



**VALUE
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INVESTMENTS

VPI MORTGAGE POOL

INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

SIX-MONTH PERIODS ENDED JUNE 30, 2021 AND 2020

MANAGER

VALUE PARTNERS INVESTMENTS INC.

PORTFOLIO MANAGER

HSBC GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT (CANADA) LIMITED

NOTICE OF NO AUDITOR REVIEW OF INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Value Partners Investments Inc., the Manager of the Pools, appoints independent auditors to audit the Pool's Annual Financial Statements. Under Canadian securities laws (National Instrument 81-106), if an auditor has not reviewed the Interim Financial Statements, this must be disclosed in an accompanying notice.

The Pool's independent auditors have not performed a review of these Interim Financial Statements in accordance with standards established by the Chartered Professional Accountants Canada.

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Statements of Financial Position

(In thousands of dollars and units, except for per unit amounts)

June 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020 (unaudited)

As at	June 30 2021	December 31, 2020
Assets		
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	\$ 57,479	\$ 60,637
Cash and cash equivalents	846	–
Due from Manager (note 5)	8	–
Accrued interest receivable	94	–
Subscriptions receivable	67	110
Due from broker	–	218
	\$ 58,494	\$ 60,965
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 37	\$ 52
Bank indebtedness	–	176
Redemptions payable	282	82
Management fees payable (notes 4 and 5)	40	43
Distributions payable	33	24
Due to broker	319	–
	711	377
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	\$ 57,783	\$ 60,588
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per series:		
Series A	\$ 34,467	\$ 37,456
Series F	22,395	21,743
Series O	921	1,389
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit:		
Series A	\$ 10.06	\$ 10.13
Series F	9.73	9.82
Series O	9.78	9.85
Number of redeemable units outstanding:		
Series A	3,428	3,699
Series F	2,301	2,215
Series O	94	141

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss)

(In thousands of dollars and units, except for per unit amounts)

For the six-month periods ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 (unaudited)

	2021	2020
Income:		
Interest income for distribution purposes	\$ 613	\$ 597
Other changes in fair value on financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss:		
Net realized gain on sale of investments	120	28
Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in value of investments	(587)	358
	146	983
Expenses:		
Administration	48	43
Audit fees	5	4
Independent review committee fees	5	5
Security holder reporting costs	26	17
Custodian fees	3	3
Filing fees	10	10
Legal fees	3	—
Management fees (notes 4 and 5)	247	186
Registered plan fees	1	1
Trustee fees	3	3
	351	272
Absorbed expenses (notes 4 and 5)	(42)	(42)
	309	230
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	\$ (163)	\$ 753
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per series:		
Series A	\$ (137)	\$ 454
Series F	(28)	285
Series O	2	14
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit:		
Series A	\$ (0.04)	\$ 0.16
Series F	(0.01)	0.18
Series O	0.02	0.22

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Statements of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units
(In thousands of dollars and units)

For the six-month periods ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 (unaudited)

	Series A		Series F		Series O		Total	
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, beginning of period	\$ 37,456	\$ 25,847	\$ 21,743	\$ 13,451	\$ 1,389	\$ 264	\$ 60,588	\$ 39,562
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	(137)	454	(28)	285	2	14	(163)	753
Redeemable unit transactions:								
Proceeds from redeemable units issued	14,945	17,254	12,054	7,266	325	1,638	27,324	26,158
Reinvestment of distributions to holders of redeemable units	149	223	127	158	12	10	288	391
Redemption of redeemable units	(17,831)	(12,473)	(11,332)	(4,919)	(794)	(613)	(29,957)	(18,005)
	(2,737)	5,004	849	2,505	(457)	1,035	(2,345)	8,544
Distributions to holders of redeemable shares:								
Net investment income	(115)	(195)	(169)	(164)	(13)	(11)	(297)	(370)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	(2,989)	5,263	652	2,626	(468)	1,038	(2,805)	8,927
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, end of period	\$ 34,467	\$ 31,110	\$ 22,395	\$ 16,077	\$ 921	\$ 1,302	\$ 57,783	\$ 48,489
Increase (decrease) in redeemable units outstanding:								
Beginning of period	3,699	2,603	2,215	1,390	141	27	6,055	4,020
Issued	1,481	1,731	1,232	749	33	167	2,746	2,647
Issued on reinvestment of distributions	15	22	13	16	1	1	29	39
Redeemed	(1,767)	(1,251)	(1,159)	(506)	(81)	(63)	(3,007)	(1,820)
Redeemable units outstanding, end of period	3,428	3,105	2,301	1,649	94	132	5,823	4,886
Weighted average units outstanding, during the period	3,576	2,815	2,344	1,571	115	65		

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Statements of Cash Flows

(In thousands of dollars)

For the six-month periods ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 (unaudited)

	2021	2020
Cash flows from (used in) operating activities:		
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	\$ (163)	\$ 753
Adjustments for:		
Net realized gain on sale of investments	(120)	(28)
Change in unrealized depreciation (appreciation) in value of investments	587	(358)
Purchases of investments	(12,640)	(14,398)
Proceeds from sale of investments	15,334	6,586
Interest receivable for distribution purposes	(95)	(110)
Management fees payable	(3)	7
Other payables and accrued expenses	522	663
Due from Manager	(8)	4
Net cash from (used in) operating activities	3,414	(6,881)
Cash flows from (used in) financing activities:		
Distributions paid to holders of redeemable units, net of reinvested distributions	—	49
Proceeds from redeemable units issued	26,152	25,582
Redemption of redeemable units	(28,544)	(17,778)
Net cash from (used in) financing activities	(2,392)	7,853
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	1,022	972
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	(176)	545
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 846	\$ 1,517
Supplementary information:		
Interest received, net of withholding tax	\$ 519	\$ 487

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Schedule of Investment Portfolio

(In thousands of dollars, except for unit amounts)

June 30, 2021 (unaudited)

Number of units, shares or par value	Description	Average cost	Fair value	% of net assets
Mutual fund:				
5,361,960	HSBC Mortgage Fund, Institutional Series	\$ 57,340	\$ 57,479	
Total financial assets at FVTPL (Schedule 1)		57,340	57,479	99.47
Cash:				
Domestic		846	846	1.47
Total investments		58,186	58,325	100.94
Liabilities, net of other assets			(542)	(0.94)
Total net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units			\$ 57,783	100.00

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Notes to Financial Statements

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For the six-month periods ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 (unaudited)

1. Reporting entity:

- (a) VPI Mortgage Pool (the Pool) is an open-ended mutual fund trust, established on October 30, 2012 by declaration of trust under the laws of the Province of Ontario. As of March 2017, the registered office of the Pool is located at 300-175 Hargrave St., Winnipeg, Manitoba. The trustee of the Pool is RBC Investor Services Trust and the Manager of the Pool is Value Partners Investments Inc. (VPI or the Manager).

The Pool commenced operations on October 1, 2007 with two series of units: Series A and Series F. On July 5, 2017, the Pool began offering Series O units.

The Pool's objective is to seek to earn a high level of income while protecting invested capital primarily through investments with exposure to residential first mortgages on property in Canada and other debt obligations. It invests in one or more underlying mutual funds and other debt obligations to achieve this objective.

- (b) Redeemable units issued and outstanding are considered to be capital of the Pool. The Pool's authorized capital consists of an unlimited number of units and series without par value. The number of outstanding units of each series is disclosed in the statements of financial position.

Series A units are subject to a negotiated sales commission payable by the investor at the time of purchase. Series F units are only available to investors that have a fee-based account with a dealer that has signed a Series F agreement with the Manager. Series O units are available for investors who have, or whose dealer has, entered into an agreement directly with the Manager to purchase Series O units or if investors open discretionary investment management accounts with the Manager. Series O units have no sales charge.

Except for Series O units, each series of units pays its proportionate share of common expenses of the Pool, in addition to expenses that are unique to that series. Proportionate fund expenses for Series O, both common fund expenses, as well as expenses unique to Series O, are paid by the Manager. Distributions of each series may vary due to the differences in expenses between the series.

- (c) Unitholders may redeem all or part of their units by delivering a written request to do so to the Manager or Trustee or to an investment dealer, securities dealer or mutual fund dealer for delivery to the Manager or Trustee. Units will be redeemed at the net asset value per unit as determined on the next valuation date. Requests for redemption received after 4:00 p.m., Toronto time, on any day are deemed to be received on the first business day following the date of the actual receipt.

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2. Basis of preparation:

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with International Accounting Standard 34 Interim Financial Reporting (IAS 34), as published by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and as required by Canadian securities legislation and the Canadian Accounting Standards Board.

The financial statements were authorized for issue by the Manager on behalf of the board of directors on August 23, 2021.

(a) Basis of measurement:

The financial statements have been prepared on an historical cost basis except for investments at fair value through profit or loss, which are measured at fair value.

(b) Functional and presentation currency:

These financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars, which is the Pool's functional currency. All financial information presented in Canadian dollars has been rounded to the nearest thousand.

(c) Use of estimates and judgments:

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

The most significant judgments made by the Manager in preparing these financial statements is in determining the fair value of financial instruments not traded in an active market, if any, under IFRS 13 - *Fair Value Measurement* (IFRS 13).

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3. Significant accounting policies:

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

(a) Financial instruments:

(i) Classification and measurement:

Financial assets are required to be classified into one of the following categories: fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL), amortized cost or fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) based on the entity's business model for managing financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. Financial liabilities are measured at amortized cost or FVTPL. A financial liability is classified as at FVTPL if it is classified as held-for-trading, it is derivative or it is designated as such on initial recognition.

Assessment and decision on the business model approach used is an accounting judgement.

All financial instruments are measured at fair value on initial recognition. Measurement in subsequent periods depends on the classification of the financial instrument.

Transaction costs are included in the initial carrying amount of financial instruments except for financial instruments classified as FVTPL in which case transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

Financial instruments at FVTPL are recognized initially on the trade date, which is the date on which the Pool becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Other financial assets and financial liabilities are recognized on the date on which they are originated. The Pool derecognizes a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged, cancelled or expire.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the statement of financial position only when the Pool has a legal right to offset the amounts and intends either to settle on a net basis or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

At June 30, 2021 and 2020, no amounts have been offset in the statements of financial position.

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(ii) FVTPL:

Financial instruments classified as FVTPL are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting period with changes in fair value recognized in the statements of comprehensive income (loss) in the period in which they occur. The Pool has classified its investments in securities, derivative financial assets and derivative financial liabilities as FVTPL.

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets (such as publicly traded derivatives and marketable securities) are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the reporting date. The Pool uses the last traded market price for both financial assets and financial liabilities where the last traded price falls within that day's bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid-ask spread, the Manager determines the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value based on the specific facts and circumstances. The Pool's policy is to recognize transfers into and out of the fair value hierarchy levels as of the date of the event or change in circumstances giving rise to the transfer.

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market, including derivative instruments, is determined using valuation techniques. Valuation techniques also include the use of comparable recent arm's length transactions, reference to other instruments that are substantially the same, discounted cash flow analysis, and others commonly used by market participants and which make the maximum use of observable inputs. Should the value of the financial asset or liability, in the opinion of the Manager, be inaccurate, unreliable or not readily available, the fair value is estimated on the basis of the most recently reported information of a similar financial asset or liability.

The Pool's accounting policies for measuring the fair value of investments are consistent with those used for measuring its net asset value for transactions with unitholders.

(iii) Amortized cost:

Financial instruments classified under amortized cost include financial assets that are held to collect contractual cash flows and are expected to give rise to cash flows representing solely payments of principal and interest and financial liabilities not classified as FVTPL.

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued):

Such financial assets and liabilities are recognized initially at fair value plus any directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequent measurement of these financial assets and financial liabilities is at amortized cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses. Interest income is recognized by applying the effective interest rate. The Pool classifies cash, due from Manager, subscriptions receivable, due from broker, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, redemptions payable, management fees payable, distributions payable and due to broker as amortized cost. Cash includes cash on deposit with the custodian.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortized cost of a financial asset or liability and of allocating interest income or expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that discounts estimated future cash payments through the expected life of the financial asset or liability, or where appropriate, a shorter period.

(iv) Impairment:

For financial assets measured at amortized cost, the Pool uses an expected credit loss (ECL) impairment model. The ECL model uses an allowance for expected credit losses being recorded regardless of whether or not there has been an actual loss event.

The Pool measures the loss allowance at an amount equal to lifetime ECL for trade and other receivables. Lifetime ECL's are the ECL's that result from all possible default events over the expected life of the trade and other receivables. ECL's are a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses. Credit losses are measured as the present value of all cash shortfalls (that being the difference between the cash flows due to the Pool in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Pool expects to receive). ECL's are discounted at the effective interest rate of the financial asset.

(b) Redeemable units:

The Pool classifies financial instruments issued as financial liabilities or equity instruments in accordance with the substance of the contractual terms of the instruments. The Pool has multiple classes of redeemable units that do not have identical features and therefore, does not qualify as equity under International Accounting Standard (IAS) 32, *Financial Instruments - presentation* (IAS 32). The redeemable units, which are measured at the redemption amounts and are considered a residual amount of the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, provide investors with the right to require redemption, subject to available liquidity, for cash at a unit price based on the Pool's valuation policies at each redemption date.

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(c) Foreign currency:

The Pool's subscriptions and redemptions are denominated in Canadian dollars, which is also its functional and presentation currency. Foreign denominated investments and other foreign denominated assets and liabilities are translated into Canadian dollars using the exchange rates prevailing on each valuation date. Purchases and sales of investments, as well as income and expense transactions denominated in foreign currencies, are translated using exchange rates prevailing on the date of the transaction. Foreign exchange gains and losses relating to cash are presented as 'Foreign exchange gain (loss) on cash' and those relating to other financial assets and liabilities are presented within 'Net realized gain' and 'Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)' in the statements of comprehensive income (loss).

(d) Investment transactions and revenue recognition:

Interest income for distribution purposes from investments in bonds and short-term investments represents the coupon interest received by the Pool accounted for on an accrual basis. The Pool does not use the effective interest method to amortize premiums paid or discounts received on the purchase of fixed-income securities. Dividend income is recognized on the date that the right to receive payment is established, which for quoted equity securities is usually the ex-dividend date. Portfolio transactions are recorded on the trade date. Realized gains and losses arising from the sale of investments are determined on the average cost basis of the respective investments.

(e) Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, per unit:

Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, per unit in the statements of comprehensive income (loss) represents the net increase (decrease) in the net assets from operations for each series for the period divided by the weighted average units outstanding for each series for the period.

(f) Income taxes:

The Pool qualifies as a Mutual Fund Trust as defined in the *Income Tax Act* (Canada). Pursuant to the terms of the Declaration of Trust establishing the Pool, it is considered to distribute annually to the unitholders all of the net taxable income, including net realized gains on sale of investments, and such distributions are immediately reinvested in units of the Pool.

In general, the Pool is subject to income tax, however no income tax is payable on net income and/or net realized capital gains which are distributed to unitholders.

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued):

In addition, income taxes payable on net realized capital gains is refundable on a formula basis when units of the Pool are redeemed.

Capital losses are available to be carried forward indefinitely and applied against future capital gains. Any non-capital losses that are realized in the taxation year will be carried forward for 20 years and applied against future income and capital gains.

4. Management fees and expenses:

Except for Series O units, the Manager of each series of units is entitled to a monthly management fee from the Pool based on a percentage of the net asset value of each series of units as of the close of business on each business day calculated at the following annual rates:

Series A	1.00%
Series F	0.50%

No management fee is charged to the Pool with respect to Series O units. Instead, each investor negotiates a separate fee that is paid directly to the Manager.

Except for Series O units, in addition to the management fee, each series of units pays its proportionate share of common operating expenses of the Pool, in addition to expenses that are unique to that series. These expenses include, but are not limited to audit, legal and filing fees, custodial, recordkeeping and trustee fees, transfer agent fees, investor servicing costs, taxes, compensation and expenses of the Independent Review Committee, and costs of unitholder reports, financial reporting, prospectuses, regulatory filings, and other communications. Brokerage commissions and transaction costs for buying and selling investments for the Pool's portfolio are also paid by the Pool, as well as the costs and expenses related to holding any meeting convened by unitholders.

Proportionate pool expenses for Series O units, both common pool expenses, as well as expenses unique to Series O, are paid by the Manager.

The Manager absorbed a portion of the operating expenses of the Pool during the six-month periods ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 (note 5). In accordance with the prospectus, the Manager may discontinue absorbing operating expenses at any time.

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5. Related party transactions:

Related party balances of the Pool as at June 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020 are as follows:

	2021		2020	
Management fees payable	\$	40	\$	43
Due from Manager		8		–

Related party transactions of the Pool for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 are as follows:

	2021		2020	
Management fees	\$	247	\$	186
Absorbed expenses		(42)		(42)

These transactions are in the normal course of operations and are measured at the exchange amount which is the amount of consideration established and agreed to by the related parties.

As of June 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, the Manager or parent company of the Manager held the following number of units in the Pool:

	2021		2020	
Series F		211,435		209,782
Series O		1		1

6. Brokerage commissions:

No commission was paid to brokers for portfolio transactions for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2021 and 2020.

There were no soft dollar commissions paid during the six-month periods ended June 30, 2021 and 2020.

7. Income taxes:

As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, there are no capital or non-capital losses available for carry forward.

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8. Financial risk management:

The investment activities of the Pool expose the Pool to various types of financial risks. The Manager seeks to minimize potential adverse effects of these risks on the Pool by contracting professional, experienced portfolio managers, by monitoring the Pool and market events on a daily basis, and by diversifying the investment portfolio within the parameters of the investment objective and strategy. The most significant risks include market risk (other price risk, interest rate risk and currency risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. These risks and related risk management practices employed by the Pool are discussed below:

(i) Other price risk:

Other price risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether caused by factors specific to an individual investment, its issuer, or all factors affecting all instruments traded in a market or market segment. As of June 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, the Pool and the Underlying Fund did not invest in equity securities and therefore, the Pool is not subject to a significant amount of other price risk.

(ii) Interest rate risk:

Interest rate risk arises on interest-bearing financial instruments such as bonds and mortgages. Cash, short term investments and other money market instruments are short term in nature and are not generally subject to significant amounts of interest rate risk.

As of June 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, the Pool does not directly hold any interest-bearing financial instruments such as bonds or mortgages. The Pool is indirectly exposed to interest rate risk to the extent that the value of interest-bearing financial instruments in the Underlying Fund will fluctuate due to changes in the prevailing levels of interest rates. The table below summarizes the Pool's indirect exposure to interest rate risk through its investment in the Underlying Fund, categorized by the earlier of contractual re-pricing or maturity dates.

	Less than 1 year	1 - 3 years	3 - 5 years	Greater than 5 years	Non- interest bearing	Total
As at June 30, 2021						
Financial assets at FVTPL	\$ 20,271	\$ 21,066	\$ 14,659	\$ 1,483	\$ -	\$ 57,479

	Less than 1 year	1 - 3 years	3 - 5 years	Greater than 5 years	Non- interest bearing	Total
As at December 31, 2020						
Financial assets at FVTPL	\$ 10,710	\$ 24,494	\$ 21,961	\$ 3,472	\$ -	\$ 60,637

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8. Financial risk management (continued):

At June 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, should interest rates have increased or decreased by 25 basis points, excluding cash and treasury bills and assuming a parallel shift in the yield curve, with all other variables held constants, net assets for each Pool would have approximately increased or decreased as indicated in the following table. The Pool's sensitivity to interest rates was estimated using the weighted average duration of the bond portfolio.

(In thousands of dollars)	Impact on net assets (\$)	Impact on net assets (%)
As at June 30, 2021	\$ 251	0.43%
As at December 31, 2020	358	0.59%

(iii) Credit risk:

Credit risk is the risk that the counterparty to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation or commitment that it has entered into with the Pool. As at June 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, the Pool did not directly hold any debt securities. However, the Pool is indirectly exposed to credit risk to the extent that the value of debt securities in the Underlying Fund will fluctuate due to changes in the prevailing levels of the interest rates.

As at June 30, 2021, the Pool's exposure to debt securities by credit rating are as follows:

June 30, 2021	% of debt securities	% of net assets
AAA	51.29%	10.19%
AA	10.36%	2.06%
A	18.47%	3.67%
BBB	19.88%	3.95%
N/R	–%	–%
	100.0%	19.87%

December 31, 2020	% of debt securities	% of net assets
AAA	52.32%	10.22%
AA	3.28%	0.64%
A	17.02%	3.33%
BBB	24.64%	4.81%
N/R	2.74%	0.52%
	100.0%	19.52%

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8. Financial risk management (continued):

(iv) Liquidity risk:

The Pool is exposed to liquidity risk to the extent that it is subject to daily cash redemptions of redeemable units. The Pool invests primarily in the Underlying Fund which invests primarily in mortgages that have repurchase guarantees provided by HSBC Bank Canada under certain circumstances. In addition, the Pool retains sufficient cash positions to maintain liquidity. As at June 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, the Pool did not have significant exposure to liquidity risk.

(v) Currency risk:

The Pool uses the Canadian dollar as its functional and reporting currency. Currency risk is the risk that the value of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the Canadian dollar (the functional currency of the Pool), will fluctuate due to changes in exchange rates. As at June 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, the Pool held no significant financial instruments denominated in foreign currencies.

(vi) Concentration risk:

Concentration risk arises as a result of the concentration of exposures within the same category, whether it is geographical location, product type, industry sector or counterparty type. The market segments are represented as a percentage of financial assets at FVTPL. The following is a summary of the Pool's concentration risk:

Market segment	June 30, 2021	December 31, 2020
Long	%	%
Short-term investments	6.84	1.77
Bonds	10.95	14.23
Mortgages	79.94	80.54
Mortgage-backed securities	2.27	3.46
	100.00	100.00

(vii) Other risk:

The global pandemic related to an outbreak of COVID-19 has cast additional uncertainty on the assumptions used by management in making its judgements and estimates.

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8. Financial risk management (continued):

Governments and central banks have reacted with significant monetary and fiscal interventions designed to stabilize economic conditions. The duration and impact of the COVID-19 outbreak is unknown at this time, as is the efficacy of the government and central bank interventions. It is not possible to reliably estimate the length and severity of these developments and the impact on the financial results and condition of the Pool in future periods.

9. Fair value disclosure:

(i) Valuation models:

The Pool's assets and liabilities recorded at fair value have been categorized based upon a fair value hierarchy. The fair value of a financial instrument is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Pool's financial instruments are recorded at fair value or at amounts that approximate fair value in the financial statements. The Pool classifies fair value measurements within a hierarchy which gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are:

Level 1: Inputs that reflect unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Manager has the ability to access at the measurement date.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly, including inputs in markets that are not considered to be active.

Level 3: Inputs that are unobservable. There is little if any market activity. Inputs into the determination of fair value require significant management judgment or estimation.

A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Changes in valuation methods may result in transfers into, or out of, a financial instrument's assigned level.

(ii) Fair value hierarchy - financial instruments measured at fair value:

The following table presents information about the Pool's assets which are recorded at fair value on a recurring basis as of June 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020.

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9. Fair value disclosure (continued):

Financial assets at fair value as at June 30, 2021:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Fund - long	\$ 57,479	\$ –	\$ –	\$ 57,479

Financial assets at fair value as at December 31, 2020:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Fund - long	\$ 60,637	\$ –	\$ –	\$ 60,637

During the six-month period ended June 30, 2021 and the year ended December 31, 2020, there were no transfers between levels.

10. Investments with structured entities:

The Pool has determined that the Underlying Fund in which it invests is an unconsolidated structured entity. This represents a significant judgment by the Pool as decision making about the Underlying Fund's investing activities are not governed by voting rights held by the Pool and other investors. The table below describes the types of structured entities that the Pool does not consolidate, but in which it holds an interest.

Entity	Nature and purpose	Interest held by the Pool
	To manage assets on behalf of third party investors and generate fees for the investment manager	Investment in units issued by the Underlying Fund
Investment fund	These vehicles are financed through the issue of units to investors	

The change in fair value of the Underlying Fund is included in the statements of comprehensive income (loss) in 'Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in value of investments'.

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10. Investments with structured entities (continued):

The table below sets out the interests held by the Pool in unconsolidated structured entities. The maximum exposure to loss is the carrying amounts of the financial assets held.

June 30, 2021			
Fund	Number of underlying funds held	Total net assets of Underlying Fund	Carrying amount
VPI Mortgage Pool	1	\$ 2,783,946	\$ 57,479
Underlying Fund	Principal place of business	Country of domicile	Carrying amount included in statement of financial position
HSBC Mortgage Fund, Institutional Series	Canada	Canada	\$ 57,479

December 31, 2020			
Fund	Number of underlying funds held	Total net assets of Underlying Fund	Carrying amount
VPI Mortgage Pool	1	\$ 2,498,118	\$ 60,637
Underlying Fund	Principal place of business	Country of domicile	Carrying amount included in statement of financial position
HSBC Mortgage Fund, Institutional Series	Canada	Canada	\$ 60,637

For the six-month period ended June 30, 2021 and the year ended December 31, 2020, the Pool did not provide financial support to unconsolidated structured entities and has no intention of providing financial or other support in the future. The Pool can redeem their units in the above Underlying Fund at any time, subject to sufficient liquidity.