### **ROMC Trust**

# Independent Review Committee 2023 Annual Report to Security Holders

The role of the independent review committee (IRC) is to review conflicts of interest referred to it by ROMC Trust's (the fund) manager, including the manager's proposed actions to resolve conflicts. The IRC reviews each matter and provides approval or recommendation as to whether the proposed course of actions will achieve a fair and reasonable result for the fund. The IRC has adopted a written charter that includes its mandate, responsibilities and functions, and the policies and procedures it will follow when performing its functions.

#### Members of the IRC

Name .	Occupation	Length of service
Warren Laing	Investment professional	Less than 7 years
Peter van Schaik	Business owner	Less than 7 years
Jonathan Heymann	Compliance consultant	Less than 1 year

No member of the IRC is a member of an IRC for any other mutual fund.

## Holdings of securities

At December 31, 2023, members of the IRC beneficially owned in aggregate 5.02 per cent of the fund's units.

None of the members of the IRC holds any ownership in the fund manager or in any person or company that provides services to the fund. One member holds ownership in a company that provides the manager rental of an occasional office.

### Compensation paid to the IRC

In aggregate, the compensation paid to the IRC for the year was \$3,000. There were no indemnities paid to, nor any additional expenses incurred by, any member during the year.

The IRC reviews and determines its compensation on an annual basis, taking into consideration the following:

- The best interests of the fund;
- The benefit accruing to the fund from IRC activity;
- The complexity and difficulty of the tasks undertaken by the IRC;
- The workload of the IRC, including the commitment of time and energy expected from each member;
- Industry best practices, including industry averages and surveys on IRC compensation;
- The recommendations of the manager.

The IRC determined that current compensation is appropriate.

#### Conflicts of interest matters

In 2023, there were no matters referred to the IRC by the fund's manager. The IRC is not aware of any instance in which the fund's manager acted in a conflict-of-interest matter.

In accordance with National Instrument 81-107, this report:

- Should form part of the fund manager's annual reporting to security holders;
- Will be sent without charge to any security holder of the fund who requests it;
- Will be displayed on the fund's website until the next IRC annual report;
- Will be filed with securities regulators;
- Will be filed on SEDAR under the fund's profile as a continuous disclosure document.

# **ROMC Trust Conflict of Interest Policy Report Schedule**

For the financial year: 2023

Nature of conflict identified and recommendations:

1.	Conflict of interest matters referred to the IRC:		
	Increase fee (MER) paid by the Fund	Approved	Rejected
	Standing instructions to the Manager	Approved	Rejected
	Negotiating soft-dollar arrangements	Approved	Rejected
	Other than sales commissions paid to related entity	Approved	Rejected
2.	Administration:		
	Change in Auditor	Approved	Rejected
	Change in Manager, Trustee	Approved	Rejected
	Change in Custodian	Approved	Rejected
	Change in Fund mandate	Approved	Rejected
3.	Other:		
	Correcting material errors by the Manager	Approved	Rejected
	Increasing charges to the Fund from the Manager	Approved	Rejected
	Inter-fund trade	Approved	Rejected
	Transaction in securities of related issuer	Approved	Rejected
	Purchase of a related underwriter	Approved	Rejected
	Any other conflict identified (describe):		
4.	No conflict:		
	There were no conflicts identified	X Approved _	Rejected
Sign	ned: Heymann		
	IRC Chair		
Dat	e: <u>21 / 03 / 2024</u>		
	Day / Month / Year		