

KENSINGTON PRIVATE EQUITY FUND

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

> FOR THE QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

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This management discussion and analysis of the Kensington Private Equity Fund contains financial highlights as well as the financial statements for the quarter ended June 30, 2020. You may obtain a copy of the financial statements and the annual information form at your request, and at no cost, by calling 416-362-9000 or toll-free at 1-855-362-9329, by writing to us at 95 St. Clair Avenue West, Suite 905, Toronto, Ontario, M4V 1N6, or by visiting our website at www.kcpl.ca. Additional information relating to the Kensington Private Equity Fund is on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

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### MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The Kensington Private Equity Fund ("KPEF") is an investment trust established under the laws of the Province of British Columbia. This Management Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") is being published for investors in KPEF in accordance with its governing Declaration of Trust and the regulatory requirements applicable to it as a Corporate Finance Issuer.

Kensington Capital Advisors Inc. (the "Manager" and "Trustee") believes that investing in private equity will continue to offer the potential for attractive long-term returns that have historically outperformed public equity market returns. A well-planned private equity investment should reduce risk for traditional investment portfolios through diversification. The Manager provides investment advisory and portfolio management services to KPEF and is responsible for making all investment decisions.

## RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

### Performance of the Kensington Private Equity Fund

KPEF was created to provide investors with exposure to a diversified portfolio of private equity investments ("Underlying Investments"), including private equity funds and direct investments in private companies. By creating a hybrid private equity portfolio, the Manager believes investors will benefit from the potential for stronger returns from direct investments and the prudent risk management and diversification from investments in funds ("Underlying Funds"). This carefully managed hybrid portfolio strategy led to the following performance highlights for the quarter ended June 30, 2020:

- The Net Asset Value (NAV) of KPEF increased by approximately \$13.0 million, consisting of new subscriptions received from investors, net of distributions paid, together with net unrealized gains.
- The NAV per Unit increased by 2.7%, determined on an internal rate of return basis based on the performance of Underlying Investments and taking into account the impact of other cash flows into and out of KPEF during the period (new subscriptions, conversions, distributions and redemptions of Units). The comparable return for the same period last year was -1.4%.

## Overview of the Investment Environment

At the mid-point of 2020, most countries were at various stages of re-opening their economies with businesses opening under a plethora of different rules aimed at limiting the risk of infections. Results have varied widely with the country-by-country head counts of new cases testing positive with COVID-19, hospitalization rates, and death counts making daily headlines. At the same time, bond yields are at record lows and stock markets have been volatile but are discounting growth. The big question of when government stimulus programs will end and what the impact will be remains as a question mark over the global economy. Within the private equity markets, industries and geographic regions that the Manager believes offer the best opportunities for strong returns are the focus. No one has visibility into the depth of the recession that many say will be inevitable. Led by the tech sector, valuations are strong and rising now that many companies are feeling more confident about the future. But that confidence is tentative. We are seeing a healthy flow of M&A activity and of growth opportunities. The adoption of advanced technology by mature companies is, in some cases, leapfrogging forward and those with access and the right resources to make changes are companies that we believe will generate strong investment returns. Kensington identifies opportunities to bring technology to mature businesses and conversely to introduce mature companies as customers of early stage tech companies. The impact of the lock-down policies has been to tremendously benefit B2C companies, logistics companies, food companies and certain wellness companies. Those trends are growing and we have been able to take advantage of the market to increase our exposure in certain key industries. The negative impacts on businesses like consumer durables and hospitality services have been remarkably offset in whole or in part by the quick adaptation by management to a new paradigm allowing the company to at least generate cash if not thrive by pivoting to meet the needs of consumers confined by lockdown.

### Economic Environment

The Manager continues to believe that the pandemic will have a significant and negative impact on the economy. The Fed has indicated that there is no limit to its willingness to provide liquidity to the market, a sentiment generally reflected in the major global economies. In addition, the Presidential election in November bodes well for the extension of federal stimulus programs for individuals and small businesses. Remarkably, the global protectionist policies continue to grow and will hamper trade. We are seeing problems with contracted labour and technical teams unable to cross borders, creating disruptions that are certainly unmeasured yet in economic terms. Immigration delays will have longer term negative impacts. The biggest economic factor affecting this portfolio is the U.S. federal election in November. If the stimulus measures continue through the election, then it is possible that the economy will grow, albeit slowly, through year end. If they end, there will be negative economic impacts as household spending becomes more restricted and employees find their jobs no longer exist. We continue to believe that companies that are investing to adopt technologies are building a base for long term success in the new globally protectionist environment. Strong local supply chains and distribution networks are proving to be valuable as globalization becomes expensive and at risk of disruption. Some capital is slowing because of uncertainty but investments in productivity enhancing technologies are growing. Public markets are reacting to any news about trade agreements; the uncertainty surrounding tariffs is likely to continue for some time.

## Current Private Equity Market Conditions

The Manager's investment thesis is to partner with strong management teams to build great businesses. The same philosophy applies to funds and to direct investments. The quality of management is the most important factor in both. The Manager has developed the Fund's portfolio to include a balance of venture, growth, and mature funds and companies. The venture capital market is robust with deal sizes growing and funding readily available. Deal flow is very strong. We are also seeing IPO opportunities for some portfolio companies. The growth capital market has become very popular with funds being raised in all parts of the world to invest in the acceleration of corporate growth. We have co-invested or led some very interesting growth opportunities. The buyout segment of the market continues to be strong with signs of more realistic pricing expectations as owners divest of non-core businesses, or founders decide to sell. We are seeing a meaningful flow of opportunities in defensive sectors such as healthcare and food and are pursuing those with the characteristics that we believe offer healthy long-term returns. In general, many companies and private investors are worried enough about the economy and the political uncertainty that we anticipate prices to improve for buyers. With increasingly protective or conservative leanings from both governments and institutions, opportunities arise to finance business activities that would historically have been funded in traditional lending or public equity channels. The private debt business and the growth capital business are growing in part because their fields of endeavor are being abandoned by the traditional providers of capital. These changes, driven by policy changes, regulatory adjustments and by economic uncertainty create opportunities for private capital.

## Summary

The Fund's mature portfolio offers the potential of a continuing flow of distributions from the sale of portfolio companies. Because of our secondary market activities, we have investments dating back to 2002 and we are making primary investments now. We are committing capital to funds that will invest over the coming decade. The result is a portfolio that reflects over two decades of economic conditions and related deal pricing. The Manager expects that the frequency of exit transactions and the aggregate value received by the Fund from these exits will continue but the economic risks are meaningful and a slowdown is possible. The Manager is continuously trying to increase the net investor return of the Fund and uses sector and industry allocation as part of its selection of tools to achieve that goal. The bright side of a slowdown is the buying opportunities that arise. As lenders tighten their credit terms, companies look to alternatives. Businesses that were able to finance their activities in a strong economic growth environment are running into headwinds. Those headwinds are opportunities for experienced investors.

### **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

KPEF's investment objective is to maximize long-term total returns for Unitholders through distributions of net income and net realized capital gains from Underlying Investments, while managing risk through prudent diversification.

## Current Portfolio of Underlying Investments

The Manager maintains a portfolio of diversified private equity investments consisting of:

- investments in private equity funds to provide the diversification required to manage risk, combined with significant allocations to direct investments in companies to enhance returns;
- secondary investments to opportunistically take advantage of market dislocations;
- investments in the buyout sector, growth equity, venture capital and other sectors, in order to provide investors with access to different segments of the private equity market through a single investment in KPEF; and
- private equity investments located primarily in Canada and the U.S., allocated in a manner consistent with the Manager's expertise and its views on the most compelling investment regions and opportunities.

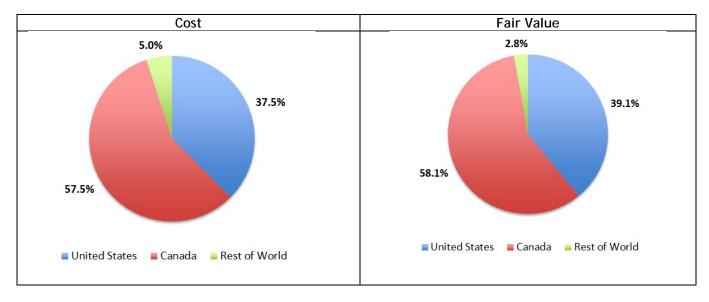
The investment strategy used to construct the portfolio of KPEF relies upon the Manager's proactive sourcing of proprietary deal flow and active management of the portfolio. This investment strategy is also designed to provide investors with access to private equity investments that would otherwise be unavailable to them, by capitalizing on the Manager's relationships with leading private equity fund managers, and from the scale achieved from combining their resources with other investors in KPEF.

As at June 30, 2020, KPEF held investments in 41 primary funds, 10 independent secondary fund portfolios, 37 direct investments, and 4 funds of funds. The Manager continues to review private equity investment opportunities on an ongoing basis to best achieve KPEF's investment objective.

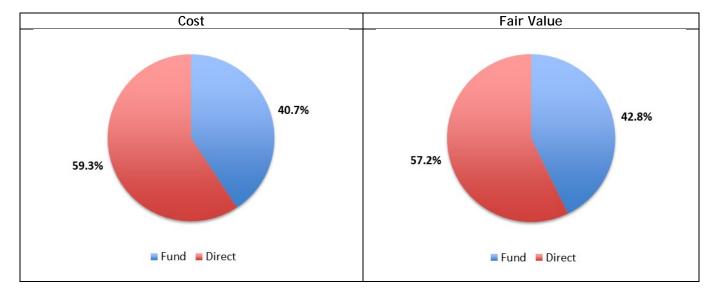
In accordance with the Declaration of Trust governing KPEF, the Manager has the responsibility for establishing target portfolio weighting guidelines by geographic region, investment type and investment sector, with the expectation that the actual weightings will vary over time depending on market conditions and available opportunities, among other factors.

The portfolio allocations weightings at June 30, 2020 are set out below:

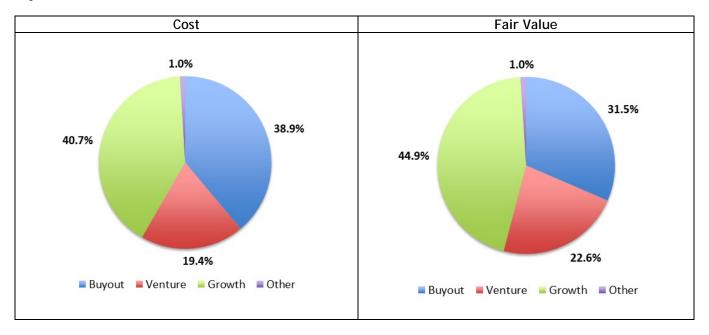
By geographic region:



By investment type:

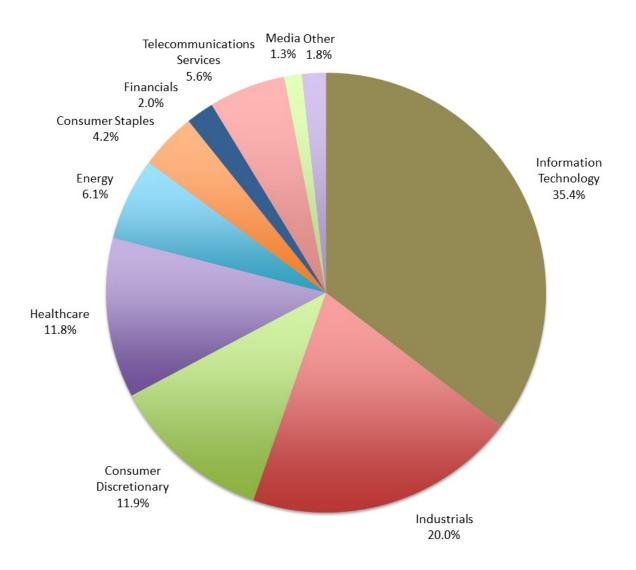


By sector:



In addition to the 37 direct investments in private companies, the KPEF portfolio as of June 30, 2020, includes Underlying Investments in indirect investments in private companies through primary and secondary fund portfolios, and much smaller indirect investments in many additional private companies through the fund of funds portfolios. These companies are diversified across multiple industry sectors, as set out in the chart below.

# KPEF Industry Weightings of Private Equity Investments (Fair Value) June 30, 2020



### **KPEF NET ASSET VALUE**

### Underlying Investments:

As at June 30, 2020, KPEF held Underlying Investments in private equity totaling \$463.9 million representing 85.7% of the NAV. During the period, KPEF realized certain private equity investments, resulting in a shift from unrealized gains reported in prior year to realized gains in the current period. Excluding the impact of net new subscriptions of \$10.4 million, the net asset value of Underlying Investments increased by \$2.6 million during the period.

### Liquid Investments:

KPEF invests directly in Underlying Funds by committing and advancing capital as such amounts are drawn down by the respective managers of the Underlying Funds. Capital held by KPEF pending investment in private equity investments is invested in a variety of financial products ("Liquid Investments") such as government securities, money market instruments and investment-grade securities, as well as listed securities of private equity funds and other securities consistent with the overall objectives of liquidity, capital preservation and an appropriate return.

As at June 30, 2020, KPEF held Liquid Investments totalling \$79.5 million, representing a decrease of \$32.2 million from the \$111.7 million of Liquid Investments held at June 30, 2019. At June 30, 2020, Liquid Investments comprised 14.7% of the NAV. The Manager expects most of that liquidity to be utilized in the coming months as several investments that have been in due diligence and documentation are closed.

		June 30, 2020		June 30, 2019					
	Cost (CAD)	Estimated Fair Value (CAD)	% of Fund's Net Assets	Cost (CAD)	Estimated Fair Value (CAD)	% of Fund's Net Assets			
Cash	49,649,817	49,649,817	9.2%	20,947,336	20,947,336	5.2%			
Kensington Alternative Strategy Fund*	25,547,836	28,259,877	5.2%	23,773,575	27,813,848	6.9%			
GIC Investment	1,500,000	1,584,638	0.3%	62,500,000	62,962,304	15.7%			
	76,697,653	79,494,332	14.7%	107,220,911	111,723,488	27.8%			

\* This fund is also managed by the Manager - see "Related Party Transactions".

### Management Expense Ratio:

KPEF's Management Expense Ratio (MER) is reported in accordance with applicable accounting standards and securities laws. The MER is based on total expenses for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of the net average assets during the period. The reported MER for KPEF includes expenses incurred by Underlying Funds. Unlike typical mutual fund expenses, the expenses incurred by these Underlying Funds will be recovered by KPEF prior to any such Underlying Fund's managers earning a performance fee. The recoveries of these expenses will be recorded as portfolio gains at the appropriate times and will not be reflected in any adjustment to the MER at those times. The Manager has also calculated the unrecoverable portion of the MER during the relevant periods ("Unrecoverable MER"), is the reported MER less the amounts expected to be recovered from Underlying Funds as described above.

		F	Period Ended	June 30, 2020	Period Ended June 30, 2019					
-	Class A	Class F	Class E	Class G	Class U	Class C	Class A	Class F	Class E	Class G
	Units	Units	Units	Units	Units	Units	Units	Units	Units	Units
Net Asset Value	3,966,420	444,162	21,010,867	428,149,529	21,169,994	66,626,135	4,278,735	1,900,248	73,775,071	321,963,916
Units Outstanding	149,795	15,454	910,749	16,476,005	794,213	2,557,329	165,207	68,239	3,211,799	12,669,974
Management expense ratio %	4.18%	3.13%	4.60%	3.15%	3.15%	2.46%	3.79%	3.35%	4.08%	3.12%
Unrecoverable management expense ratio %	3.37%	2.32%	3.79%	2.34%	2.34%	1.65%	2.72%	2.27%	2.99%	1.97%

### Selected Financial Data:

The following table shows selected key financial information about KPEF and is intended to summarize the KPEF financial performance for each of the eight most recently completed quarters. The information is derived from the KPEF financial statements.

	For the quarter ended June 30, 2020						For the quarter ended March 31, 2020											
	Class A	Class F	Class E	Class (	G Cla	iss U	Class C	Class	A Cla	iss F	Class E	Class G	Class L	Class C				
	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$		\$				
Total operating income	53,539	6,235	282,250	5,707,90	5 36	504	912,899	181,2	18 31	,081 1,8	39,956	18,769,425	2,406,280	1,999,285				
Total profit/(loss)	10,790	2,453	32,638	2,244,23	3 (135,	506)	483,917	140,70	05 23	,499 1,1	80,590	14,048,015	2,172,795	5 1,539,794				
Total profit/(loss) attributable per-unit basis	0.07	0.15	0.04	0.1	4 (0	0.17)	0.19	0.9	94	0.69	0.52	0.91	2.74	0.96				
Total net assets	3,966,420	444,162	21,010,867	428, 149, 52	9 21,169	,994	66,626,135	3,955,63	30 472	,651 28,5	64,709	416,463,144	21,305,500	57,602,991				
Distributions declared and paid	-	-	-	-		-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-				
										For the quarter ended September 30, 2019								
		For the quarter ended December 31, 2019																
	Class A \$	Clas	SF C	lass E \$	Class G	С	lass U		Class A		is⊦ \$	Class E	Class G	Class U				
Total operating income	» 47,823	23,7			\$ 763,096	275	\$ 5,700		ء 128,774	58,4		\$ 2,213,338	\$ 10,343,088	\$ (450,188)				
Total profit/(loss)	47,823	23,7			763,096 565,959				87,662	58,4		2,213,338 1,079,124	6,195,630	(450,188) (562,041)				
Total profit/(loss) attributable per-unit basis	0.04	0,4		0.03	0.10				0.53	42,1		0.33	0,195,030	(0.76)				
Total net assets	3,866,763	1,942,4			146,200	19,435			4,262,690	1,935,9		74,676,755	367,795,743	17,947,959				
Distributions declared and paid	-,,	-,		-	-		-		1.00	1.		1.00	1.00					
		For the quarter ended June 30, 2019								For	the qu	uarter ended	March 31, 20	19				
	Cla	Class A Class F Class E Class G						Class A		Class F	Class E	Class G						
		\$	\$	\$		\$				\$		\$	\$	\$				
Total operating income	11,9	84	5,320	204,934	845,	,580				311,582		131,168	5,114,774	18,585,421				
Total (loss)/profit	(28,9	977)	(10,525)	(539,513)	(1,366,	,554)				272,779		117,301	4,420,502	16,788,712				
Total (loss)/profit attributable per-unit basis	(0	.17)	(0.16)	(0.17)	((	D.12)				1.51		1.81	1.38	1.69				
Total net assets	4,278,7	35 1,9	900,248	73,775,071	321,963,	,916				4,418,018	1,	879,501	72,724,213	269,256,379				
	For the quarter ended December 31, 2018							For the quarter ended September 30, 2018										
	Cla	ss A	Class F	Class E	Cla	ass G				Class A		Class F	Class E	Class G				
		\$	\$	\$		\$				\$		\$	\$	\$				
Total operating income	50,2	42	18,489	749,536	2,446,	,702				126,006		46,223	1,893,084	6,146,833				
Total profit	7,5	602	4,021	3,456	592,	,571				77,040		31,355	375,753	2,086,997				
Total profit attributable per-unit basis	0	.04	0.06	0.00	(	0.06				0.42		0.53	0.14	0.30				
Total net assets	4,185,8	314 1,6	561,234	68,770,921	247,249,	,644				4,371,704	1	657,213	67,562,749	223,327,940				
Distributions declared and paid			-	-		-				2.25		2.25	2.25	2.25				

### KPEF UNITS ISSUED AND OUTSTANDING

As of June 30, 2020, KPEF had issued six classes of Units, Class A Units, Class F Units, Class E Units, Class G Units, Class U Units and Class C Units. As of June 30, 2020, KPEF had issued (net of redemptions and conversions) 149,795 Class A Units, 15,454 Class F Units, 910,749 Class E Units, 16,476,005 Class G Units, 794,213 Class U Units and 2,557,329 Class C Units for net proceeds of \$490.1 million.

Units of KPEF are listed on FundSERV, under the symbol KEN 100 (Class A Units), KEN 105 (Class E Units), KEN 110 (Class F Units), KEN 115 (Class G Units), KEN 125 (Class U Units), and KEN 130 (Class C Units). Current NAV information is provided directly to investment accounts through Fundata.

All amounts stated throughout this report are in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted.

### **RELATED PARTY TRANSCATIONS**

The KPEF investment portfolio includes investments in four funds managed by the Manager: KPEF has invested \$25,547,836 in Kensington Alternative Strategy Fund, KPEF has invested \$37,302,961 in Kensington Direct Venture Fund, KPEF has committed \$23,850,000 to Kensington Venture Fund, LP, which will be drawn down by that fund over a 13-year period, and KPEF has committed \$25,745,857 to Kensington Venture Fund II, LP, which will be drawn down by the fund over a 12-year period. As of June 30, 2020, the total amount funded by KPEF into Kensington Venture Fund II was \$11,552,174 and \$2,574,586 respectively. In each case, these related party investments have been structured to ensure there is no duplication of management fees paid by KPEF to the Manager.

### **RISK FACTORS**

KPEF is subject to several risks, including all the risks described in the KPEF Annual Information Form dated June 26, 2020.

#### FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

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