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PORTLAND REPLACEMENT OF FOSSIL FUELS ALTERNATIVE FUND  
**INTERIM MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE**

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## Management Discussion of Fund Performance

### Portland Replacement of Fossil Fuels Alternative Fund

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Securityholders may also contact us using one of these methods to request a copy of the investment fund's proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record, or quarterly portfolio disclosure.

The views of Portland Investment Counsel Inc. (the Manager) contained in this report are as March 31, 2024, and this report is not intended to provide legal, accounting, tax or specific investment advice. Views, portfolio holdings and allocations may have changed subsequent to this date. For current information, please contact us using the above methods. All references to performance relate to Series F units. The performance of other units may be different from that of the Series F units due to differing fees.

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGIES

The investment objective of the Portland Replacement of Fossil Fuels Alternative Fund (the Fund) is to provide positive long-term total returns by investing primarily in a portfolio of securities focused on businesses active in industries which will drive the transition from traditional energy (primarily based in fossil fuels) to sustainable energy sources. The Fund's investments currently focus on the area of nuclear energy. The Fund seeks to provide capital growth and income by primarily investing in a portfolio of equities, American Depository Receipts, and may include exchange traded funds (ETFs). The Fund may also engage in borrowing for investment purposes.

The Fund is considered an "alternative mutual fund" according to National Instrument 81-102, meaning it is permitted to use strategies generally prohibited by conventional mutual funds, such as the ability to invest up to 20% of its net asset value in securities of a single issuer (rather than 10% for conventional mutual funds); the ability to invest up to 100% or more of its net asset value in physical commodities either directly or through the use of specified derivatives; borrow, up to 50% of its net asset value, cash to use for investment purposes; sell, up to 50% of its net asset value, securities short (the combined level of cash borrowing and short selling is limited to 50% in aggregate); and aggregate exposure up to 300% of its net asset value.

#### RISK

Investors should be able to accept a medium level of risk and plan to hold for the medium to long term.

#### RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The Fund's net asset value at March 31, 2024, was \$4.7 million. The asset mix at March 31, 2024, was common equities, 83.4% and cash and other net assets (liabilities), 16.6%. By geography, assets were invested in cash and securities of issuers based in United States, 36.0%; Canada, 19.8%; cash and cash equivalents, 14.8%; South Korea, 8.1%; France, 7.4%; United Kingdom, 6.3%; Australia, 5.8%; and other net assets (liabilities),

1.8%. For the period of September 30, 2023 to March 31, 2024, there was no borrowing in the Fund.

As expected, given the Fund's focused mandate, the performance is mainly driven by company specific developments. During the period since inception, key performance contributors were Constellation Energy Corporation, Assystem and Silex Systems Limited, whereas the key performance detractors were Plug Power, Inc., Centrus Energy Corp. and ITM Power PLC.

#### RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Population and economic growth are driving an increase in global demand for energy. The current energy system, however, is largely dependent on fossil fuels, which negatively impact air quality, and significantly contribute to carbon emissions. To meet this growing demand, a transformation is required in the way the world produces, delivers and consumes energy. Unlike renewable energy sources, nuclear energy can provide constant, reliable, and carbon-free power. The innovative technology of small modular reactors has the potential to solve historic nuclear energy challenges, offering the opportunity for a clean and nuclear-powered tomorrow. In addition, hydrogen produced by nuclear energy in established markets could be a reliable supply of clean energy for developing nations, where 90% of the growth in demand for energy is expected to be located. The Manager believes that companies involved in the operation, development and innovation of the nuclear and alternative energy sectors could benefit and attract investor interest.

The investable universe is global, with a focus on innovative companies active in the area of nuclear energy or supporting the broader effort towards the energy transition. In making its investment selection, the Manager leverages its existing track record of private placements in companies active in areas of nuclear medicine, its network of industry contacts, and its affiliate's industry-specific collaboration agreements.

The Fund is a transparent, liquid and focused fund with the goal to invest in companies that work towards energy transition, with a current focus on nuclear energy.

Previous global investment in the energy transition has been focused on renewable energy and electrification. In 2022, industries active in the energy transition drew a record US\$1.1 trillion. Despite these investments, carbon dioxide emissions continue to increase, as both renewable energy sources and the batteries technology, on which electrification is reliant, have significant limitations. Insofar as renewable energy sources are concerned, they are characterized by intermittency, limited energy efficiency, lack of energy storage, heavy resource requirements, land use and infrastructure limitations. Equally, batteries have a low relative energy density, limited lifespan, raw materials dependency, environmental impact and are difficult to recycle. The Manager believes there is a need to consider other clean energy solutions such as nuclear. In contrast to the renewable energy and electrification solutions, nuclear energy has a very high energy density, provides reliable baseload type of energy generation, is suitable for high temperature applications, has a long life and low-cost structure, is suitable for hydrogen generation and is waste efficient.

During period, the 28th United Nations Climate Change Conference was a historic event for nuclear energy, as nuclear was finally recognized

for its critical role in reducing the effects of climate change. The widely followed event also saw 22 world leaders sign a declaration to make efforts to triple nuclear energy by 2050. The declaration referenced a Nuclear Energy Agency analysis which found that tripling nuclear energy capacity by 2050 would provide significant support to the global efforts to achieve net zero emission targets. Since then, a lot of attention has been drawn to the rapidly spreading realization that the ongoing boom in AI (artificial intelligence) computing will likely trigger a vast increase in the electrical power needs globally and in particular in developed nations in short and medium term. On this background, nuclear utilities and small modular reactor companies made headlines with potentially accretive deals in support of providing stable, reliable and competitively priced power to data applications using nuclear technology.

During the period, the Fund had the opportunity to add to many of the investments. Among the Fund's increased investments are: Cameco Corporation, an integrated uranium supplier, offering refining, conversion, and fuel manufacturing services; Assystem, a France-based company that is principally engaged in engineering and innovation consultancy including managing infrastructural investments; Constellation Energy Corporation, the largest producer of carbon free energy in the United States and the leading competitive retail supplier of power and energy products and services for homes and businesses across the United States; Centrus Energy Corp., a U.S.-based supplier of enriched uranium for nuclear fuel and services for the nuclear power industry to both domestic and international utilities for use in nuclear reactors worldwide through medium and long term supply contracts and spot purchases; Silex Systems Limited, an Australia-based technology company focused on the commercialization of its Separation of Isotopes by Laser EXcitation (SILEX) laser enrichment technology for application to uranium production and enrichment (nuclear power), Silicon enrichment (silicon quantum computing) and other potential markets; BWX Technologies, Inc., a specialty manufacturer of nuclear components, a developer of nuclear technologies, and a service provider; Plug Power, Inc., a provider of hydrogen fuel cell turnkey solutions, including electrolyzers that allow customers, such as refineries, producers of chemicals, steel, fertilizer and commercial refueling stations, to generate hydrogen on-site; ITM Power PLC, an energy storage and clean fuel company, involved in the manufacture of integrated hydrogen energy solutions for grid balancing, energy storage and the production of renewable hydrogen for transport, renewable heat and chemicals; NuScale Power Corporation, an advanced small modular reactor nuclear (SMR) technology company; Bloom Energy Corporation, a provider of commercially viable solid oxide fuel-cell based power generation platform that provides power to businesses, essential services, critical infrastructure, and communities; Johnson Matthey PLC, a United Kingdom-based sustainable technologies company, including clean air, platinum group metal (PGM) services, catalyst technologies and hydrogen technologies and Sprott Physical Uranium Trust (the Trust), a Canada-based closed-end investment trust that invests and holds substantially all assets in physical uranium in the form of uranium oxide in concentrates and uranium hexafluoride.

During the period, the Fund initiated three new investments, in Doosan Enerbility Co., Ltd., a leading plant expert in the power and water industry, offers energy solutions for thermal power, nuclear power and renewable energy; KEPCO Engineering & Construction Company Inc., a Korea-based company principally engaged in the construction of nuclear power plants; and AltC Acquisition Corp., a special purpose acquisition company (SPAC), currently preparing to take public Oklo Inc., a company developing next-generation fission reactors to produce abundant, affordable, clean energy at a global scale using small

modular fast reactor technology, through what is known as a de-SPAC-in transaction.

The Fund exited its investment in Ares Acquisition Corporation, a special purpose acquisition company (SPAC), as it and X-Energy mutually agreed not to undertake the public listing of the latter through a process known as a de-SPAC-in transaction.

## LEVERAGE

When a Fund makes investments in derivatives, borrows cash for investment purposes, or uses physical short sales on equities or other portfolio assets, leverage may be introduced into the Fund. Leverage occurs when the Fund's notional exposure to underlying assets is greater than the amount invested. It is an investment technique that magnifies gains and losses. Consequently, any adverse change in the value or level of the underlying asset, rate or index may amplify losses compared to those that would have been incurred if the underlying asset had been directly held by the Fund and may result in losses greater than the amount invested in the derivative itself. Leverage may increase volatility, may impair the Fund's liquidity and may cause the Fund to liquidate positions at unfavorable times.

The Fund did not use leverage during the period ended March 31, 2024.

## RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Manager is responsible for the day-to-day operation of and for providing investment management services to the Fund. The Manager receives a fee for providing these services. This is calculated daily based on the net asset value of the Fund and paid monthly. During the six-month period ended March 31, 2024, the Manager received \$18,183 in management fees from the Fund, net of applicable taxes.

The Manager is entitled to receive a performance fee, calculated and accrued on each business day and paid monthly. During the six-month period ended March 31, 2024, the Manager received \$24,830 in performance fees from the Fund, net of applicable taxes.

Any administrative services paid for or provided by the Manager are charged to the Fund and are grouped and presented by expense type in the statement of comprehensive income (loss). Depending on their nature, some expenditures are allocated to the Fund based on a variety of methods including net asset value or actual costs incurred. During the six-month period ended March 31, 2024, the Manager was reimbursed \$7,578 for operating expenses incurred on behalf of the Fund, including amounts paid to affiliates, net of applicable taxes. The Manager absorbed \$55,260 of operating expenses during the period ended March 31, 2024, net of applicable taxes. Affiliates of the Manager provide administrative services associated with the day-to-day operations of the Fund. These affiliates of the Manager were reimbursed \$486 during the period ended March 31, 2024 by the Fund for such services.

The Manager and/or its affiliates and key management personnel of the Manager and their family (collectively referred to as Related Parties) may invest in units of the Fund from time to time in the normal course of business. Transactions to purchase or redeem units are made at net asset value per unit. Standing instructions from the independent review committee (IRC), as described below, were not required or obtained for such transactions. As at March 31, 2024, Related Parties owned 16,123 shares of the Fund.

The Fund has received standing instructions from the Fund's IRC. The standing instructions constitutes a written recommendation from the IRC that permits the Manager to proceed with specific action(s) set out in the standing instructions on an ongoing basis as detailed in the annual IRC Report to Securityholders. The standing instructions are designed

to ensure that the Manager's actions are carried out in accordance with National Instrument 81-107 - Independent Review Committee for Investment Funds and the Manager's policies and procedures in order to achieve a fair and reasonable result for the Fund. The IRC reviews reports periodically, at least annually, which assess compliance with applicable conflicts of interest policies and standing instructions.

Except as otherwise noted above, the Fund was not a party to any related party transactions during the six-month period ended March 31, 2024.

The Board of Directors of the Manager is responsible for reviewing and approving the financial statements and overseeing management's performance of its financial reporting responsibilities.

#### Notes

*Certain statements included in this Management Discussion of Fund Performance constitute forward-looking statements, including those identified by the expressions "may", "should", "will", "anticipate", "believe", "plan", "predict", "estimate", "expect", "intend" and similar expressions to the extent they relate to the Fund. These forward-looking statements are not historical facts, but reflect the current expectations of the portfolio management team regarding future results or events that may impact the Fund. These forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties, assumptions and other factors that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from current expectations. The portfolio management team has no specific intention of updating any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by securities legislation.*

*Certain research and information about specific holdings in the Fund, including any opinion, is based upon various sources believed to be reliable, but it cannot be guaranteed to be current, accurate or complete. It is for information only, and is subject to change without notice.*

## Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the past five years. Information for 2024 is presented for the six-month period ended March 31, 2024 and for all other periods, information is as at September 30 of the year shown.

### Series A Units - Net Assets per unit<sup>1</sup>

| For the periods ended                                  | 2024    | 2023                 |
|--|---------|----------------------|
| Net assets, beginning of the period                    | \$10.18 | \$10.00 <sup>†</sup> |
| Increase (decrease) from operations:                   |         |                      |
| Total revenue  | 0.04    | 0.05                 |
| Total expenses   | (0.21)  | (0.18)               |
| Realized gains (losses)                                | -       | 0.01                 |
| Unrealized gains (losses)                              | 0.98    | 0.29                 |
| Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup> | 0.81    | 0.17                 |
| Distributions to unitholders:                          |         |                      |
| From income  | -       | -                    |
| From dividends   | -       | -                    |
| From capital gains                                     | -       | -                    |
| Return of capital                                      | -       | -                    |
| Total annual distributions <sup>3</sup>                | -       | -                    |
| Net assets, end of period <sup>4</sup>                 | \$10.80 | \$10.18              |

### Series A Units - Ratios/Supplemental Data

| For the periods ended   | 2024        | 2023        |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Total net asset value   | \$1,830,848 | \$1,105,357 |
| Number of units outstanding   | 169,456     | 108,549     |
| Management expense ratio <sup>5</sup>                               | 2.53%       | 3.79%       |
| Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>5</sup> | 8.22%       | 13.63%      |
| Trading expense ratio <sup>6</sup>                                  | 0.15%       | 0.27%       |
| Portfolio turnover rate <sup>7</sup>                                | 2.58%       | -           |
| Net asset value per unit  | \$10.80     | \$10.18     |

### Series F Units - Net Assets per unit<sup>1</sup>

| For the periods ended                                  | 2024    | 2023                 |
|--|---------|----------------------|
| Net assets, beginning of the period                    | \$10.23 | \$10.00 <sup>†</sup> |
| Increase (decrease) from operations:                   |         |                      |
| Total revenue  | 0.04    | 0.05                 |
| Total expenses   | (0.18)  | (0.13)               |
| Realized gains (losses)                                | -       | -                    |
| Unrealized gains (losses)                              | 1.11    | 0.46                 |
| Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup> | 0.97    | 0.38                 |
| Distributions to unitholders:                          |         |                      |
| From income  | -       | -                    |
| From dividends   | -       | -                    |
| From capital gains                                     | -       | -                    |
| Return of capital                                      | -       | -                    |
| Total annual distributions <sup>3</sup>                | -       | -                    |
| Net assets, end of period <sup>4</sup>                 | \$10.91 | \$10.23              |

### Series F Units - Ratios/Supplemental Data

| For the periods ended   | 2024        | 2023        |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Total net asset value   | \$2,825,994 | \$1,351,415 |
| Number of units outstanding   | 259,076     | 132,050     |
| Management expense ratio <sup>5</sup>                               | 1.41%       | 2.65%       |
| Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>5</sup> | 7.62%       | 12.49%      |
| Trading expense ratio <sup>6</sup>                                  | 0.15%       | 0.27%       |
| Portfolio turnover rate <sup>7</sup>                                | 2.58%       | -           |
| Net asset value per unit  | \$10.91     | \$10.23     |

<sup>†</sup> Initial Offering Price

## Explanatory Notes

1. a) The information for March 31, 2024 is derived from the Fund's unaudited interim financial statements. For the remaining periods, the information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) Accounting Standards. The net assets per security presented in the financial statements may differ from the net asset value calculated for fund pricing purposes.
- b) The inception date of Series A and Series F units of the Fund was April 28, 2023.
2. Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted daily average number of units outstanding over the financial period.
3. Distributions are paid out in cash/reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both.
4. This is not a reconciliation of the beginning and ending net assets per unit.
5. The management expense ratio (MER) is based on total expenses (excluding foreign withholding taxes, commissions and other portfolio transaction costs but including management fee distributions paid to certain unitholders in the form of additional units) for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period. The Manager may absorb certain expenses otherwise payable by the Fund. The amount of expenses absorbed is determined annually at the discretion of the Manager.  
  
The Fund may hold investments in ETFs and the MER is calculated taking into consideration the expenses of the Fund allocated to the series including expenses indirectly attributable to its investment in ETFs divided by the average daily net asset value of the series of the Fund during the period.
6. The trading expense ratio (TER) represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of the daily average net asset value of the Fund during the period.  
  
The TER is calculated taking into consideration the costs attributable to its investment in ETFs.
7. The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio advisor manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to a fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the period. The higher a fund's portfolio turnover rate in a period, the greater the trading costs payable by the fund in the period, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the period. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a fund.  
  
Portfolio turnover rate is calculated based on the lesser of the cumulative cost of purchases or cumulative proceeds of sales divided by the average market value of the portfolio, excluding short-term investments.

## Management Fees

The Manager is responsible for the day-to-day management and administration of the Fund. The Manager monitors and evaluates the performance of the Fund, pays for the investment management services of the portfolio adviser and arranges for the administrative services required to be provided to the Fund. As compensation for its service, the Manager is entitled to receive a fee, payable monthly, calculated based on the average daily net asset value of the Fund.

| Series of Units | Management Fee (%) | Expenses Paid Out of the Management Fee (%) |  |                   |
|-----------------|--------------------|---|--|-------------------|
|                 |                    | Dealer compensation                         | General administration, investment advice and profit | Absorbed expenses |
| Series A        | 1.75%              | 57%   | -  | 43%               |
| Series F        | 0.75%              | -   | -  | 100%              |

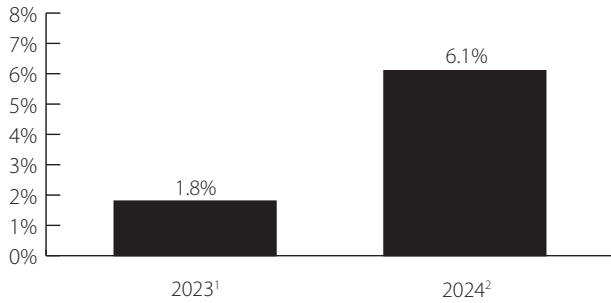
## Past Performance

The past performance information shown in this section is calculated using the net asset value per unit and assumes that all distributions made by the Fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional securities of the Fund. The past performance information does not take into account sales, redemptions, distribution or other optional charges or income taxes payable by the unitholder that would have reduced returns or performance. Investment funds are not guaranteed, their values change frequently and past performance may not be repeated.

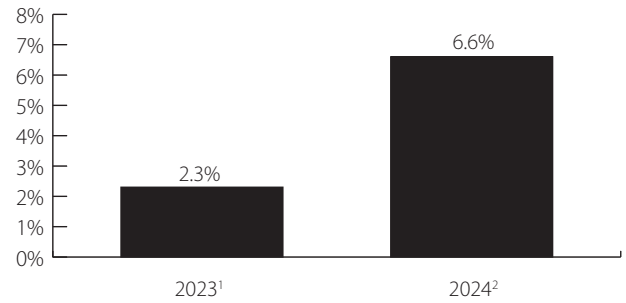
## Year-By-Year Returns

The following bar charts show the performance of each series of the Fund for each of the financial years shown and illustrates how the investment fund's performance has changed from year to year. The charts show in percentage terms how an investment made on the first day of each financial year would have increased or decreased by the last day of each financial year.

Series A Units



Series F Units



1. Return for 2023 represents a partial year starting April 28, 2023 to September 30, 2023.
2. Return for 2024 represents a partial year starting October 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024.

## Summary of Investment Portfolio as at March 31, 2024

## Top 25 Investments\*

|  | % of Net Asset Value |
|--|----------------------|
| Cash & Cash Equivalents                        | 14.8%                |
| Cameco Corporation                             | 13.2%                |
| Constellation Energy Corporation               | 8.1%                 |
| Centrus Energy Corp.                           | 7.9%                 |
| Assystem                                       | 7.4%                 |
| Sprott Physical Uranium Trust                  | 6.6%                 |
| NuScale Power Corporation                      | 6.2%                 |
| BWX Technologies, Inc.                         | 6.0%                 |
| Silex Systems Limited                          | 5.8%                 |
| KEPCO Engineering & Construction Company, Inc. | 4.3%                 |
| Doosan Enerbility Co., Ltd.                    | 3.8%                 |
| Johnson Matthey PLC                            | 3.3%                 |
| Plug Power, Inc.                               | 3.0%                 |
| ITM Power PLC                                  | 3.0%                 |
| Bloom Energy Corporation                       | 2.9%                 |
| AltC Acquisition Corp.                         | 2.0%                 |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                             | <b>98.3%</b>         |
| <b>Total net asset value</b>                   | <b>\$4,656,842</b>   |

\* Where the Fund holds less than 25 holdings, all investments have been disclosed. There may be other assets and liabilities which are not included, and therefore the summary may not add up to 100%.

The investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the investment fund. Quarterly updates are available within 60 days of each quarter end by visiting [www.portlandic.com](http://www.portlandic.com) or contacting us at 1-888-710-4242.

## Portfolio Composition

| Sector                         |       |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Industrials                    | 43.1% |
| Energy                         | 21.1% |
| Cash & Cash Equivalents        | 14.8% |
| Utilities                      | 8.1%  |
| Information Technology         | 5.8%  |
| Materials                      | 3.3%  |
| Financials                     | 2.0%  |
| Other Net Assets (Liabilities) | 1.8%  |
| Geographic Region              |       |
| United States                  | 36.0% |
| Canada                         | 19.8% |
| Cash & Cash Equivalents        | 14.8% |
| South Korea                    | 8.1%  |
| France                         | 7.4%  |
| United Kingdom                 | 6.3%  |
| Australia                      | 5.8%  |
| Other Net Assets (Liabilities) | 1.8%  |

Other Net Assets (Liabilities) refers to all other assets and liabilities in the Fund excluding portfolio investments and cash.



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