

Simplified Prospectus dated January 9, 2025

# Fidelity<sup>®</sup> Funds

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## Equity Fund

### **U.S. Equity Fund**

Fidelity Advanced U.S. Equity Fund

Series B, F, O and ETF Series units

## Fixed Income Fund

### **U.S. Fixed Income Fund**

Fidelity Absolute Income Fund

Series B, F, O and ETF Series units

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**No securities regulatory authority has expressed an opinion about these units. It's an offence to claim otherwise. The Funds and the securities of the Funds offered under this simplified prospectus are not registered with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and they are sold in the United States only in reliance on exemptions from registration.**

The *TSX* has conditionally approved the listing of the ETF Series units of Fidelity Advanced U.S. Equity Fund and Fidelity Absolute Income Fund (the "**Funds**"). Listing is subject to fulfilling all of the requirements of the *TSX*, including distribution of the ETF Series units of the Funds to a minimum number of public unitholders.

No *ETF dealer* or *designated broker* has been involved in the preparation of the simplified prospectus or has performed any review of the contents of the simplified prospectus and, as such, the *ETF dealers* and the *designated brokers* do not perform many of the usual underwriting activities in connection with the distribution of ETF Series units under this simplified prospectus.



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# Introduction

This document is a simplified prospectus, and it contains selected important information to help you make an informed investment decision about the Funds and to understand your rights as an investor.

This document is divided into two parts. The first part contains general information applicable to all of the Funds. The second part contains specific information about each of the Funds described in this document.

Additional information about each Fund is available in the following documents:

- the most recently filed fund facts or ETF facts document, as applicable;
- the most recently filed annual financial statements;
- any interim financial statements filed after those annual financial statements;
- the most recently filed annual management report of fund performance;
- any interim management report of fund performance filed after that annual management report of fund performance.

These documents are incorporated by reference into this simplified prospectus. That means they legally form part of this simplified prospectus just as if they were printed as a part of this simplified prospectus. You can get a copy of these documents, at your request, and at no cost, by calling us at 1-800-263-4077, or by asking your *financial advisor*.

These documents are available on the Fidelity Funds' designated website at [www.fidelity.ca](http://www.fidelity.ca), or by contacting Fidelity at [cs.english@fidelity.ca](mailto:cs.english@fidelity.ca) (for assistance in English) or [sc.francais@fidelity.ca](mailto:sc.francais@fidelity.ca) (for assistance in French).

These documents and other information about the Funds are also available at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

Sometimes we use industry or defined terms to describe something in this document. We provide a brief description of some of those terms in the glossary at the end of this document. Terms that are contained in the glossary are in italics in this document.

In this document, we, us, our and Fidelity refer to Fidelity Investments Canada ULC. The funds offered under this simplified prospectus are referred to together as the Funds and individually as a Fund.

## Introduction (*continued*)

The Funds are grouped into the categories and sub-categories set out on the cover page of this simplified prospectus.

Series B, F and O are collectively referred to as the Mutual Fund Series.

ETF Series refers to the exchange traded series units of the Funds.

The Funds, together with other funds managed and offered by Fidelity under separate prospectuses, are collectively referred to as the Fidelity Funds or each may be sometimes referred to as a Fidelity Fund.

In this document, we refer to *financial advisors* and *dealers*. The *financial advisor* is the individual with whom you consult for investment advice and the *dealer* is the company or partnership that employs your *financial advisor*.

# Responsibility for administration of the Funds

## Manager

The manager of the Funds is Fidelity. The head office of the Funds and Fidelity is at 483 Bay Street, Suite 300, Toronto, Ontario, M5G 2N7. The email address is [cs.english@fidelity.ca](mailto:cs.english@fidelity.ca) (for assistance in English) or [sc.francais@fidelity.ca](mailto:sc.francais@fidelity.ca) (for assistance in French). Fidelity's toll free telephone number is 1-800-263-4077 and the website address is [www.fidelity.ca](http://www.fidelity.ca).

As Manager, we are responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Funds and provide all general management and administrative services, including bookkeeping, record-keeping and other administrative services for the Funds, arranging for distribution of the Funds and managing the investment program of the Funds.

The following are the names, municipalities of residence, and offices of the directors and executive officers of Fidelity:

<b>Name and Municipality of Residence</b>	<b>Office</b>
Kevin Barber Toronto, Ontario	Senior Vice-President, Client Services. Prior thereto, Senior Vice-President, Risk Management and Fund Treasurer, Senior Vice-President, Business Manager Institutional Sales & Service and Vice-President, Distribution, Products & Marketing.
Michael Barnett Toronto, Ontario	Executive Vice-President, Institutional.
W. Sian Burgess Toronto, Ontario	Senior Vice-President, Fund Oversight and Secretary. Prior thereto, also Chief Compliance Officer, Chief Anti-Money Laundering Officer and Chief Privacy Officer.
David Bushnell East York, Ontario	Senior Vice-President, Advisor Distribution and Director. Prior thereto, Senior Vice-President, Marketing and Vice-President, Regional Sales.

<b>Name and Municipality of Residence</b>	<b>Office</b>
Kelly Creelman Coldwater, Ontario	Senior Vice-President, Products and Marketing, and Director. Prior thereto, Senior Vice-President, Products and Vice-President, Retail Products and Solutions.
Peter Eccleton Toronto, Ontario	Director. Self-employed consultant. Prior thereto, Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Diana Godfrey Burlington, Ontario	Senior Vice-President, Human Resources.
John E. Hall Toronto, Ontario	Director. Self-employed advisor. Prior thereto, Partner, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP.
Mitzie Hunter Toronto, Ontario	Director. President and Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Women's Foundation. Prior thereto, Member of Provincial Parliament for Ontario.
Andrew Marchese Burlington, Ontario	Chief Investment Officer and Director.
Jason Louie Richmond Hill, Ontario	Chief Financial Officer, Fidelity Canada, and Director. Prior thereto, Vice-President, Corporate Finance.
Russell Kaunds Oakville, Ontario	Chief Technology Officer and Director. Prior thereto, Vice-President, Infrastructure Services Group.
Barry Myers Toronto, Ontario	Director. Self-employed advisor. Prior thereto, Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.
Bradley Prince Burlington, Ontario	Vice-President, Chief Compliance Officer, Fund Manager and Chief Anti-Money Laundering Officer. Prior thereto, Vice-President, Compliance and Risk Management.
Andrew Pringle Toronto, Ontario	Director. Principal and Chairman, RP Investment Advisors LP.
Robert Strickland Toronto, Ontario	President, Chief Executive Officer, Ultimate Designated Person and Director.
Don Wilkinson Mississauga, Ontario	Director. Self-employed advisor. Prior thereto, Partner, Deloitte Canada.

## Responsibility for administration of the Funds (*continued*)

Fidelity has entered into an Amended and Restated Master Management and Distribution Agreement dated as of May 4, 2023, as amended, in respect of the Funds (the “**Management Agreement**”).

The Management Agreement continues indefinitely for each Fund unless terminated upon 60 days’ written notice by either Fidelity or a Fund or as a result of the insolvency or default of either party or should either party cease to carry on business.

Under the terms of the Management Agreement, Fidelity has agreed to provide or arrange for the provision of all general management and administrative services required by each Fund in its day-to-day operations, including bookkeeping, record-keeping and other administrative services for the Funds. The Management Agreement permits Fidelity to appoint agents to assist it in performing all necessary services required by the Funds. The Management Agreement may not be assigned by Fidelity without the consent of the CSA and the prior approval of the unitholders of the applicable Fund, unless the assignment is to a company affiliated with Fidelity within the meaning of the *Securities Act* (Ontario).

The Management Agreement requires Fidelity and any person retained by Fidelity to act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of each Fund and to exercise the degree of care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in the circumstances. Fidelity will be liable to each Fund in the event of any failure to so act by Fidelity or any associate or affiliate of Fidelity or by any of its or their respective directors, officers or employees, but will not otherwise be liable to the Fund in respect of any matter provided that in respect of such matter Fidelity has acted in accordance with the standard of care referred to above.

### **About Fidelity**

As at November 29, 2024, Fidelity managed more than \$280 (CAD) billion for its clients. We are part of a broader group of companies collectively known as Fidelity Investments®. Fidelity Investments specializes in investment management for individuals, either directly, through *financial advisors*, or through group retirement plans. We also provide a wide variety of financial services and products. As at November 29, 2024, the Fidelity Investments collection of companies

managed more than \$5.9 (USD) trillion in discretionary assets, which includes all Fidelity Investments products, such as mutual funds and managed accounts.

Fidelity, which was incorporated under the laws of Canada on February 13, 1987, continued under the laws of Ontario on August 9, 1989, amalgamated pursuant to the laws of Ontario effective January 1, 2004, continued under the laws of Alberta on September 26, 2007 and amalgamated pursuant to the laws of Alberta on January 1, 2010, January 1, 2011, January 1, 2016 and again on January 1, 2021, is a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of 483A Bay Street Holdings LP.

### **Fund of Funds**

Certain of the Funds, which we refer to as “Top Funds”, may invest some or all of their assets in underlying Fidelity Funds. Because such underlying Fidelity Funds are also managed by Fidelity, Fidelity does not vote the units of the underlying Fidelity Funds. Instead, Fidelity may arrange for such units to be voted by the Top Fund investors. If Fidelity decides to arrange for Top Fund investors to vote, then Fidelity asks each Top Fund investor for instructions on how to vote that investor’s proportionate share of the underlying Fidelity Fund units owned by the Top Fund, and Fidelity then votes on that basis. In those circumstances, Fidelity only votes the proportion of the underlying Fidelity Fund units for which it has received instructions.

### **Portfolio Advisers**

Fidelity is the portfolio adviser of the Funds. Fidelity provides its advisory services to the Funds under the Management Agreement. The Management Agreement is described above under ***Responsibility for administration of the Funds – Manager***.

Under the Management Agreement, Fidelity has the authority to engage the services of sub-advisers in connection with any investment advice and/or portfolio management services required by the Funds.

Fidelity has entered into a sub-advisory agreement, as amended, with Fidelity Management & Research Company LLC (“**FMR**”) of Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A. (the “**FIC Sub-Adviser**”), to provide investment advice with respect to

all or a portion of the investments of certain of the Funds (the “**FIC Sub-Advisory Agreement**”).

Fidelity and the FIC Sub-Adviser, as applicable, provide investment advice with respect to each Fund's investment portfolio and arrange for the acquisition and disposition of all portfolio investments, including all necessary brokerage arrangements, if applicable.

The FIC Sub-Advisory Agreement is in effect for an indefinite period and continue in force unless terminated by a party giving 90 days’ prior written notice.

Fidelity and the FIC Sub-Adviser now acts and may hereafter act as investment advisers to, or portfolio managers of, other investment funds and clients. If the availability of any particular security is limited and such security is in keeping with the fundamental investment objective of one or more of the Funds and also one or more other mutual funds or discretionary accounts for which Fidelity or the FIC Sub-Adviser acts or may hereafter act, such security will be allocated on a fair and equitable basis as determined by Fidelity or the FIC Sub-Adviser, as the case may be.

Under the terms of the FIC Sub-Advisory Agreement, Fidelity is responsible for any loss arising out of the failure of the FIC

Sub-Adviser to meet the mandated standard of care in providing advice to the Funds. Fidelity is also responsible for any fees payable to the FIC Sub-Adviser but may direct a Fund to pay such fees and to credit such payments against fees otherwise payable by that Fund to Fidelity. There may be difficulty in enforcing any legal rights against FMR as it is resident, and substantially all of the assets of each are situated, outside of Canada.

The following are the names of the persons principally responsible for the day-to-day management of the Funds, implementing a particular material strategy or managing a particular segment of the portfolios of the Funds. An individual listed as a lead manager of a Fund has full discretionary authority to make investment decisions for that Fund without the approval of any other individual. An individual listed as a co-lead manager of a Fund has full discretionary authority to make investment decisions for a particular material strategy of a Fund or for a particular segment of the portfolio of the Fund without the approval of any other individual. An individual listed as a co-manager may make investment decisions for all or any portion of the Fund, but those decisions are subject to the approval of a lead manager or the applicable chief investment officer.

Fund	Individual and Company
Fidelity Advanced U.S. Equity Fund	Christopher Lee BA, MBA (lead manager) (FMR)
	Wenyu Zhao BSc, PhD (co-manager) (FMR)
	Sidharth Jayadeep BSc (co-manager) (FMR)
Fidelity Absolute Income Fund	Orhan Imer BSc, PhD, CFA (co-lead manager) (FMR)
	Rahul Bhargava BA, PhD (co-lead manager) (FMR)

## Responsibility for administration of the Funds (*continued*)

Quarterly reviews of the Funds are conducted by the senior investment officers at Fidelity responsible for oversight of the portfolio managers of the Funds. The quarterly reviews include the analysis of the Funds' performance over the previous quarter and a review of the portfolio managers' outlook for the Funds.

General investment policy and direction in respect of the Funds and underlying Fidelity Funds, but not specific investment decisions, are subject to the oversight of Fidelity's and/or the FIC Sub-Adviser's Chief Investment Officer who completes monthly and quarterly reviews. The monthly reviews include the review of each portfolio manager's current investment strategy, *derivatives* use (if any), Fund performance as compared to the Fund's benchmark, country, sector and stock weightings and portfolio holdings. The quarterly reviews include the analysis of the Funds' performance over the previous quarter using performance attribution to outline the sources of performance, including stock selection, asset mix and currency effects, and a review of each portfolio manager's outlook for the Funds.

### Brokerage Arrangements

Decisions as to the purchase and sale of portfolio securities and decisions as to the execution of all portfolio transactions, including selection of market, *dealer* or broker, and the negotiation, on behalf of the Funds, where applicable, of commissions that are payable by the Funds are made by Fidelity or the applicable sub-adviser for the Funds and the *underlying funds*, as applicable (the "**Advisers**").

Fidelity and the FIC Sub-Adviser may place orders on behalf of a Fund for the purchase and sale of portfolio securities through brokers or *dealers* who are affiliates or subsidiaries of Fidelity or the FIC Sub-Adviser or in which any one of them have a financial interest, provided that such orders are to be executed on terms and conditions as favourable to the Fund as could be expected to be obtained from other brokers or *dealers* and at commission rates comparable to that which would have been charged to the Funds by such other brokers or *dealers*. Fidelity will at all times be responsible for the management of the portfolio of each Fund for which it acts as investment adviser.

In selecting brokers, many factors will be considered in the context of a particular trade and in regard to the Advisers' overall responsibilities with respect to each Fund and to other investment accounts the Advisers manage. Factors deemed relevant may include the following: (i) price; (ii) size and type of the transaction; (iii) reasonableness of compensation to be paid; (iv) speed and certainty of trade executions, including the broker's willingness to commit capital; (v) nature of markets on which the security is to be purchased or sold; (vi) the availability of liquidity in the security; (vii) reliability of a market center or broker; (viii) overall trading relationship with the broker; (ix) assessment of whether and how closely the broker will likely follow instructions; (x) degree of anonymity that a particular broker or market can provide; (xi) the potential for avoiding market impact; (xii) the execution services rendered on a continuing basis; (xiii) the execution efficiency, settlement capability and financial condition of the firm; (xiv) arrangements for payment of fund expenses, if applicable; and (xv) the provision of additional brokerage and research products and services, if applicable. Notwithstanding the factors listed above, in effecting portfolio transactions, overall service and prompt execution of orders on favourable terms will be of primary consideration.

The Advisers may enter into commission sharing arrangements ("**CS**") whereby the Funds and the *underlying funds*, as applicable, pay the broker a bundled commission into a CS account maintained by the broker for order execution and research goods and services to be supplied by the broker to the Funds. The Advisers direct the broker to use the CS account to purchase and pay for research goods and services that the broker supplies to the Funds. Research goods and services must be used to assist with investment or trading decisions or with effecting securities transactions. The research goods and services that are purchased through CSs generally support broad categories of investment mandates.

As a result of the revised Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (also known as MiFID II) in the European Economic Area, effective on January 3, 2018, certain Advisers and their affiliated or related entities that are regulated under MiFID II will no longer be using a CS account to pay for research goods and services. Instead, these Advisers will use and maintain separate research payment accounts ("**RPA**")



whereby the Funds will pay an unbundled commission into the RPA account for research goods and services. The Advisers will instruct payment for research goods and services from the RPA account in accordance with the enumerated criteria mentioned above.

The key differences between a CS account and an RPA account is that: (i) the CS account is maintained by the broker while the RPA account is maintained by the Advisers; and (ii) the CS account allocates payments for research goods and services to the Funds on pro-rata trading activity while the RPA account allocates payments based on the pro-rata net assets of the Funds.

Portfolio transactions may be executed with brokers who provide research services to the Funds and which assist the Advisers with their investment management responsibilities. Such services include reports and analysis which are used to assist with investment decisions in the following subject areas: economic, industry, company, municipal, sovereign, legal or political research reports, market colour commentary, company meeting facilitation, compilation of securities prices, earnings, *dividends* and similar data, quotation services, data, information and other services, analytical computer software and services and investment recommendations.

It is expected that the following types of goods or services, other than order execution, may be purchased by the Funds with the commissions that it has paid to the brokers: research on specific industries, sectors and companies, as well as market data research.

Where brokerage transactions involving client brokerage commissions of the Funds and the underlying Fidelity Funds, as applicable, have been or might be paid to a broker in return for the provision of any goods or services by the broker or a third party, other than order execution, the names of such *dealers* or third parties will be provided upon request by contacting Fidelity at 1-800-263-4077 or via email at [cs.english@fidelity.ca](mailto:cs.english@fidelity.ca) (for assistance in English) or [sc.francais@fidelity.ca](mailto:sc.francais@fidelity.ca) (for assistance in French).

## Directors, Executive Officers and Trustees

The trustee of the Funds is Fidelity. The directors and executive officers of Fidelity are listed under the sub-heading

**Manager** earlier in this section. The trustee is responsible for all operations of the Funds and has delegated such responsibilities to Fidelity.

The Amended and Restated Master Declaration of Trust dated as of January 9, 2025, as amended (the “**Declaration**”) and the Management Agreement permit Fidelity to delegate all or any part of its duties to be performed pursuant to the terms of the Declaration and the Management Agreement.

## Custodian

The custodian of the Funds is State Street Trust Company Canada (the “**Custodian**”), of Toronto, Ontario.

The Custodian is in the business of, among other things, providing banking and custodial services to institutional investors. The sub-custodians appointed to hold assets will be listed in the compliance report prepared by the Custodian and filed on SEDAR+ on behalf of the funds pursuant to the requirements of *NI 81-102*.

The Custodian and the sub-Custodians are unrelated to Fidelity.

The Custodian acts as custodian of the Funds’ portfolio securities, other than short positions. The cash, securities and other assets of the Funds will be held by the Custodian at its principal office or at one or more of its branch offices or at offices of sub-custodians appointed by the Custodian domestically or in other countries. The Custodian may also provide foreign exchange services to the Funds either as an agent for the Funds or as principal. The foreign exchange transactions may also be effected through an affiliate of the Custodian. Fees with respect to foreign exchange transactions may be earned by the Custodian or its affiliate.

The Custodian Agreement continues indefinitely for the Funds unless terminated upon 180 days’ written notice by the Custodian, upon 30 days’ written notice given by the Funds, or upon receipt of written notice by the Custodian from the Funds in circumstances where the Funds have determined that there is a reasonable basis to conclude that the Custodian is insolvent or that its financial condition is deteriorating in a material respect.

## Responsibility for administration of the Funds (*continued*)

Where a Fund makes use of clearing corporation options, options on futures or futures contracts, the Fund may deposit portfolio securities or cash as margin in respect of such transactions with a *dealer*, or in the case of forward contracts, with the other party thereto, in any such case in accordance with the policies of the Canadian securities authorities.

### Auditor

The auditor of the Funds is PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP of Toronto, Ontario.

### Registrar

#### **Mutual Fund Series**

Fidelity is the registrar and transfer agent of the Mutual Fund Series units of the Funds. Fidelity maintains the register of Mutual Fund Series units of the Funds at its offices in Toronto, Ontario.

As registrar, Fidelity records all Mutual Fund Series unitholder transactions, including purchases, switches, and redemptions, in the register of Mutual Fund Series units of each Fund.

#### **ETF Series**

Fidelity has retained the services of State Street Trust Company Canada, at its principal offices in Toronto, Ontario, to act as the registrar and transfer agent for the ETF Series units of the Funds and to maintain the register of registered ETF Series unitholders. The register of the ETF Series units of the Funds is kept in Toronto, Ontario.

#### **Plan Agent**

State Street Trust Company Canada is the plan agent that administers the Distribution Reinvestment Plan of the ETF Series of the Funds. State Street Trust Company is located in Toronto, Ontario.

### Securities Lending Agent

The Securities Lending Agent of the Funds is State Street Bank and Trust Company of Boston, Massachusetts, a sub-custodian of the Funds (the “**Securities Lending Agent**”). The Securities Lending Agent is not an affiliate or associate of Fidelity.

The Funds have entered into a Securities Lending Authorization Agreement (the “**Securities Lending Agreement**”) dated as of November 16, 2012, as amended, with the Securities Lending Agent. The Securities Lending Agreement appoints the Securities Lending Agent to act as agent for *securities lending transactions* for those Funds that engage in *securities lending transactions* and to execute in the applicable Fund’s name and on its behalf, securities lending agreements with borrowers in accordance with *NI 81-102*. The Securities Lending Agreement stipulates that the collateral received by a Fund in a *securities lending transaction* must have a market value of at least 105% of the value of the securities loaned. Under the Securities Lending Agreement, the Securities Lending Agent indemnifies the Funds from certain losses incurred in connection with the Securities Lending Agent’s breach of its standard of care and default by a borrower. The Securities Lending Agreement may be terminated with respect to any Fund at any time with or without cause by either party upon delivery to the other party of written notice specifying the date of such termination, which shall not be less than five days after the receipt of such notice.

### Other Service Providers

#### **Fund Accounting and Investment Management Support**

Fidelity has an arrangement with Fidelity Service Company, Inc. (“**FSC**”) of Boston, Massachusetts for FSC to provide fund accounting and investment management support services to the Funds, including calculating the daily net asset value per unit for the Funds. These services are provided by Fidelity Fund and Investment Operations (FFIO), a division of FSC. The agreement between Fidelity and FSC is in effect for an indefinite period and continues in force unless terminated by a party giving six months prior written notice.

#### **Designated broker**

Fidelity, on behalf of the ETF Series units of the Funds, has entered into a designated broker agreement with a designated broker pursuant to which the designated broker has agreed to perform certain duties relating to one or more of the ETF Series of the Funds including, without limitation: (i) to subscribe for a sufficient number of ETF Series units to satisfy the original listing requirements of the *designated*

*exchange*; (ii) to subscribe for ETF Series units in connection with any rebalancing event or other action as described in the applicable Fund's investment strategies; (iii) to subscribe for ETF Series units when cash redemptions of ETF Series units occur as described under **How to redeem the Funds**; and (iv) to post a liquid two-way market for the trading of ETF Series units of that Fund on the *designated exchange*.

In accordance with the designated broker agreement, Fidelity may from time to time require the *designated broker* to subscribe for ETF Series units of a Fund for cash.

## Independent Review Committee and Fund Governance

### **Independent Review Committee**

The following is the mandate of the *IRC* as required under *NI 81-107*:

- (a) review a conflict of interest matter, including any related policies and procedures, referred to it by Fidelity and make recommendations to Fidelity regarding whether the proposed action of Fidelity in respect of the conflict of interest matter achieves a fair and reasonable result for the applicable Fidelity Funds;
- (b) consider and approve, if deemed appropriate, Fidelity's proposed action on a conflict of interest matter that Fidelity refers to the *IRC* for approval; and
- (c) perform such other duties, recommendations and approvals as may be permitted of the *IRC* under applicable securities laws.

The *IRC* may also approve mergers involving the Funds and any change of the auditor of the Funds. Unitholder approval will not be obtained in these circumstances, but you will be sent a written notice at least 60 days before the effective date of any merger or change of auditor that affects the Funds that you own.

Other provisions of the *IRC* Charter are consistent with *NI 81-107*.

As at the date of this simplified prospectus, the following individuals are the members of the *IRC* of the Fidelity Funds:

Douglas Nowers (Chair) – Toronto, Ontario

Anne Bell – Mississauga, Ontario

Frances Horodelski – Toronto, Ontario

Kevin Regan – Winnipeg, Manitoba

The *IRC* prepares, at least annually, a report of its activities for unitholders and makes such reports available on the Fidelity Fund's designated website at [www.fidelity.ca](http://www.fidelity.ca), or at the unitholder's request and at no cost, by contacting Fidelity at [cs.english@fidelity.ca](mailto:cs.english@fidelity.ca) (for assistance in English) or [sc.francais@fidelity.ca](mailto:sc.francais@fidelity.ca) (for assistance in French).

### **Board of the Manager**

Each of the Funds is organized as a trust. Fidelity, as Manager and trustee of the Funds, is ultimately responsible for fund governance, which is the responsibility of Fidelity's board of directors. Currently, the board of directors consists of 11 individuals. Six members of the board, Mr. Eccleton, Mr. Hall, Ms. Hunter Mr. Myers, Mr. Pringle, and Mr. Wilkinson are independent in that they are not members of the management of Fidelity nor are they employed by Fidelity or any of its affiliates. Details of the members of Fidelity's board of directors are described under **Manager**.

### **Certain Policies and Practices**

Fidelity has developed a Code of Ethics. The purpose of the Code is to aim to ensure that when employees of Fidelity buy or sell securities for their personal accounts, they do not create actual or potential conflicts with the Fidelity Funds.

Fidelity, the Funds' and the underlying Fidelity Funds' portfolio advisers, as applicable, have developed policies that aim to manage each Fund's and underlying Fidelity Fund's, as applicable, investment risks, such as market and credit risks, as well as non-investment risks, such as *counterparty*, trading, compliance, foreign markets and technology risks. In addition, Fidelity has adopted numerous policies to address conflicts of interest, as required by *NI 81-107*. The activities of all the Funds and underlying Fidelity Funds are monitored by Fidelity's compliance department. The chief compliance officer provides regular reports to Fidelity's board of directors.

When it markets and advertises the Funds, Fidelity is required to comply with certain laws and policies, including

## Responsibility for administration of the Funds *(continued)*

Part 15 of NI 81-102 and NI 81-105. Fidelity has established policies and procedures to ensure it complies with these requirements. For example, Fidelity has prepared an Advertising & Sales Communications Compliance Manual for internal Fidelity use. The manual is used by Fidelity's product and marketing departments when preparing advertising and other promotional materials and broadcasts. It describes the requirements of securities laws and policies as well as Fidelity's policies regarding the content of these materials and broadcasts.

As required by NI 81-107, Fidelity has adopted policies and procedures to overcome conflicts of interest with and among the Fidelity Funds.

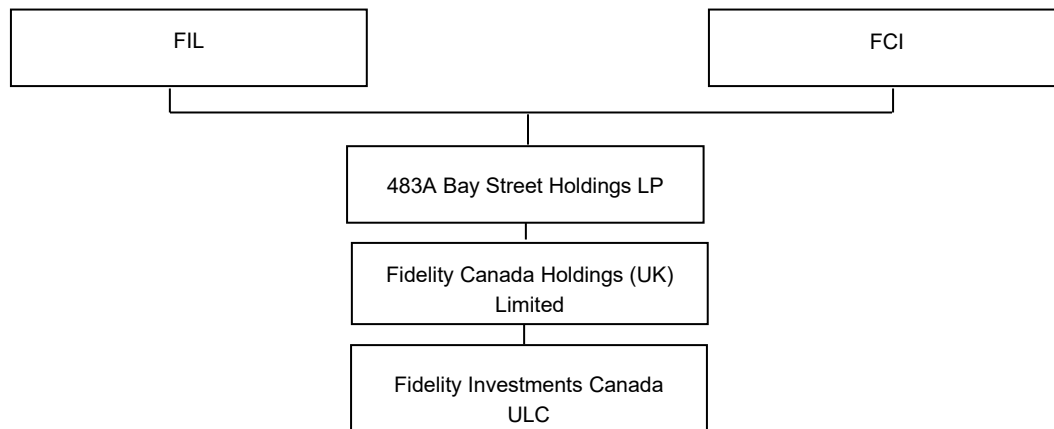
### Affiliated Entities

As at the date of this document, the only shareholder known to Fidelity to own, of record or beneficially, more than 10% of the issued and outstanding shares of Fidelity was Fidelity Canada Holdings (UK) Limited which owns directly 1,000 common shares, representing 100% of the issued and outstanding common shares of Fidelity. As at the date of this document, 483A Bay Street Holdings LP owns directly 100% of the issued and outstanding shares of Fidelity Canada Holdings (UK) Limited and 483A Bay Street Holdings LP in turn is owned indirectly 49% by Fidelity Canada Investors LLC ("FCI") and 51% owned indirectly by FIL Limited ("FIL") (as shown in the diagram below).

As at the date of this document, members of the Johnson family, including Abigail P. Johnson, are the predominant owners, directly or through trusts, of Series B voting common units of FCI, representing 49% of the voting power of FCI.

The Johnson family group and all other Series B unitholders have entered into a voting agreement under which all Series B units will be voted in accordance with the majority vote of Series B units. Accordingly, through their ownership of voting common units and the execution of the voting agreement, members of the Johnson family group may be deemed to form a controlling group with respect to FCI. As at the date of this document, members of the Johnson family group are the predominant owners, directly or through trusts or other legal structures, of FIL. While the Johnson family group's ownership of FIL voting stock may fluctuate from time to time as a result of changes in the total number of shares of FIL voting stock outstanding, it normally represents more than 25%, but under FIL's by-laws can represent no more than 48.5%, of the total votes which may be cast by all holders of FIL voting stock. Accordingly, through their ownership, members of the Johnson family group may be deemed to form a controlling group with respect to FIL.

As previously disclosed in this simplified prospectus, the following affiliated entities provided services to the Funds or the Manager:



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The amount of fees received from each Fund by each affiliated entity is disclosed in the audited financial statements of the Fund.

### Policies and Practices

#### Policies related to Derivatives

The Fidelity Funds (other than money market funds) are allowed to use *derivatives*. See **Derivative risk** in the second part of this simplified prospectus. These Funds may use *derivatives* in accordance with the limits, restrictions and practices set by the CSA or as permitted under the terms of exemptive relief obtained from the CSA.

Fidelity has adopted a written Derivatives Policy to aim to ensure that the use of *derivatives* by these Funds complies with applicable regulatory requirements and address any risk associated with *derivative* instruments. Derivatives policies and procedures are set jointly by the Investment Compliance and Legal Departments and the Fund Treasurer's Office and is reviewed annually by Fidelity's compliance and investment management departments and its Fund Operations Oversight Committee, comprised of senior management of Fidelity.

Fidelity has appointed Derivatives Supervision Officers who are responsible for the oversight of *derivative* activity in these Funds and a Complex Securities Committee that oversees *derivative* approvals for each Fund. In addition, compliance personnel at Fidelity review the use of *derivatives* as part of their ongoing review of Fund activity. The Derivatives Supervising Officers provide an annual report of *derivatives* use, compliance exceptions, and a market risk assessment to the Fund Oversight Committee. At present, Fidelity does not simulate stress conditions to measure risk in connection with the use of *derivatives*.

#### Policies related to Short Selling

The Funds may engage in short selling in accordance with the limits, restrictions and practices set by the CSA or as permitted under the terms of exemptive relief obtained from the CSA. See **Short Selling Risk** in the second part of this simplified prospectus.

Fidelity has adopted policies and procedures relating to short selling as part of its Order Execution Policy to aim to ensure that the use of *derivatives* by the Funds complies with applicable regulatory requirements and address any risk associated with short selling. The Order Execution Policy is set jointly by the Investments and Investment Compliance departments and is reviewed annually by these departments.

Daily oversight is provided by the Head of Trading with monthly oversight meetings between the Head of Trading and regional trade oversight representatives. Quarterly reviews include the Heads of Equity Trading, regional chief investment officers, and Compliance. Additional quarterly reviews are held with the CIO, investment risk, portfolio managers, and trading. Quarterly oversight is provided by the Quarterly Global Trading Oversight Working Group and the Quarterly Trade Oversight Committee.

At present, Fidelity does not simulate stress conditions to measure risk in connection with the use of short selling strategies.

#### Policies related to Repurchase Transactions, Reverse Repurchase Transactions and Securities Lending Transactions

All of the Funds and the underlying Fidelity Funds may engage in *repurchase transactions*, *reverse repurchase transactions* and *securities lending transactions* only as permitted under securities law. The Custodian or a sub-custodian will act as agent for the Funds and the underlying Fidelity Funds in administering *repurchase transactions* and *securities lending transactions*, including negotiating the agreements, assessing the creditworthiness of counterparties and collecting the fees earned by the Funds and the underlying Fidelity Funds. Fidelity has written policies and procedures that set out the objectives and goals for *securities lending transactions*, *repurchase transactions* and *reverse repurchase transactions* and risk management procedures applicable to those transactions. The policies and procedures are set and reviewed by the Fund Treasurer's Office and are reviewed annually by Fidelity's Operations Oversight Committee, including annual approval

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by the Board of Fidelity. Fidelity has implemented limits and other controls on entering into these transactions. These limits and controls are placed by and overseen by the Fund Treasurer's Office.

At present, Fidelity does not simulate stress conditions to measure risk in connection with the use of repurchase transactions, reverse repurchase transactions and securities lending transactions.

### Policies related to Liquidity Risk Management

Liquidity risk refers to the risk that a Fund is unable to satisfy redemption requests without having a material impact on the remaining unitholders of a Fund. Liquidity risk management is part of a Fund's broader risk management process which includes documented internal compliance and fund oversight policies and procedures pertaining to the measurement, monitoring, mitigation and reporting of liquidity risks within a Fund.

Fidelity has adopted a Liquidity Risk Management Policy to promote effective liquidity risk management and reduce the risk that a Fund will be unable to satisfy redemption requests without having a material impact on the remaining unitholders of a Fund. The Fidelity Liquidity Working Group, comprised of members of Investment Compliance, Legal, Fund Treasury, Product and Investment Risk, has been established to provide oversight over Fidelity's liquidity risk management program and for the ongoing management and monitoring of the Funds' liquidity.

### Proxy Voting Guidelines

Fidelity, in its capacity as portfolio adviser to the Funds, hires FMR (for funds sub-advised by FMR) to manage the proxy voting on behalf of the Funds that are sub-advised by it, in accordance with their proxy voting guidelines of the Funds (the "**Guidelines**"). The following is a description of the general principles followed by FMR in respect of voting securities held by the Funds. Details of the specific proxy voting Guidelines followed by FMR are set out in the applicable adviser or sub adviser Guidelines.

The following Guidelines pertain to the Funds.

### *Fund of Fund Voting*

When a Top Fund invests in an *underlying fund* also managed by Fidelity, FIL or FMR, the Top Fund will not vote those securities of the underlying Fidelity Fund held by the Top Fund. Instead, where applicable, Fidelity will arrange for such securities of the underlying Fidelity Fund to be voted by the beneficial holders of the Top Fund.

When a Fund invests in an *underlying fund* that is not managed by Fidelity, FMR and FIL, the Fund will vote in the same proportion as all other unitholders of such *underlying fund* ("**echo voting**"). FMR and FIL may choose not to vote if "echo voting" is not operationally feasible.

### *General Principles – FMR*

- FMR's core principles guides everything FMR does: (i) putting the customers' and Fund unitholders' long-term interests first; and (ii) investing in companies that share the Fidelity companies' approach to creating value over the long-term. FMR will generally adhere to the FMR Guidelines in voting proxies and its stewardship principles serve as the foundation for these guidelines. FMR's evaluation of proxies reflects information from many sources, including management or shareholders of a company presenting a proposal and proxy voting advisory firms. FMR may vote individual proxies based on its assessment of each situation.
- In evaluating proxies, FMR considers factors that are financially material to individual companies and investment funds' investment objectives and strategies in support of maximizing long-term shareholder value. This includes considering the company's approach to financial and operational, human and natural capital, and the impact of that approach on the potential future value of the business.
- FMR generally considers management's recommendations and current practises when voting on shareholder proposals concerning human and natural capital issues because it generally believes that management and the board are in the best position to determine how to address these

matters. FMR, however, also believes that transparency is critical to sound corporate governance. FMR evaluates shareholder proposals concerning natural and human capital topics. To engage and vote more effectively on the growing number of submitted proposals on these topics, FMR developed a four-point decision-making framework. In general FMR will more likely support proposals that:

- address a topic that FMR's research has identified as financially material;
  - provide disclosure of new or additional information to investors, improving transparency;
  - provide value to the business or investors by improving the landscape of investment-decision relevant information or contributing to its understanding of a company's processes and governance of the topic in question; and
  - are realistic or practical for the company to comply with.
- Funds that have an ESG-focused investment objective will vote in accordance with sustainable guidelines for shareholder proposals related to natural and human capital topics. All other proposals for companies held by these funds will continue to be voted in accordance with the FMR Guidelines applicable to non-ESG focused Funds.
  - Proposals not specifically addressed by the FMR Guidelines will be voted based on an evaluation of a proposal's likelihood to enhance the long-term economic returns or profitability of the company or to maximize long-term shareholder value. Fidelity companies will not be influenced by business relationships or outside perspectives that may conflict with the interests of the Funds and their unitholders.

- Many Funds invest in voting securities issued by companies that are domiciled outside the United States and are not listed on a U.S. securities exchange. Corporate governance standards, legal or regulatory requirements and disclosure practices in foreign countries can differ from those in the United States. When voting proxies relating to non-U.S. securities, FMR generally will evaluate proposals under these guidelines and where applicable and feasible, take into consideration differing laws, regulations and practices in the relevant foreign market in determining how to vote securities.
- In certain jurisdictions, shareholders voting securities of a portfolio company may be restricted from trading the securities for a period of time around the shareholder meeting date. Because such trading restrictions can hinder portfolio management and could result in a loss of liquidity for a Fund, FMR will generally not vote proxies in circumstances where such restrictions apply. In addition, certain jurisdictions require voting shareholders to disclose current security ownership on a fund-by-fund basis. When such disclosure requirements apply, FMR will generally not vote proxies in order to safeguard fund holdings information.
- FMR believes that there is a strong correlation between sound corporate governance and enhancing shareholder value. FMR, through the implementation of these guidelines, puts this belief into action through consistent engagement with portfolio companies on matters contained in these guidelines, and, ultimately, through the exercise of voting rights by the funds.

The policies and procedures relating to proxy voting are available on request, at no cost, by calling us at 1-800-263-4077, by sending us an e-mail at [cs.english@fidelity.ca](mailto:cs.english@fidelity.ca) (for assistance in English) or [sc.francais@fidelity.ca](mailto:sc.francais@fidelity.ca) (for assistance in French) or on our designated website at [www.fidelity.ca](http://www.fidelity.ca). Each Fund's proxy voting record for the most recent period ended June 30 of each year is available free of

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charge to any unitholder of the Fund upon request at any time after August 31 of that year. It can also be viewed on our designated website at [www.fidelity.ca](http://www.fidelity.ca).

### Remuneration of Directors, Officers and Trustee

No payment or reimbursement has been made by a Fund to the directors and officers of Fidelity up to the date of this simplified prospectus. Fidelity does not receive compensation for acting as trustee of the Funds.

Individual *IRC* Members are compensated by the Funds by way of an annual retainer fee and a per meeting attendance fee, as well as being reimbursed for expenses associated with *IRC* duties. These costs are allocated amongst the individual Fidelity Funds proportionately by assets. As the Funds are new, none of the costs of the *IRC* have been allocated to them as of the date of this simplified prospectus.

The Funds have a financial year end of June 30.

### Material Contracts

Contracts which have been entered into by each Fund as at the date of this simplified prospectus which are considered material to investors purchasing units are as follows:

#### *Declaration of Trust*

The Declaration governs the business and affairs of the Funds. It appoints Fidelity as trustee of the Funds with the full powers of a trustee. Under the Declaration, Fidelity may resign as trustee by giving 90 days' written notice to unitholders. Failure to appoint a successor trustee can result in termination of the Funds. Fidelity is required to exercise its powers and discharge its duties honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the Funds and shall perform the duties of a trustee to the standard of care, diligence and skill a reasonably prudent person would exercise in the circumstances. Fidelity is indemnified for all actions within its standard of care in acting as trustee of the Funds.

Fidelity will be liable to each Fund in the event of any failure to so act by Fidelity or any associate or affiliate of Fidelity or by any of its or their respective directors, officers or employees, but will not otherwise be liable to the Fund in respect of any matter provided that in respect of such matter

Fidelity has acted in accordance with the standard of care referred to above.

#### *Management Agreement*

The Amended and Restated Master Management and Distribution Agreement dated May 4, 2023, as amended, is more particularly described under ***Responsibility for administration of the Funds – Manager***.

#### *Custodial Services*

The Master Mutual Fund Custodial Services Agreement dated as of November 16, 2012, as amended, with State Street Trust Company Canada is more particularly described under ***Responsibility for administration of the Funds – Custodian***.

Copies of the foregoing contracts may be inspected by existing and prospective unitholders during regular business hours at the principal place of business of Fidelity at 483 Bay Street, Suite 300, Toronto, Ontario, M5G 2N7.

### Legal Proceedings

There are no material legal proceedings to which the Funds or Fidelity is a party.

### Designated Website

A mutual fund is required to post certain regulatory disclosure documents on a designated website. The designated website of the Funds can be found at [www.fidelity.ca](http://www.fidelity.ca).



# Valuation of portfolio securities

In calculating the value of the assets of each Fund and underlying Fidelity Funds:

- (a) *liquid* assets (which term includes cash on hand or on deposit or on call, bills and demand notes and accounts receivable, prepaid expenses, cash *dividends* declared and interest accrued and not yet received) will be valued at the full amount thereof unless Fidelity determines an otherwise fair value;
- (b) securities listed on a public securities exchange are valued at their last sale or closing price as reported on that Valuation Day or, if no sale is reported to have taken place on that Valuation Day and there is no reported closing price, at the closing bid price on that Valuation Day;
- (c) unlisted securities traded on an over-the-counter market are valued at the closing bid price on that Valuation Day;
- (d) restricted securities that are not illiquid are valued at the lesser of:
  - (i) the value thereof based on reported quotations in common use on that Valuation Day; and
  - (ii) that percentage of the market value of securities of the same class, the trading of which is not restricted or limited by reason of any representation, undertaking or agreement or by law, equal to the percentage that the Fund's acquisition cost was of the market value of such securities at the time of acquisition, provided that a gradual taking into account of the actual value of the securities may be made where the date on which the restrictions will be lifted is known;
- (e) long positions in clearing corporation options, options on futures, over-the-counter options, debt-like securities and listed warrants shall be valued at the fair value thereof;
- (f) where a covered clearing corporation option, option on futures or over-the-counter option is written by the Fund or the underlying Fidelity Fund, the premium received by the Fund or the underlying Fidelity Fund will be reflected as a deferred credit which will be valued at an amount equal to the current market value of the clearing corporation option, option on futures or over-the-counter option which would have the effect of closing the position; any difference resulting from revaluation shall be treated as an unrealized gain or loss on investment; the deferred credit shall be deducted in arriving at the net asset value of the Fund or the underlying Fidelity Fund; the securities, if any, which are the subject of a written covered clearing corporation option or over-the-counter option will be valued in the manner described above for listed securities;
- (g) securities quoted in currencies other than the Canadian dollar are translated to Canadian dollars using the closing rate of exchange as quoted by customary banking sources on that Valuation Day;
- (h) the value of a futures contract, forward contract or swap shall be the gain or loss, if any, that would arise as a result of closing the position in the futures contract or forward contract or swap, as the case may be, on that Valuation Day unless daily limits are in effect, in which case fair market value shall be based on the current value of the underlying interest;
- (i) the value of units of a Fidelity Fund held by a Fund or an underlying Fidelity Fund will be the net asset value per unit, or, if the units are listed on a public securities exchange, the most representative price within the bid-ask spread on the Valuation Date, and if such date is not a Valuation Day of the Fund or an underlying Fidelity Fund, then the value of units of the Fidelity Funds will be the net asset value per unit on the most recent Valuation Day, or, if the securities are listed on a public securities exchange, the most appropriate fair value price;
- (j) if securities are interlisted or traded on more than one exchange or market Fidelity shall use the last sale price or the closing bid price, as the case may be, reported on the exchange or market determined by Fidelity to be the principal exchange or market for such securities;
- (k) margin paid or deposited in respect of futures contracts, forward contracts, and swaps shall be reflected as an account receivable and margin consisting of assets other than cash shall be noted as held as margin;

## Valuation of portfolio securities *(continued)*

- (l) short-term securities may be valued using market quotations, amortized cost or original cost plus accrued interest, unless Fidelity determines that these no longer approximate market value of the assets; and
- (m) notwithstanding the foregoing, securities and other assets for which market quotations are, in Fidelity's opinion, inaccurate, unreliable, not reflective of all available material information or not readily available are valued at their fair value, as determined by Fidelity.

In the past three years, Fidelity has not deviated from the valuation practices described above.

The Declaration contains details of the method of determining the value of liabilities to be deducted in determining the net asset value of each Fund. In arriving at the net asset value, Fidelity will generally use the latest reported information available to it on the Valuation Day.

The financial statements of each Fund are required to be prepared in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("**IFRS**"). The Funds' accounting policies for measuring the fair value of their investments under IFRS are identical to those used in measuring the net asset value per unit for transactions with unitholders. However, if the closing price of a unit of a Fund falls outside of the bid and ask price spread of the security, we may adjust the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per series per unit in the Fund's financial statements. As a result, the net asset value per unit for transactions with unitholders may be different from the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per series per unit that is reported in such Fund's financial statements under IFRS.

# Calculation of net asset value

As described in the preceding section, the assets and liabilities of each series of each Fund and *underlying fund* are valued daily. The net asset value of each series of a Fund or *underlying fund* is the value of all assets of that series less its liabilities. The net asset value of each series is calculated on each day that the *TSX* is open for trading (a “**Valuation Day**”), subject to a temporary suspension of the right to redeem units as described under ***How to redeem the Funds*** below. A separate net asset value is calculated for each series of units of a Fund. The net asset value per unit of each series of a Fund is calculated by dividing the net asset value of the series at the close of business on a Valuation Day by the total number of units of the series outstanding at that time.

All of the Funds are valued, and can be bought, in Canadian dollars. In addition, some series of some Funds can be bought in U.S. dollars as well as Canadian dollars. We indicate in each Fund’s profile in the simplified prospectus if a series can be bought using this U.S. dollar option.

The Canadian dollar Net Asset Value for these Funds is converted to U.S. dollars at the prevailing exchange rate for a valuation day in order to determine the applicable U.S. dollar Net Asset Value. Other than the series of the Funds indicated in the Fund profiles in the simplified prospectus, no other Funds or series are currently available for purchase in U.S. dollars. We may offer the U.S. dollar option in respect of additional Funds or series in the future.

The net asset value per unit is the basis for all sales or switches of units as well as for the automatic reinvestment of distributions and for redemptions as described in this document. The issue or redemption of units, switches of units and reinvestment of distributions is reflected in the next calculation of the net asset value per unit made after the time such transactions become binding.

Portfolio transactions (investment purchases and sales) are reflected in the next calculation of the net asset value made after the date on which they become binding. The net asset value per unit, or unit of a series, as the case may be, of each Fund calculated on each Valuation Day remains in effect until the net asset value per unit, or unit of a series, of that Fund is next calculated.

The net asset value of each series of a Fund and net asset value per unit of a Fund are available on our designated website at [www.fidelity.ca](http://www.fidelity.ca) or on request, at no cost, by calling us at 1-800-263-4077 or by sending us an e-mail at [cs.english@fidelity.ca](mailto:cs.english@fidelity.ca) (for assistance in English) or [sc.francais@fidelity.ca](mailto:sc.francais@fidelity.ca) (for assistance in French).

# Purchases, switches and redemptions

## How to buy, redeem or switch units of a series of a Fund

The Funds are available in series of units, as specified on the cover page and as set out in each Fund's profile. The differences between the series are described in the section **Specific information about each of the mutual funds described in this document**.

Series B units of the Funds are available to all investors.

Series F units are only available to investors whose *dealers* have entered into appropriate eligibility agreements with Fidelity. Investors may buy Series F units in fee based accounts at their *dealers* where they pay fees directly to their *dealers*. Investors may also buy Series F units and pay fees to their dealers by entering into advisor service fee agreements that authorize Fidelity to redeem Series F units from their accounts that have a value equal to the amount of the fees payable by them to their dealers, plus applicable taxes, and to pay the proceeds to their dealers.

Series O units of the Funds are only available to Fidelity Funds and other funds and accounts managed or advised by Fidelity. In addition, Series O units of the Funds are also available to institutional investors who may be individuals or financial institutions who have been approved by us and have entered into series O fund purchase agreements with us.

See the section **Description of units offered by the Funds** for more information about the series that you can invest in.

You can buy, redeem or switch units of the Funds through any registered *dealer*.

When you buy, redeem or switch units of a Fund, we have to determine what they're worth. We do this by calculating the net asset value per unit. The net asset value per unit is the basis of all transactions involving buying, redeeming, switching or reinvesting units. See the **Income tax considerations** for further details about the tax consequences of buying, redeeming or switching units.

Switches to or from ETF Series units are not permitted.

## How to buy Funds

### Mutual Fund Series

You can buy Mutual Fund Series units of the Funds through any registered *dealer*.

All purchases of units of a Fund are made at the net asset value per unit of the series of the Fund.

### Figuring out the net asset value per unit

Here's how we calculate the net asset value per unit for each series of a Fund:

- We take the series' proportionate share of all the investments and other assets of the Fund.
- We subtract the series' liabilities and its proportionate share of common Fund liabilities. That gives us the net asset value for the series.
- We divide that number by the total number of units investors in that series hold. That gives us the net asset value per unit.

To determine what your mutual fund investment is worth, simply multiply the net asset value per unit for the series of units you own by the number of units you own.

We aren't able to calculate the price of a series of a Fund on a valuation day if the unit price of the *underlying fund* is not calculated on that valuation day.

### Processing your order

If we receive your order for Mutual Fund Series units before 4 p.m. Toronto time on a valuation day (which is any day that the *TSX* is open for trading), we process your order as of that valuation day and you pay the net asset value per unit calculated on that valuation day for the units that you buy. Otherwise, we process your order as of the next valuation day. If the *TSX* closes earlier than 4 p.m. on a valuation day, we may impose an earlier deadline for that valuation day. Any order received after this earlier deadline is processed as of the next valuation day. For more information on how we calculate the net asset value per unit on a valuation day, see **Figuring out the net asset value per unit** earlier in this section.

You have to pay for your Mutual Fund Series units when you buy them. We do not accept cash, money orders or travellers' cheques for the purchase of units. If we don't receive payment in full within one business day of receiving your order, we redeem the units that you bought on the next valuation day or when we first learn that your payment will not be honoured. A "business day" is any day except, Saturday, Sunday or a Canadian holiday. If we redeem the units for more than you paid, the Fund keeps the difference. If we redeem the units for less than you paid, we charge your *dealer* for the difference, plus any costs. Your *dealer* may be entitled to recover any loss from you. Your *dealer* may make provision in arrangements that it has with you that will require you to compensate the *dealer* for any losses suffered by the *dealer* in connection with a failed settlement of a purchase of units of a Fund caused by you.

If we receive your payment, but the documentation in respect of your purchase for a Fidelity registered plan is incomplete or missing instructions, we may invest your money in Series B units of Fidelity Canadian Money Market Fund (offered under a separate simplified prospectus) at no sales charge. An investment in Fidelity Canadian Money Market Fund earns you daily interest until we receive complete instructions from you regarding which Fund(s) you have selected, and all documentation in respect of your purchase is received in good order. Your total investment, including any interest, is then switched into the Fund(s) you chose under the sales charge option that you selected at the unit price of the Fund(s) on the date of the switch.

### **ETF Series**

ETF Series units of the Funds will be issued and sold on a continuous basis and there is no maximum number of ETF Series units that may be issued.

The *TSX* has conditionally approved the listing of the ETF Series units of the Funds. Listing is subject to fulfilling all of the requirements of the *TSX*, including distribution of the ETF Series units of the Funds to a minimum number of public unitholders.

The ETF Series units will be listed on the *TSX* and investors will be able to buy or sell ETF Series units of the Funds on the *TSX* or another exchange or marketplace through

registered brokers and *dealers* in the province or territory where the investor resides.

Investors may incur customary brokerage commissions in buying or selling ETF Series units. No fees are paid by a unitholder to Fidelity or the Funds in connection with the buying or selling of ETF Series units on the *designated exchange* or another exchange or marketplace, as applicable.

The following table indicates the ticker symbols for the ETF Series units of the Funds:

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Ticker Symbol</b>
Fidelity Advanced U.S. Equity Fund - ETF Series	FAUS/FAUS.U
Fidelity Absolute Income Fund - ETF Series	FCAB/FCAB.U

The Funds will issue ETF Series units directly to the *designated broker* and *ETF dealers*. The initial issuance of ETF Series units of the Funds to the *designated broker* will not occur until the Funds have received, in aggregate, subscriptions sufficient to satisfy the original listing requirements of the *TSX*.

### ***Issuance to designated brokers and ETF dealers***

Generally, all orders to purchase ETF Series units of a Fund must be placed by a *designated broker* or an *ETF dealer*. Such Funds reserve the absolute right to reject any subscription order placed by a *designated broker* or an *ETF dealer*. No fees will be payable by the Funds to a *designated broker* or an *ETF dealer* in connection with the issuance of ETF Series units. On the issuance of ETF Series units, an amount may be charged to a *designated broker* or an *ETF dealer* to offset the expenses incurred in issuing such ETF Series units.

After the initial issuance of ETF Series units of a Fund to the *designated broker* to satisfy the *designated exchange's* original listing requirements, on any *trading day*, an *ETF dealer* (who may also be a *designated broker*) may place a subscription order for a *prescribed*

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*number of units* (and any additional multiple thereof) of a Fund. If a subscription order is not received before the time set out below, subject to the discretion of Fidelity, the subscription order will be deemed to be received only on the next business day. If a subscription order is received by the Funds by the applicable *cut-off time* on a *trading day* (or such other time on such trading day as the manager may permit), the Funds will issue to the *dealer* a *prescribed number of units* (and any additional multiple thereof) based on the NAV per unit determined on the applicable *trading day*. If a subscription order is not received by the applicable *cut-off time* on a *trading day* (or such other time on such trading day as the manager may permit), subject to the discretion of Fidelity, the subscription order will be deemed to be received only on the next business day. The *cut-off time* for the Funds are set out in the table below:

Fund	Cut-Off Time for Subscriptions/ Exchanges, Paid in Cash Only
Fidelity Advanced U.S. Equity Fund - ETF Series	2:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on a <i>trading day</i> (or such other time on such trading day as the manager may permit)
Fidelity Absolute Income Fund - ETF Series	3:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on a <i>trading day</i> (or such other time on such trading day as the manager may permit)

For each *prescribed number of units* issued, an *ETF dealer* must deliver payment consisting of, depending on the terms of the agreement with the *ETF dealer* or in the applicable FIC Sub-advisor's discretion: (i) one *basket of securities* and cash in an amount sufficient so that the value of the securities and the cash received is equal to the aggregate NAV per unit of the *prescribed number of units* next determined following the receipt of the subscription order; (ii) cash in an amount equal to the aggregate NAV per unit of the *prescribed number of units* next determined following the receipt of the subscription order; or (iii) other securities and cash, as determined by Fidelity, in an amount sufficient so that the value of the securities and cash received is equal to

the aggregate NAV per unit of the *prescribed number of units* next determined following the receipt of the subscription order.

If an *ETF dealer* purchases ETF Series units for cash, the purchase price for both CAD and USD units must be paid in Canadian dollars.

Fidelity will make available to the applicable *designated broker* or an *ETF dealer* information as to the *prescribed number of ETF Series units* and any *basket of securities* for each Fund for each *trading day*. Fidelity may, in its discretion, increase or decrease the *prescribed number of ETF Series units* from time to time.

Fidelity may impose a daily limit for subscriptions/exchanges by *designated broker* or *ETF dealers* to 5% of the total net assets of ETF Series units of each Fund.

### **Issuance to designated brokers in special circumstances**

ETF Series units may also be issued by a Fund to its *designated broker* in certain special circumstances including when the relevant FIC Sub-advisor has determined that the Fund should acquire *constituent securities* or other securities in connection with a rebalancing event and when cash redemptions of ETF Series units occur.

### **Special considerations for ETF Series unit purchasers**

The provisions of the so-called "early warning" reporting requirements in Canadian securities legislation do not apply if a person or company acquires 10% or more of the ETF Series units of a Fund. The Funds have obtained exemptive relief to permit ETF Series unitholders to acquire more than 20% of the ETF Series units of a Fund without regard to the takeover bid requirements of applicable Canadian securities legislation.

### **Registration and transfer of ETF Series units through CDS**

Registration of interests in, and transfers of, ETF Series units will be made only through the book-entry only system of CDS. ETF Series units must be purchased, transferred and surrendered for exchange or redemption only through a *CDS Participant*. All rights of an owner of ETF Series units must be exercised through, and all payments or other property to

which such owner is entitled will be made or delivered by, *CDS* or the *CDS Participant* through which the owner holds such ETF Series units. Upon purchase of any ETF Series units, the owner will receive only the customary confirmation. All distributions and redemption proceeds in respect of ETF Series units will be made or paid initially to *CDS*, which payments will be forwarded by *CDS* to the *CDS Participants* and, thereafter, by such *CDS Participants* to the applicable unitholders. References in this simplified prospectus to a holder of ETF Series units means, unless the context otherwise requires, the owner of the beneficial interest in such ETF Series units.

Neither the Funds nor Fidelity will have any liability for:

- (i) any aspect of the records maintained by *CDS* relating to the beneficial interests in the ETF Series units or the book-entry accounts maintained by *CDS*;
- (ii) maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests; or
- (iii) any advice or representation made or given by *CDS*, whether contained in this simplified prospectus or otherwise, or made or given with respect to the rules and regulations of *CDS* or any action taken by *CDS* or at the direction of the *CDS Participants*.

The rules governing *CDS* provide that it acts as the agent and depository for the *CDS Participants*. As a result, *CDS Participants* must look solely to *CDS* and persons, other than *CDS Participants*, having an interest in the ETF Series units must look solely to *CDS Participants* for payment made by the Funds to *CDS*.

The ability of a beneficial owner of ETF Series units to pledge such ETF Series units or otherwise take action with respect to such owner's interest in such ETF Series units (other than through a *CDS Participant*) may be limited due to the lack of a physical certificate.

The Funds have the option to terminate registration of ETF Series units through the book-entry only system, in which case certificates for ETF Series units in fully registered form will be issued to beneficial owners of such ETF Series units or to their nominees.

### **Minimum account size**

Due to the high cost of administering accounts, you must keep at least \$500 in your account. If your account falls below this amount, we may decide to redeem your units. We give you 30 days to bring the value of your account up to \$500 before we redeem your units. The Funds and certain series of the Funds may also be subject to minimum investment amounts. These amounts are determined from time to time by us, in our sole discretion. They may also be waived by us and are subject to change without prior notice. The current minimum initial investment amounts are set out on our designated website at [www.fidelity.ca](http://www.fidelity.ca).

There is no minimum investment amount for ETF Series units of a Fund.

### **U.S. Dollar Option**

All of the Funds are valued, and can be bought, in Canadian dollars. In addition, certain series of the Funds can be bought in U.S. dollars as well as Canadian dollars. We indicate in the ***Fund details*** in each Fund's profile if a series can be bought using this U.S. dollar option.

The Canadian dollar net asset value for these Funds is converted to U.S. dollars at the prevailing exchange rate for a valuation day in order to determine the applicable U.S. dollar net asset value. Other than the series of the Funds indicated in the Fund profiles, no other Funds or series are currently available for purchase in U.S. dollars. We may offer the U.S. dollar option in respect of additional Funds or series in the future.

For income tax purposes, capital gains and losses are calculated in Canadian dollars. As a result, if you buy and redeem units under the U.S. dollar option, you need to calculate gains or losses based on the Canadian dollar value of your units when they were purchased and when they were sold. In addition, although distributions are made in U.S. dollars, they must be reported in Canadian dollars for income tax purposes. Consequently, all investment income is reported to you in Canadian dollars for income tax purposes. You may want to consult your tax advisor regarding this.

Our U.S. dollar option is offered only as a convenience. It allows you to invest in certain Funds using your American money. If you buy your units in U.S. dollars, you receive U.S.

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dollars when you redeem them or receive distributions from the Fund. Buying your units in U.S. dollars does not affect the investment return of your Fund and, in particular, does not hedge – or protect – against losses caused by changes in the exchange rate between the Canadian and U.S. dollars. If you wish to reduce your exposure to currency fluctuations, you should consider an investment in a Fidelity currency neutral fund.

### Purchase Options

When you purchase a Fund, depending on the series that your purchase, a sales charge may or may not be applicable. There is no sales charge for Series F and O units, which are considered “no load” units.

All other series of units may be subject to a *sales charge*, as discussed below.

### About sales charges

You may pay a commission to your *dealer* to invest in Series B units of the Funds. This commission is also called a *sales charge*. The commission compensates your *financial advisor* for the advice and service he or she provides to you. You can choose to purchase your units under a purchase option for which the sales charges may be payable at the time of purchase. This is called an *initial sales charge*, and the amount you pay is negotiable with your *financial advisor*.

Series B units are available only under the *initial sales charge* option. You don't pay any sales charges if you invest in Series F and O units, which are only available to certain investors.

### Paying when you buy your units

If you buy units under the *initial sales charge* option, you may pay a sales charge at the time you purchase your units to your *dealer*. You and your *financial advisor* need to negotiate the level of the *initial sales charge*. See the **Fees and expenses** section for details. We may deduct the percentage from the amount you invest and pay it on your behalf to your *financial advisor's dealer*. See the **Dealer compensation** section for details.

### What else you need to know

Here are some other important facts about buying the Funds:

- You receive a confirmation once we process your purchase. The confirmation is a record of your purchase, and includes details about the units that you bought and any commission that you paid.
- If you buy units through our pre-authorized chequing plan, you receive a confirmation for your first purchase. After that, you receive regular account statements.
- We don't issue a certificate when you buy units of the Funds. Instead, you get regular statements showing how many units you own and their value.
- We may refuse any order to buy within one business day of receiving it. If we refuse your order, we return your money to you.
- We may require investors who are U.S. citizens or foreign (including U.S.) tax residents to redeem some or all of their units if their investment has the potential to cause regulatory or tax problems. For example, if an investor does not provide a valid self-certification form from a *FATCA* or *CRS* perspective or a valid taxpayer identification number, which could result in non-compliance penalty obligations for a Fund, we may redeem a portion of the investor's units to make the Fund whole for the imposition or possible imposition of such penalties. We may also be required to withhold taxes on distributions and/or redemption proceeds paid to U.S. citizens or foreign (including U.S.) tax residents. Speak with your *financial advisor* for details.
- We don't accept orders to buy units during a period when we've suspended unitholders' right to redeem units, unless we receive permission from the Ontario Securities Commission to accept such orders. See **Suspending your right to redeem units** later in this section.



## Switching to another series of the same Fund

The following switches are permitted between series of the same Fund.

Series	Switch, Subject to a Fee	Switch, No Fee
B	O	F
F	B	O
O	n/a	F

You can only switch to Series F units if you're eligible for these series or to Series O units with our approval.

Switches to or from the ETF Series units are not permitted.

### What else you need to know

Switches of units of a Fund from one Mutual Fund Series to another Mutual Fund Series of the same Fund is a re-designation that does not result in a disposition for tax purposes, unless units are redeemed to pay fees. The amount of your investment, less any fee that is paid by redeeming units, will be the same after the switch. You will, however, own a different number of units because each series has a different unit price.

## Switching units to another Fidelity Fund

You can switch Mutual Fund Series units of a Fund for Mutual Fund Series units of another Fidelity Fund by redeeming units of the Fund and using the proceeds to buy units of the other Fidelity Fund.

You may have to pay your *dealer* a switch fee. You negotiate that fee with your *financial advisor*. A short-term trading fee may also be payable. See the **Fees and expenses** section for details.

The switch is done on the same sales charge option basis that the original Mutual Fund Series units were bought under. See the **Dealer compensation** section for details.

### What else you need to know

Switching Mutual Fund Series units of a Fund for Mutual Fund Series units of another Fidelity Fund is a redemption followed by an acquisition of units. A redemption is a disposition for tax purposes and may trigger a capital gain or capital loss. Any capital gain realized on units you hold outside a registered plan may be subject to tax. For more information about how capital gains are taxed, see the **Income tax considerations** section.

## How to redeem the Funds

### Mutual Fund Series

You can cash in the Mutual Fund Series of your Fund by selling your Mutual Fund Series units back to the Fund. This is called a redemption. You receive the net asset value per unit calculated on the valuation day we receive your order to redeem your units.

You must put your order to redeem Mutual Fund Series units in writing and sign it. An acceptable guarantor must guarantee your signature if the redemption is for \$100,000 or more. If a corporation, partnership, agent, fiduciary or surviving joint owner holds the units, we may also ask for other documents.

If we receive your order to redeem Mutual Fund Series units before 4 p.m. Toronto time on a valuation day (which is any day the *TSX* is open for trading), we process your order as of that valuation day. Otherwise, we process your order as of the next valuation day. If the *TSX* closes earlier than 4 p.m. on a valuation day, we may impose an earlier deadline for that valuation day. Any order received after this earlier deadline is processed as of the next valuation day. See **Figuring out the net asset value per unit** in this section for more information on how we calculate the net asset value per unit on a valuation day. You receive your money back in the same currency you used to buy the Fund. We may charge you a fee of up to \$25 if you request your money back by cheque. There is no fee for electronic deposits.

We don't process orders to redeem for:

- A past date.
- A future date.

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- A specific price.
- Any units that haven't been paid for.

We send you your money within one business day of receiving your order, as long as your order is complete. For units denominated in U.S. dollars, if the settlement day is a U.S. holiday, we send your money on the next business day that is not a U.S. holiday. A business day does not include Saturdays, Sundays or Canadian holidays. If we don't receive your properly completed order within 10 business days of the sale, we buy back the Mutual Fund Series units you sold on the next valuation day. If we buy them back for less than you sold them for, the Fund keeps the difference. If we buy them back for more than you sold them for, we charge your *dealer* for the difference, plus any costs. Your *dealer* may make provision in arrangements that it has with you that will require you to compensate the *dealer* for any losses suffered by the *dealer* in connection with any failure of you to satisfy the requirements of a Fund or securities legislation for a redemption of units of a Fund.

Where the holding of units by a unitholder is, in the reasonable opinion of Fidelity, detrimental to a Fund, Fidelity is entitled to redeem some or all of the Mutual Fund Series units held by the unitholder. This could occur, for example, if a Fund is or would become subject to penalties as a result of a unitholder's non-compliance with regulatory or tax requirements. These measures are necessary to aim to preserve the intended tax treatment for the Fund. Redeeming units of a Fund, is a disposition for tax purposes and may trigger a capital gain or capital loss. Any capital gain realized on units you hold outside a registered plan may be subject to tax. For more information about how capital gains are taxed, see the ***Income tax considerations*** section.

### ***Characterization of redemption amount***

Subject to the limits imposed by the *Tax Act*, the redemption price paid to a unitholder may include capital gains realized by the Funds that are allocated and distributed to the unitholder.

## **ETF Series**

### ***Redemption of ETF Series units in any number for cash***

On any *trading day*, unitholders may redeem ETF Series units of any Fund in any whole number for cash at a redemption price per unit equal to 95% of the closing price for the ETF Series units on the *designated exchange*, as applicable, on the effective day of the redemption, subject to a maximum redemption price of the NAV per unit. Because unitholders will generally be able to sell the ETF Series units at the market price on the *designated exchange* or marketplace, as applicable, through a registered broker or dealer subject only to customary brokerage commissions, unitholders are advised to consult their brokers, dealers or investment advisers before redeeming their units for cash.

For such a cash redemption to be effective on a *trading day*, a cash redemption request in the form prescribed by Fidelity from time to time must be delivered through a *CDS Participant* by 9:00 a.m. (Toronto time) on that day. If a cash redemption request is received after 9:00 a.m. (Toronto time) on a *trading day*, the cash redemption request will be effective only on the next business day.

The redemption price for ETF Series units will be paid in Canadian dollars. Payment of the redemption price will be made by no later than the next business day after the effective day of the redemption. The cash redemption request forms may be obtained from Fidelity.

ETF Series units of each Fund trade on an ex-dividend basis at the opening of trading on the date that is one *trading day* prior to the record date for the applicable distribution.

A unitholder that exercises this cash redemption right in respect of ETF Series units during the period commencing on and including the date that is one *trading day* before a distribution record date until that distribution record date will not be entitled to receive the applicable distribution in respect of those ETF Series units. Subject to the limits imposed by the *Tax Act*, capital gains of a Fund may be distributed to a unitholder as part of the price paid to the unitholder on the exchange or redemption of ETF Series units.

In connection with the redemption of ETF Series units, a Fund will generally dispose of securities or other assets in order to fund the required redemption proceeds. Subject to the limits imposed by the *Tax Act*, the redemption price paid to a unitholder may include capital gains realized by the Funds. The remaining portion of the exchange or redemption price will be proceeds of redemption.

Fidelity reserves the right to cause a Fund to redeem the ETF Series units held by a unitholder at a price equal to the NAV per unit on the effective date of such redemption if Fidelity believes it is in the best interests of the Funds to do so.

#### **Exchange of prescribed number of ETF Series units**

On any *trading day*, unitholders may exchange a minimum of a *prescribed number of units* (and any additional multiple thereof) for, in the discretion of Fidelity, *baskets of securities* and cash, only cash or other securities and cash. To effect an exchange of ETF Series units, a unitholder must submit an exchange request in the form prescribed by Fidelity from time to time to the applicable Fund at its head office or as Fidelity may otherwise direct by the applicable *cut-off time* on a *trading day* (or such other time on such trading day as the manager may permit). The exchange price will be equal to the aggregate NAV per ETF Series unit of the *prescribed number of ETF Series units* on the effective day of the exchange request, payable by delivery of *baskets of securities* (constituted prior to the receipt of the exchange request) and cash or only cash or other securities, depending on the terms of any agreement with the unitholder or with the consent of Fidelity. If the unitholder receives only cash, Fidelity may, in its discretion, require the unitholder to pay or reimburse the applicable Fund for the trading expenses incurred, or expected to be incurred, by the Funds in connection with the sale by such Fund of securities in order to obtain the necessary cash to fund the exchange price. On an exchange, the applicable ETF Series units will be redeemed. Any cash component of the exchange price for ETF Series units will be paid in Canadian dollars.

If an exchange request is not received by the applicable *cut-off time* on a *trading day* (or such other time on such trading day as the manager may permit), subject to the discretion of Fidelity, the exchange request will be deemed to be received only on the next business day. Settlement of

exchanges for *baskets of securities* and cash, only cash or other securities, as the case may be, will be made by no later than the next business day after the effective day of the exchange request. The exchange price for both CAD units and USD units will be paid only in Canadian dollars.

Fidelity will make available to the applicable *designated broker* and the *ETF dealers* information as to the *prescribed number of units* and any *basket of securities* for each Fund for each *trading day*. Fidelity may, in its discretion, increase or decrease the *prescribed number of units* from time to time.

ETF Series units of each Fund trade on an ex-dividend basis at the opening of trading on the date that is one *trading day* prior to the record date for the applicable distribution. A unitholder that exchanges or redeems ETF Series units during the period commencing on and including the date that is one *trading day* prior to the distribution record date until that distribution record date will be entitled to receive the applicable distribution in respect of those ETF Series units.

If securities held in the portfolio of a Fund are cease traded at any time by order of a securities regulatory authority or other relevant regulator or stock exchange, the delivery of such securities to a unitholder on an exchange may be postponed until such time as the transfer of the securities is permitted by law.

#### **Characterization of redemption or exchange amounts**

Subject to the limits imposed by the *Tax Act*, the exchange or redemption price paid to a unitholder may include capital gains realized by the Funds that are allocated and distributed to the unitholder. The remaining portion of the exchange or redemption price will be proceeds of disposition.

#### **Suspension of Exchanges and Redemptions**

Fidelity may suspend the exchange and/or redemption of ETF Series units or the payment of the exchange or redemption price of the Funds: (i) during any period when normal trading is suspended on a stock exchange or other market on which securities owned by a Fund or an *underlying fund* are listed and traded, if these securities represent more than 50% by value or underlying market exposure of the total assets of a Fund or an *underlying fund*, without allowance for liabilities, and if these securities are not traded on any other exchange that represents a reasonably practical alternative

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for a Fund or an *underlying fund*; or (ii) with the prior permission of the securities regulatory authorities. The suspension shall apply to all requests for exchange or redemption received prior to the suspension but as to which payment has not been made, as well as to all requests received while the suspension is in effect. All Unitholders making such requests shall be advised by Fidelity of the suspension and that the exchange or redemption will be effected at a price determined on the first Valuation Date following the termination of the suspension. All such Unitholders will have, or will be advised that they have, the right to withdraw their requests for exchange or redemption. Fidelity shall not accept a subscription order for ETF Series units during any period when exchanges or redemptions are suspended unless it has received permission from the Ontario Securities Commission to accept such orders. The suspension shall terminate in any event on the first day on which the condition giving rise to the suspension has ceased to exist, provided that no other condition under which a suspension is authorized then exists. To the extent not inconsistent with the official rules and regulations promulgated by any government body having jurisdiction over the Fund, any declaration of suspension made by Fidelity shall be conclusive.

### **Exchange and redemption of ETF Series units through CDS Participants**

The exchange and redemption rights described above must be exercised through the *CDS Participant* through which the owner holds ETF Series units. Beneficial owners of ETF Series units should ensure that they provide exchange and/or redemption instructions to the *CDS Participants* through which they hold ETF Series units sufficiently in advance of the cut-off time as set by *CDS Participants* to allow such *CDS Participants* to notify Fidelity or as Fidelity may direct prior to the relevant cut-off time.

### **Price range and trading volume of ETF Series units**

The market price range and trading volume of the ETF Series units of the Funds are not yet available as this series is new.

## Suspending your right to redeem units

On rare occasions, we may temporarily suspend your right to redeem your Fund units and postpone paying your sale

proceeds. We can only do this if we receive permission from the Ontario Securities Commission, or during all or part of a period where:

- Normal trading is suspended on any exchange on which securities or *derivatives* that make up more than half of the Fund's total assets by value are traded and these securities or *derivatives* aren't traded on any other exchange that is a reasonable alternative for the Fund.
- The right to redeem units of an *underlying fund* is suspended.

If we receive your order to redeem on a day when we've suspended the calculation of net asset value per unit, you can withdraw your order before the end of the suspension period or you can redeem your units based on the net asset value per unit calculated on the first valuation day after the suspension ends.

## Short-term trading

### **Mutual Fund Series**

Fidelity has adopted policies and procedures to monitor, detect, and deter inappropriate and excessive short-term trading.

Inappropriate short-term trading means purchases and redemptions, including switches of Mutual Fund Series units between Fidelity Funds, made within 30 days which we believe is detrimental to Fund investors, and that may take advantage of Funds with investments priced in other time zones or illiquid investments that trade infrequently.

Excessive short-term trading means frequent purchases and redemptions, including switches of Mutual Fund Series units between Fidelity Funds, that occur within a 30-day period that we believe is detrimental to Fund investors. Excessive short-term trading or switching in order to time the market or otherwise can hurt a Fund's performance, affecting all the investors in that Fund by forcing the Fund to keep cash or sell investments to meet redemptions.

Inappropriate or excessive short-term trading fees may be charged to deter individuals from using the Funds as short-term investment vehicles. See the **Fees and expenses** section for details.

Short-term trading fees are paid to the Fund affected and are in addition to any sales charge or switch fee. The fee is deducted from the amount you redeem or switch, or it is charged to your account, and is retained by the Fund. The types of trades that the short-term trading fee doesn't apply to include:

- If you redeem or switch Mutual Fund Series units purchased by reinvesting distributions.
- Switches to different Mutual Fund Series units within the same Fund.
- Mutual Fund Series units sold as part of a fund-of-fund program or a similar pooled investment program.
- In most cases, Mutual Fund Series units sold for retirement income fund or life income fund payments.
- Redemptions of money market funds.
- Mutual Fund Series units sold for systematic transactions, such as automatic exchanges, pre-authorized chequing plans, and systematic withdrawal programs.
- Currency exchange transactions.
- Mutual Fund Series units sold to pay management and advisory fees, *Administration Fees*, service fees, operating expenses, or Fund Costs.
- Mutual Fund Series units sold as part of the Fidelity ClearPlan® Custom Fund Portfolios.
- Redemption of Mutual Fund Series units triggered by a portfolio rebalancing within a discretionary model portfolio or asset allocation program or other similar investment product (“**discretionary investment vehicles**”), excluding fund-of-fund programs, held by multiple individual discretionary client accounts managed by a portfolio manager licensed to engage in discretionary trading on behalf of its clients. We believe the concern for inappropriate or excessive short-term trading is limited because the discretionary investment vehicle itself is not considered to be engaged in harmful short-term trading activity as they are typically acting on behalf of numerous investors. Your *dealer* or *financial advisor* needs to determine whether your accounts

qualify and notify us before trade execution in order for us to waive the short-term trading fee.

- Payments made as a result of the death of the unitholder.

In addition, Fidelity may consider the following when determining whether a short-term trade is inappropriate or excessive:

- Bona fide changes in unitholder circumstances or intentions.
- Unanticipated financial emergencies.
- Unusual market circumstances.

While we actively take steps to monitor, detect, and deter inappropriate or excessive short-term trading, we cannot ensure that all such activity is completely eliminated.

#### **ETF Series**

Fidelity does not believe it is necessary to impose any short-term trading restrictions on the ETF Series units of the Funds at this time, as the ETF Series units of the Funds are exchange-traded funds that are primarily traded in the secondary market.

### **Sizable transactions**

#### **Mutual Fund Series**

In general, sizable transactions by certain investors can disadvantage other investors in a Fund. Fidelity has adopted policies and procedures to help minimize the potential impact of sizable purchases and redemptions by a retail investor, or by other investors, including *financial advisors* acting for multiple investors, *financial advisors* or *dealers* creating their own investment funds and a group of investors that follow a proprietary model portfolio of a *financial advisor* or *dealer* (collectively, “**Advisor/Dealer Driven Investors**”), on a Fund’s other unitholders.

A retail investor will be deemed to become a sizable investor (a “**Sizable Investor**”) and *Advisor/Dealer* Driven Investors may be deemed to become a sizable investing group (a “**Sizable Investing Group**”), under the policies and procedures when a purchase/switch into a Fund will cause

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the investor or *Advisor/Dealer* Driven Investors (in the aggregate) to own:

- More than \$5 million where the Fund's total net assets are less than \$100 million; or
- More than 5% of the Fund where the Fund's total net assets are equal to or greater than \$100 million.

We will notify you once you become a Sizable Investor in a Fund. If you are a *financial advisor* or *dealer* who manages a Sizable Investing Group, we may contact you with respect to notice obligations and/or penalties that may apply. A Sizable Investor will not be permitted to make a purchase that would result in them owning more than 20% of the total net assets of a Fund.

Sizable Investors of a Fund are subject to a 1% penalty of the value of the units that they sell/switch if they sell/switch their units of the Fund within 30 days of their most recent purchase/switch into the Fund. Sizable investors may be subject to a 1% penalty of the value of the units if they fail to provide the required notice to Fidelity prior to completing a sizable redemption. This fee goes to the Fund.

If the sell/switch transaction would be subject to both a sizable redemption fee and a short-term trading fee, the Sizable Investor will only be subject to the sizable redemption fee. For greater certainty, the total penalty applied will not exceed 1% of the value of the units sold/switched.

Where a Fund invests substantially all of its assets in one underlying Fidelity Fund, we calculate the foregoing thresholds and notice periods using the total net assets of the underlying Fidelity Fund.

See ***Short-term trading fees*** and ***Fee for sizable redemptions*** in the section ***Fees and expenses***, and ***Large transaction risk*** in the section ***What is a mutual fund and what are the risks of investing in a mutual fund?*** for further details.

# Optional services

We offer the following plans to make it easier to buy and redeem units of the Funds.

To sign up for a plan, contact your *financial advisor* or call us for details.

## Pre-authorized chequing plan

Our pre-authorized chequing plan lets you invest a small amount at regular intervals. This can be an affordable and effective way to build your investments. Putting a little away at a time is a good way to get into the habit of investing.

Here are some facts about our pre-authorized chequing plan:

- You can invest as little as \$25 each time. Just tell us how much you want to invest and when.
- We withdraw the money directly from your bank account and invest it in the Mutual Fund Series units of the Funds you choose.
- You can change how much you invest and how often, or cancel the plan, whenever you like.
- There are no fees for the plan, other than any sales charges.
- ETF Series units of the Funds are not eligible for this service.

When you enrol in our pre-authorized chequing plan, you receive a copy of the Funds' most recently filed fund facts. Thereafter, we only send you the most recently filed fund facts upon request. You can request that a copy of the most recently filed fund facts be sent to you at the time you enrol in our pre-authorized chequing plan, or at any time thereafter, by calling us toll-free at 1-800-263-4077, by sending us an e-mail at [cs.english@fidelity.ca](mailto:cs.english@fidelity.ca) (for assistance in English) or [sc.francais@fidelity.ca](mailto:sc.francais@fidelity.ca) (for assistance in French), or by asking your *financial advisor*. You can also find the most recently filed fund facts at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca) or on our designated website at [www.fidelity.ca](http://www.fidelity.ca).

You have a statutory right to withdraw from an initial purchase of the Funds under our pre-authorized chequing plan, but you do not have a statutory right to withdraw from subsequent purchases of the Funds under the pre-authorized chequing plan. However, you continue to have all

other statutory rights under securities law, including a misrepresentation right as described in the section ***What are your legal rights?***, whether or not you have requested the most recently filed fund facts.

## Systematic withdrawal program

Our systematic withdrawal program lets you withdraw a fixed amount from your Mutual Fund Series units of the Funds at regular intervals. This is an easy way to receive cash, while giving the rest of your money the chance to grow.

Here are some facts about our systematic withdrawal program:

- The systematic withdrawal program is available for non-registered accounts only.
- You can take out as little as \$50 each time, as long as you have at least \$5,000 in your account when you start the withdrawal program.
- You choose when you receive your money – e.g., monthly, quarterly, or every six months. We send you a cheque or deposit the money directly into your bank account. We may charge you a fee of up to \$25 if you request your payment by cheque.
- There are no other fees or charges for the withdrawal program other than any short-term trading fees, if applicable.
- You can cancel the withdrawal program by telling us in writing.
- ETF Series units are not eligible for this service.

It's important to remember that if your regular withdrawals are more than what your Fund is earning, you'll eventually use up your original investment.

## Systematic exchange program

Our systematic exchange program lets you move money from one Fund to another Fund at regular intervals.

Here are some facts about our systematic exchange program:

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- Systematic exchanges can be processed for either a fixed dollar amount or a specific number of Mutual Fund Series units.
- You choose how often the exchange occurs – e.g., twice a month, monthly, every two months, quarterly, semi-annually or annually.
- You may be charged a short-term trading fee or you may have to pay your *dealer* a switch fee when you switch Mutual Fund Series units from one Fund to another Fund. See the **Fees and expenses** section for details.
- Systematic exchanges may trigger capital gains or capital losses.
- ETF Series units are not eligible for this service.

### Fidelity ClearPlan<sup>®</sup> Custom Fund Portfolios

Our Fidelity ClearPlan<sup>®</sup> Custom Fund Portfolios (“**ClearPlan<sup>®</sup>**”) program let you invest in any number of Fidelity Funds (other than the Fidelity ClearPath<sup>®</sup> Retirement Portfolios), with specific target fund allocations selected by you. In this way, with the help of your *financial advisor*, you can create your own customized portfolio of investments. We then rebalance your holdings from time to time, based on your chosen frequency and deviation, in order to make sure that your portfolio mix is allocated in accordance with your instructions. Rebalancing may trigger capital gains or losses.

#### Program options

The ClearPlan<sup>®</sup> program has two types of rebalancing options you can choose from.

##### Fixed rebalancing option

You can choose which Fidelity Funds you want to invest in, and fix the percentages to be invested in each Fidelity Fund. We then see to it that your portfolio is rebalanced back to your specified target allocations, either quarterly, semi-annually, or annually. This is known as the fixed rebalancing option. This program can be for an indefinite period, and you can change your specified target allocations or rebalancing frequency at any time.

##### Custom rebalancing option

Alternatively, you can have a customized portfolio of Fidelity Funds with target fund allocations that change over a designated period of time. You specify what your portfolio should consist of at the time you start, both in terms of asset mix and fund selection, and what it should look like by the time the end date is reached. You can also select up to five specific portfolio mixes for different points in time between the start and end dates. We see to it that your portfolio is rebalanced to reflect the different portfolio mixes you selected for each designated point in time. This is known as the custom rebalancing option. This program must be for a period of at least 3 years and for no longer than 60 years.

#### Fund eligibility

All of our Canadian dollar-denominated Fidelity Funds (other than the Fidelity ClearPath<sup>®</sup> Retirement Portfolios), in all series, except Series INV, O, Q, R and the ETF Series units, are eligible for this program. Any Fidelity Fund where your investment is made in U.S. dollars is not eligible to be included in this service. You may also hold Fidelity Funds separate and apart from your ClearPlan<sup>®</sup> portfolio if you choose.

#### How to participate

To participate in this program, you must have a minimum of \$10,000 to invest in your ClearPlan<sup>®</sup> portfolio and you must complete and sign our application form made specifically for this program. By completing the application, you authorize us to monitor your ClearPlan<sup>®</sup> portfolio and to rebalance it at intervals selected by you, which can be quarterly, semi-annually, or annually, so that your ClearPlan<sup>®</sup> portfolio is allocated in accordance with your instructions.

In order to facilitate investing in the service, we have created a special series of Fidelity Canadian Money Market Fund - Series D. Series D units can only be purchased under the *initial sales charge* option. When you enrol in the applicable program, your investment is placed initially in units of this series.

Upon activation of your rebalancing program, your Series D units of Fidelity Canadian Money Market Fund are automatically redeemed (at no charge), and the proceeds



are allocated among the various Fidelity Funds you have elected to include in your rebalancing portfolio. Series D units of Fidelity Canadian Money Market Fund are only for use with the portfolio rebalancing program. If you are invested in these series, and have not activated your rebalancing program within 90 days, you are automatically switched to Series B units of Fidelity Canadian Money Market Fund.

Short-term trading fees, discussed in the **Fees and expenses** section, are not payable for trades made as part of your portfolio rebalancing program portfolio while you are enrolled in the ClearPlan® Portfolio program.

You do not pay a switch fee when you switch Series D units of Fidelity Canadian Money Market Fund to any other as part of your portfolio rebalancing program.

Here are some other facts about our ClearPlan® Portfolio program:

- We only act on your standing trade instructions, which must be given to us by your *financial advisor*.
- Your *financial advisor* can help you with your selection of Fidelity Funds to make sure that they are suitable for you, as well as with your choice of rebalancing options and frequency. Your *financial advisor*, as your agent, and not Fidelity, is responsible for assessing your continued suitability for this program.
- Rebalancing occurs at the intervals you specify, provided the market value of your holdings is between two and ten percentage points (you select the deviation, which must be in increments of 0.5 percentage points) above or below your stated target allocation at the time.
- You tell us if you want the rebalancing done quarterly, semi-annually, or annually.
- If you redeem all of your investments in a Fund that was part of your target fund allocation without providing us with new standing instructions through your *financial advisor*, then at the time of your next scheduled rebalancing, we rebalance the remaining Fidelity Funds in your portfolio and proportionately reallocate your investments among the same Fidelity Funds in your target fund allocation (which would include the Fidelity

Fund for which you would have just redeemed your units).

- You always retain the option of changing your target allocation, rebalancing options, or rebalancing frequency of your portfolio by providing written instructions to us through your *financial advisor*. You may also request a manual rebalancing of your portfolio outside of the scheduled automatic rebalancing period at any time. In some cases, a manual rebalancing may trigger short-term trading fees. See the **Purchases, switches and redemptions** section for details of our short-term trading policy.
- There are no separate fees for this program. Any applicable Fidelity Fund charges apply.
- Rebalancing transactions could trigger a capital gain or loss.

When you enrol in our ClearPlan® Portfolio service or change the Fidelity Funds selected, you receive a copy of the Fidelity Funds' most recently filed fund facts. Thereafter, we only send you the most recently filed fund facts upon request. You can request that a copy of the most recently filed fund facts be sent to you at the time you enrol in our ClearPlan® Portfolio service, if you change the Fidelity Funds selected, or at any time thereafter, by calling us toll-free at 1 800 263 4077, by sending us an e-mail at [cs.english@fidelity.ca](mailto:cs.english@fidelity.ca) (for assistance in English) or [sc.francais@fidelity.ca](mailto:sc.francais@fidelity.ca) (for assistance in French), or by asking your *financial advisor*. You can also find the most recently filed fund facts at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca) or on our designated website at [www.fidelity.ca](http://www.fidelity.ca).

You have a statutory right to withdraw from an initial purchase of the Funds under the ClearPlan® Portfolio service, but you do not have a statutory right to withdraw from subsequent purchases of the Funds under the ClearPlan® service. However, you continue to have all other statutory rights under securities law, including a misrepresentation right as described in the section **What are your legal rights?**, whether or not you have requested the most recently filed fund facts.

## Optional services (*continued*)

All of the terms and conditions of the program are on our application forms, which are available from your *financial advisor* or on our designated website at [www.fidelity.ca](http://www.fidelity.ca).

### Registered plans

Registered plans receive special treatment under the *Tax Act*. A key benefit is that generally you don't pay tax on the money earned in these plans until you withdraw the money from the registered plans. In general, withdrawals from your Tax-Free Savings Accounts and First Home Savings Accounts and certain permitted withdrawals from Registered Education Savings Plans and Registered Disability Savings Plans are not subject to tax. In addition, contributions to a Registered Retirement Savings Plan are deductible from your taxable income, up to your allowable limit.

We offer the following Fidelity registered plans:

- Registered Retirement Savings Plans (RRSPs).
- Locked-in Retirement Accounts (LIRAs).
- Locked-in Retirement Savings Plans (LRSPs).
- Restricted Locked-in Savings Plans (RLSPs).
- Registered Retirement Income Funds (RRIFs).
- Life Income Funds (LIFs).
- Locked-in Retirement Income Funds (LRIFs).
- Prescribed Retirement Income Funds (PRIFs).
- Restricted Life Income Funds (RLIFs).
- Tax-Free Savings Accounts (TFSA).
- Registered Education Savings Plans (RESPs) (with the ability to accept supplemental grants from a designated provincial program).
- First Home Savings Accounts (FHSAs).

Please see the **Fund details** section of each Fund's profile to determine if a Fund can be purchased for registered plans. There are no annual administration fees or fees to open, maintain, or close a plan. Contact Fidelity or your *financial advisor* for more information about these plans.

### ETF Series Distribution Reinvestment Plan

If you are a holder of ETF Series units of a Fund (a "**Plan Participant**"), you can elect to automatically reinvest all cash distributions paid on ETF Series units held by you in additional ETF Series units ("**Plan Securities**") in accordance with the terms of the Distribution Reinvestment Plan (a copy of which is available through your broker or *dealer*) and the distribution reinvestment agency between the Manager, on behalf of the ETF Series, and the Plan Agent, as may be amended. The key terms of the Distribution Reinvestment Plan are as described below.

You cannot participate in the Distribution Reinvestment Plan if you are not a resident of Canada. If you cease to be a resident of Canada, you will be required to terminate your participation in the Distribution Reinvestment Plan. No ETF Series unitholder will be required to purchase Plan Securities if such purchase would be illegal.

If you wish to enroll in the Distribution Reinvestment Plan as of a particular distribution record date, you should notify the *CDS Participant* through which you hold ETF Series units sufficiently in advance of that distribution record date to allow such *CDS Participant* to notify *CDS* by 4:00 p.m. on the distribution record date.

Distributions that you are due to receive will be used to purchase Plan Securities on your behalf in the market. No fractional Plan Securities will be purchased under the Distribution Reinvestment Plan. Any funds remaining after the purchase of whole Plan Securities will be credited to you via your *CDS Participant* in lieu of fractional Plan Securities.

The automatic reinvestment of the distributions under the Distribution Reinvestment Plan will not relieve you of any income tax applicable to such distributions.

You may voluntarily terminate your participation in the Distribution Reinvestment Plan as of a particular distribution record date by notifying your *CDS Participant* sufficiently in advance of that distribution record date. You should contact your *CDS Participant* to obtain details of the appropriate procedures for terminating your participation in the Distribution Reinvestment Plan. Beginning on the first distribution payment date after such notice is received from you and accepted by a *CDS Participant*, distributions to you

will be made in cash. Any expenses associated with the preparation and delivery of such termination notice will be borne by you. The Manager may terminate the Distribution Reinvestment Plan, in its sole discretion, upon not less than 30 days' notice to: (i) registered participants in the Distribution Reinvestment Plan; (ii) the *CDS Participants* through which the Plan Participants hold their ETF Series units; (iii) the Plan Agent; and (iv) if necessary, the *TSX*.

The Manager may amend, modify or suspend the Distribution Reinvestment Plan at any time in its sole discretion, provided that it receives prior approval for the amendments from the *TSX*, and gives notice of the amendment, modification or suspension to: (i) registered participants in the Distribution Reinvestment Plan; (ii) the *CDS Participants* through which the Plan Participants hold their ETF Series units; (iii) the Plan Agent; and (iv) if necessary, the *TSX*.

# Fees and expenses

The fees and expenses you may have to pay if you invest in the Funds are shown in each Fund's profile. You may pay less to invest in the Funds based on the amount you invest. See **Fee reductions** below for details.

You may have to pay some of these fees and expenses directly. The Funds pay some of these fees and expenses, which reduce the value of your investment.

<b>Fees and Expenses Payable by the Fund</b>	
<b>Management and advisory fees</b>	<p>Each Fund pays annual management and advisory fees for the management of the Fund, and for the investment management of its portfolio. The fees are used to pay expenses, like employee salaries, research costs, trailing commissions, and promotional expenses. The fees are calculated as a percentage of the net assets of each series of the Fund (except Series O) and are accrued daily and paid monthly. The management and advisory fees are subject to harmonized sales tax and other applicable taxes, called <i>Sales Tax</i>. In some cases, Fidelity may waive its right to receive a portion of the management and advisory fees. As a result, the management and advisory fees payable by each series of a Fund may be lower than the fees shown in the Fund profiles. Fidelity may, in its sole discretion, suspend or cease to offer any waiver at any time without notice.</p> <p>The annual management and advisory fees for each series of units of a Fund, other than Series O, are shown in each Fund's profile. We charge a negotiated management fee directly to investors in Series O units of the Funds (which fee is no greater than the maximum of the Series F annual management and advisory fee).</p>
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<p><b>All series, except Series O</b></p> <p>For each series of the Funds, except Series O, Fidelity pays all of the operating expenses (including for services provided by Fidelity and/or its affiliates), except for certain costs described below that we refer to as <i>Fund Costs</i>, in exchange for the Funds' payment to Fidelity of a fixed rate administration fee that we refer to as the <i>Administration Fee</i>. The <i>Administration Fee</i> is paid by the Funds in respect of these series. The <i>Administration Fee</i> is subject to <i>Sales Tax</i>.</p> <p>The <i>Fund Costs</i> (which are not covered by the <i>Administration Fee</i>) include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The fees and expenses of the <i>IRC</i>, which includes compensation paid to <i>IRC</i> members as an annual retainer, as well as per meeting attendance fees, and the reimbursement of applicable expenses of <i>IRC</i> members.</li> <li>• Taxes, including income tax and <i>Sales Tax</i> on fees and expenses paid by the Funds.</li> <li>• Portfolio transaction costs, including brokerage commissions and other securities transaction-related expenses, including the costs of <i>derivatives</i> and foreign exchange transactions.</li> </ul>

- Interest and borrowing costs.
- Any new fee related to external services that was not commonly charged in the Canadian mutual fund industry as of September 10, 2009.
- The costs of complying with any new regulatory requirement, including any new fee introduced after September 10, 2009.

Each series is responsible for its proportionate share of common *Fund Costs* in addition to expenses that it alone incurs.

The operating expenses borne and payable by Fidelity in exchange for the *Administration Fee* include: transfer agency; pricing and bookkeeping fees, which include processing purchases and sales of units of the Funds and calculating each Fund's unit price; legal, audit and custodial fees; administrative costs and trustee services relating to registered plans; filing fees; the costs of preparing and distributing the Funds' financial reports, simplified prospectus, fund facts, ETF facts and the other investor communications that Fidelity is required to prepare to comply with applicable laws; and other expenses not otherwise included in the management and advisory fees.

The *Administration Fee* falls under one of three tiers, depending on the amount of net assets of a Fund. The three tiers are: less than \$100 million in net assets; \$100 million to \$1 billion in net assets; and greater than \$1 billion in net assets. As a Fund surpasses these net asset level thresholds, the *Administration Fee* on each of its series is reduced by 0.01% (i.e., one basis point).

The *Administration Fee* is calculated as a fixed annual percentage (accrued daily and payable monthly) of the net asset value of each Fund. The *Administration Fee* for each series of units of each Fund is shown in the Fund's profile.

The *Administration Fee* is charged in addition to the management and advisory fees, and is subject to *Sales Tax*. The *Administration Fee* charged to the Funds may, in any particular period, exceed or be lower than the expenses Fidelity incurs in providing such services to the Funds.

Fidelity may waive a portion of the *Administration Fee* that it receives from the Funds or from certain series of the Funds. As a result, the *Administration Fee* payable by each Fund or a series of a Fund may be lower than the fees shown in the Fund profiles. Fidelity may, in its sole discretion, suspend or cease to offer any waiver at any time without notice.

**Series O**

Fidelity pays all of the operating expenses and other costs incurred by the Funds in respect of Series O units (including for services provided by Fidelity and/or its affiliates), except for the following *Fund Costs* that are payable by the Funds:

- Taxes, including, but not limited to, income tax.

## Fees and expenses (continued)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Brokerage commissions and other securities transaction expenses, including the costs of <i>derivatives</i> and foreign exchange transactions.</li><li>• Interest charges.</li></ul> <p><b>IRC fees and expenses</b></p> <p>As of the date of this simplified prospectus, each member of the <i>IRC</i> receives from the Funds an annual retainer of \$63,000 (\$75,000 for the Chair) and a fee of \$3,000 (\$4,000 for the Chair) for each <i>IRC</i> meeting the member attends, plus expenses for each meeting. These fees and expenses, plus other expenses associated with the <i>IRC</i>, such as insurance and applicable legal costs, are allocated among all the Fidelity Funds that are subject to <i>NI 81-107</i>, including the Funds, in a manner considered by Fidelity to be fair and reasonable.</p> <p>As the Funds are new, none of the costs of the <i>IRC</i> have been allocated to them as of the date of this simplified prospectus.</p> <p><b>Sales Tax paid by the Funds</b></p> <p>The Funds are required to pay <i>Sales Tax</i> on management and advisory fees, <i>administration fees</i>, and most of the <i>Fund Costs</i> at a rate determined separately for each series for each year. The rate that ultimately applies to the fees and expenses paid during a year for a series is determined based on the portion of the net asset value of the series attributable to investors resident in each province or territory at a certain point in time during the prior year and the <i>Sales Tax</i> rate for each of those provinces or territories. The rate is different from year to year. This happens because different unitholders invest in the different series, and the unitholders who invest in each series change from year to year because of purchases, switches, and redemptions.</p> <p><b>Fee reductions</b></p> <p>Some investors in the Funds, such as large investors, group plans, charitable or not-for-profit organizations, and Fidelity employees, may be eligible for reduced fees and to receive from the Funds a <i>fee distribution</i>. We reduce the fees we would otherwise charge to the Fund, and the Fund makes a special distribution equal to the amount of the reduction to the investor. We refer to this special distribution that is payable by the Funds as a <i>fee distribution</i>. <i>Fee distributions</i> are paid first out of net income and net realized capital gains of the Fund held by the unitholders entitled to the <i>fee distributions</i> to the extent that it reduces taxes otherwise payable by the Fund under Part I of the <i>Tax Act</i> after taking into account any entitlement to a capital gain refund under the <i>Tax Act</i>, and then out of the capital of the Fund. <i>Fee distributions</i> are automatically reinvested in additional units of the relevant series of the Fund, and are not paid to investors in cash. We may, in our sole discretion, increase, decrease, or cease to make any <i>fee distributions</i> to any investor at any time. The income tax</p>
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consequences of *fee distributions* made by the Funds generally will be borne by the investors receiving the *fee distributions*.

***Fidelity Preferred Program***

Series B and F units of the Funds will not be eligible for the *Fidelity Preferred Program*. However, the size of an investor's holdings in the Funds will count towards the investor's total asset level for eligibility of other Fidelity Funds in the *Fidelity Preferred Program*.

In addition, ETF Series units of the Funds will not be eligible for the *Fidelity Preferred Program*, and an investor's holdings in ETF Series units of the Funds will not count towards the investor's total asset level for eligibility in the *Fidelity Preferred Program*.

***Large Account Program***

Series B and F units of the Funds will not be eligible for the *Large Account Program*. However, the size of an investor's holdings in the Funds will count towards the investor's total asset level for eligibility of the Fidelity Funds offered under separate prospectuses in the *Large Account Program*.

ETF Series units of the Funds are not eligible for the *Large Account Program* and will not count towards the investor's eligibility for the *Large Account Program*.

***Underlying funds fees and expenses***

Where a Fund invests, directly or indirectly, in one or more *underlying funds*, the fees and expenses payable for the management and advisory services of the *underlying funds* are in addition to those payable by the Fund. However, we make sure that any Fund that invests in another *underlying fund* that is managed by Fidelity does not pay duplicate management and advisory fees or expenses on the portion of its assets that it invests in an *underlying fund* that is managed by Fidelity for the same service. We usually achieve this by having the Fund invest in Series O units of the *underlying fund* managed by Fidelity. If necessary, we may also waive expenses otherwise payable by the Fund. Similarly, if a Fund invests in one or more *underlying funds* that in turn invest in one or more *third-tier funds*, then the fees and expenses payable for the management and advisory services of the *third-tier fund* are in addition to those payable by the *underlying fund*. However, we make sure that any *underlying fund* that invests in a *third-tier fund* that is managed by Fidelity does not pay duplicate management and advisory fees on the portion of its assets that it invests in the *third-tier fund*. Neither a Fund nor any *underlying fund* pays sales fees or redemption fees with respect to the purchase or redemption by it of units of an *underlying fund* or a *third-tier fund*, as applicable, managed by Fidelity. However, commissions are paid for the purchase of an *underlying fund* or a *third-tier fund* that is an *ETF*.

Fees and expenses (*continued*)

Fees and Expenses Payable Directly by You	
<p><b>Sales charges</b></p>	<p><b><i>Initial sales charge option</i></b></p> <p>Series B units are available only under the <i>initial sales charge</i> option. You may have to pay an <i>initial sales charge</i> to your <i>dealer</i> if you buy units of these series of a Fund. You and your <i>financial advisor</i> negotiate the amount you pay. The charge can be from 0% to 5% of the initial cost of your units of a Fund. We may deduct the sales charge from the amount you invest and pay it on your behalf to your <i>dealer</i> as a commission.</p> <p>You pay no <i>initial sales charge</i> when you buy Series F, O or ETF Series units of a Fund.</p>
<p><b>Switch fees</b></p>	<p>You may have to pay a fee of up to 2% of the value of your units to your <i>dealer</i> when you switch your units to a different series of the same Fund or when you switch from units of a Fund to units of another Fund or Fidelity Fund (where permitted). The fee is paid by redeeming your units immediately before the switch is made. You negotiate that fee with your <i>financial advisor</i>.</p> <p>You do not pay a switch fee to your <i>dealer</i> when you switch from Series F units of one Fund to Series F units of another Fidelity Fund.</p> <p>If you switch to units of another Fidelity Fund within 30 days of buying them, you may also be charged a short-term trading fee.</p>
<p><b>Registered plan fees</b></p>	<p>None</p>
<p><b>Short-term trading fees (Mutual Fund Series only)</b></p>	<p>Fidelity monitors for inappropriate and excessive short-term trading activity.</p> <p>For inappropriate short-term trading as defined in <b><i>Short-term trading</i></b> in the <b><i>Purchases, switches and redemptions</i></b> section, you are charged a short-term trading fee of 1% of the value of the units if you redeem or switch units within 30 days of buying units of Fidelity Absolute Income Fund.</p> <p>We may decide to waive the fee that is payable to the Fund in certain limited circumstances, for example, the death of a unitholder. For this purpose, units held for the longest time period are treated as being redeemed first, and units held for the shortest time period are treated as being redeemed last.</p> <p>In addition, excessive short-term trading activity is determined by the number of redemptions or switches out of a Fund within 30 days of a purchase or switch into a Fund. For this purpose, units held for the shortest time period are treated as being redeemed first, and units held for the longest time period are treated as being redeemed last. If you redeem or switch units of the Funds within this period, you <i>may</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive a warning letter.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be charged a short-term trading fee of up to 1% of the value of the units.</li> <li>• Have your account blocked from further purchases and switches for a period of time.</li> <li>• Be required to redeem your account.</li> </ul> <p>Further to the above sanctions, Fidelity may, in its sole discretion, restrict, reject, or cancel any purchase or switch into a Fund, or apply additional sanctions where we deem activity to not be in the Funds' interests.</p>
<b>Sizable redemption fee</b>	<p>Fidelity monitors for sizable transaction activity.</p> <p>Sizable Investors of a Fund are subject to a 1% penalty of the value of the units that they sell/switch if they sell/switch their units of the Fund within 30 days of their most recent purchase/switch into the Fund. Sizable investors <i>may</i> be subject to a 1% penalty of the value of the units if they fail to provide the required notice to Fidelity prior to completing a sizable redemption (as described in <b>Sizable transactions</b> in the <b>Purchases, switches and redemptions</b> section). At the time the redemption order is received without notice, Fidelity will assess the potential impact to the Fund and determine whether the 1% penalty is applied. This fee goes to the Fund.</p> <p>If the redemption or switch transaction would be subject to both a sizable redemption fee and a short-term trading fee, the Sizable Investor will only be subject to the sizable redemption fee. For greater certainty, the total penalty applied will not exceed 1% of the value of the units redeemed or switched.</p> <p>See <b>Short-term trading</b> and <b>Sizable transactions</b> in the section <b>Purchases, switches and redemptions</b> for details.</p>
<b>Cheque fees</b>	<p>You may be charged a fee of \$25 plus applicable taxes for each payment that you request by cheque in respect of redemptions, payments under a systematic withdrawal plan or cash distributions.</p>
<b>Insufficient funds fee</b>	<p>You may be charged a fee of \$25 plus applicable taxes for each payment not honoured by your financial institution.</p>
<b>Advisor service fee</b>	<p>Investors in Series F units may pay their advisor service fees to their <i>dealer</i> by authorizing Fidelity to redeem units of these series from their account equal to the amount of the fees payable by the investor to their <i>dealer</i> (plus applicable taxes) and to pay the proceeds to their <i>dealer</i> on your behalf.</p> <p>These redemptions are made on a quarterly basis, and the redemption proceeds for the advisor service fees (plus applicable taxes) are forwarded on to the <i>dealer</i>. Where such an arrangement exists, the maximum annual advisor service fee rate that Fidelity facilitates the payment of is 1.50% (excluding applicable taxes). The advisor service fee is calculated on a daily basis based on the daily net asset value of the investor's units at the end of each business day.</p>

Fees and expenses (*continued*)

	<p>Investors are eligible to have units of these series redeemed by Fidelity and the proceeds paid to their <i>dealer</i>, if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They do not hold their units in a fee-based account where they pay fees directly to their <i>dealer</i>.</li> <li>• Their <i>dealer</i> has entered into the appropriate eligibility agreement with Fidelity.</li> <li>• They have entered into an advisor service fee agreement with their <i>dealer</i> and Fidelity.</li> </ul> <p>The advisor service fee agreement must disclose the advisor service fee rate(s) the investor has negotiated with the <i>dealer</i> for the advice provided by the <i>dealer</i> to the investor with respect to purchasing and selling securities of the Fidelity Funds and/or administration and management services with respect to the investor's units of the Fidelity Funds.</p>
<p><b>Series O management fee</b></p>	<p>The Funds do not pay any management fee in respect of Series O units. Instead, you have to pay an annual fee to us, which is negotiable. This fee accrues daily and is paid monthly and does not exceed the aggregate maximum annual rate of the management and advisory fees payable for Series F units of the Funds.</p>
<p><b>ETF Series transaction fees</b></p>	<p>An amount may be charged to a <i>designated broker</i> or <i>ETF dealer</i> to offset certain transaction and other costs associated with the listing, issue, exchange and/or redemption of ETF Series units of a Fund. This charge, which is payable to the applicable Fund, does not apply to unitholders who buy and sell their ETF Series units through the facilities of the <i>designated exchange</i> or marketplace.</p>

**Unitholder notice**

We give unitholders 60 days' written notice of any change to the basis of the calculation of the fees or expenses that are charged to a Fund or its unitholders by an arm's-length party that could result in an increase in charges, or the introduction of a fee or expense to be charged to a Fund or its unitholders that could result in an increase in charges. Because Series F, O and the ETF Series units are sold without a sales charge, a meeting of unitholders of these series of the Funds is not required to approve any increase in, or introduction of, a fee or expense charged to the Funds. Any such increase is only made if unitholders are notified of the increase at least 60 days before the increase takes effect.

# Dealer compensation

## How your *financial advisor* and *dealer* are paid

Your *financial advisor* usually is the person you buy Fidelity Funds from. Your *financial advisor* could be a broker, financial planner, or other person who sells mutual funds. Your *dealer* is the firm your *financial advisor* works for.

### Commissions

Your *financial advisor* usually receives a commission when you invest in Series B units of the Funds.

### Initial sales charge option

You and your *financial advisor* decide on the percentage sales charge you are charged by your *dealer* when you buy Series B units under the *initial sales charge* option. The percentage of the sales charge ranges from 0% to 5%. We may deduct the sales charge from the amount you invest and pay it on your behalf to your *dealer* as a commission. See the **Fees and expenses** section for details.

### Switch fees

You may have to pay a fee of up to 2% of the value of your Mutual Fund Series units to your *dealer* when you switch from Mutual Fund Series units of a Fund to a different Mutual Fund Series of the same Fund or when you switch from Mutual Fund Series units of a Fund to Mutual Fund Series units of another Fund or other Fidelity Fund. You negotiate that fee with your *financial advisor*. The charge is paid to your *dealer* by redeeming Mutual Fund Series units of the Fund you're switching out of. You don't pay a switch fee when you switch Series C or D units of Fidelity Canadian Money Market Fund to any other Fidelity Fund as part of your ClearPlan® program. See the **Fees and expenses** section for details about this fee. Also see the **Purchases, switches and redemptions** section for more information about permitted switches.

### Trailing commissions

We pay trailing commissions to your *dealer* on Series B units at the end of each quarter or, if the *dealer* qualifies to be paid electronically, possibly on a more frequent basis. We expect that *dealers* pay a portion of the trailing commission to their *financial advisors*. Trailing commissions are paid to *dealers*,

including all discount brokers. These commissions are a percentage of the average daily value of the above series of units of each Fund held by the *dealer's* clients. The commissions depend on the Fund and the sales charge option. We may change or cancel the terms of the trailing commissions in our discretion and without advance notice. The annual trailing commission rates paid on Series B units of Fidelity Advanced U.S. Equity Fund and Fidelity Absolute Income Fund are 1.00% and 0.50%, respectively.

### Discount brokers

On September 17, 2020, the CSA published rule amendments that effective June 1, 2022 prohibit the payment of trailing commissions to order execution only ("OEO") dealers, which includes discount brokers and other *dealers* that do not make a suitability determination, in connection with an investor's purchase and ongoing ownership of units of the Funds in an OEO account. These regulatory changes may result in changes to your account or to the units of the Funds you own.

### Buying and selling ETF Series units

Investors are able to buy or sell ETF Series units of the Funds through registered brokers and *dealers* in the province or territory where the investor resides. Investors may incur customary brokerage commissions in buying or selling ETF Series units. The Funds issue ETF Series units directly to the *designated brokers* and *ETF dealers*.

### Marketing support programs

We pay for materials we give to *dealers* to help support their sales efforts. These materials include reports and commentaries on securities, the markets, and the Fidelity Funds. We pay for our own marketing and advertising programs.

We may share with *dealers* up to 50% of their costs in marketing the Fidelity Funds. This may include paying a portion of the costs of a *dealer* in advertising the availability of Fidelity Funds through its *financial advisors*. We may also pay part of the costs of a *dealer* in presenting seminars to educate investors about the Fidelity Funds, or generally about the benefits of investing in mutual funds.

## Dealer compensation (*continued*)

We may pay up to 10% of the costs for *dealers* to hold educational seminars or conferences for their *financial advisors* to provide them with information about, among other things, financial planning or mutual fund industry matters.

We also arrange seminars for *financial advisors* from time to time, where we inform them about new developments in the Fidelity Funds, our products and services, and mutual fund industry matters. We invite *dealers* to send their *financial advisors* to our seminars, but the *dealers* decide if their *financial advisors* can attend. The *financial advisors* must pay for their own travel, accommodation, and personal expenses if they attend our seminars.

We may also pay the registration costs for *financial advisors* to attend educational conferences or seminars organized and presented by other organizations.

All of our programs that benefit *dealers* comply with securities laws. The Fidelity Funds do not pay the costs of these programs.

# Income tax considerations

In the opinion of Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, legal counsel to the Funds, the following is a summary of the principal income tax considerations under the *Tax Act* applicable to the Funds and unitholders who are individuals (other than trusts) who, for the purposes of the *Tax Act*, are resident in Canada, deal at arm's length and are not affiliated with the Funds and who hold units directly as capital property or in their registered plan. This summary is based on the current provisions of the *Tax Act* and the regulations thereunder, proposals for specific amendments thereto that have been publicly announced by the Minister of Finance (Canada) prior to the date hereof ("**Tax Proposals**"), and counsel's understanding of the current published administrative and assessing practices and policies of the *CRA*.

**This summary is not exhaustive of all possible federal income tax considerations and does not deal with other federal or any provincial or territorial income tax considerations which may in the case of any particular province or territory differ from those under the *Tax Act*. Therefore, prospective unitholders are advised to consult with their own tax professionals about their individual circumstances.**

This summary is based on the assumption that each of the Funds will qualify or be deemed to qualify as a "mutual fund trust" for purposes of the *Tax Act* at all material times. This summary also assumes that none of the Funds will be a "SIFT trust" for purposes of the SIFT Rules under the *Tax Act* (as defined below).

Tax Proposals released on September 23, 2024 to implement Tax Proposals first announced in the 2024 Federal Budget (the "**Capital Gains Proposals**") would generally increase the capital gains inclusion rate from one-half to two-thirds. The Capital Gains Proposals are described in this summary under the heading ***Taxation of Unitholders (other than registered plans)***.

## Income tax considerations for the Funds

The Declaration requires each Fund to distribute to unitholders a sufficient amount of net income and net realized capital gains, if any, for each taxation year of the Fund so that the Fund will not be subject to ordinary income tax under Part I of the *Tax Act*, after taking into account

applicable losses and any entitlement to a capital gains refund. The Capital Gains Proposals provide for certain adjustments to the capital gains refund to generally take into account the increase in the capital gains inclusion rate.

A Fund is required to calculate its net income, including net taxable capital gains, in Canadian dollars for each taxation year according to the rules in the *Tax Act*. Net income, including net taxable capital gains, is affected by fluctuations in the value of the Canadian dollar relative to foreign currency where amounts of income, expense, cost or proceeds of disposition are denominated in foreign currency. As a result, a Fund may realize income or capital gains as a result of changes in the value of a foreign currency relative to the Canadian dollar.

A Fund is generally required to include in the calculation of its income interest as it accrues, *dividends* when they are received and capital gains and losses when they are realized. Foreign source income received by a Fund is generally received net of any taxes withheld in the foreign jurisdiction. The foreign taxes so withheld are included in the calculation of the Fund's income.

In determining the income of a Fund, gains or losses realized on the disposition of securities held as capital property will be treated as capital gains or capital losses. Securities will generally be considered to be held by a Fund as capital property unless the Fund is considered to be trading or dealing in securities, or otherwise carrying on a business of buying and selling securities, or has acquired the securities in a transaction or transactions considered to be an adventure in the nature of trade. The Manager has advised counsel that the Funds will purchase securities (other than derivative instruments) with the objective of earning income thereon and will take the position that gains and losses realized on the disposition of these securities are capital gains and capital losses.

Generally, a gain or loss from a cash settled option, futures contract, forward contract, total return swap and other *derivative* instrument is treated on account of income rather than as a capital gain or loss unless the *derivative* is used by a Fund or underlying Fidelity Fund as a hedge to limit its gain or loss on a specific capital asset or group of capital assets held by the Fund or underlying Fidelity Fund. Where a Fund

## Income tax considerations (*continued*)

or underlying Fidelity Fund uses derivatives to hedge exposure with respect to securities held on capital account and the *derivatives* are sufficiently linked to such securities, gains or losses realized on such *derivatives* will be treated as capital gains or losses. The Funds or their underlying Fidelity Funds will generally recognize gains or losses under a *derivative* contract when it is realized by such a Fund or underlying Fidelity Fund upon partial settlement or upon maturity. This may result in significant gains being realized by the Fund or the underlying Fidelity Fund at such times and such gains may be taxed as ordinary income. In general, a gain or loss from short selling is treated as income rather than as a capital gain or loss, unless the gain or loss is from short selling “Canadian securities” as defined in the *Tax Act* and the Fund or underlying Fidelity Fund has made a subsection 39(4) election under the *Tax Act*.

The *derivative* forward agreement rules in the *Tax Act* (the “**DFA Rules**”) target certain financial arrangements (described in the DFA Rules as “*derivative* forward agreements”) that seek to reduce tax by converting, through the use of *derivative* contracts, the return on investments that would have the character of ordinary income to capital gains. The DFA Rules will generally not apply to *derivatives* used to closely hedge gains or losses due to currency fluctuations on underlying capital assets of a Fund or underlying Fidelity Fund. *Hedging*, other than currency *hedging* on underlying capital assets, which reduces tax by converting the return on investment that would have the character of ordinary income to capital gains through the use of *derivatives* contracts, will be treated under the DFA Rules on income account.

If appropriate designations are made by the underlying Fidelity Funds in which a Fund invests, the nature of distributions from the underlying Fidelity Funds that are derived from “taxable dividends” and/or “eligible dividends” received from “taxable Canadian corporations” (all within the meaning of the *Tax Act*), foreign income, and taxable capital gains will be preserved in the hands of the Funds for the purposes of computing income. A Fund may also receive distributions of ordinary income from the underlying Fidelity Funds.

In certain circumstances, the “suspended loss” rules in the *Tax Act* may prevent a Fund from immediately recognizing a capital loss realized by it on the disposition of units of an

*underlying fund*, which may increase the amount of net realized capital gains of the Fund that will be distributed to unitholders. There are other loss restriction rules that may prevent a Fund from deducting losses and that may result in increased distributions to unitholders.

A Fund will generally be subject to loss restriction rules at any time when a person or partnership becomes a “majority-interest beneficiary” or a group of persons become a “majority-interest group of beneficiaries”, as defined in the *Tax Act*, of the Fund. A unitholder will be a majority-interest beneficiary of a Fund at any time when units held by that unitholder and all persons with whom that unitholder is affiliated represent more than 50% of the fair market value of the Fund and the Fund does not satisfy certain investment *diversification* and other conditions. Each time the loss restriction rules apply, the taxation year of the Fund will be deemed to end and the Fund will be deemed to realize its capital losses. A Fund may elect to realize capital gains in order to offset its capital losses and non-capital losses, including undeducted losses from prior years. Any undeducted capital losses will expire and may not be deducted by the Fund in future years. The ability to deduct undeducted non-capital losses in future years will be restricted. Generally, a loss restriction event will be deemed not to occur for a trust fund if it meets the conditions to qualify as an “investment fund” under the *Tax Act*. An “investment fund” for this purpose includes a trust that meets certain conditions, including satisfying certain of the conditions necessary to qualify as a “mutual fund trust” for purposes of the *Tax Act*, not using any property in the course of carrying on a business and complying with certain asset diversification requirements.

Each Fund’s deductible expenses, including expenses common to all series of the Fund and management fees and other expenses specific to a particular series of the Fund, will be taken into account in determining the income or loss of the Fund as a whole. However, recent amendments to the *Tax Act* (the “**EIFEL Rules**”) generally limit the deductibility of interest and financing expenses of a Canadian resident corporation or trust that is not an “excluded entity” to a fixed ratio of tax EBITDA (as calculated in accordance with the EIFEL Rules). If the EIFEL Rules apply to a Fund, the amount of interest and financing expenses otherwise

deductible by the Fund may be reduced and the taxable component of distributions by the Fund to unitholders may be increased accordingly.

## Income tax considerations for investors

### How Your Investment Can Make Money

Your investment in units of a Fund can earn income from:

- any earnings a Fund makes or realizes on its investments which are allocated to you in the form of distributions; and
  - any capital gains that you realize when you switch or redeem your units of the Fund at a profit.

The tax you pay on your mutual fund investment depends on whether you hold your units in a registered plan or in a non-registered account.

### *Taxation of Registered Plans*

Generally, neither you nor your registered plan are subject to tax on distributions paid on units held in your registered plan or on capital gains realized when those units are redeemed or switched. This assumes the units are a qualified investment and not a prohibited investment. Units of the Funds are expected to be a qualified investment for registered plans. However, even when units of a Fund are a qualified investment, you may be subject to tax if a unit held in your registered plan (other than a DPSP) is a prohibited investment for your registered plan.

Under a safe harbour rule for new mutual funds, units of the Funds will not be a prohibited investment for your registered plan at any time during the first 24 months of the Fund's existence, provided the Fund is a mutual fund trust or a registered investment under the *Tax Act* during that time and is in substantial compliance with *NI 81-102* or follows a reasonable policy of investment diversification.

After that time, units of the Funds should not be a prohibited investment for your registered plan if you and persons with whom you do not deal at arm's length, and any trusts or partnerships in which you or persons with whom you do not deal at arm's length have an interest, do not, in total, own 10% or more of the units of a Fund. Units of a Fund are also

not a prohibited investment for your registered plan if they are "excluded property" under the *Tax Act*.

In the case of an exchange of ETF Series units by a registered plan for a *basket of securities*, the registered plan will receive securities. The securities so received may or may not be qualified investments for the registered plan and may or may not be prohibited investments for the registered plan.

**Investors should consult their own tax advisor for advice regarding the implications of acquiring, holding or disposing of any units of a Fund in their registered plan, including whether or not units of the Fund are at risk of being or becoming a prohibited investment under the *Tax Act* for their registered plans.**

### *Taxation of Unitholders (other than registered plans)*

You must compute and report all income and capital gains in Canadian dollars. If you hold your units in a non-registered account and receive a distribution during a year, we'll send you a tax slip for the year. It shows your share of the Fund's net income, and net realized capital gains and your return of capital, if any, paid to you for the previous year, as well as any allowable tax credits. You must include the taxable portion of the amounts shown on the tax slip as part of your annual income. This applies even if your distributions are reinvested in units of the Fund.

Distributions paid by a Fund may include *dividends* from taxable Canadian companies, foreign income, capital gains and other income (such as interest and *derivative* income). Provided appropriate designations are made by a Fund, such amounts realized by the Fund and distributed to you will preserve their character as dividends, foreign income, and taxable capital gains, respectively. *Dividends* paid by Canadian companies will be taxed subject to the gross-up and dividend tax credit provisions of the *Tax Act*. An enhanced gross-up and dividend tax credit is available for certain eligible dividends paid by Canadian companies. A Fund or an *underlying fund* may pay foreign withholding tax on its foreign income. Some or all of the foreign tax paid by a Fund or an *underlying fund* may be distributed to you and credited against the Canadian income tax you pay. Capital gains distributed by a Fund will be treated as if you realized them directly as a capital gain.

## Income tax considerations *(continued)*

Distributions of capital are not taxable. Instead a return of capital reduces the adjusted cost base of your units of a Fund. If the adjusted cost base of your units is reduced to less than zero you will realize a capital gain equal to the negative amount and your adjusted cost base will be increased to zero. Monthly distributions on units of some of the Funds are expected to include a return of capital.

Generally, fees paid by you to your *dealer* in respect of Series F units of the Funds should be deductible for income tax purposes from the income earned on the Funds to the extent that the fees are reasonable, represent fees for advice to you regarding the purchase or sale of specific securities owned by you directly (including units of the Funds) or for services provided to you in respect of the administration or management of securities owned by you directly (including units of the Funds), and the fees are paid by you to a *dealer* whose principal business is advising others regarding the purchase or sale of specific securities or includes the provision of administration or management services in respect of securities. Fees paid by you to Fidelity for services provided by Fidelity to the Funds (such as with respect to Series O units) and fees paid by an investor in respect of units held in his or her registered plan will not be deductible. **You should consult your tax advisor regarding the deductibility of fees paid directly by you in your particular circumstances.**

### *Capital gains and losses when you redeem or switch your units*

Switches between series of the same Fund is a re-designation that does not result in a disposition for tax purposes unless units are redeemed to pay fees. Other switches result in a redemption of units followed by a purchase of units. A redemption is a disposition for tax purposes and triggers a capital gain or loss. Switches that result in a disposition for tax purposes include those that occur under the Fidelity ClearPlan® service or the systematic exchange program.

You realize a capital gain if the amount you receive from redeeming or otherwise disposing of units is more than the adjusted cost base of the units, after deducting any costs of redeeming or switching the units. You'll realize a capital loss if the amount you receive from a redemption or other

disposition is less than the adjusted cost base, after deducting any costs of redeeming your units. Capital gains or capital losses are realized on redemptions made to pay fees to your dealer, including in connection with Series F units. Where you have purchased or disposed of units in U.S. dollars, your adjusted cost base and proceeds of disposition must be calculated in Canadian dollars at the time of acquisition or disposition, as applicable.

In certain situations, when you redeem units of a Fund for cash or exchange units of an ETF Series for a *basket of securities* and/or cash, the Fund may distribute realized capital gains of the Fund to you as part of the redemption price or exchange price, as applicable. Any capital gains so allocated and designated will be restricted by the ATR Rule in the manner described under the heading **Income tax risk** and must be included in your income as described above. Subject to the application of the ATR Rule, the amount of capital gain should be deducted from the redemption price or exchange price, as the case may be, for the units in determining your proceeds of disposition. The Capital Gains Proposals include changes to the ATR Rule intended to reflect the increased gains inclusion rate.

Based on the current provisions of the *Tax Act*, one-half of any capital gain realized by a unitholder and the amount of any net taxable capital gains realized or considered to be realized by the Fund and designated by the Fund in respect of a unitholder will be included in computing a unitholder's income as a taxable capital gain. One-half of a capital loss realized by a unitholder must be deducted against taxable capital gains in the year, and any excess may be carried back three years or forward indefinitely subject to rules in the *Tax Act*.

Under the Capital Gains Proposals, the portion of a capital gain realized on or after June 25, 2024 that must be included in your income and the portion of a capital loss which is or can be deducted against the taxable portion of capital gains will be increased from one-half to two-thirds. However, the inclusion rate will remain one-half for capital gains realized up to \$250,000 each year. Under the Capital Gains Proposals, two-thirds of capital losses realized prior to 2024 will be deductible against capital gains included in income at the two-thirds inclusion rate such that a capital loss will offset an equivalent capital gain regardless of the inclusion rate.



**The Capital Gains Proposals are complex and may be subject to further changes, and their application to a particular Unitholder will depend on the Unitholder's particular circumstances. You should consult your own tax advisor with respect to the Capital Gains Proposals.**

If you've bought units at various times, you will likely have paid various prices. The adjusted cost base of a unit is the average of the adjusted cost base of all the identical units you hold in the Fund. That includes units you get through reinvestments of distributions. If you've bought and sold units in U.S. dollars, the adjusted cost base and proceeds of disposition for those units must be converted into Canadian dollars at the exchange rate on the date of purchase and redemption, as applicable. A capital loss realized by you on the disposition of units of a Fund will be deemed to be nil under the superficial loss rules if you (or an affiliate) acquires identical units (including upon the reinvestment of distributions) during the period that begins 30 days before and ends 30 days after the day of the disposition and you (or an affiliate) own the units at the end of the period. The amount of the denied capital loss is added to the adjusted cost base of the units.

#### **How to calculate adjusted cost base**

Here's how the total adjusted cost base of your units of a series of a particular Fund is generally calculated:

- Start with your initial investment, including any sales charges you paid.
- Add any additional investments, including any sales charges you paid.
- Add any distributions you reinvested, including *fee distributions* and returns of capital.
- Add the adjusted cost base of units received on a tax-deferred switch and the net asset value of the units received on a taxable switch.
- Subtract the return of capital distributions.
- Subtract the adjusted cost base of any previous redemptions and switches.

To calculate adjusted cost base, you'll need to keep detailed records of the price you paid and received for your

investments, and also keep the tax slips we send to you. They include distributions that are a return of capital. **You may wish to consult a tax advisor to help you with these calculations.**

#### Buying units late in the year

The price of a unit may include income and/or capital gains that the Fund has accrued, earned and/or realized, but not yet distributed. You will be taxed on distributions of a Fund's income and capital gains even if that income and capital gains is attributable to a time before you acquired the units and may have been reflected in the price you paid for the units. This could be particularly significant if you purchase units of a Fund late in the year, or on or before the date on which a distribution is paid.

#### Portfolio turnover

The higher a Fund's or *underlying fund's* portfolio turnover rate is in a year, the greater the chance that you will receive a capital gains distribution. Any capital gains realized would be offset by any losses realized on portfolio transactions. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a Fund or an *underlying fund*.

#### Additional considerations for investors

You will generally be required to provide your *financial advisor* with information related to your citizenship and tax residence, including your taxpayer identification number(s). If you are identified as a "U.S. Specified Person" (including a U.S. resident or citizen residing in Canada) or a tax resident of a country other than Canada or the U.S., or do not provide the required information and indicia of U.S. or non-Canadian status is present, details about you and your investment in a Fund will be reported to the *CRA*, unless the units are held in a registered plan. The *CRA* will provide that information to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) (in the case of U.S. Persons) or the relevant tax authority of any country that is a signatory of the Multilateral Competent Authority Agreement on Automatic Exchange of Financial Account Information or that has otherwise agreed to a bilateral information exchange with Canada under the *CRS* (in the case of non-Canadian tax residents other than U.S. tax residents).

## Income tax considerations (*continued*)

The U.S. and Canadian Competent Authorities have reached an agreement that FHSAs will be added to the list of non-reportable accounts under FATCA. Based on the current administrative position of the CRA and certain Tax Proposals, FHSAs are currently not required to be reported to the CRA under CRS.

The IRS issued a clarification to a set of existing tax rules that resulted in Canadian mutual funds (such as the Fidelity Funds) generally being classified as corporations for U.S. tax purposes. As a result, U.S. taxpayers (including Canadian residents who are U.S. citizens) who hold Canadian mutual funds generally are subject to the Passive Foreign Investment Company rules, known as *PFIC*, including an annual requirement to report each *PFIC* investment held directly or indirectly on a separate U.S. tax form. **If you are a U.S. Person, you should consult your tax advisor about the U.S. tax rules that apply to you and the advisability of making (or refraining from making) any U.S. tax election, such as a Qualified Electing Fund or QEF election.**

Generally, the *QEF* election more closely aligns the Canadian and U.S. tax treatment of an investment in Canadian mutual funds. To assist investors who choose to make *QEF* elections, Fidelity makes available *PFIC* annual information statements, referred to as *AIS*, for the Fidelity Funds. Investors should consult their *dealer* or *financial advisors* about obtaining their *AIS* from Fidelity.

# What are your legal rights?

## **Mutual Fund Series**

Securities legislation in some provinces and territories gives you the right to withdraw from an agreement to buy mutual funds within two business days of receiving the simplified prospectus or fund facts, or to cancel your purchase within 48 hours of receiving confirmation of your order.

Securities legislation in some provinces and territories also allows you to cancel an agreement to buy mutual fund securities and get your money back, or to make a claim for damages, if the simplified prospectus, fund facts or financial statements misrepresent any facts about the fund. These rights must usually be exercised within certain time limits.

For more information, refer to the securities legislation of your province or territory or consult a lawyer.

## **ETF Series**

Securities legislation in certain of the provinces and territories of Canada provides purchasers with the right to withdraw from an agreement to purchase securities of exchange-traded funds within 48 hours after receipt of a confirmation of a purchase of such securities. In several of the provinces and territories of Canada, the securities legislation further provides a purchaser with remedies for rescission or, in some jurisdictions, revisions of the price or damages, if the prospectus and any amendment contains a misrepresentation or non-delivery of the ETF facts, provided that the remedies for rescission, revisions of the price or damages are exercised by the purchaser within the time limit prescribed by the securities legislation of the purchaser's province or territory.

Fidelity has obtained exemptive relief from the requirement in securities legislation to include an underwriter's certificate in the prospectus. As such, purchasers of ETF Series units of the Funds will not be able to rely on the inclusion of an underwriter's certificate in the prospectus or any amendment for the statutory rights and remedies that would otherwise have been available against an underwriter that would have been required to sign an underwriter's certificate.

Purchasers should refer to the applicable provisions of the securities legislation and the decisions referred to above for the particulars of their rights or consult with a legal adviser.

# Exemptions and approvals

The Funds are subject to certain standard investment restrictions and practices contained in securities legislation, including *NI 81-102*. These restrictions and practices are designed in part to ensure that the investments of the Funds are diversified and relatively *liquid*. They also ensure the proper administration of the Funds. Except as described below, and as described under **Investment Restrictions** section, each Fund is managed according to these restrictions and practices.

The fundamental investment objectives of each of the Funds is set out in the simplified prospectus. The fundamental investment objectives of a Fund can be changed only if the change has been approved by a majority of the investors of the Fund who vote at a special meeting called by the Fund for that purpose.

## Exemptive Relief Decisions

The Fidelity Funds have received an exemption permitting the redemption of units of a series of a Fidelity Fund to be suspended if the right to redeem units of its *underlying fund*, or the series of units of the *underlying fund* in which it invests, has been suspended.

The Fidelity Funds have received an exemption from the requirement to deliver the most recently filed fund facts to investors who participate in a regular investment program as described under “Purchases and Switches of Units” below unless those investors have requested the documents. Additional information in this regard is set out in the simplified prospectus.

The Fidelity Funds have received exemptions from the requirement for a *dealer* to deliver a fund facts document to investors for purchases of securities made pursuant to automatic switch and automatic rebalancing transactions, subject to certain conditions.

Fidelity has received an exemption from Section 5.1(a) of *NI 81-105* to allow Fidelity to pay a participating *dealer* direct costs incurred relating to a sales communication, investor conference or investor seminar prepared or presented by the participating *dealer* which has a primary purpose of providing educational information on financial planning matters, including investment, retirement, tax and estate planning, subject to certain other conditions.

Fidelity has received an exemption from Section 5.4(1) of *NI 81-105* to allow Fidelity to pay a portion of the cost incurred by The Financial Advisors Association of Canada (formerly, The Canadian Association of Financial Planners) (the “**Association**”) in organizing conferences and seminars organized and presented by the Association or its affiliates or its chapters, provided Fidelity and the Association comply with the conditions set out in Section 5.4(2) of *NI 81-105* in respect of these events.

Fidelity has received an exemption from Sections 15.3(4)(c) and (f) of *NI 81-102* to allow Fidelity to reference Lipper Awards and Lipper Leader Ratings in its sales communications, subject to conditions requiring specified disclosure and the requirement that the Lipper Awards being referenced have not been awarded more than 365 days before the date of the sales communication.

Fidelity has received an exemption from Sections 3(4)(c) and (f) and Section 15.3(4)(c) of *NI 81-102* to allow Fidelity to reference Fundata A+ Awards and FundGrade Ratings in its sales communications, subject to conditions requiring specified disclosure and the requirement that the Fundata A+ Awards being referenced have not been awarded more than 365 days before the date of the sales communication.

The Fidelity Funds have received an exemption from the requirement set out in Section 2.1 of *NI 81-101* to prepare a fund facts in the form of Form 81-101F3 *Contents of Fund Facts Document* (“**Form 81-101F3**”), to allow the Funds to deviate from certain requirements in Form 81-101F3 in order to show the management fee distributions payable under the *Fidelity Preferred Program*, subject to certain conditions.

Fidelity has obtained relief from applicable securities laws in connection with the offering of ETF Series units to:

- (i) permit the purchase by a unitholder of more than 20% of the ETF Series units of any Fund without regard to the takeover bid requirements of applicable Canadian securities legislation;
- (ii) permit each Fund that offers ETF Series units to borrow cash in an amount not exceeding 5% of the net assets of the Fund for a period not longer than 45 days and, if required by the lender, to provide a security interest over any of

its portfolio assets as a temporary measure to fund the portion of any distribution payable to unitholders that represents amounts that have not yet been received by the Fund;

- (iii) permit the Funds to prepare a prospectus without including a certificate of an underwriter;
- (iv) relieve the Funds from the requirement to prepare and file a long form prospectus for the ETF Series units in accordance with *NI 41-101* in the form prescribed by *Form 41-101F2*, subject to the terms of the relief, provided that the Funds file a prospectus for the ETF Series units in accordance with the provisions of *NI 81-101*, other than the requirements pertaining to the filing of a fund facts document; and
- (v) treat the ETF Series and the Mutual Fund Series of a Fidelity Fund as if such series were two separate funds in connection with their compliance with the provisions of parts 9, 10 and 14 of *NI 81-102*.

## CERTIFICATE OF THE TRUSTEE, MANAGER AND PROMOTER OF THE FUNDS

DATED: January 9, 2025

This simplified prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference into the simplified prospectus, constitute full, true and plain disclosure of all material facts relating to the securities offered by the simplified prospectus, as required by the securities legislation of all of the provinces and territories of Canada, and do not contain any misrepresentations.

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# What is a mutual fund and what are the risks of investing in a mutual fund?

Millions of Canadians are working towards their financial goals by investing their money in mutual funds. Whether it's saving for retirement or putting aside cash for a down payment on a home, mutual funds have become an investment of choice for many people.

But what exactly are mutual funds, how do they work and what are the risks? This section has the answers.

## What is a mutual fund?

Simply put, a mutual fund is a pool of investments made on behalf of a large group of people. Here's how it works: when you buy a mutual fund, you're actually putting your money together with that of many other people who like the same sorts of investments that you do. A professional investment expert – called a portfolio manager – takes that pool of cash and invests it for the whole group. If the investments make a profit, you share that profit with everyone else in the group. If the investments lose money, everyone shares in the loss.

### **Sold in units**

When you invest in a mutual fund, you're buying a piece of the mutual fund, which piece is called a unit in the case of a mutual fund organized as a trust (such as the Funds) and a share in the case of a mutual fund offered as a class of shares of a mutual fund corporation, such as Fidelity Capital Structure Corp. The attributes of shares and units are generally the same. In the simplified prospectus, we use the term units to refer to units of a Fund. Mutual fund companies keep track of the size of your piece of a mutual fund by recording how many units you own. The more money you put into a mutual fund, the more units you get.

Some mutual funds offer units in more than one series. It's possible that each series may have different management fees or expenses.

### **What are the ETF Series?**

The ETF Series are exchange-traded series of units offered by the Funds. ETF Series units of the Funds are issued and sold on a continuous basis. There is no maximum number of ETF Series units that may be issued.

The *TSX* has conditionally approved the listing of the ETF Series units of the Funds. Listing is subject to fulfilling all of

the requirements of the *TSX*, including distribution of the ETF Series units of the Funds to a minimum number of public unitholders.

The ETF Series units will be listed on the *TSX* and investors will be able to buy or sell ETF Series units of the Funds on the *TSX* or another exchange or marketplace through registered brokers and *dealers* in the province or territory where the investor resides.

The Funds will issue ETF Series units directly to *designated brokers* and *ETF dealers*.

The base currency of the ETF series units of the Funds is Canadian dollars.

### **How do you make money?**

You make money on mutual funds if you buy your units at one price and sell – or redeem – them later at a higher price. Of course, you lose money if you redeem your units for less than you paid. You can also make money when the mutual fund pays you your share of the income and capital gains it has earned on its investments. This is called a distribution in the case of the Funds.

### **What do mutual funds invest in?**

Mutual funds invest in many of the same things as individual investors – everything from treasury bills to shares on foreign stock markets. The kind of securities a mutual fund invests in depends on the mutual fund's goal or investment objectives. For example, there are mutual funds for people who want to gain exposure to short-term *fixed income securities* as well as mutual funds for those who want to gain exposure to Canadian, U.S. or international equity securities.

The price of a unit changes every day, depending on how well the investments of the mutual fund perform. When the investments rise in value, the price of a unit goes up. When the investments drop in value, the price of a unit goes down.

Securities that trade on a public exchange are generally valued at their last sale or closing price as reported on that valuation day. If there is no reported sale and no reported closing price, we value the securities at their closing bid price on that valuation day. However, if the price is not a true reflection of the value of the security, we use another method to determine the value. This practice is called *fair value*

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*pricing*. It may happen for many reasons, including where the value is affected by events that occur after a market where the security is principally traded has closed or where there has been minimal or infrequent trading in a security.

While there are thousands of different investments available, they generally fit into two basic types: debt and equity. Some mutual funds invest in units of other funds, called *underlying funds*. *Underlying funds*, in turn, may invest in debt securities, equity securities or, in some cases, securities of other funds.

### **Debt securities**

Debt securities, or *fixed income securities*, are obligations of an issuer to repay a sum of money, usually with interest. Common examples include those issued by a company or a government. Debt securities are also an important way for companies and governments to raise money. These entities frequently sell debt securities, called bonds, and use the cash for major projects, or just to meet their daily expenses.

The government or company usually agrees to pay back the amount of the debt security within a set amount of time. If that period of time is about a year or less, the investment is often called a *money market instrument*. Examples are short-term bonds and government treasury bills. If the length of time for repayment is more than about a year, the investment is often referred to as a fixed income investment. Examples are corporate and government bonds and mortgages.

### **Equity securities**

Equity securities are investments that give the holder part ownership in a company. When a mutual fund buys equity securities, it is buying a piece of a business. The most familiar example is common shares that trade on the stock market.

Equity securities can earn money in two ways. The value of the shares can rise (or fall) as people buy and sell them on stock exchanges. If a company appears to be doing well in its business, more people may want to buy a piece of it, and the share price is likely to go up. On the other hand, if a company's business doesn't seem to be doing well, investors may decide to sell their piece of the company, and the share price is likely to go down. Some kinds of equity securities

also pay you a portion of any profit the company may earn. These payments are called *dividends*.

### **What advantages do mutual funds have?**

You could make many of the same investments that portfolio managers of mutual funds make. So why buy mutual funds? There are several advantages.

#### **Professional management**

For one thing, professional portfolio managers make all the decisions about exactly which securities to invest in and when to buy or sell them. It's their full-time job, so you don't have to spend the time making these investment decisions on your own. Portfolio managers may also prepare or have access to proprietary information and research that isn't as accessible to individual investors.

#### **Diversification**

A second advantage is something called *diversification*. *Diversification* means owning several different investments at once. Here's why it's important. The value of your investments goes up and down over time; that's the nature of investing. But not all investments are likely to go up or down at the same time, or to the same extent, which can help to lessen the *volatility* of the mutual fund over the long term.

Since mutual funds typically hold many investments, they offer a simple way to diversify your portfolio. In addition to diversifying through the number of investments, mutual funds often have access to investments individual investors generally cannot buy. A wider range of types of investments may increase *diversification*.

#### **Easy access to your money**

Unlike some other kinds of investments, mutual funds are *liquid*. This means that you can redeem your units at almost any time and get your money when you need it (even though you may get less than you invested).

#### **Record keeping**

And finally, mutual funds make your investments easier to keep track of. Mutual fund companies help you with the details by sending you regular tax slips and financial statements and fund performance reports upon request.



## Are there any costs?

There are a number of expenses involved in buying and owning a mutual fund. First, there are costs paid directly by investors, such as when they buy units of a mutual fund. Then there are expenses paid by the mutual fund itself. For example, there are management fees, brokerage commissions, and operating expenses. Even though the mutual fund, and not the investor, pays these costs, they reduce an investor's return. See the **Fees and expenses** section for details about the costs of the Funds.

### What investors pay

Financial advisors who sell mutual funds may earn commissions, also known as sales charges or loads, as compensation for the advice and service that they provide. You may pay your *dealer* or *financial advisor* a percentage of the purchase price as a sales charge when you buy your mutual fund units. At Fidelity, we call this an *initial sales charge*.

### What the mutual fund pays

Fund managers make their money by charging a management fee. Usually, it's a percentage of the net assets of the mutual fund. Managers collect this fee directly from the mutual fund itself, not from individual investors, except for Series O, where a negotiated management fee is charged directly to investors. The managers use the management fee to pay expenses, like employee salaries, research costs, trailing commissions, and promotional expenses. See the **Fees and expenses** section for details.

There are also a number of other expenses involved in running a mutual fund. For example, a mutual fund needs to value all of its investments every valuation day and determine the appropriate price to process the day's orders to buy and redeem units of the mutual fund. There are also transfer agency fees, brokerage commissions, legal fees, regulatory filing fees, auditing fees, custody fees, taxes, and other operating expenses that must be taken into account in arriving at the value of the units. Again, these costs are sometimes collected directly from the mutual fund. Alternatively, some managers, including Fidelity, may pay for some of these expenses in exchange for a fixed rate *Administration Fee* that they collect from the mutual fund.

When you divide the management fee and certain operating expenses by the mutual fund's average net asset value for the year, you get the mutual fund's *management expense ratio*. If a mutual fund has more than one series of units, each series has its own *management expense ratio*. There are strict regulations to determine which expenses to include in the calculation.

## How do I know if mutual funds are right for me?

One of the real strengths of mutual funds is that they offer many choices that can be matched to your goals. They range from the extremely conservative to the more risky. Your *financial advisor* can help you make the important decisions about which mutual funds suit you best.

### What's your risk tolerance?

Can you lose money? Yes.

Even before you talk to a *financial advisor*, you can start planning your mutual fund portfolio by deciding how much risk you're willing to take. This is also known as your *risk tolerance*. Your *risk tolerance* depends on many factors, such as your age, investment time horizon, and your goals. Understanding the risks involved can help. We explain more about the risks of investing in this section and in each Fund's profile under the heading **What are the risks of investing in the fund?** Your *financial advisor* can help you assess the risks.

Another factor is your goals. If you want to keep your money safe and earn a little interest at the same time, a less risky money market mutual fund may do the job nicely. But if you're trying to build some real savings for a big goal, such as retirement, a money market fund probably won't earn enough to do it. You need to consider increasing your risk to better your chances of earning more money.

### Time on your side

How much time do you have? That's another key consideration. Say you're saving for a retirement that's still 30 years off. In that case, you may be able to afford to take some risk. If you have 30 years, the ups and downs of the stock market, for example, aren't as much of a concern.

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Sure, some of your riskier investments could drop in the short-term, but over the longer term, past experience suggests that a broadly diversified portfolio of equity investments tends to rise more often than it falls. Of course, how well a mutual fund performed in the past doesn't tell you how it will perform in the future.

On the other hand, if you've only got a few years left until you expect you'll need your money, you should consider reducing your risk. In this case, there isn't enough time left for your investments to recover should they drop in value.

### **A good variety works best**

Finally, you should consider having a mix of mutual funds, some conservative, others less so. That's part of *diversification*. No single mutual fund is in itself a balanced investment plan. The appropriate mix depends on your *risk tolerance*, your goals, and how long you have to reach those goals.

## What are the risks of investing in a mutual fund?

Everybody wants to earn money when they invest. But you may lose money too. This is known as risk.

Unlike bank accounts or guaranteed investment certificates, mutual fund units aren't covered by the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government deposit insurer. It's important to remember that like all mutual funds, there's no guarantee that when you redeem your units of the Funds, you'll get back the full amount of money you originally invested. On rare occasions, a mutual fund may not allow you to redeem your units. See ***Suspending your right to redeem units*** under the heading ***Purchases, switches and redemptions*** section for more information.

Mutual funds own different kinds of investments, depending on their investment objectives. The value of these investments changes from day to day because of changes in interest rates, economic conditions, and market or company news, for example. That means the value of a mutual fund's units can go up and down, and you may get more or less than you invested when you sell your units.

Generally speaking, the greater the risk of an investment, the greater its potential for return; the lower the risk, the smaller the potential for return. Higher-risk investments, such as stocks and *high yield securities*, are likely to have changes in their prices from day to day. And some may have bigger changes than others. These swings in prices are called *volatility*. Investments with higher risk and higher *volatility* may suffer substantial losses over the short-term. But historically, higher-risk investments have generally offered a greater potential return over the long-term. This is one reason why it's important to diversify your portfolio, and make sure that the types of mutual funds you choose suit the length of time you expect to invest. The key is to recognize the risk involved in a particular investment, and then decide if it's a risk you want to take. Your *financial advisor* can help you understand risk and build a portfolio that's right for you.

For more information about each of the risks associated with the types of strategies in which such mutual funds engage, see ***Specific risks of investing in mutual funds***.

### **How mutual funds can reduce risk**

While there's no doubt that mutual funds come with risks, they can be less risky as a whole than comparable individual investments. Mutual funds are managed by professional portfolio managers. They spend hours studying reports about the companies they're investing in, analyzing statistics, and examining the mix of investments in the mutual fund. It's work that the average investor doesn't have time for, or the necessary expertise, and it can increase the chance that the mutual fund achieves its goal.

Equally important is the fact that mutual funds offer *diversification*. Even mutual funds that specialize in one type of industry or one country usually make a variety of investments within their particular sector.

### **How you can reduce risk**

Mutual funds aren't meant to be a way of making a quick profit. They're long-term investments. If you buy a mutual fund, you should generally buy it with a view to holding it over a number of years. Don't try to second-guess the market and figure out the "best time" to get in or out. Generally speaking, a carefully chosen group of mutual funds bought and held

over the long-term gives you the best chance of meeting your financial goals.

### **Specific risks of investing in mutual funds**

Mutual funds are made up of many securities, and the prices of those securities can go up or down. Here are some of the most common risks that can cause the value of units of a mutual fund to change. Developments that disrupt global economies and financial markets, such as pandemics and epidemics, may magnify factors that affect a mutual fund's performance. To find out which of these risks apply to each Fund, see the individual Fund profiles. A Fund that invests in an *underlying fund* has similar risks as an investment in that *underlying fund*.

**You must feel comfortable with the risk that you take. Before you invest, discuss it with your *financial advisor*.**

### ***Alternative mutual fund risk***

A mutual fund may invest up to 10% of its net asset value in one or more *underlying funds* that are referred to as alternative mutual funds. An alternative mutual fund is a type of mutual fund that, while generally subject to the requirements of *NI 81-102*, can invest in certain asset classes or use investment strategies that a conventional mutual fund is not permitted to invest in or use. Depending upon its investment objectives, an alternative mutual fund may invest to a greater extent in commodities, increase its use of *derivatives* for *hedging* and *non-hedging* purposes without the need to hold cover as would ordinarily be required, increase the amount of securities that it sells short and/or borrow cash. Through these investment strategies, an alternative mutual fund may make extensive use of *leverage* for investment purposes. An alternative mutual fund is exposed to leverage when it invests in derivatives, borrows cash for investment purposes or enters into short sales. It is an investment technique that can magnify gains and losses. Consequently, any adverse change in the value or level of the underlying asset, rate or index may amplify losses compared to those that would have been incurred if the underlying asset had been directly held by an alternative mutual fund and may result in losses greater than the amount invested in the asset itself. Leverage may increase volatility, may impair an alternative mutual fund's liquidity and may

cause an alternative mutual fund to liquidate positions at unfavourable times. There can be no assurance that the leveraging strategy employed by an alternative mutual fund will enhance returns. Alternative mutual fund strategies may result in unlimited investment losses to a Fund.

### ***Asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities risk***

Asset-backed securities are debt obligations that are backed by pools of consumer or business loans. Mortgage backed securities are debt obligations backed by pools of mortgages on commercial or residential real estate. The main risks associated with investing in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities are:

- If there are changes in the market's perception of the issuers of these types of securities, in the creditworthiness of the underlying borrowers, or in the assets backing the pools, then the value of the securities may be affected.
- The underlying loans may not be ultimately repaid in full, in some cases leading to holders of asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities not receiving full repayment.
- If these securities are prepaid before maturity and the prepayment is unexpected, or if it occurs faster than predicted, the asset-backed securities or mortgage-backed securities may pay less income, and their value might decrease. Since issuers generally choose to prepay when interest rates fall, the mutual fund may have to reinvest this money in securities that have lower rates.

### ***Borrowing risk***

From time to time, the Fidelity Funds may borrow cash as a temporary measure to fund the portion of a distribution payable to its unitholders that represents amounts that have not yet been received by the Fidelity Fund. Each Fidelity Fund is limited to borrowing up to the amount of the unpaid distribution and, in any event, not more than 10% of the net assets of that Fidelity Fund as permitted under the terms of exemptive relief obtained from the Canadian securities regulators and described under the heading "**Investment**

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**Restrictions**". There is a risk that a Fidelity Fund will not be able to repay the borrowed amount because it is unable to collect the distribution from the applicable issuer. Under these circumstances, the Fidelity Fund would repay the borrowed amount by disposing of portfolio assets.

### **Cease trading and halted trading of units risk**

Units of a Fund or an *underlying fund* whose securities are listed on an exchange may be cease traded or trading may be halted. Units of a Fund or *underlying fund* may be cease traded at any time by a securities regulatory authority or other relevant regulator or stock exchange, in which case Fidelity may suspend the exchange or redemption of units of the Fund or *underlying fund* until such time as the transfer of the units is permitted. Trading of units of a Fund or *underlying fund* may also be halted by the activation of individual or market-wide "circuit breakers" (which halt trading for a specific period of time when the price of a particular security or overall market prices decline or increase by a specified percentage).

Trading of such units may also be halted if:

- The units are delisted from the exchange without first being listed on another exchange.
- Exchange officials determine that such action is appropriate in the interest of a fair and orderly market or to protect unitholders.

### **Cease trading of constituent securities risk**

If the *constituent securities* of an index tracked by a Fund or *underlying fund* are cease traded at any time by a securities regulatory authority or other relevant regulator or stock exchange, Fidelity may suspend the exchange or redemption of units of the Fund or *underlying fund* until such time as the transfer of the securities is permitted. As a result, a Fund or *underlying fund* that holds securities traded on an exchange or other organized market bears the risk of cease trading orders against any security held by the Fund or *underlying fund*.

### **Commodity risk**

Some mutual funds and non-redeemable investment funds invest indirectly in commodities or commodity sectors, including gold, silver, other precious metals, industrial

metals, energy, and soft (or grown) commodities, like wheat, livestock, cocoa, cotton, coffee, and sugar. There are several ways a mutual fund can obtain commodities exposure, including by:

- Purchasing securities of an exchange-traded fund or *ETF*.
- Purchasing exchange-traded *derivatives*.
- Purchasing a *Commodity Fund*.
- Investing directly in a company operating in a commodities sector.

We refer to *ETFs* and applicable non-redeemable investment funds that seek to replicate the performance of one or more physical commodities, or of an index that tracks such performance, as *Commodity Funds*. *Commodity Funds* are unleveraged. *Commodity Funds* may invest directly or indirectly in physical commodities, or *derivatives* that have physical commodities as an underlying interest.

*Commodity Funds* that seek to replicate the performance of gold, silver, or both, or of an index that tracks such performance, on a *leveraged* basis are referred to as *Gold/Silver Funds*. Typically, a *Gold/Silver Fund* attempts to magnify returns by a multiple of 200%. *Gold/Silver Funds* may invest directly or indirectly in gold, silver, or *derivatives* that have gold or silver as an underlying interest.

Commodity prices can fluctuate significantly in short time periods. A Fund exposed to commodities may, therefore, experience *volatility* in its net asset value. Commodity prices can change as a result of a number of factors, including supply and demand, speculation, central bank and international monetary activities, political or economic instability, changes in interest rates and currency values, new discoveries, or changes in government regulations affecting commodities.

### **Concentration risk**

Some mutual funds may concentrate their investments by:

- Investing in relatively few companies.
- Investing in a particular industry or geographic region.

- Holding more than 10% of their net assets in securities of a single issuer.

A relatively high concentration of assets in, or exposure to, a particular industry, geographic region, single issuer or a small number of issuers may reduce the *diversification* of a mutual fund, and may result in increased *volatility* in the mutual fund's net asset value. Issuer concentration may also increase the illiquidity of the mutual fund's portfolio if there is a shortage of buyers willing to purchase those securities.

### **Credit risk**

Credit risk is the possibility that a borrower or issuer, or the *counterparty* to a derivative contract, repurchase agreement or reverse repurchase agreement, is unable or unwilling to repay the loan, obligation or interest payment, either on time or at all. Credit risk is also the risk that the issuer of a *fixed income security* can't pay interest or repay principal when it's due. Many *fixed income securities* of companies and governments are rated by third-party sources, such as Standard & Poor's, to help describe the creditworthiness of the issuer. However, these credit ratings may not accurately reflect the true risk of the issuer.

Credit risk is generally considered to be lower among issuers that have a high credit rating from a credit rating agency, and higher among issuers that have a low credit rating or no credit rating. There is no guarantee that third party credit ratings represent an accurate assessment of the risk of owning a particular issuer's securities. The market value of *fixed income securities* can be affected by adverse news, or a downgrade in the security's rating. Other factors can also affect the market value of the security, such as a change in the creditworthiness, or perceived creditworthiness, of the security's issuer, changes to the inflation rate or *material ESG factors*.

*Fixed income securities* that have a low credit rating, or which are unrated, are known as *high yield securities*. *High yield securities* typically:

- Offer a higher yield than securities with a high credit rating.

- Have a higher potential for loss than *fixed income securities* issued by financially stable and solvent issuers.
- Are more likely to go into default on interest and principal payments than securities with a higher credit rating.
- Are less *liquid* in times of market declines.

Certain types of *fixed income securities*, such as *floating rate debt instruments*, may be backed by specific assets that are pledged by the issuer in the event of a default, including non-payment. However, there is a risk that:

- The value of the pledged collateral declines, or is insufficient to meet the obligations of the borrower to all investors or lenders.
- Investors or lenders may incur legal costs, be subject to lengthy delays, or be unable to fully recoup the principal amount and/or lost interest in the event of the issuer's default.

These and other factors may result in losses to mutual funds that hold these types of securities.

### **Currency risk**

Currency risk, sometimes referred to as exchange rate risk, is the risk that the value of an investment held by a mutual fund is affected by changes in the value of the currency in which the investment is denominated. Movements in exchange rates can affect the day-to-day value of a mutual fund, especially if it holds a lot of foreign investments.

A mutual fund or *underlying fund* that buys and sells securities in currencies other than the Canadian dollar can make money when the value of the Canadian dollar decreases relative to the foreign currency, and can lose money when the value of the Canadian dollar rises compared with the foreign currency. These gains and losses occur when the fund converts its Canadian dollars to the foreign currency in order to buy a security, and when it converts the foreign currency back into Canadian dollars when it sells the security. If, for example, the value of the Canadian dollar has risen, but the market value of the

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investment has stayed the same, the investment is worth less in Canadian dollars when it's sold.

Some Funds that invest in securities issued in currencies other than the Canadian dollar may use the U.S. dollar as their primary working currency instead of the Canadian dollar. This means that the cash received by the mutual fund, including Canadian dollars received from purchases by investors and the proceeds of settled trades, is converted into U.S. dollars every day. In addition, U.S. dollars are converted back into Canadian dollars to fund redemptions. A U.S. dollar working currency is generally used by Funds that invest:

- Primarily in U.S. dollar-denominated securities, since it helps to reduce currency transactions associated with the mutual fund's investment activities in these securities.
- All or a substantial portion of their assets in securities denominated in foreign currencies other than the U.S. dollar, since the U.S. dollar is typically *liquid*, and may be more efficiently traded than other currencies.

While we believe there are benefits to the Funds that use the U.S. dollar as their working currency, there is no assurance that this strategy is effective, and it is possible that costs incurred by these Funds for foreign exchange transactions may exceed the benefits.

Some of the Funds may use *derivatives*, such as options, futures contracts, forward contracts, swaps, and customized types of *derivatives*, to reduce the effect of changes in exchange rates.

### **Cyber security risk**

Cyber security risk is the risk of harm, loss, and liability resulting from a failure or breach of an organization's information technology systems.

In general, cyber security risk can result from deliberate attacks or unintentional events, and may arise from external or internal sources. Cyber attacks include gaining unauthorized access to digital systems (e.g., through "hacking" or malicious software coding) for purposes of misappropriating assets or sensitive information, corrupting data, equipment or systems, or causing operational

disruption. Cyber attacks may also be carried out in a manner that does not require gaining unauthorized access, such as causing denial-of-service attacks on websites (i.e., efforts to make network services unavailable to intended users).

Cyber security attacks affecting the Funds, Fidelity or the Funds' third-party service providers (including the Funds' custodian, portfolio adviser(s), sub-adviser(s) and transfer agent) have the ability to negatively impact the Funds and the unitholders of the Funds by, among other things, disrupting and impacting business operations, interfering with a Fund's ability to calculate its net asset value, impeding trading by or in the Funds, or causing violations of applicable privacy and other laws.

Similar adverse consequences could result from cyber incidents affecting individual issuers in which the Funds may invest or be exposed to and counterparties with which the Funds may engage with.

While Fidelity has established resiliency plans and risk management systems to address cyber security risk, there are inherent limitations in such plans and systems, including the possibility that certain risks have not been identified or assessed, especially related to new threads or zero day attacks. Furthermore, although Fidelity has vendor oversight policies and procedures, a Fund cannot control the cyber security plans and systems put in place by its third or fourth party service providers whose operations may affect the Fund or its unitholders. The Fund and its unitholders could be negatively impacted as a result.

### **Derivative risk**

A *derivative* is an investment that bases its value on how well another kind of investment, like a stock, bond, currency, or market index, is doing. *Derivatives* usually take the form of a contract with another party to buy or sell an asset at a later time. Funds that invest in *derivatives* are in a position to make or lose money based on changes in the underlying interest, such as interest rates, securities prices, or currency exchange rates. Here are some examples of *derivatives*:

- **Options.** Options give the holder the right to buy an asset from, or sell an asset to, another party for a set price, during a set period of time. Fluctuations in the

value of the asset during the life of the option impact the value of the option. It's called an option because the holder has the option of exercising the right to buy or sell the asset, and the other party is obliged to satisfy this right. The other party generally receives a cash payment (a premium) for agreeing to provide the option.

- **Forward contracts.** In a forward contract, an investor agrees to buy or sell an asset, such as a security or currency, at an agreed price on a specific date in the future.
- **Futures contracts.** Futures contracts generally function in a similar manner as forward contracts, but are traded on an exchange.
- **Swaps.** With a swap agreement, two parties agree to exchange, or swap, payments. The payments the two parties make are based on an agreed underlying amount, like a bond. Each party's payments are calculated differently. For example, one party's payments may be based on a floating interest rate, while the other party's payments may be based on a fixed interest rate.
- **Debt-like securities.** With a debt-like security, the amount of principal and/or interest an investor receives goes up or down depending on whether there is an increase or decrease in the value of an agreed underlying security, like a share.

There are a number of risks involved in the use of *derivatives*. Here are some of the most common risks:

- There's no guarantee that a mutual fund is able to buy or sell a *derivative* at the right time to make a profit or limit a loss.
- There's no guarantee that the other party to the contract, referred to as a *counterparty*, lives up to its obligations, which could result in a financial loss for the mutual fund.
- If the value of a *derivative* is tied to the value of an underlying interest, there's no guarantee that the value of the *derivative* at all times accurately reflects the value of the underlying interest.

- If the *counterparty* goes bankrupt, the mutual fund could lose any deposit that was made as part of the contract.
- If the *derivatives* are traded on foreign markets, it may be more difficult and take longer to complete the transaction. Foreign *derivatives* can also be riskier than *derivatives* traded on North American markets.
- Securities exchanges could set daily trading limits on options and futures contracts. This could prevent a mutual fund from completing an options or futures transaction, making it very difficult to hedge properly, to make a profit, or to limit a loss.
- If a mutual fund is required to give a security interest in order to enter into a *derivative*, there is a risk that the other party may try to enforce the security interest against the mutual fund's assets.

Mutual funds can use *derivatives* to help offset losses that other investments might suffer because of changes in stock prices, commodity prices, interest rates, or currency exchange rates. This is called *hedging*. While using *derivatives* for *hedging* has its benefits, it's not without its own risks. Here are some of them:

- There's no guarantee that a *hedging* strategy always works.
- A *derivative* doesn't always offset a drop in the value of a security, even if it has usually worked out that way in the past.
- *Hedging* doesn't prevent changes in the prices of the securities in a mutual fund's portfolio, or prevent losses if the prices of the securities go down.
- *Hedging* can also prevent a mutual fund from making a gain if the value of the currency, stock, or bond goes up.
- Currency *hedging* does not result in the impact of currency fluctuations being eliminated altogether.
- A mutual fund might not be able to find a suitable *counterparty* to enable the mutual fund to hedge against an expected change in a market if most other people are expecting the same change.
- *Hedging* may be costly.

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- The *Tax Act*, or its interpretation, may change in respect of the income tax treatment of *derivatives*.

### **Equity risk**

Companies issue common shares and other kinds of equity securities to help pay for their operations and finance future growth. Equity securities can drop in price for many reasons. For example, they're affected by general economic and market conditions, interest rates, changes to inflation rate, political developments, *material ESG factors* and changes in the companies that issue them. If investors have confidence in a company and believe it will grow, the price of its equity securities is likely to rise. If investor confidence falls, equity prices are also likely to fall.

Different types of equity securities can react differently than the market as a whole and other types of equity securities in response to new developments. Stocks of companies in one sector can react differently from those in another, large cap stocks can react differently from small cap stocks, and "growth" stocks can react differently from "value" stocks. For example, *REITs* invest directly in physical real estate or related businesses, which can be negatively impacted by mortgage-related risks or by any factor that makes an area or individual property less valuable, including natural disasters, zoning changes, physical degradation, population or lifestyle trends.

Some companies pay *dividends* to holders of equity securities. These companies may change their dividend policy or reduce their *dividends*, which could adversely affect a mutual fund that holds these securities. As a group, dividend-paying securities may be out of favour with the market and underperform the overall equity market or stocks of companies that do not pay *dividends*. The prices of equity securities can vary widely, and mutual funds that invest in equity securities are generally more volatile than mutual funds that invest in *fixed income securities*.

### **Exchange-traded fund (ETF) risk**

A mutual fund may invest in an *underlying fund* whose securities are listed for trading on an exchange. These *underlying funds* are called *ETFs*. The investments held by *ETFs* may include stocks, bonds, commodities, and other financial instruments. Some *ETFs* attempt to replicate the

performance of a widely quoted market index. However, not all *ETFs* track an index. While an investment in an *ETF* generally presents similar risks as an investment in an open-ended, actively managed mutual fund that has the same investment objectives and strategies, it also carries the following additional risks, which do not apply to an investment in an open-ended, actively managed mutual fund:

- The performance of an *ETF* may be different from the performance of any index, commodity, or financial measure that the *ETF* may seek to track. There are several reasons that this might occur, including transaction costs and other expenses that are borne by the *ETF*, the *ETF's* securities may trade at a premium or a discount to their net asset value, or the *ETF* may employ complex strategies, such as *leverage*, making accurate tracking difficult.
- The ability of a mutual fund to realize the full value of its investment in an underlying *ETF* depends on the mutual fund's ability to sell the *ETF's* securities on a securities market. The mutual fund may receive less than the *ETF's* net asset value per security on such sale, as the *ETF's* securities may not trade at prices that reflect their net asset value.
- There is no guarantee that any particular *ETF* is available at any time. An *ETF* may be newly or recently organized, with limited or no previous operating history, and an active trading market for an *ETF's* securities may fail to develop or be maintained. In addition, an *ETF* may not continue to meet the listing requirements of the exchange on which its securities are listed for trading.
- Commissions may apply to the purchase or sale of an *ETF's* securities by a mutual fund.

Additionally, certain *ETF Funds* track the market price returns of *underlying funds* that are *ETFs*. Normally, the net asset value and closing price of an *ETF* will be substantially similar. However, during periods of market stress, price returns of *ETFs* may differ from the net asset value of the *ETF*.

Further, purchases of an *underlying fund* that is an *ETF* are made during the *trading day*. If there are purchases of an



*ETF* Fund close to or following the end of a *trading day*, the *ETF* Fund will invest its assets in the securities of the *underlying fund* that is an *ETF* on the following *trading day* at a different price, which price may be higher or lower than the price on the day the purchase of the *ETF* Fund was made.

### **Foreign investment risk**

There are some significant reasons to consider investing abroad. A broader investment universe could augment the odds of finding mispriced securities. Some markets may be less efficiently priced than domestically. The economies of foreign countries may grow faster than Canada's economy. This can mean that investments in those countries may also grow more quickly. Foreign investments may face distinct and at times uncorrelated cycles relative to a domestic economy, which brings diversification benefits. Foreign investments give you *diversification*, because all your money isn't invested in Canada.

In addition to currency risk discussed above, foreign investments have other risks, including:

- Not all countries are as well regulated as Canada, or have the same consistent and reliable accounting, auditing, and financial reporting standards. Some countries may have lower standards of business practices and tax regulation, and may be more vulnerable to corruption. Even in some relatively well-regulated countries, it can be difficult to get the information investors need about business operations. Foreign investments could suffer as a result.
- A small number of companies could make up a large part of the foreign market. If one of these companies does poorly, the whole market could drop.
- Sometimes foreign governments impose taxes, take over private businesses, or change the rights of foreign investors. They might impose currency controls that greatly restrict the ability to get money out of the country, or they may devalue their currency.
- Minority shareholders' rights may not be as well protected.
- Riots, civil unrest or wars, or unstable governments in some countries could hurt investments.

- Foreign countries may experience relatively high inflation, and high interest rates.

It's sometimes hard to enforce the mutual fund's legal rights in another country.

For *fixed income securities* bought on foreign markets, including some government bonds, there's a risk that the issuer doesn't pay off the debt, or that the price of the securities drops rapidly.

Of course, the amount of risk varies from country to country. Securities in *developed markets* generally have lower foreign investment risk because they're usually well regulated and are relatively stable. However, securities of governments and companies in the emerging or developing markets, such as South or Southeast Asia and Latin America, can have significant foreign investment risk. For example, certain Funds may invest in eligible *China A-Shares* through *Stock Connect*. *China A-Shares* generally may not be sold, purchased or transferred other than through *Stock Connect* in accordance with its rules and regulations. *Stock Connect* is novel in nature, and the uncertainty and change of relevant laws and regulations in the People's Republic of China that may affect financial markets could have an adverse impact on these Funds. While *Stock Connect* is not subject to individual investment quotas, there are daily investment quotas imposed by Chinese regulations which apply to all *Stock Connect* participants. These quotas may restrict or preclude a Fund's ability to invest in *China A-Shares* at the Fund's preferred time. Certain Funds may also invest in Chinese companies through legal structures known as variable interest entities ("**VIEs**"). *VIEs* are entities that invest by entering into contractual arrangements with Chinese companies, without direct equity ownership in such companies. Due to Chinese governmental restrictions on non-Chinese ownership of companies in certain industries, such companies may use *VIEs* to obtain foreign investment without any impact on their ownership. Although *VIEs* are not formally recognized under the laws and regulations of People's Republic of China, there is risk that *VIE* investments may be subject to restrictions and intervention by the Chinese government in the future, which could significantly affect the performance of such companies and consequently have adverse impact on these Funds.

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In addition, investment income received and capital gains realized by a Fund from sources within foreign countries may be subject to foreign taxes withheld at source. Any foreign withholding taxes could reduce the Fund's distributions paid to you. Canada has entered into tax treaties with certain foreign countries that may entitle mutual funds to a reduced rate of withholding tax on such foreign income. Some countries require the filing of a tax reclaim or other forms to receive the benefit of the reduced tax rate. Whether or when a Fund will receive the tax reclaim is within the control of the particular foreign country. Information required on these forms may not be available (such as unitholder information); therefore, the Fund may not receive the reduced treaty rates or tax reclaims. Certain countries have conflicting and changing instructions and restrictive timing requirements that may cause a Fund not to receive the reduced treaty rates or tax reclaims.

### ***Income tax risk***

The Funds will be subject to certain tax risks generally applicable to Canadian investment funds.

Each of the Funds is expected to qualify as a "mutual fund trust" for purposes of the *Tax Act* by the time it files its first tax return in which it will make an election to be deemed to be a mutual fund trust effective from the date of its creation. It is Fidelity's intention that the conditions prescribed in the *Tax Act* for qualification as a mutual fund trust (once met) will be satisfied on a continuing basis by all the Funds. If a Fund fails to or ceases to qualify as a mutual fund trust under the *Tax Act*, the income tax considerations described under the ***Income tax considerations*** section could be materially and adversely different in certain respects. For example, in the case of Mutual Fund Series units, the units may no longer be qualified investments for registered plans under the *Tax Act*. The *Tax Act* imposes penalties on the annuitant of an RRSP or RRIF, the holder of a TFSA, FHSA or Registered Disability Savings Plan, or the subscriber of an RESP for the acquisition or holding of non-qualified investments.

The tax treatment of gains and losses realized by the Funds will depend on whether such gains or losses are treated as being on income or capital account, as described in this paragraph. In determining its income for tax purposes, a Fund will treat gains or losses realized on the disposition of

portfolio securities (other than derivatives) held by it as capital gains and losses. In general, gains and losses realized by the Funds from derivative transactions will be on income account except where such derivatives are used to hedge portfolio securities held on capital account and there is sufficient linkage. There can be no assurance that the CRA or a court will agree with the tax treatment adopted by the Funds in filing their tax returns. In the case of the Funds, the CRA could reassess the Funds on a basis that results in an increase in the taxable component of distributions considered to have been paid to unitholders. A reassessment by the CRA may also result in a Fund being liable for unremitted withholding taxes on prior distributions to non-resident unitholders. Such liability may reduce the net asset value per unit of the Fund.

The *Tax Act* contains rules on the taxation of publicly traded Canadian trusts ("**SIFT trusts**") and partnerships that own certain types of property defined as "non-portfolio property", or holds derivative instruments held in its portfolio or any other property in the course of carrying on a business in Canada (the "**SIFT Rules**"). If the SIFT Rules apply to a trust, the trust will be taxed on certain income and gains on a basis similar to that which applies to a corporation with the result that certain tax efficiencies may cease to be available. A trust that is subject to these rules is subject to trust level taxation, a rate comparable to those that apply to corporations, on the trust's income earned from "non-portfolio property", net taxable capital gains from the disposition of "non-portfolio property", or income from a business, to the extent that such income is distributed to its unitholders. If the Funds are subject to tax under these rules, the after-tax return to its unitholders could be reduced, particularly in the case of a unitholder who is exempt from tax under the *Tax Act* or is a non-resident of Canada.

If a Fund realizes capital gains as a result of the transfer or disposition of its property undertaken to permit a redemption of units by a unitholder, allocation of fund-level capital gains may be permitted pursuant to the Funds' Declaration. Rules in the *Tax Act* will restrict the ability of a mutual fund trust to allocate and designate capital gains as part of the redemption or exchange price of units to an amount not exceeding the unitholder's accrued gain on the units redeemed or exchanged, where the unitholder's proceeds of

disposition are reduced by the designation. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in respect of the ETF Series units of a Fund listed on the *TSX*, such Fund will be able to allocate and designate capital gains to unitholders on a redemption of ETF Series units in an amount determined by a formula which is based on (i) the amount of capital gains designated to unitholders on a redemption of ETF Series units in the taxation year, (ii) the total amount paid for redemptions of the ETF Series units in the taxation year, (iii) the portion of the Fund's NAV that is referable to the ETF Series units at the end of the taxation year and the end of the previous taxation year, (iv) the Fund's NAV at the end of the taxation year, and (v) the Fund's net taxable capital gains for the taxation year. In general, the formula is meant to limit the Fund's designation to an amount that does not exceed the portion of the Fund's taxable capital gains considered to be attributable to ETF Series investors who redeemed in the year (the "**ETF Series limit**"). In addition, the amount of a Fund's deduction with respect to capital gains designations made in respect of its Mutual Fund Series units is generally further limited to the portion of the Fund's net taxable capital gain attributed to the Mutual Fund Series units. Collectively, these restrictions are referred to as the "**ATR Rule**".

The *underlying funds* managed by Fidelity that are *ETFs* are also subject to certain tax risks generally applicable to Canadian investment funds. For example, as a result of recent amendments to the *Tax Act*, it is expected that taxable distributions made to non-redeeming unitholders, including the Funds, may be greater than they would have been if the amendments had not been enacted. Additional information can be found in each *ETF's* prospectus.

In any year throughout which a Fund does not qualify as a mutual fund trust, the Fund (i) could be subject to AMT; (ii) will not be eligible for the capital gains refund; (iii) may be subject to Part XII.2 tax under the *Tax Act*; and (iv) may be subject to the mark-to-market rules applicable to financial institutions under the *Tax Act*. In addition, units of a Fund that does not qualify as a "mutual fund trust" for purposes of the *Tax Act* will not be a "Canadian security" for purposes of the irrevocable election under subsection 39(4) of the *Tax Act* and the Fund itself will not be able to make the subsection 39(4) election in respect of "Canadian securities" it holds.

In any year throughout which a Fund does not qualify as a "mutual fund trust", the Fund could be subject to AMT, which is computed by reference to an adjusted taxable income amount. Recent amendments to the *Tax Act* broaden the base of the AMT. The amendments, *inter alia*, (i) increase the AMT rate from 15% to 20.5%; (ii) increase the AMT capital gains inclusion rate from 80% to 100%; (iii) disallow 50% of a number of deductions, including interest on funds borrowed to earn income from property and non-capital loss carry-forwards; and (iv) disallow 50% of most non-refundable tax credits. The *Tax Act* has also been amended to introduce new exclusions from the AMT regime, including an exception for a trust that meets the definition of an "investment fund" for purposes of the loss restriction event rules in the *Tax Act* (as described in further detail below). No assurances can be given that a Fund will meet or continue to meet the "investment fund" definition.

Tax loss restriction rules, referred to as the LRE rules, may apply to a Fund when an investor (counted together with its affiliates) becomes the holder of units worth more than 50% of a Fund. This could happen when an investor (counted together with its affiliates) acquire units, or when another investor redeems units. Each time the LRE rules apply to a Fund, the taxation year of the Fund will be deemed to end and the Fund will be deemed to realize its unrealized capital losses. A Fund may elect to realize capital gains in order to offset its capital losses and non-capital losses, including undeducted losses from prior years. Any undeducted capital losses will expire and may not be deducted by a Fund in future years and any undeducted non-capital losses will be restricted in future years, with the result that income and capital gains distributions in the future may be larger. The Funds' Declaration provides for the automatic distribution to unitholders of a sufficient amount of income and capital gains of the Funds for each taxation year (including a taxation year that is deemed to end by virtue of an LRE) so that the Funds will not be liable for ordinary income tax. For more information regarding the taxation of distributions, see the **Income tax considerations** section. A Fund is not subject to the application of the LRE rules if it has at all times met the "investment fund" definition for purposes of the LRE rules. As described above, no assurance can be given that a

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Fund will meet or continue to meet the investment fund definition.

The EIFEL Rules generally limit the deductibility of interest and other financing expenses of a Canadian resident corporation or trust that is not an “excluded entity” to a fixed ratio of tax EBITDA (as calculated in accordance with the EIFEL Rules). If the EIFEL Rules apply to a Fund, the amount of interest and financing expenses otherwise deductible by the Fund may be reduced and the taxable component of distributions by the Fund to unitholders may be increased accordingly. The Manager is reviewing the impact, if any, of the EIFEL Rules of the Funds.

### **Interest rate risk**

Interest rates impact the cost of borrowing for governments, companies and individuals, which, in turn, impacts overall economic activity and a wide range of investments. Lower interest rates tend to stimulate economic growth, whereas high interest rates tend to do the opposite. Interest rates may rise during the term of a fixed income investment. When interest rates rise, *fixed income securities*, like treasury bills and bonds, tend to fall in price. On the other hand, these securities tend to rise in price when interest rates fall.

Longer-term bonds and strip bonds are generally more sensitive to changes in interest rates than other kinds of securities. The cash flow from *fixed income securities* with variable rates can change as interest rates fluctuate.

When interest rates fall, the issuers of many kinds of fixed income securities may repay the principal before the security matures. This is called making a prepayment. For callable bonds with a predetermined call price and call date, there is a risk that issuers may call existing bonds before maturity. These are risks because if a fixed income security is paid off or called sooner than expected, the Fund may have to reinvest its money in securities that have lower rates. Also, if paid off unexpectedly, or faster than predicted, the fixed income security can offer less income and/or potential for capital gains.

Changing interest rates can also indirectly impact the share prices of equity securities. When interest rates are high, it may cost a company more to fund its operations, or to pay down existing debt. This can impair a company’s profitability

and earnings growth potential, which can negatively impact its share price, making the company less attractive to potential investors. Conversely, lower interest rates can make financing for a company less expensive, which can potentially increase its earnings growth potential. Interest rates can also impact the demand for goods and services that a company provides by impacting overall economic activity.

### **Large transaction risk**

Other investment products, such as segregated funds offered by insurance companies and other investment funds, may invest in a mutual fund. There is a risk that these investments may become large, resulting in large purchases and redemptions of units of the fund. Other investors may also purchase large amounts of a fund. Large purchases and redemptions may result in:

- A fund maintaining an abnormally high cash balance.
- Large sales of portfolio securities, impacting market value.
- Increased transaction costs (e.g., commissions).
- Capital gains being realized, which may increase taxable distributions to investors.

If this should occur, the returns of investors, including other funds, that invest in the fund may also be adversely affected.

### **Liquidity risk**

Liquidity of your investment means how quickly and easily you can sell your units for cash. This is also true for the securities held in a mutual fund. Most securities held in a mutual fund are *liquid*, but there are some investments that cannot be sold easily or quickly. These are considered to be illiquid.

Securities can be illiquid for a number of reasons, including:

- Legal rules may restrict the ability to sell them.
- The securities might have features that make them difficult to sell.
- There may be a shortage of buyers.

- The securities might suddenly become illiquid because of sudden changes in the market.
- An individual security's liquidity may simply change over time.

There are some types of securities that may be more illiquid when markets are volatile, or there is a sharp market decline. These include high yield bonds, *floating rate debt instruments* or loans, senior secured debt obligations, *convertible securities*, high yield commercial mortgage-backed securities, and *fixed income securities* issued by corporations and governments in emerging countries.

If these types of securities become illiquid, then there could be fewer buyers for the securities, the bid/ask spread might be wider, trade settlement and delivery of the securities to the mutual fund could take longer than normal, and it may be difficult to obtain a price for the securities. If a mutual fund has trouble selling a security, the fund could lose money, and the value of an investment in the fund could decline.

Liquidity, as well as the value of an investment, may also be affected by factors that affect securities markets generally, such as general economic and political conditions, fluctuations in interest rates and factors unique to each issuer of the securities held by a mutual fund, such as changes in management, changes in strategic direction, achievement of strategic goals, mergers, acquisitions and divestitures, changes in distribution and dividend policies and other events.

For example, the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus disease) has caused volatility and decline in global financial markets, as well as significant disruptions to global business activity, which have caused losses for investors. The impact of unanticipated market disruptions, including COVID-19, may cause exchanges to suspend trading and/or investment funds to suspend dealing (which could be for an extended period of time), may exacerbate pre-existing political, social or economic risk, and may disproportionately affect certain issuers, industries or types of securities. These impacts may have an effect on the performance of the mutual funds, the performance of the securities in which the mutual funds invest and may lead to an increase in the amount of redemptions experienced by the mutual funds (including

redemptions by large investors. See **Large Transaction Risk**). Each of these effects may lead to illiquidity and losses on your investment. Such unanticipated market disruptions, including COVID-19, may be short-term or may last for an extended period of time, and could have effects that cannot necessarily be presently foreseen. If general economic conditions do not change or improve, the value of an investment in a mutual fund could still decline if the particular industries, sectors, companies or types of securities in which the mutual fund invests do not perform well or are adversely affected by such unanticipated events.

#### **Portfolio management risk**

All actively managed mutual funds are dependent on their portfolio management team to select investments. A poor security selection or market allocation may cause a mutual fund to underperform relative to its benchmark or other mutual funds with similar investment objectives.

#### **Quantitative model/techniques risk**

A quantitative model or quantitative techniques may be used to evaluate factors and/or assist with portfolio construction. Quantitative models and quantitative techniques may not work as intended in all markets. A quantitative model or techniques may not produce the intended results for a variety of reasons, including, but not limited to: errors or omissions in the data used by the model or technique, the factors and/or assumptions used in the model or technique, the weight placed on each factor and/or assumption in the model or technique, changing sources of market return or market risk, market disruption, and technical issues in the design, development, implementation, and maintenance of the model or technique. In response to market, economic, political or other conditions, the portfolio management team of a Fund or *underlying fund* may temporarily use a different investment strategy for defensive purposes. If it does so, different factors could affect performance and the Fund or *underlying fund* may not achieve its investment objective.

#### **Repurchase transactions, reverse repurchase transactions and securities lending transactions risk**

Sometimes mutual funds enter into what are called *repurchase transactions, securities lending transactions and reverse repurchase transactions*. A *repurchase transaction*

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is where a mutual fund sells a security to another party for cash and agrees to buy the same security back from the same party for cash. *Securities lending* is similar to a *repurchase transaction*, except that instead of selling the security and agreeing to buy it back later, the mutual fund loans the security and can demand the return of the security at any time. In a *reverse repurchase transaction*, a mutual fund buys a security at one price from a party and agrees to sell the same security back to the same party at a higher price later on. In each case, it is a way for the mutual fund to earn interest on cash balances.

The risk with these types of transactions is that the other party may default under the agreement, or go bankrupt. In a *reverse repurchase transaction* the fund is left holding the security, and may not be able to sell the security at the same price it paid for it, plus interest, if the market value for the security has dropped in the meantime. In the case of a *repurchase transaction* or *securities lending transaction*, the fund could incur a loss if the value of the security sold or loaned has increased more than the value of the cash and collateral held.

Fidelity reduces these risks by requiring the other party to put up collateral. The value of the collateral has to be at least 102% of the market value of the security sold (for a *repurchase transaction*), cash loaned (for a *reverse repurchase transaction*), or security loaned (for a *securities lending transaction*). The value of the collateral is checked and reset daily. The Funds only deal with parties who appear to have the resources and the financial strength to live up to the terms of the agreements. *Repurchase transactions* and *securities lending transactions* are limited to 50% of a Fund's assets. Collateral held by a Fund for loaned securities and cash held for sold securities are not included in a Fund's assets when making this calculation.

### **Series risk**

The Funds are available in series of units as specified on the cover page and as set out in each Fund's profile of this simplified prospectus. See the section **Description of Units offered by the Funds** for the features of each series and who can purchase them.

If a Fund can't pay the expenses of one series using that series' proportionate share of the Fund's assets, the Fund is required to pay those expenses out of the other series' proportionate share of the Fund's assets. This could lower the investment returns of the other series. No expenses are charged to the Funds for any Series O units that they issue, except for certain costs that are paid by the Fund in respect of Series O units. The Funds may, without notice to unitholders and without unitholder approval, issue additional series.

If a Fund provides monthly cash flow to investors, where this cash flow exceeds a Fund's net income attributable to that series, it includes a return of capital. When a Fund returns capital to an investor, the Fund returns a portion of the money that the investor originally invested in the Fund, rather than returns or income generated by the investment. A return of capital reduces the net asset value of the series on which it is paid and, if paid in cash, also reduces the assets the investor has invested in the Fund. As well, a return of capital reduces the total assets of the Fund available for investment, which may reduce the ability of the Fund to generate future income.

### **Short selling risk**

A short sale is where a mutual fund borrows securities from a borrowing agent (generally a custodian or *dealer*) and then sells the borrowed securities in the open market. At a later date, the same number and type of securities are repurchased by the fund and returned to the borrowing agent. In the interim, the proceeds from the first sale are deposited with the borrowing agent and the fund pays interest to the borrowing agent. If the value of the securities declines between the time that the fund borrows the securities and the time that it repurchases and returns the securities, the fund makes a profit for the difference (less any interest the fund must pay to the borrowing agent).

Short selling strategies can provide a mutual fund with an opportunity to manage *volatility* and enhance performance in declining or volatile markets. Short selling strategies also involve risks, including:

- There is no assurance that securities will sufficiently decline in value during the period of the short sale to

offset the interest paid by the fund, and thereby make a profit for the fund. Securities sold short may instead increase in value and the fund may have to repurchase the securities at a higher price to return the borrowed securities, resulting in a loss to the fund.

- The short sale can result in an unlimited loss because the price of the security could increase without limit, sometimes on the basis of speculation, thereby increasing the cost of buying back the security at a future date.
- The fund may experience high costs, expenses and short sale borrowing fees (i.e., interest paid by the fund), as applicable, for borrowing securities that are in high demand to be sold short or repurchasing the securities in the market at a later date, which will lower the fund's returns.
- The fund may experience difficulties repurchasing the borrowed securities and suffer a loss if a *liquid* market for the securities does not exist, which could result from corporate actions or events, whether the security is thinly traded, the halting or delisting of securities, or where there are no willing or able sellers of the securities borrowed.
- A "short squeeze" where speculative investors start buying a heavily shorted security with an intention of increasing its value, and if successful, short sellers are forced to repurchase the security at a higher cost to cover their short positions at inopportune times. Each of these buy transactions drives the price of the security higher over a short period of time, which can result in a significant loss to the fund.
- The regulators may impose a ban on short sales in a specific sector, for example, to avoid panic and unwarranted selling pressure. Such actions can cause sudden spikes in security prices, forcing short sellers to cover their short positions by repurchasing borrowed securities at significant losses.
- The borrowing agent from whom the fund has borrowed securities may go bankrupt, and the fund may lose the collateral it has deposited with the borrowing agent.

Short selling by the Funds complies with the laws of Canadian securities regulatory authorities. Compliance with regulatory rules is monitored on a daily basis.

#### ***Small company risk***

Small companies can be riskier investments than larger companies. For one thing, they're often newer, smaller and may not have a track record, extensive financial resources, or a well-established market for their securities compared to larger well-established companies. Some of these companies have products and services that are still in development or have yet to be tested in the market. They also generally don't have as many shares trading in the market, so it could be difficult for the Fund to buy or sell small company stock when it needs to. Given that some of these companies do not have extensive financial resources, they may be unable to react to events in an optimal manner. All of this means that their prices and liquidity can change significantly in a short period of time. Reliable publicly available information about small companies may also be limited, which can make them more vulnerable to market manipulation and investment fraud schemes and may impact the portfolio management team's ability to assess a company's investment potential. Small companies may experience higher failure rates than larger companies, and the Fund could lose its entire investment in a small security.

#### ***Specialization risk***

Some mutual funds specialize in investing in a particular industry, part of the world or investment theme. Specialization lets the portfolio management or index construction team focus on specific industries or, geographic areas, or investment themes, which can boost returns if the industry or geographic area, and the companies selected, prosper. But if the industry or, geographic area has, or companies related to the investment theme experiences a slump, the mutual fund may suffer, because there are relatively few other investments to offset the downturn. The mutual fund must follow its investment objectives and continue to invest in securities in the industry or geographic area, whether it is growing or not. Additionally, if a specific investment approach used by a mutual fund, such as value or growth, is out of favour, the mutual fund could suffer if it is

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obliged to confine its investments to the specific investment approach.

### **Trading price of units and active market risk**

Units of a Fund whose securities are listed on an exchange may trade in the market at a premium or a discount to the net asset value per unit. There can be no assurance that these units will trade at prices that reflect their net asset value per unit. The trading price of these units will fluctuate in accordance with changes in a Fund's net asset value, as well as market supply and demand on the exchange. However, as the *designated brokers* and *ETF dealers* subscribe for and exchange *prescribed number of units* at the net asset value per unit, large discounts or premiums to net asset value should not be sustained. Although these units may be listed on an exchange, there can be no assurance that an active public market for these units will develop or be sustained.

### **Unit split and unit consolidation risk**

Fidelity may, from time to time, split or consolidate units of a Fund whose securities are listed on an exchange when the trading price of these units reaches certain thresholds, or for other reasons. A consolidation is a reduction in the number of units of a Fund, and a corresponding increase in the net asset value per Series unit and in the investor's average cost per Series unit. A split is an increase in the number of units of a Fund, and a corresponding decrease in the net asset value per Series unit and in the investor's average cost per Series unit.

A split or consolidation has no effect on the net asset value or the adjusted cost base of an investor's overall position. Splits and consolidations are announced publicly, in advance, by a press release that is posted on SEDAR+ and on Fidelity's designated website. While Fidelity works closely with major brokerage firms in respect of splits and consolidations of units of a Fund, and provides these firms with complete and timely information regarding such splits and consolidations, it can take up to 3-5 business days for an investor's holdings to be properly updated in their brokerage account. Under such circumstances, with certain brokers or custodians, splits and consolidations can disrupt an investor's ability to engage in the normal trading of units of a Fund on the *TSX* or another exchange or marketplace,

as applicable. It is advisable to take extra care and contact your broker prior to trading these units during the first 3-5 business days following a split or consolidation of Series units.

### **Risk classification methodology**

Risk ratings help you decide, along with your *financial advisor*, whether a Fund is right for you. This information is only a guide. The investment risk level indicated in the Fund Facts and ETF Facts, as applicable, for each Fund is required to be determined in accordance with the CSA standardized risk classification methodology, which is based on the historical *volatility* of the Fund as measured by the 10-year annualized *standard deviation* of the returns of the Fund. *Standard deviation* is used to quantify the historical dispersion of returns around the average returns over a recent 10-year period. In this context, it can provide an indication of the amount of variability of returns that occurred relative to the average return over the 10-year measurement period. The higher the *standard deviation* of a Fund, the greater the range of returns it experienced in the past. In general, the greater the range of observed or possible returns, the higher the risk.

For Funds that do not have a 10-year return history, Fidelity calculates the investment risk level of each Fund by using the actual return history of the Fund, and imputing the return history of one or more reference indices for the remainder of the 10-year period. In the case where a Fund invests substantially all of its assets in one or more *underlying funds* that have existed for at least 10 years, Fidelity uses the returns of the *underlying fund(s)* to complete a 10-year return history of the Fund for the purpose of estimating its 10-year *standard deviation*. In the case where a Fund follows a substantially similar investment strategy of another Fidelity Fund that has been in existence for at least 10 years, Fidelity uses the returns of that Fidelity Fund to complete a 10-year return history of the Fund for the purpose of estimating its 10-year *standard deviation*.

Fidelity assigns a risk rating category that is at, or higher than, the applicable rating indicated by the *standard deviation* ranges in the CSA's standardized risk classification methodology, as outlined in the table below.



### CSA standard deviation ranges and risk ratings

Standard deviation range	Risk rating
0 to less than 6	Low
6 to less than 11	Low to Medium
11 to less than 16	Medium
16 to less than 20	Medium to High
20 or greater	High

It is important to note that other types of risk, both measurable and non-measurable, may exist. It is also important to note that a Fund's historical *volatility* may not be indicative of its future *volatility*. Fidelity may exercise its discretion and assign a Fund a higher risk classification than indicated by the 10-year annualized *standard deviation* and the prescribed ranges if we believe that the Fund may be subject to other foreseeable risks that the 10-year annualized *standard deviation* does not reflect.

### Reference index for each Fund

For Funds that do not have 10 years of historical returns, the following indices or combinations of indices were used as proxies for Fund returns for periods between the inception of the Fund and ten years prior to the inception of the Fund.

FUND	REFERENCE INDEX OR FIDELITY FUND
Fidelity Advanced U.S. Equity Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Russell 1000 Index</li></ul>
Fidelity Absolute Income Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index (Hedged to CAD)</li></ul>

### Benchmark Definitions

The **Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index (Hedged to CAD)** is an unmanaged, market-value-weighted index of taxable investment-grade fixed-rate debt issues, including government, corporate, asset-backed, and mortgage backed securities, with maturities of one year or more, hedged to the Canadian dollar.

The **Russell 1000 Index** is an index of 1,000 of the largest companies, by market capitalization, in the U.S. equity market.

You can get details of the methodology that we use to identify the risk level of a Fund by calling us at 1-800-263-4077, by sending us an email at [cs.english@fidelity.ca](mailto:cs.english@fidelity.ca) (for assistance in English) or [sc.francais@fidelity.ca](mailto:sc.francais@fidelity.ca) (for assistance in French), or by writing to us at Fidelity Investments Canada ULC, 483 Bay Street, Suite 300, Toronto, Ontario, M5G 2N7.

# Investment restrictions

The Funds are subject to certain standard investment restrictions and practices contained in securities legislation, including *NI 81-102*. These restrictions and practices are designed in part to ensure that the investments of the Funds are diversified and relatively *liquid*. They also ensure the proper administration of the Funds. Except as described below, and as described under **Exemptions and approvals**, each Fund is managed according to these restrictions and practices.

## **Regulatory exemptions**

### **Securities Lending Agent**

The Fidelity Funds have received the approval of the securities regulatory authorities to appoint Boston Global Advisors, a securities lending agent and wholly-owned subsidiary of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., located in Boston, Massachusetts, as agent for the Fidelity Funds in connection with any *securities lending transactions*, *repurchase transactions* and *reverse repurchase transactions* engaged in by the Fidelity Funds. As at the date of this simplified prospectus, the Fidelity Funds' custodian or a sub-custodian acts as the securities lending agent for the Fidelity Funds. The Fidelity Funds may appoint Boston Global Advisors as their securities lending agent in the future without further notice to investors.

### **Derivatives**

Certain Funds may use *derivatives*, as indicated in each Fund's profile. *Derivatives*, like options, futures contracts, forward contracts, and swaps, may be used to hedge against losses caused by changes in security prices, interest rates, or exchange rates. These Funds may also use *derivatives* for non-*hedging* purposes, including as a substitute for a stock, stock market, or other security, or where their use is considered efficient from a portfolio management perspective.

When a Fund uses a *derivative* for *hedging* purposes, it must hold assets, including another *derivative*, that carry a risk that the *derivative* aims to offset. When a Fund uses a *derivative* for non-*hedging* purposes, it must generally hold cash or other assets that are equal to the Fund's market exposure from the *derivative*.

Interest rate swaps and credit default swaps are examples of the types of swaps that certain Funds may use. In an interest rate swap, a right to receive a payment based on a fixed interest rate is swapped for a right to receive a payment based on a floating interest rate. In a credit default swap, a premium is swapped for a right to receive a payment if an issuer of *fixed income securities* fails to make a required payment, or if an event occurs that calls into question the creditworthiness of the issuer.

The Fidelity Funds (other than money market funds) have obtained approval from the Canadian securities regulators for an exemption from certain of the *derivatives* rules in *NI 81-102*, thereby allowing the applicable Fidelity Funds to engage in certain types of *derivatives* transactions subject to certain conditions. Pursuant to such approval, the applicable Fidelity Funds may:

- open or maintain a long position in a debt-like security that has a component that is a long position in a forward contract, or in a standardized future or forward contract, provided the Fidelity Fund holds:
  - (a) cash cover, as that term is defined in *NI 81-102*;
  - (b) a right or obligation to sell an equivalent quantity of the underlying interest of the future or forward contract, and cash cover that together with margin on account for the position, is not less than the amount, if any, by which the strike price of the future or forward contract exceeds the strike price of the right or obligation to sell the underlying interest; or
  - (c) a combination of the positions referred to in subparagraphs (a) and (b) that is sufficient, without recourse to other assets of the Fidelity Fund, to enable the Fidelity Fund to acquire the underlying interest of the future or forward contract; and
- enter into or maintain a swap position provided that for periods when the Fidelity Fund would be entitled to receive fixed payments under the swap, the Fidelity Fund holds:
  - (a) cash cover;
  - (b) a right or obligation to enter into an offsetting interest rate swap on an equivalent quantity and with an

equivalent term and cash cover that together with margin on account for the position is not less than the aggregate amount, if any, of the obligations of the Fidelity Fund under the interest rate swap less the obligations of the Fidelity Fund under such offsetting interest rate swap; or

- (c) a combination of the positions referred to in clauses (a) and (b) that is sufficient, without recourse to other assets of the Fidelity Fund, to enable the Fidelity Fund to satisfy its obligations under the interest rate swap.

### **Cash Cover**

The Fidelity Funds have received an exemption permitting each Fund to hold as cover, in respect of the requirement under Section 2.8(1)(d) of *NI 81-102*, receivables arising from declared *dividends* to facilitate equitization of those payments once declared, thereby permitting the Fund to track its applicable index in respect of the receivable or to otherwise invest the amount of the receivable, as applicable. For each long position in a standardized future that a Fund opens or maintains in order to equitize a receivable, the Fund must hold a combination of the amount of the receivable, cash cover and margin or collateral posted by the Fund in connection with its obligation under that futures position that, in the aggregate, has a value that is not less than the underlying market exposure of the standardized future.

### **Fund-of-Fund Investments**

The Fidelity Funds have received exemptions from the requirement in Section 2.5(2)(b) of *NI 81-102* that prohibits a mutual fund from investing in another mutual fund if that other mutual fund holds more than 10% of the market value of its net assets in units of other mutual funds. These exemptions are conditional upon compliance with, among other things, each of the other provisions in Section 2.5 of *NI 81-102*.

Certain Fidelity Funds that are part of a four-tier structure and that either implement a currency neutral strategy or invest solely in another Fidelity Fund have received an exemption from the requirement in Section 2.5(2)(b) of *NI 81-102* to allow them to invest indirectly in *third-tier funds* managed by Fidelity, which these *third-tier funds* may, in turn, hold directly

or indirectly more than 10% of their net assets in units of other Funds that Fidelity manages. This exemption is conditional upon compliance with, among other things, each of the other provisions in Section 2.5 of *NI 81-102*.

The Fidelity Funds have received exemptions to permit them to invest in securities of an *ETF* managed by Fidelity or an affiliate that has the same investment objective as the applicable Fidelity Fund (an “**Underlying ETF**”) that may, at the time of the purchase, hold more than 10% of its net asset value in securities that are of other Underlying ETFs or other mutual funds.

### **Commodities**

The Fidelity Funds have received an exemption from securities legislation that permits each such Fund, subject to certain conditions, to invest up to 10% of its net assets, taken at market value at the time of purchase, in U.S. ETFs and non-redeemable investment funds traded on a stock exchange in the U.S. that do not qualify as index participation units under *NI 81-102* that have exposure to one or more physical commodities. *Commodity Funds* trade on a stock exchange in Canada or the United States that seek to replicate the performance of either one or more physical commodities, or an index that seeks to replicate the performance of such physical commodities, on an unlevered basis.

### **In Specie Transactions**

Fidelity has received an exemption from securities legislation that allows the Fidelity Funds, other investment funds (“**Pooled Funds**”) and managed accounts to purchase or redeem units of the Fidelity Funds in transactions between the Fidelity Funds and either Pooled Funds or managed accounts, (“**In Specie Transactions**”), and for payment to be made by the delivery of securities of the Fidelity Funds, Pooled Funds or managed accounts, as applicable. Certain conditions must be met, including, the approval of the Independent Review Committee (“**IRC**”) of each Fidelity Fund engaging in such transactions. Fidelity is not entitled to receive any compensation in connection with such *In Specie Transactions* and, in respect of any delivery of securities, the only charges that are payable by the applicable Fidelity Fund or managed account, is the commission charged by the

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*dealer* executing the trade and/or any administrative charges levied by the custodian.

### **Inter-Fund Trading**

The Fidelity Funds have received an exemption from the prohibitions set out in Section 4.2(1) of *NI 81-102* and section 13.5(2)(b)(ii) and (iii) of *NI 31-103* Registration, Exemptions and Ongoing Registrant Obligations to permit the Funds to purchase debt securities from, or sell debt securities to a Pooled Fund or a fund managed by Fidelity in the U.S. and offered to U.S. investors (a “**U.S. Fund**”) and to engage in inter-fund trades between and amongst the Funds and Pooled Funds, a Canadian client account managed by Fidelity and a Fund or Pooled Fund, and a Fund, a Pooled Fund and a U.S. Fund, subject to compliance with Section 6.1(2) of *NI 81-107*. Certain conditions must be met, including, the approval of the *IRC* of each Fidelity Fund engaging in such transactions.

### **Non-Exchange Traded Debt**

The Fidelity Funds have received regulatory approval to invest in non-exchange-traded debt securities issued by a “substantial securityholder” of a Fidelity Fund, or a person or company in which the substantial securityholder has a “significant interest” (as defined in securities legislation). A substantial securityholder is defined as a person or company or group of persons or companies that hold voting securities of a Fidelity Fund that represent more than 20% of the voting rights of that Fidelity Fund. A substantial securityholder is considered to have a “significant interest” in an issuer where (i) in the case of a person or company, it beneficially owns more than 10% of that issuer, or (ii) in the case of a group of persons or companies, they beneficially own, individually or together more than 50% of that issuer. These investments may be made provided the securities have a designated rating from a designated rating organization, the *IRC* has approved the investment and particulars of the investment are filed with the securities authorities.

In the case of purchases in a primary offering, the following additional conditions must also be met:

- (a) the size of the primary offering is at least \$100 million;

- (b) at least two independent purchasers collectively purchase at least 20% of the primary offering;
- (c) following its purchase, the Fidelity Fund will not have more than 5% of its net assets invested in debt securities of a substantial security holder;
- (d) the Fidelity Funds, together with related Fidelity Funds, will not hold more than 20% of the debt securities issued in the primary offering; and
- (e) the price paid shall not be higher than the lowest price paid by an arm’s length purchaser who participates in the primary offering.

In the case of purchases in the secondary market, the following additional conditions must also be met:

- (a) the price payable for the security is not more than the ask price of the security, which is determined by:
  - (i) if the purchase occurs on a marketplace, the price payable is determined in accordance with the requirements of that marketplace; or
  - (ii) if the purchase does not occur on a marketplace:
    - (A) the Fidelity Fund may pay the price for the security at which an independent, arm’s length seller is willing to sell the security; or
    - (B) if the Fidelity Fund does not purchase the security from an independent, arm’s length seller, the Fidelity Fund must pay the price quoted publicly by an independent marketplace or obtain, immediately before the purchase, at least one quote from an independent, arm’s length purchaser or seller and not pay more than that quote.

### **Borrowing Limit**

The Fidelity Funds have obtained exemptive relief from the 5% of NAV threshold on cash borrowing set forth in subparagraph 2.6(1)(a)(i) of *NI 81-102* (the “**Borrowing Limit**”) to allow each Fund to borrow cash on a temporary basis in an amount that does not exceed 10% of its NAV at the time of borrowing:

- a) in the case of a Fund that settles trades in securities of the Fund on the first business day after a trade date, to accommodate requests for the redemption of securities of the Fund while the Fund settles portfolio transactions initiated to satisfy such redemption requests (the “**Redemption Settlement Gap Funding**”); and
- b) in the case of a Fund that settles trades in securities of the Fund on a day that is later than the first business day after a trade date, to permit the Fund to settle a purchase of T+1 portfolio securities that is executed in anticipation of the settlement of an investor’s purchase of securities of the Fund (the “**Purchase Settlement Gap Funding**”).

The Fidelity Funds may rely on this relief to borrow cash in an amount that does not exceed 10% of its NAV at the time of borrowing for the purposes of Redemption Settlement Gap Funding and Purchase Settlement Gap Funding provided that:

- the Fund has used all of its freely available cash that is not being held by the Fund for the purpose of seeking to meet its investment objectives or as part of its investment strategies;
- the outstanding amount of all borrowings of the Fund do not exceed 10% of the NAV of the Fund at the time of borrowing;
- in the case of Redemption Settlement Gap Funding, the amount of cash borrowed by the Fund will not exceed the amount of cash that the Fund will receive in respect of the sale of portfolio securities;
- in the case of Purchase Settlement Gap Funding, the amount of cash borrowed by the Fund will not exceed the amount of cash that the Fund will receive from the investor in a purchase of securities of the Fund; and
- the Manager has written policies and procedures for relying on the relief that require the Manager to implement controls on decision-making on borrowing above the Borrowing Limit and to monitor

levels of Fund redemptions, Fund purchases and the cash balance of each Fund.

### ***Borrowing Agent***

The Fidelity Funds have received an exemption from the requirement set out in Section 6.8.1(1)(a) of *NI 81-102* that provides that, unless the borrowing agent is the Fund’s custodian or sub-custodian, a Fund cannot deposit with the borrowing agent portfolio assets as security in connection with a short sale of securities that have a market value in excess of 10% of the net asset value of that Fund at the time of deposit. The Funds must otherwise comply with Sections 6.8.1(2) and (3) of *NI 81-102*.

### ***Rule 144A Securities***

The Fidelity Funds have received an exemption from the requirements relating to holding illiquid assets under Sections 2.4(1), (2) and (3) of *NI 81-102* with respect to *fixed income securities* that qualify for, and may be traded pursuant to the exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “**US Securities Act**”), as set out in Rule 144A of the US Securities Act for resales of certain *fixed income securities* to “qualified institutional buyers” (as defined in the US Securities Act). Certain conditions must be met including that the Fund qualifies as a “qualified institutional buyer” at the time of purchase of the securities, the securities can be readily disposed of through market facilities on which public quotations in common use are widely available at an amount that at least approximates the amount at which the portfolio asset is valued in calculating the net asset value per security of the Fund and the securities are traded on a mature and *liquid* market.

### ***Short-Selling***

The Fidelity Funds have received an exemption from subsection 6.8(1) and 6.8(2)(c) of *NI 81-102*. This exemption permits each Fund to deposit as margin portfolio assets of up to 35% of each such Fund’s NAV as at the time of deposit with any one future commission merchant in Canada or the United States (each a “**Dealer**”) and up to 70% of each such Fund’s NAV at the time of deposit with all Dealers in the aggregate, for transactions involving standardized future, clearing corporation options, option on future, or cleared

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specified derivatives, such as cleared swaps, that are traded on a stock exchange or future exchange, or through a swap execution facility that is exempted from recognition as an exchange under subsection 21(1) of the *Securities Act* (Ontario).

### **Tax-Related Investment Restrictions**

The Funds are expected to qualify as a “mutual fund trust” as defined in the *Tax Act* and expects to continue to so qualify at all material times. Accordingly, each Fund will not engage in any undertaking other than the investment of its funds in property for the purposes of the *Tax Act*. A Fund that ceases to qualify as a mutual fund trust and is a “registered investment” under the *Tax Act* is subject to a special tax under Part X.2 of the *Tax Act* if at the end of any month it holds property that is not a “qualified investment” under the *Tax Act* for registered plans. At any time that a Fund is not a mutual fund trust and a registered investment, it will not acquire or hold an investment if it would thereby be liable to a material amount of tax under Part X.2 or the *Tax Act*.

### **IRC Approvals**

Pursuant to *NI 81-107*, the Fidelity Funds have received approval from the *IRC* to invest in exchange-traded securities of “substantial securityholders” (as defined above) of a Fidelity Fund, or a person or company in which a substantial securityholder has a “significant interest” (as defined above). The *IRC*'s approval is granted on the condition that Fidelity, as manager of the Fidelity Funds, follows the terms of the Substantial Security Holder policy approved by the *IRC* and reports regularly to the *IRC* on its compliance with this policy.

The *IRC* has approved standing instructions to permit the Fidelity Funds to purchase securities where a related entity has acted as a member of a selling group. The approved policies and procedures include the following general conditions that the investment:

- (a) is proposed by Fidelity and/or the portfolio manager free from influence by a related entity and without taking into account any consideration relevant to that related entity;

- (b) represents the business judgement of Fidelity and/or the portfolio manager uninfluenced by considerations other than the best interests of the Fidelity Fund;
- (c) achieves a fair and reasonable result for the Fidelity Fund;
- (d) in the case of equity securities, the investment will be in compliance with the investment objectives of the Fidelity Fund and the *IRC* will have approved the investment;
- (e) in the case of *fixed income securities*, has a designated rating; and
- (f) particulars of the investment are filed with the securities authorities.

During the offering of such securities in Canada or the United States, further specific conditions related to these investments are also included in the approved policies and procedures. The *IRC*'s approval is granted on the condition that Fidelity, as manager of the Fidelity Funds, follows the terms of the policies and procedures approved by the *IRC* and reports regularly to the *IRC* on its compliance with this policy.

In addition, as further detailed in this section and under the heading “**Investment Restrictions**” in the above section, the *IRC* has provided its approval and standing instructions for the Funds to, subject to conditions:

- (a) engage in *In Specie* Transactions to purchase and redeem Fund securities in consideration for securities rather than cash of another Fund, investment fund or a separately managed account, managed by the Manager; and
- (b) permit the Funds to purchase debt securities from or sell debt securities to a Pooled Fund or a U.S. Fund and to engage in inter-fund trades between and amongst the Funds and Pooled Funds, a Canadian client account managed by Fidelity and a Fund or Pooled Fund, and a Fund, a Pooled Fund and a U.S. Fund.

## **IRC Policies and Procedures**

The *IRC* reviews and, where appropriate, arranges for periodic reporting on each of the following conflict of interest matters referred to it by Fidelity. Fidelity has received standing instructions from the *IRC* to apply the following policies that are applicable to the Funds in accordance with their terms:

<b>POLICY</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
1. Code of Ethics /Personal Investing	This policy governs the personal investing and other activities of employees of Fidelity 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 Fidelity 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 third-party brokers and brokers affiliated to Fidelity, on behalf of the Funds.
5. Commission Uses	Fidelity 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 Fidelity 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 unit (NAV), including situations where market quotations for a portfolio security are not readily available or when market quotations are unreliable, in which case Fidelity 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 Fidelity 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	Fidelity 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 Fidelity.
15. Large Investors	This policy addresses the potential conflicts of interest that may arise where large institutional and individual investors invest in the Funds.

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POLICY	DESCRIPTION
16. 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 Fidelity acts as an underwriter of the offering.
17. Disclosure of Portfolio Information	This policy governs the manner and timelines regarding the disclosure of Fund portfolio information.
18. Complaints	This policy governs the process for managing and resolving complaints received from investors in the Funds.
19. Benchmarks	This policy governs the process for selecting and changing performance benchmarks of the Funds.
20. 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 securities of its other mutual funds managed by Fidelity.
21. <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 Fidelity.
22. 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.
23. Fund Mergers	This policy addresses potential conflicts of interest that may arise in fund mergers involving the Funds.
24. Inter-fund Trades	This policy addresses potential conflicts of interest that may arise in inter-fund trades involving the Funds.



# Description of Units offered by the Funds

When you invest in a Fund, you're buying a piece of the Fund called a unit. The Funds may issue an unlimited number of units of each series and they are redeemable, non-assessable and fully paid when issued. Each unit in a series of a Fund entitles the holder to participate *pro rata* with respect to all distributions of the same series (other than management fee distributions) and, upon winding up of a Fund, to participate *pro rata* with the other unitholders of the same series in the net asset value of the series of the Fund remaining after the satisfaction of outstanding liabilities of the Fund. Fractional units may be issued which carry the same rights and privileges and are subject to the same restrictions and conditions applicable to whole units.

If a Fund or a particular series of a Fund is ever terminated, each unit that a unitholder owns will participate equally with every other unit of the same series in the assets of the Fund attributable to that series after all of the Fund's liabilities (or those allocated to the series being terminated) have been paid.

A unitholder of a Fund is entitled to one vote for each one dollar in value of all units owned based on the series net asset value per unit determined on the basis described below and calculated on the record date of a meeting of unitholders of all the series of a Fund, with no voting rights being attributed to portions of a dollar of such value. As well, a unitholder of each series of a Fund will be entitled to one vote on the same basis in connection with a meeting of unitholders of that series only. All units are redeemable on the basis as described under "Redemption of Units" below and they are also transferable without restriction subject to the reasonable requirements and approval of the Trustee.

Unitholders of each Fund will be permitted to vote at meetings of unitholders on all matters that require unitholder approval under *NI 81-102* or the Declaration. These matters are:

- (a) a change in the basis of the calculation of management fee rates or of other expenses that are charged to a Fund (or the introduction of such a fee or expense) that could result in an increase in charges to the Fund, unless (i) the contract is an arm's length contract with a party other than Fidelity, or an associate or affiliate of Fidelity, for services relating to the operation of the Fund, and (ii) the

unitholders are given at least 60 days written notice of the effective date of the proposed change. Because Series F, O and ETF Series units are sold without a sales charge, a meeting of unitholders of these series of the Funds is not required to approve any increase in, or introduction of, a fee or expense charged to the Funds. Any such increase will only be made if such unitholders are notified of the increase at least 60 days before the date on which the increase will take effect;

- (b) a change of the manager, unless the new manager is an affiliate of Fidelity;
- (c) a change in the fundamental investment objectives of a Fund;
- (d) a decrease in the frequency of the calculation of the net asset value per unit of a Fund;
- (e) a reorganization of a Fund with, or the transfer of its assets to, another mutual fund. Unitholder approval is not required if: (i) the proposed reorganization is approved by the *IRC*, (ii) unitholders are given at least 60 days written notice before the effective date of the change, and (iii) there has been compliance with the requirements of securities regulations; and
- (f) where a Fund undertakes a reorganization with, or acquires assets from, another mutual fund in a transaction which constitutes a material change to the Fund.

The rights and conditions attaching to the units of each series of the Funds may, subject to securities legislation, be modified only in accordance with the provisions attaching to such units and the provisions of the Funds' Declaration.

## **About the Series**

We currently offer series of units for the Funds as set out on the cover page of this simplified prospectus and in each Fund's profile. We may offer additional series in the future.

### **Series B units**

Series B units are available to all investors who purchase under the *initial sales charge* option. The minimum initial investment for Series B units of a Fund is \$500.

## Description of Units offered by the Funds *(continued)*

Series B units of the Funds will not be eligible for the *Fidelity Preferred Program*. However, the size of an investor's holdings in the Funds will count towards the investor's eligibility for the *Fidelity Preferred Program*.

### **Series F units**

Series F units have lower combined management and advisory fees and *Administration Fees* than Series B units. Instead of retail investors in Series F units or Fidelity paying sales charges to *dealers*, retail investors in Series F units may pay their *dealer* a fee for the investment advice and/or administration and management services they provide or may pay their discount broker a fee for the services and any tools or other assistance they provide.

Retail investors, excluding fund-of-fund or similar pooled investment programs, may buy Series F units in a fee-based account at their *dealer*, where they pay fees directly to their *dealer*, provided their *dealer* has entered into the appropriate eligibility agreement with Fidelity. Retail investors may also buy Series F units through a discount brokerage platform, provided the discount broker offers Series F units on their platform.

We don't pay any commissions or trailing commissions to *dealers* or discount brokers who sell Series F units, which means we can charge lower management and advisory fees to the Fund because you may pay a fee directly to your *dealer* or discount broker. The minimum initial investment for Series F units of a Fund is \$500.

#### *Additional considerations when buying Series F units through a dealer*

Retail investors may also buy Series F units and pay fees to their *dealer* by authorizing Fidelity to redeem Series F units from their account having a value equal to the amount of the fees payable by the investor to the *dealer* (plus applicable taxes) and to pay the proceeds to their *dealer*. Retail investors are eligible to have their Series F units redeemed by Fidelity, and the proceeds paid to their *dealer*, if:

- They do not hold their Series F units in a fee-based account where they pay fees directly to their *dealer*.
- Their *dealer* has entered into the appropriate eligibility agreement with Fidelity.

- They have entered into an advisor service fee agreement with their *dealer* and Fidelity.
- The advisor service fee agreement must disclose the advisor service fee rate(s) the retail investor has negotiated with the *dealer* for the advice to be provided by the *dealer* to the retail investor with respect to purchasing and selling units of the Fidelity Funds and/or for the administration and management services with respect to the retail investor's units of the Fidelity Funds.

If a retail investor enters into an advisor service fee agreement, Fidelity facilitates the payment of the advisor service fee (plus applicable taxes) by the retail investor to the *dealer* by redeeming the retail investor's Series F units on a quarterly basis and forwarding the redemption proceeds for the advisor service fees to the *dealer*. See the **Fees and expenses** section for details.

Your *dealer* is responsible for deciding whether you are eligible to buy and continue to hold Series F units. If you're no longer eligible to hold Series F units, your *dealer* is responsible for telling us to switch your units into Series B units of the same Fund or to redeem them.

Series F units of the Funds will not be eligible for the *Fidelity Preferred Program*. However, the size of an investor's holdings in the Funds will count towards the investor's eligibility for the *Fidelity Preferred Program*.

### **Series O units**

Series O units of the Funds are only available to Fidelity Funds and other funds and accounts managed or advised by Fidelity. In addition, Series O units of the Funds are also available to institutional investors who may be individuals or financial institutions who have been approved by us and have entered into series O fund purchase agreements with us.

Series O investors are typically financial services companies that make large investments in the Fidelity Funds, and that use units of the Fidelity Funds to facilitate offering other products to investors or to provide administrative services to group plans. The criteria for approval as a Series O investor may include the size of the investment, the expected level of account activity, and the investor's total investments with us.

No management and advisory fees are charged to the Funds with respect to the Series O units, but the Fidelity Funds and other institutional investors who hold these Series O units are charged a negotiated management fee for the provision of our services to them. Consequently, investors in Series O units may pay, as a percentage of their investment, a management fee that is different from that payable by other investors in Series O units. We don't pay any commissions or trailing commissions to *dealers* who sell Series O units. There are no sales charges payable by investors who purchase Series O units.

Since Series O investors are typically financial services companies, their need for portfolio information may be different from other investors. As a result, we may provide them with portfolio disclosure more frequently than we provide this disclosure to other investors, and the information provided may be more detailed and/or presented in a somewhat different fashion. This information is only provided subject to an agreement limiting the investor's use of the information, and prohibiting the investor from disclosing it to any other party.

No management and advisory fees are charged to the Fidelity Funds and other funds and accounts managed or advised by Fidelity with respect to their Series O investment.

We don't pay any commissions or trailing commissions to *dealers* who sell Series O units. These third-party investors are charged a negotiated management fee for the provision of our services to them.

### **ETF Series units**

ETF Series units are available to all investors and are issued on a continuous basis and there is no maximum number of the ETF Series units that may be issued.

The *TSX* has conditionally approved the listing of the ETF Series units of the Funds. Listing is subject to fulfilling all of the requirements of the *TSX*, including distribution of the ETF Series units of the Funds to a minimum number of public unitholders.

The ETF Series units will be listed on the *TSX* and investors will be able to buy or sell ETF Series units of the Funds on the *TSX* or another exchange or marketplace through

registered brokers and *dealers* in the province or territory where the investor resides.

Investors may incur customary brokerage commissions in buying or selling the ETF Series units. No fees are paid by a unitholder to Fidelity or the Fund in connection with the buying or selling of the ETF Series units on the *TSX* or another exchange or marketplace. The Fund will issue ETF Series units directly to *designated brokers* and *ETF dealers*.

The base currency of the ETF Series units of the Funds is Canadian dollars.

### **Other series information**

Fidelity, in its sole discretion, may waive or change any of the above minimum initial investment amounts at any time. The current minimum initial investment amounts may be obtained on our designated website at [www.fidelity.ca](http://www.fidelity.ca). For information on buying units of the Funds, see the ***Purchases, switches and redemptions*** section.

For each series of the Funds, excluding Series O, Fidelity pays all of the operating expenses (including for services provided by Fidelity and/or its affiliates), except for *Fund Costs*, in exchange for the *Administration Fee* that is paid by the Fund in respect of these series. For Series O, Fidelity pays all of the operating expenses and costs incurred by the Fund in respect of Series O (including for services provided by Fidelity and/or its affiliates), except for certain costs that are paid by the Fund in respect of Series O. See ***the Fees and expenses*** section for details. The differences in expenses and fees between series mean that each series of a Fund has a different net asset value per unit.

### **Distribution Policy**

This section tells you when you can expect to receive payments of net income, capital gains, or returns of capital from the Funds. We may pay distributions at other times.

Distributions on units held in Fidelity registered plans are always reinvested in additional units of the same series of the same Fund.

### **Mutual Fund Series**

Except as described below, distributions on units held in other registered plans or in non-registered accounts are

## Description of Units offered by the Funds *(continued)*

reinvested in additional units of the same series of the same Fund unless you tell us in writing that you want to receive them in cash. You won't pay any sales charges on reinvested distributions or on cash distributions. Distributions paid on the redemption of units are not reinvested, but are instead paid to you in cash.

Cash distributions can be paid directly to your bank account by way of electronic funds transfer or by cheque. We may charge you a fee of \$25 for each cash distribution you request by cheque.

A return of capital distribution is not taxable, but reduces the adjusted cost base of your units. You should not confuse this cash flow distribution with a Fund's rate of return or yield.

You can find more information about distributions and adjusted cost base in the ***Income tax considerations*** section.

### **ETF Series**

Distributions in respect of ETF Series units of the Funds are made in cash. Annual distributions may be paid in cash or reinvested automatically in additional ETF Series units of the Fund at a price equal to the NAV per unit of the Fund and the ETF Series units will be immediately consolidated such that number of outstanding ETF Series units following the distribution will equal the number of ETF Series units outstanding prior to the distribution. The ETF Series units have adopted a Distribution Reinvestment Plan, which provides that a Plan Participant may elect to automatically reinvest all cash distributions paid on ETF Series units held by that Plan Participant in additional Plan Securities in accordance with the terms of the Distribution Reinvestment Plan, a copy of which is available through your broker or *dealer*, and the distribution reinvestment agency agreement between the Manager, on behalf of the ETF Series units, and the Plan Agent, as may be amended. Please see ***Optional Services – ETF Series Distribution Reinvestment*** for a description of the key terms of the Distribution Reinvestment Plan.

# Name, formation and history of the Funds

The Funds were created as open-end unit trusts and established under the laws of Ontario by incorporation into the Declaration, as may be further amended from time to time.

Units of the Funds are available in the series set forth in their Fund profiles.

The table below sets out the dates of Fund formation under which the Funds were initially qualified for distribution.

Fund Name	Date of Formation
Fidelity Advanced U.S. Equity Fund	January 9, 2025
Fidelity Absolute Income Fund	January 9, 2025

# Specific information about each of the mutual funds described in this document

## Your guide to the Funds

The Funds offered under this simplified prospectus are grouped into the categories and sub-categories as set out on the cover page. Choosing the right Funds means knowing what kinds of investments the Funds make and what kinds of risks they face. Here's what the Fund profiles look like and what they will tell you.

### 1. Fund name

### 2. Fund details

This is a quick overview of the Fund — what kind of fund it is, the types of units offered, and series available under the U.S. dollar option, and whether it is a qualified investment for registered plans, and the management and advisory fees and *Administration Fee* for each series. Your *dealer* and *financial advisor* can assist you in determining the series that you are eligible to invest in.

### 3. What does the fund invest in?

This section tells you the investment objectives and strategies of the Fund, as well as any investment restrictions or relief obtained from regulatory investment restrictions.

#### Investment objectives

Just like you, each Fund has goals for the money it invests. This section tells you what those goals are. Some Funds seek to earn income, while others seek to increase the value of their investments as much as possible. Still others seek to do both. Each Fund has its distinct investment objectives. You will find details about the kinds of securities the Fund invests in, as well as any special investment focus, such as a particular country or industry.

We can't change a Fund's investment objectives unless we get approval from a majority of unitholders who vote at a special meeting we call.

#### Investment strategies

This section tells you how the portfolio management team tries to achieve the Fund's investment objectives. You will find the portfolio management team's general approach to

investing, and how the portfolio management team chooses investments for the Fund.

For Funds that are actively managed, the portfolio management team may actively trade the Fund's investments. This can increase trading costs, which lowers returns. It also increases the possibility that you receive capital gains distributions, which are taxable if you hold the Fund in a non-registered account.

For Funds that invest in *underlying funds*, this section will focus on the strategies relating to its *underlying funds*.

Except where exemptive relief has been obtained from the securities regulators (as described under **Investment restrictions**), all of the Funds follow the standard limits, restrictions, and practices set by Canadian securities regulations.

#### ESG investing at Fidelity

ESG investing is an approach to investing that incorporates environmental, social and/or governance (ESG) factors into our fundamental research process to assess a company's risks and opportunities. Fidelity leverages dedicated sustainable investing resources, which are generally focused on common key areas such as ESG research, engagement with issuers and proxy voting. Engagement is implemented as part of our overall fundamental research process and is generally applied across issuers and will include discussions of ESG and other factors where they have a material impact on either investment risk or return potential. Proxy voting is carried out across all Fidelity Funds according to each sub-adviser's proxy voting guidelines.

For Fidelity Funds that have an ESG-focused investment objective, please refer to those Fidelity Funds' investment objectives and investment strategies which articulates the ESG parameters. For non-ESG-focused Fidelity Funds, the applicable Fidelity sub-adviser and portfolio manager(s) have full discretion in determining whether and how relevant and *material ESG* factors are to a company's evaluation, consistent with their investment objectives, investment strategies and investable universe. In cases where a non-ESG-focused Fidelity Fund uses one or more ESG strategies (e.g., best-in-class, ESG integration, negative screening,

etc.), either as part of its principal investment strategy or investment selection process, we will describe the *ESG* strategy used in the applicable non-*ESG*-focused Fidelity Fund profile.

*ESG* factors may serve as one of many research inputs in security valuation. Fidelity believes *ESG* factors are important inputs into the overall research process and can help identify companies that can drive long-term value creation for investors. Fidelity incorporates the use of proprietary and/or third-party *ESG*/sustainability ratings to inform investment research. For example, the proprietary *ESG*/sustainability ratings of Fidelity are driven by fundamental inputs and determined by research professionals across the organization using multiple data sources including public disclosures, company management engagements, and third-party data, such as MSCI *ESG* research data, which is used to supplement our own fundamental research. Companies are evaluated based on the *ESG* factors that are germane and material to their operations and business over the long term. The proprietary ratings serve as a forward-looking assessment of how a company is incorporating *ESG* considerations into its business model as well as its *ESG* performance and trajectory. The monitoring process of *ESG* risks, factors and opportunities is undertaken as part of the fundamental research process, which includes the assessment of material financial and *ESG* factors for all companies under coverage, which is updated on a regular basis.

Fidelity has a responsible investment policy that outlines how *ESG* considerations are integrated into its fundamental research process. Furthermore, Fidelity has demonstrated a commitment to furthering the adoption and use of sustainable investment practices by becoming a signatory to the United Nations-supported Principles for Responsible Investment. In addition, Fidelity is also a member of the Responsible Investment Association.

For more information on *ESG* investing initiatives and policies of the Manager and sub-advisors, visit <https://www.fidelity.ca/en/investor/sustainableinvesting>.

Investors should consult their *dealer* or *financial advisor* to determine which Fidelity Funds suit their investment needs.

#### 4. What are the risks of investing in the fund?

This section sets out a risk checklist that tells you all of the risks of the Fund. For a complete description of each risk, see ***What is a mutual fund and what are the risks of investing in a mutual fund?***

# Fidelity Advanced U.S. Equity Fund

## Fund details

<b>Fund type</b>	U.S. equity fund	
<b>Type of securities</b>	Series B*, F*, O* and ETF* Series units of a mutual fund trust	
<b>Eligibility for registered plans</b>	Expected to be a qualified investment for registered plans	
<b>Management and advisory fee and administration fee</b>		
Series	Management and advisory fee**	Administration fee***
B	1.60%	0.160%
F	0.60%	0.140%
ETF	0.60%	0.140%

\*This series can also be bought in U.S. dollars.

\*\*With respect to the Fund's investments in *underlying funds* managed by Fidelity, we adjust the management fees payable by the Fund to ensure that the total annual fees paid directly and indirectly to us by the Fund do not exceed the annual management fee set out above.

\*\*\*This is the *Administration Fee* if the Fund has less than \$100 million in net assets. If the Fund has between \$100 million and \$1 billion in net assets, the *Administration Fee* on each series is reduced by 0.01%. If the Fund has over \$1 billion in net assets, there is a further 0.01% reduction.

## What does the fund invest in?

### Investment objectives

The Fund aims to achieve long-term capital growth.

It invests primarily in equity securities of U.S. companies. The Fund uses a proprietary quantitative model based on advanced research capabilities in the construction of its portfolio.

We can't change the Fund's investment objectives unless we get approval from a majority of unitholders who vote at a special meeting we call.

### Investment strategies

To meet the Fund's objectives, the portfolio management team:

- Uses quantitative techniques that analyze fundamental research to systematically construct a broadly diversified portfolio. Advanced techniques developed through research capabilities are used in evaluating multiple factors to achieve a desired risk exposure or return characteristic for the Fund through the model's dynamic weightings to each factor. The model also considers current market conditions (e.g., at the macroeconomic level), how the Fund is positioned from a security and

portfolio-level risk perspective, and trading opportunities.

- The model scores each security in the Fund's investable universe based on the following:
  - Fundamental research - proprietary data generated by fundamental research analysts, which includes analyst research ratings, internal forecasts and assessments of a company's financial condition, industry position, economic and market conditions, earnings estimates, operational performance and quality of management.
  - External research - external market data, which includes investor sentiment changes (e.g., bullish or bearish indicators), investment analyst research, option volumes on securities, short interest on securities, fund flows, corporate actions and events, and management meetings.
- May use non-traditional or alternative data sources, including credit card data, satellite imagery, foot traffic, and advertisement spending.
- May use artificial intelligence tools to aggregate and summarize data from data sources.
- In certain circumstances and based on factors such as liquidity and market *volatility*, may override the quantitative model's results in the selection of the Fund's securities.

The Fund may also:

- Invest in companies of any size.
  - Invest in *fixed income securities* of any quality or term.
  - Hold cash.
- In accordance with the limits, restrictions and requirements under applicable law, or as permitted under the terms of exemptive relief obtained from the Canadian securities regulators and described in **Investment Restrictions**, the Fund may:
- Engage in *securities lending, repurchase and reverse repurchase transactions*.
  - Use *derivatives for hedging and non-hedging purposes*.



- Invest in securities of *underlying funds* that are selected in accordance with the Fund's investment strategies.

The Fund may depart from its investment objectives or strategies by temporarily investing all or a portion of its assets in cash or *fixed income securities* issued or guaranteed by a Canadian or U.S. government, government agency or company. The portfolio management team may take this action to try to protect the Fund during a market downturn, or for other reasons.

## What are the risks of investing in the fund?

While the aim of employing these strategies is to help achieve the objectives of the Fund, the strategies also include risks that could result in losses. The checklist below shows you the risks that apply to the Fund. The risks without a bullet in either column are low or not a risk for the Fund. You'll find a complete description of each risk in ***What is a mutual fund and what are the risks of investing in a mutual fund?*** in this simplified prospectus.

### Risk checklist

	Main risk	Additional risk
Alternative mutual fund		
Asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities		
Borrowing		●
Cease trading and halted trading of units		●
Commodity		●
Concentration	●	
Credit		
Currency	●	
Cyber security		●
<i>Derivative</i>		●
Equity	●	
<i>ETF</i>		●
Foreign investment	●	
Income tax		●
Interest rate		●
Large transaction		●
Liquidity		●
Portfolio management		●
Quantitative model/techniques	●	

	Main risk	Additional risk
<i>Repurchase transactions</i>		●
<i>Reverse repurchase transactions</i>		●
<i>Securities lending transactions</i>		●
Series		●
Short selling		
Small company		●
Specialization	●	
Trading price of units and active market		●
Unit split and unit consolidation		●

# Fidelity Absolute Income Fund

## Fund details

<b>Fund type</b>	Multi-sector fixed income
<b>Type of securities</b>	Series B*, F*, O* and ETF* Series units of a mutual fund trust
<b>Eligibility for registered plans</b>	Expected to be a qualified investment for registered plans

### Management and advisory fee and administration fee

Series	Management and advisory fee**	Administration fee***
B	1.05%	0.095%
F	0.55%	0.075%
ETF	0.55%	0.075%

\*This series can also be bought in U.S. dollars.

\*\*With respect to the Fund's investments in *underlying funds* managed by Fidelity, we adjust the management fees payable by the Fund to ensure that the total annual fees paid directly and indirectly to us by the Fund do not exceed the annual management fee set out above.

\*\*\*This is the *Administration Fee* if the Fund has less than \$100 million in net assets. If the Fund has between \$100 million and \$1 billion in net assets, the *Administration Fee* on each series is reduced by 0.01%. If the Fund has over \$1 billion in net assets, there is a further 0.01% reduction.

## What does the fund invest in?

### Investment objectives

The Fund aims to achieve a high level of current income and the potential for capital gains.

It invests primarily in a mix of *fixed income securities* of U.S. issuers and other issuers from around the world. It can invest in these securities either directly or indirectly through investments in *underlying funds*. The Fund uses a proprietary quantitative model based on advanced research capabilities in the construction of its portfolio.

The Fund uses *derivatives* to try to achieve a desired risk exposure and/or minimize exposure to currency fluctuations between developed market foreign currencies (such as the U.S. dollar) and the Canadian dollar.

We can't change the Fund's investment objectives unless we get approval from a majority of unitholders who vote at a special meeting we call.

## Investment strategies

To meet the Fund's objectives, the portfolio management team:

- Uses quantitative techniques to systematically construct a broadly diversified portfolio. Advanced techniques developed through research capabilities are used in evaluating multiple factors to achieve a desired risk exposure or return characteristic for the Fund through the model's dynamic weightings to each factor.
- When buying and selling *fixed income securities*, the research process that informs portfolio selection considers factors such as:
  - Financial condition.
  - Industry position.
  - Economic and market conditions (e.g. at the security level).
  - Earnings potential.
  - Quality of management.
  - The security's features.
  - Price compared to estimated long-term value.
  - Credit quality of the issuer.
  - Current yield.
  - Balance sheet strength.
  - Financial leverage.
  - Liquidity.
  - Expected ability to service debt.
  - Any short-term trading opportunities resulting from market inefficiencies.
  - The above factors are combined with quantitative portfolio construction.

The model also considers current market conditions (e.g. at the macroeconomic level), how the Fund is positioned from a security and portfolio-level risk perspective, and trading opportunities.

- Allocates the Fund's assets among issuers in different market sectors, industries, asset classes, and maturities, based on its view of the relative value of each sector, industry, asset class, or maturity.
  - Uses a proprietary portfolio construction and multi-layered risk management framework, which evaluates macroeconomic (e.g., interest rates and inflation) and credit considerations, to select a portfolio of *fixed income securities* with lower *volatility* and drawdown features, and favourable risk-adjusted return characteristics.
  - Exercises broad flexibility by investing in an expansive set of *fixed income securities*, including global *investment grade fixed income securities*, and higher yielding lower quality *fixed income securities*.
  - Considers the *duration* of the Fund and has flexibility to vary the *duration* in response to current market conditions.
  - Invests primarily in direct securities and may use varying combinations of *derivatives*, including interest rate, total return and credit default swaps, options, futures contracts and currency forward contracts, to achieve a desired risk exposure and potentially generate additional income, in an efficient manner. *Derivatives* are used by the portfolio management team to manage interest rate and currency exposures, where they may represent a more liquid investment than purchasing bonds directly, or for other reasons.
  - Uses forward contracts to hedge as completely as possible against fluctuations caused by changes in exchange rates between developed market foreign currencies and the Canadian dollar. The Fund does not generally benefit from an increase in the value of developed market foreign currencies against the Canadian dollar.
  - May use non-traditional or alternative data sources, including credit card data, satellite imagery, foot traffic, and advertisement spending.
  - May use artificial intelligence tools to aggregate and summarize data from data sources.
  - In certain circumstances and based on factors such as liquidity and market volatility, may override the quantitative model's results in the selection of the Fund's securities.
- The Fund may also:
- Invest in securities that don't produce income, including defaulted securities (e.g., *fixed income securities* that have defaulted on their payment obligations) and common stock.
  - Invest in companies in a troubled or uncertain financial condition.
  - Hold cash.
- In accordance with the limits, restrictions and requirements under applicable law, or as permitted under the terms of exemptive relief obtained from the Canadian securities regulators and described in ***Investment Restrictions***, the Fund may:
- Engage in *securities lending, repurchase and reverse repurchase transactions*.
  - Use *derivatives* for *hedging* and *non-hedging* purposes.
  - Invest in securities of *underlying funds* that are selected in accordance with the Fund's investment strategies.
- The Fund may depart from its investment objectives or strategies by temporarily investing all or a portion of its assets in cash or *fixed income securities* issued or guaranteed by a Canadian or U.S. government, government agency or company. The portfolio management team may take this action to try to protect the Fund during a market downturn, or for other reasons.
- ## What are the risks of investing in the fund?
- While the aim of employing these strategies is to help achieve the objectives of the Fund, the strategies also include risks that could result in losses.
- ### Main risks of using swaps and futures
- As part of the Fund's investment strategies, the Fund may use *derivatives*, including swaps (e.g., interest rate swaps, credit default swaps, total return swaps) and futures (e.g.

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Treasury futures) for *hedging* and *non-hedging* purposes. A swap is a contract between two parties to exchange payments based on an agreed amount. A futures contract is an agreement between two parties to buy/sell an asset at a predetermined price on a future date. Swaps and futures, similar to other *derivatives*, are subject to additional risks, including counterparty risk (i.e., where one or more parties in a contract may default on their obligation or be unable to fulfill their obligation), *liquidity risk* (i.e., where the security cannot be traded quickly or easily due to financial market conditions), and market risk (i.e., where unfavourable market conditions negatively impact the value of the securities). There is no guarantee that the Fund's use of swaps and/or futures will enhance performance or reduce risk relative to the overall market. See **Derivative risk** and **Liquidity risk** in this simplified prospectus.

The checklist below shows you the risks that apply to the Fund. The risks without a bullet in either column are low or not a risk for the Fund. You'll find a complete description of each risk in **What is a mutual fund and what are the risks of investing in a mutual fund?** in this simplified prospectus.

### Risk checklist

	Main risk	Additional risk
Alternative mutual fund		
Asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities		●
Borrowing		●
Cease trading and halted trading of units		●
Commodity		●
Concentration		●
Credit	●	
Currency	●	
Cyber security		●
<i>Derivative</i>	●	
Equity		●
<i>ETF</i>		●
Foreign investment	●	
Income tax		●
Interest rate	●	
Large transaction		●
Liquidity	●	

	Main risk	Additional risk
Portfolio management		●
Quantitative model/techniques	●	
<i>Repurchase transactions</i>		●
<i>Reverse repurchase transactions</i>		●
<i>Securities lending transactions</i>		●
Series		●
Short selling		
Small company		●
Specialization	●	
Trading price of units and active market		●
Unit split and unit consolidation		●

# Glossary

**Administration Fee** is a fixed rate administration fee that is paid to Fidelity by all of the Funds except Fidelity Canadian Money Market Fund and Fidelity U.S. Money Market Fund for Fidelity's provision of administrative services and its payment, on its own account, of administrative expenses. For each series of the Funds, except Series O, Fidelity pays, on its own account, all of the operating costs (including for services provided by Fidelity and/or its affiliates), except for *Fund Costs*, in exchange for the Administration Fee. Series O units are only charged *Fund Costs*.

**AIS** is the *PFIC* annual information statement.

**asset allocation** refers to investing in different types of investments and asset classes.

**basket of securities** means for each *prescribed number of units* issued, an *ETF dealer* must deliver payment consisting of, in Fidelity's discretion:

- (i) cash in an amount equal to the aggregate net asset value per unit of the *prescribed number of units* next determined following the receipt of the subscription order;
- (ii) a group of securities or assets representing the constituents of, and their weightings in, the Fund.

**CDS refers to** CDS Clearing and Depository Services Inc.

**CDS Participant** is a registered dealer or other financial institution that is a participant in *CDS* and that holds units on behalf of beneficial owners of units.

**China A-Shares** means those securities that are listed and traded on the Shanghai Stock Exchange or Shenzhen Stock Exchange through *Stock Connect* programs.

**Commodity Funds** are Canadian or U.S. *ETFs* or non-redeemable investment funds that seek to replicate the performance of one or more physical commodities, or of an index that tracks such performance, on an unlevered basis. Permissible U.S. *Commodity Funds* are only traded on a stock exchange in the U.S. and do not qualify as index participation units under *NI 81-102* that have exposure to one or more physical commodities.

**convertible securities** are bonds, preferred stocks, and other securities that pay interest or *dividends* and are convertible into common stocks or for value equivalent to those common stocks. In general, a convertible security performs more like a stock when the underlying stock's price is high (because it is assumed that it will be converted into the stock) and more like a bond when the underlying stock's price is low (because it is assumed that it will mature without being converted).

**counterparty** is the other party to a *derivatives* contract.

**CRA** is the Canada Revenue Agency.

**CRS** refers to the Organization for Economic Co-operating and Development's (OECD) Common Reporting Standard as implemented by Part XIX of the *Tax Act*.

**Cryptocurrency ETF** is an alternative mutual fund that invests substantially all of its assets in commodities that are digital assets, such as cryptocurrencies like bitcoin or ether.

**CSA** is the Canadian Securities Administrators.

**cut-off time** is the applicable time set out under "Purchases, switches and redemptions", in relation to each issuance or exchange of *ETF Series units* of a Fund.

**dealer** is a discount broker and/or a company or partnership that employs your *financial advisor*.

**derivative** is an investment that bases its value on how well another kind of investment, like a stock, bond, currency, or market index, is doing. *Derivatives* usually take the form of a contract with another party to buy or sell an asset at a later time. Funds that invest in *derivatives* are in a position to make or lose money based on changes in the underlying interest, such as interest rates, securities prices, or currency exchange rates.

**designated broker** is a registered *ETF dealer* that has entered into a designated broker agreement with Fidelity on behalf of one or more Funds, pursuant to which the *designated broker* agrees to perform certain duties in relation to the *ETF Series units* of those Funds.

**developed market** is a country that is most developed in terms of its economy and capital markets. The country must be high income, but this also includes openness to foreign

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ownership, ease of capital movement, and efficiency of market institutions. This term is contrasted with developing market (*emerging markets* and frontier markets are types of developing markets).

**diversification** means owning several different investments at once.

**dividends** are the portion of any profit a company earns that are paid to you when you invest in equity securities of that company.

**duration** is a measure of interest rate risk. Interest rate risk is the possibility that a bond's market value falls when market interest rates rise. *Duration* is a quantitative measure that indicates the degree to which a bond fund's price fluctuates in response to changes in interest rates. If interest rates move higher, mutual funds with longer *durations* go down more in value than mutual funds that have shorter *durations*. For example, if rates rise 1.00%, a bond fund with a 5-year *duration* is likely to lose about 5.00% of its value, whereas a bond fund with an 8-year *duration* is likely to lose about 8.00% of its value.

**emerging market** includes countries that have an emerging stock market as defined by MSCI Inc., countries or markets with low- to middle-income economies as classified by the World Bank, and other countries or markets with similar emerging characteristics.

**ETF** is an exchange-traded fund.

**ETF dealer** is a registered *dealer* (that may or may not be a *designated broker*) that has entered into an agreement with Fidelity authorizing the *dealer* to subscribe for, purchase and redeem ETF Series units from one or more Funds on a continuous basis.

**ESG** means environmental, social and/or governance.

**fair value pricing** is the method used to determine value if the price is not a true reflection of the value of the security.

**FATCA** refers to the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act as implemented in Canada by the Canada-United States Enhanced Tax Information Exchange Agreement and Part XVIII of the *Tax Act*.

**fee distribution** is a special distribution that is payable by the Fund to unitholders. We reduce the fees we charge to the Fund, and the *fee distribution* that is payable by the Fund to the unitholder is equal to the amount of the fee reduction. The *fee distribution* is paid first out of net income and net realized capital gains of the Fund held by the unitholders entitled to the *fee distributions* to the extent that it reduces taxes otherwise payable by the Fund under Part I of the *Tax Act* after taking into account any entitlement to a capital gains refund under the *Tax Act*, and then out of the capital of the Fund. *Fee distributions* are automatically reinvested in additional units of the relevant series of the Fund, and are not paid to unitholders in cash.

**Fidelity Preferred Program** The program is available to Series B, S5, S8, F, F5 and F8 unitholders of eligible Fidelity Funds who qualify for automatic *fee distributions* based on their total eligible investments in Fidelity Funds. The program offers declining combined management and advisory fees and *Administration Fees* based on a tiered structure through the use of automatic *fee distributions*. The tier for which you are eligible is based on your total investments in Fidelity Funds. Currently, you may be eligible for a tier in the program if your holdings in Fidelity Funds exceed \$250,000 for an individual or \$500,000 for a *Fidelity Preferred Program* financial group.

**financial advisor** is the individual with whom you consult for investment advice.

**fixed income securities** are the obligations of an issuer to repay a sum of money, usually with interest.

**floating rate debt instruments** are debt securities issued by companies or other entities with floating interest rates that reset periodically. Most *floating rate debt instruments* are secured by specific collateral of the borrower, and are senior to most other securities of the borrower (e.g., common stock or debt instruments) in the event of bankruptcy. *Floating rate debt instruments* are often issued in connection with recapitalizations, acquisitions, leveraged buyouts, and refinancings. *Floating rate debt instruments* are typically structured and administered by a financial institution that acts as the agent of the investors investing in the floating rate debt instruments. *Floating rate debt instruments* may be acquired directly through the agent, as an assignment from another

investor who holds a direct interest in the floating rate debt instrument, or as a participation interest in another investor's portion of the floating rate debt instrument.

**Form 41-101F2** is Form 41-101F2 Information Required in an Investment Fund Prospectus.

**Fund Costs** are certain costs that are payable directly by the Funds which are not covered by the *Administration Fee*, including brokerage commissions and other expenses that Fidelity may pay on behalf of the Fund. Each series is responsible for its proportionate share of common fund costs. For series O *Fund Costs*, see Series O fees.

**Gold/Silver ETFs** are *ETFs* that seek to replicate the performance of gold, silver or both, on a leveraged basis.

**hedging** is when mutual funds use *derivatives* to help offset losses that other investments might suffer because of changes in stock prices, commodity prices, interest rates, or currency exchange rates.

**high yield securities** are higher yielding, lower quality *fixed income securities*. *Fixed income securities* of lower quality have lower credit ratings. For example, bonds rated below BBB- by Standard & Poor's are considered high yield bonds.

**IRC** is the independent review committee, which is the fund governance agency for the Fidelity Funds, as contemplated by *NI 81-107*.

**initial sales charge** is the percentage of the purchase price you pay to your *dealer* or *financial advisor* when you buy certain series of mutual fund units.

**investment grade** is the credit quality of a company or government that issues *fixed income securities*. Credit quality is a measure of the issuer's ability to pay interest and repay principal on time. The higher the credit quality of an issuer, the more likely the *fixed income securities* it issues is classified as *investment grade*. Professional rating agencies measure the credit quality of issuers. For instance, Standard & Poor's classifies bonds it rates BBB- or higher to be *investment grade* bonds.

**LAP financial group** is accounts held by related persons living at the same address, and includes accounts in the names of companies for which one or more members of the

*LAP financial group* are beneficial owners of greater than 50% of the voting equity.

**Large Account Program** or **LAP** is a program we offer to large investors. Under this program, our decision to reduce the typical fees depends on a number of factors, including the size of the investment and the investor's total investments with us. We currently only consider an investor a "large investor" if the holdings with Fidelity are a minimum of \$250,000 individually, or \$500,000 for a *LAP financial group*.

**liquid** means that you can redeem your units at almost any time and get your money when you need it, even though you may get less than you invested. Unlike some other kinds of investments, mutual funds are *liquid*.

**management expense ratio** or **MER** is the management fee and certain operating expenses divided by the mutual fund's average net asset value for the year.

**material ESG factors** means environmental, social and governance factors that are considered material to an issuer's business and may impact the issuer's financial performance.

**money market instrument** is an investment that the government or company agrees to pay back within a year or less. Examples are short-term bonds and government treasury bills.

**NI 81-101** is National Instrument 81-101 *Mutual Fund Prospectus Disclosure*.

**NI 81-102** is National Instrument 81-102 *Investment Funds*.

**NI 81-105** is National Instrument 81-105 *Mutual Fund Sales Practices*.

**NI 81-107** is National Instrument 81-107 *Independent Review Committee for Investment Funds*.

**PFIC** is the Passive Foreign Investment Company rules.

**prescribed number of units** in relation to a particular Fund offering ETF Series units, is the number of ETF Series units determined by Fidelity from time to time for the purpose of subscription orders, exchanges, redemptions or for other purposes.

## Glossary (*continued*)

**QEF** is a Qualified Electing Fund.

**REITs** are real estate investment trusts.

**repurchase transaction** is where a mutual fund sells a security to another party for cash and agrees to buy the same security back from the same party for cash.

**reverse repurchase transaction** is when a mutual fund buys a security at one price from a party and agrees to sell the same security back to the same party at a higher price later on.

**risk tolerance** is the amount of risk you are willing to take with your investment.

**Sales Tax** is harmonized sales tax and other applicable taxes that the management and advisory fees, *administration fees* and most of the *Fund Costs* are subject to.

**securities lending transaction** is similar to a *repurchase transaction*, except that instead of selling the security and agreeing to buy it back later, the mutual fund loans the security and can demand the return of the security at any time.

**standard deviation** is one of the most widely accepted ways to quantify the *volatility* of investment returns.

**Stock Connect** means the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect programs, which are securities trading and clearing linked programs that allow international investors to trade *China A-*

*Shares* listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange or Shenzhen Stock Exchange.

**Tax Act** is the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) and the regulations thereunder.

**term to maturity** is the length of time until a bond matures and the principal amount is repaid.

**third-tier funds** are funds in which the *underlying funds* may invest, including *ETFs* managed by third parties or other Fidelity entities and other funds managed by Fidelity.

**trading day** - means, for each Fund offering ETF Series units, unless otherwise agreed by Fidelity, a day on which (i) a session of the exchange on which the ETF Series units of the Fund are listed is held; and (ii) if applicable, the primary market or exchange for the securities held by the Fund is open for trading.

**TSX** is the Toronto Stock Exchange.

**underlying funds** are funds in which the Funds may invest, including *ETFs* managed by Fidelity, other Fidelity entities or third parties and other funds managed by Fidelity.

**VIE** is a variable interest entity. *VIEs* are entities that invest by entering into contractual arrangements with Chinese companies, without direct equity ownership in such companies.

**volatility** is swings in the prices of investments. Higher-risk investments, such as stocks and *high yield securities*, are likely to have changes in their prices from day to day. And some may have bigger changes than others.



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**Fixed Income Fund**

***U.S. Fixed Income Fund***

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Fidelity Absolute Income Fund

Series B, F, O and ETF Series units

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