

# MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

December 31, 2020

PRIMERICA GLOBAL BALANCED GROWTH FUND

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## **Caution Regarding Forward-looking Statements**

This report may contain forward-looking statements about the Primerica Global Balanced Growth Fund (the "Fund"), including its strategy, expected performance and condition. Forward-looking statements include statements that are predictive in nature, that depend upon or refer to future events or conditions, or that include words such as "expects", "anticipates", "intends", "plans", "believes", "estimates" or negative versions thereof and similar expressions.

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## **Management Discussion of Fund Performance**

### **Investment Objectives and Strategies**

The Primerica Global Balanced Growth Fund (the "Fund") seeks long-term capital growth and income by investing, directly or indirectly through other mutual funds, in Canadian, U.S. and other international equity and fixed income securities. Currently, the Fund aims to maintain approximately 80% of its portfolio in underlying mutual funds that hold equity securities and 20% of its portfolio in underlying mutual funds that hold fixed income securities. The underlying mutual funds ("Underlying Funds") in which the Fund invests are selected from the AGF Group of Funds managed by AGF Investments Inc. ("AGF").

PFSL Fund Management Ltd. ("PFSL") retains the services of a portfolio adviser in determining the Fund's portfolio allocations. Specifically, PFSL has retained Morneau Shepell Asset & Risk Management Ltd. ("MS ARM"), to act as portfolio adviser of the Fund. PFSL has also retained AGF to act as an additional portfolio adviser of the Fund, as more fully described herein.

#### Risk

The risks of investing in the Fund remain as described in the Simplified Prospectus. The Fund also continues to be suitable for investors with a long-term horizon who are seeking capital growth combined with income, but view income as of secondary importance, and have a low to medium tolerance for risk.

## **Results of Operations**

The Fund, for the full year ended December 31, 2020, returned 4.1% (net of expenses) while its component benchmarks – the S&P/TSX Composite Index, MSCI World Index, MSCI Emerging Markets Index, Bloomberg Barclays Canadian Aggregate Bond Index, and Bloomberg Barclays Canadian Aggregate 1-3 Year Index, returned 5.6%, 13.9%, 16.2%, 8.4%, and 3.1%, respectively, in Canadian dollars. The blended benchmark for the Fund is comprised of the following: 15% S&P/TSX Composite Index / 50% MSCI World Index / 5% MSCI Emerging Markets Index / 25% Bloomberg Barclays Canadian Aggregate Bond Index / 5% Bloomberg Barclays Canadian Aggregate 1-3 Year Index, and returned 12.1% over the same period.

Underlying Funds held by the Fund at the end of 2020 were: the AGF Canadian Growth Equity Fund, AGF Global Equity Class, AGF Global Dividend Fund, AGF Emerging Markets Fund, AGF Fixed Income Plus Fund, AGF Floating Rate Income Fund and the AGF Emerging Markets Bond Fund.

The Fund had positive asset allocation effect for the year, as it was underweight cash by 5% and overweight Emerging Markets (EM) by 5% relative to the benchmark weights. Both of those positions added value as cash would have been a drag on performance and EM outperformed the blended benchmark. On the other hand, the overweight to EM Bonds and Bank Loans at the expense of Canadian Fixed Income was a detractor as these components lagged the blended benchmark in terms of performance. While the blended benchmark does not explicitly hold U.S. stocks – it is an allocation embedded within global equities – the decision to underweight the U.S. due to valuation and risk concerns was not additive to performance over the full year 2020 (though it did contribute to the Fund's performance in the fourth quarter.) Performance was strongest that quarter, with the allocation to EM paying off, as well as the holdings of the more value-oriented AGF Global Equity Class, which came into favor with the markets as optimism grew that the approval and rollout of the vaccine would soon end the disruption and uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The largest detractor to 2020 performance was security selection of the AGF Global Dividend fund, which is 35% of the Fund's portfolio. It returned 1.9% and lagged its benchmark due to the stocks it held (AT&T, Royal Dutch Shell, CNOOC) in addition to the countries it was invested in (China/HK, Thailand, and the U.S.), and trailed the 14.2% performance of its MSCI ACWI Index benchmark.

It was a remarkable and momentous last twelve months for financial markets. In just the first half of the year alone, markets saw the COVID-19 pandemic induce the deepest recession in decades and the fastest market decline in modern history, as well as a vigorous rally aided by unprecedented fiscal and monetary support from governments and major central banks. The story of the latter half of 2020 was the continuation of that rebound, with a re-acceleration in the fourth quarter as the COVID-19 vaccine breakthrough spurred hopes of a return to more normal economic conditions. The vaccine prompted markets to rotate into stocks and industries that would benefit the most in an economic re-opening, including value stocks, and equities from EM which would see greater exports and profits.

Despite 2020 being a year like no other in recent memory – and with the pandemic that set off the market panic not over with some disruptions around vaccine rollouts – all equity risk markets provided positive returns at year end, with equities returns ranging from 5.6% to 16.2%.

EM (16.2% in 2020) were the best-performing equity component, having rallied strongly in Q4 after falling further than other sectors during the Q1 market slowdown. A key driver of this rally has been U.S. dollar weakness over the period, which

amplified gains when converted to Canadian dollars. The other reason EM has done so well is because its largest components – China (MSCI China, 27.5% in 2020), South Korea (MSCI Korea, 44.7% in 2020), and Taiwan (MSCI Taiwan, 37.6% in 2020) – had positive performance. China's economy was remarkably resilient, and likely the only major economy to see positive 2020 GDP growth.

U.S. Equities (15.7% in 2020) was the second-best performing sector in 2020. The U.S. equity markets hit all-time highs at year end 2020, as the rotation into value saw financial firms like JPM and Citigroup bounce back strongly in the quarter. For the full year, however, the performance was driven by technology and technology-related companies that were beneficiaries of the lockdown, including Apple (82.3% in 2020), Amazon (76.2% in 2020), and Microsoft (42.5% in 2020), in addition to healthcare companies like Johnson & Johnson (10.8% in 2020).

Canadian Equities (5.6% in 2020) staged a remarkable rebound during the fourth quarter to turn its 2020 returns positive for the full year. Key to strong fourth quarter performance was the performance of its Technology sector (80.7% return in 2020, driven in large part by Shopify's 178.4% return), as well as its Materials sector (21.2% in 2020, driven by the rise in price for precious metals like gold).

International Developed Markets equities (5.9% in 2020) fared slightly better than Canada for the full year, with Japan (MSCI Japan, 12.6% in 2020), Germany (MSCI Germany, 10.4% in 2020), and Switzerland (MSCI Switzerland, 10.1% in 2020) helping offset weaker performance from France and negative performance from the U.K.-listed securities like HSBC (-35.1% for the year) and BP (-40.9% for the year.)

In line with riskier assets like equities, fixed income instruments also performed strongly in 2020 (though at a lesser scale), given the boost provided by the decline in global interest rates.

Decline in bond yields spurred by highly supportive and synchronized global monetary policies continued during most of 2020. Globally, central bankers' commitment to supporting economies through the crisis – in the U.S. the Federal Reserve adopted a policy to target "average inflation" and in Canada, the Bank of Canada emphasized that rates will remain at 0.25% until "economic slack is absorbed" and 2% inflation is "sustainably achieved" – has meant that investors are being conditioned to expect lower interest rates for the foreseeable future. In-line with the optimism and risk-taking sentiment fueled by the prospects of reopening global economies, yields have slowly begun to increase (though they remain at levels well below the pre-pandemic period). This has resulted in other fixed income and credit instruments beating the Bloomberg Barclays Canadian Aggregate Bond Index benchmark in the fourth quarter, but trailing its 8.4% return for 2020. The shorter-duration Bloomberg Barclays Canadian Aggregate 1-3 Year Index returned 3.1% for the year.

#### **Recent Developments**

The Fund is managed as a fund of funds utilizing underlying investment building blocks, and allocating to asset classes that MS ARM deems to be attractive based on valuations and long-term return expectations.

The portfolio had enacted changes at the start of 2020 including an overall defensive positioning based on asset valuations and maintaining its portfolio diversification. The nature of the downturn brought on by the global pandemic was unprecedented and unlike any previous market cycle. The underweight to the U.S. did not help performance, as that resulted in an underweight to Technology (+43.9% in 2020) and Consumer Discretionary (+29.8% in 2020) which had a very strong year in 2020. The other component that did not help was the overweight to dividend and value-oriented strategies, as this resulted in greater weights to Energy (-32.8% in 2020) and Financials (-1.7% in 2020) compared to the benchmark.

MS ARM, in conjunction with PFSL, continues to monitor and make asset allocation decisions on the basis of our evolving global macroeconomic views. Decisions are reviewed and analyzed on a quarterly basis, with rebalancing of any asset mix as a result of changes in outlook occurring as necessary. There continues to be in-depth and ongoing discussions on the exposures and investments in the Fund, in order to best position the asset mix.

Currently, we are expecting to see slow and steady improvements from an economic, geopolitical, and public health standpoint. The overweights and underweights to each asset mix component will continue to be assessed on an ongoing basis, and changes – if any – will be implemented with the most optimal positioning of the Fund in mind. Market moves in 2020 was not supportive of fund performance but the portfolio management team remains positive on the asset classes the Fund is exposed to and the underlying managers it has utilized as we move into 2021 and navigate through the first anniversary of the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak and its aftermath.

# **International Financial Reporting Standards**

The Fund's financial statements have been prepared in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as published by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

## **Related Party Transactions**

PFSL is the manager and trustee of the Fund and is paid a management fee for providing investment management and administration services to the Fund. In addition to the management fees described below, the Fund incurred legal expenses of \$4,450 that were paid to Primerica Life Insurance Company of Canada, an affiliate of PFSL and fees of \$12,461 to members of the IRC.

PFSL Investments Canada Ltd., PFSL's parent company and a mutual fund dealer, is the exclusive distributor of the Fund, responsible for the marketing and the selling of its units through its representatives.

The Fund is actively managed by MS ARM, which provides ongoing oversight, asset allocation, fund analysis and related portfolio adviser services, while AGF in its portfolio adviser capacity advises on daily trades. Any fees for services provided by the portfolio advisers are included in the management fee.

The Fund did not rely on an approval, positive recommendation or standing instruction from the Fund's IRC with respect to any related party transactions.

All related party transactions are measured at fair value.

### **Management Fees**

In consideration for providing investment management and administration services, the Fund paid PFSL management fees of \$5,265,495 for the year ended December 31, 2020 calculated daily at 0.41% of the net asset value of the Fund and paid out monthly. The Fund received from AGF or the Underlying Funds, management fee rebates at an annual rate between 0.31% and 0.35% of the net asset value of the Underlying Funds, such that the incremental management fee charged to the Fund was limited to an amount not exceeding 0.10% of the net asset value of the Fund. For the year ended December 31, 2020, the Fund received management fee rebates of \$3,923,694 and the net management fee borne directly by the Fund was \$1,341,801.

The management fees were borne by both the Fund and the Underlying Funds in which the Fund invests. No management fee was paid by the Fund that would duplicate the fee payable by the Underlying Funds for the same service.

The major services paid by the management fees expressed as a percentage of said management fees may be summarized as follows:

(i) Investment advisory 1% (ii) Administration and other 99%

No portion of the management fees paid to PFSL by the Fund was used to finance commissions earned by PFSL sales representatives or promotional activities of the Fund.

## **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 year ended December 31, 2020 and for each of the past five years.

The Fund's Net Assets Per Unit (1) (10):	Dec. 31 2020 \$	Dec. 31 2019 \$	Dec. 31 2018 \$	Dec. 31 2017 \$	Dec. 31 2016 \$
Net Assets - beginning of year (2)	18.10	16.08	17.48	16.39	15.79
Increase (decrease) from operations:	0.40				
Total revenue	0.10	0.25	0.32	0.09	0.11
Total expenses (excluding distributions)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.03)
Realized gains (losses) for the year	0.52	0.08	0.26	0.05	(0.35)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the year	0.05	1.86	(1.71)	1.03	0.97
Total increase (decrease) from operations (2)	0.65	2.17	(1.15)	1.15	0.70
Distributions:					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	(0.05)	(0.15)	(0.11)	(0.06)	(0.06)
From dividends	(0.03)	(0.13)	(0.11)	(0.00)	(0.00)
	(0.20)	-	(0.15)	-	-
From capital gains	` ,	-	(0.15)	-	-
Return of capital  Total Annual Distributions (2) (3)	$\frac{(0.18)}{(0.44)}$	(0.15)	(0.26)	(0.06)	(0.06)
Total Allitual Distributions (2) (3)	(0.44)	(0.13)	(0.20)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Net Assets at Dec. 31 (2) (4)	18.36	18.10	16.08	17.48	16.39
Ratios and Supplemental Data (10):	Dec. 31 2020	Dec. 31 2019	Dec. 31 2018	Dec. 31 2017	Dec. 31 2016
Total net asset value (\$000's) (5)	1,231,992	1,228,189	1,094,634	1,121,970	1,013,385
Number of units outstanding (5)	67,085,978	67,842,687	68,063,778	64,177,695	61,832,235
Management expense ratio (6)	2.42%	2.44%	2.40%	2.52%	2.56%
Management expense ratio before waivers					
or absorptions (7)	2.42%	2.44%	2.40%	2.52%	2.56%
Trading expense ratio (8)	0.09%	0.05%	0.06%	0.07%	0.10%
Portfolio turnover rate (9)	20.41%	3.64%	26.29%	1.41%	60.74%
Net asset value per unit	18.36	18.10	16.08	17.48	16.39
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#### **Explanatory notes:**

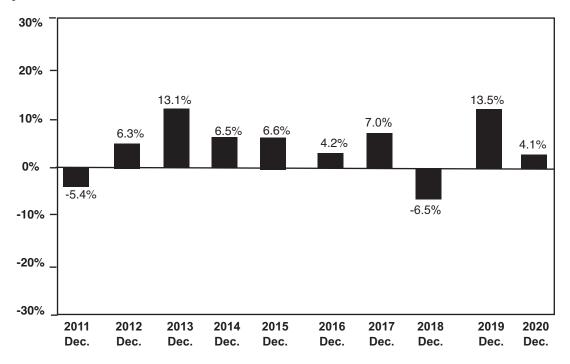
- (1) This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements.
- (2) Net Assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase (decrease) from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the financial period.
- (3) Distributions were reinvested in additional units of the Fund or paid in cash.
- (4) The per unit financial information is based on prescribed regulations and as a result, is not expected to add down due to the increase (decrease) from operations being based on the weighted average units outstanding during the period and the distributions being based on actual units outstanding at the relevant point in time.
- (5) This information is provided as at December 31 of the year shown.
- (6) The management expense ratio is based on the total expenses (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) of the Fund and the Underlying Funds for the year, expressed as an annualized percentage of the average daily net asset value of the Fund during the period.
- (7) Where applicable, PFSL waived certain fees or absorbed certain expenses otherwise payable by the Fund. Absorption amounts are determined annually at the discretion of PFSL and can be terminated at any time.
- (8) The Fund did not directly incur any brokerage commissions or other portfolio transaction costs during the year. The trading expense ratio represents the proportion of total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs of the Underlying Funds applicable to the Fund expressed as an annualized percentage of the average daily net asset value of the Fund during the period.
- (9) The Fund's portfolio turnover rate ("PTR") indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio adviser manages its portfolio investments. A PTR of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities once in the course of the year. The higher a fund's PTR 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 fund.
- (10) All figures presented in the tables are prepared in accordance with IFRS.

## **Past Performance**

The performance information shown assumes that all distributions made by the Fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional securities of the Fund, and would be lower if distributions were not reinvested. Note that the performance does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges that would have reduced returns or performance. How the Fund has performed in the past does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.

### Year-By-Year Returns

The bar chart below shows the Fund's annual performance for the year ended December 31, 2020 and for each of the years shown, and illustrates how the Fund's performance has changed from year to year. It shows, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of each financial period would have grown or decreased by the last day of each financial period.



## Annual Compound Returns (as of December 31)

The following table compares the Fund's historical annual compound returns for each of the years indicated, compared with the Blended Benchmark as described below.

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception	
Primerica Global Balanced Growth Fund	4.1%	3.4%	4.3%	4.7%	4.7%	
Blended Benchmark	12.1%	9.0%	8.9%	9.2%	6.5%	

Blended Benchmark	S&P/TSX	MSCI	MSCI	FTSE TMX	FTSE TMX
	Composite	World	Emerging	Canada Universe	Canada 91-Day T-Bill
	Index	Index	Markets Index	Bond Index	Index
June 18, 2013 - Apr 17, 2015	30%	35%	-	35%	-
Apr 20, 2015 - Sep 1, 2019	15%	50%	5%	25%	5%

Blended Benchmark	S&P/TSX	MSCI	MSCI	Bloomberg Barclays	Bloomberg Barclays
	Composite	World	Emerging	Canadian Aggregate	Canadian Aggregate
	Index	Index	Markets Index	Bond Index	1-3 Year Index
Sep 1, 2019 - Dec 31, 2020	15%	50%	5%	25%	5%

The S&P/TSX Composite Index is a capitalization-weighted index designed to measure market activity of stock and trusts listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange. It is an index of stocks that are generally considered to represent the Canadian equity market. The MSCI World Index is a capitalization-weighted index that measures global developed equity market performance. It does not include emerging markets. The MSCI Emerging Markets index is a market capitalization-weighted index that measures the equity market performance of developing markets. Only securities available to foreign (non-local) investors are included. FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index is a capitalization-weighted index, with more than 950 Canadian bonds, and includes the highest quality bonds with terms to maturity of one to thirty years, designed to be a broad measure of the Canadian investment-grade fixed income market. FTSE TMX Canada 91-Day T-Bill Index is a market capitalization-weighted index designed to be a broad measure of the Canadian investment-grade fixed income market with terms to maturity less than three months. The Bloomberg Barclays Canadian Aggregate Bond Index measures the investment grade, Canadian dollar-denominated, fixed rate, taxable bond market. The index includes treasuries, government-related, and corporate issuers. The Bloomberg Barclays Canadian Aggregate 1-3 Year Index measures the investment grade, Canadian dollar-denominated, fixed rate, taxable bond market. The index includes treasuries with terms to maturity of 1-3 years.

## **Summary of Investment Portfolio**

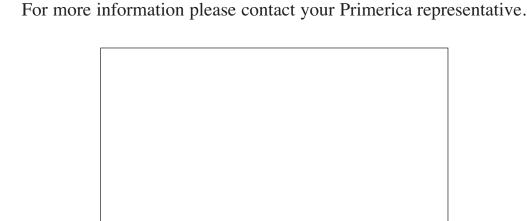
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The major portfolio categories and top holdings (up to 25) of the Fund at the end of the period are indicated in the following tables.

# Fund by Category

	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
Canadian Mutual Funds	24.4
Foreign Mutual Funds	75.6
Equity Mutual Funds	81.1
Fixed Income Mutual Funds	18.9
Top Holdings	
	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
AGF Global Dividend Fund	35.2
AGF Emerging Markets Fund	15.4
AGF Global Equity Class	15.4
AGF Canadian Growth Equity Class	10.1
AGF Fixed Income Plus Fund	9.3
AGFiQ Dividend Income Fund	5.0
AGF Floating Rate Income Fund	4.8
AGF Emerging Markets Bond Fund	4.8
Total Net Asset Value (thousands of dollars)	\$ 1,231,992

All holdings in the Fund are long positions. The Simplified Prospectus and other information about the Underlying Funds are available on www.sedar.com. The Summary of Investment Portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund and the next quarterly update will be made available as at March 31, 2021.



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The payment of distributions should not be confused with a fund's performance, rate of return or yield. If distributions paid by the fund are greater than the performance of the fund, your original investment will shrink. Distributions paid as a result of capital gains realized by a fund, and income and dividends earned by a fund are taxable in your hands in the year they are paid. Your adjusted cost base will be reduced by the amount of any returns of capital. If your adjusted cost base falls below zero, you will have to pay capital gains tax on the amount below zero.