500 Index companies reported first-quarter earnings growth of 12.9%, well ahead of expectations. Demand for AI infrastructure remained strong. The “Magnificent 7” (Apple Inc., Microsoft Corp., Alphabet Inc., Amazon.com Inc., NVIDIA Corp., Meta Platforms Inc. and Tesla Inc.) reported a 32% year-over-year earnings increase.

The Portfolio's security selection contributed to performance, led by its positioning within the Consumer Discretionary and Communications Services sectors. The top individual contributors were NVIDIA, Spotify, Netflix, Cloudflare, and Roblox.

The Portfolio's security selection within the Financials and Energy sectors modestly detracted from performance. The top individual detractors were AppLovin, Atlassian, Apple, Venture Global, and Amazon.

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New positions included Broadcom Inc., a key enabler of systems scalability through ethernet networking and custom accelerators. The company should benefit from advancements in AI models and increases in computing power. Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Ltd. is the world's largest producer of leading-edge logic chips by market share. Its leadership position has been cemented by several factors, including its high-quality manufacturing process and ongoing investments in innovation. Venture Global Inc. develops and operates liquefied natural gas export facilities and should benefit from higher demand. Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. is the largest middle-market commercial insurance broker in the United States and the third-largest globally by revenue.

Increased positions included AppLovin Corp., Meta Platforms Inc., NVIDIA Corp., Amazon.com Inc. and Netflix Inc.

Decreased positions included Spotify Technology SA, Shopify Inc., Netflix Inc., Amazon.com Inc. and Meta Platforms Inc.

Eliminated positions included ASML Holding NV and Entegris Inc. to fund new investments in higher-conviction semiconductor businesses. Snowflake Inc. was sold to manage the Portfolio's exposure to software and higher-volatility holdings. Apple Inc. was sold to fund compelling additions to existing holdings during the market sell-off and to strengthen the Portfolio's cash position to take advantage of future opportunities.

*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

Following a de-escalation in tariff negotiations, equity market gains were supported by healthy profit growth and improved sentiment. This was underpinned by expectations around the transition to accelerated computing.

Some businesses have used AI to reduce frictions in advertising, improve engagement through personalization and generate cost-saving insights. Other companies have faced dilemmas about how they should adapt as customer preferences shift.

The sub-advisor believes passive strategies are unlikely to position investors to capture this change. With market concentration near all-time highs, there are potential vulnerabilities among some of the index's largest holdings. Meanwhile, index concentration has created a vacuum that may limit exposure to other businesses that are well-positioned to leverage AI to improve their earnings growth.

The sub-advisor's forward-looking approach is rooted in fundamental analysis and an assessment of the sustainability of AI infrastructure spending. At the same time, the sub-advisor works to identify those businesses that may use AI to strengthen their competitive positioning and earnings potential.

The sub-advisor intends to remain nimble, positioning portfolios to reflect leading businesses in this technology paradigm shift. However, the Portfolio is not solely reliant on the success of AI. It remains diversified across businesses directly exposed to demand for AI, those that may leverage AI to run more efficiently and those operating in end markets completely detached from AI-related spending.

In January 2025, U.S. President Donald Trump was inaugurated. Subsequently, the U.S. government has made sweeping policy changes. These policy changes include both an increase in existing tariffs and the invocation of new tariffs on many countries, including Canada. In response, both domestic and global financial markets have reacted with increased volatility. As at the current date, President Trump's policy changes are continuously shifting. It is uncertain how long the market instability will continue and whether it will escalate further.

### Related Party Transactions

BMO Trust Company, an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Bank of Montreal ("BMO"), is the trustee (the "trustee") and BPIC is the manager of the Portfolio. From time to time, BPIC 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"). The purpose of this section is to provide a brief description of any transaction involving the Portfolio and a related party. In each

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instance where a conflict of interest is identified, it will be referred to the Portfolio's independent review committee (the "IRC"). The primary focus of the IRC is to determine whether the proposed action of the Manager in respect of the conflict of interest matter achieves a fair and reasonable result for the Portfolio.

### *Sub-advisor*

BPIC has hired Sands to provide investment advice and make investment decisions for the Portfolio's investment portfolio. Sands receives a sub-advisory fee based on assets under management, which is paid quarterly. Sands is paid by BPIC, and BPIC charges a portion of the sub-advisory fee as an expense to the Portfolio.

### *Buying and Selling Securities*

During the period, the Manager relied on Standing Instructions provided by the Portfolio's IRC for any of the following related party transactions that may have occurred in the Portfolio:

- (a) investments in securities issued by BMO, an affiliate of the Manager, or any other issuer related to the Manager;
- (b) investments in a class of securities of an issuer during the distribution period of those securities or the 60-day period following the completion of the distribution where BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc., an affiliate of the Manager, or any other affiliate of the Manager acts as an underwriter in the distribution of those securities;
- (c) trades in over-the-counter debt securities in the secondary market with BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc., or any other affiliate of the Manager, acting as principal in the Canadian debt securities market; and
- (d) trades of a security of any issuer from or to, another investment fund managed by the Manager or an affiliate of the Manager or a managed account managed by an affiliate of the Manager

(each, a "Related Party Transaction").

In accordance with the IRC's Standing Instructions, in making a decision to cause the Portfolio to make a Related Party Transaction, the Manager and the sub-advisor of the Portfolio are required to comply with the Manager's written policies and procedures governing the Related Party Transaction and report periodically to the IRC, describing each instance that the Manager and/or the sub-advisor relied on the Standing Instructions and their compliance or non-compliance with the governing policies and procedures. The governing policies and procedures are designed to ensure that each Related Party Transaction (i) is made free from any influence of BMO, BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc. or an associate or affiliate of BMO and/or BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc. and without taking into account any considerations relevant to BMO, BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc. or an associate or affiliate of BMO and/or BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc., (ii) represents the business judgment of the Manager and/or the sub-advisor, uninfluenced by considerations other than the best interests of the Portfolio, and (iii) achieves a fair and reasonable result for the Portfolio. The IRC has reviewed the related party transactions described above and has provided an approval that each transaction achieves a fair and reasonable result for the Portfolio.

### *Wealth Management Fee*

Units of the Portfolio are only available through the wealth management service offered by BMO Financial Group. The trustee, a related party, and the Manager receive an annual fee from each investor for the wealth management service offered by 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 wealth management fee payable by each investor is set out in BPIC's *Investment Management Fee Schedule* that is provided to the investor when the investor enters into an investment management agreement with the trustee and BPIC. The wealth management fee is paid directly by the investor to the trustee and the Manager. 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. BPIC is the registrar of the Portfolio. The trustee and BPIC 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 periods were as follows:

	<b>Period ended</b> <b>June 30, 2025</b> ( <b>\$000s</b> )	<b>Period ended</b> <b>June 30, 2024</b> ( <b>\$000s</b> )
Unitholder Services	94	85

### Management Fee

There is no management fee charged to the Portfolio. The trustee and the Manager receive an annual wealth management fee from investors for the wealth management service offered by 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, 2025		Years ended December 31			
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	
Net assets, beginning of period	\$ 37.81	28.06	18.88	34.58	34.00	20.67
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	\$ 0.04	0.06	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.09
Total expenses <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ (0.08)	(0.14)	(0.10)	(0.09)	(0.12)	(0.12)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	\$ 2.90	3.04	1.05	(1.48)	3.37	5.64
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	\$ 0.37	6.84	8.32	(14.56)	(1.89)	7.30
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 3.23</b>	<b>9.80</b>	<b>9.32</b>	<b>(16.09)</b>	<b>1.40</b>	<b>12.91</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ —	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	\$ —	—	—	—	—	—
From capital gains	\$ —	—	—	—	1.04	—
Return of capital	\$ —	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions <sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1.04</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Net assets, end of period</b>	<b>\$ 41.12</b>	<b>37.81</b>	<b>28.06</b>	<b>18.88</b>	<b>34.58</b>	<b>34.00</b>

(1) This information is derived from the Portfolio's unaudited and audited financial statements.

(2) Includes commissions and other portfolio transaction costs and withholding taxes.

(3) 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.

(4) Distributions were paid in cash or reinvested in additional units of the Portfolio, or both.

Ratios and Supplemental Data	Six months ended June 30, 2025		Years ended December 31			
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	
Total net asset value (000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 647,345	627,969	505,847	482,889	955,316	836,300
Number of units outstanding (000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	15,744	16,609	18,028	25,573	27,627	24,594
Management expense ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	% 0.38	0.37	0.36	0.35	0.33	0.35
Management expense ratio before waivers or management absorptions <sup>(2)</sup>	% 0.55	0.54	0.53	0.52	0.50	0.52
Trading expense ratio <sup>(3)</sup>	% 0.04	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.02
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(4)</sup>	% 32.89	38.55	35.16	32.44	24.00	49.95
Net asset value per unit	\$ 41.12	37.81	28.06	18.88	34.58	34.00

(1) This information is provided as at June 30 or December 31 of the period shown, as applicable.

(2) 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.

(3) 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.

(4) The portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Portfolio's sub-advisor 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

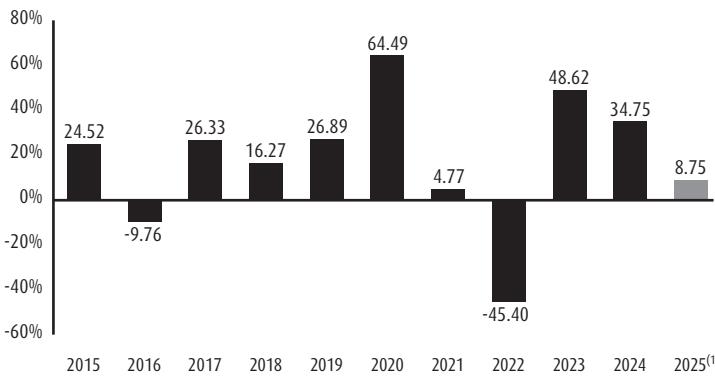
The Portfolio's performance information assumes that all distributions made by the Portfolio in the periods shown were reinvested in additional units of the Portfolio and is based on the net asset value of the Portfolio. The reinvestment of distributions increases returns.

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 necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.

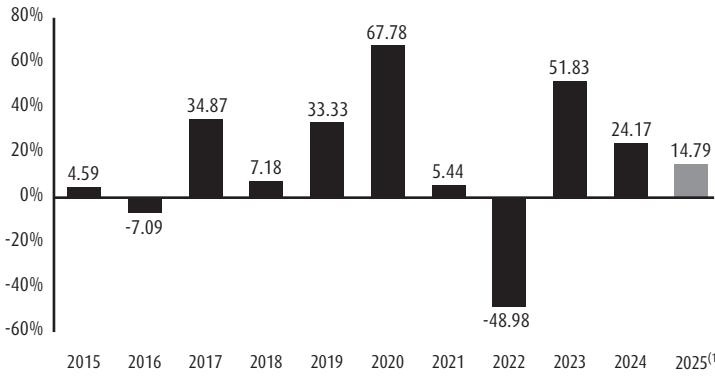
### Year-by-Year Returns

The following bar charts show the performance for each of the financial years shown and for the six-month period ended June 30, 2025, and illustrate how the performance has changed from year to year. The bar charts 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 each financial year.

#### BMO Private U.S. Growth Equity Portfolio (C\$)



#### BMO Private U.S. Growth Equity Portfolio (US\$)



<sup>(1)</sup> For the six-month period ended June 30, 2025.

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### Summary of Investment Portfolio as at June 30, 2025

Portfolio Allocation	% of Net Asset Value	Top 25 Holdings Issuer	% of Net Asset Value
Information Technology	45.7	NVIDIA Corporation	9.7
Communication Services	18.1	Microsoft Corporation	8.4
Financials	14.0	Amazon.com, Inc.	7.9
Consumer Discretionary	12.7	Meta Platforms Inc., Class A	6.3
Health Care	4.2	Broadcom Inc.	4.7
Cash/Receivables/Payables	2.8	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company, Ltd., ADR	4.6
Industrials	1.6	ServiceNow, Inc.	4.5
Energy	0.9	Sea Limited, Class A, ADR	3.5
<b>Total portfolio allocation</b>	<b>100.0</b>	Intercontinental Exchange, Inc.	3.4
		Netflix, Inc.	3.3
		Nu Holdings Ltd., Class A	3.2
		DexCom, Inc.	3.2
		Samsara Inc, Class A	3.0
		DoorDash, Inc., Class A	2.9
		Visa Inc., Class A	2.8
		Cash/Receivables/Payables	2.8
		Spotify Technology S.A.	2.6
		Datadog, Inc., Class A	2.5
		Shopify Inc., Class A	2.5
		Block, Inc., Class A	2.4
		Roblox Corporation, Class A	2.4
		Cloudflare, Inc., Class A	2.4
		Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.	2.1
		Carvana Co., Class A	1.9
		AppLovin Corporation, Class A	1.8
		<b>Top holdings as a percentage of total net asset value</b>	<b>94.8</b>
		<b>Total Net Asset Value</b>	<b>\$647,345,175</b>

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

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