

## LONDON LIFE REAL ESTATE FUND

Q2 BULLETIN 2023

After a brief pause to its target overnight rate hike cycle, the Bank of Canada (BOC) resumed course and raised a further 25bps in early June to 5.0%. Asset values continue to be impacted as investment metrics have generally decompressed in response to an evolving interest rate environment.

The Fund's valuation process marks-to-market assets to reflect current market conditions, however with the benefit of positive income offsets, the portfolio has been able to limit the downside to just -46bps (total return) year to date. Earlier this year the research team at GWLRA posted a note about the value of investment in real estate amidst economic uncertainty. The key to their conclusion has been the cornerstone to Fund performance since inception. Please click to read here: <a href="Private Real">Private Real</a> Estate: Finding Value Through Income.

**Industry Accolades:** With a focus on elevating building technology, upgrading amenities and common areas, as well as driving ESG initiatives forward, the Fund is future-proofing its assets through key strategic capital investment, and the efforts are being widely recognized across the industry. One of the Fund's recent developments, Vancouver Centre II (VCII), has been awarded IBCon's "Most Intelligent Office Building" award this quarter; highlighting the buildings unique IT infrastructure and its ability to monitor sustainability performance in realtime. Three Greater Toronto Area office buildings were recognized in Q2, receiving Certificates of Excellence from BOMA, with 155 University Avenue, also winning an Outstanding Building of the Year (TOBY) award. A TOBY is one of the highest recognitions in the commercial real estate industry that honors excellence in building operations and management.

#### **Transaction Update:**

The Fund navigated a challenging investment climate in completing the sale of 7070 Mississauga Rd, a suburban single tenant office building located in Mississauga, ON. The transaction concluded at a premium to appraised value, highlighting the strength of the Fund's valuation process which aims to ensure that asset values are aligned with current and evolving market expectations. To learn more about the Fund, please visit the following link: www.gwlrealtyadvisors.com/invest-with-us/



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		Annualized			YTD
GROSS RETURN	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	30-Jun
Income	3.9%	3.6%	3.8%	4.0%	2.1%
Capital	(6.1)%	4.8%	3.6%	2.5%	(2.5)%
Total	2.2%	8.4%	7.4%	6.5%	(0.5)%

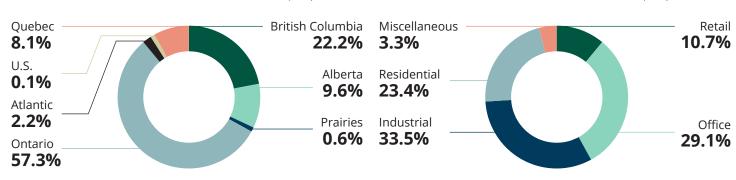
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FUND GROWTH (\$ Millions)	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	YTD 30-Jun
Real estate	\$ 2,888	\$ 2,144	\$ 3,066	\$ 3,520	\$ 3,536	\$ 3,457
Cash	\$ 259	\$ 308	\$ 355	\$ 366	\$ 269	\$ 269
Short term assets & liabilities	\$ (75)	\$ (94)	\$ (91)	\$ (94)	\$ (82)	\$ (77)
Gross fund value	\$ 2,072	\$ 3,359	\$ 3,329	\$ 3,791	\$ 3,722	\$ 3,650
Net fund value	\$ 2,587	\$ 2,724	\$ 2,603	\$ 2,061	\$ 2,952	\$ 2,896
Debt/gross fund value	15.8%	18.9%	21.8%	19.3%	20.7%	20.7%

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### **DIVERSIFICATION BY REGION (Gross)**

### **DIVERSIFICATION BY TYPE (Gross)**



VACANCY AS % OF TOTAL – BY REGION	
British Columbia	0.9%
Alberta	2.8%
Prairies	0.0%
Ontario	4.1%
Quebec	0.3%
Atlantic	1.0%
U.S.	0.6%
Total by region	9.7%

VACANCY AS % OF TOTAL – BY TYPE	
Retail	0.6%
Office	7.5%
Industrial	1.4%
Residential	0.6%
Total by type	9.7%

