# City of London Investment Management Company Limited Tradex Global Equity Fund Unit Holder Presentation

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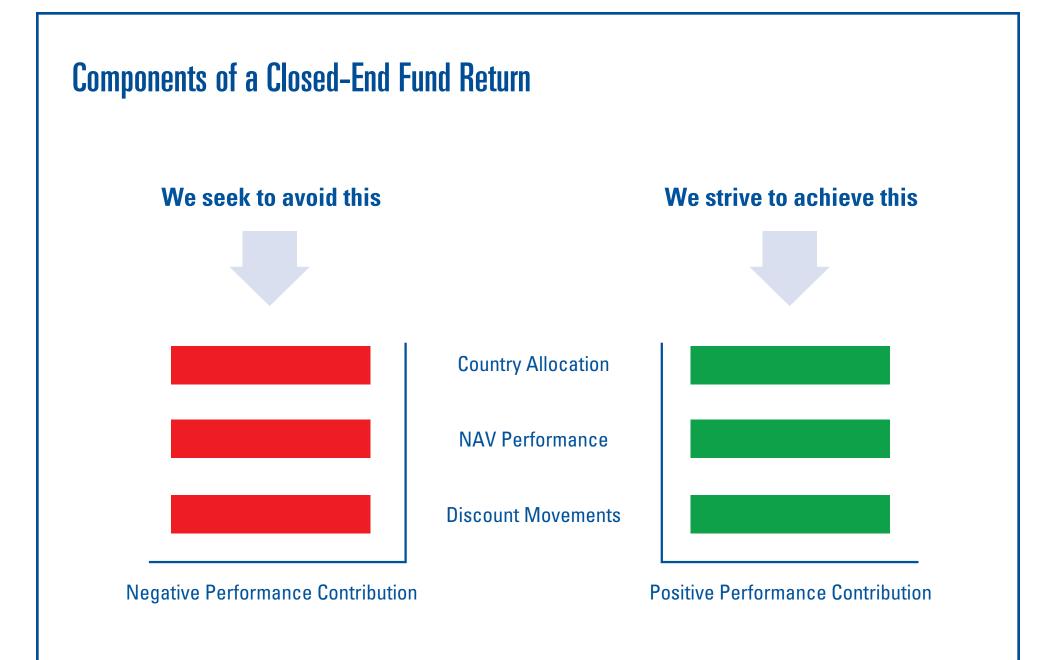
## **Tradex Global Equity Fund – CLIM Strategy Overview**

- Invest in closed-end funds to provide global equity exposure
- Exploit advantages of closed-end fund structure
  - Discount volatility
  - Reversion to mean is key strategy concept
  - Contrarian approach
- Value oriented
  - · Primarily in terms of buying closed-end funds at discounts
  - Supplemented by country allocation vs benchmark
- Highly diversified global market exposure
  - Large diversified universe of CEFs provide blend of Country/Region, Sector, Market Cap exposures
  - CEF universe provides a diverse array of investment styles Growth, Core, Value
    - Portfolio style blend may tilt to value when growth outperformance is extreme
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### Experienced investment team

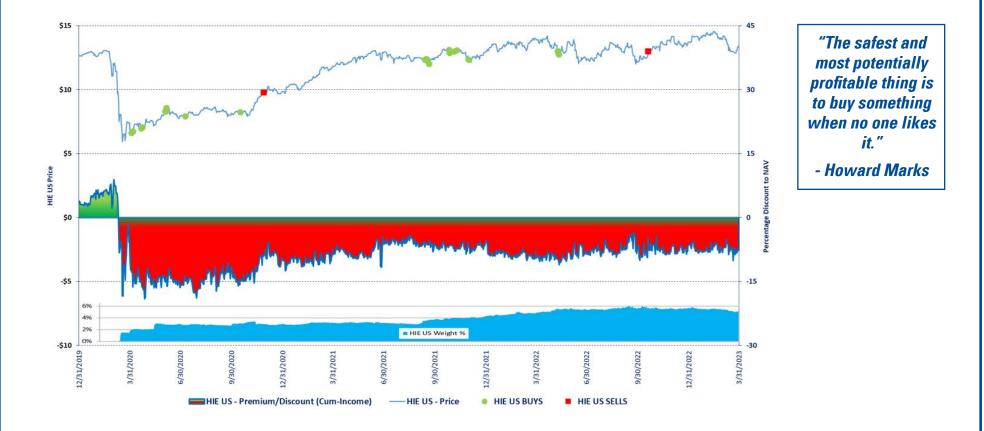
### **Our Process**

- Undertake due diligence on closed-end funds
  - Meet the managers
  - Meet the Boards Governance
  - Review performance
  - Understand the structure/features
  - Consider the value proposition discount to NAV
  - Understand how ESG factors are considered/monitored/managed
- Portfolio Construction/Risk Management
  - Manage the country allocation of the portfolio versus the benchmark
  - Manage the sector allocation of the portfolio versus the benchmark
  - Manage the style bias of the portfolio versus the benchmark
  - Make buy/sell decisions on individual securities
  - Manage the position sizing/liquidity of the resulting portfolio
  - Manage the level of cash in the portfolio



### **Theory to Practice – Miller/Howard High Income Equity Fund Inc (HIE US)**

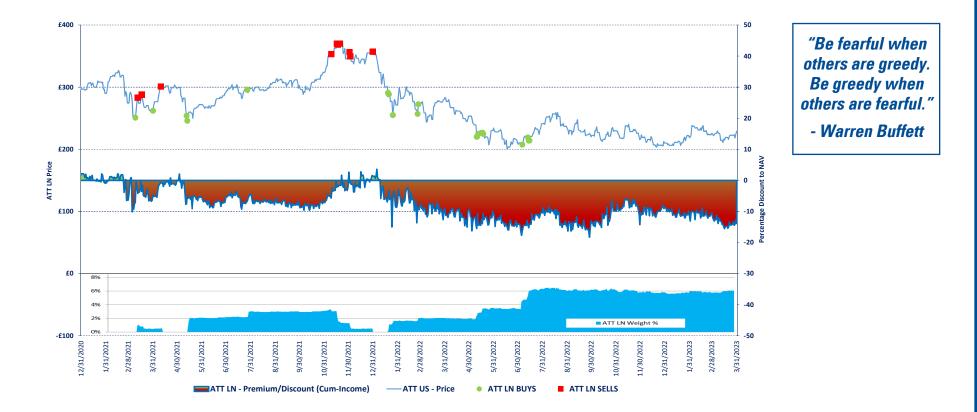
Historic Price, Discount to NAV, and Holding Weight - 5.1% of the Portfolio as at 3/31/2023 12/31/2019 – 3/31/2023 in USD



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### **Theory to Practice – Allianz Technology Trust PLC (ATT LN)**

Historic Price, Discount to NAV, and Holding Weight - 6.1% of the Portfolio as at 3/31/2023 12/31/2020 – 3/31/2023 in GBP



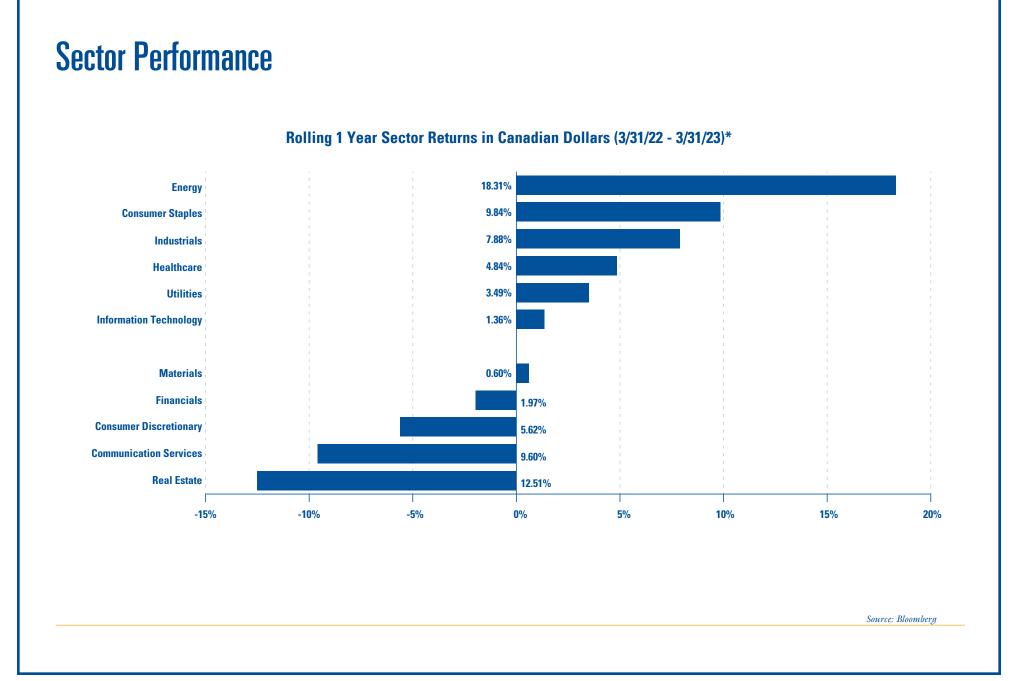
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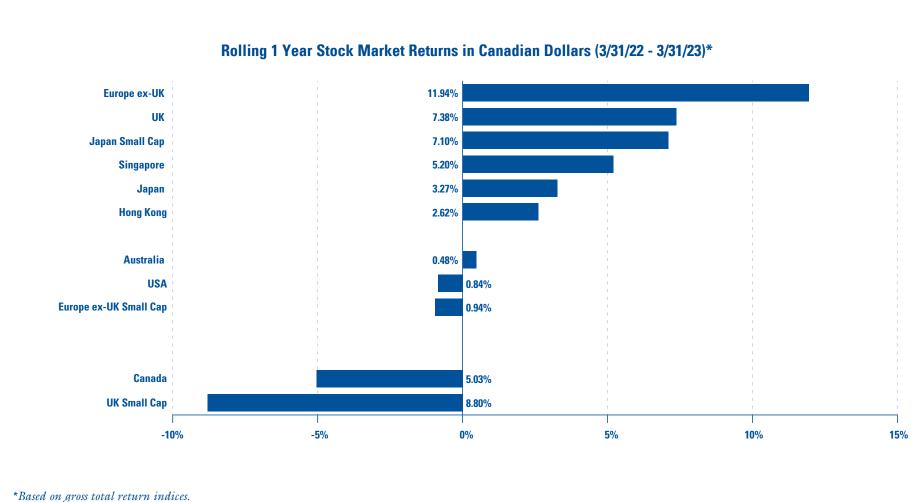
### Tradex Global Equity Fund CLIM Top Five See-through Holdings as at March 31, 2023\* Buying Global Companies at a Discount

Holding	Tradex Weight		
Microsoft Corporation	1.85		
Apple Inc	1.68		
Universal Music Group N.V.	1.21		
Alphabet Inc.	0.86		
Lowe's Companies, Inc.	0.73		

\*Data is estimated based on the level and date of transparency available for the individual closed-end funds. Nothing herein should be construed as investment advice or a recommendation to buy or sell any securities.

Source: Bloomberg, CLIM





**Market Performance** 

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Source: Bloomberg

## CLIM Performance Tradex Global Equity Fund

### Annualized Returns as at March 31, 2023<sup>+</sup>

	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception*
Tradex Net (CAD)	+5.83%	+13.61%	-6.63%	+13.71%	+4.71%	+9.96%	+6.22%
	+7.53%	+15.70%	+0.51%	+14.84%	+9.06%	+12.00%	+5.03%
	-1.70%	<b>-2.09%</b>	-7.14%	-1.13%	-4.35%	<b>-2.04%</b>	+1.19%

### Attribution as at March 31, 2023<sup>+</sup>

Performance (%)	3 Months	6 Month	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Tradex Net (CAD)	+5.83	+13.61	-6.63	+13.71	+4.71	+9.96
	+7.53	+15.70	+0.51	+14.84	+9.06	+12.00
	-1.70	-2.09	-7.14	-1.13	-4.35	-2.04
Attributed to (%)**						
Country Allocation	-0.05	+0.49	+0.87	-1.24	-1.36	-1.15
NAV Performances	-0.92	-2.56	-4.56	+0.94	-2.57	-1.56
Discount Movements	-0.73	-0.02	-3.45	-0.83	-0.42	+0.67
	-1.70	-2.09	-7.14	-1.13	-4.35	-2.04

\*Inception Date was May 7, 1999. Performance figures as of March 31, 2023.

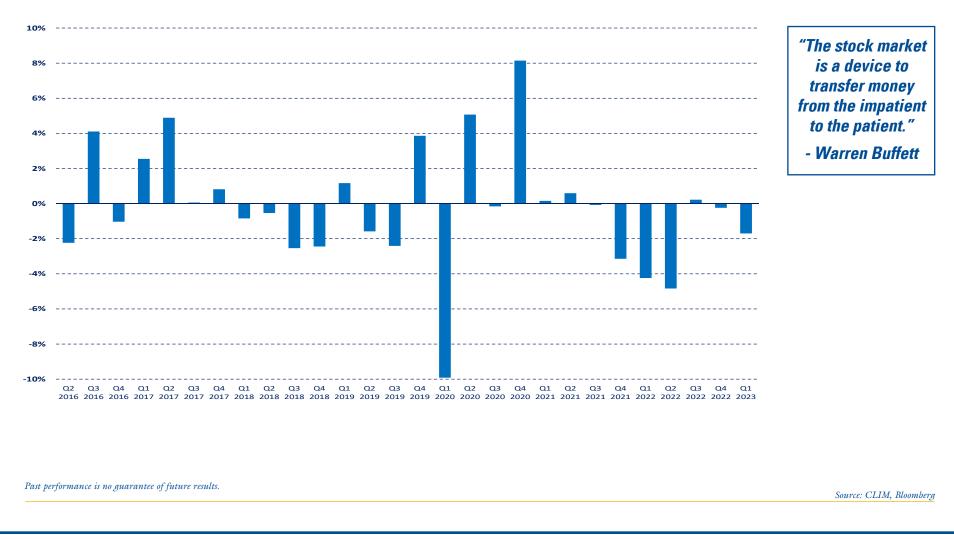
\*\* CLIM estimates. Performances for the Quarter and Year to Date are compounded and therefore will not always equal the sum of the individual component months.

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†Net returns. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Periods over one year are annualized.

Source: RBC, CLIM

## **Relative Quarterly CLIM Performance vs Benchmark Index**



## **Tradex Global Equity Fund**

### CLIM 3 Day Rolling Average Portfolio Discount Rolling 1 Year as of March 31, 2023



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Source: CLIM

## **Market Outlook**

"I make no attempt to forecast the market—my efforts are devoted to finding undervalued securities." - Warren Buffett

### What we expect

- · Interest rates will likely rise a little further
- Inflation will continue to fall
- · Global economy will enter a recession
- Corporate earnings will weaken

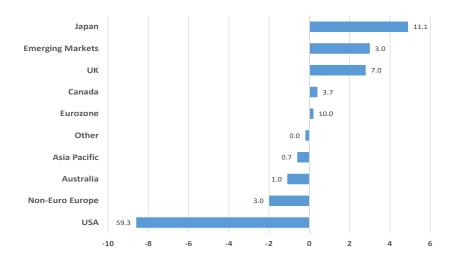
### **But** ...

- We are already 15 months into a market correction
- Much of the negative news is already reflected in prices
- While the near term outlook is mixed, the intermediate to longer term outlook is brighter

Any forward looking statements or forecasts are based on assumptions and actual results may vary from any such statements or forecasts.

## Tradex Global Equity Fund — CLIM Country and Sector Allocation As of March 31, 2023

"You can't do the same thing others do and expect to outperform" - Howard Marks

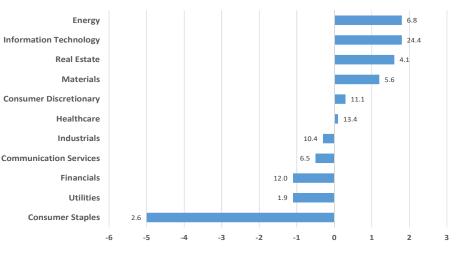


#### Relative Geographic Weight (%)

The Fund's geographic breakdown versus the index presents an aggregation of CLIM's determination of the country/regional exposure of each underlying security of each CEF holding. Geographical Breakdown is via Additionally, Europe has been divided into Eurozone and Non-Eurozone Europe. Eurozone member countries can be found here:

https://european-union.europa.eu/institutions-law-budget/euro/countries-using-euro\_en

\*Index allocation may not add to 100% due to rounding. This is supplemental information to the fully compliant presentation.



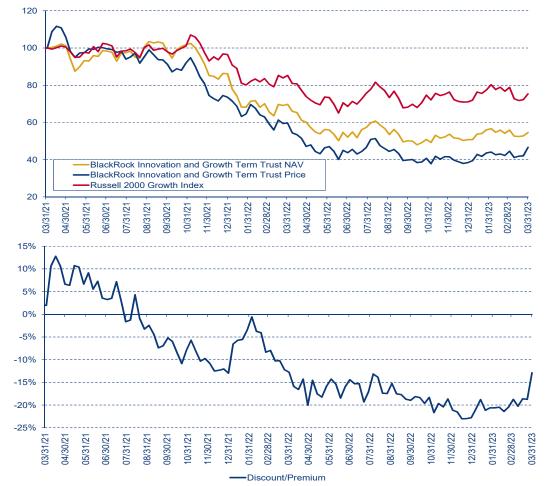
Relative Sector Weight (%)

The Fund's sector breakdown versus the index presents CLIM's determination of the sector exposure of each underlying security of each CEF holding.

Source: CLIM

### **BlackRock Innovation & Growth Trust\***

BlackRock Innovation & Growth Trust vs Russell 2000 Growth Index Rebased from 3/31/21 in USD



*"Investor psychology can cause a security to be priced just about anywhere in the short run, regardless of its fundamentals."* 

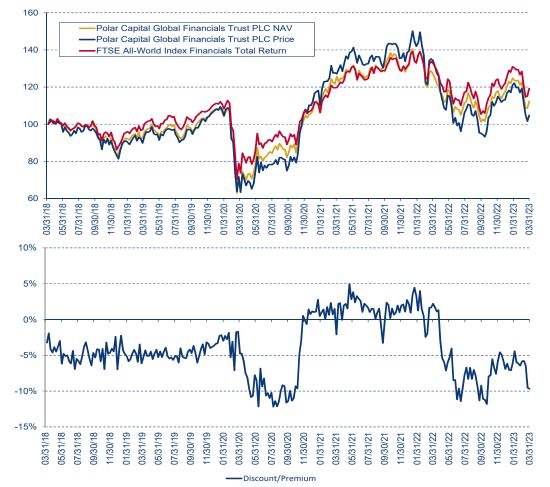
- Howard Marks

- Invests in small & mid cap growth companies
- Sector underperformed and NAV underperformed sector
- Added to position into NAV weakness and widening discount
- Fixed term trust provides opportunity for return of capital at NAV at end of life

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### **Polar Capital Global Financials Trust\***

Polar Capital Global Financials Trust vs FTSE All-World Index Financials Total Return Rebased from 3/31/18 in USD



"In investing, what is comfortable is rarely profitable."

- Robert Arnott

- Global financials exposure
  - Banks
  - Insurance
  - Payments
- Discount widened following 1Q 2023 banking crisis
- Added to position, reduced sector under weight
- Full tender offer at NAV no later than June 2025

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### Summary

"You make most of your money in a bear market, you just don't realize it at the time." -Shelby C. Davis

- Discounts are wide lots of value in portfolio
- Intermediate/Longer Term market outlook improving despite recession risks
- Recent underperformance could prove a good entry point for performance reversion

Overweight	Neutral	Underweight
Japan	Australia	USA
Emerging Markets	Canada	Europe ex-UK
UK		

Overweight	Neutral	Underweight
Energy	Consumer Discretionary	Consumer Staples
Information Technology	Communication Services	Financials
Materials	Healthcare	Utilities
Real Estate	Industrials	

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