

Appendix C: Conflicts of Interest Disclosure

Under Canadian securities laws, securities dealers and advisors are required to provide their clients with all information that a reasonable investor would consider important about their relationship with the dealer or advisor. Senior management of SANDSTONE are committed to maintaining the highest ethical standard and will strive to ensure that our client's interests are placed first.

SANDSTONE has processes in place to identify potential conflicts (as discussed below). Actual, potential and perceived conflicts of interest exist in almost all human interactions. Our relationship with you is no different.

SANDSTONE is what is referred to as an “introducing broker” investment firm. Our client accounts are held in a custody arrangement with our “carrying broker” Fidelity Clearing Canada ULC – which executes, settles, and reports all your trade activity to you and provides SANDSTONE (and consequently you) with a contractual indemnity assuring you that the investments shown on your statements are held by them as custodian.

The general types of conflicts of interest which can arise are:

- Conflicts of interest between you and us
- Conflicts of interest between you and our other clients
- Conflicts of interest between us and our related and associated companies
- Conflicts of interest between you and our vendors

MANAGEMENT OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

At SANDSTONE the compliance department including the Chief Compliance Office (CCO), Ultimate Designated Person (UDP), and other designated compliance personnel manage the process.

SANDSTONE's procedure to identify and assess material conflicts of Interest is based on the IIAC Conflict of Interest Self-Assessment Tool (<https://iiac.ca/wp-content/uploads/Conflicts-of-Interest-Self-Assessment-and-Materiality-Weighting-Considerations-June-1-2012.pdf>).

Approving and assessing any conflicts of interest shall be performed according to IDPC Rule 3100, Part B, National Instrument 31-103 Part 13.4, and CIRO Notice 17-0093 (Managing Conflicts in the Best Interest of the Client – April 2017).

SANDSTONE's compliance department is tasked with testing the firm's conflicts of interest procedures on at least an annual basis and documenting the results of the testing against the rules and regulations presented above, and any other rules, regulations, or guidelines that may be forthcoming in order to maintain SANDSTONE's compliance.

In general, we deal with and manage relevant conflicts as follows:

1. **Avoidance:** Our primary method of managing conflict is to avoid business models and activities where conflicts of interest can be created.
2. **Control:** If we cannot avoid the potential conflict, we attempt to control the detrimental impact of any conflicts of interest. This may include and is not limited to: physically separating different business functions, limiting the internal exchange of information and independent approval / supervision to ensure a conflict is not acted upon to your detriment.
3. **Disclosure:** Finally, if we are unable to avoid the potential conflicts, we will provide you with information about the conflicts and explain to you how they are controlled, which enables you to independently assess their significance to your investment decisions.

Overall, we will try to avoid conflicts of interest where possible and in all other cases disclose the conflict and manage it through internal controls and review processes. Disclosures will be made in a timely, meaningful, and prominent manner and will sufficiently explain the conflict of interest and how it could affect the service being offered, as well as how it is controlled.

SPECIFIC DISCLOSURE OF POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST – SANDSTONE GLOBAL GROWTH POOL

SANDSTONE began investing via the Sandstone Global Growth Pool (SGGP) to allow smaller accounts (e.g., RESP, TFSA, etc.) to mirror large accounts while providing access to investments restricted by size and liquidity. SGGP is an affiliate of SANDSTONE. SANDSTONE is the investment manager for SGGP. The Trustee for SGGP is 1427933 Alberta Ltd., a subsidiary of SANDSTONE.

The reasons there is no conflict of interest are as follows:

1. SANDSTONE does not directly compensate Directors, Portfolio Managers, or employees based upon investments into SGGP.
2. There are no conflicts between employees and clients, as SGGP is not available to the public, therefore, not available for external access.
3. SGGP is not for sale outside of SANDSTONE and is exclusively for internal clients. There is no transferability, therefore, there is no conflict.
4. All management fees and operating expenses are disclosed to clients via the Managed Account Agreement.
5. All employees and officers are encouraged to invest in SGGP and not operate accounts outside of SANDSTONE and thus avoid unintended conflicts. If outside accounts are operated, independent supervision of the trading activity is conducted to ensure no conflicts of interest are occurring.



6. 1427933 Alberta Ltd. (the Trustee) exists as a necessary regulatory entity for the purpose of SGGP, rather than an ongoing business concern and does not receive compensation.
7. The independence in the investment committee composition is assured by the committee having an independent member (Michael Matishak). The investment committee members do not receive any compensation or consideration for being part of the committee.
8. The Trustee does not compensate its officers or Portfolio Managers. Additionally, SANDSTONE does not compensate its directors, shareholders, or employees for their positions in the Trustee.

Based on SGGP's transparency, consistent investment philosophy with SANDSTONE's other growth-balanced accounts, and lack of direct compensation, we feel SGGP provides opportunities and is strictly a service to our clients. Therefore, this does not present a conflict in any way.

SPECIFIC DISCLOSURE OF POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST – InterGen

Sharon Watkins is a Director of InterGen, a non-profit organization that is committed to accelerating the growth and scale of high potential Alberta companies by pairing them with business talent that is committed to our province's future. InterGen created InterGen Capital L.P. (the "Fund"), a for-profit venture fund designed to enable high-potential companies to seize global opportunities.

SANDSTONE has purchased units of the Fund for its clients' managed accounts and its Sandstone Global Growth Pool. The risk to the client is that Sharon may have a conflict where her fiduciary duty to InterGen may conflict with her fiduciary duty to her clients. This risk is managed by SANDSTONE maintaining an Investment Committee (three members, one of which is independent) and InterGen maintaining a Board of Directors (seven members) to manage their investments. InterGen has an independent fund manager tasked with identifying potential investments. InterGen's Board of Directors role is to approve only investments that meet InterGen's investment fund mandate. No material non-public information exists, as investments are limited to private issuers. At the time an entity becomes public, they liquidate the investment.

Independent research on investment candidates is made by the staff of InterGen and presented to the Investment Committee and the Board of InterGen. Therefore, directors do not influence investment candidates and research.

Sharon is one member of each of SANDSTONE's Investment Committee and InterGen's Board of Directors. Sharon is one of seven Directors on the InterGen Board, and her primary role is to ensure the investment mandates of the InterGen fund are met, as well as general governance.



SANDSTONE agreed to only invest in InterGen if Sharon had a seat on the Board of Directors to ensure that these mandates are followed. The intent is to advance the interests of SANDSTONE's clients according to the fiduciary responsibility to SANDSTONE clients.

Sharon does not receive any compensation from InterGen and is able to monitor the investment quality of the Fund, which is a benefit to SANDSTONE clients. InterGen has conflict of interest procedures that Sharon must comply with. The allocation of funds invested on behalf of SANDSTONE clients in managed accounts and Sandstone Global Growth Pool is small and well within the mandate of SANDSTONE's investment policies.

In the event that any employee or member of the Investment Committee feels that there exists the potential for a conflict of interest, they are encouraged to bring their concern to the Chief Compliance Officer (CCO) or Ultimate Designated Person (UDP), who will determine the appropriate course of action.

SPECIFIC DISCLOSURE OF POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST – Thin Air

SANDSTONE completed an investment into Thin Air Labs Fund I Limited Partnership (the "Fund"), an Alberta-based venture capital fund via a February 11, 2022 subscription agreement. The Fund's primary objective is achieving returns through long-term capital appreciation by investing in equity and equity-related securities of seed and early-stage companies. SANDSTONE and the Fund had a relationship before the subscription agreement as a result of Sharon Watkins and James Lochrie, the Managing Partner and CEO of the Fund, both being involved in InterGen's board. This prior relationship was noted but not considered significant as the connection consisted solely of prior professional board service, it did not involve any current financial or ownership ties between SANDSTONE and Mr. Lochrie, and Sharon Watkins did not receive personal economic benefit from the transaction.

Niki Dunne became a member of the Limited Partner Advisory Committee ("LPAC") of the Fund subsequent to the February 11, 2022 subscription agreement.

SANDSTONE purchased units of the Fund for its clients' managed accounts and its Sandstone Global Growth Pool. The risk to the client is that Niki may have a conflict where her oversight role on the Fund's LPAC may conflict with her fiduciary duty to SANDSTONE's clients in her role as a Portfolio Manager. Specifically, as an LPAC member Niki is involved in reviewing conflicts of interest and approving valuation methodologies. There is a risk that Niki could be perceived as favouring the interest of the Fund's general partner over the interests of SANDSTONE's clients, or that her access to non-public information about the Fund or its portfolio companies could influence investment decisions at SANDSTONE or her personal investment decisions.

There are multiple controls in place to manage the potential conflict of interest this role poses. The LPAC has no management or control powers over the Fund - the role is for advisory and governance oversight purposes only, and LPAC members owe no fiduciary duty to the Fund or



general partner. Niki does not receive compensation for serving on the LPAC, and therefore there is no financial incentive tied to the role that could compete with her obligations to SANDSTONE's clients. Separately, SANDSTONE maintains an Investment Committee that oversees all investment decisions, including the allocation of client assets to the Fund. The Fund is comprised of investments in non-trading entities and therefore the potential for an investment by SANDSTONE and the Fund being the same, are unlikely. No material non-public information exists, as investments are limited to private issuers and the LPAC is not responsible for making decisions on fund investments. The LPAC role also imposes strict confidentiality obligations on members regarding the Fund and portfolio company information. Niki is further bound by SANDSTONE's internal policies on the handling of potential material non-public information.

SPECIFIC DISCLOSURE OF POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST – Calvert MIC

SANDSTONE has maintained a longstanding investment relationship with Calvert Home Mortgage Investment Company (“Calvert”). Calvert is a mortgage investment corporation that provides short-term residential mortgage financing. This investment has been a standard portfolio holding across client managed accounts and the Sandstone Global Growth Pool (SGGP) with the objective of providing annual income and portfolio diversification.

Brent Pickerl, Director and Portfolio Manager at SANDSTONE, served as an uncompensated observer on the Calvert board from April 2013 to March 2026. Positions such as these are part of our standard procedure to ensure governance and oversight of the investment to the benefit of our clients. It did not confer directorship status, voting rights, or any authority over the investment or lending decisions at Calvert. As of March 31st, 2026, Brent no longer holds any oversight role with Calvert.

In 2025, SANDSTONE made additional investments into Calvert through a convertible debenture on behalf of certain managed accounts that were identified as underweight the holding relative to our model portfolio. This rebalancing was consistent with SANDSTONE's standard portfolio management process and was made through SANDSTONE's Investment Committee in the ordinary course. At the time of the 2025 investment, Brent's observer role with Calvert remained active.

The potential conflicts of interest arising from this arrangement are as follows: Brent's observer role created the potential for him to have access to material non-public information about Calvert, and his ongoing relationship with Calvert could have been perceived as creating an incentive to favour the interests of Calvert over the interests of SANDSTONE's clients. SANDSTONE managed these conflicts through its Investment Committee oversight process, which ensured that investment decisions relating to Calvert were made on the basis of portfolio suitability and client best interest, independently of Brent's observer role.

SANDSTONE continues to hold Calvert units in client managed accounts and SGGP where appropriate. These holdings are subject to SANDSTONE's standard Investment Committee oversight and are reviewed on a regular basis in accordance with our portfolio management process.



In the event that any employee or member of the Investment Committee feels that there exists the potential for a conflict of interest, they are encouraged to bring their concern to the Chief Compliance Officer (CCO) or Ultimate Designated Person (UDP), who will determine the appropriate course of action.

GENERAL DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The following information is intended to assist you in understanding and assessing material potential and actual conflicts of interest, including how we address them. This is an overview of a complex subject. Despite that, we believe the simplest control is the most effective – your continued satisfaction and patronage. If you have any questions or concerns, whether they involve conflicts of interest or anything else, you should never hesitate to say so and ask your advisor for an explanation and more information.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST	STRATEGY	HOW THE CONFLICT IS MANAGED
SANDSTONE is registered to manage and sell its own product – Sandstone Global Growth Pool.	Disclose & Control	SANDSTONE does not directly compensate employees for investments sold to investors. We endeavor to be transparent in disclosing management fees to fully inform clients in advance so that they know what they will be paying.
Personal trading of management and staff of SANDSTONE.	Avoid, Control & Disclose	SANDSTONE encourages all employees to invest in SGGP and avoid unintended conflicts. Firm and employee trades are identified as such and client trades are given priority to firm and employee trades in accordance with industry regulations. Employees are allowed personal trading accounts at other registered firms on approval by the CCO. They must supply a duplicate copy of all external statements to SANDSTONE’s CCO.
If the client has a managed account, we have discretion or control over the transactions in their account.	Disclose & Control	Regulations require that we disclose and obtain the client’s specific approval to invest their funds based on criteria agreed upon in their Managed Account Agreement. We have oversight mechanisms in place to ensure we adhere to the MAA.
We may receive compensation from third parties based on their products that we invest in on clients’ behalf, such as `trailer fees` on mutual funds.	Avoid & Disclose	We avoid where possible. If we are unable to offer a certain account/product (e.g., RDSP) we disclose the special situation and type of third-party compensation we may receive.
SANDSTONE may have access to commercially sensitive or inside information.	Control	We have specific procedures for responding to conflicts of interests that involve inside information and for complying with insider trading provisions.
We have a Revenue Sharing Agreement with our custodian where they compensate SANDSTONE on interest	Disclose & Control	SANDSTONE has implemented supervisory controls designed to prevent a breach of its fiduciary responsibilities in this regard. The cash

spreads earned on un-invested cash deposits with us. Although this is standard for investment firms with our registration, it does pose a conflict of interest as higher amounts of cash than what is required for liquidity and cash flow purposes can be allowed to accumulate because of this incentive.		in our clients' accounts are scanned monthly (at a minimum). Based on liquidity needs, cash flow needs, short-term and long-term objectives, and current interest rates, the portfolio manager determines if that cash (or portion thereof) should be invested at more competitive rates. This is documented in our Managed Account Binders quarterly.
Employees of SANDSTONE may volunteer from time-to-time as a Board of Director and/or on an advisory committee of various charities, foundations and not-for-profits.	Disclose & Control	All employees estimate how many hours per month their commitment requires and reports this via a <i>Conflicts Log</i> to the CCO.
We may need to select which clients will be offered certain securities if availability is limited.	Avoid	We have a 'fair allocation' policy for management accounts.
We may permit individuals who are registered with SANDSTONE to be employed by, participate in, or accept compensation from other persons or firms, outside the scope of his/her relationship with SANDSTONE.	Disclose & Control	These relationships are subject to industry and regulatory requirements that impose restrictions on dealings between related registered firms and/or individuals that are dually registered with a related registered firm. We have also adopted internal policies and procedures that supplement the regulatory requirements, including policies on privacy and confidentiality of information.
If you hold a security of a public issuer that is involved in a takeover bid, corporate reorganization, solicitation of proxies and other corporate actions, we may receive compensation from issuers, offerors or others, to solicit your proxy or vote in their favour with respect to these actions.	Disclose & Control	Securities regulations require specific disclosure by the issuer of such arrangements and the compensation we will receive in documents such as information circulars, takeover bid circulars and issuer bid circulars.
Individuals who are registered or employed with SANDSTONE may participate in non-brokered private placements in advance of the shares being available on public markets.	Control	Members of the committees oversee Non-Brokered private placements are either prohibited from personally participating in these deals or not allowed to participate in the approval process if they plan to participate in the deal under consideration.
SANDSTONE may receive soft dollars when executing trades.	Disclose & Control	We inform our clients that all soft dollars that we receive are invested in research.
Employees or their immediate family members may receive or offer gifts, gratuities, or entertainment from parties with which SANDSTONE does business which could create an incentive to favour the gift-giver's interest over the client's.	Avoid & Control	Employees are prohibited from accepting gifts, gratuities, or entertainment of more than nominal value. Giving gifts above nominal value required prior approval from the CEO, President, or CCO. The CEO retains discretion to determine nominal value based on the facts and circumstance.

MORE INFORMATION

Canada has comprehensive and extensive securities regulatory rules and regulations, many of which are directed at protecting client and investor interests, including dealing with conflicts of interest. We suggest that you refer to the websites and publications of the provincial securities commissions through the Canadian Securities Administrators (CSA) and the Canadian Investment Regulatory Organization (CIRO) for more information on how Canadian securities regulations address conflicts of interest to safeguard the investing public.