

Independent Review Committee

ABOUT

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The Manager, on behalf of the Funds, has established an Independent Review Committee (“IRC”) to provide impartial judgment where the Manager is faced with any actual or perceived conflict of interest between itself and the Funds. The IRC is currently comprised of Leslie Wood, Chair, and Robin Mahood. Don Campbell acts as Secretary to the IRC.

Leslie Wood, Chair, CPA, CGA

Ms. Wood has over 25 years of experience in the investment management industry. Leslie was previously Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer at NEI Investments where she successfully completed several mutual fund acquisitions and was head of product development, marketing, back office administration and system operations. Leslie is also the Chair of the Independent Review Committee for Connor, Clark and Lunn and Manulife and a member of the Independent Review Committee for Hamilton ETFs.

John DeLucchi, FCPA, FCA

Mr. DeLucchi is the President & CEO of the Madison Group (“Madison”). Madison has interests in companies operating in several industries, primarily in Canada and the US. Mr. DeLucchi is also the Chairman of the board of Madison Pacific Properties Inc. which is a public real estate company. Mr. DeLucchi has 35 years of experience at PwC where he served clients in several industries with operations in Canada, the US, Europe, South America, Asia, and Africa. He served as the BC Region Managing Partner from 2009 to 2017 and was part of the PwC National Extended Leadership Group. John also held various leadership roles while at PwC including National Consumer and Industrial Products Leader, National Technology Leader, and National Life Sciences Leader. Mr. DeLucchi has significant experience regarding corporate governance, risk management, internal controls, and regulatory matters. He also advised clients regarding complex financial reporting matters, public and private offerings as well as mergers & acquisitions.

Natascha Kiernan

Ms. Kiernan is an experienced lawyer, corporate director and strategic advisor. She has more than 20 years of experience advising governments, financial institutions, and corporations on complex, multi-billion dollar transactions. Ms. Kiernan is the founder of Bellevue Strategic Advisory and currently serves on several public, private, and crown corporation boards, including as Chair of the BC Energy Regulator. Ms. Kiernan has also held senior positions with several prominent international law firms and spent more than a decade in the New York and London offices of Skadden, Arps, Slate Meagher & Flom.

Don Campbell, LL.B.

Mr. Campbell has been a member of the board of Pender since 2009. He provides ongoing regulatory advice to Pender and is also the Secretary of the Independent Review Committee.

From 2002 to 2003 Mr. Campbell was the National Director of Compliance for IQON Financial Inc., a 400 advisor mutual fund dealer based in Winnipeg. He was Legal Counsel, Compliance, with Assante Asset Management Ltd. from 2000 to 2002. He has been practicing law in Winnipeg since 1990 and focuses his practice on advising clients in the advisory and mutual fund business.

Mr. Campbell has a law degree from the University of Manitoba and his firm, Canadian Compliance & Regulatory Law, is an affiliate member of the Portfolio Management Association of Canada. He also serves as chair of the Independent Review Committee of Smead Capital Management, Inc.