# 2021 Annual Report FAIRCOURT GOLD INCOME CORP.



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# 2021 ANNUAL REPORT



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NEO Symbol: FGX (Redeemable Class A Shares) Eligibility: RRSP, RIF Incorporation Date: September 6, 2007 Inception of Operations: November 16, 2007 Fund Manager: Faircourt Asset Management Inc. Investment Advisor: Faircourt Asset Management Inc.

This annual management report of fund performance contains financial highlights of the investment fund. Complete financial statements of the investment fund are also attached. Securityholders may contact us by calling the toll free number 1.800.831.0304, by writing to us at Faircourt Asset Management Inc., 120 Adelaide Street West, Suite 2107, Toronto, ON M5H 1T1 or by visiting our website at <u>www.faircourtassetmgt.com</u> or by visiting the SEDAR website at <u>www.sedar.com</u> to request a copy of the investment fund's proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record, or quarterly disclosure relating to the investment fund.



# Management Report of Fund Performance



This Annual Management Report of Fund Performance presents management's view of the significant factors and developments during the past period that have affected the Fund's performance and outlook and should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements of the Fund for the years ended December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020 together with the notes related thereto.

Some of the statements contained herein including, without limitation, financial and business prospects and financial outlook may be forward looking statements which reflect management's expectations regarding future plans and intentions, growth, results of operations, performance and business prospects and opportunities. Words such as "may", "will", "should", "could", 'anticipate", "believe", "expect", "intend," "plan", "potential", "continue" and similar expressions have been used to identify these forward looking statements. These statements reflect management's current beliefs and are based on information currently available to management. Forward looking statements involve significant risks and uncertainties. A number of factors could cause actual results to differ materially from the results discussed in the forward looking statements including, but not limited to, changes in general economic and market conditions and other risk factors. Although the forward looking statements contained herein are based upon what management believes to be reasonable assumptions, we cannot assure that actual results will be consistent with these forward looking statements. Investors should not place undue reliance on forward looking statements. These forward looking statements are made as of the date hereof and we assume no obligation to update or revise them to reflect new events or circumstances.

### Investment Objective and Strategies

Faircourt Gold Income Corp. (the "Company", or the "Fund") has been created to provide investors with exposure to the leading global companies primarily involved in gold exploration, mining or production including those in the S&P/TSX Global Gold Index, while also providing monthly distributions.

The Company's investment objectives are to provide Shareholders with:

- monthly distributions, initially targeted to yield 5% (\$0.04167 per Class A Share per month) per annum based on the issue price of \$10.00 per Class A Share; and
- (ii) the opportunity for capital appreciation.

The Investment Advisor to the Company is Faircourt Asset Management Inc. ("Faircourt" the "Manager"). Faircourt, together with its affiliates, currently provides management services to one NEO Exchange listed closed end fund, Faircourt Split Trust and one NEO Exchange listed corporation, Faircourt Gold Income Corp. Faircourt also acts as Portfolio Advisor to the Ninepoint Alternative Health Fund.

In order to generate additional returns, reduce risk and generate a monthly income stream, the Company writes covered call options on securities held in the portfolio and cash secured put options on securities desired to be held in the portfolio. Writing call options tends to decrease the Fund's exposure to the underlying instrument. Writing put options tends to increase the Fund's exposure to the underlying instrument. The Fund's current distribution is \$0.024 per Class A share per month.

#### Risk

There were no material changes to the Company over the financial period that affected the overall level of risk associated with an investment in the Company.

The risks of investing in the Company are discussed in the Company's 2021 Annual Information Form.

### **Results of Operations**

Market Commentary and Outlook:

2021 saw gold prices fall from \$1,896 to \$1,828 or about 3.6%. Despite some momentum in the gold price in the summer, which saw prices briefly top \$2,000, gold ended the year down in the face of strong equity markets and high returns in crypto markets, which both took fund flows away from the sector. Gold equities were weak as well, with the index returning -5.3% for the year. While the companies remain well capitalized, and have generally been keeping costs contained, the lack of appreciation in the commodity and an ability to earn better returns elsewhere led to investors moving out of the stocks.

Since the end of 2021, equities have struggled to find their footing amid a risk-off sentiment driven by the Omicron variant, the release of minutes from the most recent FOMC meeting, and rising geopolitical tensions. Market bears are pointing to the Fed and raising rates, yield curve compression and continued rising inflation prints, albeit on lagging data. Market bulls are acknowledging the bears narrative, but continue to point to reopening delays and stability in employment levels needed before a more hawkish Fed policy can take place. These two different narratives seem to be fighting for control and contributing to market choppiness. As a result there is uncertainty with respect to market direction. Needless to say the macro backdrop is getting complicated. Capital markets can adjust to good news and bad news but have no easy way to price in true uncertainty. None of these narratives have anything to do with the economic cycle we are navigating. Uncertainty has also been propagated by lower US growth expectations following doubts that the US administration's Build Back Better spending plans can be resuscitated. The detail contained within the Fed minutes indicated a more widespread belief among FOMC participants that the Fed needed to move sooner and more quickly in reducing the overall size of the Fed balance sheet, signaling possibly 4 rate hikes for 2022 and that has spooked equity markets. This degree of hawkishness had already been communicated by the Fed in several forms, and so it is perhaps surprising that equity investors had a strong reaction to the news. Investors were perhaps caught off guard by the forcefulness and level of consensus shown in the minutes. Chairman Powell did say the Fed is not on a preset path and would adjust if conditions warranted, meaning he has left the door open to delaying, defering or pivoting back to a more accomodative stance, essentially buying them optionality on when to execute further.

As we look towards 2022, we see the gold price being pulled by competing economic narratives. On one side is the concern that the US Fed will raise four or more times during the year to cool inflation that is resulting from an overheated economy. Generally, rising rates are negative for gold as they increase the opportunity cost of holding a non-yielding asset such as gold. So if this narrative actually occurs, it would be a headwind for gold.

The bond market action is a leading indicator for us. Bond markets tend to be less emotional than equity investors. Bond markets attempt to price in future inflation and GDP growth. Equity traders trade narratives, sentiment, earnings, buybacks to name just a few factors. The reality is removal of liquidity and Fed tone hawkishness are negative dynamics for capital markets. The short end of the curve, 2 yr, will accelerate as the Fed moves to tighten rates. The long end of the curve, the 10 yr, is suggesting growth is close to peaking. The bond market is smart enough to look through cyclical dynamics and equity market noise. The current yield spread, the difference between the 2 year and the 10 year is currently sitting at the time of writing around 45bps, suggesting



more than two rate hikes and we could risk inversion (think recession). Needless to say Chairman Powell and the Fed may need to back off on how aggressive they want to be tightening.

The competing narrative is that the economy has actually peaked in terms of growth, and that once the US Fed realizes this, the tightening cycle will quickly come to an end, perhaps after just one rate hike. In this environment, where the economy slows and there is some stress in the financial system, gold has historically performed well. History has shown that some of our most painful recessions have resulted from the Fed tightening into a slowing economy.

Significant evidence supports the position that the economy will slow in 2022 from levels seen in 2021. The US has pumped nearly \$6 trillion in stimulus into the US economy since the beginning of the pandemic. Of particular note, \$800 billion was spent on stimulus checks that went to low and middle income individuals and families. This money materially increased disposable income for a significant portion of the American public. Such a program is unlikely to be repeated in 2022 and the effect on consumer spending in 2022 will be profound.

The Fed has further stoked disposable income in 2021 with asset inflation (real estate, stock market etc.) which has benefited the middle and upper income brackets. The S&P 500 returned 26.9% in 2021 and house prices are estimated to have risen by 19.5% by real estate firm Zillow. US Fed tightening would quickly end and even begin to reverse the income effect of this asset inflation, acting as a further headwind to the economy.

Gold also tends to perform better during periods of heightened geopolitical risk. Both Ukraine, with a potential Russian invasion, as well as ongoing tensions between China and Taiwan have the potential to escalate. While the outcome of these situations is impossible to predict, the ongoing concern provides further support for the gold price.

Given the downside risk to the economy already in place and the potential for even further drawdowns if the Fed goes ahead with its planned rate hikes, the outlook for gold is very positive for 2022. It would be prudent for investors to position their portfolios with a significant gold allocation to help protect from what we see as a very likely challenging economic environment against a backdrop of heightened tensions as we enter the second quarter of 2022.

For the year ending December 31, 2021, the Fund generated income from option writing of approximately \$0.71 million or \$0.232 per weighted average number of shares outstanding declaring regular monthly distributions totaling \$0.288 per Share. For the year ending December 31, 2021, the Fund generated a total return of -13.32% on a market price basis and -14.43% on a NAV basis versus its benchmark, the S&PTSX Global Gold Index performance of -5.34%. Gold equity performance varied significantly during 2021, with a few names performing well while most gold equities posted negative returns. The Index return, though negative, was helped considerably by large positions in Newmont and Franco-Nevada, both of which generated positive returns (6.5% and 10.4% respectively). The Fund's performance was impacted by its positions in names like Agnico-Eagle (-23.1%), Alamos Gold (-11.3%), and B2GOLD (-27.3%) partially offset by positive performance in positions such as Newmont (6.5%), Hudbay (3.1%) and Osisko Mining (3%). As we enter the first quarter of 2022 we will continue to invest selectively in those precious metals companies in which we see promise. In addition, we will use our option writing program more aggressively in the first half of the year to generate a monthly income stream that we pay out to shareholders.

#### Portfolio Positions

As at December 31, 2021, the Fund maintained a solid base of senior and intermediate gold companies while selectively looking for value in smaller growth oriented gold companies primarily involved in gold exploration, mining or production. Based on the Schedule of Investments, common shares which, by index weight, are the ten largest companies in the S&P/TSX Global Gold Index, comprised 19.83% of the market value of the Company's investment portfolio; gold and precious metals companies other than these portfolio companies comprised 61.34%, cash 19.06%, cash secured put contracts -0.02%, covered call contacts -0.21%. As at December 31, 2021, approximately 15% of cash were pledged for the Fund's option writing program.

#### Option Writing

The Fund will continue to invest in leading global gold companies primarily involved in gold exploration, mining or production while using its option writing program to lower the fund's volatility and generate a monthly income stream. In order to generate additional returns and reduce risk, the Fund may write covered calls on securities held in the portfolio and cash secured put options on securities desired to be held in the portfolio. Writing call options tends to decrease the Fund's exposure to the underlying instrument. Writing put options tends to increase the Fund's exposure to the underlying instrument. Moderate volatility in the Fund's underlying investments allowed the Fund to generate income from option writing of approximately \$0.71 million or \$0.23 per weighted average number of redeemable Class A Shares outstanding declaring regular monthly distributions totaling \$0.288 per Class A Shares during the year ended December 31, 2021. Since inception of the Fund, the Manager has generated significant income from option premium of approximately \$28.11 million or \$6.34 per weighted average number of Shares outstanding. The Manager continues to believe that option writing can add incremental value going forward.

#### Shareholder Activity

During the year ended December 31, 2021, 312,400 Class A Shares were tendered for redemption to Faircourt Gold Income Corp. for cash proceeds of \$1.42 million in accordance with the Company's monthly and annual redemption privileges.

As at December 31, 2021, the Company had 2,964,804 redeemable Class A Shares outstanding. The NAV of the redeemable Class A Shares ended the year at a level of \$3.93 on December 31, 2021. The redeemable Class A Shares ended trading on the NEO Exchange at \$3.73. Closed end funds may trade above, at or below their NAV per share. At December 31, 2021, the redeemable Class A Shares were trading at a discount of approximately 5% to the underlying NAV.

#### Liquidity and Capital Resources

Pursuant to an agreement with a Canadian chartered bank (the "Bank"), the Company maintains a 365 day revolving term loan facility for a maximum amount of \$3.5 million or 20% of the Company's assets, whichever is less. The loan facility is secured by a first ranking and exclusive charge on all of the Company's assets and will be renewable annually at the option of the Company with the approval of the Bank. The Company has the option of borrowing at the prime rate of interest or at the bankers' acceptance rate plus a fixed percentage. The Loan Facility permits the Company to borrow funds for various purposes, including, without limitation, making investments in accordance with the Investment Objectives and Investment Strategy and subject to the Investment Restrictions, effecting market purchases or redemptions of Shares, paying fees and expenses of the Company or providing security for put options.

During the reporting period, the Fund employed leverage from its loan facility (as described in the preceding paragraph). The minimum and maximum



leverage during the period from the facility was \$2.2 million and \$2.9 million respectively. Combined with positive performance from the Fund's investments, leverage contributed modestly to the Fund's performance during the period. The Fund also uses exchange traded equity call options and put options, however these instruments do not further increase the Fund's leverage as either the underlying security is held (in the case of covered calls) or the position is secured with cash (in the case of puts).

#### Fees and Expenses

During the year, the Company incurred management fees and operating expenses of \$0.45 million (excluding trading costs and withholding taxes). The management expense ratio for year ended December 31, 2021 was 3.46% compared to 3.27% for year ended December 31, 2020. The increase is mainly due to lower average assets in 2021.

#### **Recent Developments**

There have been no recent developments in the market outlook or operations of the Fund that represent a material change for investors other than as described in the Results of Operations.

The continued worldwide spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to impact international business operations, supply chains, travel, commodity prices, consumer confidence and business forecasts. This has created increased uncertainty and volatility which will impact the performance and expected returns of the investment portfolios. As the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic continue to materialize, the Manager is monitoring the developments in equity markets generally, and in connection with the Fund's investment portfolios in particular. The duration and impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak cannot currently be determined. If the COVID-19 pandemic is prolonged, or further diseases emerge that give rise to similar effects, there may be further negative effects on economies as well as increased volatility in equity markets. Unexpected developments in financial markets, regulatory environments, may also have adverse impacts on the Fund's financial results.

### **Related Party Transactions**

The Company retained Faircourt Asset Management Inc. to act as Manager under the Management Agreement dated October 30, 2007. On July 2, 2012 Faircourt Asset Management took on the role of Option Advisor as per the announcement made on April 2, 2012. The Company will pay an annual management fee of 1.10% per annum of the Net Asset Value, calculated daily and payable monthly, plus an amount calculated daily and payable quarterly equal to the Service Fee (defined below) payable by the Manager to registered dealers, plus applicable taxes. During the year ended December 31, 2020, a total of approximately \$0.19 million was charged by the Manager for management and administrative services.

The Manager will pay to registered dealers a service fee calculated daily and payable quarterly in arrears at an annual rate equal to 0.40% of the Net Asset Value per share of the shares held by clients of the sales representatives of such registered dealers, plus applicable taxes.

The Manager has standing instructions from the Independent Review Committee (IRC) regarding trade allocation and inter-fund trading. Standing instructions are reviewed and reapproved annually.



### **Financial Highlights**

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the fiscal period indicated.

#### The Fund's Net Assets Per Share (\$)

		 ar Ended mber31, 2021	Year Ended December31, 2020	Year Ended December31, 2019	Year Ended December31, 2018	Year Ended December31, 2017
Net assets, beginning of period	(1)	\$ 4.91	\$ 3.79	\$ 2.85	\$ 3.59	\$ 3.69
Increase (decrease) from operations:	(1)					
Total revenue		0.28	0.19	0.29	0.31	0.31
Total expenses		(0.15)	(0.15)	) (0.12)	(0.10)	(0.11)
Realized gains (loss) for the period		0.58	0.83	0.23	(0.27)	0.16
Unrealized gains (loss) for the period		 (1.42)	0.56	0.76	(0.39)	(0.16)
Total increase (decrease) in net assets from operations		(0.71)	1.43	1.17	(0.46)	0.21
Distributions:	(1)(2)					
From dividends		-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains		-	-	-	-	-
Return of capital		 (0.29)	(0.29)	) (0.29)	(0.29)	(0.29)
Total distributions during the period		 (0.29)	(0.29)	) (0.29)	(0.29)	(0.29)
Net assets, end of period	(1)	\$ 3.93	\$ 4.91	\$ 3.79	\$ 2.85	\$ 3.59

Ratios and Supplemental Data

		Year Ended December31, 2021	D	Year Ended ecember31, 2020	Year Ended December31, 2019	Year Ended December31, 2018	Year Ended ecember31, 2017
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A shares	(3)	\$ 11,638,294	\$	16,100,895	\$ 14,478,470	\$ 12,620,106	\$ 16,864,725
Number of redeemable Class A shares outstanding	(3)	2,964,804		3,277,204	3,819,704	4,431,025	4,699,975
Management expense ratio	(4)	3.46%		3.27%	3.68%	3.39%	2.85%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions		3.46%		3.27%	3.68%	3.39%	2.85%
Portfolio turnover rate	(5)	70.78%		65.04%	142.95%	112.09%	88.25%
Trading expense ratio	(6)	0.23%		0.24%	0.50%	0.41%	0.30%
Net asset value per redeemable Class A share	(7)	\$ 3.93	\$	4.91	\$ 3.79	\$ 2.85	\$ 3.59
Closing market price per redeemable Class A share	(8)	\$ 3.73	\$	4.61	\$ 3.48	\$ 2.64	\$ 3.51

(1) Presented in accordance with National Instrument 81-106 and, as a result, is not intended to act as a continuity schedule of beginning and ending net assets per share. This is because under NI 81-106 the increase (decrease) in net assets from operations per unit is based on the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the relevant period, while net assets per share and distributions per share are based on the actual number of shares outstanding at the relevant time.

(2) Regular monthly distributions were paid in cash.

(3) This information is provided as at end of the period shown. The inception date of the Fund was November 16, 2007.

- (4) Management expense ratio is based on the requirements of NI 81-106 and includes the total expenses of the Fund for the stated period (excluding distributions, commissions and other portfolio costs) including the Fund's issuance costs (in applicable years) and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value of the Fund during the period. The management expense ratio is annualized for periods less than one year.
- (5) The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio advisor manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the period. The higher a Fund's portfolio turnover rate in a period, the greater the trading costs payable by the Fund in the period, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the period. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a Fund. Portfolio turnover rate is calculated by dividing the lesser of the cost of purchases and the proceeds of sales of portfolio securities for the period, and excluding cash and short term investments maturing in less than one year, by the average of the monthly market value of investments during the period. Premiums paid to purchase options have been included in the value of portfolio securities purchased during the period. Premiums received from the sale of options have been included in the value of the portfolio securities sold in the period.
- (6) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period. The trading expense ratio is annualized for periods less than one year.
- (7) The net asset value per redeemable Class A share is based on securities held in the portfolio being valued on the last traded price of the period shown.
- (8) The closing market price as per the TSX (2017) and NEO (2018 to present) as at end of the period shown.



### Past Performance

The following charts shows how Faircourt Gold Income Corp. has performed in the past, and can help you understand the risks of investing in the Company. The performance information assumes that all distributions made by the investment fund in the years shown were reinvested in additional Redeemable Shares of the Company. The performance information does not include deduction of sales, redemption, distribution or optional charges (which dealers may charge) or income taxes payable that would have reduced returns or performance. The Company's past performance does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.

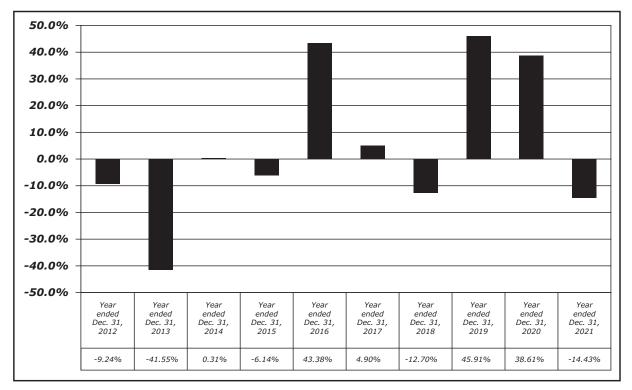
### Annual Compound Returns

The following table shows the annual compound total returns for Redeemable Class A Shares of Faircourt Gold Income Corp. for each of the periods indicated ending on December 31, 2021, compared with the S&P/TSX Global Gold Total Return Index. The return for since inception for Faircourt Gold Income Corp. is for the period covering November 16, 2007, date of commencement of operations, to December 31, 2020 and based on diluted net asset value per Redeemable Class A Share beginning with initial public offering price.

	Since Inception	Past 10 Years	Past 5 Years	Past 3 Years	Past 1 Year
Faircourt Gold Income Corp. S&P/TSX Global Gold Total	2.17%	1.27%	9.65%	20.04%	-14.43%
Return Index	0.68%	-0.88%	9.81%	17.75%	-5.34%

### Year-by-Year Returns

The following bar chart shows Faircourt Gold Income Corp's performance for each of the years shown, and illustrates how the Company's performance has changed from year to year. The chart shows, in percentage terms, how an investment held on the first day of each fiscal year would have increased or decreased by the last day of the fiscal year.





89.79%

22.91%

### Summary of Investment Portfolio as at December 31, 2021

Summary of Investment Portfolio	% of Net Asset Value
Long Positions – Equities	97.56%
Cash and Cash Equivalents *	22.91%
Short Positions – Cash Secured Put Contracts	-0.02%
Short Positions – Covered Call Contracts	-0.26%
Other net liabilities	-20.19%
	100.00%

Total Net Asset Value	\$11,638,294

Тор	25 Portfolio Positions	% of Net Asset Value
Lor	g Positions – Equities:	
1	K92 Mining Inc.	8.03%
2	Alamos Gold Inc.	7.11%
3	Kirkland Lake Gold Ltd.	6.84%
4	Hudbay Minerals Inc.	5.86%
5	Kinross Gold Corp.	5.81%
6	Dundee Precious Metals Inc.	5.71%
7	B2Gold Corp	5.35%
8	Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.	5.28%
9	Endeavour Mining Corp.	4.82%
10	Aurion Resources Ltd.	4.14%
11	Eldorado Gold Corp.	3.72%
12	MAG Silver Corp.	3.41%
13	First Quantum Minerals Ltd.	3.38%
14	Newmont Corp.	2.95%
15	Osino Resoures Corp.	2.21%
16	Osisko Mining Inc.	2.13%
17	GoGold Resources Inc.	2.08%
18	SilverCrest Metals Inc.	2.02%
19	Franco-Nevada Corp.	1.50%
20	Barrick Gold Corp.	1.44%
21	Troilus Gold Corp.	1.43%
22	Rio2 Ltd.	1.37%
23	Ascot Res Ltd.	1.20%
24	Torex Gold Resources Inc.	1.15%
25	Amex Exploration Inc.	1.10%
Tot	al Net Asset Value represented by long positions	90.07%
Sho	ort Positions - Cash Secured Put Contracts	
1	Barrick Gold Corp., January 2022 @ \$18.00 USD	-0.003%
2	Franco-Nevada Corp., January 2022 @ \$170.00 CAD	-0.02%
Tot	al Net Asset Value represented by short positions	-0.02%
Sho	ort Positions – Covered Call Contracts	
	SilverCrest Metals Inc., January 2022 @ \$10.00 CAD	-0.04%
	First Quantum Minerals Ltd., January 2022 @ \$31.00 CAD	-0.07%
3	Hudbay Minerals Inc., January 2022 @ \$9.00 CAD	-0.07%
4	Newmont Corp., January 2022 @ \$61.00 USD	-0.07%
Tot	al Net Asset Value represented by short positions	-0.26%

Total Net Asset Value represented by these holdings

Cash and Short Term Investments \*

The Fund was launched on November 16, 2007.

\* As at December 31, 2021 approximately 15% of cash has been pledged for cash secured puts.

Percentages reported are based on Net Asset Value

The investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the investment fund. Quarterly updates are available within 60 days of each quarter end by visiting www.faircourtassetmgt.com.



# Management's Responsibility Statement

The financial statements of Faircourt Gold Income Corp. have been prepared by Faircourt Asset Management Inc. (the "Manager") and approved by its Board of Directors. The Manager is responsible for the information and representations contained in these financial statements and the other sections of the annual report.

The Manager maintains appropriate procedures to ensure that relevant and reliable financial information is produced. These statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and include certain amounts that are based on estimates and judgements. The significant accounting policies applicable to the Fund are described in Note 3 to the financial statements. The Board of Directors of Faircourt is responsible for ensuring that management fulfills its responsibilities for financial reporting and has reviewed and approved these financial statements. The Board carries out this responsibility through its Audit Committee.

The Manager, with the approval of its Board of Directors, has appointed the external accounting firm of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the auditor of the Company. They have audited the financial statements of the Fund in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards to enable them to express to Shareholders their opinion on the financial statements. The auditors have full and unrestricted access to the Audit Committee to discuss their findings.

**Douglas Waterson** Chief Financial Officer

**Charles Taerk** President and CEO March 28, 2022

# Independent auditor's report

To the Shareholders of Faircourt Gold Income Corp. (the Fund)

### Our opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as at December 31, 2021 and 2020 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

#### What we have audited

The Fund's financial statements comprise:

- the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2021 and 2020;
- the statements of comprehensive income (loss) for the years then ended;
- the statements of cash flows for the years then ended;
- the statements of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares for the years then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, which include significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Independence

We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

### Other information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Management Report of Fund Performance and the information, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon, included in the Annual Report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

# Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Fund's financial reporting process.

# Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Christopher Pitts.

Pricewaterhouse Coopers U.P.

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants Toronto, Ontario March 28, 2022



### Statements of Financial Position

	Decem	As at ber 31, 2021	Decem	As at ber 31, 2020
Assets				
Current assets				
Investments	\$	11,354,383	\$	17,654,770
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 7)		2,666,147		1,585,799
Amounts receivable for				
investments sold		55,673		-
Dividends, interest and other				
receivable		53,088		32,877
		14,129,291		19,273,446
Liabilities				
Current liabilities				
Accounts payable and accrued				
liabilities (Note 8)		187,136		178,891
Written options (Note 7)		32,586		15,007
Distributions payable to				
shareholders (Note 6)		71,275		78,653
Loan facility (Note 9)		2,200,000		2,900,000
		2,490,997		3,172,551
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A shares				
(Note 5)	\$	11,638,294	\$	16,100,895
Redeemable Class A shares outstanding (Note 5)		2,964,804		3,277,204
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A shares per				
share	\$	3.93	\$	4.91

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

Approved by the Board of Directors of Faircourt Asset Management Inc.

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		Year ended er 31, 2021	Year ended December 31, 2020			
Income (loss)						
Net gains on investments and						
derivatives Dividends	¢	154 620	¢	07 710		
	\$	154,639	\$	97,710		
Income from derivatives (Note 7) Realized gain on sale of		706,114		559,725		
investments		1,802,614		2,896,495		
Change in unrealized		1,002,024		2,000,100		
appreciation (depreciation)						
on investments and						
derivatives		(4,363,370)		1,921,656		
		(1,700,003)		5,475,586		
Other income						
Foreign exchange gain		13,149		12,065		
		(1,686,854)		5,487,651		
Expenses						
Management fees (Note 8)		154,488		185,138		
Service fees (Note 8)		56,177		67,324		
Audit fees		38,666		34,187		
Legal fees		14,408		14,533		
Securityholder reporting costs		85,293		90,115		
Independent review committee fees		25,591		28,210		
Custodial fees		10,606		15,654		
Interest on loan facility		65,212		74,680		
Commissions and other portfolio		03,212		74,000		
transaction costs (Note 10)		29,970		37,321		
Withholding taxes		3,933		1,551		
		484,344		548,713		
Increase (decrease) in net						
assets attributable to						
holders of redeemable		(2 4 24 4 2 2)		4 000 000		
Class A shares	\$	(2,171,198)	\$	4,938,938		
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of						
redeemable Class A shares						
per share (Note 5) (1)	\$	(0.71)	\$	1.43		

Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss)

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

(1) Based on the weighted average number of redeemable Class A shares outstanding during the year (Note 5)  $\,$ 

### Statements of Cash Flows

	Decemi	Year ended oer 31, 2021	Year ended December 31, 2020
Cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities			
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A shares	\$	(2,171,198)	\$ 4,938,938
Adjustments for:			
Purchase of investment securities and derivatives		(9,930,875)	(11,301,960)
Proceeds from disposition of investment securities and derivatives		13,688,085	15,315,929
Increase in dividends, interest and other receivable		(20,211)	(7,286)
Increase in amounts receivable for investments sold		(55,673)	_
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities		8,245	(44,065)
Decrease in amounts payable for investments purchased		_	(26,610)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments and derivatives		4,363,370	(1,921,656)
Realized gain on sale of investments		(1,802,614)	(2,896,495)
investments		4,079,129	4,056,795
Cash flows provided by (used in) financing activities			
Advance from (repayment of) loan facility		(700,000)	300,040
Distributions to holders of redeemable Class A shares		(883,734)	(995,915)
Amounts paid on redemption of redeemable Class A shares		(1,415,047)	(2,333,618)
		(2,998,781)	(3,029,493)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents during the year		1,080,348	1,027,302
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		1,585,799	558,497
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$	2,666,147	\$ 1,585,799
Represented by: Cash	\$	2,666,147	\$ 1,585,799
Supplemental cash flow			
<b>information</b> Dividends received, net of			
withholding taxes * Interest paid on loan facility	\$	149,565	\$ 90,452
(financing)	\$	(58,005)	\$ (108,550)

\* Included in operating activities

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



# Statements of Changes in Net Assets

Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Shares

	Decem	Year ended ber 31, 2021	Year ended December 31, 2020
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A shares	\$	(2,171,198)	\$ 4,938,938
Shareholder transactions (Note 5) Amounts paid on redemption of redeemable Class A shares		(1,415,047)	(2,333,618)
Distributions to holders of redeemable Class A shares		(076 256)	(002,005)
Return of capital Net increase (deccrease) in net		(876,356)	(982,895)
assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A shares during the year Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A shares,		(4,462,601)	1,622,425
beginning of year		16,100,895	14,478,470
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A shares, end of year	\$	11,638,294	\$ 16,100,895

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

# Schedule of Investments

As at December 31, 2021

Number of Shares	Security			Cost (\$)	Fair	r Value (\$)	Percent of Portfolio
Equities							
9,161	Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.		\$	647,424	\$	614,932	4.40%
85,000	Alamos Gold Inc.			640,573		827,050	5.91%
43,800	Amex Exploration Inc.			77,070		127,458	0.91%
115,000	Ascot Res Ltd.			101,896		139,150	0.99%
370,950	Aurion Resources Ltd.			503,223		482,235	3.45%
125,000	B2Gold Corp			533,376		622,500	4.45%
6,996	Barrick Gold Corp.			153,965		168,149	1.20%
95,000	Calibre Mining Corp.			99,699		127,300	0.91%
147,100	Dore Copper Mining Corp.			100,028		116,209	0.83%
85,000	Dundee Precious Metals Inc.			679,103		664,700	4.75%
36,500	Eldorado Gold Corp.			363,714		432,890	3.09%
20,250	Endeavour Mining Corp.			510,284		561,532	4.01%
13,000	First Quantum Minerals Ltd.			356,937		393,510	2.81%
1,000	Franco-Nevada Corp.			175,780		174,940	1.25%
80,000	GoGold Resources Inc.			165,995		242,400	1.73%
195,000	Gold Standard Ventures Corp.			232,787		109,200	0.78%
74,500	Hudbay Minerals Inc.			641,409		682,420	4.88%
20,000	i-80 Gold Corp.			30,372		61,800	0.44%
135,000	Idaho Champion Gold Mines, Warrants, \$0.45 CAD, 2023/07/29					1,288	0.01%
130,000	K92 Mining Inc.			386,292		934,700	6.68%
92,100	Kinross Gold Corp.			790,688		675,990	4.83%
15,029	Kirkland Lake Gold Ltd.			835,874		796,562	5.69%
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20,000	MAG Silver Corp.			440,900		396,600	2.84%
25,000	Marathon Gold Corp.			43,150		81,000	0.58%
160,000	Montage Gold Corp.			176,000		102,400	0.73%
4,387	Newmont Corp.			312,973		343,680	2.46%
230,000	Osino Resoures Corp.			303,450		257,600	1.84%
65,000	Osisko Mining Inc.			175,954		247,650	1.77%
10,000	Purpose Bitcoin ETF			115,422		85,800	0.61%
250,000	Rio2 Ltd.			120,125		160,000	1.14%
100,000	Rio2 Ltd., Warrants, \$0.50 CAD, 2022/08/13			-		17,092	0.12%
23,500	SilverCrest Metals Inc.			51,299		235,000	1.68%
4,000	SSR Mining Inc.			75,985		89,431	0.64%
10,200	Torex Gold Resources Inc.			186,204		134,130	0.96%
225,000	Troilus Gold Corp.			299,522		166,500	1.19%
40,000	Troilus Gold Corp., Warrants, \$1.50 CAD, 2022/06/23			-		85	0.00%
75,000	Walbridge Mining Company Ltd			86,250		30,000	0.21%
100,000	Westhaven Gold Corp.			70,000		45,000	0.32%
50,000	Westhaven Gold Corp., Warrants, \$1.00 CAD, 2023/03/03			_		5,500	0.04%
	Total Equity Investments		\$1	0,483,723	\$1	1,354,383	81.17%
Number of Options	Holdings/Expiry Date/Strike Price	Underlying Interest		Cost (\$)	Fair	· Value (\$)	Percent of Portfolio
Short Positions – Ca	ash Secured Put Contracts						
(100)	Barrick Gold Corp., January 2022 @ \$18.00 USD	(10,000)	\$	(3,878)	\$	(379)	0.00%
(10)	Franco-Nevada Corp., January 2022 @ \$170.00 CAD	(1,000)	т	(4,430)	т	(2,375)	-0.02%
(10)	Total Short Positions — Cash Secured Put Contracts	(1,000)	\$	(8,308)	\$	(2,754)	-0.02%
Short Positions - C	overed Call Contracts		Ψ	(0,500)	Ψ	(2,754)	0.02 /0
(100)	First Quantum Minerals Ltd., January 2022 @ \$31.00 CAD	(10,000)	\$	(4,488)	\$	(8,600)	-0.06%
(200)	Hudbay Minerals Inc., January 2022 @ \$9.00 CAD	(20,000)	Ą	(4,300)	P	(8,600)	-0.06%
							-0.06%
(40)	Newmont Corp., January 2022 @ \$61.00 USD	(4,000)		(4,086)		(7,882)	
(100)	SilverCrest Metals Inc., January 2022 @ \$10.00 CAD	(10,000)		(4,400)		(4,750)	-0.03%
	Total Short Positions — Covered Call Contracts		\$	(17,274)	\$	(29,832)	-0.21%
	Total Investments and Derivatives before Cash		\$1	0,458,141	\$1	1,321,797	80.94%
Cash							
	Canadian Dollar		\$	959,810	\$	959,810	6.86%
	U.S Dollar			1,730,868		1,706,337	12.20%
	Total Cash		\$	2.690.678	\$	2.666.147	19.06%

Canadian Dollar U.S Dollar **Total Cash** Total Investments, Derivatives and Cash Less: Adjustments for transactions costs (Note 3)

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December 31, 2021

#### 1. Operations

Faircourt Gold Income Corp. (the "Company", or the "Fund") was incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario by Articles of Incorporation dated September 6, 2007. Faircourt Asset Management Inc., pursuant to a Management Agreement dated October 30, 2007, is the Manager (the "Manager") and is responsible for managing the affairs and providing portfolio management services to the Company. CIBC Mellon Global Securities Services Company acts as custodian. AST Trust Company Canada acts as the registrar, transfer agent and distribution agent for the redeemable Shares. The Company was listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") and effectively commenced operations on November 16, 2007. Up until December 20, 2018 the Shares traded on the TSX under the symbol FGX. On December 20, 2018 the redeemable Class A shares of the Fund were voluntarily delisted from the TSX and commenced trading at the NEO Exchange ("NEO") on December 21, 2018 under the symbol FGX.

The Company has been created to provide investors with exposure to the leading global companies primarily involved in gold exploration, mining or production, while also providing a tax efficient yield in the form of monthly distributions. In order to generate additional returns and reduce risk, the Company may write covered calls on securities held in the portfolio and cash secured put options on securities desired to be held in the portfolio.

The address of the Fund's registered office is 120 Adelaide Street West, Suite 2107, Toronto, ON M5H 1T1.

These financial statements were authorized for issue by the Manager on March 28, 2022.

#### 2. Basis of presentation

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)

#### 3. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Company in the preparation of its financial statements:

#### a) Financial instruments

The Fund recognizes financial instruments at fair value upon initial recognition, plus transaction costs in the case of financial instruments not measured at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL). Transaction costs on financial assets and liabilities at FVTPL are expensed as incurred. Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognized at their trade date. The Fund's investments and derivative assets and liabilities are measured at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL) based on its business model.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the Statements of Financial Position when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognized amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

#### b) Fair value measurement

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets (such as publicly traded derivatives and marketable securities) are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the reporting date. The Fund uses the last traded market price for both financial assets and financial liabilities where the last traded price falls within that day's bid ask spread. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid ask spread, the Manager determines the point within the bid ask spread that is most



representative of fair value based on the specific facts and situation. The Fund's policy is to recognize transfers into and out of the fair value hierarchy levels as of the date of the event or change in circumstances giving rise to the transfer.

The Fund may hold financial instruments that are not quoted in active markets, including derivatives. Fair values of such instruments are determined using reputable pricing sources (such as pricing agencies) or indicative prices from market makers. Broker quotes as obtained from the pricing sources may be indicative and not executable or binding. Where no market data is available, the Fund may value positions using other methods considered appropriate, including its own models. Refer to Note 13 for further information about the Fund's fair value measurement.

#### c) Investment Transactions and Income Recognition

Investment transactions are recorded on the trade date and any realized gains or losses are recognized using the average cost of the investments, which exclude brokerage commissions and other trading expenses. Change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation is recognized using the average cost of the investments. Average cost does not include amortization of premiums or discounts on fixed income securities. Interest for distribution purposes shown in the Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) represents the coupon interest received by the Fund accounted for on accrual basis. The Fund does not amortize premiums paid or discounts received on the purchase of fixed income securities. Interest expenses are recognized on an accrual basis. Dividends and distributions are recognized on the ex dividend date.

#### d) Transaction Costs

Transaction costs such as brokerage commissions incurred in the purchase and sale of securities are expensed and presented in the Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

#### e) Foreign Exchange

The Fund's functional and presentation currency is the Canadian Dollar. The fair value of investments and other assets and liabilities that are denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Canadian dollars at the London close (11am Eastern Time) rate of exchange on each valuation date. Purchases and sales of investments and income derived from investments are translated at the rate of exchange prevailing at the time of such transactions.

Realized and unrealized foreign exchange gains (losses) are presented within foreign exchange income (loss) in the Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss). This balance represents the realized and unrealized gains (losses) of cash, cash equivalents and short term investments. The foreign exchange gains (losses) on investments are included in the realized gain (loss) on sale of investments.

#### f) Taxation

The Company qualifies as a mutual fund corporation under the Income Tax Act (Canada) (the "Tax Act"). The general income tax rules associated with a public corporation apply to a mutual fund corporation with the exception that taxes payable on net realized capital gains are refundable when its shares are redeemed or when it pays capital gains dividends out of its capital gains dividend account to its shareholders, such that in substance the Corporation is not taxable on capital gains. Similarly, the Corporation is subject to Part IV tax on dividends received from Canadian corporations, however, they are refundable once paid to shareholders. As a result, the Corporation does not record income taxes related to capital gains and dividends from Canadian corporations.

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Interest and foreign income are taxed at normal corporate rates applicable to mutual fund corporations and can be reduced by permitted deductions for tax purposes. All of the Corporation's expenses including management fees and operating expenses will be taken into account in determining its overall tax liability, if any.

As at December 31, 2021 the Fund had approximately \$10.4 million capital and approximately \$6.1 million non-capital loss carryforwards for income tax purposes. The capital losses may be carried forward indefinitely to be applied against future net capital gains. The non-capital losses are available to be carried forward for twenty years. The non-capital losses carried forward may reduce future years' taxable income and will expire up to 2038. No benefit has been recognized for these unused losses in these financial statements.

The Fund currently incurs withholding taxes imposed by certain countries on investment income and capital gains. Such income and gains are recorded on a gross basis and the related withholding taxes are shown as a separate expense in the Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss). Since the Fund does not record income taxes, the tax benefit of capital and non capital losses has not been reflected in the Statements of Financial Position as a deferred income tax asset.

- g) Fair Value of Financial Instruments other than Investments and Derivatives The Fund's financial instruments, other than investments, derivatives, cash and cash equivalents, which are composed of dividends, interest and other receivable, amounts receivable for investments sold, amounts payable for securities purchased, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, distributions payable to shareholders and loan facility are valued using amortized cost. Under this method, financial assets and liabilities reflect the amount required to be received or paid. Carrying value of loans approximates fair value. Carrying values of other financial assets and liabilities at amortized cost approximate their fair values due to the short term to maturity. The Fund's Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A Shares is presented as the fair value of the Fund's assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares), which approximates the annual redemption amount.
- h) Impairment of financial assets

At each reporting date, the Fund assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset at amortized cost is impaired. If such evidence exists, the Fund recognizes an impairment loss as the difference between the amortized cost of the financial asset and the present value of the estimated future cash flows, discounted using the instrument's original effective interest rate. Impairment losses on financial assets at amortized cost are reversed in subsequent periods if the amount of the loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognized.

i) Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A Shares per share Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A Shares per share is computed by dividing the Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A Shares by the total number of Company's Class A Shares outstanding at the time. Refer to Note 5 regarding the total number of outstanding Class A Shares.

#### j) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents, if any, are comprised of cash on deposit and short term highly liquid debt instruments with terms to maturity less than 90 days, that are readily convertible to known amount of cash and is subject to insignificant risk of change in value.



#### k) Options

Investments in option positions, which include but are not limited to covered call option contracts on securities held in the Portfolio and/or cash secured put option contracts on securities desired to be held in the Portfolio, are publicly traded and valued at their fair value based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the valuation date or at mid price between bid and ask in absence of trading on the valuation date. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid ask spread, the Manager determines the point within the bid ask spread that is most representative of fair value based on the specific facts and situation. The premium received from a written option is included in cash and a liability is set up for the short options position. Until expiry or exercise of the option the difference between the premium and the fair value is shown as unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments. Investments in long option positions are publicly traded and valued at their fair value based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the valuation date or at mid price between bid and ask in absence of trading on the valuation date. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid ask spread, the Manager determines the point within the bid ask spread that is most representative of fair value based on the specific facts and situation.

Premiums received from writing options are recorded as "Income from derivatives" in the Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) upon expiry or exercise of the option. Premiums paid for buying options which expire unexercised are applied against "Income from derivatives" in the Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

#### 4. Critical accounting estimates and judgments

The preparation of financial statements requires management to use judgment in applying its accounting policies and to make estimates and assumptions about the future that may affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of these financial statements and the reported amounts of income and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from these estimates. The following discusses the most significant accounting judgments and estimates that the Fund has made in preparing the financial statements:

#### Classification and measurement of investments and derivatives under IFRS 9

In classifying and measuring financial instruments held by the Fund, the Manager is required to make significant judgments about the business model in which the portfolio of investments and derivatives is held. The Manager has determined that the Fund's business model is one in which its portfolio is managed and performance evaluated on a fair value basis under IFRS 9.

# Fair value measurement of derivatives and securities not quoted in an active market

Fair values of such instruments are determined using reputable pricing sources or indicative prices from market makers or, if they are not available, by using its own models. Short term investments are valued at bid quotations from recognized investment dealers.

#### 5. Share Capital

The Fund's Class A Shares are redeemable for cash under monthly and annual redemption features, and as such do not meet the criteria in IAS 32 for classification as equity.

The Company is authorized to issue an unlimited number of redeemable Class A Shares ("Shares") and Common Shares. The Company issued 100 Common Shares for nominal consideration of \$100 to the Manager.

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Shares may be redeemed on the second last Business Day of April (an "Annual Redemption Date"), subject to certain conditions, but in order to effect such a redemption the Shares must be surrendered by the last Business Day of March. Shareholders whose Shares are redeemed on an Annual Redemption Date receive, subject to the Manager's right to suspend redemptions in certain circumstances, a redemption price in an amount equal to 100% of Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A Shares per share less the amount which is the lesser of (a) \$0.25 per Share and (b) the pro rata share of the aggregate of all brokerage fees, commissions and other costs relating to disposition of Portfolio securities necessary to fund such redemptions. Payment of the redemption price is made on or before the applicable Redemption Payment Date. The Fund also has a monthly redemption feature. Holders who submit their Class A Shares for a monthly redemption receives a redemption price per Share equal to the lesser of (a) 94% of the Market Price of a Share (defined as being the weighted average trading price of the Share on the NEO Exchange for the 10 trading days immediately preceding the applicable monthly redemption date), and (b) 100% of the closing price of the Shares on the NEO Exchange on the applicable monthly redemption date (or if there is no trade on the applicable monthly redemption date, the average of the last bid and last asking price of the Share on the NEO Exchange on such monthly redemption date).

Issued and outstanding redeemable Class A Shares of the Company consisted of the following:

	Year ended December 31, 2021 Class A Shares
Balance, beginning of year	3,277,204
Redemptions, Class A Shares	(312,400)
Balance, end of year	2,964,804
Weighted average number outstanding during the year	3,066,655
	Year ended December 31, 2020 Class A Shares
Balance, beginning of year	December 31, 2020
Balance, beginning of year Redemptions, Class A Shares	December 31, 2020 Class A Shares
	December 31, 2020 Class A Shares 3,819,704

The Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A Shares per share on December 31, 2021 was \$3.93 (December 31, 2020 – \$4.91).

As at December 31, 2021 the Class A Shares ended trading on the NEO Exchange at \$3.73 per Share (December 31, 2020 the Class A Shares ended trading at \$4.61 per Share). The fair value of the liability represented by the outstanding redeemable Class A Shares as at December 31, 2021 was approximately \$11.06 million (December 31, 2020 – \$15.11 million).

During the year ended December 31, 2021, 312,400 Class A Shares (2020 – 542,500) were tendered for redemption to Faircourt Gold Income Corp. for cash proceeds of \$1.42 million (2020 – \$2.33 million) in accordance with the Company's monthly and annual redemption privileges.

#### 6. Distributions Payable to Shareholders

Distributions, as declared by the Manager, are made on a monthly basis to shareholders of record on the last business day of each month. The distributions are payable no later than the tenth business day of the following month.

The amount of distributions may fluctuate from month to month and there can be no assurance that the Company will make any distribution in any



particular month or months. The Company may make additional distributions in any given year.

The Company declared twelve regular monthly distributions of \$0.0240 per Class A Share totaling \$0.288 per Class A Share during the year ended December 31, 2021 (December 31, 2020 – the Company declared twelve regular monthly distributions of \$0.0240 per Class A Share totaling \$0.2880 per Class A Share).

### 7. Option Writing

In order to generate additional returns and to reduce risk, the Company writes covered call options on securities held in the Portfolio and cash secured put options on securities desired to be held in the Portfolio.

As at December 31, 2021, a total of approximately \$0.40 million (December 31, 2020 a total of approximately \$0.91 million) in cash investments has been pledged for cash secured puts.

As at December 31, 2021 securities at carrying value of approximately \$0.90 million (December 31, 2020 – no securities) has been pledged for covered calls contracts.

The Fund does not have any amounts offset in its financial statements or subject to enforceable master netting or other similar agreements that were not offset.

### 8. Management and Service Fees

The Company retained Faircourt Asset Management Inc. to act as Manager under the Management Agreement dated October 30, 2007. On July 2, 2012 Faircourt Asset Management took on the role of Option Advisor as per the announcement made on April 2, 2012. From and after July 2, 2012, it is intended that the Manager executes and maintains the option program of the Company. The Company pays an annual management fee of 1.10% per annum of the Net Asset Value, calculated daily and payable monthly, plus an amount calculated daily and payable quarterly equal to the service fee (described below) payable by the Manager to registered dealers, plus applicable taxes.

The Manager pays to registered dealers a service fee calculated daily and payable quarterly in arrears at an annual rate equal to 0.40% of the Net Asset Value per Share of the Shares held by clients of the sales representatives of such registered dealers, plus applicable taxes.

As at December 31, 2021 included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities is \$10,614 of management fee and \$11,763 of service fee payable to the Manager (December 31, 2020 – \$14,736 of management fee and \$16,585 of service fee payable to the Manager).

#### 9. Loan Facility

Pursuant to an agreement with a Canadian chartered bank (the "Bank"), the Company maintains a 365 day revolving term loan facility for a maximum amount of \$3.5 million or 20% of the Company's assets, whichever is less (renewal date December 20, 2022). The loan facility is secured by a first ranking and exclusive charge on all of the Company's assets and will be renewable annually at the option of the Company with the approval of the Bank. The Company has the option of borrowing at the prime rate of interest or at the bankers' acceptance rate plus a fixed percentage. The Loan Facility permits the Company to borrow funds for various purposes, including, without limitation, making investments in accordance with the Investment Objectives and Investment Strategy and subject to the Investment Restrictions, effecting market purchases or redemptions of Shares, paying fees

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and expenses of the Company or providing security for put options. As at December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020 the Company is in compliance with all debt covenants.

As at December 31, 2021, \$2.2 million (December 31, 2020 – \$2.9 million) was drawn under the loan facility representing 18.90% of the net assets of the Fund (December 31, 2020 – 18.01%). During the reporting period the minimum and maximum leverage from the facility was \$2.2 million and \$2.9 million respectively (2020 – the minimum and maximum leverage from the facility was \$2.6 million and \$2.9 million respectively).

#### 10. Brokerage Commissions

Brokerage commissions paid to dealers for portfolio transactions during the year ended December 31, 2021 totaled \$29,970 (December 31, 2020 – \$37,321). For the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 there were no soft dollar amounts paid

#### 11. Financial Instrument Risk

The Company may be exposed to a variety of financial risks. The Company's exposures to financial risks as at December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020 (see below) are concentrated in its investment holdings, including derivative instruments. The portfolio allocation as at December 31, 2021 is included in the Schedule of Investments.

The summary of investment portfolio, based on percentage of net assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A Shares as at December 31, 2020 was as follows:

Long Positions – Equities	109.65%
Cash and Cash Equivalents	9.85%
Short Positions – Cash Secured Put Contracts	(0.09%)
Other net liabilities	(19.41%)
	100.00%

The Company's risk management practice includes the monitoring of compliance to investment guidelines. The Manager manages the potential

#### As at December 31, 2021:

Currency	Non- monetary Exposure	Monetary Exposure	Total Exposure	Impact, Total
United States Dollar	\$1,559,392	\$1,706,338	\$3,265,730	\$163,286
Percentage of Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A Shares all amounts in CAD\$	13.40%	14.66%	28.06%	1.40%

As at December 31, 2020:

Currency	Non- monetary Exposure	Monetary Exposure	Total Exposure	Impact, Total
United States Dollar	\$3,548,744	\$732,605	\$4,281,349	\$214,067
Percentage of Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A Shares all amounts in CAD\$	22.04%	4.55%	26.59%	1.33%

b) Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of the Company's interest bearing investments will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. The Company's exposure to interest rate risk is concentrated in its investment in debt securities (such as bonds, T-Bills, and money market instruments) and changes in interest rates on floating rate debt. There is minimal sensitivity to interest rate fluctuations on any cash and cash equivalents, invested at short term market interest rates. Other assets and liabilities are short term in nature and/or non interest bearing.

effects of these financial risks on the Company's performance by employing and overseeing professional and experienced Portfolio Advisors and Option Advisors that regularly monitor the Company's positions, market events and diversify investment portfolios within the constraints of the investment guidelines, recognizing that the Company is limited to investments within a particular sector. Sensitivity analyses provided in the following sections are for illustrative purposes only and may have no bearing on the Company's financial results. Further, the percent changes for the market factors (interest rates, exchange rates, equity market moves) may not be representative of actual market moves in these factors.

Security valuations are affected by financial and economic conditions which can include political, social, and environmental factors. COVID-19 has caused economic uncertainty along with market volatility and may adversely impact the Fund's performance.

a) Currency Risk

Currency risk is generally viewed as the risk that the value of investments denominated in currencies, other than the functional currency of the Company, will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates. The nature of gold equities makes this definition less relevant as i) gold is a global commodity priced in US\$ terms and ii) the currency in which the costs of the company are denominated in significantly affects its expenses. As such, the currency in which the security is denominated is often of less relevance than the price of gold, and the currency in which the company's expenses are denominated.

The tables below indicate the foreign currencies to which the Fund had significant exposure as at December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, in Canadian Dollar terms. The tables also illustrate the potential impact on the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A Shares if the Canadian Dollar had strengthened or weakened by 5% in relation to each of the other currencies, with all other variables held constant. In practice, actual results may differ from this sensitivity analysis and the difference could be material.

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The majority of the Company's investments are non-interest bearing, accordingly, the Company is not subject to significant amounts of risk due to fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates.

Using average loan balances outstanding, the effect of a 1% change in variable interest rates on the loan facility would not have resulted in a significant change in interest expense or the fair value of the related debt as at December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020.

#### c) Other Market Risk

Other market risk is the risk that the fair value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in the market. The single most important determinant for the value of the Fund's investments is the price of gold. Higher gold prices will, all else being equal, increase the value of the Fund's investments, while lower gold prices will reduce the value of the Fund's investments. During the year ended December 31, 2021, a 1% change in the price of gold resulted in a 1.35% (December 31, 2020 – 2.1%) change in the value of gold equities. Over the past 5 years, a 1% change in the price of gold had led to a 1.78% (December 31, 2020 – 1.91%) change in the price of gold equities. There can be no assurance that this relationship will hold in future periods.

Shares of gold companies are exposed to high levels of political and operational risk due to the complex nature of mining operations and operation of mines in politically unstable regions. Other assets and liabilities are monetary items that are short term in nature and are not subject to other market risk.

In order to generate additional returns and to reduce risk, the Company writes covered call options on securities held in the Portfolio and cash secured put options on securities desired to be held in the Portfolio. All other things being equal, sustained volatility in the price of a security results in higher option premiums in respect of such security. Conversely, a sustained reduction in the volatility of gold equities would require the Option Advisor to write on a greater percentage of the Fund. The Manager believes gold stocks, which have historically maintained a high degree of volatility, are well suited to a covered call writing strategy.

Using the relationship between gold and gold equities, if the price of gold had increased or decreased by 10% as at December 31, 2021, the price of gold equities, excluding written options, would have increased or decreased by approximately 14% (at December 31, 2020 – 21%), with all other factors remaining constant, Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A Shares would have increased or decreased by approximately \$1.60 million (December 31, 2020 – \$3.71 million). In practice, actual results may differ from this sensitivity analysis and the difference could be material.

The redeemable Class A Shares may trade in the market at a premium or at a discount to Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A Shares per share and as such there can be no assurance that the redeemable Class A Shares will trade at Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A Shares per share.

The continued worldwide spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to impact international business operations, supply chains, travel, commodity prices, consumer confidence and business forecasts. This has created increased uncertainty and volatility which will impact the performance and expected returns of the investment portfolios. As the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic continue to materialize, the Manager



is monitoring the developments in equity markets generally, and in connection with the Fund's investment portfolios in particular. The duration and impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak cannot currently be determined. If the COVID-19 pandemic is prolonged, or further diseases emerge that give rise to similar effects, there may be further negative effects on economies as well as increased volatility in equity markets. Unexpected developments in financial markets, regulatory environments, may also have adverse impacts on the Fund's financial results.

#### d) Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that a loss could arise from a security issuer or counterparty to a financial instrument not being able to meet its financial obligations. The fair value of debt securities includes consideration of the credit worthiness of the debt issuer. Credit risk exposure for over the counter derivative instruments is based on the Company's unrealized gain of the contractual obligations with the counterparty as at the reporting date. The credit exposure of other assets is represented by its carrying amount. As at December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, the Company did not have significant exposure to credit risk.

All transactions in listed securities, including short term investments, are settled/paid for upon delivery using approved brokers. The risk of default is considered minimal, as delivery of securities sold is only made once the broker has received payment. The trade will fail if either party fails to meet its obligation.

e) Liquidity Risk

The Company's exposure to liquidity risk is concentrated in the annual and monthly cash redemptions of Class A Shares. As at December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, substantially all of the Company's investment holdings are in publicly listed securities and are considered readily realizable, as they are actively traded on public exchanges. In addition, the Company is permitted to borrow in the short term to ensure settlement. The Company may however, from time to time, make investments in securities that have low trading volumes or resale restrictions. Accordingly, it may be difficult for the Company to make trades in these securities without adversely affecting the price of such securities and consequently the Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A Shares of the Company. As at December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, the Company did not have significant exposure to liquidity risk. All liabilities of the Company, other than redeemable shares, mature within 12 months or less.

#### 12. Capital Management

The Company has been created to provide investors with exposure to the global companies primarily involved in gold exploration, mining or production, while also providing monthly distributions. Redeemable Class A Shares issued and outstanding are considered to represent the capital of the Fund. Shareholders are entitled to distributions, if any, and to payment of a proportionate share based on the Company's Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable Class A Shares per share upon redemption. The Company has no restrictions or specific capital requirements on the subscriptions and redemptions of Shares other than described in Note 5. The relevant movements are shown in the Statements of Changes in Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable Shares. In accordance with its investment objectives and risk management practices, as outlined above and throughout Note 11, the Company endeavours to invest its capital in accordance with its investment strategy while maintaining sufficient liquidity to meet redemptions.

#### 13. Fair Value Measurements

The Company uses the following three-level hierarchy for disclosure of the inputs to its fair value measurements:



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Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date;

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices);

Level 3: Inputs are unobservable for the asset or liability.

If inputs of different levels are used to measure an asset's or liability's fair value, the classification within the hierarchy is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The following tables illustrate the classification of the Fund's assets and liabilities measured at fair value within the fair value hierarchy as at December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020:

As at December 31 2021					
Assets	Level 1	Level 2	1	Level 3	Total
Equities – long	\$ 11,330,418	\$ _	\$	_	\$ 11,330,418
Warrants	\$ -	\$ 23.965	\$	—	\$ 23,965
	\$ 11,330,418	\$ 23,965	\$	_	\$ 11,354,383
Liabilities	Level 1	Level 2	1	Level 3	Total
Options – short	\$ 32,586	\$ _	\$	_	\$ 32,586
	\$ 32,586	\$ _	\$	_	\$ 32,586
As at December 31, 2020 Assets	Level 1	Level 2		Level 3	Total
Equities – long	\$ 17,549,377	\$ Level 2	\$	Level J	\$ 17,549,377
Warrants	\$ 	\$ 105,393	↓ \$	_	\$ 105,393
	\$ 17,549,377	\$ 105,393	\$	_	\$ 17,654,770
Liabilities	Level 1	Level 2		Level 3	Total
Options – short	\$ 15,007	\$ _	\$	_	\$ 15,007
options – short					

Cash and cash equivalents are classified as Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy. During the period ended December 31, 2021, \$50,180 warrants have been exercised and moved from Level 2 to Level 1.

#### All fair value measurements above are recurring.

Fair values are classified as Level 1 when the related security or derivative is actively traded and a quoted price is available. If an instrument classified as Level 1 subsequently ceases to be actively traded, it is transferred out of Level 1. In such cases, instruments are reclassified into Level 2, unless the measurement of its fair value requires the use of significant unobservable inputs, in which case it is classified as Level 3.

a) Equities

The Fund's equity positions are classified as Level 1 when the security is actively traded and a reliable price is observable. Certain of the Fund's equities may not trade frequently and therefore observable prices may not be available. In such cases, fair value is determined using observable market data (e.g., transactions for similar securities of the same issuer) and the fair value is classified as Level 2, unless the determination of fair value requires significant unobservable data, in which case the measurement is classified as Level 3;

b) Derivative assets and liabilities

Derivative assets and liabilities consist of short option positions and warrants, which are classified as Level 1, unless observable prices are not available. In such cases, fair value is determined using observable market data (e.g., transactions for similar securities of the same issuer) and the fair value is classified as Level 2.



# Corporate Information



Faircourt Asset Management Inc. ("Faircourt") was created to design, distribute and market innovative structured investment products to retail investors throughout Canada. Faircourt is credited with being the innovator of Canada's first funds of Income Trusts using a dual security structure. Faircourt currently provides management services to one NEO listed closed-end fund, Faircourt Split Trust and one NEO listed corporation, Faircourt Gold Income Corp. Faircourt also acts as Portfolio Advisor to the Ninepoint Alternative Health Fund.

For more information, please visit the Manager's website at **www.faircourtassetmgt.com**.

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Faircourt Split Trust

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### Faircourt Gold Income Corp.

Class A Shares – FGX

