

# A Message to Investors

## in the Fidelity Mutual Funds

We are the Independent Review Committee for the Fidelity mutual funds (individually, a “Fund” and collectively, the “Funds”) listed in Appendix A to this report, and are pleased to present this annual report to investors of the Funds for the year ended June 30, 2021. All mutual funds and exchange-traded funds in Canada are required to have an independent committee to advise the manager of the funds regarding conflicts of interest that arise in mutual fund and exchange-traded fund management.

Fidelity Investments Canada ULC is the Manager of your investment. We are proud to be working on behalf of Fund investors and with a company that has withstood the test of time and prides itself on its reputation for integrity, quality and performance for investors.

The members of the Independent Review Committee have a broad range of expertise which includes investment fund management, securities trading, financial, governance and accounting.

The mandate of the Committee is to review all conflicts of interest referred to it by the Manager, including the policies and procedures the Manager proposes to manage these conflicts. The Committee provides the Manager with its recommendation on whether the Manager’s policies resolve the various conflicts in a way that achieves a fair and reasonable result for the Funds.

We assess the Manager’s policies and procedures no less often than once annually. We also review and report on our members’ independence and compensation at least once per year.

### Independent Review Committee

The members of the Independent Review Committee are:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>DOMICILE</b>	<b>FIRST APPOINTED</b>
James E. Cook (Chair)	Etobicoke	September 19, 2014
Richard J. Kostoff	Toronto	February 25, 2014
Frances Horodelski	Toronto	February 28, 2017
Douglas Nowers	Toronto	February 8, 2019

The functions of the Independent Review Committee are to:

- Review and provide its decision to the Manager on conflict of interest matters that the Manager refers to the Independent Review Committee;
- At least annually review and assess the adequacy and effectiveness of the Manager’s written policies and procedures concerning conflict of interest matters, including approving, amending or providing standing instructions that can be relied upon by the Manager; and
- Identify any conditions to a recommendation or approval it has provided to the Manager.

The Independent Review Committee meets regularly with representatives of the Manager, and holds meetings without representatives of the Manager being present, to discuss matters affecting the Manager’s policies and procedures, standing instructions and conflict of interest matters referred to the Independent Review Committee.

During the year ended June 30, 2021, the Independent Review Committee held seven meetings with representatives of the Manager. At four of these meetings, the Independent Review Committee held a separate meeting at which representatives of the Manager were not present.

None of the members of the Independent Review Committee have any relationships which would compromise their independence with respect to the Funds.

### **Ownership of Securities**

The percentage of securities of each class or series of voting or equity securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly, in aggregate, by all members of the Independent Review Committee in any Fund does not exceed 0.01 percent.

None of the members of the Independent Review Committee beneficially own directly or indirectly any securities of the Manager.

The percentage of securities beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, in aggregate, by all members of the Independent Review Committee in any significant supplier to the Funds does not exceed 0.01 percent.

### **Compensation and Indemnities**

The aggregate compensation paid to the Independent Review Committee by all the mutual funds and exchange-traded funds managed by the Manager to which NI 81-107 *Independent Review Committee for Investment Funds* applies for the calendar year ended December 31, 2020 was \$283,750.00. The aggregate compensation paid to the Independent Review Committee by the Funds covered in this report during the year ended June 30, 2021 was \$79,588.48. This amount is allocated among the Funds shown in Appendix A based on each Fund's net assets. Please see the annual financial statements of each Fund for the amount paid by each Fund.

No indemnity amounts were paid to members of the Independent Review Committee by the Funds during the period.

The Manager set the initial compensation of the Independent Review Committee at the time of its initial appointment on February 23, 2007. At least annually, the Independent Review Committee reviews its compensation. In judging the appropriate level of compensation, the Independent Review Committee has considered, among other things:

- the number, size and complexity of the Funds;
- available information on the compensation of similar committees;
- workload;
- breadth and depth of the relevant experience of its members;
- the benefits accruing to the Funds as a result of its activity; and
- the opinion of the Manager.

Further to this review, on June 9, 2020, the Independent Review Committee approved an increase to its compensation. This is the first increase in the Independent Review Committee's compensation since June 4, 2015. The Independent Review Committee believes that the level of compensation of its members is appropriate.

### **Charter**

The Independent Review Committee has adopted and reviews on at least an annual basis, a written charter that includes its mandate, responsibilities and functions, and the policies and procedures it will follow when performing its functions.

### **Conflict of Interest Matters**

#### *Policies and Procedures*

During the period the Independent Review Committee has reviewed, and, where appropriate, arranged for periodic reporting on each of the following conflict of interest matters referred to it by the Manager. Its objective has been to achieve a fair and reasonable result for the Funds. It has provided the Manager with standing instructions to apply the following policies in accordance with their terms.

	POLICY	DESCRIPTION
1.	Code of Ethics / Personal Investing	This policy governs the personal investing and other activities of employees of the Manager and certain of its affiliates.
2.	Business Entertainment and Workplace Gifts	This policy governs the provision and acceptance of gifts and business entertainment by employees of the Manager and certain of its affiliates.
3.	Trade Allocation	This policy governs the allocation of trades of portfolio securities between Funds or client accounts when more than one Fund or client account is buying or selling securities of a particular issuer at the same time.
4.	Best Execution and Fair Trading	This policy addresses the quality of execution of trades of portfolio securities or foreign exchange trades by brokers, including both 3 <sup>rd</sup> party brokers and brokers affiliated to the Manager, on behalf of the Funds.
5.	Commission Uses	The Manager places a large volume of orders to buy and sell portfolio securities on behalf of the Funds. It has in place arrangements with the brokers that execute the trades whereby the Manager may receive brokerage and research services or whereby the broker may rebate a portion of the commissions paid by a Fund back to the Fund. This policy governs such arrangements.
6.	Trade Error Correction	This policy governs the correction of errors made in executing trades of portfolio securities on behalf of a Fund, including the resolution of errors taking place as the Funds seek to repatriate foreign currencies to their working currency or hedge currency exposure.
7.	Proxy Voting	The Funds own portfolio securities and therefore the right to vote proxies. This policy governs the voting of proxies.
8.	Transfer Agency Error Correction	This policy governs the correction of errors made in executing investor transactions in the securities of a Fund.
9.	NAV Calculation and Fair Value	This policy governs the calculation of a Fund's net asset value per share (NAV), including situations where market quotations for a portfolio security are not readily available or when market quotations are unreliable, in which case the Manager will calculate the NAV using the fair value of that security.
10.	NAV Error Correction	This policy governs the correction of errors made in calculating a Fund's NAV.
11.	Short-Term Trading	This policy governs the detection and prevention of active trading, which may be harmful to the Funds.
12.	Substantial Security Holders	This policy addresses potential conflicts of interest that may arise where a company becomes a significant investor in a Fund and the Fund invests in that company or a company related to that company.
13.	Side-by-side	This policy addresses the side-by-side management of different types of accounts, including accounts that invest on a long-only basis – that is, buy securities – and accounts that may also invest on a short basis – that is, sell securities that they don't own, in the hope of repurchasing them later at a lower price.
14.	Seed Capital Redemption	The Manager is required to provide seed capital to new Funds. This policy governs the manner in which the seed capital of a Fund may be redeemed by the Manager.
15.	Large Investors	This policy addresses the potential conflicts of interest that may arise where large institutional and individual investors transact in the Funds.
16.	Fidelity Capital Structure Corp. Dividend Allocation	This policy governs the allocation of dividends by Fidelity Capital Structure Corp. to its investors.
17.	Purchase of Securities Underwritten by an Affiliate	This policy governs investments by the Funds in a class of securities of an issuer during a distribution (i.e., an offering), or within 60 days of a distribution, of those securities where an affiliate of the Manager acts as an underwriter of the offering.
18.	Disclosure of Portfolio Information	This policy governs the manner and timelines regarding the disclosure of Fund portfolio information.
19.	Complaints	This policy governs the process for managing and resolving complaints received from investors in the Funds.

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20.	Benchmarks	This policy governs the process for selecting and changing performance benchmarks of the Funds.
21.	Fund-of-Funds	This policy governs the potential conflicts of interest that may arise where the Funds invest all or a portion of their assets in units of its other mutual funds managed by the Manager.
22.	<i>In specie</i> Transactions	This policy governs the process of transferring portfolio assets between the Funds, pooled funds and managed accounts, all of which are managed or advised by the Manager.
23.	Fidelity Capital Structure Corp. Income Tax	This policy governs the allocation of any non-refundable income taxes of the Fidelity Capital Structure Corp. to classes within the corporation.
24.	Co-Investing Conflicts	This policy addresses potential conflicts of interest where a Fund may desire to invest in a company in which another Fidelity entity wishes to make a simultaneous investment or has a pre-existing interest.
25.	Fund Mergers	This policy addresses potential conflicts of interest that may arise in fund mergers involving the Funds.
26.	Inter-fund Trades	This policy addresses potential conflicts of interest that may arise in inter-fund trades involving the Funds.

In December 2020, the merger of Fidelity Event Driven Opportunities Fund into Fidelity Canadian Opportunities Fund, to which the Independent Review Committee had provided a positive recommendation, was completed. Fidelity Event Driven Opportunities Fund was subsequently terminated.

### **Approvals**

The Independent Review Committee has provided approval for the Funds to invest in securities of significant investors in a Fund as long as the Manager follows the terms of the Substantial Security Holders Policy described above and reports quarterly to the Committee on compliance with the terms of the policy.

During the period, the Manager relied on the approval and standing instructions of the Independent Review Committee in order to engage in cross-trading (which is also related to interfund trading). Cross-trading occurs when a Fund purchases or sells portfolio securities from or to another Fund, a U.S. fund or a separately managed account, through a broker. These standing instructions require the Manager to act in accordance with the applicable policy, make period reports to the IRC and OSC and comply with conditions in the associated exemptive relief order.

### **Conclusion**

The Independent Review Committee receives periodic reports arising under the above-mentioned policies and procedures on conflict of interest matters for which it has provided standing instructions to the Manager.

During the period there were no conflict of interest matters referred to the Independent Review Committee by the Manager for which the Independent Review Committee did not give a positive recommendation and there was no instance when the Manager acted in a conflict of interest matter but did not meet a condition imposed by the Independent Review Committee in its recommendation or approval.

James E. Cook  
Chair  
September 14, 2021

# APPENDIX A

## Funds Covered By This Report



### Equity Funds

#### **Canadian Equity Funds**

Fidelity Canadian Disciplined Equity® Fund  
Fidelity Canadian Growth Company Fund  
Fidelity Canadian Large Cap Fund  
Fidelity Canadian Opportunities Fund  
Fidelity Dividend Fund  
Fidelity Dividend Plus Fund  
Fidelity Greater Canada Fund  
Fidelity Special Situations Fund  
Fidelity True North® Fund  
Fidelity Canadian Core Equity Fund

#### **U.S. Equity Funds**

Fidelity American Disciplined Equity® Fund  
Fidelity American Equity Fund  
Fidelity American Equity Systematic Currency Hedged Fund  
Fidelity U.S. Focused Stock Fund  
Fidelity U.S. Focused Stock Systematic Currency Hedged Fund  
Fidelity Small Cap America Fund  
Fidelity Small Cap America Systematic Currency Hedged Fund  
Fidelity U.S. Dividend Fund  
Fidelity U.S. Dividend Currency Neutral Fund  
Fidelity U.S. Dividend Systematic Currency Hedged Fund  
Fidelity U.S. Dividend Registered Fund  
Fidelity U.S. All Cap Fund  
Fidelity Event Driven Opportunities Fund\*  
Fidelity Women's Leadership Fund  
Fidelity Women's Leadership Systematic Currency Hedged Fund  
Fidelity U.S. Core Equity Fund

#### **Global and International Equity Funds**

Fidelity Climate Leadership Fund™

### Asset Allocation and Balanced Funds

#### **Canadian Asset Allocation and Balanced Funds**

Fidelity Canadian Asset Allocation Fund  
Fidelity Canadian Balanced Fund  
Fidelity Income Allocation Fund  
Fidelity Monthly Income Fund

#### **Global Asset Allocation and Balanced Funds**

Fidelity U.S. Monthly Income Fund  
Fidelity Climate Leadership Balanced Fund™

### Fidelity Managed Portfolios

Fidelity Income Portfolio  
Fidelity Global Income Portfolio  
Fidelity Balanced Portfolio  
Fidelity Global Balanced Portfolio  
Fidelity Growth Portfolio  
Fidelity Global Growth Portfolio  
Fidelity Balanced Managed Risk Portfolio  
Fidelity Conservative Managed Risk Portfolio

### Fidelity ClearPath® Retirement Portfolios

Fidelity ClearPath® 2005 Portfolio  
Fidelity ClearPath® 2010 Portfolio  
Fidelity ClearPath® 2015 Portfolio  
Fidelity ClearPath® 2020 Portfolio  
Fidelity ClearPath® 2025 Portfolio  
Fidelity ClearPath® 2030 Portfolio  
Fidelity ClearPath® 2035 Portfolio  
Fidelity ClearPath® 2040 Portfolio  
Fidelity ClearPath® 2045 Portfolio  
Fidelity ClearPath® 2050 Portfolio  
Fidelity ClearPath® 2055 Portfolio  
Fidelity ClearPath® 2060 Portfolio  
Fidelity ClearPath® Income Portfolio

### Fixed Income Funds

#### **Canadian Fixed Income Funds**

Fidelity Canadian Bond Fund  
Fidelity Corporate Bond Fund  
Fidelity Canadian Money Market Fund  
Fidelity Canadian Short Term Bond Fund  
Fidelity Tactical Fixed Income Fund

#### **U.S. Fixed Income Funds**

Fidelity American High Yield Fund  
Fidelity American High Yield Currency Neutral Fund  
Fidelity U.S. Money Market Fund  
Fidelity Floating Rate High Income Fund

#### **Global Fixed Income Funds**

Fidelity Climate Leadership Bond Fund™

### Alternative Mutual Funds

Fidelity Global Value Long/Short Fund  
Fidelity Long/Short Alternative Fund  
Fidelity Market Neutral Alternative Fund

### Fidelity® Private Investment Pools

#### **Equity Pools**

Fidelity U.S. Dividend Private Pool

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\* Merged into Fidelity Canadian Opportunities Fund.

## APPENDIX A

### Funds Covered By This Report (*continued*)

#### **Asset Allocation and Balanced Pools**

Fidelity U.S. Growth and Income Private Pool

Fidelity Asset Allocation Private Pool Trust

Fidelity Balanced Private Pool Trust

Fidelity Balanced Income Private Pool Trust

#### **Fixed Income Pools**

Fidelity Premium Fixed Income Private Pool

Fidelity Premium Money Market Private Pool

Fidelity Premium Tactical Fixed Income Private Pool

#### **Building Blocks**

Fidelity Canadian Equity Multi-Asset Base Fund†

Fidelity Canadian Fundamental Equity Multi-Asset Base Fund†

Fidelity Canadian Government Long Bond Index Multi-Asset  
Base Fund†

Fidelity Canadian Money Market Investment Trust†

Fidelity Canadian Real Return Bond Index Multi-Asset Base  
Fund†

Fidelity Canadian Short Term Fixed Income Multi-Asset Base  
Fund†

Fidelity Concentrated Canadian Equity Multi-Asset Base Fund†

Fidelity Concentrated Value Investment Trust†

Fidelity Convertible Securities Multi-Asset Base Fund†

Fidelity Dividend Multi-Asset Base Fund†

Fidelity Floating Rate High Income Currency Neutral Multi-Asset  
Base Fund†

Fidelity Floating Rate High Income Multi-Asset Base Fund†

Fidelity Global Equity Investment Trust†

Fidelity High Income Commercial Real Estate Currency Neutral  
Multi-Asset Base Fund†

Fidelity High Income Commercial Real Estate Multi-Asset Base  
Fund†

Fidelity International Equity Currency Neutral Investment Trust†

Fidelity International Equity Investment Trust†

Fidelity North American Equity Investment Trust†

Fidelity U.S. Bond Currency Neutral Multi-Asset Base Fund†

Fidelity U.S. Bond Multi-Asset Base Fund†

Fidelity U.S. Dividend Investment Trust†

Fidelity U.S. Equity Investment Trust†

Fidelity U.S. Growth Opportunities Investment Trust†

Fidelity U.S. Money Market Investment Trust†

Fidelity U.S. Multi-Cap Multi-Asset Base Fund†‡

Fidelity U.S. Small/Mid Cap Equity Multi-Asset Base Fund†

† Securities of this Fund are not available for public purchase.

‡ Terminated in June 2021.