

Annual Management Report of Fund Performance

BMO Private U.S. Growth Equity Portfolio

For the period ended December 31, 2024

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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").

Investment Objective and Strategies

The Portfolio's investment objective is to provide above average long-term capital growth by investing in the equity securities of large capitalization, U.S.-based companies.

To achieve the Portfolio's objectives, the sub-advisor primarily analyzes companies with consistently superior growth in revenues and earnings, in promising businesses that have distinct competitive advantages, with proven management and very strong transparent financial statements. The Portfolio may use depository receipts as part of its investment strategy.

Risk

The risks associated with an investment in the Portfolio remain as disclosed in the Portfolio's most recent simplified prospectus or any amendments thereto and fund facts. During the period, there were no changes to the Portfolio's investment objective, strategies or management that materially affected the overall risk

level associated with an investment in the Portfolio. The Manager reviewed the Portfolio using the standardized investment risk classification methodology prescribed by National Instrument 81-102 *Investment Funds* and determined on May 17, 2024, that the risk rating of the Portfolio had changed from "Medium to High" to "High". The Manager reviews the Portfolio's investment risk level and reference index, if any, at least annually.

Results of Operations

Over the 12-month period ended December 31, 2024, the Portfolio returned 34.75% in C\$ (24.17% in US\$), after expenses. The Portfolio's benchmark is the Russell 1000 Growth Index, which generated a 45.46% total return in C\$ (33.36% in US\$) over the same 12-month period.

Growth equities, as measured by the Russell 1000 Growth Index, gained 33.4% in US\$ terms during the 12-month period ended December 31, 2024. Equity markets once again saw support from mega-capitalization Information Technology sector businesses, which delivered earnings growth well in excess of the rest of the S&P 500 Index constituents and saw significant positive earnings revisions. The advance in equity markets was supported by a decisive outcome in the U.S. presidential election and the U.S. Federal Reserve Board's decision to cut interest rates.

The strength of mega-capitalization Information Technology sector businesses was reflected in narrow market leadership. Over the course of the year, the top 10 holdings in the Russell 1000 Index returned 57%, contributing to 79% of the index's entire return.



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Security selection weighed on the Portfolio's performance, particularly from April to July, during a period of narrow market leadership. Health Care sector businesses held within the Portfolio also detracted from performance. Allocation to the semiconductor industry contributed to the Portfolio's performance, but selection within that industry weighed on relative results. The largest individual detractors from the Portfolio's performance were positions in Dexcom Inc., Snowflake Inc., 10X Genomics Inc., ASML Holding NV and Okta Inc.

Security selection in the Communication Services sector contributed to the Portfolio's performance, as did an underweight allocation to the Consumer Staples sector. Top individual contributors to the Portfolio's performance included holdings in NVIDIA Corp., Meta Platforms Inc., Amazon.com Inc., ServiceNow Inc. and Sea Ltd.

The sub-advisor added to the Portfolio new positions in ASML Holding NV, Apple Inc. and Spotify Technology SA. ASML Holding NV's primary product by revenue is extreme ultraviolet ("EUV") lithography systems, a critical manufacturing component for advanced microchips. The sub-advisor believes unit and pricing growth of the company's EUV systems will continue to be driven by the increased manufacturing complexity of semiconductors. A holding in Apple Inc. was purchased based on the company's integrated hardware, voice-activated assistant and consumer data. The sub-advisor believes that these will help the company deliver personalized assistant capabilities enabled by artificial intelligence ("AI") and collect tolls on the expansion of AI-enabled applications. A holding in Spotify Technology SA was purchased for the company's leadership position, which has become further entrenched with music labels' growing dependence on streaming revenue. The Portfolio's existing positions in CloudFlare Inc., NVIDIA Corp. and Atlassian Corp. PLC were increased.

The Portfolio's position in Match Group Inc. was eliminated amid high CEO turnover, which has resulted in development delays, product stagnation and lower usage. A position in CoStar Group Inc. was also sold from the Portfolio due to the company's recent investment in Homes.com Inc., which the sub-advisor believes will weigh on profitability for longer than anticipated. A Portfolio holding in 10X Genomics Inc.

was eliminated in favour of an investment in Ultragenyx Pharmaceutical Inc. based the latter's core business and product pipeline. Portfolio holdings in NVIDIA Corp., ServiceNow Inc. and Meta Platforms Inc. were trimmed.

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 2025, the trajectory of equity markets will likely depend on stronger earnings from S&P 500 Index stocks outside of the "Magnificent Seven," the ability of companies to deliver positive earnings revisions, the tension between and magnitude of deregulation and tariffs, and the path of monetary policy.

The persistence in leadership for the mega-capitalization Information Technology stocks may rely on the sustainability of infrastructure spend to support AI. The Magnificent Seven businesses are competing to harness the power of large clusters of leading-edge chips to test the use cases that may fall out from these significant advances in computing power. This arms race is increasing the capital intensity of these businesses, leading investors to question the returns that will come from this spending and the subsequent impact on margins.

With this in mind, it is the sub-advisor's view that an active approach is critical in an environment that relies so heavily on the spending intentions and profit trajectory of a small group of businesses. This backdrop provides significant advantages for businesses that meet the sub-advisor's leadership criterion, through possessing the appropriate scale and proprietary data to effectively integrate AI.

While equities sit near all-time high valuations, the multi-year recovery has not been even. Many high-growth businesses are well below prior highs, despite impressive progress in their businesses. Meanwhile, the sub-advisor has seen shorter-duration growth businesses benefit from multiple expansion as investors have shortened their time horizons to account for the higher interest rate environment.

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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 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.

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 periods were as follows:

	Period ended Dec. 31, 2024 (\$000s)	Period ended Dec. 31, 2023 (\$000s)
Total Brokerage Commissions	159	128
Brokerage Commissions paid to BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc.	—	1

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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.

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:

	Period ended Dec. 31, 2024 (\$000s)	Period ended Dec. 31, 2023 (\$000s)
Unitholder Services	176	171

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 ⁽¹⁾	Years ended December 31				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Net assets, beginning of period	\$ 28.06	18.88	34.58	34.00	20.67
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenue	\$ 0.06	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.09
Total expenses ⁽²⁾	\$ (0.14)	(0.10)	(0.09)	(0.12)	(0.12)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	\$ 3.04	1.05	(1.48)	3.37	5.64
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	\$ 6.84	8.32	(14.56)	(1.89)	7.30
Total increase (decrease) from operations ⁽³⁾	\$ 9.80	9.32	(16.09)	1.40	12.91
Distributions:					
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ —	—	—	—	—
From dividends	\$ —	—	—	—	—
From capital gains	\$ —	—	—	1.04	—
Return of capital	\$ —	—	—	—	—
Total Annual Distributions ⁽⁴⁾	\$ —	—	—	1.04	—
Net assets, end of period	\$ 37.81	28.06	18.88	34.58	34.00

⁽¹⁾ This information is derived from the Portfolio's audited annual 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	Years ended December 31				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total net asset value (000s) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 627,969	505,847	482,889	955,316	836,300
Number of units outstanding (000s) ⁽¹⁾	16,609	18,028	25,573	27,627	24,594
Management expense ratio ⁽²⁾	0.37	0.36	0.35	0.33	0.35
Management expense ratio before waivers or management absorptions ⁽²⁾	0.54	0.53	0.52	0.50	0.52
Trading expense ratio ⁽³⁾	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.02
Portfolio turnover rate ⁽⁴⁾	38.55	35.16	32.44	24.00	49.95
Net asset value per unit	\$ 37.81	28.06	18.88	34.58	34.00

⁽¹⁾ This information is provided as at December 31 of the period shown.

⁽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

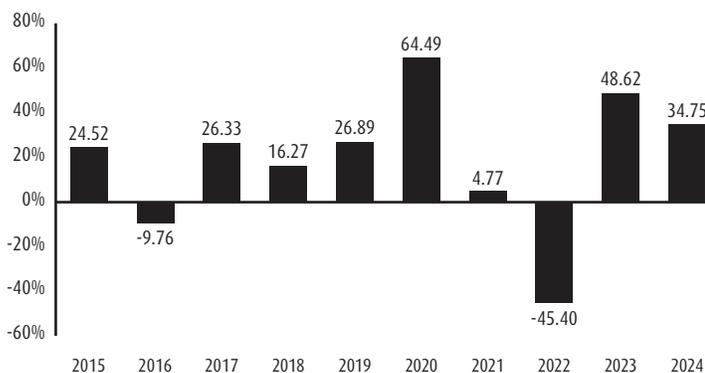
The Portfolio's performance information assumes that all distributions made by the Portfolio in the periods shown were reinvested in additional units of the Portfolio and is based on the net asset value of the Portfolio. The reinvestment of distributions increases returns.

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.

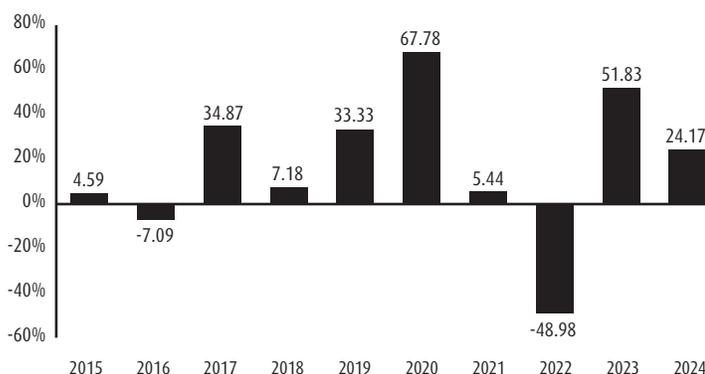
Year-by-Year Returns

The following bar charts show the performance for each of the financial years shown, and 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\$)



Annual Compound Returns

These charts compare the historical annual compound returns of the Portfolio with the Russell 1000 Growth Index, which measures the performance of those Russell 1000 Index companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher earnings and sales growth rates.

	1 yr %	3 yrs %	5 yrs %	10 yrs %
BMO Private U.S. Growth Equity Portfolio (C\$)‡	34.75	3.02	13.51	14.71
Russell 1000 Growth Index (C\$)	45.46	15.34	21.50	19.33
BMO Private U.S. Growth Equity Portfolio (US\$)‡	24.17	-1.28	11.22	12.29
Russell 1000 Growth Index (US\$)	33.36	10.47	18.96	16.78

‡ The Portfolio's return is after the deduction of expenses, while the benchmark does not include any costs of investing.

A commentary on the market and/or information regarding the relative performance of the Portfolio as compared to its benchmark can be found under the Results of Operations section of this report.

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Summary of Investment Portfolio

as at December 31, 2024

Portfolio Allocation	% of Net Asset Value	Top 25 Holdings Issuer	% of Net Asset Value
Information Technology	53.2	NVIDIA Corporation	9.2
Communication Services	16.0	Amazon.com, Inc.	9.2
Consumer Discretionary	11.5	Microsoft Corporation	7.4
Financials	10.0	ServiceNow, Inc.	5.6
Health Care	4.7	Meta Platforms Inc., Class A	5.1
Industrials	3.4	Atlassian Corporation PLC, Class A	4.7
Cash/Receivables/Payables	1.2	Shopify Inc., Class A	4.5
Total portfolio allocation	100.0	Apple Inc.	4.4
		Datadog, Inc., Class A	3.6
		Spotify Technology S.A.	3.3
		DexCom, Inc.	3.2
		Sea Limited, Class A, ADR	3.0
		Samsara Inc, Class A	3.0
		Netflix, Inc.	2.9
		Block, Inc., Class A	2.9
		Cloudflare, Inc., Class A	2.8
		Intercontinental Exchange, Inc.	2.7
		ASML Holding N.V., ADR	2.5
		Nu Holdings Ltd., Class A	2.3
		DoorDash, Inc., Class A	2.3
		Visa Inc., Class A	2.1
		AppLovin Corporation, Class A	2.1
		Entegris, Inc.	2.0
		Uber Technologies, Inc.	1.9
		Roblox Corporation, Class A	1.7
		Top holdings as a percentage of total net asset value	94.4
		Total Net Asset Value	\$627,969,365

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

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