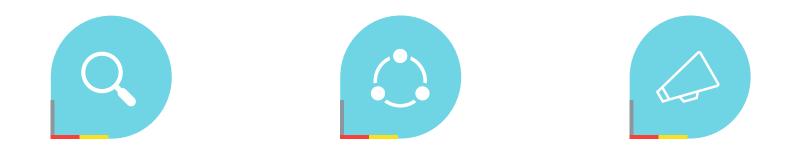
## Ban on inducements – the Canadian experience

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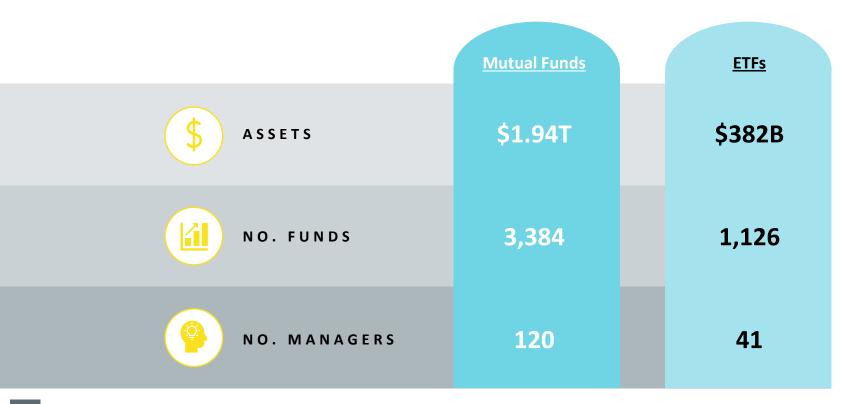


OVERVIEW: CANADIAN INVESTMENT FUNDS INDUSTRY

### CANADA'S INVESTMENT FUND SALES PRACTICES RULES

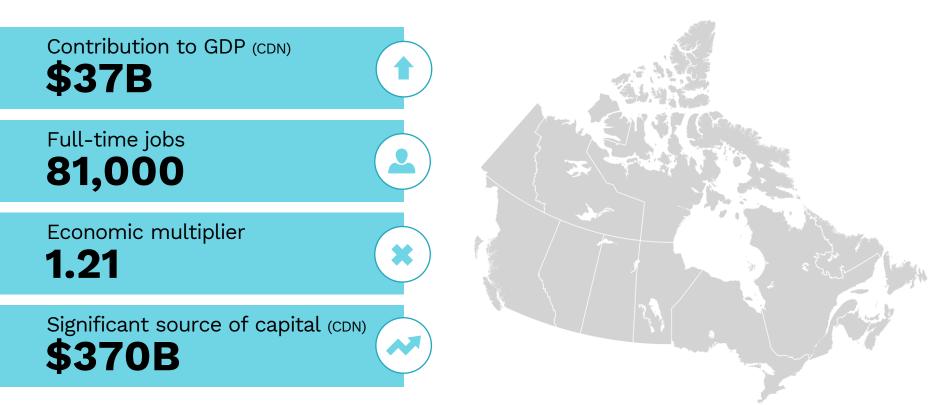
### ADVOCACY AND LESSONS LEARNED

# Mutual Fund and ETF Landscape



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# Economic Footprint



# A Uniquely Canadian Environment



Canadian investors are generally very satisfied with their advisors, however the **reliance on advisors is declining** putting <u>pressure on the</u> <u>delivery of advice</u>



The rise in **direct investing continues to accelerate** in an increasingly digital world, resulting in the <u>need for new products</u> <u>and update to service</u> offerings



Uniqueness of the Canadian market puts **banks in an advantageous position with investors** and <u>serving their broader</u> <u>financial planning needs</u>



Canada's advanced regulatory framework ensures investor protection however it <u>creates challenges asset</u> <u>managers and dealers</u> <u>need to solution</u>

### Investment fund sales practices Investment fund sales practices across Canada governed by NI81-105

- NI81-105 applies to publicly offered mutual funds and ETFs
- No mutual fund, mutual fund manager or related party may:
  - make a payment of money to a dealer or dealer's representative;
  - provide a non-monetary benefit to a dealer or dealer's representative; or
  - pay or reimburse a dealer or dealer's representative a cost/ expense incurred; except for certain permitted types of payments and provision of non-monetary benefits
- No dealer, dealer representative or related party may:
  - receive a payment or non-monetary benefit, except for permitted payments and non-monetary benefits

Other prohibited or restricted sales practices

- Internal dealer incentive practices
- Financial assistance
- Charitable donations
- Tied selling

# Permitted Payments and Provision of Benefits

### **Permitted Monetary Payments/Receipts**

- Commissions
- Trailing commissions, except for OEO dealers
- Certain portfolio trading commissions/spreads

### Permitted Provisions/Receipts of Non-Monetary Benefits

- Cooperative marketing and educational practices
- Minimal promotional items and business promotion activities
- Client commission rebates

# **Disclosure Requirements**

- Sales practices disclosed in simplified prospectus
- Certain equity interests held by dealers and their representatives, in aggregate, in fund managers and their related parties
- Equity interests held by fund managers and their related parties in dealers

# OEO Dealer Trail Ban

- Highly complex implementation, particularly for dealers, requiring system, process and internal control changes, and dealer review of internal compensation and client fees
- Final rule adopted in September, 2020
- Investment funds reviewed fund and fund series/class offerings in OEO channel
- Final rule became effective June, 2022
- Regulatory relief issued to provide:
  - brief transition period to address transfers-in of trailer paying series/classes
  - reprieve for series/class holdings purchased under deferred sales charge method, where dealer rebates are paid

## Advocacy and Lessons Learned

- Significant investment of time and resources identifying scenarios and their implications
- Close partnership with regulators to achieve:
  - $\,\circ\,$  buy-in and approval of framework
  - $\,\circ\,$  ample runway for system, process and internal control changes
  - $\circ\,$  regulatory relief, where required, within the requisite timeline







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