

MARQUEST MUTUAL FUNDS INC. - Explorer Series Fund

ANNUAL REPORT

Year ended December 31, 2022





## Independent auditor's report

To the Shareholders of Marquest Mutual Funds Inc. – Explorer Series Fund (the Fund)

## **Our opinion**

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as at December 31, 2022 and 2021 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IFRS).

#### What we have audited

The Fund's financial statements comprise:

- the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2022 and 2021;
- the statements of comprehensive income for the years then ended;
- the statements of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares for the years then ended;
- · the statements of cash flow for the years then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, which include significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

## **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Independence

We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.



## Other information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Annual Management Report of Fund Performance.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

# Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Fund's financial reporting process.

## Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.



As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to
  fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit
  evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting
  a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may
  involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures
  that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the
  effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Pricewaterhouse Coopers U.P.

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Toronto, Ontario April 6, 2023

## **ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

## STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION (CDN \$)

As at

	December 31, 2022 (\$)	December 31, 2021 (\$)
	2022 (ψ)	2021 (ψ)
Assets		
Current Assets		
Investments at fair value	7,821,327	10,656,602
Cash	539,996	2,625,425
Refundable Dividend taxes on hand (Note 5)	807,304	980,732
Total Assets	9,168,627	14,262,759
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Management fees payable	1,418	2,339
Other payables and accrued expenses	125,726	115,539
Total Liabilities	127,144	117,878
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Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Sha	ares (Note 3) 9,041,483	14,144,881
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Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Sha	ares per Series	
Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Sha Series A-Rollover	ares per Series 7,173,548	12,278,120
Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Sha Series A-Rollover Series A-Regular	7,173,548 950	12,278,120 4,310
Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Sha Series A-Rollover	ares per Series 7,173,548	12,278,120
Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Sha Series A-Rollover Series A-Regular	7,173,548 950 1,866,985	12,278,120 4,310
Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Sha Series A-Rollover Series A-Regular Series F	7,173,548 950 1,866,985	12,278,120 4,310
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## STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (CDN \$)

For the years ended

	December 31,	December 31,
	2022 (\$)	2021 (\$)
Income		
Interest for distribution purposes	25,805	1,248
Securities lending income (Note 7)	915	19
Foreign exchange gain (loss) on cash	3	(1)
Net realized gain (loss) on sale of investments	(957,548)	4,601,450
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	(3,323,849)	(2,294,111)
Total Income (Loss)	(4,254,674)	2,308,605
Expenses (Note 4)		
Management fees	216,831	314,995
Operating fees	170,111	172,464
Transaction costs (Note 6)	55,357	144,329
Legal fees	20,952	48,812
Audit fees	55,070	47,592
Independent Review Committee fees	26,045	25,600
Custodian fees	29,034	22,630
Unitholder reporting costs	8,274	11,593
Interest charges	14	10
Total Expenses	581,688	788,025
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemak	ole Shares	
from Operations	(4,836,362)	1,520,580
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemak	ole Shares	_
from Operations per Series		
Series A-Rollover	(4,095,413)	1,557,975
Series A-Regular	(1,032)	3,617
Series F	(7,032)	(41,012)
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Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable SI	hares from Operations per Share (Note	: 3)
Series A-Rollover	(0.36)	0.13
Series A-Regular	(0.48)	0.22
Series F	(0.30)	(0.03)
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## STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE SHARES (CDN \$)

For the years ended December 31,

	<u>2022 (\$)</u> Serie	<u>2021 (\$)</u> s A-Rollover		
Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Shares, Beginning of Year	12,278,120	10,990,868	4,310	14,302
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Shares				
from Operations	(4,095,413)	1,557,975	(1,032)	3,617
Redeemable Share Transactions (Note 3)				
Issuance of shares	19,532,283	28,829,446	-	42,980
Redemption of shares	(20,541,442)	(29,100,169)	(2,328)	(56,589)
Net increase (decrease) from redeemable share transactions	(1,009,159)	(270,723)	(2,328)	(13,609)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Shares	(5,104,572)	1,287,252	(3,360)	(9,992)
Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Shares, End of Year	7,173,548	12,278,120	950	4,310
	2022 (\$)	2021 (\$) ries F	2022 (\$)	<u>2021 (\$)</u> otal
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Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Shares, Beginning of Year	1,862,451	948,043	14,144,881	11,953,213
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Shares				
from Operations	(739,917)	(41,012)	(4,836,362)	1,520,580
Redeemable Share Transactions (Note 3)				
Issuance of shares	7,669,299	8,614,945	27,201,582	37,487,371
Redemption of shares	(6,924,848)	(7,659,525)	(27,468,618)	(36,816,283)
Net increase (decrease) from redeemable share transactions	744,451	955,420	(267,036)	671,088
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Shares	4,534	914,408	(5,103,398)	2,191,668
Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Shares. End of Year	1,866,985	1,862,451	9,041,483	14,144,881

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## STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOW (CDN \$)

For the years ended

	December 31, 2022 (\$)	December 31, 2021 (\$)
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Increase (Decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable		
shares from operations	(4,836,362)	1,520,580
Adjustments for:		
Foreign exchange loss (gain) on cash	(3)	1
Net realized loss (gain) on sale of investments	957,548	(4,601,450)
Net change in unrealized depreciation (appreciation) on investments	3,323,849	2,294,111
Purchases of investments*	(2,570,574)	(3,929,839)
Proceeds from sale and maturity of investments	7,458,087	20,220,732
Refundable dividend taxes on hand	173,428	-
Prepaid fees	-	16,376
Management fees payable	(921)	962
Other payables and accrued expenses	10,187	35,357
Net Cash from Operating Activities	4,515,239	15,556,830
Cash Flows used in Financing Activities		
Issuance of shares*	20.867.947	00 550 040
Redemption of shares	(27,468,618)	22,552,212 (36,879,230)
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Net Cash used in Financing Activities	(6,600,671)	(14,327,018)
Increase in Cash during the Year	(2,085,432)	1,229,812
Foreign exchange gain (loss) on cash	3	(1)
Cash at Beginning of Year	2,625,425	1,395,614
Cash at End of Year	539,996	2,625,425
Supplementary disclosures on cash flow from operating activities:		
Interest received	25,805	1,248
Interest paid	(14)	(10)
interest paid	(14)	(10)

<sup>\*</sup>Excludes in-kind transactions of \$6,333,635 and \$14,935,163 for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021.

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## SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO (CDN \$)

As at December 31, 2022

	Number of Shares, Units or Warrants	Expiry Date	Exercise Price \$	Average Cost \$	Fair Value \$
CANADIAN EQUITIES (86.50%)					
Precious Metals (50.64%)	2 142 957	22 42 2022	0.05	•	40 402
American Eagle Gold Corp., Warrants	2,142,857	23-12-2023	0.25	2	48,193
Arctic Star Exploration Corp., Warrants	937,500 468.750	08-04-2024	0.10 0.22	1	183 488
ATAC Resources Ltd., Warrants	,	31-03-2024	0.22	250.486	
Battery Mineral Resources Corp. Beauce Gold Fields Inc., Warrants	786,323 285,715	25-03-2023	0.50	259,486	117,948
Beauce Gold Fields Inc., Warrants  Beauce Gold Fields Inc., Warrants	892,857	10-12-2023	0.30	- 1	116
Benchmark Metals Inc., Warrants	75.000	09-12-2023	1.55	ı	24
Benton Resources Inc., Warrants	875,000	05-11-2023	0.30	1	853
Black Tusk Resources Inc.	704,166	03-11-2023	0.30	277,979	31,687
Black Tusk Resources Inc., Warrants	3,750,000	09-11-2023	0.10	4	3,169
Blue Thunder Mining Inc.	2,600,000	00-11-2020	0.10	13,000	26,000
Blue Thunder Mining Inc. Blue Thunder Mining Inc., Warrants	5,000,000	29-12-2024	0.07	5	15,600
Brascan Gold Inc., Warrants	518,867	30-12-2023	0.75	-	10,000
Brascan Gold Inc., Warrants	225,000	11-02-2024	0.40	_	_ '
Brixton Metals Corp., Warrants	2,500,000	07-12-2023	0.26	3	164,000
Brixton Metals Corp., Warrants	555,556	07-12-2024	0.26	-	50,089
BTU Metals Corp., Warrants	833,334	30-09-2023	0.15	1	1
Canada Silver Cobalt Works Inc., Warrants	1,330,532	25-11-2024	0.80	1	79,739
Canada Silver Cobalt Works Inc., Warrants  Canada Silver Cobalt Works Inc., Warrants	555,500	14-04-2025	0.32	1	1,372
CopAur Minerals Inc., Warrants	272,728	09-11-2023	1.25	-	620
CopAur Minerals Inc., Warrants CopAur Minerals Inc., Warrants	50,000	02-03-2024	1.25	-	228
•		02-03-2024	1.30	402.000	
Cross River Ventures Corp.	717,352	00 40 0000	0.46	123,909	21,521
Cross River Ventures Corp., Warrants	675,676	23-12-2023	0.46	- 1	1
Delta Resources Ltd., Warrants	944,972	01-12-2023	0.45	1	123
Durango Resources Inc., Warrants	973,530	23-05-2024	0.10	162.650	3,164
Emergent Metals Corp.	599,602	40.07.0000	4.00	163,650	149,901
Emergent Metals Corp., Warrants	250,000	16-07-2023	1.00	-	-
Equity Metals Corp., Warrants	1,388,889	09-12-2023	0.25	1	19,049
Equity Metals Corp., Warrants	2,666,668	21-12-2023	0.20	2	61,011
Exploits Discovery Corp., Warrants	612,245	15-03-2023	0.67	1	6,208
Falcon Gold Corp.	300,000	00.40.0000	0.05	27,000	31,500
Falcon Gold Corp., Warrants	500,000	09-10-2023	0.25	1	325
G.E.T.T. Gold Inc.	11,370,000	05.00.0004		284,250	113,700
Galleon Gold Corp., Warrants	136,364	25-03-2024	0.75	-	62
Genius Metals Inc.	1,166,667	07.00.000	2.42	110,833	75,833
Genius Metals Inc., Warrants	833,333	27-02-2023	0.40	1	1
Gitennes Exploration Inc.	1,336,364			49,572	26,727
Gold Mountain Mining Corp.	66,450	40.00.000	0.45	55,154	8,306
Gold Mountain Mining Corp., Warrants	108,225	18-06-2023	3.15	-	-
Gold Terra Resource Corp., Private Placements	2,000,000	22-03-2023		320,000	310,400
Golden Goliath Resources Ltd., Warrants	1,304,348	17-03-2023	0.20	1	1
Goldflare Exploration Inc.	853,846	00.44.0000		52,362	46,962
GoldHaven Resources Corp., Warrants	480,769	22-11-2023	0.65	<b>-</b> .	
Goldseek Resources Inc., Warrants	750,000	15-12-2023	0.20	1	1
Goldshore Resources Inc., Warrants	166,700	06-04-2024	0.75	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	433
Goldstar Minerals Inc.	792,111			43,566	55,448
Granada Gold Mine Inc.	6,710,143			335,507	167,754
Granada Gold Mine Inc., Warrants	2,500,000	27-09-2023	0.20	2	3
Great Atlantic Resource Corp., Warrants	263,158	11-03-2023	0.75	-	-
Green Battery Minerals Inc., Warrants	2,166,667	25-11-2023	0.20	2	2
Hawkmoon Resources Corp., Warrants	1,750,000	01-12-2023	0.12	2	9,896
Independence Gold Corp.	250,000			16,250	33,750
Jourdan Resources Inc.	2,000,000			110,000	150,000
Jourdan Resources Inc., Warrants	4,000,000	07-07-2023	0.07	4	55,680
K9 Gold Corp., Warrants	1,250,000	26-05-2024	0.20	-	244
Latamark Resources Corp.	51,724			-	-
Manning Ventures Inc.	2,125,000			138,126	106,250
Manning Ventures Inc., Warrants	1,562,500	22-10-2024	0.24	1	711
Medaro Mining Corp., Warrants	1,071,428	16-11-2023	0.90	1	418
Metalex Ventures Ltd.	6,764,706			236,765	338,235
Metals Creek Resources Corp.	935,000			93,500	32,725
Musk Metals Corp., Warrants	1,250,000	28-07-2023	0.14	1	1
Musk Metals Corp., Warrants	795,454	08-12-2023	0.13	1	1
Newfoundland Discovery Corp.	287,142	. = -		116,606	12,921
NewRange Gold Corp.	1,484,706			44,541	22,271
NewRange Gold Corp., Warrants	882,353	20-04-2024	0.12	1	1
Nighthawk Gold Corp., Warrants	750,000	09-12-2023	1.50	1	98
Northstar Gold Corp., Warrants	951,613	00-12-2020	1.50	149,880	80,887
Northstar Gold Corp., Warrants	1,225,806	04-08-2023	0.42	145,000	00,007
	781,250	29-12-2023	0.42	1	965
Omineca Mining & Metals Ltd., Warrants Opawica Explorations Inc., Warrants	781,250	29-12-2023 04-06-2023		1	4,232
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Opawica Explorations Inc., Warrants Opawica Explorations Inc., Warrants	454,545	09-12-2023	0.75		4,225

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## SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO (CDN \$)

As at December 31, 2022

	Number of Shares,	First Def	Exercise	A	Falls Mod. A
0	Units or Warrants	Expiry Date	Price \$	Average Cost \$	Fair Value \$
Opus One Gold Corp. Orford Mining Corp.	1,432,000 11,425,121			112,182 969,565	21,480 799,758
Orford Mining Corp., Warrants	277,778	22-12-2023	0.26	909,303	199,130
Pelangio Exploration Inc.	2,187,500	22-12-2020	0.20	175,000	65,625
Pelangio Exploration Inc., Warrants	1,093,750	10-12-2024	0.20	1	142
Pershimex Resources Corp.	968,143			51,845	33,885
Precipitate Gold Corp., Warrants	1,250,000	30-12-2023	0.15	1	2,194
Prospector Metals Corp., Warrants	454,545	01-04-2023	1.20	1	-
Quadro Resources Ltd.	195,098	00 04 0000	0.00	46,824	8,779
Quadro Resources Ltd., Warrants	1,617,648	03-01-2023	0.20	144.007	2
Renforth Resources Inc. Rockridge Resources Ltd., Warrants	1,848,485 750,000	10-03-2025	0.15	141,287 1	55,455 731
Rokmaster Resources Corp., Warrants	1,162,791	29-12-2023	0.13	1	1
Sage Gold Inc.	2,272,727	20 12 2020	0.00	_ '	- '
Seahawk Gold Corp.	720,750			197,306	230,640
Sitka Gold Corp., Warrants	2,426,471	23-12-2023	0.23	2	6,782
Sitka Gold Corp., Warrants	925,926	03-03-2024	0.18	1	6,801
Sokoman Minerals Corp.	243,478			93,729	70,609
Sphinx Resources Ltd.	2,252,769			76,485	22,528
St James Gold Corp.	232,167 208,333	20.06.2024	3.90	97,510	67,328
St James Gold Corp., Warrants St James Gold Corp., Warrants	73,834	30-06-2024 27-08-2024	4.18	-	-
Starr Peak Mining Ltd.	583,236	21-00-2024	4.10	750,633	349,942
Starr Peak Mining Ltd., Warrants	392,157	22-05-2023	3.25	730,033	545,542
Starr Peak Mining, Warrants	105,195	22-01-2023	5.00	_	-
Sterling Metals Corp., Warrants	236,842	31-03-2023	0.78	-	-
Surge Battery Metals Inc., Warrants	1,111,110	15-12-2023	0.22	2	158,933
TDG Gold Corp., Warrants	1,009,091	22-12-2023	0.75	1	1,705
Trifecta Gold Ltd.	1			-	
TRU Precious Metals Corp., Warrants	1,500,000	17-05-2024	0.16	-	1,268
Warrior Gold Inc.	950,000	07 02 2022	0.15	47,500 1	28,500
Warrior Gold Inc., Warrants Xmet Inc.	625,000 2,000,000	07-03-2023	0.15	10,000	1 2
X-Terra Resources Inc.	2,470,674			57,110	148,240
X-Terra Resources Inc., Warrants	2,227,272	24-12-2023	0.10	3	5,357
CANADIAN EQUITIES (CONT'D) (86.50%) Base Metals (19.94%)					
ALX Resources Corp., Warrants	1,190,476	08-10-2023	0.14	2	1
Argex Titanium Inc.	10,000,000			-	-
Braveheart Resoruces Inc., Warrants	2,608,696	06-04-2023	0.14	3	170
Canada Silver Cobalt Works Inc.	5,713,831	07.04.0000	0.50	621,781	457,107
Canada Silver Cobalt Works Inc., Warrants Canada Silver Cobalt Works Inc., Warrants	638,298 1,267,209	07-04-2023 29-06-2023	0.58 0.60	1	1
Canstar Resources Inc., Warrants	1,587,301	29-00-2023	0.00	I I	
CAT Strategic Metals Corp., Warrants		07-12-2023	0.42	1	1
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Churchill Resources Inc., Warrants	3,055,556	26-02-2026	0.42 0.16 0.48	1 3	1 2 596
Churchill Resources Inc., Warrants Class 1 Nickel & Technologies Ltd.			0.16		1 2 596 31
Class 1 Nickel & Technologies Ltd. Class 1 Nickel & Technologies Ltd., Warrants	3,055,556 157,785 1,659,891 468,750	26-02-2026 31-03-2024 12-11-2023	0.16 0.48 1.05	3 - 409,301 -	1 2 596 31 240,684
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Class 1 Nickel & Technologies Ltd. Class 1 Nickel & Technologies Ltd., Warrants Class 1 Nickel & Technologies Ltd., Warrants Garibaldi Resources Corp., Private Placements* Garibaldi Resources Corp., Warrants Graphano Energy Ltd., Warrants	3,055,556 157,785 1,659,891 468,750 1,153,800 800,000 400,000 468,750	26-02-2026 31-03-2024 12-11-2023 04-06-2024 03-04-2023	0.16 0.48 1.05 0.85	3 409,301 - 1 200,000	1 2 596 31 240,684 - 150 162,960 11,024 122
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## SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO (CDN \$)

As at December 31, 2022

	Number of Shares,		Exercise		
	Units or Warrants	Expiry Date	Price \$	Average Cost \$	Fair Value \$
ZincX Resources Corp., Warrants	875,000	09-04-2023	0.40	1	1
Zonte Metals Inc.	251,036			56,986	26,359
Lithium (7.45%)				3,265,241	1,802,872
Cypress Development Corp.	40.000			80,000	35,600
Cypress Development Corp., Warrants	75,000	04-02-2024	2.65	00,000	605
Lomiko Metals Inc., Warrants	5,434,783	22-12-2023	0.11	- 5	5
Lomiko Metals Inc., Warrants	1,875,000	19-01-2027	0.11	_	4,144
St-Georges Eco-Mining Corp.	2,793,418	13-01-2021	0.11	581,448	530.749
St-Georges Eco-Mining Corp., Warrants	1,818,182	30-11-2023	0.65	2	709
St-Georges Eco-Mining Corp., Warrants	1,083,333	11-03-2024	0.75	2	70
Stria Lithium Inc.	300.000	11-03-2024	0.73	22.500	66.000
Vision Lithium Inc.	286,364			34,364	35,796
Vision Lithium Inc., Warrants	2,034,091	20-04-2023	0.30	2	132
VISION EIGHUM IIIO., WANTAMS	2,054,091	20-04-2023	0.50	718.323	673,810
Rare Earths (7.81%)				7 10,323	075,010
Appia Rare Earth & Uranium Co., Warrants	295.750	17-11-2023	1.10	-	135
Appia Rare Earth & Uranium Co., Warrants	500,000	19-05-2023	0.75	1	98
Commerce Resources Corp.	2,450,435			354,140	367,565
Commerce Resources Corp., Private Placements*	625,000			100,000	90,938
Commerce Resources Corp., Warrants	625,000	25-12-2025	0.25	· -	15,316
Defense Metals Corp., Private Placements*	1,000,000	09-04-2023		220,000	203,700
Defense Metals Corp., Warrants	500,000	08-12-2024	0.32	-	12,870
Imperial Mining Group Ltd.	150,455			24,303	15,046
Search Minerals Inc., Warrants	555,556	22-12-2023	0.25	-	325
				698,444	705,993
Uranium (0.66%)	750.000	04.00.0004	0.05		40
Azincourt Energy Corp., Warrants	750,000	31-03-2024	0.25 0.60	1	49
CanAlaska Uranium Ltd., Warrants	806,819	16-05-2024		-	25,959
CanAlaska Uranium Ltd., Warrants	78,125	18-07-2024	0.60	700 000	2,869
Purepoint Uranium Group Inc., Warrants Purepoint Uranium Group Inc., Warrants	10,000,000	17-06-2023	0.08 0.20	700,000	29,900
Purepoint Oranium Group Inc., Warrants	3,571,429	14-12-2023	0.20	700,005	929 59,706
				700,003	39,700
TOTAL CANADIAN EQUITIES				11,230,990	7,821,328
Total cost and fair value of investments (86.50%)				11,230,990	7,821,328
Less: Transaction costs included in average cost (Note 6)	)			(1,146)	- , ,,
Total investments	•			11,229,844	7,821,328
Other Assets Less Liabilities (13.50%)					1,220,156
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units					9,041,484
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<sup>\*</sup>These securities are subject to temporary trading restrictions.

## PORTFOLIO CONCENTRATION (CDN \$)

		ts Attributable to edeemable Units
Portfolio by Category	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
Precious Metals	50.64%	51.81%
Base Metals	19.94%	18.56%
Lithium	7.45%	0.00%
Rare Earths	7.81%	0.00%
Uranium	0.66%	4.98%
Other Assets Less Liabilities	13.50%	24.65%
Total	100.00%	100.00%

See accompanying notes.

Notes to Financial Statements (expressed in Canadian dollars) For the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021

#### 1. THE FUNDS

Marquest Mutual Funds Inc. (the "Corporation") is an open-ended mutual fund corporation incorporated by articles of incorporation under the laws of Ontario on September 24, 2004. In addition to ten common shares issued upon incorporation, the Corporation has two Classes of mutual fund shares − Explorer Series Fund and Flex Dividend and Income Growth ™ Series Fund (the Funds). The Funds are referred to individually as a "Fund" and collectively as the "Funds". The Fund's registered office is located at 161 Bay Street, Suite 4010, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2S1. The Fund invests in Canadian securities, Canadian short-term debt securities and derivatives. All the Fund's equity investments are listed and traded on stock exchange markets in Canada.

The investment objective of the Explorer Series Fund is to provide long-term growth by investing primarily in equity securities of Canadian mineral exploration and mining companies.

Marquest Asset Management Inc. is the manager (the "Manager") of the Fund. The Fund's investment activities and administration are managed by the Manager. The Fund's custodian is RBC Investor and Treasury Services.

The Fund's commencement dates of operations are as follows:

Name of Fund	Series A-Rollover	Series A-Regular	Series F
Explorer Series Fund	15-Jan-05	27-Nov-07	27-Nov-07

The information provided in these financial statements and notes thereto is at December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021 and for the 12-month period ended December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021.

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### a) Basis of Presentation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards applicable to the preparation of annual financial statements as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IFRS).

These financial statements were authorized for issue by the Board of Directors of Marquest Mutual Funds Inc. on April 06, 2023.

These financial statements present the financial information of each of the Classes as separate reporting entities. If a Class cannot satisfy its obligations, the other Classes may be required to satisfy them using assets attributable to those Classes. The Manager believes that the risk of such cross class liability is remote.

#### (b) Significant Accounting Judgments, Estimates and Assumptions

The preparation of these financial statements requires the Manager to make certain estimates, judgments and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of income and expenses during the reporting periods. Actual outcomes could differ from these estimates. Significant estimates include the valuation of investments and derivatives, and significant judgments include the determination of functional currency, classification and measurement of investments and classification of the Fund as an investment entity. The impacts of such estimates may require accounting adjustments based on future occurrences. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimate is revised and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods. These estimates are based on instorical experience, current and future economic conditions, and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

#### Critical accounting estimates

The Fund holds financial instruments that are not quoted in active markets, including derivatives. Fair values may be determined using reputable pricing vendors (for derivatives) or indicated prices from market makers/brokers. Broker quotes obtained from pricing sources may be indicative and not executable or binding. Securities not listed upon a recognized public stock exchange, or securities for which a last sale or closing price is unavailable or securities for which market quotations are, in the Manager's opinion, inaccurate, unreliable, or not reflective of all available material information, are valued at their estimated fair value, determined by using appropriate and accepted industry valuation techniques including valuation models. The estimated fair value of a security determined using valuation models requires the use of inputs and assumptions based on observable market data including volatility and other applicable rates or prices. The estimates include consideration of liquidity and model inputs related to items such as credit risk (both own and counterparty) and volatility. Changes in assumption about these factors could affect the reported fair value of financial instruments and the level where the instruments are disclosed in the fair value hierarchy. To assess the significance, the Fund performs sensitivity analysis of these estimates to the fair value of the Fund's holdings (see Note 10).

## Classification and measurement of investments

The Manager has assessed the business models of the Fund and has determined that the Fund's portfolio of financial assets and financial liabilities is managed, and performance is evaluated on a fair value basis in accordance with the Fund's risk management and investment strategies; therefore, classification and measurement of investments is Fair value through profit and loss (FVTPL).

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### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### (c) Functional and Presentation Currency

These financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars (CAD), which is the Fund's functional currency. The Fund's subscriptions and redemptions are denominated in Canadian dollars (CAD).

Portfolio securities and other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Canadian dollars at the prevailing rate of exchange on each valuation date. Purchases and sales of investments, income and expenses are translated at the rate of exchange prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions. The effects of exchange rate fluctuations on investments and foreign currency transactions are included in the "Foreign exchange gain (loss)" in the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

#### (d) Basis of Measurement

These financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for investments, which are measured at fair value in the Statements of Financial Position.

#### (e) Financial Instruments

#### Recognition and derecognition

All financial instruments are recognized at fair value upon initial recognition when a fund becomes a party to the contractual requirements of the financial instruments. A financial asset is derecognized when the right to receive cash flows from the asset has expired if the Fund has substantially transferred all risk and rewards of ownership. A financial liability is derecognized when the obligation under the liability is discharged, cancelled or expired.

#### Classification and measurement

In classifying and measuring financial instruments held by the Fund, the manager is required to assess the Fund's business model, the manner in which all financial assets and financial liabilities are managed and performance evaluated as a group on a fair value basis and the contractual cash flow characteristics of these financial instruments. The Fund's portfolio of financial assets is managed and evaluated on a fair value basis. Consequently, the fund classifies and measure all investments and derivatives at Fair value through profit and loss (FVTPL).

All other assets and liabilities are subsequently measured at amortized cost in accordance with IFRS 9, Financial Instruments (IFRS 9).

The Fund classifies each financial instrument into one of the three fair value hierarchy. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are:

- Level 1 for unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2 for inputs, other than quoted prices included in Level 1, that are observable for the assets or liabilities, either directly (i.e. derived from prices); or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices); and
- Level 3 for inputs that are based on unobservable market data.

If inputs of different levels are used to measure an asset or liability's fair value, the classification within the hierarchy is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The Fund's policy is to recognize transfers into and out of the fair value hierarchy levels as of the date of the event or changes in circumstances giving rise to the transfer.

All fair value measurements are recurring. For financial instruments whose fair values approximate their carrying values, given their short term nature, the carrying values of financial instruments measured at amortized costs approximate their fair values. Financial instruments are classified as Level 1 when the related security or derivative is actively traded and a quoted price is available. If an instrument classified as Level 1 subsequently ceases to be actively traded, it is transferred out of Level 1. In such cases, instruments are reclassified into Level 2, unless the measurement of its fair value requires the use of significant unobservable inputs, in which case it is classified as Level 3.

The models used to determine fair value measurements included in the financial statements of the Fund's including Level 3 measurements, if any, are validated and periodically reviewed by experienced personnel of the Manager, independent of the party that created them. The Manager considers and reviews the appropriateness of the valuation models, the valuation results, as well as any adjustments to the prices or estimates used by these models. At each financial reporting date, the Manager reviews and approves all Level 3 fair value measurements.

The breakdown into the three-level hierarchy is provided in Note 10.

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### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### (e) Financial Instruments (continued)

Fair Value measurement

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets (such as publicly traded derivatives and marketable securities) are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the reporting date. The Fund uses the last traded market price for both financial assets and financial liabilities where the last traded price falls within that day's bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid-ask spread the Manager determines the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value based on the specific facts and circumstances. Fixed income securities are valued at the bid price on the reporting date. Investments in underlying funds are valued at the net asset value per share of each underlying fund reported by the underlying funds manager as of the close of regular trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange. Unlisted warrants are valued using the Black-Scholes option valuation model. The model factors in the time value of money and the volatility inputs significant to such valuation. For purposes of determining Transactional Net Asset Value, as defined in Note 11, unlisted warrants are valued at their intrinsic value.

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market, including over-the-counter derivatives, is determined using valuation techniques. The Fund uses a variety of methods and make assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each reporting date. Valuation techniques include the use of comparable recent arm's length transactions, reference to other instruments that are substantially the same, discounted cash flow analysis, option pricing models and other models commonly used by market participants, which make the maximum use of observable inputs. Refer to Note 10 for further information about the Fund's fair value measurements.

#### (f) Redeemable Participating Shares

Redeemable participating shares are redeemable at the shareholder's option and are classified as financial liabilities. They are measured at the redeemable amount.

The value at which shares are issued or redeemed is the net asset value per share. Net asset value per share for each series is calculated at the end of each day on which the Fund's Manager is open for business ("valuation day") by dividing the net asset value ("Transactional NAV" as defined in Note 11) of each series by its outstanding shares. The net asset value of each series is computed by calculating the value of the series' proportionate share of the Fund's common liabilities and less series-specific liabilities. Expenses directly attributable to a series are charged to that series, while common Fund expenses are allocated to each series in a reasonable manner as determined by the Manager. Other income and realized and unrealized gains and losses are allocated to each series of the Fund based on that series' pro rata share of total net asset value of that Fund. Amounts received on the issuance of shares and amounts paid on the redemption of shares are included on the Statements of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Shares. Distributions on redeemable shares are presented as an expense within the Statements of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Shares.

(g) Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Shares from Operations per Share

Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares from operations per share is based on the increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares from operations attributable to each series of the Fund divided by the weighted average number of shares of that series outstanding during the year.

#### (h) Income Recognition

#### Dividend Income

Dividend income is recognized in the Statements of Comprehensive Income on the date on which the right to receive payment is established. For quoted equity securities, this is usually the ex-dividend date. For unquoted equity securities, this is usually the date on which the shareholders approve the payment of a dividend gross of withheld tax.

Interest for distribution purposes

Interest for distribution purposes as disclosed in the Statements of Comprehensive Income on debt securities at FVTPL is recognized on an accrual basis and represents the coupon interest received by the Fund accounted for on an accrual basis. The Fund does not amortize premiums paid or discounts received on the purchase of fixed income securities, except for zero coupon bonds, which are amortized on a straight-line basis.

Realized and unrealized gains and losses

Realized gains and losses on sale of investments, and unrealized appreciation and depreciation on investments, are calculated on an average cost basis.

(i) Distributions to Shareholders

Distributions are recorded by the Fund on the business day immediately following the record date.

#### (j) Transaction Costs

Transaction costs are expensed and are included in "Transaction costs" in the Statements of Comprehensive Income. Transaction costs are incremental costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, issue or disposal of an investment, which include fees and commissions paid to agents, advisors, brokers, and dealers, levies by regulatory agencies and securities exchanges, and transfer taxes and duties.

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#### 3. REDEEMABLE PARTICIPATING SHARES

The Fund is authorized to issue an unlimited number of shares as follows:

Name of Fund	Series available
Explorer Series Fund	A-Rollover, A-Regular, F

Series A-Rollover is used by the Company when there is a rollover of Limited Partnership units. Dealers cannot directly purchase this series. There is no Initial sales charge.

Series A-Regular have an initial sales charge of up to 5% which may be charged by the broker or dealer, no fees or commission is charged by the Fund.

Series F is used by the Company when there is a rollover of Limited Partnership units. There is an initial sales charge of up to 2%, which may be charged by the broker or dealer, no fees, or commission is charged by the Fund.

During the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, the following shares were issued (including transfers from other series) and redeemed (including transfers to other series):

December 31, 2022	Outstanding beginning of year	Shares issued*	Shares redeemed*	Outstanding end of year
Explorer Series Fund				
Series A-Rollover	12,037,868	29,646,677	(30,479,410)	11,205,134
Series A-Regular	3,740	· · · · -	(2,408)	1,332
Series F	1,776,100	11,474,202	(10,449,023)	2,801,279

December 31, 2021	Outstanding beginning of year	Shares issued*	Shares redeemed*	Outstanding end of year
Explorer Series Fund				
Series A-Rollover	12,332,219	25,721,798	(26,016,149)	12,037,868
Series A-Regular	14,687	31,411	(42,358)	3,740
Series F	1,049,179	7,638,391	(6,911,470)	1,776,100

<sup>\*</sup> In the Explorer Series Fund 639,766 Series A-Rollover shares were transferred to Series F for the year ended December 31, 2022 (2021: 12,527)

The weighted average number of units outstanding during the period used to calculate the increase (decrease) in NAV from operations per Unit is as follows:

For the year ended	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
Weighted average number of units Series A-Regular	2,133	16,800
Weighted average number of units Series A-Rollover	11,366,751	11,830,302
Weighted average number of units Series F	2,495,158	1,306,541

#### 4. EXPENSES AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The following summarizes the annual management fee for the Fund. Management fees for each applicable series are calculated daily and are based on the Fund's ending total NAV per series; cumulative daily totals are then paid on a weekly basis.

	Series A/Rollover and Regular	Series F	
Explorer Series Fund	2.0%	1.0%	

The Fund is dependent on the Manager for administration and management of all matters relating to their operations.

The Fund bears all of its own expenses relating to its operation and the carrying on of its business. These items include legal and audit fees, interest, and administrative costs relating to the issue and redemption of shares as well as the cost of financial and other reports and compliance with all applicable laws, regulations and policies. Commissions paid on security transactions are shown as "Transaction costs" in the Statements of Comprehensive income.

The Manager has at its discretion, the ability to absorb certain expenses associated with the Fund. No fees were absorbed during the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021

Included in each of the Fund's expenses in the Statements of Comprehensive Income is the corresponding component of sales tax. The Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) combines the GST rate of 5% with the Provincial Sales Tax of certain provinces. Each Fund's HST rate is calculated using the proportionate investment holding by the unitholder's provincial residency as at September 30 of the prior year. HST rates are determined for expenses attributable to a Fund's individual class/series, where applicable.

From time to time, the Manager may earn fees and commissions on securities transactions in which the Fund participates. The fees and commissions are based on standard agreements at market prices. For the year ended December 31, 2022, \$36,478 (2021 – \$9,040) was received by the Manager in related fees and commissions under the standing instructions given by the Independent Review Committee ("IRC").

In accordance with National Instrument 81-107, Independent Review Committee for Investment Funds, the Fund Manager has established an IRC for all of the Funds. The mandate of the IRC is to consider and provide recommendations to the Manager on conflicts of interest, which the Manager is subject to when managing the Fund. The IRC reports annually to unitholders of the Fund on its activities, and the annual report is available on or after December 31 in each year. The Manager charges compensation paid to the IRC members and the costs of the ongoing administration of the IRC to the Fund. These amounts are recorded in the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

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#### 5. TAXATION AND DISTRIBUTIONS

#### (a) Taxation of Open-End Mutual Fund Corporations

Under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), the Corporation qualifies as a mutual fund corporation and computes its net income (loss) and net capital gains (losses) for income tax purposes as a single entity. A mutual fund corporation is subject to a special 38 1/3% tax on taxable dividends received from corporations resident in Canada and to tax at normal corporate rates on other income and net taxable realized capital gains for the year. The special 38 1/3% tax is refundable on payments of taxable dividends to shareholders at the rate of \$1 for each \$2.61 of such dividend paid. The refundable dividend taxas asset on hand recognized by the Fund reflects the anticipation of the Manager to declare a taxable dividend to the Fund's shareholders in due course. All the tax on net taxable realized capital gains is refundable when the gains are distributed to shareholders as capital gains dividends or through redemption of shares at the request of shareholders.

While the Corporation is taxed as a single legal entity, the individual mutual fund share series recognize, for accounting purposes, the impact of current and future taxes based on the net income (loss) and increase (decrease) in net assets from realized and unrealized gains (losses), respectively, of each series. The mutual fund share series offsets the future tax liability for refundable taxes payable with the refund expected upon payment of capital gains or ordinary dividends or upon redemption of shares. As a result, the future tax liability for refundable taxes payable is eliminated. The mutual fund share series with negative taxable income does not recognize a tax asset for unused tax losses as future utilization is not probable and a full valuation allowance has been recorded. Further, unused tax losses of one mutual fund share series may be used to offset taxable income of another series. Therefore, where a mutual fund share series has positive net taxable income, the current tax liability has been offset with the utilization of unused tax losses from other series to the extent possible. Any residual taxable income would be refundable upon payment of capital gains or ordinary dividends by the Corporation.

#### 6. BROKERAGE COMMISSIONS ON SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

Certain Funds have incurred brokerage commissions, a portion of which may have been received by the Fund's investment advisers in the form of investment or research services. For the year ended December 31, 2022, the total soft dollar benefits received for the Explorer Series Fund was \$0 (2021 – \$0).

No soft dollar services were included in the transaction costs on the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

#### 7. SECURITIES LENDING TRANSACTIONS

The Fund has entered into a securities lending program with their custodian, RBC Investor and Treasury Services. The aggregate fair value of all securities loaned by a Fund cannot exceed 50% of the assets of the Fund. The Fund receives collateral of at least 102% of the value of the securities on loan. Collateral may comprise cash and/or securities.

The aggregate fair value of securities loaned and collateral held under securities lending transactions at December 31, 2022 and 2021:

December 31, 2022	Securities on loan	Collateral amount	Collateral as percentage of securities loaned
	\$	\$	%
Explorer Series Fund	59	63	107%
			Collateral as percentage
December 31, 2021	Securities on loan	Collateral amount	of securities loaned
	\$	\$	%
Explorer Series Fund	3,700	3,886	105%

Securities lending income reported in the Statements of Comprehensive Income is net of a securities lending charge that the Fund's custodian, RBC Investor Services Trust, is entitled to receive.

December 31, 2022	Gross securities lending income	Securities lending charge		Net securities lending income	Withholding taxes	Net income received	
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	\$	
Explorer Series Fund	1,408	493	35	915	-	915	
December 31, 2021	Gross securities lending income	Securities lending charge		Net securities lending income	Withholding taxes	Net income received	
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	\$	
Explorer Series Fund	29	10	35	19	_	19	

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#### 8. FUND MERGERS

The acquisition method of accounting was adopted for the merger of mutual funds whereby the continuing fund is the acquiring fund and the terminated fund is the acquired fund. This identification was based on aspects of the continuing fund such as investment objectives and portfolio composition.

Effective as of the close of business, as set out below, the continuing funds acquired the portfolio assets of the corresponding terminated funds in exchange for shares in the continuing fund. The value of the shares of the continuing fund issued in connection with these mergers was equal to the fair value of the investments transferred from the respective terminated fund.

Terminating fund	Merger date	Continuing fund	Series	Net assets	Shares	Exchange
				acquired \$	issued	ratio %
Marquest Mining Québec 2020-l Super Flow-Through LP - Class A	2021-05-14	Explorer Series Fund	A-Rollover	8,881,180	7,074,385	84.75
Marquest Mining Québec 2020-I Super Flow-Through LP - Class F	2021-05-14	Explorer Series Fund	F	1,247,791	978,430	85.60
Marquest Mining 2020-I Super Flow-Through LP - Class A	2021-10-15	Explorer Series Fund	A-Rollover	2,087,358	1,948,434	69.24
Marquest Mining 2020-I Super Flow-Through LP - Class F	2021-10-15	Explorer Series Fund	F	1,173,999	1,073,321	74.54
Marquest Mining Québec 2020-II Super Flow-Through LP - Class A	2021-10-15	Explorer Series Fund	A-Rollover	15,119,632	14,113,350	63.62
Marquest Mining Québec 2020-II Super Flow-Through LP - Class F	2021-10-15	Explorer Series Fund	F	3,325,717	3,040,517	65.11
Marquest Advantaged Mining 2021 Super Flow-Through LP - Class A	2021-11-05	Explorer Series Fund	A-Rollover	2,741,284	2,585,629	58.88
Marquest Advantaged Mining 2021 Super Flow-Through LP - Class F	2021-11-05	Explorer Series Fund	F	1,878,232	1,734,447	62.46
Marquest Mining Québec 2021-I Super Flow-Through LP - Class A	2022-05-13	Explorer Series Fund	A-Rollover	5,638,726	6,892,465	47.79
Marquest Mining Québec 2021-I Super Flow-Through LP - Class F	2022-05-13	Explorer Series Fund	F	1,240,022	1,467,829	48.11
Marquest Mining 2021-I Super Flow-Through LP - Class A	2022-05-13	Explorer Series Fund	A-Rollover	673,436	823,171	56.81
Marquest Mining 2021-I Super Flow-Through LP - Class F	2022-05-13	Explorer Series Fund	F	102,079	120,832	56.46
Marquest Mining 2021-II Super Flow-Through LP - Class A	2022-10-14	Explorer Series Fund	A-Rollover	1,584,000	2,607,407	61.09
Marquest Mining 2021-II Super Flow-Through LP - Class F	2022-10-14	Explorer Series Fund	F	1,360,347	2,158,254	64.25
Marquest Mining Québec 2021-II Super Flow-Through LP - Class A	2022-10-21	Explorer Series Fund	A-Rollover	10,857,408	18,035,562	55.96
Marquest Mining Québec 2021-II Super Flow-Through LP - Class F	2022-10-21	Explorer Series Fund	F	3,974,002	6,359,421	57.13
Marquest Advantaged Mining 2022 Super Flow-Through LP - Class A	2022-11-14	Explorer Series Fund	A-Rollover	778,767	1,288,070	59.91
Marquest Advantaged Mining 2022 Super Flow-Through LP - Class F	2022-11-14	Explorer Series Fund	F	468,128	745,427	61.10

As a result of the mergers, in accordance with the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), all unrealized losses and certain elected unrealized gains of the terminating funds' portfolios were realized on the merger date. The financial statements of the continuing funds do not include the operating results of the terminated funds prior to the merger date.

### 9. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT DISCLOSURES

Shares issued and outstanding represent the capital of the Fund. The Fund has no restrictions or specific capital requirements and is authorized to issue an unlimited number of redeemable, transferable shares of each Series available. Restrictions and specific requirements on capital for each fund Series are only applicable for minimum subscriptions. The Statements of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Shares and note 3 outline the relevant changes in each of the Fund's shares for the year. In accordance with the Fund's investment objectives, portfolio management of the Fund's capital will encompass appropriate investing of subscriptions and the maintenance of sufficient liquidity levels for capital redemptions.

### 10. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

(a) Fair Value

Financial instruments of the Fund include investments at fair value. There are no significant differences between the carrying values of these financial instruments and their fair values due to their short term nature. Investments are carried at their fair values as described below.

- I. Securities listed upon a recognized public stock exchange are valued at their close price on the valuation date. In circumstances where the close price is not within the bid-ask spread, management will determine the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value.
- II. Securities not listed upon a recognized public stock exchange, or securities for which a close price, last sale or bid price are unavailable or securities for which market quotations are, in the Manager's opinion, inaccurate, unreliable or not reflective of all available material information, are valued at their estimated fair value, determined by using appropriate and accepted industry valuation techniques including valuation models. The estimated fair value of a security determined using valuation models requires the use of inputs and assumptions based on observable market data including volatility and other applicable rates or prices. In limited circumstances, the estimated fair value of a security may be determined using valuation techniques that are not supported by observable market data.
- III. Securities that are restricted or limited by law (including by investment letter, escrow provisions or other representation, undertaking or agreement) will be subject to temporary trading restrictions and cannot be sold until the applicable holding period expires. The fair value of those securities for the duration of the holding period shall be the reported market value of the same class of shares of that security which is not subject to a restriction based on reported quotations in common use less an appropriate discount.

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## 10. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

The following tables present the Fund's financial instruments measured at fair value classified by the fair value hierarchy set out in IFRS 13, Fair Value Measurements as of December 31, 2022 and 2021:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
December 31, 2022	\$	\$	\$	\$
Explorer Series Fund	4,539,818	2,335,232	946,278	7,821,328
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
December 31, 2021	\$	\$	\$	\$
Explorer Series Fund	9,546,469	322,538	787,595	10,656,602

During the year ended December 31, 2022, \$905,804 (December 31, 2021 – \$0) was transferred between Level 1 and Level 2 for the Explorer Series Fund and \$25,956 (December 31, 2021 - \$22,528) was transferred between Level 1 and Level 3 for the Explorer Series Fund.

Realized and unrealized gains and losses related to Level 3 securities are included in the Statements of Comprehensive Income under "Net realized gain (loss) on the sale of investments including foreign exchange gain (loss)" and "Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments" respectively. Transfers in and out of Level 3 are due to the changes in the observability of market data, such as a recent new transaction or due to the passage of time, respectively. The following tables summarizes the changes in Level 3 securities for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021:

	December 31, 2022 \$	December 31, 2021 \$
Beginning of period	787,595	1,467,475
Purchases	101	133,551
Sales	-	(507,150)
Transfers into Level 3	25,956	22,528
Transfers out of Level 3	-	-
Net realized gain (loss) on sale of investments	(169,024)	22,864
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in value	301,648	(351,673)
End of period	946,278	787,595

Certain Funds hold Level 3 securities in which there is uncertainty in estimating the fair value stemming from current financial issues and lack of market quotations. Level 3 requires significant unobservable data such as volatility and discount rates in its determination of fair value. The Explorer Series Fund holds halted equity investments classified as Level 3.

The fair value of the level 3 securities during the year are calculated using a key number of valuation techniques and unobservable inputs, which may include financial analysis of the company's financial statements, financial disclosures, non-listed transaction prices, analysis of underlying commodity or sector prices and overall prevailing market and economic conditions.

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### 10. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

#### (a) Fair Value (continued)

Below is a summary of the valuation techniques and significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement of level 3 financial instruments. The significant unobservable inputs used in the valuation of Level 3 Financial instruments can vary considerably over time depending on company specific factors and economic or market conditions. Below illustrates the potential impact on the Fund if the significant unobservable inputs used in the valuation techniques had increased or decreased by 10%, Securities where the reasonable possible shift in the significant unobservable inputs did not result in a material impact on the Fund are indicated below as n/a.

#### **Explorer Series Fund**

Security	Valuation technique	Significant unobservable input	Carrying Value as at December 31, 2022	Change in Valuation
			\$	\$
Equities	Market Information		48,530	n/a
Warrants	Black-Sholes Model	Liquidity Discount		
		and Volatility	897,748	125,744
			946,278	

#### **Explorer Series Fund**

Security	Valuation technique	Significant unobservable input	Carrying Value as at December 31, 2021	Change in Valuation
			\$	\$
Equities	Market Information		22,528	n/a
Warrants	Black-Sholes Model	Liquidity Discount		
		and Volatility	765,067	58,379
			787,595	

#### (b) Risk Management and Disclosures

Significant market disruptions, such as those caused by pandemics (e.g., COVID-19 pandemic), natural or environmental disasters, war (e.g., Russia's invasion of Ukraine), acts of terrorism, or other events, can adversely affect local and global markets and normal market operations. Any such disruptions could have an adverse impact on the value of the Fund's investments and Fund's performance.

The Fund's investment activities expose them to a variety of financial risks. The Schedule of Investment Portfolios presents the securities held by the Fund as at December 31, 2022, and groups the securities by asset type, geographic region and/or market segment. Significant risks that are relevant to the Fund are discussed below. The sensitivity analyses shown in the notes below may differ from actual trading, and the differences could be material.

The Manager seeks to minimize potential adverse effects of these risks on the Fund's performance by employing professional, experienced portfolio advisers, by daily monitoring of the Fund's positions and market events, by diversifying the investment portfolios within the constraints of the investment objectives. To assist in managing risks, the Manager also uses internal guidelines that identify the target exposure for each type of risk, maintains a governance structure that oversees the Fund's investment activities and monitors compliance with the Fund's stated investment strategies and securities regulations.

#### (c) Market Risk

## Foreign exchange risk

Foreign exchange risk is the risk that the value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates. The fund is not exposed to foreign exchange risk.

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### 10. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

#### (c) Market Risk (continued)

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk arises from the possibility that changes in interest rates will affect future cash flows or the fair values of financial instruments. The Fund is not exposed to interest rate risk.

#### 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 foreign exchange risk). The investments of the Fund are subject to normal market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in financial markets. The maximum risk resulting from financial instruments held by the Fund is equivalent to the fair value of the financial instruments. The Manager moderates this risk through a careful selection of securities within specified limits, and the Fund's market price risk is managed through diversification of the investment portfolio.

The Fund is indirectly exposed to price risk of the underlying funds/securities.

The most significant exposure to other price risk arises from the Fund's investments in equity securities. As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, had the prices of the securities raised or lowered by 10%, with all other variables held constant, net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares would have increased or decreased respectively as follows:

December 31, 2022	Fair value of Investments in equity securities	% of net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares %	Potential impact on net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares \$
Explorer Series Fund	7,821,328	86.5	782,133
December 31, 2021	Fair value of investments in equity securities \$	% of net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares %	Potential impact on net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares
Explorer Series Fund	10,656,602	75.3	1,065,660

#### (ii) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is defined as the risk that the Fund will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset.

The Fund may invest in securities, which are not actively traded on a stock exchange. The fair values of these securities may not be indicative of what the Fund could realize on the immediate sale as it may take a significant amount of time to liquidate positions without causing a significant negative impact on the fair value. There can be no assurance that an active trading market for these securities will exist at all times, or that the prices at which these securities trade accurately reflect their values. Additionally for net asset value purposes, in accordance with securities regulation, the Fund must maintain at least 85% of their assets in liquid investments (i.e. investments that are traded in an active market including management fees payable, other payable and accrued expenses and payable on redemption of redeemable shares. These financial liabilities are all current and are due within 30 days. Redeemable shares are redeemable on demand at the shareholder's option. However, management does not expect that all of the shares will be redeemed immediately as holders of these instruments typically retain them for a longer period.

Liquidity risk is managed by investing the majority of the Fund's assets in investments that are traded in an active market and can be readily disposed of. On a weekly basis, quantitative monitoring measures are used to screen the Fund's portfolio for securities that may be considered for potential reclassification as illiquid. In addition, the Fund aims to retain sufficient cash to maintain liquidity. Accordingly, the Fund's liquidity risk is considered minimal.

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## 10. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

#### (iii) Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation or commitment that it has entered into with the Fund. The Fund's exposure to credit risk includes cash, investments, dividends receivable and receivables for investment securities sold. The Fund reduces its credit risk associated with cash by maintaining its primary bank accounts at large international financial institutions. All transactions in listed securities are settled for upon delivery using approved brokers. The risk of default is considered minimal, as delivery of securities sold is only made once the broker has received payment. Payment is made on a purchase once the securities have been received by the broker. The trade will fail if either party fails to meet its obligation. The Fund does not have a significant exposure to credit risk.

#### (iv) Concentration Risk

Portfolio concentration risk is the risk of loss in the total value of the portfolio investments of the Fund due to an over-concentration of investments in a particular instrument, sector or country. A summary of the portfolio's concentration risk by industry sector as at December 31, 2022 and 2021 is shown in Fund's Schedule of Investment Portfolio.

#### 11. IFRS NET ASSETS VERSUS TRANSACTIONAL NET ASSET VALUE

The Fund's accounting policies for measuring the fair value of their investments and derivatives are identical to those used in measuring their net asset value for transactions with unitholder in accordance with Part 14 of National Instrument 81-106 Investment Funds for Continuous Disclosure ("NI 81-106"), except when the Fund holds unlisted warrants, as described above. A comparison of the net assets per unit in accordance with IFRS ("IFRS Net Assets") and the net asset value calculated in accordance with NI 81-106 ("Transactional Net Asset Value") is presented in the tables below.

#### December 31, 2022

	Series	s A/Rollover	Series A/	Regular	Series F
Transactional Net Asset Value	\$	6,702,026	\$	888	\$ 1,744,270
IFRS Net Assets	\$	7,173,548	\$	950	\$ 1,866,985
Transactional Net Asset Value per Share	\$	0.60	\$	0.67	\$ 0.62
IFRS Net Assets per Share	\$	0.64	\$	0.71	\$ 0.67

#### December 31, 2021

	Seri	es A/Rollover	Series A	/Regular	Se	eries F
Transactional Net Asset Value	\$	11,720,579	\$	4,114	\$ 1,7	77,881
IFRS Net Assets	\$	12,278,120	\$	4,310	\$ 1,862,451	
Transactional Net Asset Value per Share	\$	0.97	\$	1.10	\$	1.00
IFRS Net Assets per Share	\$	1.02	\$	1.15	\$	1.05

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