## **Annual Management Report of Fund Performance**

## **AGF Global Growth Portfolio Fund**

September 30, 2024



# Management Discussion of Fund Performance

This management discussion of fund performance represents the portfolio management team's view of the significant factors and developments affecting the portfolio's performance and outlook.

#### Investment Objective and Strategies

Pursuant to the Declaration of Trust, the investment objective of AGF Global Growth Portfolio Fund (the "Portfolio") is to seek to provide superior long-term returns by investing primarily in a global diversified mix of equity mutual funds. To achieve this objective, AGF Investments Inc. ("AGFI"), as portfolio manager, generally allocates the Portfolio's assets among underlying mutual funds (the "Underlying Funds") and exchange traded funds ("ETFs") managed by third parties or AGFI (or an AGFI affiliate). AGFI has set, and reviews quarterly, target dynamic allocations between equity funds for the Portfolio, consistent with the Portfolio's investment objective. During periods of market downturn or for other reasons, a significant portion of the Portfolio's assets may be held in cash or cash equivalents.

#### Risk

The risks of investing in the Portfolio remain as disclosed in the current prospectus. Any changes to the Portfolio over the period have not affected the overall level of risk of the Portfolio.

The Portfolio continues to be suitable for growth-oriented investors investing for the medium to long-term with a medium tolerance for risk. The suitability of the Portfolio has not changed from what has been disclosed in the prospectus.

#### **Results of Operations**

For the year ended September 30, 2024, Series P Units of the Portfolio returned 29.0% (net of expenses) while the Blended Benchmark returned 30.6%. The Blended Benchmark is composed of 85% MSCI All Country World Net Index/15% S&P/TSX Composite Index. The performance of the other series of the Portfolio is substantially similar to that of Series P Units, save for differences in expense structure. Refer to "Past Performance" section for performance information of such series.

The Portfolio is constructed based on an asset allocation framework that allocates to a diverse array of mutual funds and ETFs representing distinct global asset class opportunities, each with unique risk and return expectations.

The Portfolio holds Series O or Series S Units of the Underlying Funds. The discussion below references performance figures for Mutual Fund Units of the Underlying Funds. The performance of Series O and Series S Units is

substantially similar to that of Mutual Fund Units, save for differences in expense structure. The Underlying Funds may be subject to valuation adjustments as outlined in the Underlying Funds' valuation policies as they relate to non-North American equities held by the Underlying Funds. A fair value adjustment can either positively or negatively impact the Underlying Funds' rate of return.

The Portfolio under-performed the Blended Benchmark due to allocation decisions, which were marginally offset by selection decisions. From an allocation perspective, cash, real assets and emerging market equities detracted the most, while allocations to U.S. and global equities contributed to relative returns. However, the Portfolio's selection within global and emerging markets equities detracted from relative results. On the other hand, the Portfolio's selection within U.S. equities contributed to overall performance. From a holdings perspective, cash and AGF Canadian Dividend Income Fund detracted the most from the Portfolio's relative performance. Conversely, AGF American Growth Fund and AGF Global Select Fund contributed.

The Portfolio's major portfolio categories, as a percentage of Net Asset Value as at September 30, 2024, include approximately 79.0% in foreign equity funds, 17.0% in Canadian equity funds and 4.0% in cash and cash equivalents. During the reporting period, the Portfolio's allocation to foreign equity increased, while allocation to Canadian equity and cash and cash equivalents decreased.

The Portfolio had net subscriptions of approximately \$211 million for the current period, as compared to net subscriptions of approximately \$206 million in the prior period. The portfolio manager does not believe that subscription activity had a meaningful impact on the Portfolio's performance or the ability to implement its investment strategy.

#### **Recent Developments**

AGFI, as portfolio manager, monitors and reviews the Portfolio and the strategic asset allocation on a quarterly basis. Rebalancing of the allocation of funds within the Portfolio occurs quarterly, or as deemed appropriate.

Global equities performed well during the reporting period driven by a resilient U.S. economy. Investors continued to be focused on economic conditions and their ramifications on monetary policy. Higher for longer expectations gradually became consensus through the period, as resilient economic growth and slow progress on inflation kept yields elevated.

Global markets felt some relief during the latter half of the reporting period as central banks in the developed world took a more accommodative stance to their monetary policy. The European Central Bank and the Bank of Canada initiated

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rate cuts midway through 2024 as inflationary pressures on their respective economies began to ease. Meanwhile, the Bank of Japan tightened its key policy rate at the end of July 2024, which resulted in a resurgent Japanese Yen unwinding global carry trades. Over the reporting period, the conflict in the Middle East continued to be a source of major concern, adding to the existing market volatility, especially impacting the energy sector. While the U.S. equity market continued to perform strongly following the rate cut, softer inflation and labour market data spurred a sector rotation into cyclicals and small capitalization stocks, which are more sensitive to interest rates.

The U.S. economy continued to expand quarter-on-quarter over the reporting period. However, the pace of growth began to decelerate during the last calendar quarter of 2023 and this continued into 2024. Furthermore, the annual inflation rate declined through the latter half of the reporting period, after peaking at 3.5% in March 2024. Supported by decelerating inflation figures and softer labour market data, the U.S. Federal Reserve (the "Fed") cut interest rates by 0.5% in September 2024, putting an end to a 23-year high and bringing rates to a target range of 4.75-5.00%. This move marked the first cut by the Fed since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020.

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The portfolio manager believes the bull market remains intact, given the ongoing resilience of the U.S. economy. The economy has been underpinned by a labour market that has been resilient, although there have been some signs of recent softening. While economic growth is slowing from the lofty levels of the second half of 2023, the portfolio manager believes that it will remain positive and supportive for equity markets.

With the equity market, the portfolio manager remains constructive and believes equities are benefitting from strong earnings growth, which ultimately has been the most correlated factor with the markets. It is the portfolio manager's belief that some of the substantial cash balances accumulated on the sidelines in 2022 and 2023 will eventually find its way back into equities, as the Fed continues on the path of reducing rates. The portfolio manager believes that rate cuts will favour certain sectors in the market and drive market leadership in the foreseeable future. These events underscore the importance of maintaining objectivity throughout the changing macroeconomic environment and recognizing that they can drive leadership over the shorter term.

Overall, the portfolio manager is encouraged by the continued resilient economy and the promising secular innovative trends which include generative artificial intelligence, health and wellness, and reshoring. The portfolio manager believes equities are positioned well for the balance of 2024, though some volatility may be expected along the

way, particularly given that 2024 is an election year. The portfolio manager would see any inevitable corrections as buying opportunities.

#### **Related Party Transactions**

AGFI is the manager ("Manager") and trustee of the Portfolio. Pursuant to the management agreement between the Portfolio and AGFI, AGFI is responsible for the day-to-day business of the Portfolio. AGFI also acts as the investment (portfolio) manager of the Portfolio, providing analysis and making decisions as to which Underlying Funds and ETFs the Portfolio invests in and the target weighting of the Portfolio's assets. Fees payable to AGFI for such services are payable directly by unitholders and are not expenses of the Portfolio.

AGFI pays for all of the operating expenses relating to the operation of the Portfolio, except for certain costs as disclosed in the current prospectus, in exchange for a fixed rate administration fee payable by Series P Units. The administration fee is calculated based on the Net Asset Value of Series P Units of the Portfolio at a fixed annual rate of 0.32%. Administration fees of approximately \$1,179,000 were incurred by the Portfolio during the period ended September 30, 2024.

AGFI is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of AGF Management Limited.

#### Caution Regarding Forward-looking Statements

This report may contain forward-looking statements about the Portfolio, including its strategy, expected performance and condition. Forward looking statements include statements that are predictive in nature, that depend upon or refer to future events or conditions, or that include words such as "expects", "anticipates", "intends", "plans", "believes", "estimates" or negative versions thereof and similar expressions.

In addition, any statement that may be made concerning future performance, strategies or prospects, and possible future Portfolio action, is also a forward-looking statement. Forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and projections about future events and are inherently subject to, among other things, risks, uncertainties and assumptions about the Portfolio and economic factors.

The forward-looking statements are by their nature based on numerous assumptions, which include, amongst other things, that (i) the Portfolio can attract and maintain investors and has sufficient capital under management to effect its investment strategies, (ii) the investment strategies will produce the results intended by the portfolio manager, and (iii) the markets will react and perform in a manner consistent with the investment strategies. Although the forward-looking statements contained herein are based upon what the portfolio manager believes to be reasonable assumptions, the portfolio manager cannot assure that actual results will be consistent with these forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance, and actual events and results could differ materially from those expressed or implied in any forwardlooking statements made by the Portfolio. Any number of important factors could contribute to these digressions, including, but not limited to, general economic, political and market factors in North America and internationally, interest and foreign exchange rates, global equity and capital markets, business competition, taxation, changes in government regulations, unexpected judicial or regulatory proceedings, technological changes, cybersecurity, the possible effects of war or terrorist activities, outbreaks of disease or illness that affect local, national or international economies (such as COVID-19), natural disasters and disruptions to public infrastructure, such as transportation, communications, power or water supply or other catastrophic events.

It should be stressed that the above-mentioned list of factors is not exhaustive. You are encouraged to consider these and other factors carefully before making any investment decisions and you are urged to avoid placing undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Further, you should be aware of the fact that the Portfolio has no specific intention of updating any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, prior to the release of the next Management Report of Fund Performance.

### **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 past five years as applicable.

Series O Units - Net Assets per Unit(1)

For the periods ended	Sept 30, 2024 (\$)	Sept 30, 2023 (\$)	Sept 30, 2022 (\$)	Sept 30, 2021 (\$)	Sept 30 2020 (\$
Net Assets, beginning of period <sup>(1)</sup> Increase (decrease) from operations:	28.05	28.63*	-	-	
Total revenue	0.69	0.06	_	_	
Total expenses	(0.00)	(0.00)	_	_	
Realized gains (losses)	0.35	0.00	_	_	
Unrealized gains (losses)	7.15	(0.66)	_	_	
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup>	8.19	(0.60)	_	_	
Distributions:					
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.00)	-	-	-	
From dividends	(0.15)	-	-	-	
From capital gains	(0.07)	_	_	_	
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	
Total annual distributions <sup>(3)</sup>	(0.22)	-	_	_	
Net Assets, end of period <sup>(4)</sup>	36.01	28.05	_	_	

#### Series O Units - Ratios/Supplemental Data(1)

For the periods ended	Sept 30, 2024	Sept 30, 2023	Sept 30, 2022	Sept 30, 2021	Sept 30, 2020
Total Net Asset Value (\$000's)	19,318	15,067	-	-	_
Number of units outstanding (000's)	536	537	-	-	-
Management expense ratio <sup>(5)</sup>	0.03%	0.02%	_	_	-
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>(6)</sup>	0.04%	0.02%	_	_	-
Trading expense ratio <sup>(7)</sup>	0.11%	0.09%	_	_	_
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(8)</sup>	20.80%	8.34%	-	-	-
Net Asset Value per unit	36.01	28.05	-	-	-

#### Series P Units - Net Assets per Unit(1)

For the periods ended	Sept 30, 2024 (\$)	Sept 30, 2023 (\$)	Sept 30, 2022 (\$)	Sept 30, 2021 (\$)	Sept 30, 2020 (\$)
Net Assets, beginning of period <sup>(1)</sup>	28.03	25.88	25.00*	_	_
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenue	0.60	0.58	0.08	-	-
Total expenses	(0.10)	(0.09)	(0.02)	-	-
Realized gains (losses)	0.33	0.03	-	-	-
Unrealized gains (losses)	7.12	0.36	(1.55)	-	-
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup>	7.95	0.88	(1.49)	-	-
Distributions:					
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.00)	(0.01)	-	-	-
From dividends	(0.33)	(0.17)	-	-	-
From capital gains	(0.18)	(0.26)	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
Total annual distributions <sup>(3)</sup>	(0.51)	(0.44)	-	-	-
Net Assets, end of period <sup>(4)</sup>	35.53	28.03	25.88	-	_

#### Series P Units - Ratios/Supplemental Data<sup>(1)</sup>

For the periods ended	Sept 30, 2024	Sept 30, 2023	Sept 30, 2022	Sept 30, 2021	Sept 30, 2020
Total Net Asset Value (\$000's)	523,617	226,174	32,221	-	-
Number of units outstanding (000's)	14,737	8,069	1,245	-	-
Management expense ratio <sup>(5)</sup>	0.35%	0.36%	0.37%	-	-
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>(6)</sup>	0.40%	0.38%	0.37%	_	-
Trading expense ratio <sup>(7)</sup>	0.11%	0.09%	0.05%	_	-
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(8)</sup>	20.80%	8.34%	0.00%	_	-
Net Asset Value per unit	35.53	28.03	25.88	_	-

#### **Explanatory Notes**

- (1) a) This information is derived from the Portfolio's audited annual financial statements. Under International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), investments that are traded in an active market are generally valued at closing price, which is determined to be within the bid-ask spread and most representative of fair value. As a result, there is no difference between the net assets per unit presented in the financial statements ("Net Assets") and the net asset value per unit calculated for fund pricing purposes ("Net Asset Value").
  - b) The following series of the Portfolio commenced operations on the following dates, which represents the date upon which securities of a series were first made available for purchase by investors.

Series O Units July 2023 Series P Units July 2022

(2) Net Assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The

<sup>\*</sup> represents initial Net Assets (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7) and (8) see Explanatory Notes

increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the financial period.

- (3) Distributions were paid in cash/reinvested in additional units of the Portfolio, or both. The characterization of the distributions is based on management's estimate of the actual income for the year.
- (4) This is not a reconciliation of the beginning and ending Net Assets per unit.
- (5) The management expense ratio ("MER") of a particular series is calculated in accordance with National Instrument 81-106, based on all the expenses of the Portfolio (including Harmonized Sales Tax, Goods and Services Tax and interest, but excluding foreign withholding taxes, commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) and the Portfolio's proportionate share of the MER, if applicable, of the underlying funds and ETFs in which the Portfolio has invested, allocated to that series, expressed as an annualized percentage of average daily Net Asset Value of that series during the period. For new series launched during the period, the MER is annualized from the date of the first external purchase.
- (6) AGFI waived certain fees or absorbed certain expenses otherwise payable by the Portfolio. The amount of expenses waived or absorbed is determined annually on a series by series basis at the discretion of AGFI and AGFI can terminate the waiver or absorption at any time.
- (7) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs, including the Portfolio's proportionate share of the commissions, if applicable, of the underlying funds and ETFs in which the Portfolio has invested, expressed as an annualized percentage of average daily Net Asset Value during the period.
- (8) The Portfolio's portfolio turnover rate ("PTR") indicates how actively the Portfolio's portfolio advisor manages its portfolio investments. A PTR 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 fund's PTR in a year, the greater the trading costs payable by the fund 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 fund.

PTR is calculated based on the lesser of the cumulative cost of purchases or cumulative proceeds of sales divided by the average market value of the portfolio, excluding short-term investments.

## **Management Fees**

The Portfolio is managed by AGFI. AGFI is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Portfolio, which include providing investment and management services as well as

other administrative services required by the Portfolio. The management fees for such services are payable directly by the unitholders, not by the Portfolio.

#### Past Performance\*

The performance information shown assumes that all distributions made by the Portfolio in the periods shown were reinvested in additional securities of the Portfolio. Note that the performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges that would have reduced returns or performance. How the Portfolio has performed in the past does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.

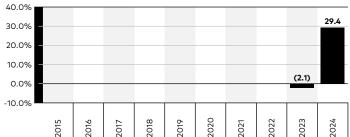
It is AGFI's policy to report rates of return for series in existence greater than one year. The performance start date for each series represents the external launch date of the series.

All rates of return are calculated based on the Net Asset Value.

#### Year-By-Year Returns

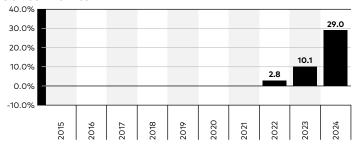
The following bar charts show the Portfolio's annual performance for each of the past 10 years to September 30, 2024 as applicable, and illustrate how the Portfolio's performance has changed from year to year. The charts show, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of each financial period would have grown or decreased by the last day of each financial period.

#### Series O Units



Performance for 2023 represents returns for the period from July 20, 2023 to September 30, 2023.

#### Series P Units



Performance for 2022 represents returns for the period from July 6, 2022 to September 30, 2022.

\* The indicated rates of return shown here are the historical annual compounded total returns including changes in security value and reinvestment of all distributions and do not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges by any securityholder that would have reduced returns or performance. Mutual funds are not guaranteed, their values change frequently and past performance may not be repeated.

#### **Annual Compound Returns**

The following table compares the historical annual compound returns for each series with the indices, for each of the periods ended September 30, 2024.

Percentage Return:	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
Series O Units	29.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	21.8
Blended Benchmark	30.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	22.0
Old Blended Benchmark	30.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	21.5
Series P Units	29.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	18.4
Blended Benchmark	30.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	20.2
Old Blended Benchmark	30.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	19.6

Effective January 1, 2024, the Portfolio's Old Blended Benchmark, which comprised 75% MSCI All Country World Net Index/25% S&P/TSX Composite Index, was changed to the Blended Benchmark to better reflect the investment opportunity set of the Portfolio.

The MSCI All Country World Net Index is a free floatadjusted market capitalization-weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets.

The S&P/TSX Composite Index is a capitalization-weighted index designed to measure market activity of stocks and trusts listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

For a discussion of the relative performance of the Portfolio as compared to the index, see Results of Operations in the Management Discussion of Fund Performance.

## Summary of Investment Portfolio

As at September 30, 2024

The major portfolio categories and top holdings (up to 25) of the Portfolio at the end of the period are indicated in the following tables. The Summary of Investment Portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Portfolio and the next quarterly update will be in the Quarterly Portfolio Disclosure as at December 31, 2024.

The prospectus and other information about the underlying investment funds and ETFs are available on the internet at www.sedarplus.ca.

Portfolio by Sector	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
Equity Funds	91.1
Cash & Cash Equivalents	4.0
ETFs – International Equity	4.0
ETFs – United States Equity	1.0
Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	(0.1)

Top Holdings	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
AGF American Growth Fund	25.0
AGF Global Equity Fund	16.0
AGF Canadian Dividend Income Fund	15.9
AGF Global Select Fund	12.9
AGF U.S. Sector Fund	9.0
AGF Emerging Markets Fund	6.3
AGF Global Real Assets Fund	5.0
Cash & Cash Equivalents	4.0
AGF Systematic International Equity ETF	4.0
AGF Canadian Small Cap Fund	1.0
AGF US Market Neutral Anti-Beta CAD-Hedged ETF	1.0
Total Net Asset Value (thousands of dollars)	\$ 542,935



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