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Executive Vice President and Portfolio Manager

Chris has lived and worked in four continents: Europe, Asia, Africa and North America, as well as the Caribbean. Chris has corporate experience in the energy, natural resources, shipping and utility industries and has been Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) of four financial services companies. Chris has an MBA from University of Exeter, is an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Bankers and holds their Financial Services Diploma, having placed first in his year (1989) of completion.

As Head of Utilities, Barclays’ Large Corporate Banking (1989-1992), Chris’ team won most of the syndicated finance, large value leasing and project finance mandates during the UK’s water and electricity privatizations with Barclays’ Syndications consequently being awarded by Euromoney magazine as ‘Best European Syndicate Bank’ in 1991 and again in 1992. As CEO, he led Barclays’ business in Greece, transitioning it to becoming more corporate focused and successfully selling its island retail network to The Bank of Nova Scotia (1995). As CEO, he led Barclays’ South African operations in Botswana to best in the region from 1997 to 2000. The Banker magazine ranked

Barclays as the ‘Best Bank’ in Botswana and the ‘Best Bank’ in Africa in 2000. During Chris’ three years with the bank, its market capitalization rose to US\$300 million from US\$80 million.

As Group CEO of National Commercial Bank Jamaica Limited (“NCB”), he was tasked to restructure, rehabilitate, and enable the Government of Jamaica to divest its stake. Chris led the bank from 2000 to 2002, to recognition as the world’s 14th highest profits growth performer in 2002, having reinstated its dividend in April 2021, the first payment since January 1996. In Chris’ two years with NCB, its market capitalization rose to US\$400 million from US\$100 million.

As Executive Vice President of Portland Investment Counsel Inc., he promoted the launch and listing on the Toronto Stock Exchange of ten closed-end funds raising over \$770 million (2004 to 2007). He was the Chief Investment Officer (2016 to 2025) and lead portfolio manager of several investment vehicles, including the award winning Portland Private Income Fund, Portland Global Sustainable Evergreen Fund and Portland Global Sustainable Evergreen LP.

The Portland Private Income Fund has received several Canadian Hedge Fund Awards in the Private Debt Category:

- 1st place for Best 5 Year Return and Best 5 Year Sharpe Ratio in 2018;
- 3rd place for Best 5 Year Return in 2020;
- 3rd place for Best 1 Year Return and Best 3 Year Return in 2021;
- 2nd place for Best 1 Year Return, 3rd place for Best 3 Year Return and Best 5 Year Return in 2022
- 2nd place Best 3 Year Return and 3rd place for Best 5 Year Return in 2023

The Portland Global Sustainable Evergreen LP has received several Canadian Hedge Fund Awards in the Private Equity Category:

- 2nd place for Best 1 Year Return, Best 3 Year Return and Best 5 Year Return in 2023
- 2nd place for Best 3 Year Return and Best 5 Year Return in 2024

The Portland Global Sustainable Evergreen Fund, was a winner of the 2021 Wealth Professional 5-Star award for one of Canada’s top ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) Funds.

From 2016 to 2023 Chris was a non-voting observer member of the investment committee of Crown Capital Partner Funding, LP and a member of the fund advisory board of Crown Capital Power LP. In July 2024 he became a member of the Sagard Senior Lending Partners LP Advisory Committee.

¹ The Canadian Hedge Fund Awards are based solely on quantitative performance data of Canadian hedge funds with FundataCanada managing the collection and tabulation of the data to determine the winners. There is no nomination process or subjective assessment in identifying the winning hedge funds. The 2018 awards were based on 207 Canadian hedge funds to June 30th, 2018; the 2019 awards were based on 197 Canadian hedge funds to June 30th, 2019; the 2020 awards were based on 221 Canadian hedge funds to June 30th, 2020, the 2021 awards are based on 226 Canadian hedge funds to June 30, 2021, the 2022 awards are based on 234 Canadian hedge funds to June 30, 2022, the 2023 awards are based on 264 Canadian hedge funds to June 30, 2023 and the 2024 awards are based on 273 Canadian to June 2024. The Sharpe ratio is a measure for calculating risk-adjusted returns. The Sharpe ratio is the portfolio return in excess of the risk-free rate divided by the volatility of the portfolio.

² Wealth Professional reached out to its network of advisors across Canada and asked that they name the fund providers who were delivering the best ESG Funds based on a combination of reflection of values, track record, security selection, fees and fund manager performance.

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