

# 2022

# Semi-Annual Management Report of Fund Performance

for the period ended June 30, 2022

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VentureLink Innovation Fund Inc.

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# VENTURELINK INNOVATION FUND INC.

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## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The net asset value of the Fund at June 30, 2022 fiscal year was \$6,850. There were 332,681 Class A Shares, Series I, 240,456 Class A Shares, Series II, 667,731 Class A Shares, Series III, 285,675 Class A Shares, Series IV, and 14,458 Class A Shares Series VI outstanding.

### **Revenue**

Total income in the period decreased from a gain of \$376 in 2021 to a loss of \$(2,763) in 2022. This decrease of \$3,139 is related to larger realized losses on investment in the current period.

### **Expenses**

Operating expenses were \$(80) in the period compared to \$607 in 2021, a decrease of \$687. Operating expenses excluding performance fees and Class P dividend expense were \$365 in the period compared to \$518 in 2021. This decrease is related to the reduction in the weighted average net asset value of the Fund during 2022 compared to 2021.

### **Class A Shares**

Net redemptions of Class A Shares during the period were \$539.

### **New investments**

The Fund made no new venture investments in the period.

### **Realizations**

The Fund realized proceeds totaling \$938 from the sale of securities with a realized loss of \$6,485.

- DCR Strategies Inc., cost \$25
- Peraso Technologies Inc., cost \$7,405

In addition, to the venture investment activity, short term notes of \$5,985 were purchased and \$2,997 sold in the period.

The portfolio holdings continue to reflect the Fund's objective of investing in a diversified portfolio mezzanine debt and equity investments. However, concentration is increasing significantly as the orderly wind up the investment portfolio progresses.

### **Fund performance**

Fund performance, on a per share basis, varied from a loss of \$1.88 for Series I to a loss of \$1.62 for Series IV. The losses were primarily related to the unrealized losses of the investment portfolio.

## RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

### **Fund Liquidity and investment concentration**

The Fund has approx. 61% of its assets in cash and short term notes. As the orderly wind up of the Fund takes place, the concentration of the investment portfolio is increasing. The largest investment of the Fund has a total value equal to 35% of net asset value.

The current plan for the operation of the Fund is to exit the remaining portfolio investments followed by an orderly wind up of the Fund, ideally prior the end of 2022.

In order to manage fund liquidity until such time as the Fund realizes upon its venture investments, the Fund's prospectus provides the Fund with the discretion to halt redemptions in a given financial year once redemptions have reached an aggregate value of 20% of the net asset value of the Fund on the last day of the preceding financial year. The Fund did not halt redemptions in 2021 nor has it done so to the date of this report.

## RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

### **Manager**

The Manager and Investment Advisor and Sponsor are deemed to be related parties and earned \$164 from the Fund. This amount represents fees for management, investment advisor and sponsor services. The Fund made no performance fee or Class P dividend payments in the period and recovered \$445 of performance fees resulting in an ending accrual of \$17. Accrued performance fees will be payable to the Manager in future periods if certain criteria are achieved.

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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Fund's Net Assets per Share tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for each of the past six periods.

The Ratios & Supplemental Data shown below are based on net asset value.

### THE FUND'S NET ASSETS PER SHARE (\$)<sup>(1)(2)\*</sup>

CLASS A, SERIES I SHARES Commencement of operations September 10, 2010	Six months Ended					
	Jun. 30 2022	Dec. 31 2021	Dec. 31 2020	Dec. 31 2019	Dec. 31 2018	Dec. 31 2017
<b>Net assets at the beginning of period<sup>(3)</sup></b>	6.77	7.79	8.09	9.81	10.34	8.37
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	0.13	0.25	0.12	0.34	0.51	0.15
Total expenses (excluding distributions)	-	(0.13)	(0.84)	(0.66)	(0.47)	(1.05)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(4.56)	0.01	(1.53)	(2.21)	(0.77)	3.23
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	2.55	(1.15)	1.94	0.80	0.21	(0.38)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>(1.88)</b>	<b>(1.02)</b>	<b>(0.31)</b>	<b>(1.73)</b>	<b>(0.52)</b>	<b>1.95</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the period shown<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>4.89</b>	<b>6.77</b>	<b>7.79</b>	<b>8.09</b>	<b>9.81</b>	<b>10.34</b>
<b>Ratios and Supplemental Data</b>						
Net asset value (\$000's)	1,627	2,359	3,357	3,998	5,395	6,347
Number of shares outstanding (000's)	333	349	431	494	549	614
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(5)</sup>	-	-	0.86	1.52	18.77	-
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	0.17	-	-	-	-	-
Management expense ratio after taxes (%) <sup>(4)</sup>	(2.58)	1.94	11.19	6.48	4.79	11.75
Net assets per share (\$)	4.89	6.77	7.79	8.09	9.81	10.34

\*Footnotes for the tables are found at the end of the Financial Highlights section.

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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (cont'd)

THE FUND'S NET ASSETS PER SHARE (\$) <sup>(1)(2)\*</sup>

CLASS A, SERIES II SHARES Commencement of operations September 10, 2010	Six months					
	Ended Jun. 30 2022	Dec. 31 2021	Dec. 31 2020	Dec. 31 2019	Dec. 31 2018	Dec. 31 2017
<b>Net assets at the beginning of period</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	6.45	7.42	7.71	9.35	9.91	8.07
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	0.13	0.24	0.11	0.32	0.48	0.15
Total expenses (excluding distributions)	-	(0.12)	(0.80)	(0.63)	(0.50)	(1.06)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(4.29)	(0.01)	(1.43)	(2.11)	(0.74)	3.10
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	2.38	(1.08)	1.83	0.77	0.20	(0.37)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	(1.78)	(0.97)	(0.29)	(1.65)	(0.56)	1.82
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total distributions</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net assets at the end of the period shown</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	4.66	6.45	7.42	7.71	9.35	9.91
<b>Ratios and Supplemental Data</b>						
Net asset value (\$000's)	1,120	1,649	2,200	2,565	3,342	4,033
Number of shares outstanding (000's)	240	256	297	333	357	407
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(5)</sup>	-	-	0.86	1.52	18.77	-
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	0.17	-	-	-	-	-
Management expense ratio after taxes (%) <sup>(4)</sup>	(2.58)	1.92	11.21	6.49	5.35	12.32
Net assets per share (\$)	4.66	6.45	7.42	7.71	9.35	9.91

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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (cont'd)

THE FUND'S NET ASSETS PER SHARE (\$) <sup>(1)(2)\*</sup>

CLASS A, SERIES III SHARES Commencement of operations September 10, 2010	Six months					
	Ended Jun. 30 2022	Dec. 31 2021	Dec. 31 2020	Dec. 31 2019	Dec. 31 2018	Dec. 31 2017
<b>Net assets at the beginning of period</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	5.88	6.77	7.03	8.53	9.14	7.53
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	0.11	0.21	0.10	0.30	0.44	0.13
Total expenses (excluding distributions)	-	(0.13)	(0.73)	(0.57)	(0.56)	(1.06)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(3.90)	(0.01)	(1.78)	(1.91)	(0.67)	2.81
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	2.17	(0.96)	2.13	0.69	0.18	(0.33)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	(1.62)	(0.89)	(0.28)	(1.49)	(0.61)	1.55
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total distributions</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net assets at the end of the period shown</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	4.25	5.88	6.77	7.03	8.53	9.14
<b>Ratios and Supplemental Data</b>						
Net asset value (\$000's)	2,836	4,222	7,858	12,927	20,470	28,630
Number of shares outstanding (000's)	668	718	1,161	1,839	2,396	3,131
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(5)</sup>	-	-	0.86	1.52	18.77	-
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	0.17	-	-	-	-	-
Management expense ratio after taxes (%) <sup>(4)</sup>	(2.57)	1.96	11.14	6.48	6.44	13.39
Net assets per share (\$)	4.25	5.88	6.77	7.03	8.53	9.14

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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (cont'd)

THE FUND'S NET ASSETS PER SHARE (\$) <sup>(1)(2)\*</sup>

CLASS A, SERIES IV SHARES Commencement of operations September 10, 2010	Six months Ended					
	Jun. 30 2022	Dec. 31 2021	Dec. 31 2020	Dec. 31 2019	Dec. 31 2018	Dec. 31 2017
<b>Net assets at the beginning of period</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	5.84	6.73	6.99	8.48	9.10	7.50
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	0.11	0.21	0.10	0.29	0.44	0.13
Total expenses (excluding distributions)	-	(0.12)	(0.72)	(0.57)	(0.56)	(1.06)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(3.93)	0.02	(1.95)	(1.89)	(0.67)	2.78
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	2.19	(0.99)	2.30	0.68	0.18	(0.33)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	(1.63)	(0.88)	(0.27)	(1.49)	(0.61)	1.52
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total distributions</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net assets at the end of the period shown</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	4.22	5.84	6.73	6.99	8.48	9.10
<b>Ratios and Supplemental Data</b>						
Net asset value (\$000's)	1,206	1,756	2,853	5,223	8,855	12,838
Number of shares outstanding (000's)	286	301	424	747	1,043	1,411
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(5)</sup>	-	-	0.86	1.52	18.77	-
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	0.17	-	-	-	-	-
Management expense ratio after taxes (%) <sup>(4)</sup>	(2.58)	1.95	11.11	6.48	6.50	13.45
Net assets per share (\$)	4.22	5.84	6.73	6.99	8.48	9.10

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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (cont'd)

THE FUND'S NET ASSETS PER SHARE (\$)<sup>(1)(2)\*</sup>

CLASS A, SERIES VI SHARES Commencement of operations September 10, 2010	Six months Ended					
	Jun. 30 2022	Dec. 31 2021	Dec. 31 2020	Dec. 31 2019	Dec. 31 2018	Dec. 31 2017
<b>Net assets at the beginning of period<sup>(3)</sup></b>	5.84	6.78	7.11	8.70	9.30	7.64
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	0.09	0.22	0.10	0.30	0.45	0.14
Total expenses (excluding distributions)	-	(0.19)	(0.79)	(0.66)	(0.54)	(1.06)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(3.95)	0.02	(1.86)	(1.94)	(0.69)	2.83
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	2.23	(1.05)	2.22	0.70	0.19	(0.30)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>(1.63)</b>	<b>(1.00)</b>	<b>(0.33)</b>	<b>(1.60)</b>	<b>(0.59)</b>	<b>1.61</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the period shown<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>4.20</b>	<b>5.84</b>	<b>6.78</b>	<b>7.11</b>	<b>8.70</b>	<b>9.30</b>
<b>Ratios and Supplemental Data</b>						
Net asset value (\$000's)	61	86	198	340	560	680
Number of shares outstanding (000's)	15	15	29	48	64	73
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(5)</sup>	-	-	0.86	1.52	18.77	-
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	0.17	-	-	-	-	-
Management expense ratio after taxes (%) <sup>(4)</sup>	(1.75)	2.80	11.97	7.33	6.20	13.16
Net assets per share (\$)	4.20	5.84	6.78	7.11	8.70	9.30

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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (cont'd)

- (1) This information is derived from the Fund's semi-annual and annual financial statements.
- (2) The following classes of shares of the Fund commenced operations:

Class A, Series I shares	September 10, 2010
Class A, Series II shares	September 10, 2010
Class A, Series III shares	September 10, 2010
Class A, Series IV shares	September 10, 2010
Class A, Series VI shares	September 10, 2010
- (3) Net assets per share and distributions per share are based on the actual number of shares outstanding for the relevant class on the relevant date. The increase (decrease) in net assets from operations per share is based on the weighted average number of shares outstanding for the relevant class over the financial period.
- (4) Management expense ratio is calculated based on expenses charged directly to the Fund plus, if applicable, expenses of the underlying funds, calculated on a weighted average basis based on the percentage weighting of each underlying fund and is expressed as an annualized percentage of average daily net asset value for the period.
- (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 fiscal 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 higher 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, excluding cash and short-term investments maturing in less than one year and the value of any securities acquired as a result of merger, by the average of the monthly fair value of investments during 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 of the Fund during the period.



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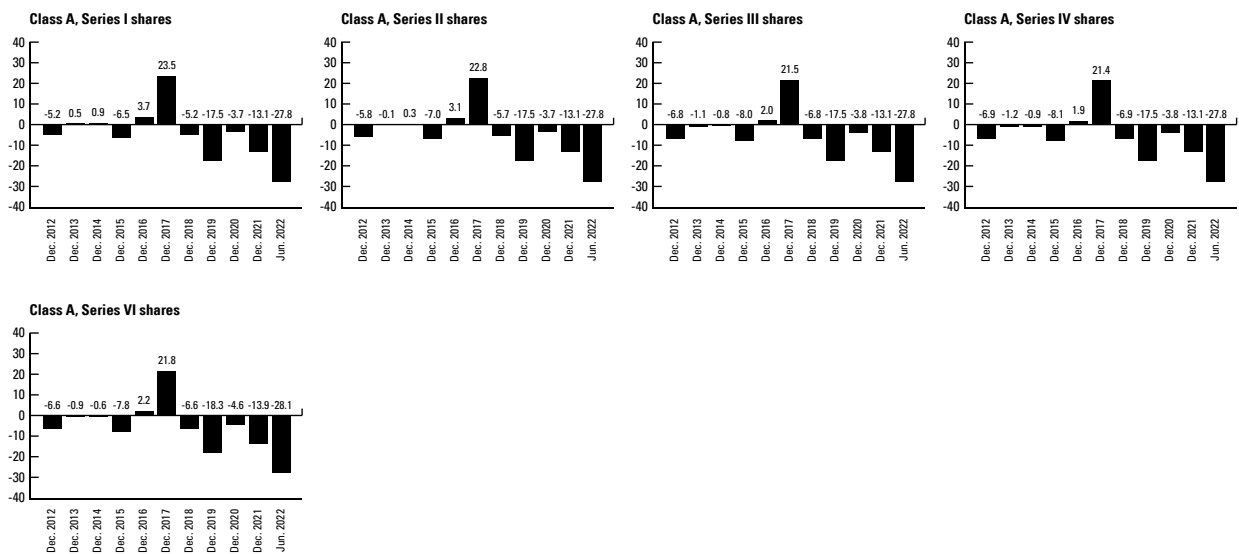
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## PAST PERFORMANCE

This section describes how the Fund has performed in the past. Past returns do not indicate how the Fund will perform in the future. The information shown assumes that dividends paid by the Fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional shares of the relevant classes of the Fund. In addition, the information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges that would have reduced returns or performance.

## Year-by-Year Returns

The following charts show the Fund's semi-annual and annual performance for each of the periods shown, and illustrates how the Fund's performance has changed from period to period. In percentage terms, the charts show how much an investment made on the first day of each financial period would have grown or decreased by the last day of each financial period.



Returns for years up to December 31, 2012 are calculated using Canadian GAAP while returns for years thereafter are calculated using IFRS.

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## SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO as at June 30, 2022

<b>Industry Sector</b>	<b>Number of Companies</b>	<b>Cost (in \$000's)</b>	<b>Fair Value (in \$000's)</b>	<b>% of Cost</b>	<b>% of Fair Value</b>
<b>Sector</b>					
Financial Services	2	3,538	17	42.0	0.6
Biotechnology	1	-	-	-	-
Information Technology and Communications	4	4,880	2,766	58.0	99.4
	7	8,418	2,783	100.0	100.0

<b>Stage of Development</b>	<b>Number of Companies</b>	<b>Cost (in \$000's)</b>	<b>Fair Value (in \$000's)</b>	<b>% of Cost</b>	<b>% of Fair Value</b>
<b>Investment Stage</b>					
Early	1	-	-	-	-
Later	6	8,418	2,783	100.0	100.0
	7	8,418	2,783	100.0	100.0

<b>Investments</b>	<b>Cost (in \$000's)</b>	<b>Fair Value (in \$000's)</b>
Short-Term Investments	2,988	2,988
Venture Investments	8,418	2,783
	11,406	5,771

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## SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO as at June 30, 2022 (cont'd)

### Top Venture Investment Holdings (as at June 30, 2022)\*

DCR Strategies Inc.  
MMB Research Inc.  
Peraso Technologies Inc.  
Performance Plants Inc.  
Pitchpoint Solutions Inc.  
Upsight Inc.  
WF Fund III Limited Partnership

\*This list includes the 7 venture investments that continue to be carried at greater than nominal cost or market value.

The summary of investment may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund and updates will be available on an annual basis.

### A NOTE ON FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This report may contain forward-looking statements about the Fund, its future performance, strategies or prospects, and possible future Fund action. The words "may," "could," "should," "would," "suspect," "outlook," "believe," "plan," "anticipate," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "forecast," "objective," and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance. Forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties, both about the Fund and general economic factors, so it is possible that predictions, forecasts, projections and other forward-looking statements will not be achieved. We caution you not to place undue reliance on these statements as a number of important factors could cause actual events or results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in any forward-

looking statement made by the Fund. These factors include, but are not limited to, general economic, political and market factors in Canada, the United States and internationally, interest and foreign exchange rates, global equity and capital markets, business competition, technological changes, changes in laws and regulations, judicial or regulatory judgments, legal proceedings and catastrophic events.

The above list of important factors that may affect future results is not exhaustive. Before making any investment decisions, we encourage you to consider these and other factors carefully. All opinions contained in forward-looking statements are subject to change without notice and are provided in good faith but without legal responsibility.