

## Annual Management Report of Fund Performance as at December 31 2009

### Compass Maximum Growth Portfolio

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### Management Discussion of Fund Performance

#### Investment Objective and Strategies

The Compass Maximum Growth Portfolio (the portfolio) aims to provide investors with long-term capital appreciation by investing in a diversified portfolio of equity funds.

Under normal conditions, the portfolio holds an asset-mix consisting of 16-30% Canadian equity, 30-44% US equity, 30-44% overseas and global equity, and 0-10% Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs). The investments held in the portfolio are diversified by asset class and investment style to minimize volatility and to maximize risk-adjusted long-term returns.

#### Risk

No major changes were made to the portfolio's asset mix during the period. The mix is monitored on a regular basis, and each asset class is generally kept to within 1% of its target allocation.

#### Results from Operations

##### *Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)*

REITs comprise 10% of the portfolio. Unlike the situation in the US where many REITs significantly cut distribution, the slowing Canadian economy had only a modest effect on operating results and most Canadian REITs held distribution steady throughout the year. REIT valuations were at record lows at the beginning of the year, fell even further through to February then rose significantly thereafter resulting in a gross return of 40% for the year.

##### *Equities*

The conventional Canadian, US, and overseas large-cap equities representing approximately 63% of the portfolio had a volatile year. The large-cap equities fell sharply until early March then rose through to the end of the year. This change in investor sentiment reflected improvement in the broader economy as unemployment decelerated and the financial system began to recover. The Canadian stock market was the highest performing of the three stock markets due mainly to the boost to the Canadian energy sector from oil prices that rose from \$50 to \$80 and the strong performance of the Canadian financial sector. For the year, the Canadian equity portion of the portfolio gained 30%, the US equity portion returned 14% and the overseas equity portions returned 20%.

The Canadian, US and overseas small-cap equities representing 19% of the portfolio had very different years. Canadian and overseas small-cap companies generated a return of 50% for the year as investors reinvested in these companies; meanwhile US small-caps returned a modest 13%.

### *Private Equities*

Approximately 5% of the portfolio consists of private equity investments. As a result of the reporting time lag for underlying holdings that are not traded on any public stock exchange, 2008 write-downs did not appear until 2009. The overall return for private equities in the portfolio was a loss of approximately 11% due to operational deterioration and deterioration of public market comparables during 2008.

### **Recent Developments**

#### *Changes*

In early November 2009 the manager of the US equity portion of the portfolio was changed from Mutual Beacon to the Barclays NonPension US Equity Index fund. Following the partial acquisition of Barclays by BlackRock, the fund was renamed the BlackRock Canadian US Equity Index fund. Approximately 40% of the US-dollar exposure in this part of the portfolio will continue to be hedged.

#### *Summary*

The portfolio is comprised almost exclusively of equities. The above-average performance of all the equity components led to an above-average portfolio return for 2009.

### **Changeover to International Financial Reporting Standards**

At December 31, 2009 the Manager is developing a changeover plan to meet the timetable published by the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants (CICA) for changeover to International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), which will include identifying differences between the portfolio's current accounting policies and those it expects to adopt under IFRS, as well as any accounting policy and implementation decisions and their resulting impact, if any, on the Net Asset Value (NAV) of the portfolio. The key elements of the plan include disclosures of the qualitative impact in the 2009 annual financial statement, the disclosures of the quantitative impact, if any, in the 2010 financial statements and the preparation of the 2011 financial statements in accordance with IFRS with comparatives. The Manager has presently determined that there will likely be no impact to net asset value per unit from the changeover to IFRS but will continue to assess based on changes to existing IFRS. The impact of IFRS on accounting policies and implementation decisions will mainly be in the areas of additional note disclosures in the financial statements of the portfolio.

### **Related Party Transactions**

The portfolio is managed by ATB Investment Management Inc. ATB Investment Management Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of ATB Financial.

Throughout the year, the portfolio uses the services of ATB Financial and its subsidiaries for administrative services. All transactions have been recorded at exchange value and are expected to continue into the future. The total value of services rendered by ATB Financial and its subsidiaries to the portfolio were \$5,962.

## Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about the portfolio and are intended to help you understand the portfolio's financial performance for the year ended December 31, 2009, and the fiscal periods indicated. The information on the following tables is based on prescribed regulations and as a result, is not expected to add up correctly because the increase (decrease) in net assets from operations is based on average units outstanding during the period and all other numbers are based on actual units outstanding at the relevant point in time.

### Compass Maximum Growth Portfolio – Series A

YEAR	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
<b>Net assets, beginning of period<sup>1</sup></b>	\$10.36	\$14.44	\$15.60	\$13.15	\$12.28
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations;</b>					
Total revenue	0.28	0.32	0.33	0.29	0.16
Total expenses	(0.24)	(0.28)	(0.34)	(0.31)	(0.29)
Net investment income (loss)	0.04	0.04	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.13)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.11)	(1.54)	0.33	0.38	0.44
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	2.44	(2.51)	(1.32)	2.05	0.50
Net gain (loss) on investment for the period	2.33	(4.05)	(0.99)	2.43	0.94
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	2.37	(4.01)	(1.00)	2.41	0.81
<b>Distributions;</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.04)	(0.05)	-	-	-
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-
From net investment income	(0.04)	(0.05)	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	(0.28)	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	(0.04)	(0.05)	(0.28)	-	-
<b>Net assets, end of period<sup>4</sup></b>	\$12.50	\$10.36	\$14.44	\$15.60	\$13.15

(1) The net assets per unit shown for all periods since January 1, 2007 are referenced to net assets determined in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles and are derived from the portfolio's audited annual financial statements. The net assets per unit shown for all periods prior to January 1, 2007 are referenced to NAV. The net assets presented in the financial statements may differ from the NAV calculated for fund pricing purposes. An explanation of these differences can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

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

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

(4) In compliance with the Canadian securities regulatory authorities, a reconciliation between fund valuations for daily transactions and valuations for financial reporting is found in Note 10 of the *Notes to the Financial Statements*.

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

YEAR	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Total net asset value (000's) <sup>5</sup>	\$13,863	\$9,776	\$13,481	\$10,737	\$8,376
Number of units outstanding <sup>5</sup>	1,108,989	942,786	993,404	688,182	636,901
Management expense ratio <sup>6</sup>	2.20%	2.19%	2.20%	2.21%	2.29%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	2.21%	2.20%	2.20%	2.27%	2.49%
Trading expense ratio <sup>7</sup>	0.01%	0.03%	0.01%	0.01%	0.02%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>8</sup>	16.70%	81.58%	12.95%	11.04%	55.60%
Net asset value per unit	\$12.50	\$10.37	\$14.44	\$15.60	\$13.15

(5) This information is provided as at December 31 of year shown.

(6) Management expense ratio (MER) is based on total expenses (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period.

(7) 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.

(8) The portfolio's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the portfolio's Portfolio Advisor manages its portfolio of investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the portfolio buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the year. The higher a portfolio's portfolio turnover rate 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 turnover rate and the performance of a portfolio.

## Financial Highlights (continued)

### Compass Maximum Growth Portfolio – Series F

YEAR	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
<b>Net assets, beginning of period<sup>1</sup></b>	\$11.03	\$15.43	\$16.67	\$14.01	\$12.82
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations;</b>					
Total revenue	0.30	0.33	0.43	0.48	0.25
Total expenses	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.03)
Net investment income (loss)	0.29	0.32	0.42	0.47	0.22
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.11)	(1.65)	0.47	0.62	0.53
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	2.48	(2.79)	(2.11)	2.89	0.38
Net gain (loss) on investment for the period	2.37	(4.44)	(1.64)	3.51	0.91
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	2.66	(4.12)	(1.22)	3.98	1.13
<b>Distributions;</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.28)	(0.32)	(0.30)	(0.26)	-
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-
From net investment income	(0.28)	(0.32)	(0.30)	(0.26)	-
From capital gains	-	-	(0.34)	(0.05)	(0.01)
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	(0.28)	(0.32)	(0.64)	(0.31)	(0.01)
<b>Net assets, end of period<sup>4</sup></b>	\$13.36	\$11.03	\$15.43	\$16.67	\$14.01

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YEAR	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Total net asset value (000's) <sup>5</sup>	\$34,037	\$25,126	\$37,856	\$16,312	\$5,353
Number of units outstanding <sup>5</sup>	2,547,696	2,275,341	2,452,961	978,753	382,218
Management expense ratio <sup>6</sup>	0.10%	0.08%	0.06%	0.08%	0.14%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	0.10%	0.08%	0.06%	0.08%	0.18%
Trading expense ratio <sup>7</sup>	0.01%	0.03%	0.01%	0.01%	0.02%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>8</sup>	16.70%	81.58%	12.95%	11.04%	55.60%
Net asset value per unit	\$13.36	\$11.04	\$15.43	\$16.67	\$14.01

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### Management Fees

For the year ended December 31, 2009, the portfolio paid ATB Investment Management Inc. management fees of \$212,305. The management fee for series A is calculated as a percentage of its net asset value, as of the close of business on each business day. The management expense ratios were 2.20% for Series A and 0.10% for Series F. The portfolio's management fees were used by ATB Investment Management Inc. to pay costs for managing the investment portfolio, to provide investment analysis and recommendations, to make investment decisions, to purchase and sell investments, and to provide other services.

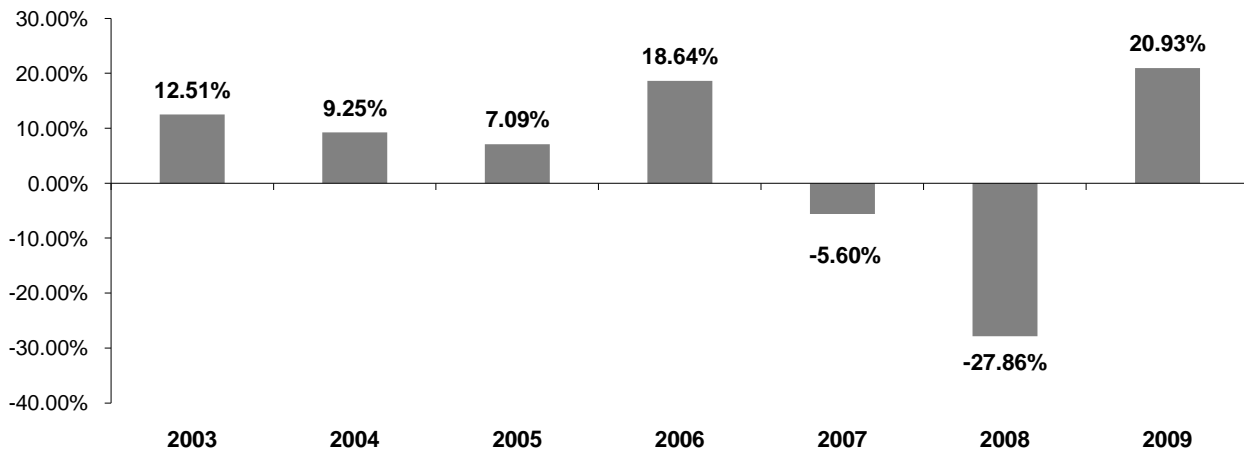
### Past Performance

The performance information shown assumes all distributions made by the portfolio in the periods shown were reinvested into additional securities for the portfolio.

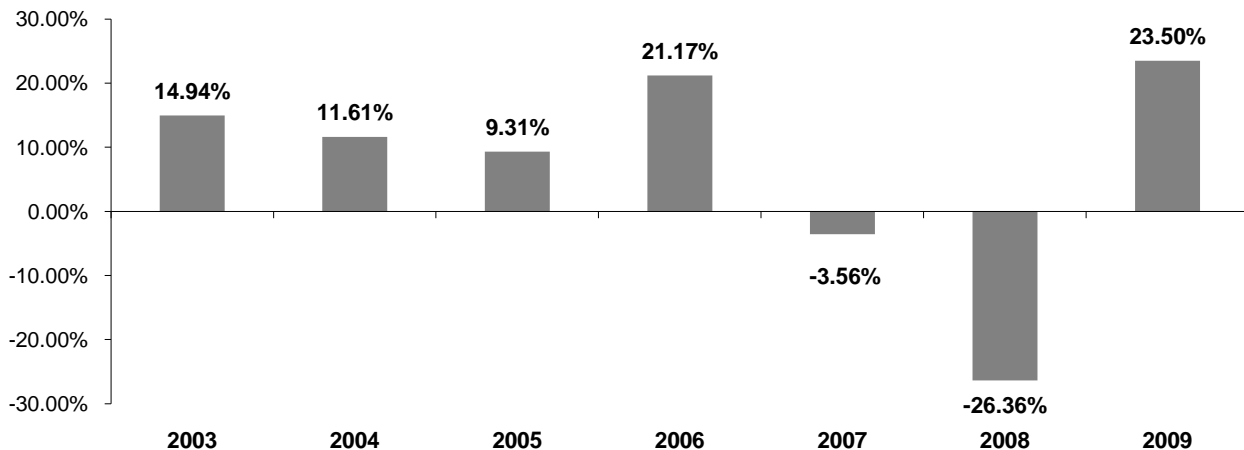
### Year by Year Returns

The following information shows the portfolio's performance for the year ended December 31, 2009 and for each of the previous years. The bar charts illustrate how the portfolio's performance has changed from period to period and also indicates in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of each financial year would have increased or decreased in value by the last day of each period.

**Series 'A'**



**Series 'F'**



**Compass Maximum Growth Portfolio  
Summary of Investment Portfolio as at  
December 31, 2009**

<b>Asset Mix</b>		<b>Top 25 Holdings</b>	
<i>Investment</i>	<i>% Weight</i>	<i>Investment</i>	<i>% Weight</i>
Equities	96.9%	BlackRock Canadian US Equity Index Fund	26.5%
Cash & Other	3.1%	Mawer World Investment Fund	12.0%
		Franklin Templeton Global Smaller Companies Fund	8.3%
		Mawer Canadian Equity Fund	8.1%
		Trimark International Companies Fund	7.8%
		Mawer New Canada Fund	6.2%
		BlackRock Canadian Equity Index Fund	6.0%
		BlackRock Canadian MSCI EAFE Equity Index Fund	4.9%
		iShares S&P SmallCap 600 Index Fund	4.3%
		Cominar Real Estate Investment Trust	2.1%
		Canadian Real Estate Investment Trust	2.1%
		RioCan Real Estate Investment Trust	1.7%
		TriWest Capital Partners Private Equity Fund III	1.6%
		Northern Property Real Estate Investment Trust	1.4%
		Kensington International Private Equity Fund I	1.0%
		Calloway Real Estate Investment Trust	0.9%
		Kensington Private Equity Fund IV	0.7%
		Canadian Apartment Properties Real Estate Investment Trust	0.6%
		KMC Holdings Limited Partnership	0.5%
		Kensington Private Equity Fund Co-Investment Fund	0.5%
		Boardwalk Real Estate Investment Trust	0.5%
		Kensington Global Private Equity Fund	0.5%

**Equity Weight by Location**

<i>Investment</i>	<i>% Weight</i>
US	33.5%
Overseas	29.7%
Canada	24.2%
Cdn REITs	9.5%

Total Fund Net Asset Value \$ 47,899,623

The summary of investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the investment fund.

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