

Economic Investment Trust Limited



ANNUAL REPORT

2023

Economic Investment Trust Limited

THE YEAR AT A GLANCE **97th Annual Report**

	2023	2022
Net equity value per Common Share ¹	\$ 204.14	\$ 184.62
Net investment income per Common Share ¹	\$ 5.47	\$ 6.18
Net income (loss) per Common Share	\$ 25.23	\$ (3.15)
Dividends per Common Share		
Quarterly	\$ 1.20	\$ 1.20
Additional ²	\$ 4.98	\$ 8.69
Net assets ³	\$ 1,107,495	\$ 1,008,877
Net investment income ^{1,3}	\$ 29,862	\$ 34,272
Number of Common Shares outstanding at period end	5,425,197	5,464,628

¹ See Management's Discussion and Analysis for Use of Non-GAAP Measures.

² This additional dividend represents the distribution of the previous fiscal year's net investment income, after payment of quarterly dividends.

³ In thousands of Canadian dollars.

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared under International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IFRS Accounting Standards").

ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders ("AGM") will be held Monday, April 29, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. (Toronto time). The AGM will be held as a virtual-only meeting. All shareholders are invited to attend.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS

This document has been prepared for the purpose of providing Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") of the financial performance and financial condition of Economic Investment Trust Limited ("Economic" or the "Company") for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022. This MD&A should be read in conjunction with: the December 31, 2023 year-end financial statements of Economic which form part of this Annual Report dated February 7, 2024. These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards, as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IFRS Accounting Standards"). The reporting currency for the Company is the Canadian dollar, and all amounts in the following discussion are in Canadian dollars.

This MD&A may contain certain forward-looking statements that are subject to risks and uncertainties that may cause the results or events mentioned in this discussion to differ materially from actual results or events. No assurance can be given that results, performance or achievement expressed in, or implied by, any forward-looking statements within this discussion will occur, or if they do, that any benefits may be derived from them.

Overview

Economic is a closed-end investment corporation, the shares of which trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol "EVT". Economic is an investment vehicle for long-term growth through investments in common equities, as management believes that over long periods of time, common equities, as an asset class, will outperform fixed-income instruments or balanced funds. From time to time, however, assets of the Company may be invested in interest-bearing short-term securities pending the selection of suitable equity investments.

The Company has been a closed-end investment corporation since 1927. The Common Shares have persistently traded at a discount to their net asset value, ranging from approximately an 18% discount to a 37% discount over the past 10 years. Management believes that shareholders who have invested in the Common Shares of the Company recognize that the Common Shares of the Company usually trade at a discount to their net asset value.

Closed-end investment corporations have the following benefits: they often allow investors the opportunity to purchase assets at a discounted price; they have management expense ratios which are generally much lower than those for actively-managed, open-ended funds; and the management of a closed-end investment corporation's portfolio is not impacted by shareholder subscription or redemption activities.

Economic has no plans to become an open-ended investment fund.

The Company owns, directly and indirectly, long-term investments in the common shares of some publicly-traded Canadian companies, and a managed global investment portfolio of common shares of publicly-traded global companies.

The long-term investments consist primarily of the publicly-traded common shares of E-L Financial Corporation Limited ("E-L Financial"), Algoma Central Corporation ("Algoma"), a shipping company, and The Bank of Nova Scotia. At December 31, 2023, E-L Financial represented 40.8% (2022 – 38.4%) of total equity investments, Algoma 3.7% (2022 – 5.0%) and The Bank of Nova Scotia 4.8% (2022 – 5.4%). E-L Financial, Algoma and the Company are related parties. In management's view, these investments are consistent with the Company's investment strategy and contribute to achieving the investment objective. Further related party information is provided in Note 12 to the financial statements in the 2023 Annual Report and in the schedule of investment portfolio in this interim report beginning on page 35.

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E-L Financial operates as an investment and insurance holding company with two operating segments, E-L Corporate and The Empire Life Insurance Company ("Empire Life"). E-L Corporate's operations include the oversight of investments in global equities held through direct and indirect holdings of common shares, investment funds, closed-end investment companies and private companies.

E-L Financial has a 56.6% (2022 - 54.9%) interest in a closed-end investment corporation, United Corporations Limited ("United"), which is an investment vehicle for long-term growth through investments in common equities. In addition, E-L Financial has a 36.6% (2022 - 37.2%) interest in Algoma and a 24.9% (2022 - 24.7%) interest in Economic. E-L Financial also owns 99.5% (2022 - 99.4%) of Empire Life which underwrites life and health insurance policies and provides segregated funds and annuity products in Canada. Each of E-L Financial, Empire Life, United and Algoma are related parties and are reporting issuers which have profiles on SEDAR+.

The balance of Economic's investment portfolio is managed by Neuberger Berman Canada ULC ("Neuberger Berman Canada"), an investment manager headquartered in Toronto. Neuberger Berman Canada manages the portfolio by investing in global equities following a quality value investment style. Neuberger Berman Canada is a business of Neuberger Berman. Neuberger Berman, founded in 1939, is a private, independent, employee-owned investment manager headquartered in New York. The firm manages a range of strategies including equity, fixed income, quantitative and multi-asset class, private equity, real estate and hedge funds on behalf of institutions, advisors and individual investors globally. With offices in 26 countries, Neuberger Berman's diverse team has over 2,800 professionals.

At December 31, 2023, approximately 51.2% (2022 – 50.6%) of the investment portfolio was held in long-term investments and 48.8% (2022 – 49.4%) was managed by Neuberger Berman Canada. Over time these percentages will vary based on the market value of the two portfolios and as a result of any purchases or sales of investments.

Investment Strategy

The objective of the Company is to earn an above-average rate of return, primarily through long-term capital appreciation and dividend income. Short-term volatility is expected and tolerated. Management remains confident that the Company's investment strategy will reward shareholders over the long term.

The investment portfolio of the Company comprises a mix of Canadian and foreign investments. Net equity value and net investment income may vary significantly from period to period depending on the economic environment and market conditions.

Use of Non-GAAP Measures

This MD&A contains references to "net equity value per Common Share", "growth in net equity value per Common Share" and "net investment income per Common Share". These terms do not have any standardized meanings in GAAP (generally accepted accounting principles) and therefore may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies. The Company believes that these measures provide information useful to the Company's shareholders in evaluating the Company's financial results.

Net equity value per Common Share is used by investors and management as a comparison to the market price of its Common Shares to determine the discount or premium at which the Company's Common Shares are trading relative to the net equity value per Common Share.

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Use of Non-GAAP Measures (continued)

Net investment income per Common Share is used by both investors and management to assess the approximate amount of dividends to be distributed on Common Shares.

Net equity value per Common Share is calculated as follows (in thousands of dollars, except number of Common Shares and per Common Share amounts):

	December 31 2023	December 31 2022
Net Assets	\$ 1,107,495	\$ 1,008,877
Common Shares outstanding	5,425,197	5,464,628
Net Equity Value per Common Share	\$ 204.14	\$ 184.62

Net investment income per Common Share is calculated as follows (in thousands of dollars, except number of Common Shares and per Common Share amounts):

	Three months ended December 31		Twelve months ended December 31	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Net income (loss)	\$ 106,168	\$ 81,161	\$ 137,812	\$ (17,459)
Add (deduct):				
Other net fair value changes in investments	(114,832)	(85,062)	(124,606)	59,786
Tax on other net fair value changes in investments	15,215	11,130	16,510	(8,062)
Net change in refundable dividend taxes on hand	(11)	4	146	7
Net Investment income	\$ 6,540	\$ 7,233	\$ 29,862	\$ 34,272
Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding	5,454,733	5,464,628	5,461,168	5,547,739
Net Investment income per Common Share ¹	\$ 1.20	\$ 1.33	\$ 5.47	\$ 6.18

¹ On an after-tax basis.

Net Equity Value per Common Share

The Company's net equity value per Common Share increased to \$204.14 at December 31, 2023 from \$184.62 at the prior year end.

With dividends reinvested at month-end net equity values, the Company's net equity value growth was 14.3% in 2023, compared to negative 1.0% during 2022.

Long-term investments had a total return, including dividends, of 14.9% return in 2023 compared to 1.8% during 2022. On a pre-tax basis, the shares of E-L Financial had a return of 18.9% during 2023 (2022 – 2.1%), the shares of Algoma had a negative return of 6.6% (2022 – positive 11.0%), and the shares of the Bank of Nova Scotia had a return of 3.5% (2022 – negative 21.4%).

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Net Equity Value per Common Share (continued)

The global investment portfolio had a pre-tax return, gross of fees, of 15.8% in 2023 compared to negative 4.1% for 2022.

As the Company is a taxable Canadian corporation, the Company's net equity value is net of a current income tax provision on net investment income and realized gains (losses) on investments, and net of a deferred income tax provision on its unrealized appreciation of investments.

In Canadian dollar terms, total returns (capital gains (losses) plus dividends), for Economic's net equity value and stock market indices, were as follows:

	Year ended December 31, 2023	Year ended December 31, 2022
		(%)
Economic net equity value	14.3	(1.0)
S&P/TSX Composite Index	11.8	(5.8)
MSCI All Country World Index	19.3	(12.2)
S&P 500 Index	23.3	(12.5)

Growth in Net Equity Value ("NAV")

Set out below is a table that shows annual growth in NAV in each of the past 10 calendar years:

Annual growth in NAV*

	NAV per Common Share \$	Annual Growth %
2014	122.43	4.5
2015	132.62	9.5
2016	138.26	5.4
2017	151.98	11.8
2018	142.92	(4.7)
2019	160.91	14.2
2020	163.93	3.9
2021	196.60	23.5
2022	184.62	(1.0)
2023	204.14	14.3

Compound annual growth*

2014 - 2023 - 10 years	7.9
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*Growth in NAV is determined by the percentage change in NAVs including dividends reinvested at month-end NAVs.

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Operating Results

Net income

The Company reported a net income of \$137,812,000 in 2023 compared to net loss of \$17,459,000 in 2022. Earnings per share increased to \$25.23 in 2023 compared to net loss of \$3.15 for 2022.

The other net fair value changes in investments was \$124,606,000 in 2023 compared to a net loss of \$59,786,000 for 2022.

The other net fair value changes for long-term investments was a net gain of \$62,058,000 in 2023 compared to a net loss of \$13,313,000 for 2022. The Company's year-to-date net gain on long-term investments was primarily attributable to fair value gains from E-L Financial of \$70,543,000.

The global investment portfolio had another net fair value gain of \$62,548,000 in 2023 compared to a net loss of \$46,473,000 in 2022.

The 2023 net gain for the global investment portfolio included net fair value investment gains from North America of \$42,907,000, Europe \$10,407,000, and Emerging Markets \$3,538,000.

The Company reported a net realized loss for the year ended December 31, 2023 of \$7,336,000, all of which relates to the global investment portfolio. This compares to a realized loss of \$78,291,000 in 2022.

Net investment income

The Company's net investment income in 2023 decreased to \$29,862,000 compared to \$34,272,000 in 2022. On a per Common Share basis, net investment income for the year decreased to \$5.47 in 2023 compared to \$6.18 in 2022.

Foreign dividend income in 2023 decreased 7% to \$17,170,000 from \$18,455,000 in 2022. In general, foreign dividend income is impacted by changes in the composition of the investment portfolio, variability in foreign exchange rates and dividend yields.

Canadian dividend income in 2023 decreased to \$19,829,000 from \$24,015,000 in 2022. During the first quarter of 2023 the Company received a special dividend from its investment in Algoma of \$4,284,000. During the first quarter of 2022, the Company received special dividends of \$9,655,000 or \$25 per E-L Financial share.

The expenses of the Company decreased 9% to \$2,558,000 from \$2,815,000 in 2022. The majority of the decreases relate to lower interest expense during 2023. Interest expense was incurred in the prior year as a result of the loan financing utilized for the substantial issuer bid completed during 2022. The Company's management expense ratio decreased to 0.25% for the current year from 0.28% of average net assets for the prior year. The management expense ratio is determined using total expenses as an annualized percentage of average monthly net asset values during the period. There are no investment management or administrative fees charged on the Company's long-term investments.

Operating Results - Fourth Quarter, 2023

The Company's net equity value per Common Share increased to \$204.14 at December 31, 2023 from \$184.56 at September 30, 2023. With dividends reinvested at month-end net equity values, the Company's net equity value return was 10.8% in the fourth quarter of 2023 compared to 8.7% for the same period in 2022.

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On a pre-tax basis, the shares of E-L Financial had a return of 18.1% (2022 - 5.2%) during the fourth quarter of 2023, the shares of Algoma had a return of 2.8% (2022 - 14.2%) and the shares of The Bank of Nova Scotia had a return of 7.7% (2022 - 2.5%), respectively.

The global investment portfolio had a pre-tax return, gross of fees, for the fourth quarter of 2023 of 6.7% versus 11.0% for the fourth quarter of 2022.

In Canadian dollar terms, in the fourth quarter of 2023, the S&P/TSX Composite Index increased 8.1%, the MSCI All Country World Index increased 8.3% and the S&P 500 Index increased 9.3%.

Three-Year Results

A summary of various financial data for each of the last three years is as follows (in thousands of dollars, except per share amounts):

	2023	2022	2021
Other net fair value changes in investments ¹	\$ 108,096	\$ (51,724)	\$ 156,582
Other net fair value changes in investments per Common Share ¹	19.79	(9.33)	28.03
Total assets	1,201,102	1,099,261	1,195,545
Net investment income ^{1, 2}	29,862	34,272	55,242
Net investment income per Common Share ²	5.47	6.18	9.89
Dividends per Common Share:			
Quarterly	1.20	1.20	1.20
Additional	4.98	8.69	4.07

¹ On an after-tax basis.

² See use of Non-GAAP Measures.

Economic's investment portfolio is affected by equity markets, stock selection and currency movements.

In 2023, the performance of Economic was favourably affected by the global investment portfolio that had a total return of 15.8%. This positive return was impacted by a 14.9% return from long-term investments.

In 2022, the Company's investment portfolio was affected by negative equity market returns. The global investment portfolio had a total return of negative 4.1% which was partly offset by a positive return of 1.8% for the long-term investments.

In 2021, the performance of Economic was favourably affected by the global investment portfolio that had a total return of 21.8%. This positive return was impacted by a 32.0% return from long-term investments.

The fluctuations in net investment income are due primarily to changes in dividend income that is earned by the Company, net of management fees.

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Quarterly Review - 2023 and 2022

The following tables summarize various financial results on a quarterly basis for the current and prior year:

	2023			
	Quarter ended			
	March 31	June 30	September	December 31
	(In thousands of dollars, except per share amounts)			
Net Investment income ^{1,2}	\$ 9,833	\$ 7,769	\$ 5,720	\$ 6,540
Other net fair value changes in investments ¹	16,142	12,493	(20,156)	99,617
Per Common Share:				
Net Investment income ^{1,2}	\$ 1.80	\$ 1.42	\$ 1.05	\$ 1.20
Other net fair value changes in investments ¹	2.93	2.29	(3.69)	18.26
Net income	4.73	3.71	(2.64)	19.46
	2022			
	Quarter ended			
	March 31	June 30	September 30	December 31
	(In thousands of dollars, except per share amounts)			
Net Investment income ^{1,2}	\$ 14,962	\$ 6,992	\$ 5,085	\$ 7,233
Other net fair value changes in investments ¹	(31,344)	(92,965)	(1,347)	73,932
Per Common Share:				
Net Investment income ^{1,2}	\$ 2.68	\$ 1.25	\$ 0.92	\$ 1.33
Other net fair value changes in investments ¹	(5.71)	(16.56)	(0.27)	13.21
Net income	(3.03)	(15.31)	0.65	14.54

¹ On an after-tax basis.

² See use of Non-GAAP Measures.

Investment income is derived primarily from dividend income that is earned by the Company. While North American investments usually pay regular quarterly dividends, investments outside of North America often pay less frequently. In general, dividends earned on investments outside of North America peak in the second quarter of the year. On occasion, the Company will receive special dividends on certain investments. In the first quarter of 2023, the Company received a special dividend from Algoma of \$4,284,000. In the first quarter of 2022, the Company received a special dividend from E-L Financial of \$9,655,000. There is no guarantee that the Company will receive dividend income on its investments at current dividend payout levels.

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Overall returns are determined by the performance of the Company's long-term investments and the performance of the global investment portfolio and may fluctuate significantly as illustrated by the past eight quarters. The returns generated within each portfolio may also not correlate with benchmark returns.

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

The Company's disclosure controls and procedures are designed to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by the Company under Canadian securities laws is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the specified time periods, and include controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information is accumulated and communicated to management on a timely basis to allow appropriate decisions regarding public disclosure. Under the supervision of management, an evaluation was carried out on the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as at December 31, 2023. Based on that evaluation, management concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as at December 31, 2023.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. Under the supervision of management, an evaluation of the Company's internal control over financial reporting was carried out as at December 31, 2023. Based on that evaluation, management concluded that the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective as at December 31, 2023. No changes were made in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the year ended December 31, 2023, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

Risks

As the Company is a closed-end investment corporation, Economic faces various risks arising from its investments. Under the supervision of the Board of Directors, management has developed policies to identify and monitor these risks. Note 4 to the December 31, 2023 financial statements provide disclosures surrounding risks arising from its financial instruments. These risks include market, liquidity, credit and certain concentration risks.

Market risk

The most significant risk that is faced by Economic is market risk which represents exposures to changes in the fair value of its investment portfolio. As the Company's investment portfolio is represented by Canadian and global equities, the value of its investments will vary from day to day depending on a number of market factors including economic conditions, global events, market news, and on the performance of the issuers of the securities in which the Company invests. Changes in foreign currency exchange rates will also affect the value of investments of non-Canadian dollar securities.

As of December 31, 2023, 31% (2022 – 31%) of the investment portfolio including cash and cash equivalents was denominated in U.S. dollars, 4% (2022 – 4%) Euro and 3% (2022 – 3%) Japanese yen.

Concentration risk

Concentration risk exists when a significant portion of the equity investment portfolio is invested in a small number of companies or geographical areas. Concentration reduces the diversification of the investment

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portfolio and may result in greater volatility. At December 31, 2023, the Company's carrying value of its direct and indirect investment in E-L Financial of \$482,517,000 (2022 - \$411,975,000) represents 40.8% (2022 – 38.4%) of Economic's total equity investments. E-L Financial is subject to market risks as its investing activities are influenced by market price and interest rate risk. E-L Financial's subsidiary, Empire Life, is impacted by a number of risks including investment, insurance, operational, competition, regulatory and other risks.

Credit risk

Economic participates in securities lending which could expose the Company to the risk of counterparty failure. The Company's custodian acts as lending agent and is responsible to return the borrowed securities to the Company when required. The custodian indemnifies the Company in the event of borrower default. Further information is provided in Note 4 of the financial statements in the 2023 Annual Report.

The Company's exposure to risks is also addressed in the Company's Annual Information Form. Further information on risks related to E-L Financial are disclosed in its Annual Information Form available on www.sedarplus.ca.

Share Data

At December 31, 2023, there are 5,425,197 (2022 - 5,464,628) Common Shares issued and outstanding and each share is entitled to one vote.

Substantial Issuer Bid

On November 7, 2023, the Company announced its intention to commence a substantial issuer bid ("SIB") pursuant to which the Company offered to purchase up to \$5,000,000 of its outstanding Common Shares for cash. As of December 31, 2023 the Company had taken up and paid for 36,231 Common Shares at a price of \$138.00 per Share. The Common Shares acquired under the SIB represent an aggregate purchase price of \$5,000,000. As required by securities legislation, the Company's NCIB was suspended during the SIB.

In the prior year, the Company announced its intention to commence a substantial issuer bid ("SIB") pursuant to which the Company offered to purchase up to \$20,000,000 of its outstanding Common Shares for cash. As of September 27, 2022 the Company had taken up and paid for 103,007 Common Shares at a price of \$140.00 per Share. The Common Shares acquired under the SIB represent an aggregate purchase price of \$14,421,000.

Normal Course Issuer Bid

On March 6, 2023, the Company obtained approval from the TSX to renew its normal course issuer bid ("NCIB") to purchase up to 273,231 Common Shares between March 9, 2023 and March 8, 2024. Daily purchases (other than pursuant to a block purchase exemption) on the TSX under the NCIB were limited to 1,000 Common Shares. The price that the Company will pay for Common Shares in open market transactions will be the market price at the time of purchase.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, 3,200 (2023 - 17,900) shares purchased under the NCIB at an average price of \$133.08 (2023 - \$119.46) per share for a total consideration of \$425,000 (2023 - \$2,139,000).

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Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company's dividend policy is to distribute annual net investment income in the form of dividends. The distributions are composed of quarterly dividends together with an additional dividend representing the balance of net investment income for the previous fiscal year.

An additional dividend of \$4.27 per Common Share will be paid March 28, 2024 along with the \$0.30 quarterly dividend.

The Company's dividend policy is established by the Board of Directors at its discretion and is subject to change.

The Company has a \$30,000,000 operating credit facility with a Canadian chartered bank. The credit facility is secured by equity investments from the Company's investment portfolio. The Company is able to borrow funds in an amount up to 50% of the fair value of investments pledged. As of December 31, 2023 the Company has drawn \$nil (2022 - \$14,500,000) on this facility.

Related Party Transactions

The Company has investments in related parties (see Schedule of Investment Portfolio) with a fair value at December 31, 2023 of \$605,652,000 (2022 - \$543,594,000) representing 51.2% (2022 - 50.6%) of the total investments. Dividends from these companies for the year ended December 31, 2023 amounted to \$19,140,000 (2022 - \$23,351,000).

E-L Financial holds a 24.9% (2022 - 24.7%) interest in the Company. Included in investment management and administrative costs are fees for administrative services paid to E-L Financial. These fees are calculated at 0.1% per annum of the fair value of the investments managed by the external investment manager and are paid monthly. The total fees for the year ended December 31, 2023 amounted to \$614,000 (2022 - \$592,000).

The ultimate controlling party of the Company and of these related parties is The Honourable Henry N.R. Jackman together with a trust created in 1969 by his father, Henry R. Jackman.

Critical Accounting Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities and earnings. Note 2 to the financial statements describes the material accounting policies and note 3 contains critical accounting estimates and judgments. In measuring the fair value of investments, management exercises judgment in the selection of fair value inputs and in determining their significance to the fair value estimate.

Additional Information

Additional information relating to Economic, including the Company's Annual Information Form, is available at www.sedarplus.ca.

Economic's website, www.evt.ca, also provides further information on the Company, including historical information on the net equity value per Common Share which is updated weekly.

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

For each of the years in the five-year period ended December 31, 2023:

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
	(per Common Share)				
NET EQUITY VALUE, beginning of year ¹	\$ 184.62	\$ 196.60	\$ 163.93	\$ 160.91	\$ 142.92
NET INCOME (LOSS) AVAILABLE TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS					
Net investment income ¹	5.47	6.18	9.89	5.27	2.72
Other net fair value changes in investments	19.79	(9.33)	28.03	0.10	17.49
Net change in refundable dividend taxes on hand	(0.03)	—	—	0.01	—
	25.23	(3.15)	37.92	5.38	20.21
CASH DIVIDENDS TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS					
Quarterly	(1.20)	(1.20)	(1.20)	(1.20)	(1.20)
Additional	(4.98)	(8.69)	(4.07)	(1.52)	(1.02)
	(6.18)	(9.89)	(5.27)	(2.72)	(2.22)
ACQUISITION OF COMMON SHARES	0.47	1.06	0.02	0.36	—
NET EQUITY VALUE, end of year ¹	\$ 204.14	\$ 184.62	\$ 196.60	\$ 163.93	\$ 160.91

¹ Net equity value and net investment income per Common Share are Non-GAAP measures. See Management's Discussion and Analysis on page 4.

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MANAGEMENT'S REPORT

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared by management and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company. Management is responsible for the information and representations contained in these financial statements and other sections of the Annual Report.

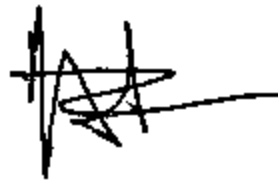
The Company maintains appropriate processes to ensure that relevant and reliable financial information is produced. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and include certain amounts that are based on estimates and judgment. The material accounting policies which management believes are appropriate for the Company are described in Note 2 to the financial statements. Financial information disclosed elsewhere in the Annual Report is consistent with the financial statements.

The Board of Directors is responsible for reviewing and approving the financial statements and overseeing management's performance of its financial reporting responsibilities. The Board of Directors carries out its responsibilities principally through the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee reviews the financial statements, the adequacy of internal controls, the audit process and financial reporting with management and the external auditor prior to recommending the audited financial statements and related disclosure for approval by the Board of Directors.

The shareholders of the Company appointed the external auditor, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. The external auditor audited the financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards to enable them to express to the shareholders their opinion on the financial statements. Their report is set out on the following page.



Duncan N.R. Jackman
Chairman and President



Frank J. Glosnek
Treasurer

February 7, 2024

Economic Investment Trust Limited

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Shareholders of Economic Investment Trust Limited

Our opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Economic Investment Trust Limited (the Company) as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, 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 Accounting Standards).

What we have audited

The Company's financial statements comprise:

- the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2023 and 2022;
- the statements of comprehensive income for the years then ended;
- the statements of changes in shareholders' equity for the years then ended;
- the statements of cash flows for the years then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, comprising material accounting policy information 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 Company 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.

Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

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Key audit matter	How our audit addressed the key audit matter
<p>Fair value of investments in private companies</p> <p>Refer to note 2 – Summary of material accounting policies, Fair value measurement, note 3 – Critical accounting estimates and judgments, Fair value of investments in private companies and note 5 – Financial instruments to the financial statements.</p> <p>As at December 31, 2023, Level 3 equity investments in private companies were \$169,034,000. These investments are measured at fair value. The Company utilizes the adjusted net asset method to measure the fair value of investments in private companies. This method estimates the fair values of the underlying net assets of the private companies by referencing the net assets and liabilities of those companies and considers adjustments for characteristics such as a minority marketability discount and control block premiums. These adjustments are unobservable inputs for fair value measurement. Determining unobservable inputs requires the use of significant management judgment.</p> <p>We considered this a key audit matter due to the significant judgment applied by management in determining the fair value estimates of the investments in private companies. This led to a high degree of auditor judgment in performing procedures relating to the valuation of the investments in private companies. The audit effort involved the use of professionals with specialized skill and knowledge in the field of valuation.</p>	<p>Our approach to addressing the matter involved testing how management determined the fair value estimates, which included the following procedures, among others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluated the appropriateness of the adjusted net asset method being applied by management. • Agreed the net assets of the private companies to the underlying private companies audited financial statements. • Professionals with specialized skill and knowledge in the field of valuation assisted with evaluating the methodology applied by management in fair valuing the minority interests in the private companies by assessing whether management’s method appropriately applies a minority marketability discount and control block premiums. • Evaluated the minority marketability discount and control block premiums for reasonableness by examining underlying support and considering whether this was consistent with evidence obtained in other areas of the audit.

Other information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Management's Discussion and Analysis and the information, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon, included in the Annual Report.

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 Company'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 Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company'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.

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- 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 Company'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 Company'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 Company 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.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Owen Thomas.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Toronto, Ontario
February 7, 2024

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STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

(in thousands of Canadian dollars)

	December 31 2023	December 31 2022
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 13,119	\$ 12,831
Investments (Note 4, 6, and 12)	1,183,666	1,073,307
Dividends and interest receivable	2,258	1,632
Income taxes receivable	1,458	9,709
Other assets	601	1,782
Total assets	1,201,102	1,099,261
LIABILITIES		
Accrued expenses	347	284
Loan payable (Note 15)	—	14,500
Deferred tax liabilities (Note 8)	93,260	75,600
Total liabilities	93,607	90,384
NET ASSETS	\$ 1,107,495	\$ 1,008,877
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Share capital (Note 11)	\$ 197,754	\$ 199,191
Retained earnings	909,741	809,686
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 1,107,495	\$ 1,008,877

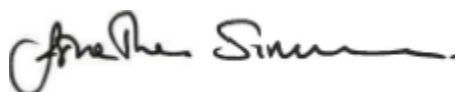
The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD:



DUNCAN N.R. JACKMAN

Director



JONATHAN SIMMONS

Director

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STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (in thousands of Canadian dollars)

	Year ended December 31	
	2023	2022
INCOME		
Dividends		
Foreign	\$ 17,170	\$ 18,455
Canadian (Note 12)	19,829	24,015
	36,999	42,470
Interest and securities lending income	815	306
Other net fair value changes in investments (Note 9)	124,606	(59,786)
	162,420	(17,010)
EXPENSES		
Investment management and administrative costs (Note 12)	1,237	1,222
Directors' remuneration (Note 12)	396	381
Professional fees	340	488
Office and miscellaneous	274	306
Transfer, register and custody fees	246	199
Interest	65	219
	2,558	2,815
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAXES	159,862	(19,825)
Provision for (recovery of) income taxes (Note 8)	22,050	(2,366)
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 137,812	\$ (17,459)
EARNINGS (LOSS) PER COMMON SHARE - BASIC AND DILUTED (Note 13)	\$ 25.23	\$ (3.15)

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STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

(in thousands of Canadian dollars)

	Share Capital	Retained Earnings	Total
At January 1, 2023	\$ 199,191	\$ 809,686	\$ 1,008,877
Net income	—	137,812	137,812
Dividends (Note 11)	—	(33,769)	(33,769)
Repurchase and cancellation of common shares (Note 5)	(1,437)	(3,988)	(5,425)
At December 31, 2023	\$ 197,754	\$ 909,741	\$ 1,107,495
At January 1, 2022	\$ 203,598	\$ 894,494	\$ 1,098,092
Net loss	—	(17,459)	(17,459)
Dividends (Note 11)	—	(55,196)	(55,196)
Repurchase and cancellation of common shares (Note 11)	(4,407)	(12,153)	(16,560)
At December 31, 2022	\$ 199,191	\$ 809,686	\$ 1,008,877

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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (in thousands of Canadian dollars)

	Twelve months ended	
	December 31	
	2023	2022
Net inflow (outflow) of cash related to the following activities:		
Operating		
Net income (loss)	\$ 137,812	\$ (17,459)
Adjustments for:		
Other net fair value changes in investments	(124,606)	59,786
Purchases of investments	(312,365)	(346,454)
Proceeds from sale of investments	326,612	359,396
Dividends and interest receivable	(626)	(120)
Deferred taxes	17,660	2,353
Net change in other assets and liabilities	9,495	(33,525)
	53,982	23,977
Financing		
Dividends paid to shareholders	(33,769)	(55,196)
Proceeds from loan	—	20,000
Repayment of loan	(14,500)	(5,500)
Repurchase of Common Shares	(5,425)	(16,560)
	(53,694)	(57,256)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	288	(33,279)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	12,831	46,110
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	\$ 13,119	\$ 12,831
Interest received	\$ 666	\$ 194
Dividends received, net of withholding taxes	34,290	40,751
Income taxes paid, net of refunds	(5,290)	26,055

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1. Description of business

Economic Investment Trust Limited (“Economic” or the “Company”) is a closed-end investment corporation. The head office, principal address and registered office of the Company is located at 165 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 3B8.

Economic trades on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol EVT. Economic is an investment vehicle for long-term growth through investments in common equities, as management believes that over long periods of time, common equities, as an asset class, will outperform fixed-income instruments or balanced funds. From time to time, however, assets of the Company may be invested in interest-bearing short-term securities pending the selection of suitable equity investments.

The financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars which is the functional and presentation currency. These financial statements were approved by the Company’s Board of Directors on February 7, 2024.

2. Summary of material accounting policies

Basis of presentation

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IFRS Accounting Standards”). The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss (“FVTPL”).

Investment entity

The Company has determined that it meets the definition of an investment entity and as a result, it measures its investment in an associate at FVTPL. An investment entity is an entity that (i) obtains funds from one or more investors for the purposes of providing them with investment management services; (ii) commits to its investors that its business purpose is to invest funds solely for returns from capital appreciation, investment income or both; and (iii) measures and evaluates the performance of substantially all of its investments on a fair value basis.

Financial instruments

The Company classifies its investments based on both the Company’s business model for managing those financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. The portfolio of financial assets is managed and performance is evaluated on a fair value basis. The Company is primarily focused on fair value information and uses that information to assess the assets’ performance and to make decisions. The collection of contractual cash flows is only incidental to achieving the Company’s business model objective. Consequently, all investments are classified and measured at fair value through profit or loss.

All other financial assets and liabilities are measured at amortized cost. Under this method, financial assets and liabilities reflect the amount required to be received or paid, discounted, when appropriate, at the contract’s effective interest rate. The cost of each investment and realized and unrealized gains and losses from investment transactions are determined on an average cost basis, and are presented in the statement of comprehensive income within Other net fair value changes in investments in the period in which they arise.

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2. Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

Financial assets are derecognized when the rights to receive cash flows from the investments have expired or the Company has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

Interest income from short-term investments is recognized at the effective interest rate. Dividends are recognized as income on the ex-dividend date.

Purchases and sales of financial assets are recognized at their trade date. Receivables in respect to investments sold and payables in respect to investments purchased represent unsettled investment transactions.

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.

For publicly listed investments, the Company uses the last traded market price where this price falls within that day's bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid-ask spread, the Company determines the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value based on the specific facts and circumstances.

The investments in private companies that are not listed on a stock exchange are measured using the adjusted net asset method. This method estimates the fair values of the underlying net assets and liabilities of the private companies and considers adjustments for characteristics such as a minority marketability discount and control block premiums. The changes in fair value of each private company are included in Other net fair value changes in investments in the statement of comprehensive income.

Foreign currency translation

Foreign currency transactions are translated into Canadian dollars using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates that transactions occur. Assets and liabilities denominated in a foreign currency are translated into Canadian dollars using the exchange rate prevailing at the measurement date. Foreign exchange gains and losses relating to financial assets and liabilities are included as a component of the Other net fair value change in investments in the statement of comprehensive income.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash in hand and short term, highly liquid instruments with maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Securities lending income

Securities lending income is recognized as earned.

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2. Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

Earnings per share ("EPS")

Basic and diluted EPS is calculated by dividing the net income attributed to common shareholders of the Company by the weighted average number of Common Shares outstanding for the period. Refer to Note 13 for the calculation.

Income taxes

Income tax comprises both current and deferred tax. Income tax is recognized in the statement of income.

Current tax assets and liabilities for the current and prior periods are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities. The tax rates and tax laws used to compute these amounts are those that are enacted or substantively enacted at the end of each reporting period.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are recorded for the expected future income tax consequences of events that have been reflected in the statements or income tax returns.

Deferred income taxes are provided for using the liability method. Under the liability method, deferred income taxes are recognized for all significant temporary differences between the tax and financial statement bases for assets and liabilities and for certain carry-forward items.

Deferred income tax assets are recognized only to the extent that, in the opinion of management, it is probable that the deferred income tax assets will be realized. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are adjusted for the effects of changes in tax laws and rates, on the date of the enactment or substantive enactment.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset if there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax liabilities and assets and they relate to income taxes levied by the same tax authority on the same taxable entity.

The Company currently incurs withholding taxes imposed by certain countries on investment income. Such income is recorded on a gross basis and the related withholding taxes are reflected within the Provision for income taxes in the statement of comprehensive income. Withholding taxes recoverable are included as a component of other assets in the Statement of financial position.

3. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The preparation of financial statements requires management to use judgment in applying its accounting policies and to make estimates and assumptions about the future. The following discusses the most significant accounting judgments and estimates that the Company has made in preparing the financial statements:

Fair value of investments in private companies

The fair value of investments in private companies is measured using the adjusted net asset method which estimates the fair value of the underlying assets and liabilities of the private companies. Refer to Note 5 for further details.

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4. Risks associated with financial instruments

The Company faces various risks arising from its financial instruments. Under the supervision of the Board of Directors, management has developed policies to identify, measure and monitor these risks. These risks and their management are described below:

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss resulting from a counterparty's failure to discharge an obligation. The Company has a securities lending agreement with its custodian. Under these agreements, the custodian may lend securities from the Company's portfolio to other institutions, as approved by the Company, for periods of time. The custodian receives collateral which exceeds the market value of the loaned securities. In the event that any of the loaned securities are not returned to the custodian, at its option the custodian may either restore to the Company securities identical to the loaned securities or it will pay to the Company the value of the collateral up to but not exceeding the market value of the loaned securities on the date on which the loaned securities were to have been returned ("Valuation Date") to the custodian. If the collateral is not sufficient to allow the custodian to pay such market value to the Company, the custodian shall indemnify the Company only for the difference between the market value of the securities and the value of such collateral on the Valuation Date. As a result, there is no significant exposure to credit risk associated with these securities lending agreements. At December 31, 2023 the Company had loaned securities with a fair value of approximately \$78,083 (2022 - \$117,155) and the custodian received approximately \$81,988 (2022 - \$123,025) in collateral.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they come due. Sufficient liquidity is maintained by regular monitoring of cash flow requirements. All liabilities, other than deferred tax liabilities, are due on demand or settle within three months of the year end.

Market risk

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

The Company is not subject to significant interest rate risk, as its only fixed-interest investments and loan payable are short term in nature.

Currency risk arises from financial instruments denominated in foreign currencies. IFRS 7 - "Financial Instrument Disclosures" considers the foreign exchange exposures relating to non-monetary financial instruments to be a component of other price risk. The Company's distribution of underlying currency risk exposure of investments is as follows:

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4. Risks associated with financial instruments (continued)

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Canadian dollar	\$ 624,866	\$ 559,910
U.S. dollar	352,362	330,377
European Union euro	50,090	44,742
Japanese yen	33,245	27,548
British pound sterling	27,677	25,114
Hong Kong dollar	26,501	16,117
Brazil real	17,444	10,282
Australian dollar	15,941	10,343
Other	35,540	48,874
Investments	<u>\$ 1,183,666</u>	<u>1,073,307</u>

The Company is exposed to other price risk through its investment in equity securities. These risks are mitigated by using an investment manager that manages a diversified portfolio of securities.

A 10% fluctuation in global equity market prices, assuming all other factors are constant, would have an after-tax impact of approximately \$102,683 (2022 - \$93,109) on net income.

At December 31, 2023, cash and cash equivalents included the Canadian dollar equivalent of approximately \$127 (2022 - \$136) U.S. dollars, and \$18 (2022 - \$nil) Brazil real.

Concentration risk

Concentration risk exists when a significant portion of the investment portfolio is invested in a small number of companies or geographical areas. Concentration reduces the diversification of the investment portfolio and may result in greater volatility. At December 31, 2023, the Company's fair value of its direct and indirect investment in E-L Financial of \$482,517 (2022 - \$411,975) represented 40.8% (2022 - 38.4%) of Economic's total equity investments.

5. Financial instruments

The Company classifies fair value measurements using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements. The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

- Quoted unadjusted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1);
- Inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly (Level 2); and
- Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs) (Level 3).

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5. Financial instruments (continued)

If a fair value measurement uses observable inputs that require significant adjustment based on unobservable inputs, that measurement is a Level 3 measurement. Assessing the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, considering factors specific to the asset or liability. The determination of what constitutes 'observable' requires judgment by the Company. The Company considers observable data to be market data that is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market.

The Company utilizes the adjusted net asset method to derive the fair value of investments in private companies by reference to the fair value of its net assets and liabilities, along with assessing a minority marketability discount and control block premiums, if any. These adjustments are unobservable inputs for fair value measurement. The adjusted net asset method has been determined most appropriate for an investment whose value is mainly derived from the holding of assets rather than from deploying those assets as part of a broader business. The Company identified a range of possible valuations which market participants could apply to the private companies. This analysis resulted in a range of plus or minus 10% of the fair value of the underlying net assets with a best estimate adjustment of zero. Taking this into account, the Company applied no minority marketability discount or control premium to the net asset value estimate of the private companies. If the minority marketability discount was 10%, or if the premium was 10%, with all other variables remaining constant, net assets would have decreased or increased on an after-tax-basis by approximately \$14,664 (2022 - \$13,844).

At December 31, 2023, the Company had \$1,014,632 (2022 – \$913,724) of Level 1 and \$169,034 (2022 - \$159,583) of Level 3 equity investments. There were no transfers between Level 1, 2 or 3 equity investments during the current or prior year.

The fair value change in private company investments was an increase of \$9,451 (2022 - a decrease of \$9,863) recognized in the statement of comprehensive income. There were no purchases, sales, issues or settlements of these investments during either year.

The carrying values of cash and cash equivalents, receivables and payables in respect of investments sold or purchased, dividends and interest receivable, income taxes receivable and loan payable and accrued expenses, approximate their fair values due to their short-term nature.

6. Investment in associate

The Company has the following investment in an associate.

TGV Holdings Limited ("TGV") is a private investment company incorporated in Canada. The principal address of TGV is located at 165 University Avenue, Toronto, ON, M5H 3B8. TGV is an investment vehicle for long-term growth through investments in common equities and is consistent with the Company's investment strategy and contributes to achieving the investment objective. TGV is exposed to other price risk and concentration risk primarily through indirect investments in The Bank of Nova Scotia.

	Ownership interest %	Carrying value	
		2023	2022
TGV Holdings Limited	47.7 %	\$ 14,137	\$ 13,189

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7. Cash and cash equivalents

Components of cash and cash equivalents are as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Cash	<u>\$ 13,119</u>	<u>\$ 12,831</u>

The following table presents cash and cash equivalents classified by the fair value hierarchy:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total fair value</u>
December 31, 2023	\$ 13,119	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 13,119
December 31, 2022	12,831	—	—	12,831

8. Income taxes

The Company is a public corporation under the Income Tax Act and is subject to tax at normal corporate rates on its taxable net realized gains (losses) (Note 10) and on investment income other than taxable dividends received from corporations resident in Canada. Income taxes are assessed on income (loss) before income taxes. The current enacted corporate income tax rate as it impacts the Company stands at 26.5%. The effective tax rate varies from the combined statutory rate as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Income taxes at statutory rate	<u>\$ 42,363</u>	<u>\$ (5,254)</u>
Variance as a result of:		
Non-taxable portion of (gains) losses	(16,510)	7,922
Tax-paid dividends	(5,255)	(6,364)
Other	1,452	1,330
Provision for (recovery of) income taxes	<u>\$ 22,050</u>	<u>\$ (2,366)</u>

The Company's provision for income taxes includes provisions for current and deferred income taxes as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Current	<u>\$ 4,390</u>	<u>\$ (4,719)</u>
Deferred	17,660	2,353
Provision for (recovery of) income taxes	<u>\$ 22,050</u>	<u>\$ (2,366)</u>

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8. Income taxes (continued)

Deferred tax liabilities are non-current and arise from the timing of the inclusion of accrued dividends for income tax purposes and from differences between the carrying value and the tax cost of the investments. Details of the deferred tax liabilities are as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Unrealized appreciation of investments	\$ 92,866	\$ 75,383
Accrued dividends receivable	394	217
Deferred tax liabilities	<u>\$ 93,260</u>	<u>\$ 75,600</u>

Deferred tax expense included in net income represents movements related to the following items:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Investments	\$ 17,483	\$ 2,311
Accrued dividends	177	42
Deferred income taxes	<u>\$ 17,660</u>	<u>\$ 2,353</u>

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company paid income tax balances totaling \$4,181 (2022 - \$26,075) and received income tax refunds totaling \$9,471 (2021 - \$20). These items are classified as cash flows from operating activities in the cash flow statement.

The Company is also subject to a tax of up to approximately 38% on taxable dividends received from corporations resident in Canada. This tax is refundable on payment of taxable dividends to shareholders at the rate of approximately 38% of such dividends paid. The accumulated amount of refundable dividend tax at December 31, 2023 amounts to approximately \$201 (2022 - \$55).

9. Other net fair value changes in investments

The Other net fair value changes in investments is comprised as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Net realized losses	\$ (7,336)	\$ (78,291)
Net change in unrealized appreciation	131,942	18,505
	<u>\$ 124,606</u>	<u>\$ (59,786)</u>

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10. Net realized loss

The following are the details of the net realized gain during the years indicated:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Proceeds on sales of investments	\$ 326,612	\$ 359,396
Cost of investments, beginning of year	493,538	584,771
Cost of investments purchased during year	312,365	346,454
	805,903	931,225
Cost of investments, end of year	471,955	493,538
Cost of investments, sold during year	333,948	437,687
Net realized loss	<u>\$ (7,336)</u>	<u>\$ (78,291)</u>

11. Share capital

The Company's Articles of Continuance provide for an authorized capital of 200,000 Preferred Shares, issuable in series, and an unlimited number of Common Shares. Of the 200,000 Preferred Shares so authorized, 100,000 are designated as 5% Cumulative Preferred Shares Series A ("Preferred Shares Series A").

The capital stock account of the Company is as follows:

	<u>Authorized</u>	<u>Issued and Outstanding</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Common Shares Issued and outstanding	<u>unlimited</u>	<u>5,425,197</u>	<u>\$ 197,754</u>	
Common Shares Issued and outstanding	<u>unlimited</u>	<u>5,464,628</u>		<u>\$ 199,191</u>

	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>	
	<u>Number of</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number of shares</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Common Shares, beginning of year	5,464,628	\$ 199,191	5,585,535	\$ 203,598
Repurchases and cancellation of shares	(39,431)	(1,437)	(120,907)	(4,407)
Common Shares, end of year	<u>5,425,197</u>	<u>\$ 197,754</u>	<u>5,464,628</u>	<u>\$ 199,191</u>

On November 7, 2023, the Company announced its intention to commence a substantial issuer bid ("SIB") pursuant to which the Company offered to purchase up to \$5,000 of its outstanding Common Shares for cash. As of December 31, 2023 the Company had taken up and paid for 36,231 Common Shares at a price of \$138.00 per Share. The Common Shares acquired under the SIB represent an aggregate purchase price of \$5,000. As required by securities legislation, the Company's normal course issuer bid ("NCIB") was suspended during the SIB.

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11. Share capital (continued)

On March 6, 2023, the Company obtained approval from the TSX to renew its NCIB to purchase up to 273,231 Common Shares between March 9, 2023 and March 8, 2024. Daily purchases (other than pursuant to a block purchase exemption) on the TSX under the NCIB were limited to 1,000 Common Shares. The price that the Company will pay for Common Shares in open market transactions will be the market price at the time of purchase.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, 3,200 (2022 - 17,900) shares purchased under the NCIB at an average price of \$133.08 (2022 - \$119.46) per share for a total consideration of \$425 (2022 - \$2,139). The total amount paid to purchase the shares is allocated to share capital and retained earnings in the statements of changes in equity. The amount allocated to share capital is based on the average cost per Common Share and amounts paid above the average cost are allocated to retained earnings.

In the prior year, the Company completed an SIB pursuant to which the Company offered to purchase up to \$20,000 of its outstanding Common Shares for cash. As of September 27, 2022 the Company had taken up and paid for 103,007 Common Shares at a price of \$140.00 per Share. The Common Shares acquired under the SIB represent an aggregate purchase price of \$14,421.

Dividends during the year were paid as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
On Common Shares:		
Quarterly - \$0.30 (2022 - \$0.30) quarterly per share	\$ 6,555	\$ 6,658
Additional - \$4.98 (2022 - \$8.69) per share	27,214	48,538
	<u>\$ 33,769</u>	<u>\$ 55,196</u>

The Company's dividend policy is to distribute annual net investment income. The distributions are composed of quarterly dividends together with an additional dividend representing the balance of net investment income for the previous fiscal year. During the year, the Company paid quarterly dividends totaling \$1.20 (2022 - \$1.20) per Common Share and an additional dividend of \$4.98 (2022 - \$8.69) per Common Share.

An additional dividend of \$4.27 per Common Share, and the \$0.30 regular quarterly dividend, were declared by the Board of Directors at its meeting on February 7, 2024, with a record and payable date of March 15, 2024 and March 28, 2024, respectively.

The Company's dividend policy is established by the Board of Directors at its discretion and is subject to change.

12. Related party information

The Company has investments in related parties (see Schedule of Investment Portfolio) with a fair value at December 31, 2023 of \$605,652 (2022 - \$543,594) representing 51.2% (2022 - 50.6%) of the total investments. Dividends from these companies for the year ended December 31, 2023 amounted to \$19,140 (2022 - \$23,351).

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12. Related party information (continued)

E-L Financial holds a 24.9% (2022 - 24.7%) interest in the Company. Included in investment management and administrative costs are fees for administrative services paid to E-L Financial. These fees are calculated at 0.1% per annum of the fair value of the investments managed by the external investment manager and are paid monthly. The total fees for the year ended December 31, 2023 amounted to \$614 (2022 - \$592).

The ultimate controlling party of the Company and of these related parties is The Honourable Henry N.R. Jackman together with a trust created in 1969 by his father, Henry R. Jackman.

Compensation of key management personnel

Key management personnel comprise the directors of the Company and their remuneration is as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Directors' compensation and other short-term benefits	<u>\$ 396</u>	<u>\$ 381</u>

13. Earnings per share ("EPS")

Basic and diluted EPS

EPS is calculated as follows (in thousands of dollars, except for weighted average number of Common Shares outstanding and per Common Share amounts):

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ 137,812</u>	<u>\$ (17,459)</u>
Weighted average number of Common Shares outstanding	<u>5,461,168</u>	<u>5,547,739</u>
Basic and diluted earnings (loss) per Common Share	<u>\$ 25.23</u>	<u>\$ (3.15)</u>

14. Capital

The Company's capital comprises shareholders' equity, which is invested, directly and indirectly, in long-term investments in the common shares of some publicly-traded Canadian companies, and a managed diversified portfolio of common shares of publicly-traded global companies. The Company's strategy is to earn an above-average rate of return, primarily through long-term capital appreciation and dividend income. Short-term volatility is expected and tolerated. Management remains confident that the Company's investment strategy will reward shareholders over the long term. The Company monitors its capital via its assessment of shareholders' equity.

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15. Loan payable

On September 26, 2022, the Company drew \$20,000 from its operating facility with a Canadian chartered bank. On September 28, 2022, the Company paid down \$5,500 from its operating facility. The facility has a borrowing limit of \$30,000 and the Company has granted the bank a security interest in certain equity investments. The Company is able to borrow funds in an amount up to 50% of the fair value of investments pledged. As at December 31, 2022 the security interest in the equity investments granted to the bank would be limited to \$29,000. Interest accrues at the prime rate of the bank minus 25 basis points and the loan is payable on demand. During January 2023, the Company repaid the outstanding balance on this facility.

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Number Shares		Cost	Carrying value	% of Carrying value
		(000's)		
Canada				
2,126,380	Algoma Central Corporation ¹	\$ 2,973	\$ 31,789	
73,596	Canadian Natural Resources Limited	4,619	6,389	
386,206	E-L Financial Corporation Limited ¹	26,116	404,829	
33,101	Ecando Investments Limited			
	Classes A, B and common ^{1,2,3}	4,139	74,097	
176,414	The Fulcrum Investment Company Limited ^{1,2}	464	31,481	
12,700	Imperial Oil Limited	536	959	
156,083	Manulife Financial Corporation	3,799	4,570	
216,900	NVG Holdings Limited			
	Classes B, C, D, E and common ^{1,2,4}	2,115	49,319	
6,734	Royal Bank of Canada	885	902	
32,479	Shopify Inc. Class A	1,369	3,350	
4,837	TGV Holdings Limited Class B ^{1,2,4,5}	318	14,137	
39,604	Toronto Dominion Bank	2,953	3,044	
		<u>50,286</u>	<u>624,866</u>	52.8
United States				
41,965	Abbvie Inc.	7,232	8,601	
45,637	Aflac Inc.	3,894	4,980	
3,191	Airbnb, Inc. Class A	481	575	
49,200	Alphabet Inc. Class A	3,495	9,090	
12,422	Alphabet Inc. Class C	2,199	2,315	
33,567	Altria Group, Inc.	1,962	1,791	
2,976	American Express Company	699	737	
2,087	American International Group, Inc.	168	187	
10,074	Ameriprise Financial, Inc.	3,774	5,061	
4,385	Amgen Inc.	1,409	1,670	
49,415	Apple Inc.	10,772	12,583	
24,291	Applied Materials, Inc.	3,095	5,207	
28,031	AT&T Inc.	562	622	
1,104	Autozone, Inc.	2,104	3,775	
21,157	Bank of American Corporation (The)	871	942	
14,989	Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Class B	4,445	7,071	
693	Booking Holdings Inc.	1,955	3,251	
8,893	Broadcom Inc.	6,731	13,129	
916	Builders FirstSource, Inc.	161	202	
24,599	Cardinal Health, Inc.	3,090	3,279	
17,962	Caterpillar Inc.	6,445	7,024	
9,654	Cboe Global Markets Inc.	1,434	2,280	
695	Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc.	1,280	2,102	
9,632	Cigna Group (The)	3,673	3,815	
2,618	Cintas Corporation	1,260	2,087	
44,225	Cisco Systems, Inc.	2,465	2,955	
27,402	Citigroup Inc	1,749	1,864	
145,867	Comcast Corporation Class A	8,180	8,460	
35,106	ConocoPhillips	3,154	5,389	
43,050	CSX Corporation	1,894	1,974	
25,759	D.R. Horton, Inc.	2,830	5,178	
1,949	Electronic Arts Inc.	329	353	

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Number Shares		Cost	Carrying value	% of Carrying value
		(000's)		
United States (Continued)				
7,710	Elevance Health Inc.	\$ 4,366	\$ 4,809	
12,481	EOG Resources, Inc.	1,342	1,997	
61,740	Exxon Mobile Corporation	4,833	8,164	
3,078	Fidelity National Financial, Inc.	165	208	
11,520	General Dynamics Corporation	3,042	3,956	
3,071	Genuine Parts Company	524	563	
65,350	Gilead Sciences, Inc.	6,983	7,002	
10,624	Globe Life Inc.	1,734	1,710	
23,462	Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc. (The)	2,072	2,494	
14,504	HCA Healthcare, Inc.	4,606	5,192	
6,433	Home Depot, Inc. (The)	2,784	2,949	
5,872	Humana Inc.	3,662	3,555	
34,430	Johnson & Johnson	4,046	7,137	
16,457	JPMorgan Chase & Co	2,461	3,702	
3,506	KLA Corporation	1,680	2,696	
6,510	Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings	1,877	1,957	
4,974	Lam Research Corporation	2,513	5,153	
1,489	Leidos Holdings, Inc.	159	213	
30,590	Lennar Corporation Class A	3,964	6,030	
373	Lululemon Athletica Inc.	157	252	
7,326	Marathon Oil Corporation	230	234	
25,738	Marathon Petroleum Corporation	4,887	5,050	
4,480	Marriott International, Inc.	869	1,336	
5,667	Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc.	1,263	1,420	
962	Mastercard Inc. Class A	473	543	
4,046	McKesson Corporation	2,321	2,478	
1,661	MercadoLibre Inc.	1,749	3,452	
27,962	Merck & Co. Inc. New	3,788	4,032	
10,055	Meta Platforms, Inc. Class A	3,522	4,707	
22,670	Microchip Technology Incorporated	2,085	2,704	
35,148	Microsoft Corporation	3,968	17,481	
4,664	Motorola Solutions Inc	1,278	1,931	
9,009	Nike Inc. Class B	1,194	1,294	
22,368	Nucor Corporation	3,569	5,149	
11,990	NVIDIA Corporation	2,406	7,853	
103	NVR, Inc.	826	954	
11,869	Omnicom Group Inc.	1,142	1,358	
33,860	Oracle Corporation	1,608	4,721	
138	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	156	173	
5,330	Owens Corning	618	1,045	
2,729	PACCAR Inc.	338	352	
3,582	Parker Hannifin Corporation	1,744	2,183	
22,514	Philip Morris International Inc.	2,709	2,802	
624	Phillips 66	101	110	
2,251	Pioneer Natural Resources Company	660	670	
35,002	Principal Financial Group, Inc.	3,487	3,643	
37,200	Procter & Gamble Company (The)	6,119	7,210	
11,960	Public Service Enterprise Group	992	967	
10,235	PulteGroup, Inc.	801	1,397	
11,350	Raymond James Financial, Inc.	1,415	1,674	

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Number Shares		Cost	Carrying value	% of Carrying value
		(000's)		
United States (Continued)				
1,581	Ross Stores, Inc.	\$ 253	\$ 289	
49,110	Simon Property Group, Inc.	7,544	9,265	
8,772	Snap-On Inc	2,867	3,351	
8,542	Southern Company	766	792	
14,195	Starbucks Corporation	1,585	1,803	
22,287	Steel Dynamics, Inc.	2,027	3,481	
29,528	TJX Companies, Inc. (The)	3,136	3,664	
20,197	Trade Desk, Inc. (The)	1,454	1,922	
1,130	Ulta Beauty, Inc.	566	732	
7,009	Union Pacific Railroad Corporation (The)	2,017	2,277	
4,393	United Rentals, Inc.	2,526	3,332	
13,893	UnitedHealth Group Incorporated	8,820	9,674	
13,821	Verizon Communications Inc.	691	689	
3,567	Waste Management Inc.	748	845	
27,350	Weyerhaeuser Company	1,220	1,258	
66,370	Williams Companies, Inc. (The)	2,206	3,057	
3,028	W.W. Grainger, Inc.	2,210	3,319	
		<u>243,716</u>	<u>336,961</u>	<u>28.5</u>
	Total North America	<u>294,002</u>	<u>961,827</u>	<u>81.3</u>
Europe, excluding United Kingdom				
48,873	ABB Ltd.	1,779	2,873	
11,665	Assicurazioni Generali S.p.A.	332	326	
367,022	Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, S.A.	2,412	4,416	
11,659	Bayerische Motoren Werke AG	1,220	1,718	
320,584	CaixaBank S.A.	1,287	1,747	
21,756	Chubb Limited	5,421	6,503	
45,196	Compagnie de Saint-Gobain S.A.	2,375	4,406	
48,472	Crédit Agricole S.A.	663	911	
82,023	DHL Group	3,946	5,381	
251,657	Iberdrola, S.A.	3,890	4,369	
77,389	Infineon Technologies AG	2,440	4,279	
100,836	Ing Groep N.V.	1,221	1,995	
117,543	Koninklijke Ahold Delhaize N.V.	4,833	4,472	
3,327	Linde Public Limited Company	1,244	1,807	
18,554	LyondellBasell Industries N.V. Class A	2,223	2,333	
24,300	Nestle S.A.	2,162	3,734	
155,475	Nordea Bank Abp	2,083	2,554	
15,749	Novartis AG	2,016	2,106	
8,858	Roche Holding AG Genussscheine NPV	2,400	3,413	
9,519	RWE AG	511	573	
41,778	Société Générale SA	1,194	1,468	
27,274	STMicroelectronics N.V.	1,275	1,805	
43,605	Telenor ASA	628	663	
60,076	TotalEnergies SE	3,800	5,413	
37,007	UniCredit S.p.A.	1,319	1,330	
30,996	Vinci SE	3,855	5,155	
		<u>56,529</u>	<u>75,750</u>	<u>6.4</u>

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Number Shares		Cost	Carrying value	% of Carrying value
		(000's)		
Emerging Markets				
4,784,000	Agricultural Bank of China	\$ 2,405	\$ 2,439	
94,800	Arca Continental S.A.B. de C.V.	766	1,374	
8,677	ArcelorMittal S.A.	255	326	
21,582	Arch Capital Group Ltd	1,286	2,120	
198,300	Banco do Brasil S.A.	2,652	2,994	
13,223,000	Bank Of China Ltd	6,507	6,671	
170,200	BB Suguros Participacoes	810	1,561	
8,436,000	China Construction Bank Corporation	6,360	6,641	
1,864,000	China Pharmaceutical Group	2,285	2,291	
259,500	China Shenhua Energy Company Limited	782	1,175	
115,900	Coca-Cola Femsa S.A.B. de C.V.	915	1,459	
39,195	Gruma, S.A.B. de C.V.	621	953	
213,600	Grupo Bimbo, S.A.B. de C.V.	766	1,435	
189,024	Grupo Financiero Barnote S.A.B. de C.V.	1,597	2,524	
1,238,135	Itaúsa Investimentos Itaú S.A.	3,017	3,500	
35,754	Kia Motors Corporation	2,866	3,647	
13,011	LG Corporation	977	1,140	
256,000	Lite-On Technology Corporation	730	1,292	
28,000	Mediatek Inc.	1,031	1,226	
232,624	Mega Financial Holding Co., Ltd.	367	393	
242,300	NetEase, Inc.	5,779	5,768	
224,600	OUTsurance Holdings Limited	436	683	
1,179	PDD Holdings Inc.	105	228	
415,400	Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. - Petrobras	3,619	4,217	
355,400	Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. - Petrobras PFD NVP	3,351	3,777	
5,454	Posco	1,248	2,779	
135,500	Swire Pacific Offshore Holdings Limited	1,220	1,516	
6,000	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Limited	125	153	
502,000	United Microelectronics Corporation	830	1,139	
66,300	Vale S.A.	1,212	1,395	
		<u>54,920</u>	<u>66,816</u>	5.6
Japan				
215,600	Honda Motor Co., Ltd.	2,878	2,955	
72,900	Itochu Corporation	2,758	3,931	
73,400	Japan Tobacco Inc.	2,328	2,502	
87,500	KDDI Corporation	3,387	3,670	
26,900	Marubeni Corporation	472	560	
27,600	Mitsubishi Corporation	486	582	
59,100	Mitsui & Co., Ltd.	1,747	2,927	
1,660,000	Nippon Telegraph And Telephone Corporation	2,392	2,674	
3,600	Nissin Foods Holdings Co., Ltd.	163	166	
139,600	Orix Corporation	3,035	3,467	
15,000	Sompo Holdings, Inc.	833	967	
15,900	Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc.	1,013	1,023	
143,400	Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited	5,286	5,435	
72,300	Tokio Marine Holdings, Inc.	1,743	2,386	
		<u>28,521</u>	<u>33,245</u>	2.8

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<u>Number Shares</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Carrying value</u>	<u>% of Carrying value</u>
	(000's)		
United Kingdom			
16,324 3i Group plc	\$ 494	\$ 665	
192,159 BAE Systems plc	2,073	3,594	
27,201 Experian plc	1,129	1,466	
9,435 Ferguson plc	2,017	2,409	
223,546 Glencore plc	1,729	1,777	
97,363 HSBC Holdings plc	972	1,042	
23,131 Next plc	2,162	3,162	
73,386 RELX plc	2,950	3,843	
70,528 SSE plc	1,984	2,204	
130,456 Shell plc	5,843	5,648	
73,625 United Utilities Group plc	1,359	1,313	
	<u>22,712</u>	<u>27,123</u>	2.3
Australia			
191,034 BHP Group Limited	6,676	8,663	
10,571 Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA)	942	1,064	
50,271 Fortescue Limited	1,012	1,313	
103,258 National Australia Bank Limited	2,682	2,853	
35,330 Rio Tinto Group	3,364	4,314	
24,935 Woodside Energy Group Ltd.	595	698	
	<u>15,271</u>	<u>18,905</u>	1.6
Total Investments	<u>\$ 471,955</u>	<u>\$ 1,183,666</u>	<u>100.0</u>

¹ These companies and Economic are related parties.

² Not listed on a stock exchange.

³ The net assets of Ecando Investments Limited are invested primarily in shares of E-L Financial Corporation Limited.

⁴ The net assets of NVG Holdings Limited and TGV Holdings Limited are invested primarily in shares of The Bank of Nova Scotia.

⁵ Investment in associate (see Note 6).

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Economic Investment Trust Limited was the first closed-end investment trust formed in Canada in the 1920's. The trust was sponsored by the chartered accounting firm of George A. Touche & Company.

The initial capitalization consisted of 32,250 shares issued in 1927 at \$50 for a total of \$1,612,500. In addition, \$1,000,000 of 30 year 5% Collateral Trust Gold Bonds were issued in 1927, making the total amount of initial capital subscribed \$2,612,500.

FINANCIAL RECORD - 1928 - 2023

(Unaudited) Year Ended March 31	Total Net Assets at Carrying Value ¹	Funded Debt	Preferred Shares Outstanding ²	Net Equity Behind Common Shares	Net Investment Income Available For Common Shares	Net Equity Value per Common Share ³
1928	\$ 2,776,143	\$ 1,000,000	\$ —	\$ 1,776,143	\$ 59,836	\$ 0.81
1929	2,990,242	1,000,000	—	1,990,242	108,757	0.77
1930	3,064,552	1,000,000	—	2,064,552	132,219	0.76
1931	2,344,127	1,000,000	—	1,344,127	109,133	0.50
1932	1,412,796	990,000	—	422,796	69,803	0.16
1933	1,161,715	962,500	—	199,215	36,538	0.07
1934	1,808,188	959,500	—	848,688	29,378	0.31
1935	1,838,293	949,500	—	888,793	27,665	0.33
1936	2,353,313	949,500	—	1,403,813	39,181	0.52
1937	3,084,608	949,500	—	2,135,108	83,259	0.79
1938	2,028,005	1,000,000	—	1,028,005	89,611	0.38
1939	2,322,361	1,000,000	—	1,322,361	73,262	0.49
1940	2,779,329	1,000,000	—	1,779,329	64,964	0.66
1941	2,350,199	1,000,000	—	1,350,199	89,373	0.50
1942	2,145,074	1,000,000	—	1,145,074	86,242	0.42
1943	2,604,866	1,000,000	—	1,604,866	79,552	0.59
1944	2,889,930	1,000,000	—	1,889,930	91,189	0.70
1945	3,238,955	1,000,000	—	2,238,955	93,286	0.82
1946	3,896,005	1,000,000	—	2,896,005	83,594	1.07
1947	3,663,744	1,000,000	—	2,663,744	88,005	0.98
1948	3,522,969	1,000,000	—	2,522,969	103,576	0.93
1949	3,555,427	1,000,000	—	2,555,427	146,777	0.94
1950	3,835,291	1,000,000	—	2,835,291	164,712	1.04
1951	5,083,980	1,250,000	—	3,833,980	187,339	1.13
1952	5,242,547	1,250,000	—	3,992,547	224,680	1.18
Year End Dec. 31						
1953	5,197,984	1,250,000	—	3,947,984	189,902	1.16
1954	6,579,007	1,250,000	—	5,329,007	203,946	1.57
1955	8,972,261	2,000,000	—	6,972,261	244,543	1.71
1956	9,927,524	3,000,000	—	6,927,524	268,643	1.70
1957	8,299,244	2,940,000	—	5,359,244	267,456	1.30
1958	10,802,381	2,940,000	—	7,862,381	244,745	1.91
1959	11,125,555	2,920,000	—	8,205,555	250,593	1.99
1960	11,462,158	2,902,500	—	8,559,658	279,614	2.06
1961	15,222,285	2,509,500	—	12,712,785	348,260	2.41
1962	15,959,655	2,000,000	2,100,000	11,859,655	373,627	2.11
1963	17,633,299	2,000,000	2,100,000	13,533,299	395,390	2.41
1964	20,955,088	—	5,250,000	15,705,088	426,318	2.80

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Year Ended March 31	Total Net Assets at Carrying Value	Funded Debt	Preferred Shares Outstanding ²	Net Equity Behind Common Shares	Net Investment Income Available For Common Shares	Net Equity Value per Common Share ³
1965	\$ 21,897,735	\$ —	\$ 5,250,000	\$ 16,647,735	\$ 457,768	\$ 2.97
1966	19,613,106	—	5,250,000	14,363,106	487,222	2.56
1967	23,076,097	—	5,128,462	17,947,635	540,082	3.20
1968	27,392,675	—	5,061,263	22,331,412	490,882	3.98
1969	25,942,615	—	5,061,263	20,881,352	518,281	3.72
1970	24,365,591	—	5,061,263	19,304,328	557,159	3.44
1971	27,254,532	—	5,056,013	22,198,519	540,382	3.95
1972	34,888,401	—	5,056,013	29,832,388	594,727	5.31
1973	32,612,656	—	5,056,013	27,556,643	621,910	4.91
1974	24,135,473	—	5,024,513	19,110,960	726,197	3.40
1975	26,585,662	—	4,870,950	21,714,712	863,375	3.87
1976	31,637,836	3,000,000	4,738,387	23,899,449	875,571	4.26
1977	36,995,088	3,000,000	4,685,677	29,309,411	901,695	5.22
1978	47,494,243	4,000,000	4,622,677	38,871,566	1,252,333	6.92
1979	57,999,880	4,000,000	4,526,340	49,473,540	1,324,406	8.81
1980	76,697,109	4,000,000	4,375,665	68,321,444	2,194,507	12.17
1981	64,064,872	4,000,000	4,239,165	55,825,707	1,639,037	9.94
1982	68,178,899	4,000,000	4,104,503	60,074,396	2,020,002	10.70
1983	89,218,448	4,000,000	3,973,253	81,245,195	1,999,146	14.47
1984	92,329,348	4,000,000	3,792,915	84,536,433	2,300,654	15.06
1985	110,213,106	4,000,000	3,588,690	102,624,416	2,255,834	18.28
1986	116,528,995	—	3,582,600	112,946,395	3,010,235	20.11
1987	107,137,081	—	3,388,350	103,748,731	3,262,872	18.48
1988	117,278,175	—	3,388,350	113,889,825	4,057,330	20.28
1989	138,902,425	—	3,209,850	135,692,575	11,033,069	24.16
1990	111,688,074	—	3,078,600	108,609,474	4,507,819	19.34
1991	121,167,500	—	2,947,350	118,220,150	3,686,237	21.05
1992	118,601,216	—	2,816,100	115,785,116	4,425,086	20.62
1993	160,510,602	—	2,684,850	157,825,752	4,132,163	28.11
1994	157,005,838	—	2,553,600	154,452,238	3,607,944	27.50
1995	173,784,673	—	2,411,850	171,372,823	3,707,690	30.52
1996	220,022,041	—	2,267,475	217,754,566	4,229,442	38.78
1997	315,642,038	—	2,151,975	313,490,063	4,496,004	55.82
1998	312,297,757	—	1,957,725	310,340,032	5,020,547	55.26
1999	335,118,175	—	1,847,475	333,270,700	4,053,649	59.35
2000	409,292,748	—	1,758,225	407,534,523	4,681,449	72.57
2001	374,087,462	—	1,600,725	372,486,737	5,039,506	66.33
2002	344,740,715	—	1,539,038	343,201,677	4,380,966	61.12
2003	407,910,297	—	1,528,538	406,381,759	4,658,868	72.37
2004	459,289,335	—	1,523,288	457,766,047	8,655,782	81.52
2005	560,240,525	—	1,523,288	558,717,237	5,671,936	99.49

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Year Ended March 31	Total Net Assets at Carrying Value	Funded Debt	Preferred Shares Outstanding ²	Net Equity Behind Common Shares	Net Investment Income Available For Common Shares	Net Equity Value per Common Share ³
2006	\$ 691,296,065	\$ —	\$ 404,250	\$ 690,891,815	\$ 7,241,971	\$ 123.03
2007	636,213,949	—	404,250	635,809,699	7,938,813	113.22
2008	413,157,193	—	404,250	412,752,943	8,582,896	73.50
2009	484,281,125	—	—	484,281,125	6,032,950	86.24
2010	514,671,117	—	—	514,671,117	5,374,380	91.65
2011	420,120,642	—	—	420,120,642	6,446,173	74.81
2012	471,609,113	—	—	471,609,113	6,367,642	83.98
2013	694,064,708	—	—	694,064,708	42,951,106	123.60
2014	687,494,354	—	—	687,494,354	7,619,908	122.43
2015	744,706,000	—	—	744,706,000	8,129,097	132.62
2016	776,400,585	—	—	776,400,585	10,904,424	138.26
2017	853,473,765	—	—	853,473,765	11,256,055	151.98
2018	802,572,390	—	—	802,572,390	12,489,097	142.92
2019	903,616,098	—	—	903,616,098	15,262,344	160.91
2020	915,990,934	—	—	915,990,934	29,520,436	163.93
2021	1,098,091,923	—	—	1,098,091,923	55,242,096	196.60
2022	1,008,877,082	14,500,000	—	1,008,877,082	34,271,735	184.62
2023	1,107,495,426	—	—	1,107,495,426	29,862,045	204.14

Net equity value per Common Share and net investment income available for Common Shares are non-GAAP measures. This chart is drawn from the individual annual reports and has not been restated for any subsequent changes in accounting policies.

¹Total assets at fair value less current liabilities exclusive of funded debt and preferred shares. For the years 1972 to 2000, total net assets include refundable capital gains taxes on hand.

²Preferred Shares at redemption price of \$52.50 per share.

³As of December 31, 2023 there were 5,425,197 Common Shares outstanding. The calculation of net equity value is restated to reflect the following:

Historical Stock Dividends

Date	Stock dividend rate	Issue price	Date	Stock dividend rate	Issue price	Date	Stock dividend rate	Issue price
1951	5 for 2	Split	1988	1 for 63	\$ 64.26	1997	1 for 13.3767	\$ 160.52
1963	5 for 1	Split	1989	1 for 67	70.35	1998	1 for 29.0495	152.51
1982	1 for 8	\$ 50.08	1990	1 for 56	82.32	1999	1 for 35.8532	144.13
1983	1 for 7	49.07	1991	1 for 30	64.80	2000	1 for 30.4794	148.13
1984	1 for 20	60.00	1994	1 for 27.7	91.41	2001	1 for 5.81549	172.72
1985	1 for 22	59.40	1995	1 for 28.78	86.34	2001	2 for 1	Split
1986	1 for 31	69.75	1996	1 for 38.4246	96.83	2001	1 for 24.1111	69.44
1987	1 for 17	71.40	1997	1 for 37.6442	117.45			

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