

# Global Strategy Master LP

2008 ANNUAL REPORT



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# Global Strategy Master LP

## Market Value of Distributed Securities

(Unaudited)

As at December 31, 2008

	Market Value (in thousands)		Market Value (in thousands)
<b>CANADIAN BALANCED AND ASSET ALLOCATION FUNDS</b>		<b>INTERNATIONAL FIXED INCOME FUNDS</b>	
AGF Canadian Balanced Fund	\$ 73,674	AGF Global Government Bond Fund	\$ 24,780
AGF Canadian Balanced Value Fund	2,171	AGF Short-Term Income Class	296
	<u>75,845</u>	AGF Global High Yield Bond Fund	165
			<u>25,241</u>
<b>INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUNDS</b>		<b>SPECIALTY EQUITY FUNDS</b>	
AGF European Equity Class	15,249	AGF Precious Metals Fund	12,310
AGF Global Equity Fund	13,859	AGF Canadian Resources Fund Limited	897
AGF Global Value Fund	4,172	AGF Global Health Sciences Class	79
AGF International Stock Class	1,968	AGF Global Resources Class	77
AGF China Focus Class	572	AGF Global Real Estate Equity Class	50
AGF Japan Class	452	AGF Global Financial Services Class	20
AGF Emerging Markets Fund	401	AGF Global Technology Class	5
AGF Global Perspective Class	305		<u>13,438</u>
AGF Aggressive Global Stock Fund	173	<b>CANADIAN FIXED INCOME FUNDS</b>	
AGF Global Equity Class	166	AGF Canadian Money Market Fund	3,914
AGF Global Value Class	73	AGF Canadian High Yield Bond Fund	1,154
AGF Asian Growth Class	60	AGF Canadian Bond Fund	1,086
AGF World Opportunities Fund	42	AGF Canadian Conservative Income Fund	216
AGF Emerging Markets Class	38		<u>6,370</u>
AGF Global Dividend Fund	2	<b>ELEMENTS PORTFOLIOS</b>	
	<u>37,532</u>	AGF Elements Balanced Portfolio	1,595
<b>CANADIAN EQUITY FUNDS</b>		AGF Elements Global Portfolio	716
AGF Canadian Value Fund	16,096	AGF Elements Growth Portfolio	285
AGF Canadian Small Cap Fund	8,287	AGF Elements Yield Portfolio	130
AGF Canadian Stock Fund	8,181	AGF Elements Conservative Portfolio	122
AGF Canadian Large Cap Dividend Fund Class	4,599		<u>2,848</u>
AGF Canadian Growth Equity Fund Limited	607	<b>U.S. EQUITY FUNDS</b>	
AGF Dividend Income Fund	506	AGF Aggressive U.S. Growth Fund	585
AGF Monthly High Income Fund	250	AGF American Growth Class	426
AGF Canadian Large Cap Dividend Fund	207	AGF U.S. Value Class	351
AGF Canada Class	197	AGF Special U.S. Class	24
AGF Diversified Dividend Income Fund	143	AGF U.S. Risk Managed Class	13
AGF Large Cap Dividend Class	33		<u>1,399</u>
AGF Canadian All Cap Equity Fund	23	<b>INTERNATIONAL BALANCED AND ASSET ALLOCATION FUNDS</b>	
AGF Canadian Stock Class	10	AGF World Balanced Fund	1,617
	<u>39,139</u>		
		<b>TOTAL DISTRIBUTED SECURITIES</b>	<b>\$ <u>203,429</u></b>

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## Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

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For the years ended December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007

Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") presents an analysis of the financial condition of Global Strategy Master LP ("Master LP") as at December 31, 2008 compared with December 31, 2007, and the results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2008 compared with the corresponding period of 2007. This discussion should be read in conjunction with our audited financial statements and notes for 2008. The financial information presented herein has been prepared on the basis of Canadian generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). Certain figures are rounded to the nearest two decimal places and all dollar amounts are in Canadian dollars.

The MD&A includes forward-looking statements about Master LP. Forward-looking statements include statements that are predictive in nature, depend upon or refer to future events or conditions, or include words such as "expects", "anticipates", "intends", "plans", "believes", or negative versions thereof and similar expressions. The MD&A contains forward-looking statements that are based on current expectations and projections about future events and are inherently subject to, among other things, risks and uncertainties beyond Master LP's control. These risks and uncertainties include economic conditions, market fluctuations, interest rate and foreign exchange movements, political events, regulatory change and competitive developments. The reader is cautioned to consider these and other factors carefully and not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. We are under no obligation (and expressly disclaim any such obligation) to update or alter the forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. Actual results could differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements.

### **FORMATION AND BUSINESS OF GLOBAL STRATEGY MASTER LP**

Master LP was formed in January 1999 when eight of the nine Global Strategy Limited Partnerships (the "Merging Partnerships") merged to form the Master LP. Global Strategy Partners LP IX ("LP IX") merged with Master LP on February 18, 2000 after it had fully deducted its sales commissions for tax purposes. Master LP consists of the aggregate assets of the Merging Partnerships and is carrying on with the business activities previously carried on by those partnerships.

The Merging Partnerships were formed to pay sales commissions to registered dealers who sold Global Strategy mutual funds on a back-end-load (redemption charge) basis. In return for paying sales commissions, the Merging Partnerships were entitled to ongoing distribution fee revenue on specific mutual funds units that remain outstanding and that were originally financed by that partnership ("Distributed Securities"). The Merging Partnerships were also entitled to redemption fees for up to six years, which provided some protection against a reduction in distribution fee revenue caused by early redemption of Distributed Securities. Upon merger, the Merging Partnerships transferred their rights to distribution fees and redemption fees to Master LP.

As at December 31, 2008, Master LP has total issued and outstanding units of 10,972,272. These units of Master LP are listed for trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange (the "Exchange") under the symbol LPV.UN. The units also qualify for investments by registered tax plans such as RSPs and RIFs.

### **REVENUE**

Master LP's primary source of revenue is distribution fees earned from the Distributed Securities to which it has distribution rights. The future stream of revenues is a function of the market value of these assets and the rate and timing of the redemptions of the underlying assets.

The redemption fee schedule applicable to the Distributed Securities has expired and the Master LP no longer receives any redemption fee revenue.

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### DISTRIBUTION FEES

Master LP receives a monthly distribution fee calculated as a percentage of the daily net asset value of the Distributed Securities which remain outstanding based on various distribution fee rates which are shown on page 4. Distribution fees are earned at various rates per annum. These distribution fee rates vary by partnership and can also vary over time, based on the composition of outstanding Distributed Securities of a partnership. In general, Distributed Securities that were sold for a higher sales commission carry a higher distribution fee rate than those that were sold for a lower sales commission. The weighted average annual distribution fee rate for the year ended December 31, 2008 was 0.55%, which was the same a year ago.

Distribution fees amounted to \$1.4 million in 2008 as compared to \$2.0 million in 2007. The decrease of 26.3% in distribution fees was primarily attributable to the decline in net asset value of Distributed Securities from \$309.3 million as at December 31, 2007 to \$203.4 million as at December 31, 2008.

The following is a summary of the changes in Distributed Securities for 2008 and 2007:

(Unaudited)	(in thousands)	
Years ended December 31	2008	2007
Market value of Distributed Securities, beginning of year	\$ 309,277	\$ 375,874
Decrease in market value of Distributed Securities, including reinvested distributions	(57,243)	(61)
Redemption of Distributed Securities	(48,605)	(66,536)
Market value of Distributed Securities, end of year	\$ 203,429	\$ 309,277

The 2008 annual redemption rate based on the market value of Distributed Securities at the beginning of the year was 15.7% compared to 17.7% in 2007. Redemptions of \$48.6 million and market decline of \$57.3 million accounted for the decrease in the value of Distributed Securities during 2008.

### DISTRIBUTED SECURITIES COMPOSITION

The composition of Distributed Securities as at December 31, 2008 and 2007 are shown in the table below. The relative weighting of each asset class will change over time, based on performance, redemptions, and unitholder switches between funds.

#### Composition of Distributed Securities based on market value as at December 31:

(Unaudited)	2008	2007
	%	%
Canadian Balanced and Asset Allocation Funds	38	32
International Fixed Income Funds and Others	20	18
Canadian Equity Funds	19	24
International Equity Funds	19	23
Canadian Fixed Income Funds	3	2
U.S. Equity Funds	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

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### REVENUE TERMINATION DATES

Master LP is entitled to the same revenue streams, with the same termination dates, as the Merging Partnerships. The entitlement to redemption fee revenue for all the Merging Partnerships has expired. The following table illustrates the expiry date applicable to the various pools of Distributed Securities in respect of which Master LP has the right to receive distribution fees:

Partnership	Distributed Securities (Market Value as at December 31, 2008) (Unaudited) (in thousands)	Weighted Average Annual Distribution Fee Rate	Distribution Fee Expiry Date (December 31)
LP 1990	\$ 4,473	0.58%	2014
LP II	3,402	0.68%	2015
LP III	18,400	0.65%	2016
LP IV	2,537	0.68%	2017
LP V	64,695	0.54%	2017
LP VI	50,830	0.54%	2018
LP VII	8,598	0.58%	2019
LP VIII	16,045	0.58%	2020
LP IX	34,449	0.45%	2012
	<b>\$ 203,429</b>		

Master LP will continue until December 31, 2020 unless procedures as specified in the Master LP partnership agreement for the dissolution of Master LP are commenced earlier upon the occurrence of certain events stated in the Master LP partnership agreement.

### INTEREST

Interest earned on the regular bank account held by the Master LP was \$7,116 in 2008 as compared to \$11,726 in 2007. The decrease was primarily due to the decrease of distribution fee revenue earned in 2008.

As at December 31, 2008, cash held by Master LP amounted to \$174,548 as compared to \$275,522 at December 31, 2007.

### GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES

General and administration expenses for the year ended December 31, 2008 were \$255,693, a decrease of 16.9% from \$307,656 in 2007. The decrease was primarily attributable to the decrease in administration fees. AGFFI provides administrative services to Master LP pursuant to an administrative services agreement. These services are in the normal course of operations and are recorded at the amount of consideration agreed to by the parties.

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### **FINANCIAL CONDITION AND LIQUIDITY**

Total assets were \$268,161 as at December 31, 2008 as compared to \$423,841 as at December 31, 2007. Assets as at December 31, 2008 consisted of cash totaling \$174,548 and receivables of \$93,613. These assets were used primarily to finance the quarterly cash distributions payable to limited partners. The Merging Partnerships were formed to finance selling commissions during a fixed period of time, after which the Merging Partnerships collect the fees to which they are entitled with no significant ongoing financial obligation other than ordinary operating expenses. Master LP distributes all its net income to limited partners on an annual or quarterly basis, depending on each partner's election. As a result, Master LP does not have long-term investment assets.

### **FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

Master LP's financial instruments consist of cash and term-deposit, distribution fees and interest receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, and distributions payable.

### **CASH DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAXABLE INCOME**

Master LP itself is not directly subject to income tax. Instead, Master LP's income or loss for tax purposes is calculated and flowed through to limited partners. Limited partners who beneficially hold Master LP units on December 31 of any year are allocated income or loss for tax purposes based on the entire year's income or loss. This means that any limited partner who purchases units part way through the year and holds these units at year end is allocated taxable income or loss for the entire year, regardless of the cash distributions actually paid to them. In other words, taxable investors who purchase Master LP units that generate taxable income part way through the year and hold these units at year-end would have a tax liability based on the taxable income of the entire year and not just on the cash distributions they have received.

Cash distributions are paid either quarterly to limited partners of record on March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31, or annually to limited partners of record at December 31 who have elected to receive annual distributions.

Cash distributions for 2008 were \$0.11 per limited partnership unit and \$0.15 per limited partnership unit in 2007. Cash distributions per limited partnership unit for the three most recent years are shown on page 8.

Taxable income for 2008 was \$0.11 per limited partnership unit as compared to \$0.15 per limited partnership unit in 2007.

### **SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES**

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates. A summary of significant accounting policies is presented in note 3 to the financial statements.

### **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Global Strategy Master GP Inc. is the general partner and is responsible for the management of Master LP on a day-to-day basis. In consideration for its services, the general partner is entitled to 0.01% of the net distributable income of Master LP and will be reimbursed by Master LP for expenses incurred on behalf of Master LP. The general partner has engaged AGF Funds Inc. ("AGFFI"), its parent company, to assist it in carrying out its management obligations to Master LP. AGFFI is entitled to receive an administrative fee as consideration for its management of the business and affairs of Master LP. AGFFI also receives an investment management fee as consideration for its investment management services.

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These services are in the normal course of operations and are recorded at the amount of consideration agreed to by the parties.

Administration fees and investment management fees for the year ended December 31, 2008 and 6 amounted to:

Years ended December 31	2008	2007
Administration fees	\$ 155,029	\$ 193,786
Investment management fee	1,500	2,000

### OUTLOOK AND RISKS

Master LP's only source of future revenue is distribution fees since the redemption fee schedule for the Distributed Securities expired in 2003. Distribution fees are expected to continue to decline in the future as the level of Distributed Securities declines. Distribution fees are impacted by the following risks:

#### Market Risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk comprises three types of risks which are currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk.

#### Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Master LP is not exposed to significant interest rate risk.

The distribution fees earned by Master LP were deposited with the bank and this cash balance is exposed to interest rate risk due to the interest rate volatility.

#### Currency Risk

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. Master LP is not exposed to significant currency risk arising from its financial instruments.

#### Other Price Risk

Other price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices, other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk. Master LP is not exposed to other price risk however, is indirectly exposed to market risk based on its revenue earned from the market value of Distributed Securities.

#### Redemption Rate Risk

Each Distributed Security is subject to potential cash redemptions of redeemable units. The units of Distributed Security are issued and redeemed on demand at the option of the mutual fund investor at the then current Net Asset Value per unit of the Distributed Securities. The amount of distribution fees to be earned by Master LP will decrease as redemptions of Distributed Securities continue.

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### **Liquidity Risk**

Liquidity risk is defined as the risk that Master LP may not be able to settle or meet its obligation on time or at a reasonable price. Master LP manages its liquidity risk through maintaining sufficient cash deposits to pay its quarterly or annual cash distributions through prompt collection of its earned distribution fees. Distributions payable are due within one month.

### **Credit Risk**

Credit risk is the potential of financial loss arising from the failure of a borrower or counterparty to honour its financial or contractual obligations to the Master LP. The Master LP's over-all credit risk strategy and credit risk policy are developed, managed and controlled by the general partner in accordance with the Master LP's partnership agreement. The over-all risk strategy and credit risk policy are further refined through the use of policies, processes and internal controls in order to ensure that business activities are within the standards of risk tolerance levels. As at December 31, 2008, the financial assets of \$268,161, consisting of cash and term deposit of \$174,548 and distribution fees and interest receivable of \$93,613 exposed to credit risk up to the maximum of their respective carrying value.

### **PARTNERS' EQUITY**

As at December 31, 2008, Master LP has total issued and outstanding units of 10,972,272. The units of Master LP maybe transferred by a limited partner or his agent duly authorized in writing to any person in accordance with the provisions of the Master LP agreement. The units also qualify for investments by registered tax plans such as RSPs and RIFs. Limited partners are entitled to cash distribution when declared. Depending on the payout frequency, the cash distribution is calculated based on Master LP's net quarterly or annual income.

### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

Master LP's business operations are managed by the general partner, Global Strategy Master GP Inc., which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of AGFFI. The general partner carries out its duties and obligations pursuant to the terms of Master LP's partnership agreement. Master LP's principal source of revenue is the distribution fees in respect of the AGF mutual funds managed by AGFFI which comprise the Distributed Securities.

Master LP is responsible for the existence of appropriate information systems, procedures and controls to ensure that information used internally and disclosed externally is complete and reliable. The Board of Directors of the general partner has been charged with the oversight role to ensure the integrity and fair presentation of the reported information. Given the nature of the business, the general partner has determined that the corporate governance guidelines set out by the Exchange are not pertinent to Master LP's operations.

### **REGULATORY FILINGS**

Master LP's annual and interim financial reports, Annual Information Form ("AIF") and MD&As are available at the AGF website, [www.agf.com](http://www.agf.com) and at the Canadian Securities Administrators' website, [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).



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### SELECTED QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL INFORMATION

(in thousands, except per unit amounts)

Year ended December 31, 2008	Total	Q4*	Q3*	Q2*	Q1*
Revenue	\$ 1,449.6	\$ 284.5	\$ 356.6	\$ 400.5	\$ 407.9
Net income for the period	1,193.9	220.5	290.8	340.2	342.4
Net income and cash distribution per limited partnership unit	0.11	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03
Total assets	268.2				

(in thousands, except per unit amounts)

Year ended December 31, 2007	Total	Q4*	Q3*	Q2*	Q1*
Revenue	\$ 1,968.4	\$ 452.3	\$ 475.3	\$ 504.6	\$ 536.2
Net income for the period	1,660.7	375.7	399.4	426.9	458.7
Net income and cash distribution per limited partnership unit	0.15	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04
Total assets	423.8				

(in thousands, except per unit amounts)

Year ended December 31, 2006	Total	Q4*	Q3*	Q2*	Q1*
Revenue	\$ 2,108.2	\$ 511.9	\$ 503.4	\$ 534.7	\$ 558.2
Net income for the period	1,755.7	465.3	393.9	434.5	462.0
Cash distribution per limited partnership unit	0.16	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
Total assets	505.0				

\*Unaudited

March 23, 2009

**Auditors' Report**

**To the Partners of  
Global Strategy Master LP**

We have audited the balance sheets of **Global Strategy Master LP** as at December 31, 2008 and 2007 and the statements of operations and deficit and cash flow for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the general partner. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the partnership as at December 31, 2008 and 2007 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

*PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP*

**Chartered Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants**

# Global Strategy Master LP Balance Sheets

As at December 31	2008	2007
<b>Assets</b>		
Current Assets:		
Cash	\$ 174,548	\$ 275,522
Distribution fees and interest receivable	93,613	148,319
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 268,161</b>	<b>\$ 423,841</b>
<b>Liabilities and Partners' Equity</b>		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 47,596	\$ 48,097
Distributions payable	220,565	375,744
	268,161	423,841
Partners' Equity (notes 1 and 2):		
Limited partners – 10,972,272 units	185,083,600	185,083,600
Issue and merger expenses	(16,676,916)	(16,676,916)
	168,406,684	168,406,684
Deficit	(168,406,684)	(168,406,684)
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<b>Total Liabilities and Partners' Equity</b>	<b>\$ 268,161</b>	<b>\$ 423,841</b>

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.*

Approved by the Board of Directors of  
Global Strategy Master GP Inc., as General Partner

<W. Robert Farquharson>  
W. Robert Farquharson, Director

<Greg Henderson>  
Greg Henderson, Director

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## Statements of Operations and Deficit

For the years ended December 31	2008	2007
<b>Income</b>		
Revenue:		
Distribution fees	\$ 1,442,480	\$ 1,956,655
Interest	7,116	11,726
	1,449,596	1,968,381
Expenses:		
Administration and investment management fees (note 5)	156,529	195,786
Audit, legal and filing fees	36,695	41,306
Transfer agent fees	49,505	51,927
Other costs	12,964	18,637
	255,693	307,656
Net income for the year	\$ 1,193,903	1,660,725
Net income per limited partnership unit	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.15
<b>Deficit</b>		
Balance beginning of year	\$ (168,406,684)	\$ (168,406,684)
Net income for the year	1,193,903	1,660,725
Distributions to partners	(1,193,903)	(1,660,725)
Balance end of year	\$ (168,406,684)	\$ (168,406,684)

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.*

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## Statements of Cash Flow

For the years ended December 31	2008	2007
<b>Operating Activities:</b>		
Net income for the year	\$ 1,193,903	\$ 1,660,725
Decrease in non-cash balances related to operations	54,205	34,782
	<u>1,248,108</u>	<u>1,695,507</u>
<b>Financing Activities:</b>		
Distributions paid to partners	(1,349,082)	(1,750,252)
<b>Decrease in cash during the year</b>	<b>(100,974)</b>	<b>(54,745)</b>
Cash beginning of year	275,522	330,267
Cash end of year	<u>\$ 174,548</u>	<u>\$ 275,522</u>

*Note: The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.*

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## Notes to Financial Statements

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For the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007

### 1. Formation of the Partnership

Global Strategy Master LP ("Master LP") was formed on January 29, 1999 through the merger of the following Global Strategy Limited Partnerships (except for the merger of Global Strategy LP IX which took effect on February 18, 2000) (collectively, the "Merging Partnerships"):

Global Strategy Limited Partnership 1990 ("LP 1990")  
Global Strategy Limited Partnership II ("LP II")  
Global Strategy Limited Partnership III ("LP III")  
Global Strategy Partners LP IV ("LP IV")  
Global Strategy Partners LP V ("LP V")  
Global Strategy Partners LP VI ("LP VI")  
Global Strategy Partners LP VII ("LP VII")  
Global Strategy Partners LP VIII ("LP VIII")  
Global Strategy Partners LP IX ("LP IX")

The mergers have been accounted for using the pooling of interests method. The effect of the pooling of interests method on the balance sheets and the statements of income, deficit, and cash flow is to reflect the book values recorded by each of the Merging Partnerships on a combined basis for the periods in which the consolidation occurred and for all prior periods.

### 2. Partnership Operations

The Merging Partnerships were formed to pay sales commissions to registered dealers who sold Global Strategy mutual funds on a back-end-load (redemption charge) basis. In return for paying sales commissions, the Merging Partnerships were entitled to ongoing distribution fee revenue on specific mutual funds units that remain outstanding and that were originally financed by that partnership ("Distributed Securities"). The Merging Partnerships were also entitled to redemption fees for up to six years, which provided some protection against a reduction in distribution fee revenue caused by early redemption of Distributed Securities. Upon merger, the Merging Partnerships transferred their rights to distribution fees and redemption fees to Master LP.

In accordance with the Limited Partnership Agreement, as amended by a special resolution, Master LP will be dissolved no later than December 31, 2020.

### 3. Significant Accounting Changes

#### Capital Disclosures

Effective January 1, 2008, Master LP adopted the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants (CICA) Handbook Section 1535 Capital Disclosures. The standard requires the disclosure of both qualitative and quantitative information to enable users of financial statements to evaluate Master LP's objectives, policies and processes for managing its capital. Master LP has no capital required to be disclosed by this new standard because Master LP is required by its Partnership agreement to distribute to its limited partners all of its net income quarterly or annually.

#### Financial Instruments Disclosures and Presentation

On January 1, 2008, Master LP adopted the CICA Handbook Section 3862 Financial Instruments – Disclosures, and Section 3863 Financial Instruments – Presentation. These new standards replaced Section 3861 Financial Instruments – Disclosure and Presentation, revising and enhancing these disclosures requirements and carrying forward unchanged the presentation requirements for financial instruments. The new disclosure standards place increased emphasis on disclosures about the

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nature and extent of risks arising from financial instruments and how Master LP manages those risks are described below.

### **Risk Management**

Master LP's financial instruments consist of cash and term-deposit, distribution fees and interest receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, and distributions payable. In the normal course of business, Master LP manages risks that arise as a result of its use of financial instruments. These risks include market, liquidity and credit risk.

### **Market Risk**

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk comprises three types of risks which are currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk.

### **Interest Rate Risk**

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Master LP is not exposed to significant interest rate risk.

The distribution fees earned by the Master LP were deposited with the bank and this cash balance is exposed to minimal interest rate risk due to the short term nature of the deposits.

### **Currency Risk**

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. Master LP is not exposed to significant currency risk arising from its financial instruments.

### **Other Price Risk**

Other price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices, other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk. Master LP is not exposed to other price risk however, is indirectly exposed to market risk based on its revenue earned from the market value of Distributed Securities.

### **Liquidity Risk**

Liquidity risk is defined as the risk that Master LP may not be able to settle or meet its obligations on time. Master LP manages its liquidity risk through maintaining sufficient cash deposits to pay its quarterly or annual cash distributions through prompt collection of its earned distribution fees. Distributions payable are due within one month.

### **Credit Risk**

Credit risk is the potential of financial loss arising from the failure of a borrower or counterparty to honour its financial or contractual obligations to the Master LP. The Master LP's over-all credit risk strategy and credit risk policy are developed, managed and controlled by the general partner in accordance with the Master LP's partnership agreement. The over-all risk strategy and credit risk policy are further refined through the use of policies, processes and internal controls in order to ensure that business activities are within the standards of risk tolerance levels. As at December 31, 2008, the financial assets of \$268,161, consisting of cash and term deposit of \$174,548 and distribution fees and interest receivable of \$93,613 exposed to credit risk up to the maximum of their respective carrying value.

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#### 4. Significant Accounting Policies

On January 1, 2007, Master LP adopted the new accounting standard CICA Handbook Section 3855 Financial Instruments – Recognition and Measurement. The financial statements of Master LP are prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. The significant accounting policies are as follows:

##### Offering and Merger Expenses

Expenses related to the initial offering of the Merging Partnerships and expenses resulting from the mergers have been recorded as a reduction of partners' equity.

##### Revenue Recognition

Distribution fees of Master LP are calculated based on the net asset values of the Distributed Securities which remain outstanding and are recognized on an accrual basis.

##### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

#### 5. Related Party Transactions

Global Strategy Master GP Inc. is the general partner and is responsible for the management of Master LP on a day-to-day basis. In consideration for its services, the general partner is entitled to 0.01% of the net distributable income of Master LP and will be reimbursed by Master LP for expenses incurred on behalf of Master LP. The general partner has engaged AGF Funds Inc. ("AGFFI"), its parent company, to assist it in carrying out its management obligations to Master LP. AGFFI is entitled to receive an administrative fee as consideration for its management of the business and affairs of Master LP. AGFFI also receives an investment management fee as consideration for its investment management services. These services are in the normal course of operations and are recorded at the amount of consideration agreed to by the parties.

Administration fees and investment management fees for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 amounted to:

Years ended December 31	2008	2007
Administrative Service Fee	\$ 155,029	\$ 193,786
Investment Management Fee	1,500	2,000

#### 6. Taxation of the Partnership

These financial statements include only the assets and liabilities of Master LP and do not include the other assets and liabilities, including income taxes, of the partners. Master LP allocated its income for income tax purposes for the year ended December 31, 2008 to partners of record on December 31, 2008.





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