## SLGI ASSET MANAGEMENT INC.

## INTERIM MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

for the period from June 28, 2023 to June 30, 2023

Sun Life Acadian International Equity Fund





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This interim management report of fund performance contains financial highlights but does not contain the complete financial statements of the investment fund. You can request a free copy of the semi-annual financial statements (unaudited) by calling 1-877-344-1434, by sending an email to us at <u>info@sunlifeglobalinvestments.com</u> or by writing to us at SLGI Asset Management Inc., 1 York Street, Suite 3300, Toronto, Ontario, M5J OB6. The financial statements are available on our website at <u>www.sunlifeglobalinvestments.com</u> and on SEDAR+ at <u>www.sedarplus.ca</u>.

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.

SLGI Asset Management Inc. (the "Manager") is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Sun Life Financial Inc.

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

## **Results of Operations**

The Sun Life Acadian International Equity Fund (the "Fund") was established on June 28, 2023. Prior to the financial reporting date of June 30, 2023, the Fund held only the initial regulatory seed of \$150,000, which was invested in cash. Series I securities of the Fund were not offered for purchase until July 12, 2023.

## **Recent Developments**

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The composition of the Fund's independent review committee ("IRC") changed prior to the Fund's establishment date. Nancy Church completed her term with the IRC and Carol Sands was appointed effective June 8, 2023. As of the Fund's establishment date Carol Sand's is a member of the IRC.

## **Related Party Transactions**

SLGI Asset Management Inc. is the manager, trustee and portfolio manager of the Fund. For its services, the Manager receives a management fee that is calculated as a percentage of the average net asset value of the Fund. This fee is calculated daily and payable monthly.

The Manager is responsible for the provision of all general management and administrative services required by the Fund in its day-to-day operations, including providing or arranging for the provision of investment advice, bookkeeping, recordkeeping and other administrative services for the Fund.

As trustee, the Manager holds legal title to the Fund's investments in trust for securityholders.

As portfolio manager, the Manager is responsible for managing the investment portfolio of the Fund directly or through sub-advisors. The Manager has retained Acadian Asset Management LLC to act as a sub-advisor for the Fund.

The Fund may have direct or indirect holdings in Sun Life Financial Inc. or its affiliates or other funds managed by the Manager or its affiliates. Funds managed by the Manager, or its affiliates, may invest in securities of the Fund.

The Manager has a distribution agreement with Sun Life Financial Investment Services (Canada) Inc. (the "Dealer"), a company under common control under which the Dealer may distribute securities of the funds offered by the Manager in the jurisdictions in which the Dealer is so authorized.

## **Fund Administrative Expenses**

The Manager pays certain operating expenses of the Fund (the "Administration Expenses") in return for a fixed administration fee paid to the Manager by the Fund ("Administration Fee"). The Administration Fee is based on the net asset value of each series of securities of the Fund. The Administration Expenses include, but are not limited to, record keeper fees, accounting, audit and legal fees, bank and interest charges, safekeeping and custodial fees, taxes, administrative and systems costs, costs of reports to investors, prospectuses and other disclosure documents, regulatory filing fees (including those incurred by the Manager) and trustee fees for registered plans. The amount of this charge is disclosed as Fixed annual administration fees in the Fund's Statement of Comprehensive Income found in the semi-annual financial statements (unaudited).

The Fund also pays certain operating expenses directly (the "Fund Costs"). Fund Costs include: borrowing costs incurred by the Fund from time to time; costs in connection with portfolio transactions; fees and expenses payable to or in connection with the IRC; taxes payable by the Fund; contingent fees for foreign tax reclaim filings; and the costs of complying with any new regulatory or legal requirement imposed on the Fund. The Fund allocates Fund Costs proportionately among each series of securities of the Fund to which they apply. The Fund Costs that are specific to a series of securities are allocated to that series. These amounts are paid out of the assets attributed to each series of securities of the Fund, which reduces the return you may receive.

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Fees and expenses payable to or in connection with the IRC are allocated to the fund and series to which they apply in a manner that, in the Manager's view, is considered fair and reasonable. The amounts of these charges are disclosed in the line item "Independent review committee fees" in the Fund's Statement of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

## **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 previous five years or for the period(s) since inception to June 30, 2023.

#### The Fund's Net Asset Value per Security (\$)<sup>(1)</sup>

#### Sun Life Acadian International Equity Fund - Series I

	2023 (\$)
Net asset value, beginning of period	10.00
Increase (decrease) from operations:	
Total revenue	-
Total expenses	-
Realized gains (losses) for the period	-
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	-
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup>	-
Distributions:	
From income (excluding dividends)	-
From dividends	-
From capital gains	-
Return of capital	-
Total annual distributions <sup>(3)</sup>	-
Net asset value, end of period	10.00

<sup>(1)</sup> This information is derived from the semi-annual unaudited financial statements for the current period ended June 30, 2023.

(2) Net Assets and distributions are based on the actual number of securities outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of securities outstanding over the financial period.

(3) Distributions were paid in cash, reinvested in additional securities of the Fund, or both.

#### **Ratios and Supplemental Data**

#### Sun Life Acadian International Equity Fund - Series I

	2023
Total net asset value (\$000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	150
Number of securities outstanding (000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	15
Management expense ratio (%)	-
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	-
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	-
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)</sup>	-
Net asset value per security (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	10.00

<sup>(1)</sup> This information is provided as at June 30, 2023.

- (2) Management expense ratio is based on total expenses (excluding broker commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) including the Fund's allocated percentage of Fund-on-Funds' expenses for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average Net Asset Value during the period.
- (3) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average Net Asset Value during the period.
- (4) The Fund's portfolio turnover ratio indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio manager manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover ratio of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the year. The higher a Fund's portfolio turnover ratio in a year, the greater the trading costs payable by the Fund in the year, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high portfolio turnover rate and the performance of the Fund.

## Management Fees

2022

The maximum annual management fee paid by the Fund is a percentage of the average daily net asset value of each series of securities of the Fund exclusive of any applicable taxes and operating expenses, which is accrued daily and is paid to the Manager monthly in arrears. Management fees pay for portfolio and investment advisory services, oversight of any service providers, marketing and promotional activities, arranging for the distribution and sale of securities of the Fund, general administration of Fund operations and sales and trailing commissions paid to dealers.

Series I management fees are not paid by the Fund. Series I investors negotiate management fees and pay directly to the Manager.

#### **Past Performance**

Performance is not available as the Fund did not exist for the entire reporting period.

#### Year-by-Year Returns

Performance is not available as the Fund did not exist for the entire reporting period.

#### Summary of Investment Portfolio<sup>\*</sup>

as at June 30, 2023

#### **Top 25 Investments**

	Percentag Asset Valu	, ie of the
Holding Name 1 Cash and Cash Equivalents	F	<b>und (%)</b> 100.0
		100.0
Total Net Asset Value (000s)	\$	150

#### **Asset Allocation**

	Percentage of Net Asset Value of the Fund (%)
Cash and Cash Equivalents	100.0
	100.0

(\*) All information is as at June 30, 2023. The summary of investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund. Unless otherwise noted positions are long. You may obtain quarterly updates to these holdings free of charge by calling us at 1-877-344-1434, visiting our website at www.sunlifeglobalinvestments.com or by sending an email to us at info@sunlifeglobalinvestments.com.

## **Forward-Looking Statements**

This management report of fund performance may contain forward-looking statements about the Fund, including its strategies, results of operations, performance and condition. Forward-looking statements include statements that are predictive in nature, or that depend upon or refer to future events or conditions. They are based on current beliefs, expectations and projections about future events and are inherently subject to, among other things, risks, uncertainties and assumptions about the Fund and various economic factors. Many factors could cause the Fund's actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements that may be expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These factors could include, among other things, general economic, political and market factors, including interest and foreign exchange rates, business competition, technological changes, changes in government regulations or in tax laws and pandemics. Although the forward-looking statements contained in this report are based upon what management currently believes to be reasonable assumptions, the Manager cannot assure current or prospective investors that actual results, performance or achievements will be consistent with these forward-looking statements. The words "may", "could", "would", "should", "believe", "plan", "anticipate", "expect", "intend", "forecast", "objective", and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. The Manager does not undertake any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this document or to reflect new information or the occurrence of unanticipated events, except as required by law.

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