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#### VALOUR INC. NOTICE OF ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETING OF COMMON SHAREHOLDERS

You are invited to the 2023 annual and special meeting (the "**Meeting**") of common shareholders (the "**Shareholders**") of Valour Inc. (the "**Corporation**").

When: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. (Toronto time)

Where: 198 Davenport Road, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M5R 1J2

The purpose of the Meeting is as follows:

- 1. *Financial Statements.* Receive and consider the audited consolidated financial statements as at and for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022;
- 2. *Auditor Appointment.* Appoint BF Borgers CPA PC as auditor of the Corporation;
- 3. *Elect Directors.* Consider and elect the directors for the ensuing year;
- 4. **Name Change**. The Corporation is proposing to change its name to "DeFi Technologies Inc."; and
- 5. **Other Business.** Consider other business as may properly come before the Meeting or any postponement(s) or adjournment(s) thereof.

The details of all matters proposed to be put before the Shareholders at the Meeting are set forth in the management information circular (the "**Circular**"), under "Matters to be Considered", accompanying this Notice of Meeting. At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to approve each of the foregoing items.

## The board of directors of the Corporation unanimously recommends that the Shareholders vote FOR each of the appointment of BF Borgers CPA PC as auditor of the Corporation, the election of the directors of the Corporation for the ensuing year, and the Name Change.

Each common share of the Corporation (a "**Common Share**") will entitle the holder thereof to one (1) vote at the Meeting.

The directors of the Corporation have fixed the close of business on May 9, 2023 as the record date, being the date for the determination of the registered Shareholders entitled to notice and to vote at the Meeting and any adjournments(s) or postponement(s) thereof.

Shareholders and/or their appointees may participate in the Meeting by way of conference call however votes cannot be cast on the conference call. Please register at <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAkd-6opz8vGdWDgKlwGoayED4TehafgdWk">https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAkd-6opz8vGdWDgKlwGoayED4TehafgdWk</a> to receive conference call details. Electronic copies of the Meeting materials may be obtained at <a href="https://valour.com/investor-relations">https://valour.com/investor-relations</a> or under the Corporation's profile on <a href="https://www.SEDAR.com">www.SEDAR.com</a>.

The Corporation has elected to use the notice-and-access rules ("**Notice and Access**") under National Instrument 54-101 – *Communication with Beneficial Owners of Securities of a Reporting Issuer* and National Instrument 51-102 – *Continuous Disclosure Obligations* for distribution of the Circular, this Notice of Meeting, the form of proxy and the voting instruction form (collectively, the

"**Meeting Materials**") to holders of Common Shares. Notice and Access is a set of rules that allows issuers to post electronic versions of its proxy-related materials on SEDAR and on one additional website, rather than mailing paper copies to shareholders.

Shareholders may obtain paper copies of the Meeting Materials by contacting the Corporation's transfer agent, Odyssey Trust Company ("**Odyssey**"), at 1-587-885-0960 and 1-888-290-1175 (toll-free) from outside of North America. A request for paper copies should be received by Odyssey by June 6, 2023 in order to allow sufficient time for the shareholder to receive the paper copy and return the proxy by its due date.

Proxies are being solicited by management of the Corporation. A form of proxy for the Meeting accompanies this notice (the "**Proxy**"). Shareholders who are entitled to vote at the Meeting may vote either in person or by Proxy. Shareholders who are unable to be present in person at the Meeting are requested to complete, execute and deliver the enclosed Proxy to the Corporation's registrar and transfer agent, Odyssey Trust Company, #702-67 Yonge Street, Toronto ON M5E 1J8 by no later than 10:00 a.m. (Toronto time) on June 16, 2023, or if the Meeting is adjourned or postponed, by no later than 48 hours prior to the time of such reconvened meeting (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays). The Chairman of the Meeting may waive or extend the time limit for the deposit of Proxies. Beneficial owners of Common Shares registered in the name of a broker, custodian, nominee or other intermediary should follow the instructions provided by their broker, custodian, nominee or other intermediary in order to vote their Common Shares.

## Registered holders of the potash stream preferred shares of the Corporation are hereby provided with notice of, and are entitled to attend, the Meeting and be heard at such Meeting.

DATED at Toronto, Ontario as of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(signed) "Olivier Roussy Newton"

Chief Executive Officer and Executive Chairman

#### VALOUR INC.

#### MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CIRCULAR May 11, 2023

#### FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL AND SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON JUNE 20, 2023

#### INFORMATION REGARDING CONDUCT OF MEETING

#### **Solicitation of Proxies**

This management information circular ("Circular") is furnished in connection with the solicitation by the management of Valour Inc. (the "Corporation" or "Valour") of proxies to be used at the annual general and special meeting (the "Meeting") of holders of common shares of the Corporation to be held at 198 Davenport Road, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M5R 1J2 on June 20, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. and at any postponement(s) or adjournment(s) thereof for the purposes set forth in the accompanying notice of meeting ("Notice of Meeting"). References in this Circular to the "Meeting" include references to any postponement(s) or adjournment(s) thereof. It is expected that the solicitation will be primarily by mail but proxies may also be solicited through other means by employees, consultants and agents of the Corporation. The cost of solicitation by management will be borne by the Corporation.

The Corporation is sending proxy-related materials to holders (the "Shareholders") of common shares (the "Common Shares") using the notice-and-access rules ("Notice and Access") under National Instrument 54-101 – *Communication with Beneficial Owners of Securities of a Reporting Issuer* and National Instrument 51-102 – *Continuous Disclosure Obligations*. Notice and Access is a set of rules for reducing the volume of materials that must be physically mailed to Shareholders by posting the circular and additional materials online. Shareholders will still receive a hard copy of the Notice of Meeting and form of proxy or voting instruction form, as the case may be, and may choose to receive a hard copy of this Circular (collectively, the "Meeting Materials"). Details are included in the Notice of Meeting. The Meeting Materials are available online at <u>https://valour.com/investor-relations</u> and under the Corporation's profile on SEDAR at www.sedar.com. Shareholders are reminded to review the Meeting Materials before voting.

The board of directors of the Corporation (the "**Board**") has by resolution fixed the close of business on May 9, 2023 as the record date for the meeting (the "**Record Date**") being the date for the determination of the registered Shareholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the Meeting and any postponement(s) or adjournment(s) thereof. The Board has by resolution fixed 10:00 a.m. (Toronto time) on June 16, 2023, or 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) before any postponement(s) or adjournment(s) of the Meeting, as the time by which proxies to be used or acted upon at the Meeting or any adjournment(s) thereof shall be deposited with the Corporation's transfer agent, Odyssey Trust Company ("Odyssey"). The proxy cut-off time may be waived or extended by the Board or a person authorized by the Board in its sole discretion without notice.

The Corporation shall make a list of all persons who are registered holders of Common Shares on the Record Date and the number of Common Shares registered in the name of each person on that date. Each Shareholder is entitled to one (1) vote on each matter to be acted on at the Meeting for each Common Share registered in his or her name as it appears on the list.

These materials are being sent to both registered and non-registered owners of Common Shares. If you are a non-registered owner, and the Corporation or its agent has sent these materials directly to you, your name and address and information about your holdings of securities have been obtained in accordance with the applicable securities regulatory requirements from the Intermediary (as defined below) holding on your behalf. By choosing to send these materials to you directly, the Corporation (and not the Intermediary holding on your behalf) has assumed responsibility for (i) delivering these materials to you, and (ii) executing your proper voting instructions. Please return your voting instructions as specified in the request for voting instructions.

Unless otherwise stated, the information contained in this Circular is as of May 11, 2023. All dollar amount references in this Circular, unless otherwise indicated, are expressed in Canadian dollars.

Shareholders and/or their appointees may participate in the Meeting by way of conference call however votes cannot be cast on the conference call. Please reaister at https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAkd-6opz8vGdWDgKlwGoayED4TehafgdWk to receive conference call details. Electronic copies of the Meeting materials may be obtained under the Corporation's profile on www.SEDAR.com.

#### Appointment and Revocation of Proxies

The persons named in the enclosed form of proxy are officers and/or directors of the Corporation. A **Shareholder desiring to appoint some other person or entity to represent him at the Meeting may do so** by inserting such person's name in the blank space provided in that form of proxy or by completing another proper form of proxy and, in either case, depositing the completed proxy at the office of Odyssey, the transfer agent of the Corporation, as indicated on the enclosed envelope not later than the times set out above.

In addition to revocation in any other manner permitted by law, a Shareholder may revoke a proxy given pursuant to this solicitation by depositing an instrument in writing (including another proxy bearing a later date) executed by the Shareholder or by an attorney authorized in writing at 198 Davenport Road, Toronto, Ontario M5R 1J2 at any time up to and including the last business day preceding the day of the Meeting.

#### **Voting of Proxies**

Common Shares represented by properly executed proxies in favour of persons designated in the printed portion of the enclosed form of proxy will be voted for each of the matters to be voted on by Shareholders as described in this Circular or withheld from voting or voted against if so indicated on the form of proxy and in accordance with the instructions of the Shareholder on any ballot that may be called for and that, if the Shareholder specifies a choice with respect to any matter to be acted upon, the securities will be voted accordingly. In the absence of such election, the proxy will confer discretionary authority to be voted in favour of each matter for which no choice has been specified. The enclosed form of proxy confers discretionary authority upon the persons named therein with respect to amendments or variations to matters identified in the Notice of Meeting or other matters which may properly come before the Meeting. At the time of printing this Circular, management of the Corporation knows of no such amendments, variations or other matters to come before the Meeting. However, if any other matters that are not now known to management should properly come before the Meeting, the proxy will be voted on such matters in accordance with the best judgement of the named proxies.

#### **Non-Registered Holders**

Only registered Shareholders or the persons they appoint as their proxies are permitted to vote at the Meeting. However, in many cases, Common Shares beneficially owned by a holder who is not a registered Shareholder (a "**Non-Registered Holder**") are registered either: (i) in the name of an intermediary with whom the Non-Registered Holder deals in respect of the Common Shares such as, among others, banks, trust companies, securities dealers or brokers and trustees or administrators of self-administered RRSPs, RRIFs, RESPs and similar plans (an "**Intermediary**"); or (ii) in the name of a clearing agency (such as The Canadian Depository for Securities Limited of which the Intermediary is a participant). In accordance with the requirements of National Instrument 54-101 of the Canadian Securities Administrators, the Corporation will distribute copies of the Notice of Meeting, forms of proxy and this Circular to the clearing agencies and Intermediaries for onward distribution to Non-Registered Holders.

Intermediaries are then required to forward the Meeting materials to Non-Registered Holders unless the Non-Registered Holder has waived the right to receive them. Non-Registered Holders will be given, in substitution for the proxy otherwise contained in proxy-related materials, a request for voting instructions (the "**VIF**") which, when properly completed and signed by the Non-Registered Holder and returned to the Intermediary, will constitute voting instructions which the Intermediary must follow.

The purpose of this procedure is to permit Non-Registered Holders to direct the voting of the Common Shares they beneficially own. Should a Non-Registered Holder who receives the VIF wish to vote at a Meeting in person (or have another person attend and vote on behalf of the Non-Registered Holder), the Non-Registered Holder should so indicate in the place provided for that purpose in the VIF and a form of legal proxy will be sent to the Non-Registered Holder. In any event, Non-Registered Holders should carefully follow the instructions of their Intermediary set out in the VIF.

The Corporation intends to pay Intermediaries to forward the Meeting materials to objecting Non-Registered Holders.

#### Interest of Persons in Matters to be Acted Upon

No director or executive officer of the Corporation, nor any person who had held such a position since the beginning of the last completed financial year end of the Corporation, no nominee director nor any respective associates or affiliates of the foregoing persons has any material interest, direct or indirect, by way of beneficial ownership of securities or otherwise in any matter to be acted upon at the Meeting other than the election of directors and as possible recipients of stock options ("**Stock Options**") under the Corporation's stock option plan (the "**Stock Option Plan**") and/or deferred share units ("**DSUs**") under the Corporation's deferred share unit plan (the "**DSU Plan**").

#### **Voting Securities and Principal Holder Thereof**

The authorized capital of the Corporation consists of an unlimited number of Common Shares and 20,000,000 non-voting potash stream preferred shares. As of the Record Date, the Corporation had 219,010,501 Common Shares issued and outstanding. Each Common Share will entitle the holder thereof to one (1) vote at the Meeting.

To the knowledge of the directors and officers of the Corporation, as at the Record Date, no person beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, or exercises control or direction over securities carrying more than 10% of the voting rights attached to the Common Shares.

#### DIRECTOR AND EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

#### **Compensation Discussion and Analysis**

#### Named Executive Officers

For the financial year ended December 31, 2022, the objectives of the Corporation's compensation strategy were to ensure that compensation for its Named Executive Officers (as defined herein) is sufficiently attractive to recruit, retain and motivate high performing individuals to assist the Corporation in achieving its goals. The Corporation also ensures that compensation is fair, balanced and linked to the performance of the Corporation and the individual Named Executive Officer.

Compensation for the Named Executive Officers is composed primarily of three components: base fees, performance bonuses and the granting of Stock Options and DSUs. Performance bonuses are awarded from time to time having regard to the performance of the Corporation and the individual Named Executive Officer. In establishing the levels of monthly base fees, the award of Stock Options, the award of DSUs and performance bonuses, the Corporation takes into consideration individual performance, responsibilities, length of service and previous grants of Stock Options and DSUs. Performance is discussed informally by the directors in light of achievement of the Corporation's strategic objective of growth and the enhancement of Shareholder value through increases in the trading price of its Common Shares.

The Compensation, Nomination and Governance Committee (the "**CNG Committee**") recommends the monthly base fees, performance bonus, Stock Options and DSUs to be granted to the Named Executive Officers to the Board for approval. The CNG Committee and the Board does not have a pre-determined compensation plan, but rather reviews informally the performance of the Named Executive Officers when determining compensation levels. Factors considered include: the long-term interests of the Corporation and its Shareholders, the financial and operating performance of the Corporation and each Named

Executive Officers individual performance, contribution towards meeting corporate objectives, responsibilities and length of service; however, these factors were informally discussed and there are no formal pre-determined goals or formal measures, nor does the CNG Committee or the Board conduct any survey of competitors or have any defined benchmarks.

The CNG Committee and the Board believes that an informal process for determining compensation of Named Executive Officers is appropriate for a company of its size and that the compensation paid to each Named Executive Officer during the last fiscal year was commensurate with the Named Executive Officer's position, experience and performance.

#### Directors

Compensation of directors of the Corporation is determined on a case-by-case basis with reference to the role that each director provides to the Corporation. Directors may receive cash bonuses and in addition, are entitled to participate in the Stock Option Plan and the DSU Plan, which is designed to give each option holder an interest in preserving and maximizing Shareholder value. Such grants are determined by an informal assessment of an individual's current and expected future performance, level of responsibilities and the importance of his/her position and contribution to the Corporation.

The Corporation does not currently prescribe a set of formal objective measures to determine discretionary bonus entitlements. Rather, the Corporation uses informal goals natural to development companies such as strategic acquisitions, advancement of exploration and development, equity and debt financing and other transactions and developments that serve to increase the Corporation's valuation. Such goals are not preset.

Officers who also act as directors of the Corporation do not receive any additional compensation for services rendered in their capacity as directors.

#### Risks Associated with Compensation

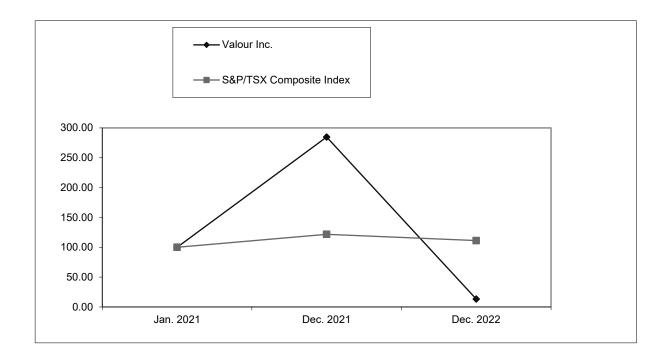
In light of the Corporation's size and the balance between long-term objectives and short-term financial goals with respect to the Corporation's executive compensation program, the CNG Committee and the Board does not deem it necessary to consider at this time the implications of the risks associated with its compensation policies and practices.

#### Financial Instruments

The Corporation does not currently have a policy that restricts directors or NEOs from purchasing financial instruments, including, for greater certainty, prepaid variable forward contracts, equity swaps, collars, or units of exchange funds that are designed to hedge or offset a decrease in market value of equity. However, to the knowledge of the Corporation as of the date hereof, no director or NEO of the Corporation has participated in the purchase of such financial instruments.

#### Performance Graph

The following graph compares the yearly percentage change in the cumulative total shareholder return for C\$100 invested in Common Shares on the S&P/TSX Composite Index for the period of January 31, 2021 (the month on which the Common Shares were listed on the Cboe Canada (formerly NEO Exchange Inc. ("**Cboe Exchange**") to December 31, 2022, assuming the reinvestment of any dividends



The Common Shares were listed on the Cboe Exchange in January 2021. Since listing on the Cboe Exchange, the Corporation has expanded its management team to account for the growth of its business to sustain its operations in Europe and Canada as well as attracting new talent to develop its decentralized finance business. The value of the Common Shares have also corresponded to the fluctuations in the cryptocurrency market over the past few years.

#### **NEO Summary Compensation Table**

The following table summarizes the compensation paid during the three most recently completed financial years in respect of the individuals who were carrying out the role of the President & Chief Executive Officer ("**CEO**") of the Corporation, Chief Financial Officer ("**CFO**") or the Corporation, and the three most highly compensated executive officers of the Corporation (together with the CEO and CFO, the "**Named Executive Officers**" or "**NEOs**"). No other officer, employee or consultant of the Corporation received total compensation of \$150,000 or greater.

Name and Principal Position	Year Ended	Salary (\$) <sup>1</sup>	Share Awards (\$) <sup>2</sup>	Option Awards (\$) <sup>3</sup>	Non-equity incentive plan compensation (\$)		All other compensation (\$) <sup>6</sup>	Total compensation (\$)
					Annual incentive plans <sup>(4)</sup>	Long-term incentive plans		
Olivier Roussy Newton	2022	75,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	75,000
Chief Executive Officer	2021	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2020	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Russell Starr <sup>(2)</sup>	2022	300,000	Nil	1,745,821	300,000	Nil	Nil	2,345,821
Former Chief Executive	2021	150,000	1,511,270	548,693	NIL	NIL	NIL	2,209,963
Officer and Executive Chairman	2020	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wouter Witvoet <sup>(2)</sup>	2022	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Former Chief Executive	2021	249,003	NIL	NIL	150,000	NIL	NIL	399,003
Officer	2020	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ryan Ptolemy <sup>(6)</sup>	2022	120,000	567,998	Nil	50,000	Nil	Nil	737,998
Chief Financial Officer	2021	80,000	251,878	1,714,586	20,000	NIL	NIL	2,066,464
	2020	17,500	N/A	2,031	N/A	N/A	Nil	19,531
Diana Biggs	2022	224,219	171,285	231,615	Nil	Nil	Nil	627,119
Former Chief Strategy	2021	95,704	62,970	2,014,533	NIL	NIL	NIL	2,173,207
Officer	2020	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Johan Wattenstrom	2022	234,318	101,520	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	335,838
Former Chief Operating Officer	2021	75,618	50,376	Nil	NIL	NIL	NIL	125,994
	2020	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kenny Choi <sup>(7)</sup>	2022	120,000	567,998	Nil	50,000	Nil	Nil	737,998
Corporate Secretary	2021	74,000	251,878	1,339,870	20,000	NIL	NIL	1,685,748

	2020	N/A						
Notes:								

1. Compensation has been paid as consulting fees under the independent contractor agreement with the Named Executive Officer as described under the heading "Executive Compensation - Termination of Employment, Change in Responsibilities and Employment Contracts" of this Circular.

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   Share-based awards comprise of DSUs. Value is based on the fair value of the award on the grant date.
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   The value ascribed to option grants represents non-cash consideration and has been estimated using the Black-Sholes Models as at the date of grant, as follows: expected dividend yield April 9, 2021 0%; expected volatility 145.2%; risk-free interest rate 0.95%; and expected life 5 years, May 18, 2021 0%; expected volatility 145.6%; risk-free interest rate 0.95%; and expected life 5 years, August 13, 2021 0%; expected volatility 143.7%; risk-free interest rate 0.94%; and expected life 5 years, This is consistent with the accounting values used in the Corroration<sup>6</sup> financial statements. The Corroration selected the Black-Scholes model given its nervalence of use in North America. used in the Corporation's financial statements. The Corporation selected the Black-Scholes model given its prevalence of use in North America.
- Compensation paid in the form of discretionary performance based bonuses.
   Other benefits did not exceed the lesser of \$50,000 and 10% of the total annual compensation for the Named Executive Ostanfficer

#### **Incentive Plan Awards**

The following table provides information regarding the incentive plan awards for each Named Executive Officer outstanding as of December 31, 2022.

	Option-Based Awards				Share-Based Awards		
Name	Number of securities underlying unexercised options (#)	Option exercise price (\$)	Option expiration date	Value of unexercised in-the- money options (\$) (1)(2)	Number of shares or units of shares that have not vested (#)	Market or payout value of share awards that have not vested (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>	Market or payout value of vested share-based awards not paid out or distributed (\$)
Olivier Roussy Newton Chief Executive Officer	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	NI
Russell Starr Former Chief Executive Officer and Executive Chairman	650,000 1,200,000	650,000 options at \$1.58 1,200,000 options at \$1.11	August 13, 2026 May 9, 2027	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Wouter Witvoet Former Chief Executive Officer	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ryan Ptolemy Chief Financial Officer	100,000 300,000 1,300,000	100,000 options at \$0.09 300,000 options at \$1.58 1,300,000 options at \$1.22	November 16, 2025 April 9, 2026 May 18, 2026	5,000	250,000	35,000	37,800
Diana Biggs Former Chief Strategy Officer	1,500,000 1,000,000	1,500,000 options at \$1.58 1,000,000 options at \$1.22	April 9, 2026 May 18, 2026	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Johan Wattenstrom Former Chief Operating Officer	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	50,000	7,000	9,800

#### **Outstanding Share-Based Awards and Option-Based Awards**

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Notes:

1. Based on the closing market price of \$0.14 of the Common Shares on December 30, 2022 and subtracting the exercise price of the options.

2. These options have not been, and may never be, exercised and actual gains, if any, on exercise will depend on the value of the Common Shares on the date of exercise.

3. Share-based awards comprise of DSUs. Value is based on the fair value of the award on the grant date.

#### Value on Pay-Out or Vesting of Incentive Plan Awards

Name	Option-based awards – Value vested during 2022 fiscal year (\$)	Share-based awards – Value vested during the 2022 fiscal year (\$)	Non-equity incentive plan compensation – Value earned during the 2022 fiscal year (\$)
Olivier Roussy Newton	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ryan Ptolemy	Nil	Nil	50,000
Russell Starr	Nil	Nil	300,000
Diana Biggs	Nil	Nil	Nil
Johan Wattenstrom	Nil	Nil	Nil
Kenny Choi	Nil	Nil	50,000

None of the Named Executive Officers exercised any Stock Options or had his or her DSUs pay-out during the year ended December 31, 2022.

#### **Employment, Consulting and Management Agreements**

The following describes the respective consulting and employment agreements entered into by the Corporation and its NEOs as of the date hereof.

Name	Termination Notice Period	Monthly Fees	Severance on Termination	Severance on Change of Control <sup>(1)</sup>
Olivier Roussy Newton Chief Executive Officer	30 days	US\$25,000	12 months	36 months base fees plus aggregate cash bonuses paid in the 36 months prior to the Change of Control.
Russell Starr Former Chief Executive Officer and Executive Chairman	30 days	\$25,000	24 months	36 months base fees plus aggregate cash bonuses paid in the 36 months prior to the Change of Control.
Ryan Ptolemy Chief Financial Officer	30 days	\$10,000	6 months' fees	24 months base fees plus aggregate cash bonuses paid in the 24 months prior to the Change of Control.
Johan Wattenstrom Former Chief Operating Officer	30 days	US\$20,000	1 months fees	NIL
Kenny Choi Corporate Secretary	30 days	\$10,000	6 months' fees	24 months base fees plus aggregate cash bonuses paid in the 24 months prior to the Change of Control.

Notes:

(1) Severance upon a change of control becomes payable In the event of a Change of Control of the Corporation and within one year following the date of the Change of Control the Corporation or the officer elects to terminate the agreement.

For the purpose of the agreements set forth above, "Change of Control" shall be defined as (1) the acquisition, directly or indirectly, by any person (person being defined as an individual, a corporation, a partnership, an unincorporated association or organization, a trust, a government or department or agency thereof and the heirs, executors, administrators or other legal representatives of an individual and an associate or affiliate of any thereof as such terms are defined in the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario)) or group of persons acting jointly or in concert, as such terms are defined in the *Securities Act, Ontario* of: (A) shares or rights or options to acquire shares of the Corporation or securities which are convertible into

shares of the Corporation or any combination thereof such that after the completion of such acquisition such person would be entitled to exercise 50% (or 25% in the case of Mr. Ptolemy's consulting agreement) or more of the votes entitled to be cast at a meeting of the shareholders of the Corporation; (B) shares or rights or options to acquire shares, or their equivalent, of any material subsidiary of the Company or securities which are convertible into shares of the material subsidiary or any combination thereof such that after the completion of such acquisition such person would be entitled to exercise 50% (or 25% in the case of Mr. Ptolemy's consulting agreement) or more of the votes entitled to be cast a meeting of the shareholders of the material subsidiary; or (C) more than 50% (or 25% in the case of Mr. Ptolemy's consulting agreement) of the Corporation, including the acquisition of more than 50% (or 25% in the case of Mr. Ptolemy's consulting agreement) of the corporation, including the acquisition of more than 50% (or 25% in the case of Mr. Ptolemy's consulting agreement) of the material assets of any material subsidiary of the Corporation; or (2) as a result of or in connection with: (A) a contested election of directors; or (B) a consolidation, merger, amalgamation, arrangement or other reorganization or acquisitions involving the Corporation or any of its Affiliates and another corporation for election to the Corporation's board of directors do not constitute a majority of the Corporation's board of directors.

#### Summary of Termination Payments

The estimated incremental payments, payables and benefits that might be paid to the Named Executive Officers pursuant to the above noted agreements in the event of termination without cause or after a Change of Control (assuming such termination or Change of Control is effective as of the Record Date) are detailed below:

Named Executive Officer	Termination not for Cause (\$)	Value of Unvested Options (\$) upon termination not for cause	Termination on a Change of Control (\$)	Value of Unvested Options Vested (\$) upon Change in Control
Olivier Roussy Newton				
Salary and Quantified Benefits	US\$300,000	Nil	US\$900,000	Nil
Bonus	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	US\$300,000	Nil	US\$900,000	Nil
Russell Starr				
Salary and Quantified Benefits	600,000	Nil	900,000	Nil
Bonus	Nil	Nil	300,000	Nil
Total	600,000	Nil	1,200,000	Nil
Ryan Ptolemy				
Salary and Quantified Benefits	60,000	Nil	240,000	Nil
Bonus	Nil	Nil	50,000	Nil
Total	60,000	Nil	290,000	Nil
Johan Wattenstrom				
Salary and Quantified Benefits	US\$20,000	Nil	Nil	Nil
Bonus	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Total	US\$20,000	Nil	Nil	Nil
Kenny Choi				
Salary and Quantified Benefits	60,000	Nil	240,000	Nil
Bonus	Nil	Nil	50,000	Nil
Total	60,0000	Nil	290,00	Nil

Notes:

(1) Severance upon a change of control becomes payable in the event of a Change of Control of the Corporation and within one year following the date of the Change of Control the Corporation or the officer elects to terminate the agreement.

#### **Other Arrangements**

Other than as disclosed below or elsewhere in this Circular, none of the officers or directors of the Corporation have compensation arrangements pursuant to any other arrangement or in lieu of any standard compensation arrangement.

#### Indebtedness of Directors and Executive Officers

As at the date of this Circular and during the financial year ended December 31, 2022, no director or executive officer of the Corporation (and each of their associates and/or affiliates) was indebted, including under any securities purchase or other program, to (i) the Corporation or its subsidiaries, or (ii) any other entity which is, or was at any time during the financial year ended December 31, 2022, the subject of a guarantee, support agreement, letter of credit or other similar arrangement or understanding provided by the Corporation or its subsidiaries.

#### Directors' and Officers' Insurance and Indemnification

The Corporation maintains insurance for the benefit of its directors and officers against liability in their respective capacities as directors and officers. The Corporation has purchased in respect of directors and officers an aggregate of US\$2,500,000 in coverage. The approximate amount of premiums paid by the Corporation in 2022 in respect of such insurance was US\$106,848.

#### Interest of Informed Persons in Material Transactions

No informed person (as such term is defined under applicable securities laws) of the Corporation or nominee (and each of their associates or affiliates) has had any direct or indirect material interest in any transaction involving the Corporation since January 1, 2022 or in any proposed transaction which has materially affected or would materially affect the Corporation or its subsidiaries other than as may be disclosed herein.

#### **Director Compensation**

Compensation of directors for the financial year ended December 31, 2022 was determined on a case-bycase basis with reference to the role that each director provided to the Corporation. Executive officers who also act as directors of the Corporation do not receive any additional compensation for services rendered in their capacity as directors. The following information details compensation paid in the recently completed financial year.

#### **Director Summary Compensation Table**

The following table provides information regarding the compensation awarded to each director during the year ended December 31, 2022, other than any NEOs who are also directors, whose compensation was included above.

Name	Fees earned (\$)	Share awards (\$)	Option awards (\$)	Non-equity incentive plan compensation (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	All other compensation (\$) <sup>(2)</sup>	Total (\$)
	Nil	104,754	47,163	50,000	NIL	201,917
Bernard Wilson <sup>(1)</sup>						
	Nil	104,754	28,715	50,000	Nil	183,469
Tito Gandhi						
	Nil	104,754	47,163	50,000	Nil	201,917
William C. Steers						
	Nil	104,754	67,329	50,000	Nil	222,083
Krisztian Toth						
TOTALS	Nil	419,016	190.371	200,000	NIL	809,386

Notes:

1. Bernard Wilson resigned as director on November 14, 2022

#### **Incentive Plan Awards**

The following table provides information regarding the incentive plan awards for each director outstanding as of December 31, 2022, other than any NEOs who are also directors, whose compensation was included above.

#### **Outstanding Share-Based Awards and Option-Based Awards**

	Option-Based Awards				Share-Based Awards		
Name	Number of securities underlying unexercised options (#)	Option exercise price (\$)	Option expiration date	Value of unexercised in-the-money options (\$) <sup>(1) (2)</sup>	Number of shares or units of shares that have not vested (#)	Market or payout value of share awards that have not vested (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>	Market or payout value of vested share-based awards not paid out or distributed
Bernard Wilson <sup>(4)</sup>	450,000	250,000 options at \$1.58 100,000 options at \$1.58 100,000 options at \$1.22	February 24, 2026 April 9, 2026 May 18, 2026	Nil	25,000	3,500	6,300
Tito Gandhi	100,000 100,000	100,000 options at \$1.58 100,000 options at \$1.22	April 9, 2026 May 18, 2026	Nil	25,000	3,500	6,300
William C. Steers	450,000	250,000 options at \$1.58 100,000 options at \$1.58 100,000 options at \$1.22	February 24, 2026 April 9, 2026 May 18, 2026	Nil	25,000	3,500	6,300
Krisztian Toth	450,000	450,000 options at \$1.11	May 25, 2025	Nil	25,000	3,500	6,300

Notes:

Based on the closing market price of \$0.14 of the Common Shares on December 30, 2022 and subtracting the exercise price of the (1) options.

(2) These options have not been, and may never be, exercised and actual gains, if any, on exercise will depend on the value of the Common Shares on the date of exercise.

Share-based awards comprise of DSUs. Value is based on the fair value of the award on the grant date.

(3) (4) Bernard Wilson resigned as director on November 14, 2022.

#### Value on Pay-Out or Vesting of Incentive Plan Awards

Name	Option-based awards – Value vested during 2022 fiscal year (\$)	Share-based awards – Value vested during the 2022 fiscal year (\$)	Non-equity incentive plan compensation – Value earned during the 2022 fiscal year (\$)
Bernard Wilson <sup>(1)</sup>	Nil	Nil	50,000
Tito Gandhi	Nil	Nil	50,000
William C. Steers	Nil	Nil	50,000

Krisztian Toth	Nil	Nil	50,000
Notes:			

(1) Bernard Wilson resigned as director on November 14, 2022.

No director exercised his or her Stock Options or were paid out his or her DSUs during the year ended December 31, 2022.

#### Stock Option Plan

The Corporation believes that granting stock options to officers, directors, consultants and employees encourages retention and more closely aligns the interests of such key personnel with the interests of shareholders while at the same time not drawing on the limited cash resources of the Corporation.

The Stock Option Plan is designed to advance the interests of the Corporation by encouraging employees, officers and consultants to have equity participation in the Corporation through the acquisition of Common Shares. The following is a summary of the terms of the proposed Stock Option Plan, which is qualified in its entirety by the provisions of the Stock Option Plan.

The Stock Option Plan is a "evergreen" stock option plan under NEO Exchange Listing Manual as under the Stock Option Plan the Corporation is authorized to grant Stock Options of up to 10% of its issued and outstanding Common Shares at the time of the Stock Option grant, from time to time, with no vesting provisions. As of the date hereof, there is an aggregate of 3,689,557 Stock Options outstanding under the Stock Option Plan, which represents approximately 1.7% of the outstanding Common Shares.

The terms and conditions of each Stock Option granted under the Stock Option Plan will be determined by the Board. Stock Options will be priced in the context of the market and in compliance with applicable securities laws and NEO Exchange guidelines. Consequently, the exercise price for any Stock Option shall not be lower than the market price of the underlying Common Shares at the time of grant. Vesting terms will be determined at the discretion of the Board. The Board shall also determine the term of Stock Options granted under the Stock Option Plan, provided that no Stock Option shall be outstanding for a period greater than five years. The Board shall also have complete discretion to set the terms of any vesting schedule of each Stock Option granted.

The Stock Option Plan provides for amendment procedures that specify the kind of amendments to the Stock Option Plan that will require Shareholder approval. The Board believes that except for certain material changes to the Stock Option Plan, it is important that the Board has the flexibility to make changes to the Stock Option Plan without Shareholder approval. Such amendments could include making appropriate adjustments to outstanding Stock Options in the event of certain corporate transactions, the addition of provisions requiring forfeiture of options in certain circumstances, specifying practices with respect to applicable tax withholdings and changes to enhance clarity or correct ambiguous provisions.

The Stock Option Plan does not provide for the transformation of Stock Options granted under the Stock Option Plan into stock appreciation right involving the issuance of securities from the treasury of the Corporation.

The Stock Option Plan provides that holders of Stock Options who are restricted from trading in securities of the Corporation during periodic black-out periods imposed by the Corporation shall be entitled to exercise a Stock Option that was set to expire during a black-out period imposed by the Corporation until the day that is five business days following the expiry of the black-out period.

Directors, officers, employees and certain consultants shall be eligible to receive Stock Options under the Stock Option Plan. Upon the termination of an optionholder's engagement with the Corporation, the cancellation or early vesting of any Stock Option shall be in the discretion of the Board. In general, the Corporation expects that Stock Options will be cancelled 90 days following an optionholder's termination from the Corporation. Stock Options granted under the Stock Option Plan shall not be assignable.

The Corporation will not provide financial assistance to any optionholder to facilitate the exercise of Stock Options under the Stock Option Plan.

Pursuant to Section 10.13 – Security Based Compensation of the NEO Exchange Listing Manual, the

Corporation is required to obtain the approval of its Shareholders to any stock option plan that is a "evergreen" plan every three years at the Corporation's annual meeting of Shareholders. The Stock Option Plan was last approved by Shareholders at the annual and special meeting of Shareholders held on September 13, 2021.

The table below sets out the outstanding options under the Stock Option Plan, being the Corporation's only compensation plan under which Common Shares are authorized for issuance, as of the Record Date.

	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Number of securities remaining available under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a))
Plan Category	(a)	(b)	(c)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	18,211,493	\$1.27	3,689,557
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	18,211,493	1.27	3,689,557

#### **Corporate Governance Policies**

Management of the Corporation and the Board recognize the importance of corporate governance in effectively managing the Corporation, protecting employees and Shareholders, and enhancing Shareholder value.

The Board fulfills its mandate directly and through its Audit Committee and its Compensation, Nomination and Governance Committee ("**CNG Committee**") and other *ad hoc* committees at regularly scheduled meetings or as required. The directors are kept informed regarding the Corporation's operations at regular meetings and through reports and discussions with management on matters within their particular areas of expertise. Frequency of meetings may be increased and the nature of the agenda items may be changed depending upon the state of the Corporation's affairs and in light of opportunities or risks that the Corporation faces.

The Corporation believes that its corporate governance practices are in compliance with applicable Canadian requirements. The Corporation is committed to monitoring governance developments to ensure its practices remain current and appropriate.

#### Board of Directors

Pursuant to National Instrument 58-101 – *Corporate Governance*, a director is independent if the director has no direct or indirect relationship with the issuer which could, in the view of the issuer's board of directors, be reasonably expected to interfere with the exercise of a member's independent judgment. Certain directors are deemed to have a material relationship with the issuer by virtue of their position or relationship with the Corporation. The Board is currently comprised of three members, all of are independent. In assessing whether a director is independent for these purposes, the circumstances of each director have been examined in relation to a number of factors.

#### **Other Public Corporation Directorships**

To the best of the Corporation's knowledge and based on publicly available information, as of the date hereof, the directors of the Corporation hold directorship positions with the following reporting issuers:

Director	Reporting Issuer
Tito Gandhi	Q-Gold Resources Ltd.

William C. Steers	Lara Exploration Ltd Jade Power Trust ARHT Media Inc. Sulliden Mining Capital Inc.
Krisztián Tóth	Trillium Gold Mines Inc. Leviathan Gold Ltd. Voyager Digital Ltd. Pasofino Gold Limited

#### **Board Mandate**

The duties and responsibilities of the Board are to supervise the management of the business and affairs of the Corporation, and to act with a view towards the best interests of the Corporation. In discharging its mandate, the Board is responsible for the oversight and review of:

- the strategic planning process of the Corporation;
- identifying the principal risks of the Corporation's business and ensuring the implementation of appropriate systems to manage these risks;
- succession planning, including appointing, training and monitoring senior management;
- a communications policy for the Corporation to facilitate communications with investors and other interested parties; and
- the integrity of the Corporation's internal control and management information systems.

The Board discharges its responsibilities directly and through its committees, currently consisting of the Audit Committee and the Compensation, Nomination and Governance Committee.

#### **Orientation and Continuing Education**

Directors are expected to attend all meetings of the Board and are also expected to prepare thoroughly in advance of each meeting in order to actively participate in the deliberations and decisions.

The Board recognizes the importance of ongoing director education and the need for each director to take personal responsibility for this process. The Board notes that it has benefited from the experience and knowledge of individual members of the Board in respect of the evolving governance regime and principles. The Board ensures that all directors are apprised of changes in the Corporation's operations and business. All Board members are provided with copies of periodic reports on the business and operations of the Corporation.

#### **Nomination of Directors**

The Board is largely responsible for identifying new candidates for nomination to the Board. The process by which candidates are identified is through recommendations presented to the Board, which establishes and discusses qualifications based on corporate law and regulatory requirements as well as education and experience related to the business of the Corporation.

#### Compensation

The CNG Committee is responsible for recommending to the Board the compensation of the directors and Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation. The process for determining executive compensation is relatively informal, in view of the size and stage of the Corporation and its operations. The Corporation does not maintain specific performance goals or use benchmarks in determining the compensation of executive officers. Upon the recommendation of the CNG Committee, the Board may at its discretion award either a cash bonus or stock options for high achievement or for accomplishments that the Board deems as worthy of recognition.

The CNG Committee reviews and discusses proposals received by the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation regarding the compensation of management and the directors. Please refer to the section "Compensation and Corporate Governance Committee".

#### **Board Assessments**

The Board and its individual directors are assessed on an informal basis continually as to their effectiveness and contribution. The Chair of the Board encourages discussion amongst the Board as to evaluation of the effectiveness of the Board as a whole and of each individual director. All directors are free to make suggestions for improvement of the practice of the Board at any time and are encouraged to do so.

#### Majority Voting Policy

The Corporation has adopted a Majority Voting Policy to provide a meaningful way for the Corporation's shareholders to hold individual directors accountable and to require the Corporation to closely examine directors that do not have the support of a majority of Shareholders who vote at the Meeting. The policy provides that forms of proxy for the election of directors will permit a Shareholder to vote in favour of, or to withhold from voting, separately for each director nominee and that where a director nominee has more votes withheld than are voted in favour of him or her, the nominee will be considered not to have received the support of the shareholders, even though duly elected as a matter of corporate law. Pursuant to the policy, such a nominee will forthwith submit his or her resignation to the Board, such resignation to be effective on acceptance by the Board. The Board will then establish an advisory committee (the "Committee") to which it shall refer the resignation for consideration within an 90 day period. In such circumstances, the Committee will make a recommendation to the Board as to the director's suitability to serve as a director after reviewing, among other things, the results of the voting for the nominee and the Board will consider such recommendation. Any director subject to the Majority Voting Policy will not be a member of the Committee or participate in any Board level discussion where his or her resignation is being considered. Absent exceptional circumstances the Committee and the Board will accept the resignation of the nominee director. Once the Board has made a final decision regarding the resignation, the Company will publicly disclose the Board's decision regarding the resignation, including the reasons for not accepting the resignation, if applicable. If the resignation is accepted, the Board may leave the vacancy unfilled or appoint a new director to fill the vacancy.

This policy does not apply where an election involves a proxy battle (i.e., where proxy material is circulated in support of one or more nominees who are not part of the director nominees supported by the management of the Corporation).

#### Audit Committee

The purposes of the Audit Committee are to assist the Board's oversight of: the integrity of the Corporation's financial statements; the Corporation's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements; the qualifications and independence of the Corporation's independent auditors; and the performance of the independent auditors and the Corporation's internal audit function.

Please see Schedule "A" for the text of the Audit Committee Charter.

#### **Composition of the Audit Committee**

The Corporation's Audit Committee is comprised of three directors, William C Steers (Chair), Tito Ghandi and Krisztian Toth. Each member of the Audit Committee is considered to be financially literate and are considered independent, as such term is defined in NI 52-110.

#### **Relevant Education and Experience**

Please see page 19 for the biographies of each member of the Audit Committee.

#### Audit Committee Oversight

At no time since the commencement of the Corporation's most recently completed financial year has there been a recommendation of the Audit Committee to nominate or compensate an external auditor which was not adopted by the Board.

#### **Reliance on Certain Exemptions**

At no time since the commencement of the Corporation's most recently completed financial year has the Corporation relied on either (a) an exemption in section 2.4 of NI 52-110; or (b) an exemption from NI 52-110, in whole or in part, granted under Part 8 (*Exemptions*) of NI 52-110.

#### Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures

The Audit Committee has not adopted specific policies and procedures for the engagement of non-audit services.

#### External Auditor Service Fees

BF Borgers CPA PC are the current external auditors of the Corporation and were appointed on February 3, 2023. RSM Canada LLP were the former external auditors of the Corporation for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022 and were appointed on August 13, 2021. The aggregate fees billed and estimated to be billed by the external auditors for the last two (2) fiscal years is set out in the table below. "Audit Fees" includes fees for audit services including the audit services completed for the Corporation's subsidiaries. "Audit Related Fees" includes fees for assurance and related services by the Corporation's external auditor that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the Corporation's financial statements and not reported under Audit Fees includes fees for professional services rendered by the external auditor for tax compliance, tax advice, and tax planning. "All Other Fees" includes all fees billed by the external auditors for services not covered in the other three categories.

Year	Audit Fees (\$)	Audit Related Fees	Tax Fees (\$)	All Other Fees
2022	297,177	Nil	Nil	Nil
2021	224,160	NIL	9,583	Nil

#### Compensation. Nomination and Governance Committee

The Compensation, Nomination and Governance Committee (the "**CNG Committee**") is comprised of Mr. Krisztian Toth, Mr. Tito Gandhi and Mr. William C. Steers, each of whom is an independent director. Please see page 19 for the biographies of each member of the CNG Committee.

The CNG Committee's responsibilities are twofold. First, with respect to compensation, the CNG Committee's responsibility include (i) discharging the Board's responsibilities relating to the compensation of the Corporation's executive officers, (ii) administering the Corporation's incentive compensation and equity-based plans, and (iii) assisting the Board with respect to management succession and development. In carrying out its duties with respect to compensation, the CNG Committee reviews and makes recommendations to the Board on an annual basis regarding (A) company-wide compensation programs and practices, (B) all aspects of the remuneration of the Corporation's executive officers, and (C) equity-based plans and any material amendments thereto (including increases in the number of securities available for grant as options or otherwise thereunder).

The primary function of the CNG Committee with respect to nomination and governance matters is to exercise the responsibilities and duties set forth below, including but not limited to: (i) advising the Board on corporate governance in general, (ii) identifying candidates to act as directors of the Corporation, (iii) recommending to the Board qualified candidates to nominate as a director of the Corporation for consideration by the shareholders of the Corporation at the next annual meeting of shareholders (iv) overseeing and assessing the functioning of the Board and the committees of the Board, and (v) developing and recommending to the Board, and overseeing the implementation and assessment of, effective corporate governance principles.

#### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

#### **Financial Statements**

The financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022 will be presented to Shareholders for review at the Meeting. No vote by the Shareholders is required with respect to this matter.

#### **Election of Directors**

The Board currently consists of four directors. The Corporation has nominated four persons (the "**Nominees**") for election as a director at the Meeting. At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to elect each individual Nominee as a director. All directors so elected will hold office until the end of the next annual general meeting of shareholders of the Corporation or until their successors are elected or appointed, unless their office is vacated earlier in accordance with the by-laws of the Corporation or with the provisions of the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario).

The following table provides the names of the Nominees and information concerning such Nominees. The persons in the enclosed form of proxy intend to vote for the election of the Nominees. Management does not contemplate that any of the Nominees will be unable to serve as a director.

Information in the table below regarding the number of Common Shares of the Corporation beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, or over which control or direction is exercised by the Nominees is based upon information furnished by the respective Nominee and is as at the Record Date.

Name and Municipality of Residence	Principal Occupation	Director Since	Number of Common Shares Beneficially Owned or Over which Control is Exercised <sup>(1)</sup>
William Steers <sup>(2)(3)</sup> Toronto, Ontario Canada	International Business Consultant	March 14, 2018	Nil
Krisztian Tóth <sup>(2)(3)</sup> Toronto, Ontario Canada	Partner at Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP	May 14, 2021	Nil
Olivier Roussy Newton Zug, Switzerland	Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation	N/A	Nil.
Mikael Tandetnik Geneva, Switzerland	Founder of Ariane Group SA	N/A	215,000
Stefan Hascoet Geneva, Switzerland	Managing Partner of Deep Knowledge Ventures Suisse	N/A	268,000

Notes:

(1) The Corporation has relied exclusively on the respective Nominee for this information.

(2) Member of the Audit Committee

(3) Member of the Compensation, Nomination and Governance Committee.

Biographical information for each of the nominated directors are set out below:

Mr. Steers has over 40 years of international business development and management experience. While resident in Rio de Janeiro, he was a Director and senior manager of Docas Investimentos, a Brazilian controlled investment group involved in real estate, ship building, telecoms and more recently, oil and gas. He is a partner at IMC Consultoria Representacao Com. Int. Ltda. that among other activities, successfully introduced IMAX to Brazil. Mr. Steers is an Independent Director of Brazilian oil and gas producer Petro Rio and Toronto based Lara Exploration Ltd. Formerly, Mr. Steers was Managing Partner at Weatherhaven Brasil (private manufacturer of temporary shelters). Mr. Steers holds an Honors BA from the Richard Ivey School of Business at Western University.

Mr. Tóth, is an experienced M&A lawyer and partner at the law firm of Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP, which is a leading international business law and litigation firm with eight offices with more than 700 lawyers across Canada and in the UK and South Africa. Mr. Tóth began his career at Fasken in 2003, eventually becoming a partner of the firm in 2009. He has been recognized by IFLR1000 for his capital markets work. Mr. Tóth holds a bachelor of arts in Politics Sociology from Queen's University and an LLB from Dalhousie University.

Mr. Roussy Newton is the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation. He is a technology entrepreneur who has made significant contributions to the fields of FinTech, Quantum Computing and Capital Markets. Mr. Roussy Newton founded and served as president of HIVE Blockchain Technologies, which made history by becoming the first crypto mining company to go public in 2017, and has also been involved in a number of other highly successful ventures. Mr. Roussy Newton also serves as the Managing Director of BTQ AG, where he is responsible for overseeing the company's operations on research focused on post quantum technologies.

Mr. Tandetnik is a seasoned wealth manager and CEO with a strong background in finance. He embarked on his career as a Salesperson for equity and structured products at BNP Paribas, gaining valuable experience in the field. Subsequently, he transitioned to various brokerage firms, honing his expertise in investment management. After founding LS Advisor in Paris and driven by his passion for the cryptocurrency industry, Mr. Tandetnik established Ariane Group SA in Geneva, a wealth management companies specializing in catering to cryptocurrency clients and investments. He played a pivotal role in numerous fundraising initiatives for both listed and unlisted private crypto companies, demonstrating his deep involvement in the crypto space. Mr. Tandetnik's academic qualifications include a Bachelor's degree in Business from the Ecole Supérieure de Gestion et Finance (ESGF) in France and a Master's degree from ESLSCA, where he specialized in Trading and Options.

Mr. Hascoet is a capital markets professional who spent 12 years in the City of London in the field of equity derivatives and cross-asset structured products working for three global investment banks, including at RBC Capital Markets, leading a team covering Swiss clients. After his initial training in the institutional finance world, Mr. Hascoet decided to focus on the dual fields of finance & blockchains through various entrepreneurial endeavors, focusing on making blockchain assets investible and building bridges with the established banking systems and capital markets frameworks. Mr. Hascoet is a Swiss resident, based in Geneva, Managing Partner of Deep Knowledge Ventures Suisse, a data-driven investment holding of commercial and non-profit organizations active in the fields of DeepTech, Fintech and Longevity. Mr. Hascoet is a graduate of the French Grande Ecole system, having studied at l'Ecole Ste Genevieve in Versailles and ESCP Business School in Paris.

Unless authority to do so is withheld, the persons named in the accompanying proxy intend to vote for the election of each of the Nominees. If prior to the Meeting any of such Nominees is unable to or unwilling to serve, the persons named in the accompanying form of proxy will vote for another nominee or nominees in their discretion if additional nominations are made at the Meeting. Each Nominee elected will hold office until his successor is elected at the next annual meeting of the Corporation, or any postponement(s) or adjournment(s) thereof, or until his successor is elected or appointed.

No proposed director is to be elected under any arrangement or understanding between the proposed director and any other person or corporation, except the directors and executive officers of the Corporation acting solely in such capacity.

### The Board of Directors recommends that Shareholders vote in favour of electing each of the directors as set forth above. PROXIES RECEIVED IN FAVOUR OF MANAGEMENT WILL BE VOTED FOR THE ELECTION OF EACH DIRECTOR.

#### Cease Trade Orders or Bankruptcies

No director or executive officer of the Corporation is, or within ten years prior to the date hereof has been, a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of any company (including the Corporation) that, (i) was subject to a cease trade order, an order similar to a cease trade order or an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation, that was in effect for a period of more than 30 consecutive days, that was issued while the director or executive officer was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer; or (ii) was subject to a cease trade order, an order similar to a cease trade order or an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation, that was in effect for a period of more than 30 consecutive days, that was issued after the director or executive officer ceased to be a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer and which resulted from an event that occurred while that person was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer.

Except as provided below, no director or executive officer of the Corporation is or has been, within the ten years before the date of this Circular, a director or executive officer of any company (including the Corporation) that, while that person was acting in that capacity, or within a year of that person ceasing to act in that capacity, became bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or become subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors, or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold the assets of the proposed director.

Mr. Tóth is a director of Voyager Digital Ltd. ("**Voyager**"). On July 5, 2022, Voyager commenced a voluntary Chapter 11 bankruptcy process with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court of the Southern District of New York and recognition of this order was obtained in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) pursuant to the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*.

No director or executive officer has, within the ten years before the date of this Circular, become bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency or become subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors, or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold the assets of the director or executive officer.

No proposed director has been subject to (i) any penalties or sanctions imposed by a court relating to securities legislation or by a securities regulatory authority or has entered into a settlement agreement with a securities regulatory authority; or (ii) any other penalties or sanctions imposed by a court or regulatory body that would likely be considered important to a reasonable shareholder in deciding whether to vote for a proposed director.

#### Appointment of Auditors

On February 3, 2023, the board of directors of the Corporation appointed BF Borgers CPA PC ("**Borgers**") as auditors of the Corporation following the resignation of RSM Canada LLP as auditors of the Corporation. At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to re-appoint Borgers as auditors of the Corporation until the close of the next annual meeting of and to authorize the directors to fix their remuneration.

PROXIES RECEIVED IN FAVOUR OF MANAGEMENT WILL BE VOTED FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF BF BORGERS CPA PC AS THE CORPORATION'S AUDITORS AND AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO FIX THEIR REMUNERATION, UNLESS THE SHAREHOLDER HAS SPECIFIED IN THE PROXY THAT HIS OR HER COMMON SHARES ARE TO BE VOTED AGAINST SUCH A RESOLUTION.

#### Name Change

The Corporation is proposing to change its name to "DeFi Technologies Inc." Accordingly, at the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to consider and, if thought fit, to pass a special resolution as set forth below authorizing the Board, in its sole discretion, to change the name of the Corporation to "DeFi Technologies Inc.", or such other name as the Board, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate (the "**Name Change**"). Notwithstanding approval of the Name Change by the Shareholders, the Board may, in its sole discretion, revoke this special resolution, and abandon the Name Change without further approval or action by or prior notice to Shareholders. Any Name Change of the Corporation will be subject to the approval of the NEO Exchange.

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to consider, and if deemed to be advisable approve, the

following special resolution, which must be passed by two-thirds of the votes cast by the Shareholders in person or by proxy at the Meeting, subject to such amendments, variations or additions as may be approved at the Meeting:

#### "BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. subject to the Corporation first receiving all required regulatory and the Cboe Canada approvals, the name of the Corporation be changed to "DeFi Technologies Inc." or such other name as may be approved by the directors of the Corporation and applicable regulatory authorities;
- 2. the articles of the Corporation be amended to reflect the foregoing;
- 3. the Board be and are authorized to file articles of amendment and all other requisite documents with all applicable regulatory authorities in order to give effect to the name change;
- 4. notwithstanding the passage of this resolution by the shareholders of the Corporation, the Board of the Corporation may, without any further notice or approval of the shareholders of the Corporation, decide not to proceed with the name change or to otherwise give effect to this resolution and may revoke this resolution without further approval of the shareholders at any time prior to the completion of the transactions authorized by this resolution; and
- 5. any one or more of the directors or officers of the Corporation is hereby authorized and directed, acting for, in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation, to execute or cause to be executed, under the seal of the Corporation or otherwise, and to deliver or cause to be delivered, such other documents and instruments, and to do or cause to be done all such other acts and things, as may in the opinion of such director or officer of the Corporation be necessary or desirable to carry out the intent of the foregoing resolution, the execution of any such document or the doing of any such other act or thing by any director or officer of the Corporation being conclusive evidence of such determination."

### PROXIES RECEIVED IN FAVOUR OF MANAGEMENT WILL BE VOTED FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE NAME CHANGE RESOLUTION UNLESS A SHAREHOLDER HAS SPECIFIED IN THE PROXY THAT THE COMMON SHARES ARE TO BE VOTED AGAINST SUCH SPECIAL RESOLUTION.

#### Additional Information

Additional information relating to the Corporation may be found under the profile of the Corporation on SEDAR at www.sedar.com. Additional financial information is provided in the Corporation's audited financial statements and related management's discussion and analysis for the financial year ended December 31, 2022, which can be found at <u>https://valour.com/investor-relations</u> or under the profile of the Corporation on SEDAR. Shareholders may also request these documents by emailing <u>kenny.choi@fmresources.ca</u> or by telephone at (416) 861-2262.

#### **Board of Directors Approval**

The contents of this Circular and the sending thereof to the Shareholders of the Corporation have been approved by the Board.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(signed) "Olivier Roussy Newton"

Chief Executive Officer

Toronto, Ontario May 11, 2023

#### SCHEDULE "A"

#### VALOUR INC. AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER

#### Mandate

The primary function of the audit committee (the "Committee") is to assist the board of directors in fulfilling its financial oversight responsibilities by reviewing the financial reports and other financial information provided by the Company to regulatory authorities and shareholders, the Company's systems of internal controls regarding finance and accounting and the Company's auditing, accounting and financial reporting processes. Consistent with this function, the Committee will encourage continuous improvement of, and should foster adherence to, the Company's policies, procedures and practices at all levels. The Committee's primary duties and responsibilities are to (i) serve as an independent and objective party to monitor the Company's financial reporting and internal control system and review the Company's financial statements; (ii) review and appraise the performance of the Company's external auditors; and (iii) provide an open avenue of communication among the Company's auditors, financial and senior management and the board of directors.

#### Composition

The Committee shall be comprised of three directors as determined by the board of directors, the majority of whom shall be free from any relationship that, in the opinion of the board of directors, would interfere with the exercise of his or her independent judgment as a member of the Committee.

At least one member of the Committee shall have accounting or related financial management expertise. All members of the Committee that are not financially literate will work towards becoming financially literate to obtain a working familiarity with basic finance and accounting practices. For the purposes of this Charter, the definition of "financially literate" is the ability to read and understand a set of financial statements that present a breadth and level of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of the issues that can presumably be expected to be raised by the Company's financial statements.

The members of the Committee shall be elected by the board of directors at its first meeting following the annual shareholders' meeting. Unless a Chair is elected by the full board of directors, the members of the Committee may designate a Chair by a majority vote of the full Committee membership.

#### Meetings

The Committee shall meet at least four times annually, or more frequently as circumstances dictate. As part of its job to foster open communication, the Committee will meet at least annually with the Chief Financial Officer and the external auditors in separate sessions.

#### Responsibilities and Duties

To fulfil its responsibilities and duties, the Committee shall:

#### **Documents/Reports Review**

- (a) Review and update this Charter annually.
- (b) Review the Company's financial statements, management discussion and analysis ("MD&A") and any annual and interim earnings, press releases before the Company publicly discloses this informimation and any reports or other financial information (including quarterly financial statements), which are submitted to any governmental body, or to the public, including any certification, report, opinion or review rendered by the external auditors.

#### External Auditors

- (a) Review annually the performance of the external auditors who shall be ultimately accountable to the board of directors and the Committee as representatives of the shareholders of the Company.
- (b) Obtain annually a formal written statement of the external auditors setting forth all relationships between the external auditors and the Company, consistent with Independence Standards Board Standard 1.
- (c) Review and discuss with the external auditors any disclosed relationships or services that may impact the objectivity and independence of the external auditors.
- (d) Take or recommend that the full board of directors take appropriate action to oversee the independence of the external auditors.
- (e) Recommend to the board of directors the selection and, where applicable, the replacement of the external auditors nominated annually for shareholder approval.
- (f) At each meeting, consult with the external auditors, without the presence of management, about the quality of the Company's accounting principles, internal controls and the completeness and accuracy of the Company's financial statements.
- (g) Review and approve the Company's hiring policies regarding partners, employees and former partners and employees of the present and former external auditors of the Company.
- (h) Review with management and the external auditors the audit plan for the year- end financial statements and intended template for such statements.
- (i) Review and pre-approve all audit and audit-related services and the fees and other compensation related thereto, and any non-audit services, provided by the Company's external auditors. The pre-approval requirement is waived with respect to the provision of non-audit services if:
  - the aggregate amount of all such non-audit services provided to the Company constitutes not more than 5% of the total amount of revenues paid by the Company to its external auditors during the fiscal year in which the non-audit services are provided;
  - (ii) such services were not recognized by the Company at the time of the engagement to be non-audit services; and
  - (iii) such services are promptly brought to the attention of the Committee by the Company and approved prior to the completion of the audit by the Committee or by one or more members of the Committee who are members of the board of directors to whom authority to grant such approvals has been delegated by the Committee.

Provided the pre-approval of the non-audit services is presented to the Committee's first scheduled meeting following such approval such authority may be delegated by the Committee to one or more independent members of the Committee.

#### Financial Reporting Processes

- (a) In consultation with the external auditors, review with management the integrity of the Company's financial reporting process, both internal and external.
- (b) Consider the external auditor's judgments about the quality and appropriateness of the Company's accounting principles as applied in its financial reporting.
- (c) Consider and approve, if appropriate, changes to the Company's auditing and accounting principles and practices as suggested by the external auditors and management.
- (d) Review significant judgments made by management in the preparation of the financial statements and the view of the external auditors as to appropriateness of such judgments.
- (e) Following completion of the annual audit, review separately with management and the external auditors any significant difficulties encountered during the course of the audit, including any restrictions on the scope of work or access to required information.
- (f) Review any significant disagreement among management and the external auditors in connection with the preparation of the financial statements.
- (g) Review with the external auditors and management the extent to which changes and improvements in financial or accounting practices have been implemented.
- (h) Review any complaints or concerns about any questionable accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters.
- (a) Review certification process.
- (b) Establish a procedure for the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Company of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.

#### <u>Other</u>

Review any related party transactions.

# V Λ L Ο U R

(Formerly Defi Technologies Inc.)

### CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021

(expressed in Canadian dollars)

#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

#### To the Shareholders of Valour Inc.

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Valour Inc.. ("the Company"), which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as at December 31, 2022 and the statements of changes in shareholders' deficiency, comprehensive loss, and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as at December 31, 2022, and its consolidated financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audits 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 consolidated financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Material Uncertainty Related to Going Concern

We draw attention to Note 1 in the consolidated financial statements, which indicates that the Company incurred a net loss of \$53,212,146 during the year ended December 31, 2022 and, its ability to continue as a going concern is contingent upon raising the necessary funds through the selling of investments, digital assets and issuance of equity or debt. As stated in Note 1, these events or conditions, along with other matters as set forth in Note 1, indicate that a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect to this matter.

#### **Other Matter**

The consolidated financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2021, were audited by another auditor who expressed an unmodified opinion on the financial statements on March 31, 2022.

#### **Other Information**

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises Management's Discussion and Analysis.

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

In connection with our audit of the consolidated 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.

We obtained Management's Discussion and Analysis prior to the date of this auditors' report. 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 consolidated 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 consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company'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 Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated 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 consolidated 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 Company'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 Company'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 Company 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.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Company to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible

for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

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 Ben Borgers.

#### /S BF Borgers CPA PC

BF Borgers CPA PC Lakewood, Colorado March 31, 2023

### Valour Inc.

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	Note	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
		\$	\$
Assets			
Current			
Cash and cash equivalents	20	4,906,165	9,161,034
Amounts receivable	4,20	67,102	32,565
Public investments, at fair value through profit and loss	3,20,23	17,227	18,146
Prepaid expenses	5	564,742	1,407,697
Digital assets	6	106,582,076	177,616,891
Digital assets loaned	6	-	107,228,465
Digital assets staked	6	-	83,895,414
Total current assets		112,137,312	379,360,212
Private investments, at fair value through profit and loss	3,20,23	43,505,269	10,257,760
Digital assets	6	53,358	1,312,970
Derivative asset	6,20	-	284,404
Equipment		20,623	33,569
Right of use assets	8	1,917,174	5,646
Intangible assets	9,10,11	5,581,188	21,723,987
Goodwill	10,11	46,712,027	46,712,027
Total assets		209,926,951	459,690,575
Liabilities and shareholders' equity			
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	8,12,20,23	5,822,379	4,412,171
Loan payable	13,20	52,821,600	-
ETP holders payable	14,20	105,740,627	363,491,362
Total current liabilities		164,384,606	367,903,533
Non-current liabilities			
Lease liabilities	8	1,709,911	5,646
Total liabilities		166,094,517	367,909,179
Shareholders' equity			
Common shares	18(b)(c)	166,151,401	163,265,466
Preferred shares		4,321,350	4,321,350
Share-based payments reserves	19	27,909,984	25,898,062
Accumulated other comprehensive income		(2,996,218)	241,064
Deficit		(151,554,084)	(101,944,546)
Total equity		43,832,434	91,781,396
Total liabilities and equity		209,926,951	459,690,575
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Approved on behalf of the Board of Directors:

"Tito Gandhi"	
Director	

"Olivier Roussy Newton"

Director

#### Valour Inc.

#### (Formerly DeFi Technologies Inc.)

Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive (Loss)

(Expressed in Canadian dollars)

		Years ended D	-
	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
		Φ	
Revenues			
Realized and net change in unrealized gains and (losses) on digital assets	15	(322,611,606)	(33,332,787
Realized and net change in unrealized gains and (losses) on ETP payables	16	320,382,227	37,908,556
Realized and unrealized gain (loss) on derivative assets		(434,072)	284,604
Other trading income		-	16,865
Staking and lending income		4,519,001	3,356,032
Management fees		1,436,455	1,116,597
Node revenue		347,758	1,090,008
Realized gain (loss) on investments, net	3	(12,077)	(207,532
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments, net	3	(1,986,557)	4,740,451
Interest income		55,264	108,284
Total revenues		1,696,393	15,081,078
Expenses			
Operating, general and administration	17, 23	14,748,059	14,954,193
Share based payments	19	15,889,455	42,035,158
Depreciation - property, plant and equipment		18,342	8,284
Depreciation - right of use assets		69,322	49,217
Amortization - intangibles	11	2,277,443	3,582,697
Finance costs		4,014,038	1,186,408
Transaction costs		1,113,941	1,315,775
Foreign exchange (gain) loss		(324,699)	15,481
Impairment loss	11	13,865,356	17,483,284
Total expenses		51,671,257	80,630,497
(Loss) before other item		(49,974,864)	(65,549,419)
Excess purchase price over fair value of assets assumed (expensed)		-	(5,945,800)
Net (loss) for the year		(49,974,864)	(71,495,219)
Other comprehensive loss			
Foreign currency translation (loss) gain		(3,237,282)	241,064
Net (loss) and comprehensive (loss) for the year		(53,212,146)	(71,254,155)
(Loss) per share			
Basic		(0.25)	(0.37)
Diluted		(0.25)	(0.37)
Weighted average number of shares outstanding:			
Basic		209,054,713	192,626,463
Diluted		209,054,713	192,626,463

See accompanying notes to these consolidated financial statements

#### Valour Inc. (Formerly Defi Technologies Inc.) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Expressed in Canadian dollars)

	Note	Years	endeo	d December 31,
		2022 \$		2021 \$
Cash (used in) provided by operations:		Ψ		
Net (loss) income for the year		\$ (49,974,864)	\$	(71,495,219)
Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) income to cash (used in)				
operating activities:				
Share-based payments	19	15,889,455		42,035,158
Impairment loss	11	13,865,356		17,483,284
Loss on deemed disposal of an associate		-		5,945,800
Interest income		(55,264)		(108,284)
Depreciation - Property, plant & equipment		18,342		
Depreciation - right of use assets	8	69,322		
Amortization - Intangible asset	9,10,11	2,277,443		3,640,198
Realized loss on investments, net	-,,	12,077		207,532
Unrealized loss (gain) on investments, net		1,986,557		(4,740,451)
Realized and net change in unrealized (gains) and loss on digital assets		322,611,606		22,213,636
Realized and net change in unrealized (gains) and loss on ETP		(320,382,227)		(37,908,556)
Realized and unrealized (loss) on derivative asset		434,072		
Staking and lending income		(4,519,001)		(3,413,607)
Node revenue		(347,758)		(1,090,008
Management fees		(1,436,455)		( )
Unrealized loss (gain) on foreign exchange		4,171,619		(100,523)
		(15,379,720)		(27,331,040)
Adjustment for:		(10,010,120)		(27,001,040)
Purchase of digital assets		(231,392,840)		(649,502,651)
Disposal of digital assets		191,092,048		331,176,366
Purchase of investments		(34,649,658)		(2,185,225)
Disposal of investments		(34,043,030) 28,248		19,290,229
Loan provided		20,240		19,290,228
Change in amounts receivable		(34,537)		
Change in prepaid expenses and deposits		693,287		443,187
		000,207		1,189,892
Change in accounts payable and accrued liabilities Net cash (used in) from operating activities		(89,643,172)		(326,919,242)
Investing activities		(00,040,172)		(020,010,242)
Additions to right of use assets		(1,411,062)		_
Equipment purchased		(1,411,002)		(31,410)
		(1,258,033)		(48,695)
Lease payment		(1,230,033)		3,859,430
Cash received from acquisition of subsidiary		(2,669,095)		3,779,325
Net cash provided from investing activities		(2,009,095)		3,119,323
Financing activities		040 070 500		700 040 754
Proceeds from ETP holders		242,378,583		729,048,754
Payments to ETP holders		(196,516,517)		(395,369,306)
Loan Payable	10(1)	53,117,760		-
Proceeds from issuance of units	18(b)	1,554,348		9,614,450
Share and warrant issuance costs	18(b)	(14,490)		(309,901)
Proceeds from exercise of warrants	18(b)	647,284		2,219,806
Proceeds from exercise of options	18(b)	45,000		238,940
Shares repurchased pursuant to NCIB		(13,154,570)		(13,434,017
Net cash provided by financing activities		88,057,398		332,008,726
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		436,552		(39,850)
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Change in cash and cash equivalents		(4,254,869)		8,828,959
Cash, beginning of period		9,161,034		332,075

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Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 4,906,165	\$ 9,161,034
Supplemental information:		
Value of shares issued for DeFi Holdings Inc.	-	19,800,000
Value of shares issued for Valour Structured Products, Inc.	-	78,175,969
Value of shares issued for Hive Blockchain Technologies Ltd	-	16,000,000
Shares issued for SDK:meda, LLC	-	3,420,000

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Valour Inc. (Formerly Defi Technologies Inc.) Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity (Expressed in Canadian dollars)

•						ō	Share-based payments	nts						
	Mumber of Common		Ni mbor of			Def	Deferred Shares				Accumulated other			
	Number of Common Shares	Common Shares	Preferred Shares	Preferred Shares	0	Options		shares	Warrants	Payments Reserve	income	Ð	Deficit	Total
Balance, December 31, 2021	211,102,552	\$ 163,265,466	4,500,000	\$ 4,321,350	\$ 02	18,232,675 \$	7,051,948 \$	27,453 \$	585,986	\$ 25,898,062	241,064	64	(101,944,546)	91,781,396
Private Placement	7,736,865	1,367,932					,		171,926	171,926				1,539,858
Shares issued for debt settlement	138,767	296,160												296,160
NCIB	(8,560,100)	(6,743,038)											(6,411,536)	(13,154,574)
Warrants exercised	3,714,917	647,284												647,284
Value of warrants exercised		136,447					'		(136,447)	(136,447)			,	
Warrants expired							'		(33,352)	(33,352)			33,352	
Option exercised	500,000	45,000				ı	'							45,000
Value of options exercised		39,600				(39,600)	,			(39,600)				
Options cancelled						(5,150,380)				(5,150,380)			5,150,380	
DSU exercised	4,377,500	3,561,550					(3,561,550)			(3,561,550)				
Value of DSU exercised		3,535,000					(3,535,000)			(3,535,000)				
DSU cancelled						,	(1,593,130)			(1,593,130)			1,593,130	
Share-based payments						7,274,616	8,614,838			15,889,455				15,889,455
Net (loss) and comprehensive (loss) for	,	,						,			(3,237,282)	82)	(49,974,864)	(53,212,145)
Balance, December 31, 2022	219,010,501	\$ 166,151,401	4,500,000	\$ 4,321,350	\$ 20	20,317,312 \$	6,977,106 \$	27,453 \$	588,113	\$ 27,909,984	\$ (2,996,218)	18) \$	(151,554,084) \$	43,832,433
Balance. December 31. 2020	103.405.361	\$ 23.357.691	4.500.000	\$ 4.321.350	s 05	276.407 \$	ب ب	69 1	914.588	1.190.995	S	ب ا	(22.566.240) \$	6.303.796
Private Placements	5.000.000						,	,						-
Warrants issued	1	(309.901)	,			,	,			,			,	(309.901)
Shares issued for acquisitions	77,934,316	103,921,769						,	,			1		103,921,769
Treasury shares acquired		(7,360,000)												(7,360,000)
Shares issued for investments	13,000,000	19,420,000						,						19,420,000
NCIB	(7,078,200)	(5,552,561)						27,453		27,453			(7,908,909)	(13,434,017)
Warrants exercised	12,826,675	2,219,806												2,219,806
Value of warrants exercised		328,602					'		(328,602)	(328,602)				
Option exercised	1,514,400	238,940												238,940
Value of options exercised		166,120				(166,120)	'			(166,120)				
Options cancelled			,			(25,822)	ı			(25,822)		,	25,822	,
DSU exercised	4,500,000	15,830,000	,			,	(15,830,000)			(15,830,000)		,	,	,
value of DSU exercised		1,005,000	'			·	(1,005,000)	,		(1,005,000)			,	I
Share-based payments						18,148,210	23,886,948	,		42,035,158				42,035,158
Net (loss) and comprehensive (loss) for the vear	1		ı							1	241,064	64	(71,495,219)	(71,254,155)
Balance, December 31, 2021	211,102,552	\$ 163,265,466	4,500,000	\$ 4,321,350	50 \$	18,232,675 \$	7,051,948 \$	27,453 \$	585,986	\$ 25,898,062	\$ 241,064	54 \$	(101,944,546) \$	91,781,396

See accompanying notes to these consolidated financial statements

#### 1. Nature of operations and going concern

Valour Inc. (the "Company" or "Valour"), is a publicly listed company incorporated in the Province of British Columbia and continued under the laws of the Province of Ontario. On January 21, 2021, the Company up listed its shares to NEO Exchange ("NEO") under the symbol of "DEFI". Valour is a Canadian technology company bridging the gap between traditional capital markets and decentralized finance. The Company generates revenues through the issuance of exchange traded products that synthetically track the value of a single DeFi protocol, investments in various companies and leading protocols across the decentralized finance ecosystem to build a diversified portfolio of decentralized finance assets and offering node management of decentralized protocols to support governance, security and transaction validation. The Company's head office is located at 198 Davenport Road, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M5R 1J2.

These consolidated financial statements were prepared on a going concern basis of presentation, which contemplates the realization of assets and settlement of liabilities as they become due in the normal course of operations for the next fiscal year. As at December 31, 2022, the Company has working capital (deficiency) of (\$52,247,294) (December 31, 2021 - \$11,456,679, including cash of \$4,906,165 (December 31, 2021 - \$9,161,034) and for the year ended December 31, 2022 had a net loss and comprehensive loss of \$53,212,146 (for the year ended December 31, 2021 - \$71,254,155). The Company's current source of operating cash flow is dependent on the success of its business model and operations and there can be no assurances that sufficient funding, including adequate financing, will be available to cover the general and administrative expenses necessary for the maintenance of a public company. The Company's status as a going concern is contingent upon raising the necessary funds through the selling of investments, digital assets and issuance of equity or debt. Management believes its working capital will be sufficient to support activities for the next twelve months and expects to raise additional funds when required and available. There can be no assurance that funds will be available to the Company with acceptable terms or at all. These matters constitute material uncertainties that cast significant doubt about the ability of the Company to continue as a going concern.

These consolidated financial statements do not reflect adjustments in the carrying value of the assets and liabilities, the reported revenues and expenses and the balance sheet classifications that would be necessary if the going concern assumption were not appropriate. These adjustments could be material.

#### 2. Significant accounting policies

(a) Statement of compliance

These consolidated financial statements of the Company were prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB) and interpretations of the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee ("IFRIC"). The policies as set out below were consistently applied to all the periods presented unless otherwise noted. These consolidated financial statements of the Company were approved for issue by the Board of Directors on March 31, 2023.

#### (b) Basis of consolidation

Subsidiaries consist of entities over which the Company is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns as well as the ability to affect these returns through the power to direct the relevant activities of the entity. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date control is transferred to the Company and are deconsolidated from the date control ceases. The consolidated financial statements include all the assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses and cash flows of the Company and its subsidiary after eliminating inter-entity balances and transactions.

These consolidated financial statements of fiscal 2022 comprise the financial statements of the Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries Electrum Streaming Inc. ("ESI"), DeFi Capital Inc. ("DeFi Capital"), DeFi Holdings (Bermuda) Ltd. ("DeFi Bermuda"), Valour Inc. (Cayman), DeFi Europe AG, Crypto 21 AB and Valour Management Limited. All material intercompany transactions and balances between the Company and its subsidiary have been eliminated on consolidation.

Intercompany balances and any unrealized gains and losses or income and expenses arising from intercompany transactions are eliminated in preparing the consolidated financial statements.

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#### 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(c) Basis of preparation and functional currency

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis except for certain financial instruments and investments that have been measured at fair value. In addition, these consolidated financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting except for cash flow information.

Foreign currency transactions are recorded at the exchange rate as at the date of the transaction. At each statement of financial position date, monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currencies other than the functional currency are translated using the year end foreign exchange rate. Non-monetary assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated into the functional currency at the exchange rate when the fair value was determined. Non-monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currency are translated using the historical rate. All gains and losses on translation of these foreign currency transactions and balances are included in the profit and loss. The functional currency for Valour Inc., DeFi Capital, and ESI is the Canadian dollar, and the functional currency for DeFi Bermuda, Valour Inc. (Cayman), DeFi Europe AG, Crypto 21 AB and Valour Management Limited is US Dollars.

The results and financial position of foreign operations (none of which has the currency of a hyperinflationary economy) that have a functional currency different from the presentation currency are translated into the presentation currency as follows:

- assets and liabilities for each balance sheet presented are translated at the closing rate at the date of that balance sheet,
- income and expenses for each statement of loss and comprehensive loss are translated at average exchange rates (unless this is not a reasonable approximation of the cumulative effect of the rates prevailing on the transaction dates, in which case income and expenses are translated at the dates of the transactions), and
- all resulting exchange differences are recognized in other comprehensive loss.

On consolidation, exchange differences arising from the translation of any net investment in foreign entities and of borrowings are recognized in other comprehensive loss. When a foreign operation is sold or any borrowings forming part of the net investment are repaid, the associated exchange differences are reclassified to profit or loss, as part of the gain or loss on sale.

Goodwill and fair value adjustments arising on the acquisition of a foreign operation are treated as assets and liabilities of the foreign operation and translated at the closing rate.

(d) Significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of these consolidated financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Such estimates and assumptions are continuously evaluated and are based on management's experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual outcomes can differ from these estimates. The impacts of such estimates are pervasive throughout the consolidated financial statements and may require accounting adjustments based on future occurrences. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimate is revised, and the revision affects both current and future periods.

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#### 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(d) Significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions (continued)

Information about critical judgments and estimates in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognized in the consolidated financial statements are as follows:

(i) Accounting for digital assets

Among its digital asset holdings, only USDC was classified by the Company as a financial asset. The rest of its digital assets was classified following the IFRS Interpretations Committee (the "Committee") published its agenda decision on Holdings of Cryptocurrencies in June 2019. The Committee concluded that IAS 2 - Inventories applies to cryptocurrencies when they are held for sale in the ordinary course of business, otherwise an entity should apply IAS 38 - Intangible Assets to holdings of cryptocurrencies. The Company has assessed that it acts in a capacity as a commodity broker trader as defined in IAS 2 - Inventories, in characterizing certain of its holdings as inventory, or more specifically, digital assets. If assets held by commodity broker-traders are principally acquired for the purpose of selling in the near future and generating a profit from fluctuations in price or broker-traders' margin, such assets are accounted for as inventory, and changes in fair value less costs to sell are recognized in profit or loss. Digital currencies consist of cryptocurrency denominated assets (see Note 6) and are included in current and long-term assets. Digital currencies are carried at their fair value determined by the spot rate less costs to sell. The cost to sell digital assets is nominal. The digital currency market is still a new market and is highly volatile; historical prices are not necessarily indicative of future value; a significant change in the market prices for digital currencies would have a significant impact on the Company's earnings and financial position. Fair Value for Bitcoin, Ethereum, Cardano, Polkadot, Solana and Uniswap is determined by taking the price at 17:30 CET from Kraken, Bitstamp, Bitfinex, Binance and Coinbase exchanges consistent with the pricing of the Exchange Trade Products ("ETP"). Fair value for the other digital assets is determined by taking the last closing price for the day (UTC time) from www.coinmarketcap.com.

(ii) Fair value of financial derivatives

Investments in options and warrants which are not traded on a recognized securities exchange do not have a readily available market value. Valuation technique such as Black Scholes model is used to value these instruments. Refer to Notes 3 and 20 for further details.

(iii) Fair value of investment in securities not quoted in an active market or private company investments

Where the fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded on the statement of financial position cannot be derived from active markets, they are determined using a variety of valuation techniques. The inputs to these models are derived from observable market data where possible, but where observable market data are not available, judgment is required to establish fair values. Refer to Notes 3 and 20 for further details.

(iv) Share-based payments

The Company uses the Black-Scholes option pricing model to fair value options in order to calculate share-based compensation expense. The Black-Scholes model involves six key inputs to determine the fair value of an option: risk-free interest rate, exercise price, market price of the Company's shares at date of issue, expected dividend yield, expected life, and expected volatility. Certain of the inputs are estimates which involve considerable judgment and are, or could be, affected by significant factors that are out of the Company's control. The Company is also required to estimate the future forfeiture rate of options based on historical information in its calculation of share-based compensation expense.

#### 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

- (d) Significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions (continued)
  - (v) Business combinations and goodwill

Judgment is used in determining whether an acquisition is a business combination or an asset acquisition. In a business combination, all identifiable assets and liabilities acquired are recorded at their fair values. In determining the allocation of the purchase price in a business combination, including any acquisition related contingent consideration, estimates including market based and appraisal values are used. The contingent consideration is measured at its acquisition-date fair value and included as part of the consideration transferred in a business combination. Contingent consideration that is classified as equity is not remeasured at subsequent reporting dates and its subsequent settlement is accounted for within equity. Goodwill is assessed for impairment annually.

(vi) Contingencies (See Note 24 for details)

#### (vii) Estimated useful lives and impairment considerations

Amortization of intangible assets is dependent upon estimates of useful lives, which are determined through the exercise of judgment. The assessment of impairment of these assets is dependent upon estimates of recoverable amounts that consider factors such as economic and market conditions and the useful lives of assets.

#### (viii) Impairment of non-financial assets

The Company's non-financial assets include prepaid expenses, digital assets excluding USDC, equipment and right of use assets, intangibles and goodwill. Impairment of these non-financial assets exists when the carrying value of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount, which is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. These calculations are based on available data, other observable inputs and projections of cash flows, all of which are subject to estimates and assumptions. See Note 11 for the discussion regarding impairment of the Company's non-financial assets.

#### (ix) Functional currency

The functional currency of the Company has been assessed by management based on consideration of the currency and economic factors that mainly influence the Company's digital currencies, production and operating costs, financing and related transactions. Specifically, the Company considers the currencies in which digital currencies are most commonly denominated and the currencies in which expenses are settled, by each entity, as well as the currency in which each entity receives or raises financing. Changes to these factors may have an impact on the judgment applied in the determination of the Company's functional currency.

#### (x) Assessment of transaction as an asset purchase or business combination

Assessment of a transaction as an asset purchase or a business combination requires judgements to be made at the date of acquisition in relation to determining whether the acquiree meets the definition of a business. The three elements of a business include inputs, processes and outputs. When the acquiree does not have outputs, it may still meet the definition of a business if its processes are substantive which includes assessment of whether the process is critical and whether the inputs acquired include both an organized workforce and inputs that the organized workforce could convert into outputs.

2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### (e) Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognized on the Company's statement of financial position when the Company has become a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial assets are derecognized when the rights to receive cash flows from the assets have expired or have been transferred and the Company has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership. The Company's financial instruments consist of cash, amounts receivable, public investments, private investments, derivative asset, accounts payable and accrued liabilities and ETP holders payable.

#### (i) Investments

Purchases and sales of investments where the Company cannot exert control or significant influence are recognized on a trade date basis. Public and private investments at fair value through profit or loss are initially recognized at fair value, with changes in fair value reported in profit (loss). At each financial reporting period, the Company's management estimates the fair value of its investments based on the criteria below and reflects such valuations in the financial statements.

Transaction costs are expensed as incurred in the statements of loss. The determination of fair value requires judgment and is based on market information where available and appropriate. At the end of each financial reporting period, the Company's management estimates the fair value of investments based on the criteria below and reflects such changes in valuations in the statements of loss. The Company is also required to present its investments (and other financial assets and liabilities reported at fair value) into three hierarchy levels (Level 1, 2, or 3) based on the transparency of inputs used in measuring the fair value, and to provide additional disclosure in connection therewith (see Note 20, "Financial instruments"). The three levels are defined as follows:

- Level 1 investment with quoted market price;
- Level 2 investment which valuation technique is based on observable market inputs; and
- Level 3 investment which valuation technique is based on non-observable market inputs.

Publicly traded investments:

1. Securities, including shares, options, and warrants which are traded on a recognized securities exchange and for which no sales restrictions apply are recorded at fair values based on quoted closing prices at the statement of financial position date or the closing price on the last day the security traded if there were no trades at the statement of financial position date. The Company utilizes the quoted closing prices provided they fall within the bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the quoted closing prices are not within the bid-ask spread, the Company will determine the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value. These are included in Level 1 as disclosed in Note 20.

#### 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

- (e) Financial instruments (continued)
  - (i) Investments (continued)

2. Securities which are traded on a recognized securities exchange but which are escrowed or otherwise restricted as to sale or transfer are recorded at amounts discounted from market value. Shares that are received as part of a private placement that are subject to a standard four-month hold period are not discounted due the short term of the hold period. In determining the discount for such investments, the Company considers the nature and length of the restriction, business risk of the investee corporation, relative trading volume and price volatility and any other factors that may be relevant to the ongoing and realizable value of the investments. These are included in Level 2 in Note 20.

3. Warrants or options of publicly traded securities which do not have a quoted price are carried at an estimated fair value calculated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model if sufficient and reliable observable market inputs are available. These are included in Level 2 as disclosed in Note 20.

4. Securities which are traded on a recognized securities exchange but which do not have an active market are recorded at the most recent transaction price. These are included in Level 3 in Note 20.

The amounts at which the Company's publicly traded investments could be disposed of may differ from carrying values based on market quotes, due to market price changes and the fair value was determined at a specific time, the value at which significant ownership positions are sold is often different than the quoted market price due to a variety of factors such as premiums paid for large blocks or discounts due to illiquidity. Such differences could be material.

Privately held investments:

1. Securities in privately held companies (other than options and warrants) are initially recorded at cost, being the fair value at the time of acquisition. At the end of each financial reporting period, the Company's management estimates the fair value of investments based on the criteria below and reflects such valuations in the financial statements. These are included in Level 3 as disclosed in Note 20. Options and warrants of private companies are carried at fair value using valuation technique.

With respect to valuation, the financial information of private companies in which the Company has investments may not always be available, or such information may be limited and/or unreliable. Use of the valuation approach described below may involve uncertainties and determinations based on the Company's judgment and any value estimated from these may not be realized or realizable. In addition to the events described below, which may affect a specific investment, the Company will take into account general market conditions when valuing the privately held investments in its portfolio. In the absence of occurrence of any of these events or any significant change in general market conditions indicates generally that the fair value of the investment has not materially changed.

2. An upward adjustment is considered appropriate and supported by pervasive and objective evidence such as significant subsequent equity financing by an unrelated investor at a transaction price higher than the Company's carrying value; or if there have been significant corporate, political or operating events affecting the investee company that, in management's opinion, have a positive impact on the investee company's prospects and therefore its fair value. In these circumstances, the adjustment to the fair value of the investment will be based on management's judgment and any value estimated may not be realized or realizable. Such events include, without limitation:

- political changes in a country in which the investee company operates which, for example, reduce the corporate tax burden, or to an extent that, it was not previously allowed, or reduce or eliminate the need for approvals;
- receipt by the investee company of approvals, which allow the investee company to proceed with its project(s);

#### 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

- (e) Financial instruments (continued)
  - (i) Investments (continued)

Privately held investments: (continued)

- release by the investee company of positive operational results, which either proves or expands their investee's prospects; and
- important positive management changes by the investee company that the Company's management believes will
  have a very positive impact on the investee company's ability to achieve its objectives and build value for
  shareholders.

3. Downward adjustments to carrying values are made when there is evidence of a decline in value as indicated by the assessment of the financial condition of the investment based on third party financing, operational results, forecasts, and other developments since acquisition, or if there have been significant corporate, political or operating events affecting the investee company that, in management's opinion, have a negative impact on the investee company's prospects and therefore its fair value. The amount of the change to the fair value of the investment is based on management's judgment and any value estimated may not be realized or realizable. Such events include, without limitation:

- political changes in a country in which the investee company operates which increases the tax burden on companies;
- denial of the investee company's application for approvals which prohibit the investee company from proceeding with its projects;
- the investee company releases negative operating results;
- changes to the management of the investee company take place which the Company believes will have a negative impact on the investee company's ability to achieve its objectives and build value for shareholders;
- the investee company is placed into receivership or bankruptcy; and
- based on financial information received from the investee company, it is apparent to the Company that the investee company is unlikely to be able to continue as a going concern.

The resulting values may differ from values that would be realized had a ready market existed. The amounts at which the Company's privately held investments could be disposed of may differ from the carrying value assigned. Such differences could be material.

(ii) Financial assets other than investments at fair value and liabilities

#### **Financial assets**

#### Initial recognition and measurement

Non-derivative financial assets within the scope of IFRS 9 are classified and measured as "financial assets at fair value", as either fair value through profit or loss ("FVPL") or fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI"), and "financial assets at amortized costs", as appropriate. The Company determines the classification of financial assets at the time of initial recognition based on the Company's business model and the contractual terms of the cash flows.

All financial assets are recognized initially at fair value plus, in the case of financial assets not at FVPL, directly attributable transaction costs on the trade date at which the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets with embedded derivatives are considered in their entirety when determining their classification at FVPL or at amortized cost. Other accounts receivable held for collection of contractual cash flows are measured at amortized cost.

#### 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### (e) Financial instruments (continued)

#### Subsequent measurement – financial assets at amortized cost

After initial recognition, financial assets measured at amortized cost are subsequently measured at the end of each reporting period at amortized cost using the Effective Interest Rate ("EIR") method. Amortized cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and any fees or costs that are an integral part of the EIR.

#### Subsequent measurement – financial assets at FVPL

Financial assets measured at FVPL include financial assets management intends to sell in the short term and any derivative financial instrument that is not designated as a hedging instrument in a hedge relationship. Financial assets measured at FVPL are carried at fair value in the statements of financial position with changes in fair value recognized in other income or expense in the statements of earnings (loss). The Company's investments are classified as financial assets at FVPL.

#### Subsequent measurement – financial assets at FVOCI

Financial assets measured at FVOCI are non-derivative financial assets that are not held for trading and the Company has made an irrevocable election at the time of initial recognition to measure the assets at FVOCI. The Company does not measure any financial assets at FVOCI.

After initial measurement, investments measured at FVOCI are subsequently measured at fair value with unrealized gains or losses recognized in other comprehensive income or loss in the statements of comprehensive income (loss). When the investment is sold, the cumulative gain or loss remains in accumulated other comprehensive income or loss and is not reclassified to profit or loss.

Dividends from such investments are recognized in other income in the statements of earnings (loss) when the right to receive payments is established.

#### Derecognition

A financial asset is derecognized when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or the Company no longer retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership.

#### Impairment of financial assets

The Company has elected to apply the simplified approach to impairment as permitted by IFRS 9, which requires the expected lifetime loss to be recognized at the time of initial recognition of the receivable. To measure estimated credit losses, accounts receivable have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics, including the number of days past due. An impairment loss is reversed in subsequent periods if the amount of the expected loss decreases and the decrease can be objectively related to an event occurring after the initial impairment was recognized.

#### **Financial liabilities**

#### Initial recognition and measurement

Financial liabilities are measured at amortized cost, unless they are required to be measured at FVPL as is the case for held for trading or derivative instruments, or the Company has opted to measure the financial liability at FVPL. ETP holders payable are designated as financial liability at fair value through profit or loss on initial recognition. Their fair value is a function of the unadjusted quoted price of the digital asset underlying the ETP, less any accumulated management fees. The fair value basis is consistent with the measurement of the underlying digital assets which are measured at fair value. The Company's financial liabilities also include accounts payable and accrued liabilities and loans payable, which are measured at amortized cost. All financial liabilities are recognized initially at fair value and in the case of long-term debt, net of directly attributable transaction costs.

#### Subsequent measurement – financial liabilities at amortized cost

After initial recognition, financial liabilities measured at amortized cost are subsequently measured at the end of each reporting period at amortized cost using the EIR method. Amortized cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and any fees or costs that are an integral part of the EIR.

#### Derecognition

A financial liability is derecognized when the obligation under the liability is discharged, cancelled or expires with any associated gain or loss recognized in other income or expense in the statements of earnings (loss).

#### 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(f) Cash

Cash is comprised of cash on hand and deposits that generally mature within 90 days from the date of acquisition. Deposits are held in Canadian chartered banks or in a financial institution controlled by a Canadian chartered bank.

(g) Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognized at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the Company is expected to be entitled in exchange for transferring services to a customer. For each contract with a customer, the Company: identifies the contract with a customer; identifies the performance obligations in the contract; determines the transaction price which takes into account estimates of variable consideration and the time value of money; allocates the transaction price to the separate performance obligations on the basis of the relative stand-alone selling price of each distinct service to be delivered; and recognizes revenue when or as each performance obligation is satisfied in a manner that depicts the transfer to the customer of the services promised. Revenue is recognized only when it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the Company. However, when an uncertainty arises about the collectability of an amount already included in revenue, the uncollectible amount, or the amount in respect of which recovery has ceased to be probable, is recognized as an expense, rather than as an adjustment of the amount of revenue originally recognized.

#### Management fees

The Company recognizes revenue from management fees earned on various ETP products. The management fee percentage is outlined in each ETP prospectus. The management fee is calculated daily based on the daily ETP net asset value and is recognized daily when the management fee is calculated. The management fee is deducted from the net asset value of the ETPs. The management fees are valued in the underlying ETPs base currency and converted into USD daily.

#### Other revenues

The Group earns revenue from aggregating small individual trades during the day to facilitate hedging and optimize liquidity and hedging them periodically. These are computed as net fiat receivables and are measured based on the average daily USD rates at the end of each day.

#### Public and private investments

Realized gains and losses on the disposal of investments and unrealized gains and losses in the value of investments are reflected in the statement of loss on a trade date basis. Upon disposal of an investment, previously recognized unrealized gains or losses are reversed, so as to recognize the full realized gain or loss in the period of disposition. All transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

#### (h) Lending, staking and node revenue

#### Lending and Staking

The Company earns a yield based on digital assets that are lent or staked with various reputable digital asset exchanges. The Company transfers digital asset to either staking account within the exchange platform and into staking custody accounts. The Company transfers the digital assets to those staking accounts in return the counterparty delivers staking and lending returns in return. The digital assets rewards are based on the rewards offered at the time the Company enters into staking or lending arrangements. The transaction price is an interest rate offered for the digital asset deposit. Over the period that the digital assets are staked or lent, the digital assets rewards are deposited into the custody accounts. The rewards are based on the amount of digital assets staked or lent and the rate offered by the custodian at that time. Staking and lending rewards are recognized as revenue as they are earned over the period the digital assets are staked or loaned. Consistent with the market convention, the yields are earned in digital assets and are measured by using a daily or weekly USD conversion rate, recorded in profit or loss in the period they are earned.

Staking allows the Group to earn passive income through a process that is used to verify cryptocurrency transactions. It involves committing holdings on an overnight basis to support a blockchain network and confirming transactions. Cryptocurrencies that allow staking use a "consensus mechanism" called Proof of Stake, which is the way they ensure that all transactions are verified and secured without a bank or payment processor in the middle. Not all cryptocurrencies operate in this manner (for example BitCoin and Ethereum 1.0 use a different protocol called "Proof of Work"), and therefore, staking is limited to a subset of cryptocurrencies only.

# 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(i) Lending, staking and node revenue

#### Node Revenue

Node revenue is earned as transactions are validated on a blockchain. When transactions are validated on the blockchain, the Company receives rewards from that blockchain. The transaction price are the rewards earned by the Company as transactions are validated by the Company's node. The Company receives rewards for these services provided to the blockchain. The blockchain token rewards are only earned when the Company validates transactions that take place on the blockchain. When a transaction is validated by the Company's node, rewards are deposited to the Company's account. As the tokens are earned, revenue is calculated by summing up the tokens earned each day and multiplying the value of reward tokens on each day they are earned.

#### (j) Leases

At the inception of a contract, the Company assesses whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. The Company, as a lessee, recognizes a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the lease commencement date. The right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted for any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, plus any initial direct costs incurred and an estimate of costs to dismantle and remove any improvements made to branches or office premises. The right-of-use asset is subsequently amortized using the straight-line method from the commencement date to the end of the lease term. In addition, the right-of-use asset is periodically reduced by impairment losses, if any, and adjusted for certain remeasurements of the lease liability. The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the Company's incremental borrowing rate. Generally, the Company uses its incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate.

The lease liability is subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. It is remeasured when there is a change in future lease payments arising from a change in an index or rate, if there is a change in the Company's estimate of the amount expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee, if the Company changes its assessment of whether it will exercise a purchase, extension or termination option or if there is a revised in-substance fixed lease payment. When the lease liability is remeasured in this way, a corresponding adjustment is made to the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset, or is recorded in net income if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to zero. The Company presents right-of-use assets and lease liabilities in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position. The Company has elected not to recognize right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for leases of low-value assets and short-term leases. The Company recognizes the lease payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

(k) Operating segments

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision-maker. The chief operating decision maker has been identified as the management team including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer.

The Company's material operating segments are located in Canada, Bermuda and Cayman Islands (See Note 25 for details).

(I) Income (loss) per share

Basic income (loss) per share is calculated by dividing the net income (loss) by the weighted-average number of the Company's common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted income (loss) per share is calculated by dividing the applicable net income (loss) by the sum of the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding if dilutive common shares had been issued during the period. The calculation of diluted income (loss) per share assumes that outstanding stock options and warrants with an average exercise price below market price of the underlying shares are exercised and the assumed proceeds are used to repurchase common shares of the Company at the average market price for the period. Diluted income per share for the year ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 all stock options and warrants were anti-dilutive and excluded from the calculation of dilutive loss per share.

#### 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(m) Comprehensive income (loss)

Total comprehensive income (loss) comprises all components of profit or loss and other comprehensive income (loss). Other comprehensive income (loss) includes gains and losses from translating the financial statements of an entity's whose functional currency differs from the presentation currency.

(n) Income taxes

Income tax expense comprises current and deferred tax. Current tax and deferred tax are recognized in profit or loss.

Current tax is the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Deferred tax is recognized in respect of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. Deferred tax is not recognized for the following temporary differences: the initial recognition of assets or liabilities in a transaction that is not a business combination and that affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss, and differences relating to investments in jointly controlled entities to the extent that it is probable that they will not reverse in the foreseeable future. Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to be applied to temporary differences when they reverse, based on the laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset if there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax liabilities and assets, and they relate to income taxes levied by the same tax authority on the same taxable entity, or on different tax entities, but they intend to settle current tax liabilities and assets on a net basis or their tax assets and liabilities will be realized simultaneously.

A deferred tax asset is recognized for unused tax losses, tax credits and deductible temporary differences, to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which they can be utilized. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realized.

(o) Share-based payments

Equity-settled share-based payments to employees and others providing similar services are measured at the fair value of the equity instruments at the grant date. Fair value is measured at grant date and each tranche is recognized on a graded-vesting basis over the period in which options vest. At the end of each reporting period, the Company revises its estimate of the number of equity instruments expected to vest. The impact of the revision of the original estimates, if any, is recognized in profit or loss such that the cumulative expense reflects the revised estimate, with a corresponding adjustment to the equity reserve.

Equity-settled share-based payment transactions with parties other than employees are measured at the fair value of the goods or services received, except where that fair value cannot be estimated reliably, in which case they are measured at the fair value of the equity instruments granted, measured at the date the entity obtains the goods or the counterparty renders the service. For options that expire unexercised, the recorded value is transferred to deficit.

#### 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### (p) Investment in Associate

Associates are entities over which the Company has significant influence but not control, generally accompanying a shareholding of between 20% and 50% of the voting rights. Investments over which the Company has the ability to significantly influence are initially recorded at cost. When the initial recognition of the investment in the associate occurs as a result of a loss of control of a former subsidiary, the fair value of the retained interest in the former subsidiary on the date of the loss of control is deemed to be the cost on initial recognition. Investment income (loss) is calculated using the equity method. The Company's share of the associate's profit or loss is recognized in the consolidated statements of operations and its share of movements in other comprehensive income is recognized in other comprehensive income with a corresponding adjustment to the carrying amount of the investment. When the Company's share of losses in an associate equals or exceeds its interest in the associate, including any other unsecured receivables, the Company does not recognize further losses, unless it has incurred legal or constructive obligations or made payments on behalf of the associate.

The Company determines at each reporting date whether there is any objective evidence that the investment in the associate is impaired. If this is the case, the Company calculates the amount of impairment as the difference between the recoverable amount of the associate and its carrying value and recognizes the amount in the consolidated statements of operations. Profits and losses resulting from upstream and downstream transactions between the Company and its associate are recognised in the Company's financial statements only to the extent of unrelated investors' interests in the associate. Unrealized losses are eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred. Accounting policies of associates have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Company. Dilution gains and losses arising in investments in associates are recognized in the consolidated statements of operations. The investment account of the investor reflects: i) the cost of the investment in the investee; ii) the investment income or loss (including the investor's proportionate share of discontinued operations) relating to the investee subsequent to the date when the use of the equity method first became appropriate; and iii) the investor's proportion of dividends paid by the investee subsequent to the date when the use of the equity method first became appropriate

#### (g) Digital Assets

The IFRS Interpretations Committee (the "Committee") published its agenda decision on Holdings of Cryptocurrencies in June 2019. The Committee concluded that IAS 2 - Inventories applies to cryptocurrencies when they are held for sale in the ordinary course of business, otherwise an entity should apply IAS 38 - Intangible Assets to holdings of cryptocurrencies. The Company has assessed that it acts in a capacity as a commodity broker trader as defined in IAS 2 - Inventories, in characterizing certain of its holdings as inventory, or more specifically, digital assets. If assets held by commodity broker-traders are principally acquired for the purpose of selling in the near future and generating a profit from fluctuations in price or broker-traders' margin, such assets are accounted for as inventory, and changes in fair value less costs to sell are recognized in profit or loss.

Digital assets consist of cryptocurrency denominated assets (see Note 6) and are included in current assets. Digital assets are measured using unadjusted quoted prices taken from active markets, where available. Fair value measurement for digital assets with available active market prices has been classified as Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy. The Fair Value of digital assets is determined by taking the price at 17:30 CET from Kraken, Bitstamp, Bitfinex, Binance and Coinbase exchanges consistent with the pricing of the Exchange Traded Products.

#### 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### (q) Digital Assets (continued)

#### Disclosure

The Group applies the disclosure requirements in the IFRS Standard applicable to its holding of cryptocurrencies. Accordingly, the Group applies the disclosure requirements in IAS 2 – Inventories for holdings of cryptocurrencies. If an entity measures its holding in cryptocurrencies at fair value. IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement specifies applicable disclosure requirements. In applying IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements, the Group discloses judgements that its management has made regarding its accounting for holdings of cryptocurrencies if those are part of the judgements that had a significant effect on the amounts recognized in the consolidated financial statements.

The Group has evaluated the impact of the Agenda Paper and has determined that cryptocurrencies with an active market should be classified as digital assets and measured at fair value through other profit or loss.

Increases and decreases in the fair value of digital assets are recognized through profit or loss. Digital assets are derecognized when the Group has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership on disposal.

#### (r) Digital Asset Loaned

#### Initial recognition and measurement

The Company enters into loan agreements with various digital asset exchanges to earn yield based on the digital assets that are lent. At the time the Company enters into the loan agreement, the digital asset is derecognized from digital assets as the borrower obtains the rights to direct the use of the digital asset and the Company recognizes this as digital assets loaned, measured at the fair value of the loaned digital asset.

#### Subsequent measurement

During the term of the digital asset loan, the digital asset loaned is measured at the fair value based on the fair market value of loaned digital assets with any gains / (losses) resulting from remeasuring the digital asset loaned to the realized and net change in unrealized gains and losses on digital assets.

#### Derecognition

At the end of the digital asset loan, the digital asset loaned is derecognized and re-recorded as digital assets at the carrying amount of the digital asset loaned.

#### (s) Intangible assets

Intangible assets consist of brand names. The Company has estimated the brand name will contribute cash flows for 10 years.

Intangible assets are carried at cost less accumulated amortization and impairment losses.

#### Impairment

Impairments are recorded when the recoverable amounts of assets are less than their carrying amounts. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to dispose or its value in use. Impairment losses are evaluated for potential reversals of impairment when events or changes in circumstances warrant such consideration.

The carrying values of all intangible assets with finite lives are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying amounts may not be recoverable.

#### 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### (t) Goodwill

Goodwill arising on a business acquisition is recognized as an asset at the date that control is acquired (the "acquisition date"). Goodwill is measured as the excess of the sum of the consideration transferred, the amount of any non-controlling interest in the acquiree and the fair value of the acquirer's previously held equity interest (if any) in the entity over the fair value of the identifiable net assets.

Goodwill is not amortized but is reviewed for impairment at least annually or sooner if indicators of impairment exist. Goodwill is tested for impairment at the group level representing the lowest level at which management monitors it, the operating segment level. Any impairment loss is recognized immediately in profit or loss and is not subsequently reversed.

No impairment losses have been recognized in the consolidated statements of loss related to goodwill.

For the year ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company did not experience any triggering events or additional information that the goodwill's recoverable amount was significantly different than its carrying amount.

(u) Share capital

Financial instruments issued by the Company are classified as share capital only to the extent that they do not meet the definition of a financial liability. The Company's common shares are classified as equity instruments. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares or options are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds. Repurchases by the Company of its own common shares under a Normal Course Issuer Bid ("NCIB") are accounted for in accordance with IAS 32. Financial Instruments: Presentation. Upon reacquiring common shares under a NCIB, the Company deducts from equity the purchase price of these common shares and any costs to acquire such common shares. Any such common shares held by the Company are considered treasury shares until they are cancelled.

(v) Provisions

Provisions are recognized when (a), the Company has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, and (b), it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. If the effect of the time value of money is material, provisions are discounted using a current pre-tax rate that reflects, where appropriate, the risks specific to the liability. Where discounting is used, the increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognized as a finance cost.

As at December 31, 2022, the Company recorded a legal provision of \$2,000.000 (December 31, 2021, \$Nil).

(w) New and future accounting change

Certain pronouncements were issued by the IASB or the IFRIC that are mandatory for accounting periods on or after January 1, 2023 or later periods. Many are not applicable or do not have a significant impact to the Company and have been excluded. The following amendments were adopted by the Company on January 1, 2022. The adoption of these amendments had no significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

IAS 16, Property, Plant and Equipment - The IASB issued an amendment to IAS 16, Property, Plant and Equipment to prohibit the deducting from property, plant and equipment amounts received from selling items produced while preparing an asset for its intended use. Instead, sales proceeds and its related costs must be recognized in profit or loss. The amendment will require companies to distinguish between costs associated with producing and selling items before the item of property, plant and equipment is available for use and costs associated with making the item of property, plant and equipment available for its intended use.

#### 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### (w) New and future accounting change

IFRS 9 – Financial Instruments - The IASB has issued an amendment to IFRS 9 Financial Instruments clarifying which fees to include in the test in assessing whether to derecognize a financial liability. Only those fees paid or received between the borrower and the lender, including fees paid or received by either the entity or the lender on the other's behalf are included.

#### 3. Investments, at fair value through profit and loss

At December 31, 2022, the Company's investment portfolio consisted of one publicly traded investments and eight private investments for a total estimated fair value of \$43,522,496 (December 31, 2021 – one publicly traded investment and seven private investments at a total estimated fair value of \$10,275,906).

During the year ended December 31, 2022 the Company had a realized (loss) of (\$12,077) and an unrealized losses of \$(1,986,557) (December 31, 2021 – realized (loss) of (\$207,532)) and an unrealized gains of \$4,740,451) on private and public investments.

#### **Public Investments**

At December 31, 2022, the Company's one public investment had a total fair value of \$17,227.

Public Issuer	Note Security description	Cost	Value	of FV
Smart Valor AG	19,000 SDR	150,908	17,227	100.0%
Total public investments		\$ 150,908	\$ 17,227	100.0%

At December 31, 2021, the Company's one publicly traded investments had a total fair value of \$18,146.

Public Issuer	Note	Security description	Cost	Estimated Fair Value	% of FV
Silo Wellness Inc.	(i)	403,250 common shares	40,325	18,146	100.0%
Total public investments			\$ 40,325	\$ 18,146	100.0%

(i) Investments in related party entities (Note 23)

At December 31, 2022, the Company's eight private investments had a total fair value of \$43,505,269.

Private Issuer	Note	Security description	Cost	Estimated	Fair Value	of FV
3iQ Corp.		187,007 common shares	\$ 1,122,042	\$	3,740,473	8.6%
Brazil Potash Corp.	(i)	404,200 common shares	1,998,668		2,189,794	5.0%
Earnity Inc.		85,142 preferred shares	130,946		14,991	0.0%
Luxor Technology Corporation		201,633 preferred shares	630,505		677,268	1.6%
SDK:meta, LLC		1,000,000 units	3,420,000		-	0.0%
SEBA Bank AG		3,906,250 non-voting shares	34,498,750		36,652,500	84.2%
Skolem Technologies Ltd.		16,354 preferred shares	177,488		189,611	0.4%
VolMEX Labs Corporation		Rights to certain preferred shares and warrants	37,809		40,632	0.1%
Total private investments			\$ 42,016,208	\$	43,505,269	100.0%

(i) Investments in related party entities (Note 23)

### 3. Investments, at fair value through profit and loss (continued)

### **Private Investments**

At December 31, 2021, the Company's seven private investments had a total fair value of \$10,257,760.

Private Issuer	Note	Security description	Cost	Fair Value	of FV
3iQ Corp.		187,007 common shares	\$ 1,122,042	\$ 3,740,140	36.6%
Brazil Potash Corp.	(i)	404,200 common shares	1,998,668	2,049,779	20.0%
Earnity Inc.		85,142 preferred shares	130,946	198,356	1.9%
Luxor Technology Corporation		201,633 preferred shares	630,505	633,963	6.2%
SDK:meta, LLC		1,000,000 units	3,420,000	3,420,000	33.3%
Skolem Technologies Ltd.		16,354 preferred shares	177,488	177,488	1.7%
VolMEX Labs Corporation		Rights to certain preferred shares and warrants	37,809	38,034	0.4%
Total private investments			\$ 7,517,458	\$ 10,257,760	100.1%

### 4. Amounts receivable

	31-Dec-22	31-Dec-21
Other receivable	\$ 67,102 \$	32,565

#### 5. Prepaid expenses

	31-Dec-22	31-Dec-21
Prepaid insurance	\$ 61,064 \$	950,850
Prepaid expenses	503,677	456,847
	\$ 564,742 \$	1,407,697

#### 6. Digital Assets

As at December 31, 2022, the Company's digital assets consisted of the below digital currencies, with a fair value of \$106,635,434 (December 31, 2021 - \$370,053,740). Digital currencies are recorded at their fair value on the date they are acquired and are revalued to their current market value at each reporting date. Fair value for Bitcoin, Cardano, Ethereum, Polkadot, Solana and Uniswap is determined by taking the price at 17:30 CET from Kraken, Bitfinex, Binance and Coinbase exchanges consistent with the pricing of the ETP. Fair value for the other digital assets is determined by taking the last closing price for the day (UTC time) from <a href="https://www.coinmarketcap.com">www.coinmarketcap.com</a>. The Company's holdings of digital assets consist of the following:

	December 31,	2022	December 31, 2	021
	Quantity	\$	Quantity	\$
Binance Coin	11.1000	3,678	0.3000	197
Bitcoin	2,126.5130	47,498,630	1,837.5692	112,052,901
Ethereum	21,141.7368	34,333,700	18,666.2358	89,582,049
Cardano	36,438,339.0800	12,004,332	34,447,996.7900	59,079,245
Polkadot	931,646.4544	5,407,239	1,133,717.2970	40,213,624
Solana	428,280.68	5,537,534	294,114.51	65,591,792
Mobilecoin	2,855.5045	-	2,854.9570	35,506
Shyft	3,507,575.4684	37,530	1,137,025.7440	616,106
Uniswap	148,734.0602	1,021,542	66,993.0000	1,557,232
USDC		1,586		4,063
USDT		14,134		8,055
Doge	10,000.0000	914		-
Cosmos	201.0000	2,531		-
Avalanche	48,995.3900	712,745		-
Matic	890.0000	906		-
Shiba Inu	90,000,000.0000	975		-
Ripple	2,000.0000	919		-
Enjin	10,009.9900	3,180		-
Terra Luna	199,195.3600	-		-
Current		106,582,076		368,740,770
Blocto	251,424.913	6,737	251,424.913	607,519
Maps	285,713.000	-	285,713.000	92,478
Oxygen	400,000.000	-	400,000.000	352,266
Boba Network	250,000.00	-	-	-
Saffron.finance	86.21	2,345	86.210	24,850
Clover	310,000.00	13,216	190,000.000	118,032
Sovryn	15,458.95	2,342	13,916.670	117,771
Wilder World	148,810.00	28,660	-	-
Pyth	2,500,000.00	-	-	-
Volmex	2,925,878.00	58	2,925,878.000	54
Long-Term		53,358		1,312,970
Total Digital Assets		106,635,434		370,053,740

The Company has classified digital assets as long-term where the digital assets acquired via SAFT which have terms where the digital assets are be released over time. SAFT is a contractual investment agreement that involves the agreement of the authorized investors to finance the crypto developers' projects in exchange for crypto tokens at a future date. The SAFT contract is deemed a hybrid instrument where the host is a prepayment denominated in the Company's functional currency and the embedded derivative is crypto asset forward contract. The embedded derivative is measured at fair with fair value changes recorded within statement of income. As at December 31, 2022, the embedded derivative component aggregate to \$nil (2021: \$284,404).

#### 6. Digital Assets (continued)

The continuity of digital assets for the year ended December 31, 2022 and 2021:

	Dec	ember 31, 2022	De	cember 31, 2021
Opening balance	\$	370,053,740	\$	636,600
Digital assets acquired		231,392,840		729,666,919
Digital assets disposed		(191,092,048)		(331,176,366)
Realized gain on digital assets		(47,595,430)		2,291,313
Digital assets earned from staking, lending and fees		5,955,456		3,356,020
Net change in unrealized gains and losses on digital assets		(275,739,651)		(34,720,746)
Foregin exchange gain		13,660,527		-
	\$	106,635,434	\$	370,053,740

In the normal course of business, the Company enters into open-ended staking and lending arrangements with certain financial institutions, whereby the Company stakes and loans certain digital assets in exchange for interest income payable in the underlying digital asset loaned or staked. The Company can demand the repayment of the loans and accrued interest can be terminated within 5 days notice and staked coins can be returned on a 1 days notice. The digital assets staked and loaned are included in the balance above.

#### **Digital Assets loaned**

As of December 31, 2022, the Company had no digital assets loaned with certain financial institutions. As of December 31, 2021, the Company has on loan select digital assets to borrowers at annual rates ranging from approximately 0.82% to 11.00% and accrue interest on a monthly basis. The digital assets on loan are measured at fair value through profit and loss.

#### As of December 31, 2021, digital assets on loan consisted of the following:

Number of coins			
on loan		Fair Value	Fair Value Share
997.8835	\$	60,849,811	57%
8,541.8186		40,993,461	38%
151,662.7649		5,379,568	5%
3,279.4500		5,624	0%
164,481.9170	\$	107,228,464	100%
	Number of coins on loan 997.8835 8,541.8186 151,662.7649 3,279.4500	Number of coins on loan           997.8835         \$           8,541.8186         151,662.7649	Number of coins on loan         Fair Value           997.8835         \$ 60,849,811           8,541.8186         40,993,461           151,662.7649         5,379,568           3,279.4500         5,624

As of December 31, 2021, the digital assets on loan by significant borrowing counterparty is as follow:

	Number of coins			
	Interest rates	on loan		Fair Value
Digital and fiat currencies on loan:				
Counterparty A	11.00%	154,942.2149	\$	5,385,193
Counterparty C	4.0% - 5.125%	1,250.0000		20,043,867
Counterparty D	2.85% - 4.25%	2,451.1958		37,044,530
Counterparty F	0.82%-2.43%	5,838.5063		44,754,875
Total		164,481.9170	\$	107,228,464

#### 6. Digital Assets (continued)

As of December 31, 2021, digital assets loan were concentrated with counterparties as follows:

	Geography	December 31, 2021
Digital and fiat currencies on loan:		
Counterparty A	London, UK	5%
Counterparty C	United States	19%
Counterparty D	London, UK	35%
Counterparty F	United States	42%
Total		100%

The Company's digital assets on loan are exposed to credit risk. The Company limits its credit risk by placing its digital assets on loan with high credit quality financial institutions that are believed to have sufficient capital to meet their obligations as they come due and on which the Company has performed internal due diligence procedures. The Company's due diligence procedures may include, but are not limited to, review of the financial position of the borrower, review of the internal control practices and procedures of the borrower, review of market information, and monitoring the Company's risk exposure thresholds. As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company does not expect a material loss on any of its digital assets on loan. While the Company intends to only transact with counterparties that it believes to be creditworthy, there can be no assurance that a counterparty will not default and that the Company will not sustain a material loss on a transaction as a result.

#### **Digital Assets Staked**

As of December 31, 2022, the Company had no digital assets skated with certain financial institutions. As of December 31, 2021, the Company has skated select digital assets to borrowers at annual rates ranging from approximately 1.5% to 12% and accrue rewards as they are earned. The digital assets staked are measured at fair value through profit and loss.

As of December 31, 2021, digital assets staked consisted of the following:

	Number of coins		
	on loan	Fair Value	Fair Value Share
Digital and fiat currencies on loan:			
Polkdot	755,287.915	26,790,510	32%
Cardano	3,162,507.802	5,423,786	6%
Solana	231,732.350	51,679,668	62%
Euro	1,007.471	1,450	0%
Total	4,150,535.5383 \$	83,895,414	100%

As of December 31, 2021, the digital assets staked by significant borrowing counterparty is as follow:

	Number of coins			
	Interest rates	on loan	Fair Value	
Digital and fiat currencies on loan:				
Counterparty B	1.50% - 12.0%	3,968,035.4883	73,623,935	
Counterparty E	2.10%	137,500.0000	235,816	
Counterparty G	7.76%	45,000.05	10,035,662	
Total		\$ 4,150,536	\$ 83,895,414	

#### 6. Digital Assets (continued)

As of December 31, 2021, digital assets staked were concentrated with counterparties as follows:

		December 31,
	Geography	2021
Digital and fiat currencies on loan:		
Counterparty B	London, UK	88%
Counterparty E	Switzerland	0%
Counterparty G	United States	12%
Total		100%

The Company's digital assets staked are exposed to market risk, liquidity risk, lockup duration risk, loss or theft of assets and return duration risk. The Company limits these risks by placing its digital assets staked with open term durations without lockups as a standard for all staking arrangements. The Company also places allocation limits by counterparty and only deals with high credit quality financial institutions that are believed to have sufficient capital to meet their obligations as they come due and on which the Company has performed internal due diligence procedures. The Company's due diligence procedures may include, but are not limited to, review of the financial position of the counterparty, review of the internal control practices and procedures of the counterparty, review of market information, and monitoring the Company's risk exposure thresholds. As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company does not expect a material loss on any of its digital assets staked. While the Company intends to only transact with counterparties that it believes to meets the Company staking policy criteria, there can be no assurance that a counterparty will not default and that the Company will not sustain a material loss on a transaction as a result.

#### 7. Convertible promissory note

On May 7, 2021, the Company subscribed for a convertible promissory note in Earnity Inc., a Delaware Corporation, for US\$100,000 (\$121,560). The convertible promissory note had a term of 36 months and earned 5% interest. Earnity Inc. is offered a discount rate upon conversion into a qualified equity financing of 15%. A qualified equity financing triggering conversion of the note is an equity financing with a minimum aggregate sales price of not less than \$4,000,000. On December 3, 2021, the principal and outstanding interest of US\$102,205 (\$130,946) were converted in to 85,142 class A referred shares of Earnity Inc.

#### 8. Right to use asset and lease liabilities

On April 1, 2022, the Company entered into a lease agreement for office space in Zug, Switzerland. The lease term is from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2032. The Company recognized a right-of-use asset and a lease liability in the amount of \$1,859,594 at inception of the lease. The amortization charge during the year was \$69,322 calculated on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

	31-Dec-22	31-Dec-21
Right of use assets		
Property	1,917,174	5,646
Total Right of use assets	1,917,174	5,646

	31-Dec-22	31-Dec-21
Lease liabilities		
Current	\$ 207,262	\$ -
Non-Current	1,709,911	5,646
Total Lease liabilities	\$ 1,917,174	\$ 5,646

Current balances have been included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

#### 9. Acquisition of DeFi Capital Inc.

On December 10, 2020, the Company acquired 49% of DeFi Capital by issuing a total of 20,000,000 common shares of the Company to the shareholders of DeFi Capital in proportion to their pro rata shareholdings of DeFi Capital, in exchange for a 49% interest in DeFi Capital. The 20,000,000 common shares are fair valued at a price of \$0.13 per share, based on the trading price of the common shares issued, for a total value of \$2,600,000. On January 28, 2021, the Company acquired the remaining 51% of Defi Capital by issuing an additional 20,000,000 common shares of the Company. The 20,000,000 common shares are fair valued at a price of \$0.99 per share, based on the trading price of the common shares issued, for a total value of \$19,800,000. DeFi Capital is a company focused on investing, incubating, and managing trading technologies associated with the decentralized finance market. As a result of the control obtained through the acquisition of 100% of the outstanding shares of DeFi Capital, the asset and liabilities were consolidated into the Company's financial statements. The assets consisted of one intangible asset being brand name. The Company paid total consideration of \$22,400,000 in consideration of 100% ownership of DeFi Capital.

The acquisition of DeFi Capital is being treated as an asset acquisition for accounting purposes as DeFi Capital does not meet the definition of a business, as defined in IFRS 3, Business Combinations. The assets acquired and liabilities assumed were based on the fair value of consideration paid.

Purchase price consider paid:	
Fair value of shares issued on December 10, 2020	\$ 2,600,000
Fair value of shares issued on January 28, 2021	19,800,000
Fair value of shares issued	\$ 22,400,000
Fair value of assets and liabilities assumed:	
Brand Name	\$ 22,406,968
Accounts payable	(6,968)
Total net assets aquired	\$ 22,400,000

The Company assessed that it held significant influence over DeFi Capital after the initial acquisition on December 10, 2020 and as such has accounted for this 49% investment using the equity accounting method from December 10, 2020 to January 28, 2021. Since the transaction is an asset acquisition, the Company did not remeasure the previously held equity interest in DeFi Capital when the remaining 51% equity interest in DeFi Capital was acquired.

During the year ended December 31, 2020, the Company did not record any equity loss during the year. No dividends or cash distributions were received by the Company from the associate during the year.

#### 10. Acquisition of Valour Inc.

Consideration for acquisition:

On February 12, 2021, the Company initially acquired 20% interest in Valour (formerly known as Valour Structured Products Inc.) by issuing 21,000,000 common shares and on April 1, 2021, the Company acquired the remaining 84% (including the 4% dilution of its previously held equity interest) in Valour by issuing 36,934,316 common shares of the Company. Valour is a private company incorporated in the Cayman Islands that operates as an issuer of exchange-traded certificates linked to various digital currencies and hedging thereof. The acquisition has provided the Company an entry into the exchange-traded certificates market.

Details of the consideration for acquisition, net assets acquired and goodwill are as follows:

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Fair value of previously held equity interest	\$ 11,694,200
Fair value of shares issued on April 1, 2021	66,481,769
Total consideration for the acquisition	\$ 78,175,969
Treasury shares acquired	(7,360,000)
Fair value of shares issued	\$ 70,815,969

Fair value of net assets acquired:	
Cash and cash equivalents	3,859,430
Amounts receivable	21,677
Investments at fair value through profit or loss	1,537,800
Digital assets	67,831,424
Prepaid expenses and accrued revenues	403,701
Property, plant and equipment	10,443
Right-of-use assets	53,899
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(1,094,855)
ETP holders payable	(68,848,678)
Lease liabilities	(53,899)
Brand Name	20,383,000
	24,103,942
Goodwill	46,712,027
Net assets acquired	\$ 70,815,969

As consideration of the acquisition, the Company issued a total of 57,934,316 common shares with an estimated fair value of \$78,175,969 based on the value of the common shares on the closing dates: January 19, 2021 and April 1, 2021.

The goodwill acquired as part of the Valour acquisition is made up of assembled workforce and implied goodwill related to Valour's management and staff experiences and Valour's reputation in the industry. It will not be deductible for tax purposes.

The carrying value of the Company's interest in Valour held before the business combination amounted to \$17,640,000. The Company recognized a loss of \$5,945,800 as a result of measuring at fair value its 16% equity interest (20% less 4% dilution) in Valour before the business combination. The loss is included in other income in the Company's consolidated statement of operations and comprehensive loss for the year ended December 31, 2021. No acquisition-related costs were incurred in relation to the business combination.

The acquired business contributed revenue of \$10,647,914 and net income of \$4,707,541 to the group for the period from April 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

The revenue and net income of the combined entity for the current reporting period had the acquisition occurred at the beginning of the annual reporting period would be \$13,481,643 and \$6,158,594, respectively.

#### 11. Intangibles and goodwill

Cost	Brand Name
Balance, December 31, 2020	\$ -
Acquisiton of Defi Capital	22,406,968
Acquisiton of Valour Inc. (Cayman)	20,383,000
Balance, December 31, 2021 and 2022	42,789,968
Accumulated Amortization	Brand Name
Balance, December 31, 2020	\$ -
Amortization	(3,582,697)
Impairment loss	(17,483,284)
Balance, December 31, 2021	\$ (21,065,981)
Amortization	(2,277,443)
Impairment loss	(13,865,356)
Balance, December 31, 2022	\$ (37,208,780)
Balance, December 31, 2021	\$ 21,723,987
Balance, December 31, 2022	\$ 5,581,188

#### Impairment test of brand name

During the year ended December 31, 2022, as the result of the excess of consideration paid over the fair value of the brand name acquired from Defi Capital and Valour Inc. (Cayman), the Company carried out a review of the recoverable amount of that brand name, which is used in its governance business line in Canada and ETP business line on Cayman Islands. The review led to the recognition of an impairment loss of \$13,865,356 (December 31, 2021 - \$17,483,284), which has been recognized in profit or loss.

#### Impairment test of goodwill

Goodwill acquired through business combination of \$46,712,027 (2021 - \$46,712,027) has been allocated to the ETP CGU.

The Company tests goodwill annually for impairment, or more frequently if there are indications that goodwill might be impaired. The review led to the recognition of an impairment loss of \$Nil (December 31, 2021 - \$Nil).

#### Sensitivity

The Company has conducted an analysis of the sensitivity of the impairment test to changes in the key assumptions used to determine the recoverable amount of the ETP CGU to which goodwill is allocated.

The recoverable amount of the ETP CGU would equal its carrying amount if the key assumptions were to change as follows:

	31-Dec-22	31-Dec-21
Growth in staking reward	From 4.00% to 2.78%	From 4.00% to 2.78%
Growth in average assets under management per listing	From 10.00% to 1.87%	From 10.00% to 1.87%
Pre-tax discount rate	From 23.7% to 31.7%	From 21.96% to 28.69%

#### 11. Intangibles and goodwill (continued)

The directors and management have considered and assessed reasonably possible changes for other key assumptions and have not identified any instances that could cause the carrying amount of the ETP CGU to exceed its recoverable amount.

#### 12. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities

	31-Dec-22	31-Dec-21
Corporate payables	\$ 5,747,151	\$ 4,377,352
Related party payable (Note 23)	75,228	34,819
	\$ 5,822,379	\$ 4,412,171

#### 13. Loan payable

On January 14, 2022 and January 17, 2022, the Company entered into various loans with a digital asset liquidity provider totaling \$46,235,200 (US\$37,000,000). Interest is accrued and calculated at rates between 8,15% to 8,27% per annum. Principal plus accrued interest are due and pavable on April 14, 2022 and April 17, 2022. The loans were secured with 315 BTC and 7,330 ETH . The loans were extended with new maturity dates between May 14, 2022 and July 14, 2022 with interest rates ranging from 6.9% to 8.7%. The extended loans was secured with 415 BTC and 8.130 ETH. on April 4. 2022 the Company entered into a loan with a second digital asset provider for US\$5,500,000. This second loan matures of June 4, 2022. The interest accrued interest at 7% annually and is payable monthly. The second loan was secured with 143 BTC. The Company partially repaid of one of the loans of \$3,500,000 in April 2022, while the remainder of these loans have since been rolled and continue to be outstanding. The Company has spread the loans among three different digital asset liquidity providers to reduce single entity concentration and be able to obtain more competitive rates. During the year ended December 31, 2022, the loans were extended with new maturity dates varying between open term, September 14, 2022 and October 14, 2022 with interest rates ranging from 7.6% to 8.65%. The extended loans were secured with 1895 BTC and 18216 ETH. On November 10, 2022, a partial payment on the loan was made in the amount of \$1,150,000.

As of December 31, 2022, the loan principal of \$52,821,600 (US\$39,000,000) was outstanding. The loans were extended with new maturity dates varying between Open Term December 2, 2022, December 14, 2022 and January 31, 2023 with interest rates ranging from 5.7% to 7.25%. The extended loans were secured with 1,759 BTC and 18.093 ETH.

One of Company's loans payable is held with Genesis Global Capital LLC ("Genesis"). On January 20, 2023, Genesis declared bankruptcy and currently is not allowing withdrawals and not extending new loans. On March 15, 2023, the Court ruled that the Genesis debtors may not sell, buy, trade in crypto assets without prior consent by the creditors. The Court also allowed for the payment of some service providers required for upholding the operations but nothing beyond that. The next court hearing is scheduled for March 30, 2023. The Company's loan with Genesis is an open term loan. The Genesis loan payable is US\$6,000,000 and secured with 475 BTC. As at December 31, 2022, the value of the 475 BTC was US\$7,833,570 and potential loan loss exposure is US\$1,833,570.

#### 14. ETP holders payable

The fair market value of the Company's ETPs as at December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021 were as follows:

	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
	\$	\$
BTC Zero EUR	3,063,222	6,968,354
BTC Zero SEK	44,379,551	104,249,502
ETH Zero EUR	120,319	318,280
ETH Zero SEK	33,841,456	88,712,236
Polkadot SEK	5,312,625	38,985,823
Polkadot EUR	56	-
Cardano SEK	1,308	57,873,343
Cardano EUR	11,833,732	-
UNISEK	86,714	1,581,079
UNIEUR	891,459	-
Solana SEK	5,494,963	64,802,745
Cosmos EUR	185	
Valour Digital Asset Basket 10 EUR	790	
Valour BTC Carbon Neutral EUR	1,107	
Solana EUR	12,010	-
Avalanche EUR	697,454	-
Avalanche SEK	872	-
Enjin EUR	2,804	-
	105,740,627	363,491,362

The Company's ETP certificates are unsecured and trade on the Nordic Growth Market "(NGM") and / or Germany Borse Frankfurt Zertifikate AG. ETPs issued by the Company referencing the performance of digital assets are measured at fair value through profit or loss. Their fair value is a function of the unadjusted quoted price of the digital asset underlying the ETP, less any accumulated management fees. The fair value basis is consistent with the measurement of the underlying digital assets which are measured at fair value. The Company's policy is always to hedge 100% of the market risk by holding the underlying digital asset. Hedging is done continuously and in direct correspondence to the issuance of certificates to investors.

#### 15. Realized and net change in unrealized gains and (losses) on digital assets

Years ended December 31,

	2022	2021
Realized gains / (loss) on digital assets	\$ (47,595,432) \$	5 1,969,871
Unrealized gains / (loss) on digital assets	(275,016,174)	(35,302,658)
	\$ (322,611,606) \$	(33,332,787)

#### 16. Realized and net change in unrealized gains and (losses) on ETP payables

	Years e	Years ended December 31,				
	2022		2021			
Realized gains / (loss) on ETPs	\$ 169,239,764	\$	(20,162,713)			
Unrealized gains / (loss) on ETPs	151,142,463		58,071,269			
	\$ 320,382,227	\$	37,908,556			

#### 17. Expenses by nature

	Years ended Dee	cember 31,
	2022	2021
Management and consulting fees	\$ 7,218,330 \$	9,569,693
Travel and promotion	2,331,176	2,234,553
Office and rent	1,051,511	1,810,869
Accounting and legal	4,103,581	837,611
Regulatory and transfer agent	42,983	501,467
Current income tax recovery	478	-
	\$ 14,748,059 \$	14,954,193

#### 18. Share Capital

- a) As at December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company is authorized to issue:
  - I. Unlimited number of common shares with no par value;
  - II. 20,000,000 preferred shares, 9% cumulative dividends, non-voting, non-participating, non-redeemable, non-retractable, and non-convertible by the holder. The preferred shares are redeemable by the Company in certain circumstances.

b) Issued and outstanding shares

	Number of	
	Common Shares	Amount
Balance, December 31, 2020	103,405,361	\$ 23,357,691
Private placement financing	5,000,000	10,000,000
Share issuance costs allocated to shares	-	(309,901)
Acqusition of Defi Capital Inc. (Note 10)	20,000,000	19,800,000
Acqusition of Valour Inc. (Note 11)	57,934,316	84,121,769
Treasury shares acquired		(7,360,000)
Share exchange with Hive Blockchain Technologies Ltd	10,000,000	16,000,000
Share exchange with SDK:meta 10% equity acquisition	3,000,000	3,420,000
Warrants exercised	12,826,675	2,219,806
Grant date fair value on warrants exercised	-	328,602
Options exercised	1,514,400	238,940
Grant date fair value on options exercised	-	166,120
DSU exercised	4,500,000	15,830,000
Grant date fair value on DSU excercised		1,005,000
NCIB	(7,078,200)	(5,552,561)
Balance, December 31, 2021	211,102,552	\$ 163,265,466
Private placement financings	7,736,865	1,384,009
Share issuance costs allocated to shares		(14,490)
Share issuance costs allocated to warrants		(1,587)
Shares issued for debt settlement	138,767	296,160
Warrants exercised	3,714,917	647,284
Grant date fair value on warrants exercised		136,447
Options exercised	500,000	45,000
Grant date fair value on options exercised	-	39,600
DSU exercised	4,377,500	3,561,550
Grant date fair value on DSU excercised		3,535,000
NCIB	(8,560,100)	(6,743,037)
Balance, December 31, 2022	219,010,501	\$ 166,151,401

#### 18. Share Capital (continued)

b) Issued and outstanding shares (continued)

On March 9, 2021, the Company closed a non-brokered private placement financing and issued 5,000,000 shares for gross proceeds of \$10,000,000 at a price of \$2 per common share. The Company paid \$309,902 in finders fees and other share issue costs. An officer of the Company subscribed 12,500 shares for \$25,000.

Subscriptions for 189,900 Common Shares under the Offering constitute "related party transactions" within the meaning of Multilateral Instrument 61-101 – Protection of Minority Shareholders in Special Transactions ("MI 61-101"). For these transactions, the Company has relied on the exemption from the formal valuation requirement contained in Section 5.5(a) of MI 61-101 and has relied on the exemption from the minority shareholder requirements contained in Section 5.7(1)(a) of MI 61-101.

On November 14, 2022, the Company closed a non-brokered private placement financing and issued 7,736,865 unit for gross proceeds of \$1,414,973 at a price of \$0.20 per common unit, each unit consist of one common share of the Company and one-half warrant, each whole warrant entitles the holder to acquire one additional common share of the Company at an exercise price of \$0.30 for a period of 24 months following the closing date. The transaction closed in 2 tranches with 3,724,926 warrants issued on November 14<sup>,</sup> 2022. At the issue date fair value of the warrants was estimated at \$0.17 using the Black Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions: expected dividend yield of 0%; expected volatility based on the Company's historical volatility of 69.4%; risk-free interest rate of 3.87% and an expected life of 2 years.

The second tranche closed on November 19, 2022 with 331,000 warrants issued. At the issue date fair value of warrants was estimated at \$13,183 using the Black Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions: expected dividend yield of 0%; expected volatility based on the Company's historical volatility of 69.4%; risk-free interest rate of 3.87% and an expected life of 2 years.

The Company also paid share and warrant issue costs of \$14,490. Of the total subscriptions, 2,500,000 units were acquired by a former officer of the Company. Company paid \$14,950 in finders fees and other share issue costs. A former officer of the Company subscribed 2,500,000 units for \$500,000.

Subscriptions for 2,500,000 Common Shares under the Offering constitute "related party transactions" within the meaning of Multilateral Instrument 61-101 – Protection of Minority Shareholders in Special Transactions ("MI 61-101"). For these transactions, the Company has relied on the exemption from the formal valuation requirement contained in Section 5.5(a) of MI 61-101 and has relied on the exemption from the minority shareholder requirements contained in Section 5.7(1)(a) of MI 61-101.

c) Normal Course Issuer Bid ("NCIB")

On April 13, 2021, the Company commenced a NCIB to buy back common shares of the Company through the facilities of Neo Exchange Inc. and/or other Canadian alternative trading platforms. Under the terms of the NCIB, the Company may, if considered advisable, purchase its Common Shares in open market transactions through the facilities of the Exchange and/or other Canadian alternative trading platforms not to exceed up to 9.7% of the public float for the Common Shares as of April 9, 2021, or 18,162,177 Common Shares, purchased in aggregate. The price that the Company will pay for the Common Shares shall be the prevailing market price at the time of purchase and all purchased Common Shares will be cancelled by the Company. In accordance with Exchange rules, daily purchases (other than pursuant to a block purchase exception) on the Exchange under the NCIB cannot exceed 25% of the average daily trading volume on the Exchange as measured from November 9, 2020 to April 8, 2021.

On April 9, 2022, the Company extended its NCIB to buy back common shares of the Company through the facilities of Neo Exchange Inc. and/or other Canadian alternative trading platform. The NCIB was originally launched on April 13, 2021 and was set to expire on April 8, 2022. Under the terms of the NCIB, the company may, if considered advisable, purchase its common shares in open-market transactions through the facilities of the exchange and/or other Canadian alternative trading platforms not to exceed up to 10 per cent of the public float for the common shares as of April 8, 2022, or 20,359,513 common shares, purchased in aggregate. The price that the company will pay for the common shares shall be the prevailing market price at the time of purchase and all purchased common shares will be cancelled by the company. In accordance with exchange rules, daily purchases (other than pursuant to a block purchase exception) on the exchange under the NCIB cannot exceed 25 per cent of the average daily trading volume on the exchange as measured from Nov. 8, 2021, to April 8, 2022. The NCIB will be extended until April 7, 2023, or to such earlier date as the NCIB is complete.

#### 18. Share Capital (continued)

#### c) Normal Course Issuer Bid ("NCIB") (continued)

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company purchased and cancelled 8,560,100 shares at an average price of \$1.54 per share (December 31, 2021 – purchased and cancelled 7,078,200 shares at an average price of \$1.90).

Issued and outstanding preferred shares

	Number of	
	Preferred Shares	Amount
Balance, December 31, 2022 and 2021	4,500,000 \$	4,321,350

Subject to the discretion of the board of directors, holders of preferred shares are entitled to receive a 9% cumulative, preferential cash dividend, payable annually on the last day of January following the relevant completed fiscal year, ending December 31. The Company has not declared any dividends to December 31, 2021.

#### 19. Share-based payments reserves

#### Stock options, DSUs and Warrants

		Options			DSL	J			Varrants			
	a Number of e	/eighted average exercise prices	Value of options		Number of DSU		Value of DSU	Number of warrants	Weighted average exercise prices	Value of warrants		Total Value
December 31, 2020	5,465,000 \$	0.21	\$ 276,407	\$	- \$	;	-	32,259,485 \$	0.19	\$ 914,588	\$	1,190,995
Granted	21,420,000	1.54	21,898,191	-	13,125,000		23,886,948		-	-	-	45,785,139
Exercised	(1,514,400)	0.16	(166,121)		(4,500,000)		(16,835,000)	(12,826,675)	0.13	(328,602)		(17,329,723)
Expired / cancelled	(5,062,500)	1.36	(3,775,802)		-		-	-	-	-		(3,775,802)
Treasury shares		-	27,453		-		-	-	-	-		27,453
December 31, 2021	20,308,100 \$	1.27	18,260,128		8,625,000 \$	5	7,051,948	19,432,810 \$	0.20	\$ 585,986	\$	25,898,062
Granted	5,300,000	1.02	7,274,616		6,500,000		8,614,838	4,055,926	0.04	171,926		16,061,381
Exercised	(500,000)	0.09	(39,600)		(2,000,000)		(7,096,550)	(3,714,917)	0.17	(136,447)		(7,272,597)
Expired / cancelled	(7,330,600)	0.50	(5,150,380)		(6,755,000)		(1,593,130)	(3,033,333)	0.01	(33,352)		(6,776,862)
Treasury shares		-	-		-		-	-	-	-		-
December 31, 2022	17,777,500 \$	1.27	\$ 20,344,765		6,370,000 \$	5	6,977,106	16,740,486 \$	0.20	\$ 588,113	\$	27,909,984

#### Stock option plan

The Company has an ownership-based compensation scheme for executives and employees. In accordance with the terms of the plan, as approved by shareholders at a previous annual general meeting, officers, directors and consultants of the Company may be granted options to purchase common shares with the exercise prices determined at the time of grant. The Company has adopted a Floating Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"), whereby the number of common shares reserved for issuance under the Plan is equivalent of up to 10% of the issued and outstanding shares of the Company from time to time.

Each employee share option converts into one common share of the Company on exercise. No amounts are paid or payable by the recipient on receipt of the option. The options carry neither rights to dividends nor voting rights. Options may be exercised at any time from the date of vesting to the date of their expiry.

The Company recorded \$7,274,616 (2021 - \$18,148,209) of share-based payments during the year ended December 31, 2022.

The following share-based payment arrangements were in existence at December 31, 2022:

#### 19. Share-based payments reserves (continued)

#### Stock options plan (continued)

Number		Grant	Expiry	Exercise		G	rant date share		Expected life	Expected	Risk-free interest
outstanding	Number exercisable	date	date	price	Fair value at grant date		price	Expected volatility	(yrs)	dividend yield	rate
542,500	542,500	16-Nov-20	16-Nov-25 \$	6 0.09	42,966	\$	0.09	138.70%	5	0%	0.46%
500,000	500,000	24-Feb-21	24-Feb-26 \$	1.58	1,149,500	\$	2.55	147.00%	5	0%	0.73%
1,000,000	1,000,000	22-Mar-21	22-Mar-26	1.58	1,906,500	\$	2.12	145.70%	5	0%	0.99%
2,410,000	2,410,000	09-Apr-21	09-Apr-26 \$	1.58	3,852,626	\$	1.78	145.20%	5	0%	0.95%
3,200,000	3,200,000	18-May-21	18-May-26 \$	5 1.22	3,600,640	\$	1.25	145.60%	5	0%	0.95%
1,000,000	500,000	18-May-21	18-May-26 \$	5 1.22	1,125,200	\$	1.25	145.60%	5	0%	0.95%
750,000	750,000	25-May-21	25-May-26 \$	§ 1.11	747,900	\$	1.11	145.50%	5	0%	0.86%
1,200,000	1,200,000	25-May-21	25-May-26 \$	\$ 1.11	1,196,640	\$	1.11	145.50%	5	0%	0.86%
1,150,000	1,150,000	13-Aug-21	13-Aug-26 \$	1.58	1,461,305	\$	1.43	143.70%	5	0%	0.84%
750,000	750,000	21-Sep-21	21-Sep-26 \$	§ 1.70	1,141,125	\$	1.70	144.00%	5	0%	0.85%
250,000	250,000	13-Oct-21	13-Oct-26 \$	\$ 2.10	470,375	\$	2.10	144.00%	5	0%	1.27%
500,000	500,000	09-Nov-21	09-Nov-26 \$	3.92	1,758,050	\$	3.92	144.30%	5	0%	1.37%
425,000	425,000	31-Dec-21	31-Dec-26 \$	\$ 3.11	1,187,493	\$	3.11	145.00%	5	0%	1.25%
500,000	500,000	09-May-22	09-May-27 \$	\$ 2.00	591,950	\$	1.34	146.00%	5	0%	2.76%
1,200,000	1,200,000	09-May-22	09-May-27 \$	\$ 1.11	1,468,560	\$	1.34	146.00%	5	0%	2.76%
500,000	250,000	20-May-22	20-May-27 \$	§ 1.00	334,300	\$	0.75	146.80%	5	0%	2.70%
400,000	100,000	21-Jul-22	21-Jul-27 \$	6 0.80	195,640	\$	0.50	147.50%	5	0%	3.00%
500,000	-	17-Oct-22	17-Oct-27 \$	6 0.17	73,350	\$	0.17	149.50%	5	0%	3.60%
1,000,000	-	19-Oct-22	19-Oct-27 \$	\$ 0.17	150,800	\$	0.17	149.40%	5	0%	3.71%
17,777,500	15,227,500				22,454,920						

The weighted average remaining contractual life of the options exercisable at December 31, 2022 was 3.5 years December 31, 2021 – 3.8 years).

On January 26, 2022, the Company granted 500,000 stock options to a consultant of Company to purchase common shares of the Company for the price of \$1.98 for a period of five years from the date of grant. The options shall vest in four equal instalments every three months such that all options shall fully vests on the date that is 12 months from the date of grant. These options have an estimated grant date fair value of \$687,350 using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions: expected dividend yield of 0%; expected volatility of 145.2.%; risk-free interest rate of 1.67%; and an expected average life of 5 years. These options were forfeited and cancelled on December 31, 2022.

On March 31, 2022, the Company granted 700,000 stock options to a consultant of Company to purchase common shares of the Company for the price of \$1.43 for a period of five years from the date of grant. The options shall vest in four equal instalments every three months such that all options shall fully vests on the date that is 12 months from the date of grant. These options have an estimated grant date fair value of \$903,840 using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions: expected dividend yield of 0%; expected volatility of 145.8.%; risk-free interest rate of 2.39%; and an expected average life of 5 years. These options were forfeited and cancelled on December 31, 2022.

On May 5, 2022, the Company granted 500,000 stock options to a consultant of Company to purchase common shares of the Company for the price of \$2 for a period of five years from the date of grant. The options shall vest 50% at the grant date and 50% six months from the date of grant. These options have an estimated grant date fair value of \$591,950 using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions: expected dividend yield of 0%; expected volatility of 146%; risk-free interest rate of 2.76%; and an expected average life of 5 years.

On May 5, 2022, the Company granted 1,200,000 stock options to an officer of Company to purchase common shares of the Company for the price of \$1.11 for a period of five years from the date of grant. The options shall vest immediately. These options have an estimated grant date fair value of \$1,468,560 using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions: expected dividend yield of 0%; expected volatility of 146%; risk-free interest rate of 2.76%; and an expected average life of 5 years.

#### 19. Share-based payments reserves (continued)

#### Stock options plan (continued)

On May 20, 2022, the Company granted 500,000 stock options to a consultant of Company to purchase common shares of the Company for the price of \$1 for a period of five years from the date of grant. The options shall vest in four equal installments every three months. These options have an estimated grant date fair value of \$334,300 using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions: expected dividend yield of 0%; expected volatility of 146.8%; risk-free interest rate of 2.70%; and an expected average life of 5 years.

On July 21, 2022, the Company granted 400,000 stock options to a consultant of Company to purchase common shares of the Company for the price of \$0.80 for a period of five years from the date of grant. The options shall vest in four equal installments every three months. These options have an estimated grant date fair value of \$195,640 using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions: expected dividend yield of 0%; expected volatility of 147.5%; risk-free interest rate of 3.00%; and an expected average life of 5 years.

On October 17, 2022, the Company granted 500,000 stock options to a consultant of Company to purchase common shares of the Company for the price of \$0.165 for a period of five years from the date of grant. The options shall vest in four equal installments every three months. These options have an estimated grant date fair value of \$73,350 using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions: expected dividend yield of 0%; expected volatility of 149.5%; risk-free interest rate of 3.60%; and an expected average life of 5 years.

On October 19, 2022, the Company granted 1,000,000 stock options to a consultant of Company to purchase common shares of the Company for the price of \$0.165 for a period of five years from the date of grant. The options shall vest in four equal installments every three months. These options have an estimated grant date fair value of \$150,800 using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions: expected dividend yield of 0%; expected volatility of 149.4%; risk-free interest rate of 3.71%; and an expected average life of 5 years.

On January 19, 2021, the Company granted 500,000 stock options to a consultant of the Company pursuant to the Company's stock option plan. The options vest immediately and may be exercised at a price of \$0.82 per option for a period of five years from the date of grant. The options have an estimated grant date fair value of \$367,450 using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions: expected dividend yield of 0%; expected volatility of 145.1%; risk-free interest rate of 0.41%; and an expected average life of 5 years.

On February 16, 2021, the Company granted a total of 1,000,000 stock options to a consultant of the Company to purchase shares of the company for the price of \$2.05 per option for a period of five years from the date of grant. The options shall vest in four equal instalments every three months such that all options shall fully vest on the date that is twelve months from the date of grant. The options have an estimated grant date fair value of \$1,844,400 using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions: expected dividend yield of 0%; expected volatility of 146.4%; riskfree interest rate of 0.57%; and an expected average life of 5 years. These options were forfeited and cancelled on May 25, 2021.

On February 19, 2021, the Company granted a total of 500,000 stock options to a consultant of the Company to purchase shares of the company for the price of \$2.90 per option for a period of five years from the date of grant. The options shall vest in equal monthly instalments such that all options shall fully vest on the date that is twelve months from the date of grant. The options have an estimated grant date fair value of \$1,308,500 using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions: expected dividend yield of 0%; expected volatility of 147.5%; risk-free interest rate of 0.64%; and an expected average life of 5 years.

On February 24, 2021, the Company granted a total of 1,000,000 stock options to certain directors and advisor of the Company to purchase shares of the company for the price of \$2.55 per option for a period of five years from the date of grant. The options shall vest in four equal instalments every three months such that all options shall fully vest on the date that is twelve months from the date of grant. The options have an estimated grant date fair value of \$2,299,000 using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions: expected dividend yield of 0%; expected volatility of 147.0%; risk-free interest rate of 0.73%; and an expected average life of 5 years. Of the total grant, two directors of the Company were granted a total of 500,000 options. 500,000 of these options were forfeited and cancelled on May 25, 2021.

## 19. Share-based payments reserves (continued)

#### Stock options plan (continued)

On March 22, 2021, the Company granted a total of 1,000,000 stock options to certain consultants of the Company to purchase commons shares of the Company for the price of \$2.12 for a period of five years from the date of grant. The options shall vest in four equal instalments every three months such that all options shall fully vests on the date that is 12 months from the date of grant. These options have an estimated grant date fair value of \$1,906,500 using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions: expected dividend yield of 0%; expected volatility of 145.7.%; risk-free interest rate of 0.99%; and an expected average life of 5 years.

On April 9, 2021, the Company granted a total of 4,070,000 stock options to certain director, officers, and consultants of to purchase commons shares of the Company for the price of \$1.78 for a period of five years from the date of grant. The options shall vest in four equal instalments every three months such that all options shall fully vests on the date that is 12 months from the date of grant. These options have an estimated grant date fair value of \$6,506,302 using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions: expected dividend yield of 0%; expected volatility of 145.2.%; risk-free interest rate of 0.95%; and an expected average life of 5 years. Of the total options, 1,000,000 were granted to directors and officers of the Company.

On May 18, 2021, the Company granted a total of 6,950,000 stock options to certain director, officers, and consultants of the Company pursuant to purchase commons shares of the Company for a price of \$1.22 for the period of five years from the date of grant. 5,950,000 of these options shall vest in four equal instalments every three months such that all options shall fully vests on the date that is 12 months from the date of grant and 1,000,000 options shall vest in four equal instalments, with (a) the first instalment vesting on the date that is 12 months from the date of grant, (b) the second instalment vesting on the date that is 16 months from the date of grant, (c) the third instalment vesting on the date that is 20 months from the date of grant and (d) the fourth instalment vesting on the date that is 24 months from the date of grant. These options have an estimated grant date fair value of \$7,820,140 using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions: expected dividend yield of 0%; expected volatility of 145.6%; risk-free interest rate of 0.95%; and an expected average life of 5 years. Of the total grant, 2,700,000 were granted to directors and officers of the Company.

On May 25, 2021, the Company granted a total of 3,150,000 stock options to certain director and consultant of the Company pursuant to purchase commons shares of the Company for the price of \$1.11 for a period of five years from the date of grant. 1,500,000 of these options shall vest in four equal instalments every three months such that all options shall fully vests on the date that is 12 months from the date of grant whereas 1,200,000 options shall vest in (a) vest four equal instalments every three months such that all options fully vest by the date that falls 12 months from the date of grant and (b) vest upon the closing price of the common shares of DeFi Technologies Inc., on the NEO Exchange (or similar Canadian stock exchange on which such common shares are listed) being greater than C\$4.80 per common share for five consecutive trading days. These options have an estimated grant date fair value of \$3,141,180 using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions: expected dividend yield of 0%; expected volatility of 145.5%; risk-free interest rate of 0.86%; and an expected average life of 5 years. Of the total grant, 450,000 were granted to a director of the Company.

On August 13, 2021, the Company granted a total of 1,150,000 stock options to certain director, officers, and consultants of the Company pursuant to purchase commons shares of the Company for a price of \$1.58 for the period of five years from the date of grant. These options shall vest in four equal instalments every three months such that all options shall fully vests on the date that is 12 months from the date of grant. These options have an estimated grant date fair value of \$1,461,305 using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions: expected dividend yield of 0%; expected volatility of 143.7%; risk-free interest rate of 0.84%; and an expected average life of 5 years. Of the total grant, 650,000 were granted to directors and officers of the Company.

On September 21, 2021, the Company granted a total of 750,000 stock options to certain consultants of the Company pursuant to purchase commons shares of the Company for a price of \$1.70 for the period of five years from the date of grant. These options shall vest in four equal instalments every three months such that all options shall fully vests on the date that is 12 months from the date of grant. These options have an estimated grant date fair value of \$1,141,125 using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions: expected dividend yield of 0%; expected volatility of 144.1%; risk-free interest rate of 0.85%; and an expected average life of 5 years.

# 19. Share-based payments reserves (continued)

#### Stock options plan (continued)

On October 13, 2021, the Company granted a total of 250,000 stock options to certain director, officers, and consultants of to purchase commons shares of the Company for the price of \$2.10 for a period of five years from the date of grant. The options shall vest in four equal instalments every three months such that all options shall fully vests on the date that is 12 months from the date of grant. These options have an estimated grant date fair value of \$470,375 using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions: expected dividend yield of 0%; expected volatility of 144.0.%; risk-free interest rate of 1.27%; and an expected average life of 5 years.

On November 9, 2021, the Company granted a total of 500,000 stock options to certain director, officers, and consultants of to purchase commons shares of the Company for the price of \$3.92 for a period of five years from the date of grant. The options shall vest in four equal instalments every three months such that all options shall fully vests on the date that is 12 months from the date of grant. These options have an estimated grant date fair value of \$1,758,050 using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions: expected dividend yield of 0%; expected volatility of 144.3.%; risk-free interest rate of 1.37%; and an expected average life of 5 years.

On December 31, 2021, the Company granted a total of 600,000 stock options to certain director, officers, and consultants of to purchase commons shares of the Company for the price of \$3.11 for a period of five years from the date of grant. The options shall vest in four equal instalments every three months such that all options shall fully vests on the date that is 12 months from the date of grant. These options have an estimated grant date fair value of \$1,676,460 using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions: expected dividend yield of 0%; expected volatility of 145.0.%; risk-free interest rate of 1.25%; and an expected average life of 5 years.

#### Warrants

As at December 31, 2022, the Company had share purchase warrants outstanding as follows:

	Number outstanding &	Grant	Expiry	Exercise		Gr	ant date share		Expected life	Expected	Risk-free interest
	exercisable	date	date	price	Fair value at grant date		price	Expected volatility	(yrs)	dividend yield	rate
Warrants	12,684,560	16-Nov-20	13-Feb-23 \$	0.25	423,263	\$	0.09	151.0%	2	0%	0.27%
Warrants	3,537,433	14-Nov-22	14-Nov-24 \$	6 0.30	153,355	\$	0.17	69.4%	2	0%	3.87%
Warrants	187,493	14-Nov-22	14-Nov-24 \$	6 0.30	6,975	\$	0.17	69.4%	2	0%	3.87%
Warrants	331,000	29-Nov-22	29-Nov-24 \$	6 0.30	13,183						
Warrant issue costs					(8,662)						
	16,740,486				588,114						

As at December 31, 2021, the Company had share purchase warrants outstanding as follows:

	Number outstanding & exercisable	Grant date	Expiry date	Exercise price	Fair value at grant date		ant date re price	Expected volatility	Expected life (yrs)	Expected dividend yield	Risk-free interest rate
Warrants	3,076,923	12-Jun-17	12-Jun-22	\$ 0.20	129,432	\$	0.12	79.9%	5	0%	1.04%
Warrants	3,671,327	26-Jun-20	26-Jun-22	\$ 0.05	40,367	\$	0.03	118.1%	2	0%	0.29%
Warrants	12,684,560	16-Nov-20	16-Nov-22	\$ 0.25	423,262	\$	0.09	151.0%	2	0%	0.27%
Warrant issue costs					(7,075	)					
	19,432,810				585,986						

#### Deferred Share Units Plan (DSUs)

On August 15, 2021, the Company adopted the DSUs plan. Eligible participants of the DSU Plan include any director, officer, employee or consultant of the Company. The Board fixes the vesting terms it deems appropriate when granting DSUs. The number of DSUs that may be granted under the DSU Plan may not exceed 5% of the total issued and outstanding Common Shares at the time of grant.

#### 19. Share-based payments reserves (continued)

#### Deferred Share Units Plan (DSUs)

On August 15, 2021, the Company has adopted the DSUs plan of the Corporation. Eligible participants of the DSU Plan include any director, officer, employee or consultant of the Corporation. The Board fixes the vesting terms it deems appropriate when granting DSUs. The number of DSUs that may be granted under the DSU Plan may not exceed 5% of the total issued and outstanding Common Shares at the time of grant. The DSUs fair value is based on the Company's share price on the date the DSUs are granted.

On September 21, 2021, the Company granted 5,675,000 DSUs to certain directors, officers and consultants of the Company. These DSUs have a grant day fair value of \$9,874,500 and vest in four equal installments every six months, with the first instalment vesting on the date that is six months from the grant day.

On October 27, 2021, the Company granted 500,000 DSUs to certain directors, officers and consultants of the Company. These DSUs have a grant day fair value of \$1,395,000 and vest in four equal installments every six months, with the first instalment vesting on the date that is six months from the grant day.

On November 20, 2021, the Company granted 500,000 DSUs to certain directors, officers and consultants of the Company. These DSUs have a grant day fair value of \$1,900,000 and vest in four equal installments every three months, with the first instalment vesting on the date that is three months from the grant day.

On December 31, 2021, the Company granted 500,000 DSUs to certain directors, officers and consultants of the Company. These DSUs have a grant day fair value of \$1,510,000 and vest in six months from the grant day.

On January 26, 2022, the Company granted 500,000 DSUs to a consultant of the Company. These DSUs have a grant day fair value of \$990,000 and vest in four equal installments every six months, with the first instalment vesting on the date that is six months from the grant day.

On March 31, 2022, the Company granted 600,000 DSUs to a consultant of the Company. These DSUs have a grant day fair value of \$858,000 and vest in four equal installments every six months, with the first instalment vesting on the date that is six months from the grant day.

On May 3, 2022, the Company granted 500,000 DSUs to a consultant of the Company. These DSUs have a grant day fair value of \$555,000 and vest immediately.

On July 21, 2022, the Company granted 2,400,000 DSUs to a consultant of the Company. These DSUs have a grant day fair value of \$1,200,000 and vest in four equal instalments every six months, with the first instalment vesting on the date that is six-months from the grant date.

On October 6, 2022, the Company granted 2,000,000 DSUs to a consultant of the Company. These DSUs have a grant day fair value of \$460,000 and vest in four equal instalments every three months, with the first instalment vesting on the date that is three-months from the grant date.

On October 19, 2022, the Company granted 500,000 DSUs to a consultant of the Company. These DSUs have a grant day fair value of \$75,000 and vest in four equal instalments every six months, with the first instalment vesting on the date that is six-months from the grant date.

The Company recorded \$8,614,838 in share-based compensation during the year ended December 31, 2022 (2021 - \$23,886,948).

#### 20. Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities as at December 31, 2022 and 2021 are as follows:

	Asset / (liabilities) at amortized cost	Assets /(liabilities) at fair value through profit/(loss)	Total
December 31, 2021			
Cash	\$ 9,161,034	\$ -	\$ 9,161,034
Amounts receivable	32,565	-	32,565
Public investments	-	18,146	18,146
Private investments	-	10,257,760	10,257,760
Derivative asset	-	284,404	284,404
USDC	-	4,063	4,063
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(4,412,171)	-	(4,412,171)
ETP holders payable	-	(363,491,362)	(363,491,362)
December 31, 2022			
Cash	\$ 4,906,165	\$-	\$ 4,906,165
Amounts receivable	67,102	-	67,102
Public investments	-	17,227	17,227
Private investments	-	43,505,269	43,505,269
USDC	-	1,586	1,586
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(5,822,379)	-	(5,822,379)
Loan payable	(52,821,600)	-	(52,821,600)
ETP holders payable	-	(105,740,627)	(105,740,627)

The Company's financial instruments are exposed to several risks, including market, liquidity, credit and currency risks. There have been no significant changes in the risks, objectives, policies and procedures from the previous year. A discussion of the Company's use of financial instruments and their associated risks is provided below:

#### Credit risk

Credit risk arises from the non-performance by counterparties of contractual financial obligations. The Company's primary counterparty related to its cash carries an investment grade rating as assessed by external rating agencies. The Company maintains all or substantially all of its cash with a major financial institution domiciled in Canada. Deposits held with this institution may exceed the amount of insurance provided on such deposits

#### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not have sufficient cash resources to meet its financial obligations as they come due. The Company's liquidity and operating results may be adversely affected if the Company's access to the capital markets is hindered, whether as a result of a downturn in stock market conditions generally or related to matters specific to the Company, or if the value of the Company's investments declines, resulting in losses upon disposition. In addition, some of the investments the Company holds are lightly traded public corporations or not publicly traded and may not be easily liquidated. The Company generates cash flow from proceeds from the disposition of its investments and digital assets. There can be no assurances that sufficient funding, including adequate financing, will be available to cover the general and administrative expenses necessary for the maintenance of a public company. All of the Company's assets, liabilities and obligations are due within one to three years.

#### 20. Financial instruments (continued)

#### Liquidity risk (continued)

The Company manages liquidity risk by maintaining adequate cash balances and liquid investments and digital assets. The Company continuously monitors and reviews both actual and forecasted cash flows, and also matches the maturity profile of financial and non-financial assets and liabilities. As at December 31, 2022, the Company had current assets of \$112,137,312 (December 31, 2021 - \$379,360,212) to settle current liabilities of \$164,384,606 (December 31, 2021 - \$367,903,533).

The following table shows the Company's source of liquidity by assets / (liabilities) as at December 31, 2022 and 2021.

	Decemb	oer 31, 2021			
		Total	Les	s than 1 year	1-3 years
Cash	\$	9,161,034	\$	9,161,034	\$ -
Amounts receivable		32,565		32,565	-
Public investments		18,146		18,146	-
Prepaid expenses		1,407,697		800,962	606,735
Digital assets		370,053,740		368,740,770	1,312,970
Private investments		10,257,760		-	10,257,760
Derivative asset		284,404		-	284,404
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		(4,412,171)		(4,412,171)	-
ETP holders payable		(363,491,362)		(363,491,362)	-
Lease liabilities		(5,646)		-	(5,646)
Total assets / (liaabilities) - December 31, 2021	\$	23,306,166	\$	10,849,943	\$ 12,456,222
	Decemb	oer 31, 2022			
		Total	Les	ss than 1 year	1-3 years
Cash	\$	4,906,165	\$	4,906,165	\$ -
Amounts receivable		67,102		67,102	-
Public investments		17,227		17,227	-
Prepaid expenses		564,742		564,742	-
Digital assets		106,635,434		106,582,076	53,358
Private investments		43,505,269		-	43,505,269
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		(5,822,379)		(5,822,379)	-
Loan payable		(52,821,600)		(52,821,600)	-
ETP holders payable		(105,740,627)		(105,740,627)	-
Lease liabilities		(1,709,911)		-	(1,709,911)
Total assets / (liabilities) - December 31, 2022	\$	(10,398,578)	\$	(52,247,294)	\$ 41,848,716

Digital assets included in the table above are non-financial assets except USDC. For the purposes of liquidity risk analysis, these non-financial assets were included as they are mainly utilized to pay off any redemptions related to ETP holders payable, a financial liability. The lent and staked digital assets fall under the "less than 1 year" bucket.

#### Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value of, or future cash flows from, the Company's financial instruments will significantly fluctuate because of changes in market prices.

#### 20. Financial instruments (continued)

(a) Price and concentration risk

The Company is exposed to market risk in trading its investments and unfavourable market conditions could result in dispositions of investments at less than favorable prices. In addition, most of the Company's investments are in the technology and resource sector. At December 31, 2022, two investments made up approximately 19.1% (December 31, 2021 – two investment of 1.6%) of the total assets of the Company.

For the year ended December 31, 2022, a 10% decrease (increase) in the closing price of this these two positions would result in an estimated increase (decrease) in net loss of \$4.0 million, or \$0.02 per share.

For the year ended December 31, 2021, a 10% decrease (increase) in the closing price of this these two positions would result in an estimated increase (decrease) in net loss of \$0.8 million, or \$0.004 per share.

#### (b) Interest rate risk

The Company's cash is subject to interest rate cash flow risk as it carries variable rates of interest. The Company's interest rate risk management policy is to purchase highly liquid investments with a term to maturity of one year or less on the date of purchase. Based on cash balances on hand at December 31, 2022, a 1% change in interest rates could result in \$49,100 change in net loss.

#### (c) Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value of, or future cash flows from, the Company's financial instruments will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. The Company's operations are exposed to foreign exchange fluctuations, which could have a significant adverse effect on its results of operations from time to time. The Company's foreign currency risk arises primarily with respect to United States dollar, Euro and British Pound. Fluctuations in the exchange rates between this currency and the Canadian dollar could have a material effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations. The Company does not engage in any hedging activity to mitigate this risk. The Company reduces its currency risk by maintaining minimal cash balances held in foreign currency.

As at December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company had the following financial and non-financial assets and liabilities, (amounts posted in Canadian dollars) denominated in foreign currencies:

	Decembe	r 31, 2022		
	United States	British	Swiss	European
	Dollars	Pound	Franc	Euro
Cash	\$ 4,742,001 \$	-	\$ - \$	-
Receivables	67,103	-	-	-
Private investments	6,852,769	-	36,652,500	-
Prepaid investment	551,379	-	-	-
Digital assets	106,635,434	-	-	136,189
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(2,649,621)	(72,189)	(23,685)	(21,687)
Loan payable	(52,821,600)			
ETP holders payable	(105,740,627)	-	-	-
Net assets (liabilities)	\$ (42,363,163) \$	(72,189)	\$ 36,628,815 \$	114,502

#### 20. Financial instruments (continued)

#### (c) Currency risk (continued)

De	ecem	ber 31, 2021					
	United States			British	European		
		Dollars		Pound	Euro		
Cash	\$	8,928,642	\$	-	\$	-	
Receivables		32,065		-		-	
Private investments		10,257,760		-		-	
Prepaid investment		34,436		-		2,409,710	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		(3,363,109)		80,782		-	
ETP holders payable		(363,491,362)					
Net assets (liabilities)	\$	(347,601,568)	\$	80,782	\$	2,409,710	

A 10% increase (decrease) in the value of the Canadian dollar against all foreign currencies in which the Company held financial instruments as of December 31, 2022 would result in an estimated increase (decrease) in net income of approximately \$562,800 (December 31, 2021 - \$34,511,100).

(d) Digital currency risk factors: Perception, Evolution, Validation and Valuation

A digital currency does not represent an intrinsic value or a form of credit. Its value is a function of the perspective of the participants within the marketplace for that digital currency. The price of the digital currency fluctuates as a result of supply and demand pressures that accumulate in the market for it.

Having a finite supply (in the case of many but not all digital currencies), the more people who want to own that digital currency, the more the market price increases and vice-versa.

The most common means of determining the value of a digital currency is through one or more cryptocurrency exchanges where that digital currency is traded. Such exchanges publicly disclose the "times and sales" of the various listed pairs. As the marketplace for digital currencies evolves, the process for assessing value will become increasingly sophisticated.

#### 20. Financial instruments (continued)

(e) Fair value of financial instruments

The Company has determined the carrying values of its financial instruments as follows:

- i. The carrying values of cash, amounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximate their fair values due to the short-term nature of these instruments.
- ii. Public and private investments are carried at amounts in accordance with the Company's accounting policies as set out in Note 2.
- iii. Digital assets classified as financial assets relate to USDC which is measured at fair value.

The following table illustrates the classification and hierarchy of the Company's financial instruments, measured at fair value in the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2022 and 2021.

		Level 1		Level 2		Level 3 (Valuation	
				(Valuation		technique -	
	(Qu	oted Market	te	chnique -observable	n	on-observable	
Investments, fair value		price)		market Inputs)	n	narket inputs)	Total
Publicly traded investments	\$	17,227	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 17,227
Privately traded invesments		-		-		43,505,269	43,505,269
Digital assets		-		1,586		-	1,586
December 31, 2022	\$	17,227	\$	1,586	\$	43,505,269	\$ 43,524,082
Publicly traded investments	\$	18,146	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 18,146
Privately traded invesments		-		-		10,257,760	10,257,760
Digital assets		-		4,063		-	4,063
December 31, 2021	\$	18,146	\$	4,063	\$	10,257,760	\$ 10,279,969

Level 2 Hierarchy

The following table presents the changes in fair value measurements of financial instruments classified as Level 2 during the periods ended December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021. These financial instruments are measured at fair value utilizing non-observable market inputs. The net realized losses and net unrealized gains are recognized in the statements of loss

	December 31,	December 31,
Investments, fair value for the period ended	2022	2021
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 4,063	\$ 636,600
Disposal	(2,477)	(632,537)
Balance, end of period	\$ 1,586	\$ 4,063

#### Level 3 Hierarchy

The following table presents the changes in fair value measurements of financial instruments classified as Level 3 during the periods ended December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021. These financial instruments are measured at fair value utilizing non-observable market inputs. The net realized losses and net unrealized gains are recognized in the statements of loss.

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### 20. Financial instruments (continued)

Fair value of financial instruments (continued)

	December 31,	December 31,
Investments, fair value for the period ended	2022	2021
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 10,257,760 \$	\$ 3,018,493
Purchases	34,498,750	4,710,797
Transferred to Level 2	-	(1,051,233)
Realized and unrealized gain/(loss) net	(1,251,241)	3,579,703
Balance, end of period	\$ 43,505,269 \$	10,257,760

Within Level 3, the Company includes private company investments that are not quoted on an exchange. The key assumptions used in the valuation of these instruments include (but are not limited to) the value at which a recent financing was done by the investee, company-specific information, trends in general market conditions and the share performance of comparable publicly-traded companies.

As valuations of investments for which market quotations are not readily available, are inherently uncertain, may fluctuate within short periods of time and are based on estimates, determination of fair value may differ materially from the values that would have resulted if a ready market existed for the investments. Given the size of the private investment portfolio, such changes may have a significant impact on the Company's financial condition or operating results.

The following table presents the fair value, categorized by key valuation techniques and the unobservable inputs used within Level 3 as at December 31, 2022 and 2021.

				Range of
			Significant	significant
		Valuation	unobservable	unobservable
	Fair vaue	technique	input(s)	input(s)
\$	3,740,473	Recent financing	Marketability of shares	0% discount
	2,189,794	Recent financing	Marketability of shares	0% discount
	14,991	Recent financing	Marketability of shares	0% discount
	677,268	Recent financing	Marketability of shares	0% discount
	36,652,500	Recent financing	Marketability of shares	0% discount
	-	Recent financing	Marketability of shares	0% discount
	189,611	Recent financing	Marketability of shares	0% discount
	40,632	Recent financing	Marketability of shares	0% discount
\$	43,505,269			
\$	3 740 140	Recent financing	Marketability of shares	0% discount
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	198,356	Recent financing	,	0% discount
	633,963	Recent financing	•	0% discount
	3,420,000	Recent financing	Marketability of shares	0% discount
	177,488	Recent financing	Marketability of shares	0% discount
	38,034	Recent financing	Marketability of shares	0% discount
\$	10,257,760		*	
	\$	<ul> <li>\$ 3,740,473</li> <li>2,189,794</li> <li>14,991</li> <li>677,268</li> <li>36,652,500</li> <li>-</li> <li>189,611</li> <li>40,632</li> <li>\$ 43,505,269</li> <li>\$ 3,740,140</li> <li>2,049,779</li> <li>198,356</li> <li>633,963</li> <li>3,420,000</li> <li>177,488</li> <li>38,034</li> </ul>	Fair vauetechnique\$ 3,740,473Recent financing2,189,794Recent financing14,991Recent financing677,268Recent financing36,652,500Recent financing36,652,500Recent financing189,611Recent financing40,632Recent financing\$ 43,505,269\$\$ 3,740,140Recent financing198,356Recent financing633,963Recent financing3,420,000Recent financing177,488Recent financing38,034Recent financing	ValuationunobservableFair vauetechniqueinput(s)\$ 3,740,473Recent financingMarketability of shares2,189,794Recent financingMarketability of shares14,991Recent financingMarketability of shares677,268Recent financingMarketability of shares36,652,500Recent financingMarketability of shares36,652,500Recent financingMarketability of shares40,632Recent financingMarketability of shares40,632Recent financingMarketability of shares\$ 43,505,269SMarketability of shares\$ 3,740,140Recent financingMarketability of shares\$ 3,740,140Recent financingMarketability of shares\$ 3,740,000Recent financingMarketability of shares198,356Recent financingMarketability of shares3,420,000Recent financingMarketability of shares3,420,000Recent financingMarketability of shares38,034Recent financingMarketability of shares38,034Recent financingMarketability of shares

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#### 20. Financial instruments (continued)

Fair value of financial instruments (continued)

#### 3iQ Corp. ("3iQ")

On March 31, 2020, the Company acquired 187,007 common shares of 3iQ as part of the Company's acquisition of Valour (see Note 3 and 10). As at December 31 2022, the valuation of 3iQ was based on the February 2022 financing which is indicative of being the fair market value. Management has determined that there are no reasonably possible alternative assumptions that would change the fair value significantly As at December 31, 2022. As at December 31, 2022, a +/-10% change in the fair value of 3iQ will result in a corresponding +/- \$374,047 (December 31, 2021 - \$374,014) change in the carrying amount.

#### Brazil Potash Corp. ("BPC")

On September 11, 2020, the Company received 404,200 common shares of BPC as consideration of selling the Company's Royalties to a non-arms length party of the Company (see Note 8 for details). As at December 31, 2022, the valuation of BPC was based on the August 2022 financing which is indicative of being the fair market value. Management has determined that there are no reasonably possible alternative assumptions that would change the fair value significantly as at December 31, 2021. As at December 31, 2021, a +/- 10% change in the fair value of BPC will result in a corresponding +/- \$218,979 (December 31, 2021 - \$204,978) change in the carrying amount.

#### Earnity Inc. ("Earnity")

On April 13, 2021, the Company subscribed US\$40,000 (\$50,076) to acquire certain rights to certain future equity of Earnity (see Note 3). As at December 31 2022, the valuation of Earnity was based on the December 2022 financing which is indicative of being the fair market value. Management has determined that there are no reasonably possible alternative assumptions that would change the fair value significantly As at December 31 2022, a +/- 10% change in the fair value of Earnity will result in a corresponding +/- \$1,499 (December 31, 2021 - \$19,836) change in the carrying amount.

#### Luxor Technology Corporation ("LTC")

On December 29, 2020, the Company subscribed US\$100,000 (\$128,060) to acquire certain rights to the preferred shares of LTC. The transaction was closed on February 15, 2021. On May 11, 2021, the Company subscribed additional rights of US\$62,500 (\$75,787). As at December 31 2022, the valuation of LTC was based on the December 2021 financing which is indicative of being the fair market value. Management has determined that there are no reasonably possible alternative assumptions that would change the fair value significantly As at December 31 2022. As at December 31 2022. a +/- 10% change in the fair value of LTC will result in a corresponding +/- \$67,727 (December 31, 2021 - \$63,396) change in the carrying amount.

#### SDK:Meta LLC

On June 3, 2021, the Company entered into a share exchange agreement with SDK exchanging 1,000,000 membership units of SDK with 3,000,000 shares of the Company valuing the investment at \$3,420,000. During 2022, the Company impaired its investment in SDK:Meta LLC as they were unsuccessful in raising additional funds to continue to advance the company. As at December 31 2022, the valuation of SDK:Meta LLC was \$Nil (December 31, 2021 - \$3,420,000). Management has determined that there are no reasonably possible alternative assumptions that would change the fair value significantly. As at December 31 2022, a +/- 10% change in the fair value of SDK:Meta LLC will result in a corresponding +/- 0 (December 31, 2021 +/- \$342,000) change in the carrying amount.

#### SEBA Bank AG ("SEBA")

On January 14, 2022, the Company invested \$34,498,750 to acquire 3,906,250 non-votes shares of SEBA. As at December 31, 2022, the valuation of SEBA was based on the 2022 secondary trades which is indicative of being the fair market value. Management has determined that there are no reasonably possible alternative assumptions that would change the fair value significantly as at December 31, 2022. As at December 31, 2022, a +/- 10% change in the fair value of SEBA will result in a corresponding +/- \$3,665,250 change in the carrying amount.

#### Skolem Technologies Ltd. ("STL")

On December 29, 2020, the Company invested US\$20,000 (\$25,612) to acquire certain rights to the preferred shares of STL. On October 29, 2021, the Company rights were converted into 16,354 series A preferred shares. As at December 31, 2021, the valuation of STL was based on the October 2021 financing which is indicative of being the fair market value. Management has determined that there are no reasonably possible alternative assumptions that would change the fair value significantly as at December 31, 2022. As at December 31, 2022, a +/- 10% change in the fair value of STL will result in a corresponding +/- \$18,961 (December 31, 2021 - \$17,749) change in the carrying amount.

#### 20. Financial instruments

Fair value of financial instruments (continued)

#### VolMEX Labs Corporation ("VLC")

On February 23, 2021, the Company invested US\$30,000 (\$37,809) to acquire certain rights to the preferred shares of VLC. As at December 31, 2021, the valuation of VLC was based on the most recent financing which is indicative of being the fair market value. Management has determined that there are no reasonably possible alternative assumptions that would change the fair value significantly As at December 31, 2022. As at December 31, 2022. a +/- 10% change in the fair value of VLC will result in a corresponding +/- \$4,063 (December 31, 2021 - \$3,803) change in the carrying amount.

#### 21. Digital asset risk

(a) Digital currency risk factors: Risks due to the technical design of cryptocurrencies

The source code of many digital currencies, such as Bitcoin, is public and may be downloaded and viewed by anyone. As with all code, there may be a bug in the respective code which is yet to be found and repaired and can ultimately jeopardize the integrity and security of one or more of these networks.

Should miners for reasons yet unknown cease to register completed transactions within blocks which have been detached from the block chain, the confidence in the protocol and network will be reduced, which will reduce the value of the digital currency associated with that protocol, and the ETP payable balances that are valued with reference to the respective digital asset.

Protocols for most digital assets or cryptocurrencies are public open source software, they could be particularly vulnerable to hacker attacks, which could be damaging for the digital currency market and may be the cause for investors to choose other currencies or assets to invest in.

#### (b) Digital currency risk factors: Ownership, Wallets

Rather than the actual cryptocurrency (which are "stored" on the blockchain), a cryptocurrency wallet stores the information necessary to transact the cryptocurrency. Those digital credentials are needed so one can access and spend the underlying digital assets. Some use public-key cryptography in which two cryptographic keys, one public and one private, are generated and stored in a wallet. There are several types of wallets:

- Hardware wallets are USB-like hardware devices with a small screen built specifically for handling private keys and public keys/addresses.
  - Paper wallets are simply paper printouts of private and public addresses.
- Desktop wallets are installable software programs/apps downloaded from the internet that hold your private and public keys/addresses.
- Mobile wallets are wallets installed on a mobile device and are thus always available and connected to the internet.
- Web wallets are hot wallets that are always connected to the internet that can be stored in a browser or can be "hosted" by third party providers such as an exchange.

#### 21. Digital asset risk (continued)

(c) Digital currency risk factors: Political, regulatory risk in the market of digital currencies

The legal status of digital currencies, inter alia Bitcoin varies between different countries. The lack of consensus concerning the regulation of digital currencies and how such currencies shall be handled tax wise causes insecurity regarding their legal status. As all digital currencies remain largely unregulated assets, there is a risk that politics and future regulations may negatively impact the market of digital currencies and companies operating in such market. It is impossible to estimate how politics and future regulations may affect the market. However, future regulations and changes in the legal status of the digital currencies is a political risk which may affect the price development of the tracked digital currencies.

The perception (and the extent to which it is held) that there is significant usage of the digital assets in connection with criminal or other illicit purposes, could materially influence the development and regulation of digital assets (potentially by curtailing the same).

#### 22. Capital management

The Company considers its capital to consist of share capital, share based payments reserves and deficit. The Company's objectives when managing capital are:

- a) to allow the Company to respond to changes in economic and/or marketplace conditions by maintaining the Company's ability to purchase new investments;
- b) to give shareholders sustained growth in value by increasing shareholders' equity; while
- c) taking a conservative approach towards financial leverage and management of financial risks.

The Company's management reviews its capital structure on an on-going basis and makes adjustments to it in light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of its underlying investments. The Company's current capital is composed of its shareholders' equity and, to-date, has adjusted or maintained its level of capital by:

- a) raising capital through equity financings; and
- b) realizing proceeds from the disposition of its investments

The Company is not subject to any capital requirements imposed by a lending institution or regulatory body, other than the NEO Exchange which requires one of the following to be met: (i) shareholders equity of at least \$2.5 million, (ii) net income from continuing operations of at least \$375,000, (iii) market value of listed securities of at least \$25 million, or (iv) assets and revenues of at least \$25 million. There were no changes to the Company's capital management during the year ended December 31, 2022.

#### 23. Related party disclosures

a) The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries and its respective ownership listed below:

	% equity interest
DeFi Capital Inc.	100
DeFi Holdings (Bermuda) Ltd.	100
Electrum Streaming Inc.	100
Valour Inc. (Cayman)	100
DeFi Europe AG	100
Crypto 21 AB	100
Valour Management Limited	100

#### b) Compensation of key management personnel of the Company

In accordance with IAS 24, key management personnel are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company directly or indirectly, including any directors (executive and non-executive) of the Company. The remuneration of directors and key executives is determined by the remuneration committee having regard to the performance of individuals and market trends. The remuneration of directors and other members of key management personnel during the year ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 were as follows:

	Year ended		
	December 31,		
	2022		2021
Short-term benefits	\$ 1,673,537	\$	773,004
Shared-based payments	3,944,408		8,479,842
	\$ 5,617,945	\$	9,252,846

As December 31,2022, the Company had \$296,084 (December 31, 2021 - \$11,124) owing to its current key management, and \$356,340 (December 31, 2021 - \$655,296) owing to its former key management. Such amounts are unsecured, non-interest bearing, with no fixed terms of payment or "due on demand".

c) During the year ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company entered into the following transactions in the ordinary course of business with related parties that are not subsidiaries of the Company.

	Year ended December 31,			
	2022		2021	
2227929 Ontario Inc.	\$	120,000	\$	120,000
	\$	120,000	\$	120,000

\*\*Excl. HST & incl. bonus

The Company shares office space with other companies who may have common officers and directors. The costs associated with the use of this space, including the provision of office equipment and supplies, are administered by 2227929 Ontario Inc. to whom the Company pays a fee. As at December 31, 2022, the Company had a payable balance of \$90,400 (December 31, 2021 - \$nil) with 2227929 Ontario Inc. to cover shared expenses. The amounts outstanding are unsecured with no fixed terms of repayment. Fred Leigh, a former director and former officer of the Company, is also a director of 2227929 Ontario Inc.

#### 23. Related party disclosures (continued)

In August 2017, Forbes & Manhattan, Inc. ("Forbes") became an insider of the Company owning approximately 34.9% (approximately 34.9% at December 31, 2021) outstanding shares of the Company. On March 9, 2021, Forbes ceased to be an insider. The Company is also part of the Forbes Group of Companies and continue to receive the benefits of such membership, including access to mining professionals, advice from Stan Bharti, the Executive Chairman of Forbes and strategic advice from the Forbes Board of Advisors. An administration fee of \$10,000 per month is charged by Forbes pursuant to a consulting agreement. As at December 31, 2022, the Company had a payable balance of \$90,400 (December 31, 2021 - \$nil). Such amounts are unsecured, with no fixed terms of repayment. Forbes participated in the Company's March 2021 private placement financing and subscribed for 189,900 common shares for gross proceeds of \$379,800.

The Company incurred 41,086 (2021 - 1) in legal fees to a firm in which a director of the Company is a partner. Included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities were legal expenses of 34,759 (2021 - 8,550) incurred in the ordinary course of business at a law firm where a director of the company is a Partner.

Included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities were expenses of GBP 44,228 (\$72,189) (December 31, 2021 - \$75,731) expenses owed to Vik Pathak, a former director and officer of the Company.

See Notes 24.

d) The Company's directors and officers may have investments in and hold management and/or director and officer positions in some of the investments that the Company holds. The following is a list of total investments and the nature of the relationship of the Company's directors or officers with the investment as of December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021.

		Estimated
Investment	Nature of relationship to invesment	Fair value
Brazil Potash Corp.*	Officer (Ryan Ptolemy) of Investee	\$ 2,189,794
SEBA Bank AG	Director (Olivier Roussy Newton) of investee	36,652,500
Total investment - December 31, 2022		\$ 38,842,294

Investment	Nature of relationship to invesment	 Estimated Fair value
Brazil Potash Corp.*	Director (Stan Bharti), officer (Ryan Ptolemy) of Investee	\$ 2,049,779
Silo Wellness Inc.***	Former Director and Officer (Fred Leigh), Former Officer (Kenny Choi, Ryan Ptolemy) and common shareholders of investee	18,146
Total investment - December 31, 2021		\$ 2,067,925

The Company has a diversified base of investors. To the Company's knowledge, no one holds more than 10% of the Company's shares on a basic share and partially diluted share basis as at December 31, 2022,

Valour Inc. (Cayman) holds 4,000,000 common shares of the Company.

#### 24. Commitments and contingencies

The Company is party to certain management contracts. These contracts require that additional payments of up to approximately \$2,198,960 be made upon the occurrence of certain events such as a change of control. As a triggering event has not taken place, the contingent payments have not been reflected in these consolidated financial statements. Minimum commitments remaining under these contracts were approximately \$1,117,164, all due within one year.

The Company is, from time to time, involved in various claims and legal proceedings. The Company cannot reasonably predict the likelihood or outcome of these activities. The Company does not believe that adverse decisions in any ending or threatened proceedings related to any matter, or any amount which may be required to be paid by reasons thereof, will have a material effect on the financial condition or future results of operations.

In November 2021, the Company received a notice of application from two individuals seeking the enforceability of certain incentive stock option agreements between the respective individual and the Company and an additional \$500,000 in punitive damages per individual. On November 8, 2022, the Superior Court of Justice (the "Court") issued a ruling that the incentive stock option agreement between the respective individual and Company was enforceable. The Court ruled against any punitive damages. The Company is currently appealing the ruling.

#### 25. Operating segments

#### Geographical information

The Company operates in Canada where its head office is located and in Bermuda and Cayman islands where its operating business are located. Switzerland operates the Company's ETPs business line which involves issuing ETPs, hedging against the underlying digital asset, lending and staking of digital assets and management fees earned on the ETPs. Bermuda operates the Company's Venture portfolio and node business lines. Information about the Company's assets by geographical location is detailed below.

December 31, 2022	<u>Canada</u>	Bermuda	Cayman Islands	Total
Cash	261,992	-	4,644,173	4,906,165
Amounts receivable	4,155	-	62,947	67,102
Public investments	-	-	17,228	17,228
Prepaid expenses	136,189	2,784	425,769	564,742
Digital Assets	-	144,246	106,491,188	106,635,434
Property, plant and equipment	-	15,543	5,080	20,623
Other non-current assets	92,017,379	40,632	5,657,647	97,715,658
Total assets	92,419,715	203,205	117,304,032	209,926,952
December 31, 2021	Canada	Bermuda	Cayman islands	Total
Cash	271,976	-	8,889,058	9,161,034
Digital Assets	-	651,719	368,089,051	368,740,770
Other current assets	68,017	2,594	436,947	507,558
Property, plant and equipment	-	26,013	7,556	33,569
Other non-current assets	74,902,703	2,586,259	3,758,682	81,247,644
Total assets	75,242,696	3,266,585	381,181,294	459,690,575

## (Expressed in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted)

#### 25. Operating segments

Information about the Company's revenues and expenses by subsidiary are detailed below:

For the year ended December 31, 2022	Valour Inc. (Canada)	DeFi Bermuda	Valour Inc. (Cayman)	Total
Realized and net change in unrealized gains and (losses) on digital assets	-	(3,135,165)	(319,476,441)	(322,611,606)
Realized and net change in unrealized gains and (losses) on ETP payables	-	-	320,382,227	320,382,227
Realized (loss) of derivative asset	-	(434,072)	-	(434,072)
Staking and lending income	-	5,329	4,513,672	4,519,001
Management fees	-	-	1,436,455	1,436,455
Node revenue	-	347,758	-	347,758
Realized (loss) on investments, net	(12,077)	-	-	(12,077)
Unrealized (loss) on investments, net	(1,231,993)	-	(754,564)	(1,986,557)
Interest income	2,641	-	52,623	55,264
Total revenue	(1,241,429)	(3,216,150)	6,153,972	1,696,393
Expenses				
Operating, general and administration	9,282,891	43,889	5,421,279	14,748,059
Share based payments	15,889,455	-	-	15,889,455
Depreciation - property, plant and equipment	-	15,867	2,475	18,342
Depreciation - right of use assets	-	-	69,322	69,322
Amortization - intangibles	2,277,443	-	-	2,277,443
Finance costs		-	4,014,038	4,014,038
Transaction costs	140,886	-	973,055	1,113,941
Foreign exchange (gain) loss	139,109	-	(463,808)	(324,699)
Impairment loss	13,865,356	-	-	13,865,356
Total expenses	41,595,140	59,756	10,016,360	51,671,256
(Loss) income before other item	(42,836,569)	(3,275,906)	(3,862,389)	(49,974,864)
Other comprehensive loss			· · ·	
Foreign currency translation (loss) gain	(1,779)	115,366	(3,350,869)	(3,237,282)
Net (loss) income and	(40.000.040)	(2 100 540)	(7.012.050)	(52.010.146)
comprehensive (loss) income for the period	(42,838,348)	(3,160,540)	(7,213,258)	(53,212,146)

For the year ended December 31, 2021	Valour Inc. (Canada)	DeFi Bermuda	Valour Inc. (Cayman)	Total
Realized and net change in unrealized gains and losses on ETP payables	-	-	37,908,556	37,908,556
Realized and net change in unrealized gains and losses on digital assets	-	1,024,688	(34,357,475)	(33,332,787)
Realized gain of derivative asset	-	284,604	-	284,604
Other trading income	-	-	16,865	16,865
Staking and lending income	-	4,530	3,351,502	3,356,032
Management fees	-	-	1,116,597	1,116,597
Node revenue	-	1,090,008	-	1,090,008
Realized (loss) gain on investments, net	(231,626)	-	24,094	(207,532)
Unrealized gain on investments, net	2,255,278	-	2,485,173	4,740,451
Interest income	5,682	-	102,602	108,284
Total revenue	2,029,334	2,403,830	10,647,914	15,081,078
Expenses				
Operating, general and administration	11,540,053	37,869	3,376,271	14,954,193
Share based payments	42,035,158	-	-	42,035,158
Depreciation - property, plant and equipment	-	5,397	2,887	8,284
Depreciation - right of use assets	-	-	49,217	49,217
Amortization - intangibles	3,582,697	-	-	3,582,697
Finance costs	7,057	-	1,179,351	1,186,408
Transaction costs	-	-	1,315,775	1,315,775
Foreign exchange (gain) loss	(1,417)	26	16,872	15,481
Impariment loss	17,483,284	-	-	17,483,284
Total expenses	74,646,832	43,292	5,940,373	80,630,497
(Loss) income before other item	(72,617,498)	2,360,538	4,707,541	(65,549,419)
Loss on deemed disposal of an associate	(5,945,800)	-	-	(5,945,800)
Net (loss) income for the year	(78,563,298)	2,360,538	4,707,541	(71,495,219)
Other comprehensive loss				
Foreign currency translation gain	-	19,752	221,312	241,064
Net (loss) income and	(78,563,298)	2,380,290	4,928,853	(71,254,155)
comprehensive (loss) income for the year	(10,000,290)	2,500,290	4,320,000	(71,204,100)

#### 26. Income taxes

#### a) Provision for Income Taxes

Major items causing the Company's income tax rate to differ from the Canadian federal and provincial statutory rate of 26.5% (2021 – 26.5%) were as follows:

	2022 \$	2021 \$
(Loss) before income taxes	(49,974,864)	(71,495,219)
Expected income tax recovery based on statutory rate Adjustment to expected income tax recovery:	(13,243,000)	(18,946,000)
Change in foreign exchange rates	(86,000)	(5,000)
Permanent difference from difference in foreign tax	(2,044,000)	(2,044,000)
Provision to return adjustment	(1,979,092)	1,774,000
Share based compensation	4,211,000	11,139,000
Other	(9,000)	(1,000)
Change in unrecorded deferred tax asset	13,150,092	8,083,000

#### b) Deferred income tax

Deferred income tax assets have not been recognized in respect of the following deductible temporary differences in Canada:

	2021	2021
	\$	\$
Non-capital loss carry-forwards	43,751,000	38,106,000
Share issue costs	208,000	257,000
Exploration and evaluation assets	7,002,000	7,002,000
Investments	41,045,000	6,436,000
Capital losses carried forward	22,687,000	22,757,000
Total	114,693,000	74,558,000

The deferred tax impact for Valour Inc. (Cayman) and DeFi Bermuda are nil as the corporate income tax rate is 0% in these two countries.

The Company has approximately \$43,751,000 of non-capital loss carry-forwards in Canada which may be used to reduce the taxable income of future years. These losses expire from 2026 to 2042.

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(Formerly Defi Technologies Inc.)

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Year ended December 31, 2022

#### BACKGROUND

This Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") has been prepared based on information available to Valour Inc. ("we", "our", "us", "Valour" or the "Company") containing information through March 31, 2023, unless otherwise noted. The MD&A provides a detailed analysis of the Company's operations and compares its financial results for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021. The financial statements and related notes of Valour have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). Please refer to the notes of the December 31, 2022 annual audited consolidated financial statements for disclosure of the Company's significant accounting policies. The Company's presentation currency is the Canadian dollar. Unless otherwise noted, all references to currency in this MD&A refer to Canadian dollars.

Additional information, including our press releases, have been filed electronically through the System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval ("SEDAR") and is available online under the Company's SEDAR profile at <u>www.sedar.com</u>.

## **CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD LOOKING INFORMATION**

Except for statements of historical fact relating to DeFi certain information contained herein constitutes forward-looking information under Canadian securities legislation. The use of any of the words "anticipate", "plan", "continue", "estimate", "expect", "may", "will", "project", "goal", "predict", "potential", "should", "believe", "intend" or the negative of these terms and similar expressions are intended to identify forwardlooking information and statements. The information and statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results or events to differ materially from those anticipated in such forward-looking information and statements. Such statements reflect the Company's current views with respect to certain events, and are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Many factors could cause the Company's actual results, performance, or achievements to vary from those described in this MD&A. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should assumptions underlying forward-looking statements prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those described in this MD&A as intended, planned, anticipated, believed, estimated, or expected. With respect to the forward-looking statements contained herein, although the Company believes that the expectations and assumptions on which the forward-looking statements are based are reasonable, undue reliance should not be placed on the forward-looking statements, because no assurance can be given that they will prove to be correct. Since forward-looking statements address future events and conditions, by their very nature they involve inherent risks and uncertainties. Actual results could differ materially from those currently anticipated due to a number of factors and risks. These include, but are not limited to: the Company's lack of operating history as an investment company; the volatility of the market price of the common shares of the Company; risks relating to the trading price of the common shares of the Company relative to net asset value; risks relating to available investment opportunities and competition for investments; the volatility of the share prices of investments in public companies; the dependence on management, directors and the investment committee; risks relating to additional funding requirements; potential conflicts of interest and potential transaction and legal risks, conflict of interests and litigation risks, as more particularly described under the heading "Risk Factors" in this MD&A and in the Company's Annual Information Form ("AIF") filed with Canadian securities regulators. Although management of the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in forward-looking statements, there may be other factors that cause results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. There can be no assurance that such statements will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such

statements. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. The Company does not undertake to update any forward-looking statements, except in accordance with applicable securities laws.

## **OVERVIEW OF THE COMPANY**

The Company is a publicly listed issuer on the NEO Exchange trading under the symbol "DEFI". The Company is a technology company bridging the gap between traditional capital markets and decentralized finance. The Company's mission is to expand investor access to industry-leading decentralized technologies which it believes lie at the heart of the future of finance. On behalf of its shareholders and investors, it identifies opportunities and areas of innovation, and builds and invests in new technologies and ventures in order to provide trusted, diversified exposure across the decentralized finance ecosystem. The Company does so through three distinct business lines: Valour ETPs, Valour Ventures and Valour Infrastructure.

The Company's consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IFRS applicable to a going concern. Accordingly, they do not give effect to adjustments that would be necessary should the Company be unable to continue as a going concern and therefore be required to realize its assets and liquidate its liabilities and commitments in other than the normal course of business and at amounts different from those in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

## INVESTMENT PILLARS

Valour generates revenue through three core pillars:

## Valour ETPs

The Company, through its 100% ownership of Valour Cayman Inc. ("**Valour Cayman**"), is developing Exchange Traded Notes ("**ETNs**") that synthetically track the value of a single DeFi protocol or a basket of protocols. ETNs simplify the ability for retail and institutional investors to gain exposure to DeFi protocols or basket of protocols as it removes the need to manage a wallet, two-factor authentication, various logins, and other intricacies that are linked to managing a decentralized finance protocol portfolio.

## Valour Venture

The Company, whether by itself or through its subsidiaries, invests in various companies and leading protocols across the decentralized finance ecosystem to build a diversified portfolio of decentralized finance assets.

## Valour Infrastructure

The Company's Valour Infrastructure line of business offer governance services and products within the DeFi ecosystem. The Company uses its expertise in DeFi to offer node management of decentralized protocols to support governance, security and transaction validation for their networks.

## HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND SUBSEQUENT EVENTS:

 On January 5, 2022, the Company announced its preferred partnership agreement with SEBA Bank AG ("SEBA"), a leading global private Swiss Crypto Bank. SEBA is a fully integrated, FINMA licensed, digital assets banking platform providing a seamless, secure, and easy-to-use bridge between digital and traditional assets.

- On January 12, 2022, the Company announced it is co-leading an investment of CHF25 million and will receive a seat on SEBA's Board of Directors.
- On January 26, 2022, the Company was added to CoinShares Blockchain Global Equity Index, administered by Solactive AG.
- On February 1, 2022, the Company announced that Valour Inc. received approval to begin trading Solana ETP on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange.
- On February 16, 2022, the Company received approval from the Nordic Growth Market stock exchange for the listing of two new ETPs, Valour Terra ("LUNA") SEK and Valour Avalanche (AVAX) SEK, these products were launched on February 28, 2022.
- On February 17, 2022, the Company entered into a strategic partnership with RockX to provide staking yield through financial products.
- On March 21, 2022, the Company created a special purpose vehicle to support distribution of an asset-backed product program.
- On March, 25, 2022, the Company's wholly owned subsidiary Valour Inc., an issuer of digital asset exchange-traded products (ETPs), has listed two of its low-fee ETPs tracking the price of the digital assets Valour terra (LUNA) and avalanche (AVAX) on Boerse Frankfurt Zertifikate AG. The Valour Terra ETP tracks the performance of LUNA, the native token of the Terra protocol, a leading decentralized and open-source public blockchain protocol for algorithmic stablecoins. LUNA is among the top 10 cryptocurrencies in the world by market capitalization, currently at US\$33.2-billion. The Valour Avalanche (AVAX) ETP tracks the performance of AVAX, the native token of the avalanche platform. Avalanche is an open, programmable smart contracts platform for decentralized applications aiming to rival ethereum due to its high speed. AVAX is among the top 15 cryptocurrencies in the world by market capitalization, currently at US\$22.7-billion.
- On April 5, 2022, the Company participated in the US\$45-million Series A raise for Boba Network, a decentralized autonomous organization (DAO) and next-generation Ethereum layer 2 Optimistic Rollup scaling solution. The Series A raise values the project at \$1.5-billion (U.S.). The financing will address Ethereum's computational limitations and foster greater functionality for decentralized applications (dApps) through Boba's Hybrid Compute platform.
- On April 6, 2022, the Company's subsidiary, Valour Inc., will began trading of Valour Cardano, Valour Polkadot and Valour Solana on the Euronext exchange in Paris and Amsterdam. Trading of these exchange-traded products (ETP) began today, April 6, 2022. These ETPs will be offered on Euronext Paris and Amsterdam enabling both retail and institutional investors to gain exposure to the native tokens of the Cardano, Polkadot and Solana networks safely and without navigating the process of opening a crypto wallet.
- On April 8, 2022, the Company extended its normal course issuer bid ("NCIB") to buy back common shares of the company through the facilities of Neo Exchange Inc. and/or other Canadian alternative trading platform. The NCIB was originally launched on April 13, 2021, and was set to expire on April 8, 2022. The actual number of common shares that may be purchased under the NCIB and the exact timing of such purchases will be determined by the company.
  - On April 19, 2022, the Company qualified for trading on the OTCQB Venture Market in the United States, operated by OTC Markets Group Inc., and the Company's common shares began trading today on the OTCQB Venture Market under the symbol DEFTF. The company's common shares are also eligible for electronic clearing and settlement through Depository Trust Company (DTC). Defi Technologies' common shares will continue to trade on the NEO Exchange in Canada under the symbol DEFI and on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange under the symbol RMJ.

- On May 9, 2022, the Company's wholly owned subsidiary partnered with Seba Bank and MarketVector Indices (MVIS) to launch the Seba Valour Metaverse Index (SVMETA). The SVMETA index is an investable index for tokens building for the metaverse that provides exposure to crypto assets related to gaming, entertainment and social interactions within the virtual and augmented reality world. In September 2022, the Company terminated the partnership with SEBA bank as the Company decided to build the asset-backed platform in house rather than work to raise assets on the SEBA platform.
- On May 26, 2022, the Company's wholly owned subsidiary received approval to begin trading Valour Enjin (ENJ) EUR and Valour Cosmos (ATOM) EUR on the Boerse Frankfurt Zertifikate AG (Frankfurt Stock Exchange). The Valour Enjin (ENJ) EUR ETP precisely tracks the price of ENJ, the native token of the Enjin protocol. Enjin (ENJ) is an on-line gaming community creation platform built on the ethereum blockchain. The Valour Cosmos (ATOM) EUR ETP tracks the performance of the native token of Cosmos. Cosmos (ATOM) is a cryptocurrency that powers an ecosystem of blockchains designed to scale and interoperate with each other.
- On June 6, 2022, the Company's Seba Valour Metaverse Index (SVMETA) is available for trading OTC (over the counter). Valour collaborated with Seba Bank and MVIS to launch an investable index for tokens building for the metaverse, SVMETA.
- On July 7, 2022, the Company appointed Marco Infuso to the role of chief sales officer. With his
  international experience in the field of digital assets and ETFs, he will drive sales throughout
  Europe, as well as win new customer groups globally.
- On July 11, 2022, the Company appoint Peter Markl to the role of its general counsel. With his
  international experience in investment banking and digital assets, he will head the legal department
  globally and lead Valour on all legal and regulatory matters, in particular in relation to ETPs.
- On July 26, 2022, the Company's has begun trading its exchange-traded products (ETP) on the Lang and Schwarz Exchange. Trading of Bitcoin Zero, Etherium Zero, Valour Uniswap ETP, Valour Polkadot ETP, Valour Cardano ETP, Valour Solana ETP, Valour Avalanche ETP, Valour Cosmos ETP and Valour Enjin ETP.
- On August 1, 2022, the Company appointed Elaine Buhler to the role of product manager. With her extensive experience in product and portfolio management with a diverse financial background, including private equity and derivatives, she will be responsible for enhancing Valour's ETP initiatives globally.
- On August 16, 2022, the Company formed a partnership with German on-line brokerage platform, justTrade. The partnership will retain Valour as the provider of physically-backed crypto ETPs to the online broker's savings plan program (Sparplan) by the end of the year. Valour will also offer its entire range of crypto ETPs like Bitcoin, Ethereum as well as others like Enjin and Uniswap immediately.
- On August 18, 2022, the Company signed an agreement with German banks Comdirect and Onvista that will enable banking clients to integrate Valour ETPs (exchange-traded products) into their investment portfolios. Comdirect and Onvista customers will have access to Valour's entire range of crypto ETPs.
- On August 24, 2022, the Company announced it will debut its new Binance Coin exchange-traded product (ETP) on Borse Frankfurt. Trading of Valour (BNB) ETP begins today, August 24, 2022.
- On September 23, 2022, the Company announced its new Carbon Neutral Bitcoin exchange-traded product (ETP) on Borse Frankfurt. Valour's Bitcoin Carbon Neutral ETP becomes the 11th ETP offered by Valour. Valour Bitcoin Carbon Neutral offers investors exposure to bitcoin and presents

a trusted investment method that benefits the environment and aligns with ESG (environmental, social and governance) goals by financing certified carbon removal and offset initiatives in order to neutralize the associated bitcoin carbon footprint.

- On October 6, 2022, the Company appointed Olivier Roussy Newton as chief executive officer. Russell Starr, formerly chief executive officer, will reassume the role of head of capital markets and maintain his role as executive chairman.
- On October 12, 2022, the Company announced it has partnered with Swedish index provider Vinter to launch Valour's first multi asset crypto exchange-traded product, the Valour Digital Asset Basket 10 Index (VDAB10). The Valour Digital Asset Basket 10 ETP tracks the 10 largest digital assets weighted by their current market capitalization, with a maximum portfolio allocation of 30 per cent per asset. The index, provided by Vinter, is rebalanced quarterly and weighted to enable investors to gain broad and trusted exposure to the largest disruptive digital assets, offering a diversified entry without the need to set up a dedicated trading account.
- On October 28, 2022, the Company filed a new European Union base prospectus covering digital asset ETPs (exchange-traded products) for approval with the Swedish regulator SFSA. If approved, Valour will be in a position to enhance the public offering of its digital asset performance tracking securities by various new index solutions, asset class mixes and derivative features. In the future Valour will be able to offer a wide range of ETP securities that combine digital assets exposure with other asset classes such as equities and commodities, third party funds' performances, and derivative tools, such as leveraged or capital protection investments.
- On November 14, 2022, the Company closed the first tranche of its non-brokered private placement financing of units for gross proceeds of \$1,414,973 through the sale of 7,074,865 Units at a price of C\$0.20 per Unit. Each Unit is comprised of one common share of the Company and one half of a common share purchase warrant, each whole warrant entitles the holder of a warrant to acquire one additional common share of Valour at an exercise price of \$0.30 for a period of 24 months from issuance.
- On November 29, 2022, the Company closed the second tranche of its non-brokered private placement financing of units for gross proceeds of \$132,400 through the sale of 662,000 Units at a price of C\$0.20 per Unit. Each Unit is comprised of one common share of the Company and one half of a common share purchase warrant, each whole warrant entitles the holder of a warrant to acquire one additional common share of Valour at an exercise price of \$0.30 for a period of 24 months from issuance.
- On December 1, 2022, the Company announced a partnership with Autostock, a Swedish trading platform to launch an automated trading strategy designed to capture weekly effects of Bitcoin. Autostock AB is a Swedish analysis/trading platform exclusively connected to Nordnet Bank, offering advanced technical analysis methods, automated trading facilities and algorithmic strategies. Valour and Autostock have agreed to an exclusive partnership specific to digital assets which makes it possible for clients of Autostock to make use of a weekly effect of the Bitcoin price development, in an automated manner known as Coinbot Zero by Valour.
- On December 23, 2022, the Company announced that Valour Crypto products are now available on the independent comparison platform MoneyMoon. MoneyMoon is one of the major European exchange traded product comparison platforms with over 75,000 active monthly users.
- On January 10, 2023, the Company announced approval of its renewed EU-base prospectus covering digital assets ETP-products by the Swedish regulator SFSA. These new products will allow investors to diversify their portfolios by combining digital asset exposure with other asset classes such as equities and commodities, and will also provide access to benefits of derivative tools like leveraged or capital protection investments.

- On January 12, 2023, the Company announced the approval in principle by the Jersey regulator JFSC and the submission of an EU base prospectus with the Swedish regulator SFSA for the issuance of physically stored digital assets wrapped by exchange-traded (ETP) securities. Once approved, the new ETP-securities will be available on regular exchanges in Europe such as Deutsche Boerse Xetra, Euronext, SIX Swiss Exchange etc. being secured by the respective digital assets that are physically stored with regulated custody providers. Physical custody ensures that the underlying assets are stored in a secure location and are pledged for the benefit of the security holder
- On February 3, 2023, the Company announced that it has changed its auditors from RSM Canada LLP ("Former auditor") to BF Borgers CPA PC ("successor Auditor") effective as of February 3, 2023. There were no reservations in the Former Auditor's audit reports for any financial period during which the Former Auditor was the Company's auditor. There are no "reportable events" (as the term is defined in National Instrument 51-102 Continuous Disclosure Obligations) between the Company and the Former Auditor.
- On March 2, 2023, the Company announced that they have agreed to enter into a strategic partnership in with Spirit Blockchain (CSE: SPIR), a Canadian company that offers shareholders diversified exposure to the Blockchain and Digital Asset Industry. Leading up to this strategic partnership, Valour will also participate Spirit Blockchain's private placement. Spirit is listed on the Canadian Securities Exchange (CSE) under the symbol SPIR.CN. Spirit is a Canadian-Swiss group operating in the blockchain and digital asset sectors with the primary goal of creating value in a rapidly growing environment through recurring cash flows and capital appreciation. Spirit provides investors with direct exposure to the sector without the technical complexity or constraints of purchasing and holding the underlying crypto assets.
- On March 21, 2023, the Company's launched its crypto product range to French investors.

## DIGITAL ASSETS

As at December 31, 2022, the Company's digital assets consisted of the below digital currencies, with a fair value of \$106,635,434 (December 31, 2021 - \$370,053,740). Digital currencies are recorded at their fair value on the date they are acquired and are revalued to their current market value at each reporting date. Fair value for Bitcoin, Cardano, Ethereum, Polkadot, Solana and Uniswap is determined by taking the price at 17:30 CET from Kraken, Bitfinex, Binance and Coinbase exchanges consistent with the pricing of the ETP. Fair value for the other digital assets is determined by taking the last closing price for the day (UTC time) from www.coinmarketcap.com. The Company's holdings of digital assets consist of the following:

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	December 31,	December 31, 2022		021
	Quantity	\$	Quantity	\$
Binance Coin	11.1000	3,678	0.3000	197
Bitcoin	2,126.5130	47,498,630	1,837.5692	112,052,901
Ethereum	21,141.7368	34,333,700	18,666.2358	89,582,049
Cardano	36,438,339.0800	12,004,332	34,447,996.7900	59,079,245
Polkadot	931,646.4544	5,407,239	1,133,717.2970	40,213,624
Solana	428,280.68	5,537,534	294,114.51	65,591,792
Mobilecoin	2,855.5045	-	2,854.9570	35,506
Shyft	3,507,575.4684	37,530	1,137,025.7440	616,106
Uniswap	148,734.0602	1,021,542	66,993.0000	1,557,232
USDC		1,586		4,063
USDT		14,134		8,055
Doge	10,000.0000	914		-
Cosmos	201.0000	2,531		-
Avalanche	48,995.3900	712,745		-
Matic	890.0000	906		-
Shiba Inu	90,000,000.0000	975		-
Ripple	2,000.0000	919		-
Enjin	10,009.9900	3,180		-
Terra Luna	199,195.3600	-		-
Current		106,582,076		368,740,770
Blocto	251,424.913	6,737	251,424.913	607,519
Maps	285,713.000	-	285,713.000	92,478
Oxygen	400,000.000	-	400,000.000	352,266
Boba Network	250,000.00	-	-	-
Saffron.finance	86.21	2,345	86.210	24,850
Clover	310,000.00	13,216	190,000.000	118,032
Sovryn	15,458.95	2,342	13,916.670	117,771
Wilder World	148,810.00	28,660	-	-
Pyth	2,500,000.00	-	-	-
Volmex	2,925,878.00	58	2,925,878.000	54
Long-Term		53,358		1,312,970
Total Digital Assets		106,635,434		370,053,740

The continuity of digital assets for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021:

	December 31, 2022		December 31, 2021
Opening balance	\$	370,053,740 \$	636,600
Digital assets acquired		231,392,840	729,666,919
Digital assets disposed		(191,092,048)	(331,176,366)
Realized gain on digital assets		(47,595,430)	2,291,313
Digital assets earned from staking, lending and fees		5,955,456	3,356,020
Net change in unrealized gains and losses on digital assets		(275,739,651)	(34,720,746)
Foregin exchange gain		13,660,527	-
	\$	106,635,434 \$	370,053,740

In the normal course of business, the Company enters into open-ended lending arrangements with certain financial institutions, whereby the Company loans certain fiat and digital assets in exchange for interest income. The Company can demand the repayment of the loans and accrued interest at any time. The digital assets on loan are included in digital assets balances above.

#### **Digital Assets loaned**

As of December 31, 2022, the Company had no digital assets loaned with certain financial institutions. As of December 31, 2021, the Company has on loan select digital assets to borrowers at annual rates ranging

from approximately 0.82% to 11.00% and accrue interest on a monthly basis. The digital assets on loan are measured at fair value through profit and loss.

As of December 31, 2021, digital assets on loan consisted of the following:

	Number of coins		
	on loan	Fair Value	Fair Value Share
Digital and fiat currencies on loan:			
Bitcoin	997.8835	\$ 60,849,811	57%
Ethereum	8,541.8186	40,993,461	38%
Polkdot	151,662.7649	5,379,568	5%
Cardano	3,279.4500	5,624	0%
Total	164,481.9170	\$ 107,228,464	100%

As of December 31, 2021, the digital assets on loan by significant borrowing counterparty is as follow:

	Number of coins				
	Interest rates	on loan		Fair Value	
Digital and fiat currencies on loan:					
Counterparty A	11.00%	154,942.2149	\$	5,385,193	
Counterparty C	4.0% - 5.125%	1,250.0000		20,043,867	
Counterparty D	2.85% - 4.25%	2,451.1958		37,044,530	
Counterparty F	0.82%-2.43%	5,838.5063		44,754,875	
Total		164,481.9170	\$	107,228,464	

As of December 31, 2021, digital assets on loan were concentrated with counterparties as follows:

	Geography	December 31, 2021	
Digital and fiat currencies on loan:			
Counterparty A	London, UK	5%	
Counterparty C	United States	19%	
Counterparty D	London, UK	35%	
Counterparty F	United States	42%	
Total		100%	

The Company's digital assets on loan are exposed to credit risk. The Company limits its credit risk by placing its digital assets on loan with high credit quality financial institutions that are believed to have sufficient capital to meet their obligations as they come due and on which the Company has performed internal due diligence procedures. The Company's due diligence procedures may include, but are not limited to, review of the financial position of the borrower, review of the internal control practices and procedures of the borrower, review of market information, and monitoring the Company's risk exposure thresholds. As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company does not expect a material loss on any of its digital assets on loan. While the Company intends to only transact with counterparties that it believes to be creditworthy, there can be no assurance that a counterparty will not default and that the Company will not sustain a material loss on a transaction as a result.

#### **Digital Assets Staked**

As of December 31, 2022, the Company had no digital assets skated with certain financial institutions. As of December 31, 2021, the Company has skated select digital assets to borrowers at annual rates ranging from approximately 1.5% to 12% and accrue rewards as they are earned. The digital assets staked are measured at fair value through profit and loss.

As of December 31, 2021, digital assets staked consisted of the following:

	Number of coins					
	on loan	Fair Value	Fair Value Share			
Digital and fiat currencies on loan:						
Polkdot	755,287.915	26,790,510	32%			
Cardano	3,162,507.802	5,423,786	6%			
Solana	231,732.350	51,679,668	62%			
Euro	1,007.471	1,450	0%			
Total	4,150,535.5383 \$	83,895,414	100%			

As of December 31, 2021, the digital assets staked by significant borrowing counterparty is as follow:

	Number of coins					
	Interest rates	on loan	Fair Value			
Digital and fiat currencies on loan:						
Counterparty B	1.50% - 12.0%	3,968,035.4883	73,623,935			
Counterparty E	2.10%	137,500.0000	235,816			
Counterparty G	7.76%	45,000.05	10,035,662			
Total		\$ 4,150,536	\$ 83,895,414			

As of December 31, 2021, digital assets staked were concentrated with counterparties as follows:

		December 31,
	Geography	2021
Digital and fiat currencies on loan:		
Counterparty B	London, UK	88%
Counterparty E	Switzerland	0%
Counterparty G	United States	12%
Total		100%

The Company's digital assets staked are exposed to market risk, liquidity risk, lockup duration risk, loss or theft of assets and return duration risk. The Company limits these risks by placing its digital assets staked with open term durations without lockups as a standard for all staking arrangements. The Company also places allocation limits by counterparty and only deals with high credit quality financial institutions that are believed to have sufficient capital to meet their obligations as they come due and on which the Company has performed internal due diligence procedures. The Company's due diligence procedures may include, but are not limited to, review of the financial position of the counterparty, review of the internal control practices and procedures of the counterparty, review of market information, and monitoring the Company's risk exposure thresholds. As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company does not expect a material loss on any of its digital assets staked. While the Company intends to only transact with counterparties that it believes to meets the Company staking policy criteria, there can be no assurance that a counterparty will not sustain a material loss on a transaction as a result.

## **THIRD PARTY CUSTODIANS**

As of December 31, 2022, the Company used the following third-party custodians (each, a "**Custodian**") in the ordinary course of business of its DeFi Ventures business line as well as for digital asset underlying Valour ETPs:

Custodian	Location
Bitcoin Suisse AG	Switzerland
Bitgo Trust	United States
Anchorage Digital	United States
Coinbase Global, Inc.	United States

Fidelity Digital Asset Services, LLC	United States
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Each of the Custodians have not appointed a sub-custodian to hold crypto assets owned by the Company. The Custodians hold and safeguard the digital assets deposited by the Company and its subsidiaries. The Custodians also offer lending and staking services. The Custodians are not Canadian financial institutions. None of the Custodians are related parties of the Company.

Each Custodian maintains general commercial insurance on its own behalf, but the Corporation and other clients of such Custodians are not named insured under such policies. The Company is not aware of any security breaches or similar incidents at the Custodians. The Company believes that any event of insolvency or bankruptcy of a Custodian would be treated in accordance with the insolvency or bankruptcy laws of the applicable jurisdiction of such Custodian.

As of December 31, 2022, the breakdown of digital assets deposited with each Custodian as a percentage of total digital assets custodied by the Company and its subsidiaries is as follows:

Custodian	Location	% of digital assets custodied by market value <sup>(1)</sup>	Regulatory Body
Bitcoin Suisse AG	Switzerland	11.38%	Financial Services Standards Association (VQF), Zug, Switzerland
Anchorage Digital	United States	21.89%	Office of the Comptroller of Currency
Coinbase Global, Inc.	United States	0.03%	New York Department of Financial Services

Note 1: As at December 31, 2022; Residual digital assets served as collateral for loans with B2C2-Group (approx. 56.4 %; B2C2 UK FCA-regulated) and Genesis Global Capital LLC (10,02%; subject to bankruptcy proceeding/filing as of 19 January 2023).

Valour Cayman diligences and reviews counterparty risk in accordance with the following principles:

- Valour shall strive to spread counterparty risk between several counterparties, where relevant and practical.
- In relevant situations and as far as possible, counterparty (and settlement) risk shall be mitigated by conducting transactions in well-established settlement systems based on the principles of delivery versus payment or payment versus payment.
- The below methodology is to be applied when proposing and selecting counterparties and when granting limits on counterparty risk score.
- The counterparties are reviewed in regular intervals and re-evaluated.
- In case of significant events such as negative news or credit events, Valour can decide to close the business relationship with a counterparty irrespective of the review cycle.
- Valour manages a counterparty scorecard and captures, assesses and monitors the below information.

## 1. Contact information

The name, the website and contact person at the exchange/counterparty, as well as the responsible onboarding owner on Valour side.

## 2. Current status

The current status of the relationship, the connection type, as well as the services, products and currency pairs used on the respective exchange/counterparty have to be documented and kept up to date

## 3. Country of registration and regulation

The country in which the exchange/counterparty is registered must be documented. In addition all countries in which the exchange/counterparty holds a regulatory licence have to be assessed and documented by stating the licence number (if applicable).

## 4. Country risk

The country of registration as well as the country/-ies of regulation are evaluated by using the country risk matrix. The country risk matrix considers the FATF (and equivalent) country evaluation, the Transparency.org Corruption Perception Index (CPI) as well as the VQF SRO country risk recommendations.

## 5. <u>Adverse media search</u>

An adverse media search is being conducted. For example, information about an exchange having been hacked in the past or any news about a negative reputation, regulatory breaches etc. are documented.

## 6. Public exchange scores

Publicly available information and risk scores from data sources such as Coinmarketcap and Coingecko are being collected and documented.

## 7. Information security certification

The exchange/counterparty information security certification status is assessed. Information about the possession of certifications such as AICPA SOC 1, SOC 2 Type I and SOC 2 Type II as well as ISO 27001 are documented.

## 8. Insurance coverage

Information about insurance protection and regulatory status in terms of investor protection are assessed and documented.

## 9. Proof of reserves

It is being checked if the exchange/counterparty has made the public wallet addresses of its cold and hot storage publicly available or if any other cryptographic means of verification of the reserves held in custody are either publicly available or have been audited.

## 10. Risk evaluation

The risk score is evaluated on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being the lowest risk and 5 being the highest risk. Based on the information collected in the scorecard, with a focus on regulatory licences, a risk score is calculated and documented for each exchange or counterparty. By carefully evaluating the risk score, we can ensure that we are making responsible business decisions and protecting our customers and stakeholders.

## 11. Business justification and restrictions

In cases where an exchange or counterparty presents increased risks, a business justification must be provided. We must carefully consider the potential exposure and take appropriate measures to limit it through restrictions, thresholds, or other means. Any decision to establish a business relationship with an exchange or counterparty with increased risks must be approved by the board.

## 12. <u>Recurring review schedule</u>

The review date and review frequency of all exchanges/counterparties are documented and tracked in the scorecard. A review once a year is set as the default standard, however, an ad-hoc review has to be considered in case of any event that may result in any of the assessment criteria being changed.

## 13. Account closure

If the exchange or counterparty has been identified with an increased risk, such as a risk score of 4 or 5, Valour will determine if it is necessary to close the business relationship. This decision is based on the potential exposure and the potential impact on the business and stakeholders.

If it is determined that the business relationship should be terminated, a plan for closing the relationship is developed in a controlled and orderly manner. This may include transferring outstanding transactions, closing accounts, and ensuring that all necessary documents and records are properly transferred or retained. The decision to close the business relationship is communicated to the exchange or counterparty and a timeline for the closure is provided. Once the business relationship has been successfully terminated, the counterparty scorecard is updated in order to reflect the closure.

By following this process, we can ensure that we are taking a responsible and proactive approach to closing business relationships with risky counterparties. This can help protect our customers and stakeholders and maintain the integrity of our business operations.

## SELF-CUSTODY OF DIGITAL ASSETS

At December 31, 2022, the Company's had self-custody of digital assets totaling \$2,326,139 (December 31, 2021 - \$1,964,582).

The Company maintain controls around the meta mask and other hot and cold wallets includes only senior management having access to the accounts, passwords, seed phases, etc. All copies of passwords and seed phases are secured with senior management. Duplicate copies of the passwords and seeds phases are held two members of the senior management in different locations.

## STAKING AND LENDING POLICY

The Company's lending arrangements policy is as follows:

## (a) which party has legal title

The lender authorizes the counterparty e.g., Anchorage to draw down lent assets. Typically, the counterparty / borrower is then permitted to use Client's Designated Assets for any lawful purpose.

## (b) the status of the assets in the event of insolvency of the borrower

The lender shall have full recourse to Counterparty for any obligations hereunder in equity and at law. Upon any event of default, the lender shall be entitled to seek all remedies available at law or in equity for the full amount or any unpaid principal of any advance, accrued but unpaid fees or other amounts or property payable hereunder against Lender in addition to enforcing its security interest.

## (c) contractual limitation on use and transfer of lent items by borrower

Typically, the Counterparty is then permitted to use client's designated assets for any lawful purpose.

(d) borrower's ability to initiate transactions with the borrowed assets, including but not limited to: sell, lend, pledge, and/or hypothecate

Typically, the Counterparty is then permitted to use Client's Designated Assets for any lawful purpose, including selling, lending, pledging and/or hypothecating. Certain lending agreements require Counterparties to grant a security interest to the Company on any assets that are further lent out.

#### (e) borrowers' rights regarding "co-mingling"

There is no specific language in the lending agreement but given the Counterparties can use for any lawful purpose, the Company's believes that comingling can occur.

## (f) callability terms and conditions (including "notice period", if any).

Termination. Client may terminate any Advance of its Designated Assets upon three (3) business days' prior notice (the date of such termination, the "Termination Date"), from time to time at its sole discretion through an Electronic Notice.

## INVESTMENTS, AT FAIR VALUE, THROUGH PROFIT AND LOSS, AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2022

At December 31, 2022, the Company's investment portfolio consisted of one publicly traded investments and eight private investments for a total estimated fair value of \$43,522,496 (December 31, 2021 – one publicly traded investment and seven private investments at a total estimated fair value of \$10,275,906).

#### Public investments

At December 31, 2022, the Company's one publicly-traded investments had a total estimated fair value of \$17,227.

Public Issuer	Note Security description	Cost		Value	of FV
Smart Valor AG	19,000 SDR	1	50,908	17,227	100.0%
Total public investments		\$ 1	50,908 \$	17,227	100.0%

At December 31, 2021, the Company's one publicly-traded investments had a total estimated fair value of \$18,146

Public Issuer	Note	Security description	Cost	Estimated Fair Value	% of FV
Silo Wellness Inc	(i)	403,250 common shares	40,325	18,146	100.0%
Total public investments			\$ 40,325	\$ 18,146	100.0%

(i) Investments in related party entities

#### Private Investments

At December 31, 2022, the Company's eight private investments had a total fair value of \$43,505,269.

Private Issuer	Note	Security description	Cost	Estimate	d Fair Value	of FV
3iQ Corp.		187,007 common shares	\$ 1,122,042	\$	3,740,473	8.6%
Brazil Potash Corp.	(i)	404,200 common shares	1,998,668		2,189,794	5.0%
Earnity Inc.		85,142 preferred shares	130,946		14,991	0.0%
Luxor Technology Corporation		201,633 preferred shares	630,505		677,268	1.6%
SDK:meta, LLC		1,000,000 units	3,420,000		-	0.0%
SEBA Bank AG		3,906,250 non-voting shares	34,498,750		36,652,500	84.2%
Skolem Technologies Ltd.		16,354 preferred shares	177,488		189,611	0.4%
VolMEX Labs Corporation		Rights to certain preferred shares and warrants	37,809		40,632	0.1%
Total private investments			\$ 42,016,208	\$	43,505,269	100.0%

(i) Investments in related party entities

Private Issuer	Note	Security description	Cost	Fair Value	of FV
3iQ Corp.		187,007 common shares	\$ 1,122,042	\$ 3,740,140	36.6%
Brazil Potash Corp.	(i)	404,200 common shares	1,998,668	2,049,779	20.0%
Earnity Inc.		85,142 preferred shares	130,946	198,356	1.9%
Luxor Technology Corporation		201,633 preferred shares	630,505	633,963	6.2%
SDK:meta, LLC		1,000,000 units	3,420,000	3,420,000	33.3%
Skolem Technologies Ltd.		16,354 preferred shares	177,488	177,488	1.7%
VolMEX Labs Corporation		Rights to certain preferred shares and warrants	37,809	38,034	0.4%
Total private investments			\$ 7,517,458	\$ 10,257,760	100.1%

## 3iQ Corp ("3iQ")

On March 31, 2020, the Company acquired 187,007 shares of 3iQ through its acquisition of Valour. 3iQ is a leading bitcoin and digital asset fund manager. As at December 31, 2022, 3iQ was valued at \$3,740,473 which was based on 3iQ's February 2022 financing price. The investment represented 1.8% of the total assets of the Company. A 10% decline in the fair market value of 3iQ would result in an estimated increase in loss to Valour of \$374,047.

## Brazil Potash Corp. ("BPC')

BPC is a Canadian private company which engaged in the extraction and processing of potash ore, an essential input for agriculture in Brazil. During Q3, 2020, the Company acquired 404,200 common shares of BPC through the sale of its royalty interest. These shares were valued at US\$3.75 per share for a total consideration of US\$1,515,750 (\$1,998,668). As at December 31, 2022, BPC was valued at \$2,189,794 for an unrealized gain of \$71,200 and a cumulative unrealized gain of \$191,126. The BPC investment represented 1.03% of the total assets of the Company. A 10% decline in the fair market value of BPC would result in an estimated increase in loss to Valour of \$218,979.

## Earnity Inc. ("Earnity")

On December 3, 2021, the Company acquired 85,142 series A preferred shares of Earnity. Earnity is a group of dedicated fintech veterans who believe managing cryptocurrency should be a lot easier. The Company made an initial investment of \$130,946 in exchange for the preferred shares, the investment was valued at \$14,991 based on Earnity's December 2022 financing resulting in an unrealized loss of \$183,366

and a cumulative unrealized loss of \$115,955. As at December 31, 2022, the Earnity investment represented 0.0% of the total assets of the Company. A 10% decline in the fair market value of Earnity would result in an estimated increase in loss to Valour of \$1,499.

## Luxor Technology Corporation ("LTC")

LTC is building infrastructure to support the next generation of digital assets. During the year ended December 31, 2021, the Company subscribed US\$162,500 (\$203,874) in LTC for the rights to certain preferred shares of LTC. During Q3, 2021, these rights were converted into 25,204 series A preferred shares and 76,429 of series A-1 preferred shares. The investment was valued at \$677,268 at December 31, 2022 resulting in an unrealized gain of \$43,304 and a cumulative unrealized gain of \$46,763. As at December 31, 2022, the LTC investment represented 0.3% of the total assets of the Company. A 10% decline in the fair market value of LTC would result in an estimated increase in loss to Valour of \$67,726.

## SDK: meta, LLC ("SDK")

SDK is a privately held Web3 blockchain technology company driving mass adoption of user-centric platforms and mobile consumption of decentralized finance and related offerings. During Q2, 2021, the Company signed a share exchange agreement with SDK and traded 3 million shares of the Company with 1 million membership units of SDK at a fair value of \$3,42,000. During 2022, the Company impaired its investment in SDK:Meta LLC as they were unsuccessful in raising additional funds to continue to advance the company. As at December 31, 2022, the SDK investment had a fair market value of \$nil and represented 0.0% of the total assets of the Company. A 10% decline in the fair market value of SDK would result in an estimated increase in loss to Valour of \$0.

## SEBA Bank AG ("SEBA")

SEBA is a pioneer in the financial industry and is the only global smart bank providing a fully universal suite of regulated banking services in the emerging digital economy. During Q1, 2022, the Company acquired 3,906,250 non-voting shares for \$34,498,750. The investment was valued at \$36,652,500 at December 31, 2022 resulting in an unrealized gain of \$2,153,750 and a cumulative unrealized gain of \$2,153,750. A 10% decline in the fair market value of SEBA would result in an estimated increase in loss to Valour of \$3,665,250.

## Skolem Technologies Ltd. ("STL")

STL is an Institutional DeFi trade execution platform. In Q4, 2020, the Company invested US\$20,000 (\$25,612) in STL for the rights to certain preferred shares of STL. During Q4, 2021, these rights were converted into 16,354 series A preferred shares. As such, the investment was valued at \$189,611 at December 31, 2022 resulting in an unrealized gain of \$12,124 and a cumulative unrealized gain of \$12,124. As at December 31, 2022, the STL investment represented 0.00% of the total assets of the Company. A 10% decline in the fair market value of STL would result in an estimated increase in loss to Valour of \$18,961.

## VolMEX Labs Corporation ("VLC")

VLC is a protocol for volatility indices and non-custodial trading build on Ethereum. During Q1, 2021, the Company invested US\$30,000 (\$37,809) in VLC for the rights to certain preferred shares of VLC. The investment was valued at \$40,632 at December 31, 2022 resulting in an unrealized gain of \$2,598 and a cumulative unrealized gain of \$2,823. As at December 31, 2022, the VLC investment represented 0.00%

of the total assets of the Company. A 10% decline in the fair market value of VLC would result in an estimated increase in loss to Valour of \$4,063.

## ACQUISITION OF DEFI CAPITAL INC.

On December 10, 2020, the Company acquired 49% of DeFi Capital by issuing a total of 20,000,000 common shares of the Company to the shareholders of DeFi Capital in proportion to their pro rata shareholdings of DeFi Capital, in exchange for a 49% interest in DeFi Capital. The 20,000,000 common shares are fair valued at a price of \$0.13 per share, based on the trading price of the common shares issued, for a total value of \$2,600,000. On January 28, 2021, the Company acquired the remaining 51% of Defi Capital by issuing an additional 20,000,000 common shares of the Company. The 20,000,000 common shares are fair valued at a price of \$0.99 per share, based on the trading price of the common shares issued, for a total value of \$19,800,000. DeFi Capital is a company focused on investing, incubating, and managing trading technologies associated with the decentralized finance market. As a result of the control obtained through the acquisition of 100% of the outstanding shares of DeFi Capital, the asset and liabilities were consolidated into the Company's financial statements. The assets consisted of one intangible asset being brand name. The Company paid total consideration of \$22,400,000 in consideration of 100% ownership of DeFi Capital.

The acquisition of DeFi Capital is being treated as an asset acquisition for accounting purposes as DeFi Capital does not meet the definition of a business, as defined in IFRS 3, Business Combinations. The assets acquired and liabilities assumed were based on the fair value of consideration paid.

#### Purchase price consider paid:

Fair value of shares issued on December 10, 2020	\$ 2,600,000
Fair value of shares issued on January 28, 2021	19,800,000
Fair value of shares issued	\$ 22,400,000
Fair value of assets and liabilities assumed:	
Brand Name	\$ 22,406,968
Accounts payable	(6,968)

The Company assessed that it held significant influence over DeFi Capital after the initial acquisition on December 10, 2020 and as such has accounted for this 49% investment using the equity accounting method from December 10, 2020 to January 28, 2021. Since the transaction is an asset acquisition, the Company did not remeasure the previously held equity interest in DeFi Capital when the remaining 51% equity interest in DeFi Capital was acquired.

During the year ended December 31, 2020, the Company did not record any equity loss during the year. No dividends or cash distributions were received by the Company from the associate during the year.

## ACQUISITION OF VALOUR INC.

On February 12, 2021, the Company initially acquired 20% interest in Valour (formerly known as Valour Structured Products Inc.) by issuing 21,000,000 common shares and on April 1, 2021, the Company acquired the remaining 84% (including the 4% dilution of its previously held equity interest) in Valour by issuing 36,934,316 common shares of the Company. Valour is a private company incorporated in the Cayman Islands that operates as an issuer of exchange-traded certificates linked to various digital

currencies and hedging thereof. The acquisition has provided the Company an entry into the exchange-traded certificates market.

Details of the consideration for acquisition, net assets acquired and goodwill are as follows:

#### Purchase price consideration

Net assets acquired	\$	70,815,969
Goodwill		46,712,027
		24,103,942
Brand Name		20,383,000
Lease liabilities		(53,899)
ETP holders payable		(68,848,678)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		(1,094,855)
Right-of-use assets		53,899
Property, plant and equipment		10,443
Prepaid expenses and accrued revenues		403,701
Digital assets		67,831,424
Investments at fair value through profit or loss		1,537,800
Amounts receivable		21,677
Cash and cash equivalents		3,859,430
Fair value of net assets acquired:		
	φ	70,815,969
Treasury shares acquired Fair value of shares issued	\$	(7,360,000)
Total consideration for the acquisition	\$	78,175,969
Fair value of shares issued on April 1, 2021		66,481,769
Fair value of previously held equity interest	\$	11,694,200
Consideration for acquisition:		

#### **FINANCIAL RESULTS**

The following is a discussion of the results of operations of the Company for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2022, and 2021. They should be read in conjunction with the Company's consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 and related notes.

Three and twelve months ended December 31, 2022 and 2021:

	Three months ended December 31,		Years ended December 31.		
	2022	2021	2022	2021	
Revenues					
Realized and net change in unrealized gains and losses on digital assets	\$ (42,314,407) \$	(27,468,781) \$	(322,611,606) \$	(33,332,787)	
Realized and net change in unrealized gains and losses on ETP payables	45,101,006	27,079,461	320,382,227	37,908,556	
Realized and unrealized loss on derivative asset	(14,281)	284,604	(434,072)	284,604	
Staking and lending income	456,035	2,430,432	4,519,001	3,372,897	
Management fees	204,153	783,527	1,436,455	1,116,597	
Node revenue	13,911	544,407	347,758	1,090,008	
Realized (loss) on investments, net	-	972,255	(12,077)	(207,532)	
Unrealized (loss) gain on investments, net	1,351,937	384,702	(1,986,557)	4,740,451	
Interest income	 971	103,022	55,264	108,284	
Total revenues	4,799,325	5,113,629	1,696,393	15,081,078	
Expenses					
Management and consulting fees	1,800,221	4,929,281	7,218,808	9,569,693	
Share based payments	192,064	28,969,180	15,889,455	42,035,158	
Travel and promotion	294,853	745,255	2,331,176	2,234,553	
Office and rent	304,123	566,990	1,051,511	1,810,869	
Accounting and legal	607,671	294,154	4,103,581	837,611	
Regulatory and transfer agent	8,171	148,819	42,983	501,467	
Depreciation - property, plant and equipment	8,629	3,236	18,342	8,284	
Depreciation - right of use assets	47,998	16,478	69,322	49,217	
Amortization- intangibles	509,575	1,394,164	2,277,443	3,582,697	
Finance costs	925,346	537,697	4,014,038	1,186,408	
Transaction costs	188,272	491,877	1,113,941	1,315,775	
Foreign exchange (gain) loss	(35,591)	(326,856)	(324,699)	15,481	
Impairment loss	 13,865,356	11,438,316	13,865,356	17,483,284	
Total sympose	 18,716,687	49,208,591	51,671,256	90 630 407	
Total expenses	 (13,917,362)	(44,094,962)	(49,974,863)	80,630,497 (65,549,419)	
(Loss) income before other item	 (13,917,302)	(5,945,800)	(49,974,003)	(5,945,800)	
Excess purchase price over fair value of asset assumed (expense)	 (13,917,362)	(5,945,800) (50,040,762)	(49,974,863)		
Net (loss) for the period Other comprehensive loss	 (13,917,302)	(30,040,702)	(43,314,003)	(71,495,219)	
Foreign currency translation loss	1,138,732	38,130	(3,237,282)	241,064	
Net (loss) and comprehensive (loss) for the period	\$ (12,778,630) \$	(50,002,632) \$	(53,212,145) \$	(71,254,155)	

For the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2022, the Company recorded a net (loss) and comprehensive (loss) of (12,778,630) and (53,212,145) ((0.06) and (0.25) per basic share) on total revenues of 4,799,325 and 1,696,393 compared to net (loss) and comprehensive (loss) of (50,002,632) and (71,254,155) ((0.25) and (0.37) per basic share) on total revenues of 5,113,702 and 15,081,078 for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2021.

For the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2022, realized and net change in unrealized gains and loss on digital assets was \$(42,314,407) and \$(322,611,606) and realized and net change in unrealized gains and loss on ETP payables was \$45,101,006 and \$320,382,227. Lower digital asset prices in Q4 and YTD 2022 resulted in losses on our digital assets that was offset by gains on ETP payables due to the decreased share price of the ETPs.

The Company earned staking and lending income of \$456,035 and \$4,519,001 for three and twelve months ended December 31, 2022 compared to \$2,430,432 and \$3,372,897 for the same periods in 2021. The Company actively stakes and lends its cryptocurrencies to earn additional revenue. Please see Digital Assets section for more details.

The Company had management fee revenue of \$204,153 and \$1,436,455 for three and twelve months ended December 31, 2022 compared to \$783,527 and \$1,116,597 for the same periods in 2021. In 2022,

the Valour had 12 ETP products vs. 2021 had four ETP products that charges a 1.49% to 1.9% per annum management fee.

The Company had node revenue of \$13,911 and \$347,758 for three and twelve months ended December 31, 2021 compared to \$544,407 and \$1,090,008 for the same periods in 2021. In July 2021, the Company became one of the main node validators on the Shyft network. During the twelve months ended December 31, 2022, the Company earned 2,370,550.72 (December 31, 2021 - 1,137,025.744) Shyft tokens for its services. The decrease revenue in 2022 is due to lower token price of the Shyft token vs. higher prices in 2021.

The Company had realized gain (loss) of \$nil and \$(12,077) on investments for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2022 compared to \$972,255 and \$(207,532) for the same periods in 2021. The Company had unrealized (loss) gain of \$1,351,937 and \$(1,986,557) on investments compared to \$384,702 and \$4,740,451 in the prior period. The unrealized loss for the nine months ended December 31, 2022 primarily consisted of the write down on the Company's investment holding in SDK: Meta, LLC offset by unrealized gains on SEBA and BPC.

Management and consulting fees were \$1,800,221 and \$7,218,808 during the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2022 compared to \$4,929,281 and \$9,569,693 during the same periods in 2021. Management and consulting fees are higher in 2021 as the Company made additions to the global management team, added new advisors and consultants. In addition, the Company granted a small bonus in Q1 2021.

Share based payments were \$192,064 and \$15,889,455 during the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2022 compared to \$28,969,180 and \$42,035,158 in the same periods in 2021. The Company granted 5,300,000 options and 6,500,000 DSU and cancelled 7,330,600 options and 6,755,000 DSU during 2022 compared to the 21,420,000 options and 13,125,000 of deferred share units to directors, officers and consultants of the Company during 2021.

Travel and promotion was \$294,853 and \$2,331,176 during the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2021 compared to \$745,255 and \$2,234,553 during the same periods in 2021. Corporate activities and business development was higher 2021 with the acquisitions of Valour Inc. (Cayman) and DeFi Capital.

Office and rent was \$304,123 and \$1,051,511 during the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2022 compared to \$566,990 and \$1,810,869 during the same periods in 2021 due to opening and acquiring new office locations in 2021. The Company reduced costs in 2022.

Accounting and legal was \$607,671 and \$4,103,581 during the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2022 and \$294,154 and \$837,611 during the same periods in 2021 due to increased legal costs and a recording a legal provision and due to increased accounting fees in 2022.

Regulatory and transfer agent costs were \$8,171 and \$42,983 during the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2022 compared to \$148,819 and \$501,467 during the prior periods in 2021 due to listing of the Company's shares in NEO and OTC and as well as applying to list its shares on Nasdaq markets in 2021.

Total depreciation and amortization was \$566,201 and \$2,365,106 for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2022 from \$1,413,878 and \$3,640,198 during the prior periods in 2021. This relates to the equipment, right of use assets and intangible assets acquired as part of the acquisitions of DeFi Capital and Valour.

Finance costs were \$925,346 and \$4,014,038 for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2022 from compared to \$537,697 and \$1,186,408 during the prior periods in 2021. The increase in financing costs related to trading of digital assets as well as the interest expense on the digital asset provider loans.

Transaction costs were \$188,272 and \$1,113,941 for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2022 compared to \$491,877 and \$1,315,775 in the prior periods. The decrease in transaction costs related to margin trading of digital assets as brokerage commission and ETP issuance costs.

Foreign exchange (gain) loss was \$(35,591) and \$(324,699) for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2022 compared to \$(326,856) and \$15,481 in the prior period. The loss reflects the currency fluctuations in the Company's assets and liabilities denominated in US dollars, British Pounds, Euro and Swiss Franc.

Impairment loss was \$13,865,356 and \$13,865,356 for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2022 compared to \$11,438,316 and \$17,483,284 in the prior period. The Company impaired the carry value of its brand names acquired as part of the Valour Inc. (Cayman) and DeFi Capital in 2022 vs. 2021 the Company only impaired the carry value of its brand name acquired DeFi Capital.

During the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2023, the Company provided \$3,065,120 and used \$89,643,172 in operations of which \$478,815 was used in change of working capital and \$658,750 was provided from the change of working capital, \$nil and \$34,649,658 used to purchase the Company's investment in SEBA, \$3,371,332 and \$231,392,840 was used to purchase digital assets offset by \$nil and \$28,248 provided from sales of investment and \$1,248,583 and \$191,092,048 was provided from the disposal of digital assets. During the comparative three and twelve months ended December 31, 2021, the Company used \$148,902,136 and \$326,919,242 in operations of which \$(2,258,330) and \$1,633,080 was (used) / provided from the change of working capital, \$2,109,438 \$2,185,226 used in purchase of various investments, \$7,152,071 and \$19,290,229 provided from sales of various investments, \$280,211,072 and \$649,502,651 was used to purchase digital assets offset by \$141,462,686 and \$331,176,366 was provided from the disposal of digital assets. The cash used from operations was lower in 2022 compared to 2021 due to lower net loss in 2022 as the Company decreased rent and office costs as well as net purchase of digital assets in 2022 was \$(40,300,792) compared in 2021 the net purchase of digital assets was \$(318,326,285). The lower net purchase of digital assets is a result of weaker cryptocurrency markets in 2022 compared to 2021 and lower assets under management in 2022.

During the three months and twelve months ended December 31, 2022, the Company used \$2,669,095 and \$2,669,095 in investing activities compared to used \$16,133 and provided \$3,779,325 in the prior periods. In 2022, the Company right of use assets and lease payments increased as Valour Inc. (Cayman) entered into a new lease. In 2021, the proceeds from investing activities primarily from the Valour Inc. (Cayman) acquisition.

During the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2022, \$(145,713) and \$88,057,398 was (used) / provided from financing activities compared to \$147,420,242 and \$332,009,726 in the prior periods. The Company received proceeds of \$nil and \$242,378,583 from ETP holders, proceeds of \$1,554,348 from private placement financing, \$1,685,571 was used in and \$53,117,760 was provided from proceeds from loan from digital asset liquidity providers, \$nil and \$647,284 from exercise of warrants and \$nil and \$45,000 from exercise of stock options offset by \$nil and \$196,516,517 used for payments to ETP holders, \$14,490 in share issuance costs and \$nil and \$13,154,570 used in NCIB purchases. During the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2021, the Company received proceeds of \$328,244,876 and \$729,048,754 from ETP holders, proceeds of \$nil and \$9,614,450 from private placement financing, \$nil and \$2,219,806 from exercise of warrants and \$nil and \$238,940 from exercise of stock options offset by \$175,687,259 and \$395,369,306 used for payments to ETP holders, \$nil and \$309,901 in share issuance costs and

\$5,308,082 and \$13,434,017 used in NCIB purchases. The cash provide from financing was lower in 2022 compared to 2021 due a small private placement financing and lower number of warrants and options being exercised due to a lower share price in 2022. The lower net proceed from ETP holders is a result of weaker cryptocurrency markets in 2022 compared to 2021 and lower assets under management in 2022.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

In management's view, given the nature of the Company's operations, the most relevant financial information relates primarily to current liquidity, solvency and planned expenditures. The Company's financial success will be dependent upon the execution and development of its new investment strategy and business operations. Such execution and development may take years to complete and the amount of resulting income, if any, is difficult to determine.

To date, the Company has not had any impact to the Company's digital assets holdings with the bankruptcies of Celsius, Voyager, Blockfi, etc. with the exception for a small exposure to FTX as it held some of its own digital assets on the exchange. The Company has been able to roll over its loan payable with the digital asset providers on more or less the same terms (collateral and interest rate) throughout the year. The Company successful raised approximately \$1.5M from new investors in 2022 via private placements financings.

With the decline in crypto prices, the Company has been earning less revenue via staking and lending as well as its management fees on ETP products as the Company is paid in the cryptocurrency lend or staked or ETPs. The lower cryptocurrency prices resulted in lower recorded revenue.

The Company plans on funding its current working capital deficiency through a number of ways such as raising funds via private placement financings, looking to monetizing its private investments, launching new products to increase the Company's revenues and reducing costs.

Valour relies upon various sources of funds for its ongoing operating activities. These resources include proceeds from dispositions of investments, interest and dividend income from investments and private placement financing.

## Loans Payable

On January 14, 2022 and January 17, 2022, the Company entered into various loans with a digital asset liquidity provider totaling \$46,235,200 (US\$37,000,000). Interest is accrued and calculated at rates between 8.15% to 8.27% per annum. Principal plus accrued interest are due and payable on April 14, 2022 and April 17, 2022. The loans were secured with 315 BTC and 7,330 ETH . The loans were extended with new maturity dates between May 14, 2022 and July 14, 2022 with interest rates ranging from 6.9% to 8.7%. The extended loans was secured with 415 BTC and 8,130 ETH. on April 4, 2022 the Company entered into a loan with a second digital asset provider for US\$5,500,000. This second loan matures of June 4, 2022. The interest accrued interest at 7% annually and is payable monthly. The second loan was secured with 143 BTC. The Company partially repaid of one of the loans of \$3,500,000 in April 2022, while the remainder of these loans have since been rolled and continue to be outstanding. The Company has spread the loans among three different digital asset liquidity providers to reduce single entity concentration and be able to obtain more competitive rates. During the year ended December 31, 2022, the loans were extended with new maturity dates varying between open term, September 14, 2022 and October 14, 2022 with interest rates ranging from 7.6% to 8.65%. The extended loans were secured with 1895 BTC and 18216 ETH. On November 10, 2022, a partial payment on the loan was made in the amount of \$1,150,000. Subsequent to

December 31, 2022, the loans were extended on an open term basis, with interest rates ranging from 7.05% to 7.45%. The extended loans were secured with 1,759 BTC and 18,093 ETH.

As of December 31, 2022, the loan principal of \$52,821,600 (US\$39,000,000) was outstanding. The loans were extended with new maturity dates varying between Open Term December 2, 2022, December 14, 2022 and January 31, 2023 with interest rates ranging from 5.7% to 7.25%. The extended loans were secured with 1,759 BTC and 18.093 ETH.

One of Company's loans payable is held with Genesis Global Capital LLC ("Genesis"). On January 20, 2023, Genesis declared bankruptcy and currently is not allowing withdrawals and not extending new loans. On March 15, 2023, the Court ruled that the Genesis debtors may not sell, buy, trade in crypto assets without prior consent by the creditors. The Court also allowed for the payment of some service providers required for upholding the operations but nothing beyond that. The next court hearing is scheduled for March30, 2023. The Company's loan with Genesis is an open term loan. The Genesis loan payable is US\$6,000,000 and secured with 475 BTC. As at December 31, 2022, the value of the 475 BTC was US\$7,833,570 and potential loan loss exposure is US\$1,833,570 and as at March 31, 2023 value of the 475 BTC was approximately US\$13,349,400 and potential loan loss exposure is approximately US\$7,349,400.

#### Private Placement Financings

On November 14, 2022, the Company closed a non-brokered private placement financing and issued 7,736,865 unit for gross proceeds of \$1,414,973 at a price of \$0.20 per common unit, each unit consist of one common share of the Company and one-half warrant, each whole warrant entitles the holder to acquire one additional common share of the Company at an exercise price of \$0.30 for a period of 24 months following the closing date. The transaction closed in 2 tranches with 3,724,926 warrants issued on November 14 2022. At the issue date fair value of the warrants was estimated at \$0.17 using the Black Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions: expected dividend yield of 0%; expected volatility based on the Company's historical volatility of 69.4%; risk-free interest rate of 3.87% and an expected life of 2 years.

The second tranche closed on November 19, 2022 with 331,000 warrants issued. At the issue date fair value of warrants was estimated at \$13,183 using the Black Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions: expected dividend yield of 0%; expected volatility based on the Company's historical volatility of 69.4%; risk-free interest rate of 3.87% and an expected life of 2 years.

Valour used cash of \$89,643,172 in its operating activities during the twelve months ended December 31, 2022. Included in cash used in operations are \$34,649,658 used in the purchase of investment, \$231,392,840 used in the purchase of digital assets, \$658,750 provided from the changes of working capital offset by \$28,248 generated from proceeds on sale of investments and \$191,092,048 generated from the disposal of digital assets. Valour also used \$2,669,095, in investing activities, \$1,411,062 was used for additions to right of use assets and \$1,259,033 was used for lease payments. Valour also provided \$88,057,398 in financing activities. Included in cash provided in financing activities are \$242,378,583 from proceeds from ETP holders, \$53,117,760 was provided from proceeds from loan from digital asset liquidity providers, \$1,554,348 provided from private placement financing, \$647,284 from the exercise of warrants and \$45,000 from the exercise of options offset by \$196,516,517 used for payments to ETP holders, \$14,490 for share issuance costs and \$13,154,570 used for repurchasing shares under the NCIB.

As at December 31, 2022, the Company's sources of funds include the estimated fair value of its cash of \$4,906,165, equity investments of \$43,522,496 and digital assets of \$106,635,434 offset by total liabilities of \$166,094,517.

## Normal Course Issuer Bid ("NCIB")

On April 13, 2021, the Company commenced a NCIB to buy back common shares of the Company through the facilities of Neo Exchange Inc. and/or other Canadian alternative trading platforms. Under the terms of the NCIB, the Company may, if considered advisable, purchase its Common Shares in open market transactions through the facilities of the Exchange and/or other Canadian alternative trading platforms not to exceed up to 9.7% of the public float for the Common Shares as of April 9, 2021, or 18,162,177 Common Shares, purchased in aggregate. The price that the Company will pay for the Common Shares shall be the prevailing market price at the time of purchase and all purchased Common Shares will be cancelled by the Company. In accordance with Exchange rules, daily purchases (other than pursuant to a block purchase exception) on the Exchange under the NCIB cannot exceed 25% of the average daily trading volume on the Exchange as measured from November 9, 2020 to April 8, 2021.

On April 9, 2022, the Company extended its NCIB to buy back common shares of the Company through the facilities of Neo Exchange Inc. and/or other Canadian alternative trading platform. The NCIB was originally launched on April 13, 2021 and was set to expire on April 8, 2022. Under the terms of the NCIB, the company may, if considered advisable, purchase its common shares in open-market transactions through the facilities of the exchange and/or other Canadian alternative trading platforms not to exceed up to 10 per cent of the public float for the common shares as of April 8, 2022, or 20,359,513 common shares, purchased in aggregate. The price that the company will pay for the common shares shall be the prevailing market price at the time of purchase and all purchased common shares will be cancelled by the company. In accordance with exchange rules, daily purchases (other than pursuant to a block purchase exception) on the exchange under the NCIB cannot exceed 25 per cent of the average daily trading volume on the exchange as measured from Nov. 8, 2021, to April 8, 2022. The NCIB will be extended until April 7, 2023, or to such earlier date as the NCIB is complete.

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company purchased and cancelled 8,560,100 shares at an average price of \$1.54 per share (2021 - \$1.90).

## **Currency Risk**

Currency risk is the risk to the Company's earnings that arises from fluctuations of foreign exchange rates and the degree of volatility of these rates.

As at December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company had the following financial and non-financial assets and liabilities, (amounts posted in Canadian dollars) denominated in foreign currencies:

December 31, 2022								
		United States	British	Swiss	European			
		Dollars	Pound	Franc	Euro			
Cash	\$	4,742,001 \$	- \$	- \$	-			
Receivables		67,103	-	-	-			
Private investments		6,852,769	-	36,652,500	-			
Prepaid investment		551,379	-	-	-			
Digital assets		106,635,434	-	-	136,189			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		(2,649,621)	(72,189)	(23,685)	(21,687)			
Loan payable		(52,821,600)						
ETP holders payable		(105,740,627)	-	-	-			
Net assets (liabilities)	\$	(42,363,163) \$	(72,189) \$	36,628,815 \$	114,502			

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	ι	Jnited States	British	European
		Dollars	Pound	Euro
Cash	\$	8,928,642	\$ -	\$ -
Receivables		32,065	-	-
Private investments		10,257,760	-	-
Prepaid investment		34,436	-	2,409,710
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		(3,363,109)	80,782	-
ETP holders payable		(363,491,362)		
Net assets (liabilities)	\$	(347,601,568)	\$ 80,782	\$ 2,409,710

As at December 31, 2022, United States Dollar was converted at a rate of \$1.3544 (December 31, 2021 - \$1.2678) Canadian Dollars to \$1.00 US Dollar. British Pounds was converted at a rate of \$1.6322 (December 31, 2021 - \$1.7132) Canadian Dollars to 1.00 British Pound. Euro was converted at a rate of \$1.4458 (December 31, 2021 - \$1.4391) Canadian Dollars to 1.00 Euro. Swiss France was converted at a rate of \$1.4661 (December 31, 2021 - \$1.3897).

## **Capital Management**

The Company considers its capital to consist of share capital, equity reserve and deficit. The Company's objectives when managing capital are:

- to allow the Company to respond to changes in economic and/or marketplace conditions by maintaining the Company's ability to purchase new investments;
- to give shareholders sustained growth in value by increasing shareholders' equity; while
- taking a conservative approach towards financial leverage and management of financial risks.

The Company's management reviews its capital structure on an on-going basis and makes adjustments to it in light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of its underlying investments. The Company's current capital is composed of its shareholders' equity and, to-date, has adjusted or maintained its level of capital by:

- raising capital through equity financings; and
- realizing proceeds from the disposition of its investments

The Company is not subject to any capital requirements imposed by a lending institution or regulatory body, other than the NEO Exchange which requires one of the following to be met: (i) shareholders' equity of at least \$2.5 million, (ii) net income from continuing operations of at least \$375,000, (iii) market value of listed securities of at least \$25 million, or (iv) assets and revenues of at least \$25 million. There were no changes to the Company's capital management during the twelve months ended December 31, 2022.

## Commitments

## Management Contract Commitments

The Company is party to certain management contracts. These contracts require that additional payments of up to approximately \$2,198,960 be made upon the occurrence of certain events such as a change of control. As a triggering event has not taken place, the contingent payments have not been reflected in these consolidated financial statements. Minimum commitments remaining under these contracts were approximately \$1,117,164, all due within one year.

#### Legal Commitments

The Company is, from time to time, involved in various claims and legal proceedings. The Company cannot reasonably predict the likelihood or outcome of these activities. The Company does not believe that adverse decisions in any ending or threatened proceedings related to any matter, or any amount which may be required to be paid by reasons thereof, will have a material effect on the financial condition or future results of operations.

In November 2021, the Company received a notice of application from two individuals seeking the enforceability of certain incentive stock option agreements between the respective individual and the Company and an additional \$500,000 in punitive damages per individual. On November 8, 2022, the Superior Court of Justice (the "Court") issued a ruling that the incentive stock option agreement between the respective individual and Company was enforceable. The Court ruled against any punitive damages. The Company is currently appealing the ruling.

#### SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS

The following is a summary of the Company's financial results for the eight most recently completed quarters:

	31-Dec	30-Sep	30-Jun	31-Mar	31-Dec	30-Sep	30-Jun	31-Mar
	2022	2022	2022	2022	2021	2021	2021	2021
Revenue	\$4,799,325	\$295,605	(\$5,219,545)	\$1,821,008	\$5,113,702	\$8,626,446	(\$1,920,427)	\$3,261,357
Net (loss) income and comprehensive (loss) income	(\$12,778,631)	(\$9,011,375)	(\$18,870,125)	(\$12,552,015)	(\$50,243,623)	(\$2,077,424)	(\$12,321,876)	(\$6,852,296)
(Loss) income per Share - basic	(0.06)	(0.04)	(0.09)	(0.06)	(0.26)	(\$0.01)	(\$0.06)	(\$0.04)
(Loss) income per Share - diluted	(0.06)	(0.04)	(0.09)	(0.06)	(0.26)	(\$0.01)	(\$0.06)	(\$0.04)
Total Assets	\$209,926,951	\$263,678,822	\$241,666,497	\$468,623,726	\$459,690,575	\$372,062,311	\$261,772,737	\$194,017,574
Total Long Term Liabilities	\$1,709,911	\$1,681,358	\$Nil	\$Nil	\$5,646	\$22,048	\$ 38,240	\$Nil

## **SELECTED ANNUAL INFORMATION**

The highlights of financial data for the Company for the three most recently completed financial years are as follows:

	<u>31-Dec-22</u>	<u>31-Dec-21</u>	<u>31-Dec-20</u>
(a) Net Revenue	1,696,393	\$15,081,078	(\$46,776)
(b) Net Income (Loss) and Comprehensive Income (Loss)			
(i) Total income (loss)	(53,212,146)	(\$71,495,219)	\$2,073,533
(ii) Income (loss) per share – basic	(0.25)	(\$0.37)	\$0.04
(iii) Income (loss) per share – diluted	(0.25)	(\$0.37)	\$0.04
(c) Total Assets	209,926,951	\$459,690,575	\$7,296,044
(d) Total Liabilities	166,094,517	\$367,909,179	\$992,248

#### **OFF BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

There are no off-balance sheet arrangements to which the Company is committed.

#### **COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company paid or accrued \$609,398 (2021 - \$2,891,666) to directors of the Company and \$4,650,086 (2021 - \$6,361,178) to officers of the Company in fees and share-based compensation.

As December 31,2022, the Company had \$296,084 (December 31, 2021 - \$11,124) owing to its current key management, and \$356,340 (December 31, 2021 - \$655,296) owing to its former key management. Such amounts are unsecured, non-interest bearing, with no fixed terms of payment or "due on demand".

More detailed information regarding the compensation of officers and directors of the Company is disclosed in the management information circular and such information is incorporated by reference herein. The management information circular is available under profile of the Company on SEDAR at <u>www.sedar.com</u>

## **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Company's directors and officers may have investments in and hold management and/or director and officer positions in some of the investments that the Company holds. The following is a list of total investments and the nature of the relationship of the Company's directors or officers with the investment as of December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021.

		Estimated
Investment	Nature of relationship to invesment	Fair value
Brazil Potash Corp.*	Officer (Ryan Ptolemy) of Investee	\$ 2,189,794
SEBA Bank AG	Director (Olivier Roussy Newton) of investee	36,652,500
Total investment - December 31, 2022		\$ 38,842,294
		Estimated
Investment	Nature of relationship to invesment	Fair value
Brazil Potash Corp.*	Director (Stan Bharti), officer (Ryan Ptolemy) of Investee	\$ 2,049,779
Silo Wellness Inc.***	Former Director and Officer (Fred Leigh), Former Officer (Kenny Choi, Ryan Ptolemy) and common shareholders of investee	18,146
Total investment - December 31, 2021		\$ 2,067,925

Valour Inc. (Cayman) holds 4,000,000 common shares of the Company.

The Company has a diversified base of investors. To the Company's knowledge, no one holds more than 10% of the Company's shares on a basic share and partially diluted share basis as at December 31, 2022,

During the twelve months ended December 31, 2022, the Company entered into the following transactions in the ordinary course of business with related parties that are not subsidiaries of the Company.

 The Company incurred \$120,000 (2021 - \$120,000) of expenses for its proportionate share of shared office costs with other corporations that may have common directors and officers. The costs associated with this space are administered by 2227929 Ontario Inc. As at December 31, 2022, the Company had a payable balance of \$90,400 (December 31, 2021 - \$nil) with 2227929 Ontario Inc. to cover shared expenses. Such amounts are unsecured, non-interest bearing, with no fixed terms of payment and due on demand. Fred Leigh, a former officer and former director of the Company, is also a director of 2227929 Ontario Inc.

- The Company incurred \$41,086 (2021 \$nil) in legal fees to a firm in which a director of the Company is a partner. Included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities were legal expenses of \$34,759 (2021 \$8,550) incurred in the ordinary course of business at a law firm where a director of the company is a Partner.
- Included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities were expenses of GBP 44,228 (\$72,189) (December 31, 2021 - \$75,731) expenses owed to Vik Pathak, a former director and officer of Valour.
- On November 14, 2022, the Company closed a non-brokered private placement financing and issued 7,736,865 unit for gross proceeds of \$1,414,973 at a price of \$0.20 per common unit, each unit consist of one common share of the Company and one-half warrant, each whole warrant entitles the holder to acquire one additional common share of the Company at an exercise price of \$0.30 for a period of 24 months following the closing date. The transaction closed in 2 tranches with 3,724,926 warrants issued on November 14 2022. At the issue date fair value of the warrants was estimated at \$0.17 using the Black Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions: expected dividend yield of 0%; expected volatility based on the Company's historical volatility of 69.4%; risk-free interest rate of 3.87% and an expected life of 2 years.
- The second tranche closed on November 19, 2022 with 331,000 warrants issued. At the issue date fair value of warrants was estimated at \$13,183 using the Black Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions: expected dividend yield of 0%; expected volatility based on the Company's historical volatility of 69.4%; risk-free interest rate of 3.87% and an expected life of 2 years.
- The Company also paid share and warrant issue costs of \$14,490. Of the total subscriptions, 2,500,000 units were acquired by a former officer of the Company. Company paid \$14,950 in finders fees and other share issue costs. A former officer of the Company subscribed 2,500,000 units for \$500,000.

All of the above noted transactions have been in the normal course of operations and are recorded at their exchange amounts, which is the consideration agreed upon by the related parties.

## **MANAGEMENT CHANGE**

On October 6, 2022, the Company appointed Olivier Roussy Newton as chief executive officer. Olivier Roussy Newton is Co-Founder of Valour. Mr. Roussy Newton previously founded and served as the President of HIVE Blockchain Technologies (NASDAQ: HIVE), the first publicly traded crypto miner. He is a partner at Latent Capital, an investment fund focused on breakthrough technology in quantum computing, finance and bioinformatics. He currently sits on the board of SEBA Bank AG.

Russell Starr, formerly chief executive officer, will reassume the role of head of capital markets .

# **FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS**

## Fair value

IFRS requires that the Company disclose information about the fair value of its financial assets and liabilities. Fair value estimates are made at the statements of financial position date, based on relevant market information and information about the financial instrument. These estimates are subjective in nature and involve uncertainties in significant matters of judgment and therefore cannot be determined with precision. Changes in assumptions could significantly affect these estimates.

The Company has determined the carrying values of its financial instruments as follows:

- The carrying values of cash, amounts receivable, accounts payable and accrual liabilities approximate their fair values due to the short-term nature of these instruments.
- Public and private investments are carried at amounts in accordance with the Company's accounting policies as set out in Note 2 of the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021.
- Digital assets classified as financial assets relate to USDC which is measured at fair value

The following table illustrates the classification and hierarchy of the Company's financial instruments, measured at fair value in the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2022.

	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3 (Valuation				
				(Valuation		technique -			
	(Q	uoted Market	te	chnique -observable	n	on-observable			
Investments, fair value	price)			market Inputs)		market inputs)		Total	
Publicly traded investments	\$	17,227	\$	-	\$	-	\$	17,227	
Privately traded invesments		-		-		43,505,269		43,505,269	
Digital assets		-		1,586		-		1,586	
December 31, 2022	\$	17,227	\$	1,586	\$	43,505,269	\$	43,524,082	
Publicly traded investments	\$	18,146	\$	-	\$	-	\$	18,146	
Privately traded invesments		-		-		10,257,760		10,257,760	
Digital assets		-		4,063		-		4,063	
December 31, 2021	\$	18,146	\$	4,063	\$	10,257,760	\$	10,279,969	

#### Level 2 Hierarchy

The following table presents the changes in fair value measurements of financial instruments classified as Level 2 during the period ended December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021. These financial instruments are measured at fair value utilizing non-observable market inputs. The net realized losses and net unrealized gains are recognized in the statements of loss.

	December 31,	December 31,
Investments, fair value for the period ended	2022	2021
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 4,063	\$ 636,600
Disposal	(2,477)	(632,537)
Balance, end of period	\$ 1,586	\$ 4,063

### Level 3 Hierarchy

The following table presents the changes in fair value measurements of financial instruments classified as Level 3 during the period ended December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021. These financial instruments are measured at fair value utilizing non-observable market inputs. The net realized losses and net unrealized gains are recognized in the statements of loss.

	December 31,	December 31,
Investments, fair value for the period ended	2022	2021
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 10,257,760 \$	3,018,493
Purchases	34,498,750	4,710,797
Transferred to Level 2	-	(1,051,233)
Realized and unrealized gain/(loss) net	(1,251,241)	3,579,703
Balance, end of period	\$ 43,505,269 \$	10,257,760

Within Level 3, the Company includes private company investments that are not quoted on an exchange. The key assumptions used in the valuation of these instruments include (but are not limited to) the value at which a recent financing was done by the investee, company-specific information, trends in general market conditions and the share performance of comparable publicly traded companies.

As valuations of investments for which market quotations are not readily available, are inherently uncertain, may fluctuate within short periods of time and are based on estimates, determination of fair value may differ materially from the values that would have resulted if a ready market existed for the investments. Given the size of the private investment portfolio, such changes may have a significant impact on the Company's financial condition or operating results.

The following table presents the fair value, categorized by key valuation techniques and the unobservable inputs used within Level 3 as at December 31, 2022.

					Range of
				Significant	significant
			Valuation	unobservable	unobservable
Description		Fair vaue	technique	input(s)	input(s)
3iQ Corp.	\$	3,740,473	Recent financing	Marketability of shares	0% discount
Brazil Potash Corp.		2,189,794	Recent financing	Marketability of shares	0% discount
Earnity		14,991	Recent financing	Marketability of shares	0% discount
Luxor Technology Corporation		677,268	Recent financing	Marketability of shares	0% discount
SEBA Bank AG		36,652,500	Recent financing	Marketability of shares	0% discount
SDK:meta, LLC		-	Recent financing	Marketability of shares	0% discount
Skolem Technologies Ltd.		189,611	Recent financing	Marketability of shares	0% discount
VolMEX Labs Corporation		40,632	Recent financing	Marketability of shares	0% discount
December 31, 2022	\$	43,505,269			
3iQ Corp.	\$	3,740,140	Recent financing	Marketability of shares	0% discount
Brazil Potash Corp.	Ŧ	2,049,779	Recent financing	Marketability of shares	0% discount
Earnity		198,356	Recent financing	Marketability of shares	0% discount
Luxor Technology Corporation		633,963	Recent financing	Marketability of shares	0% discount
SDK:meta, LLC		3,420,000	Recent financing	Marketability of shares	0% discount
Skolem Technologies Ltd.		177,488	Recent financing	Marketability of shares	0% discount
VolMEX Labs Corporation		38,034	Recent financing	Marketability of shares	0% discount
December 31, 2021	\$	10,257,760			

### 3iQ Corp. ("3iQ")

On March 31, 2020, the Company acquired 187,007 common shares of 3iQ as part of the Company's acquisition of Valour (see Note 3 and 11). As at December 31 2022, the valuation of 3iQ was based on the February 2022 financing which is indicative of being the fair market value. Management has determined that there are no reasonably possible alternative assumptions that would change the fair value significantly As at December 31, 2022. As at December 31, 2022, a +/- 10% change in the fair value of 3iQ will result in a corresponding +/- \$374,047 (December 31, 2021 - \$374,014) change in the carrying amount.

### Brazil Potash Corp. ("BPC")

On September 11, 2020, the Company received 404,200 common shares of BPC as consideration of selling the Company's Royalties to a non-arm's length party of the Company (see Note 8 for details). As at December 31, 2022, the valuation of BPC was based on the August 2022 financing which is indicative of being the fair market value. Management has determined that there are no reasonably possible alternative assumptions that would change the fair value significantly as at December 31, 2021. As at December 31, 2021, a +/- 10% change in the fair value of BPC will result in a corresponding +/- \$218,979 (December 31, 2021 - \$204,978) change in the carrying amount.

### Earnity Inc. ("Earnity")

On April 13, 2021, the Company subscribed US\$40,000 (\$50,076) to acquire certain rights to certain future equity of Earnity (see Note 3). As at December 31 2022, the valuation of Earnity was based on the December 2022 financing which is indicative of being the fair market value. Management has determined that there are no reasonably possible alternative assumptions that would change the fair value significantly As at December 31 2022, a +/- 10% change in the fair value of Earnity will result in a corresponding +/- \$1,499 (December 31, 2021 - \$19,836) change in the carrying amount.

#### Luxor Technology Corporation ("LTC")

On December 29, 2020, the Company subscribed US\$100,000 (\$128,060) to acquire certain rights to the preferred shares of LTC. The transaction was closed on February 15, 2021. On May 11, 2021, the Company subscribed additional rights of US\$62,500 (\$75,787). As at December 31 2022, the valuation of LTC was based on the December 2021 financing which is indicative of being the fair market value. Management has determined that there are no reasonably possible alternative assumptions that would change the fair value significantly As at December 31 2022. As at December 31 2022, a +/- 10% change in the fair value of LTC will result in a corresponding +/- \$67,727 (December 31, 2021 - \$63,396) change in the carrying amount.

## SDK: Meta, LLC ("SDK")

On June 3, 2021, the Company entered into a share exchange agreement with SDK exchanging 1,000,000 membership units of SDK with 3,000,000 shares of the Company valuing the investment at \$3,420,000. During 2022, the Company impaired its investment in SDK:Meta LLC as they were unsuccessful in raising additional funds to continue to advance the company. As at December 31 2022, the valuation of SDK:Meta LLC was \$Nil (December 31, 2021 - \$3,420,000). Management has determined that there are no reasonably possible alternative assumptions that would change the fair value significantly. As at December 31 2022, a +/- 10% change in the fair value of SDK: Meta LLC will result in a corresponding +/- 0 (December 31, 2021 +/- \$342,000) change in the carrying amount.

#### SEBA Bank AG ("SEBA")

On January 14, 2022, the Company invested \$34,498,750 to acquire 3,906,250 non-votes shares of SEBA. As at December 31, 2022, the valuation of SEBA was based on the 2022 secondary trades which is indicative of being the fair market value. Management has determined that there are no reasonably possible alternative assumptions that would change the fair value significantly as at December 31, 2022. As at

December 31, 2022, a +/- 10% change in the fair value of SEBA will result in a corresponding +/- \$3,665,250 change in the carrying amount.

### Skolem Technologies Ltd. ("STL")

On December 29, 2020, the Company invested US\$20,000 (\$25,612) to acquire certain rights to the preferred shares of STL. On October 29, 2021, the Company rights were converted into 16,354 series A preferred shares. As at December 31, 2021, the valuation of STL was based on the October 2021 financing which is indicative of being the fair market value. Management has determined that there are no reasonably possible alternative assumptions that would change the fair value significantly as at December 31, 2022. As at December 31, 2022, a +/- 10% change in the fair value of STL will result in a corresponding +/- \$18,961 (December 31, 2021 - \$17,749) change in the carrying amount.

VolMEX Labs Corporation ("VLC")

On February 23, 2021, the Company invested US\$30,000 (\$37,809) to acquire certain rights to the preferred shares of VLC. As at December 31, 2021, the valuation of VLC was based on the most recent financing which is indicative of being the fair market value. Management has determined that there are no reasonably possible alternative assumptions that would change the fair value significantly As at December 31, 2022. As at December 31, 2022. a +/- 10% change in the fair value of VLC will result in a corresponding +/- \$4,063 (December 31, 2021 - \$3,803) change in the carrying amount.

## **OUTSTANDING SHARE DATA**

Authorized unlimited common shares without par value – 219,010,501 are issued and outstanding as at March 31, 2023.

Authorized 20,000,000 preferred shares, at 9% cumulative dividends, non-voting, non-participating, non-redeemable, non-retractable, and non-convertible – 4,500,000 are issued and outstanding as at March 31, 2023

Stock options and convertible securities outstanding as at March 31, 2023 are as follows:

Stock Options: 17,777,500 with exercise price ranging from \$0.09 to \$3.92 expiring between November 16, 2025 and October 19, 2027.

Warrants:

4,055,926 with exercise price ranging from \$0.30 expiring between November 14, 2024 and November 29, 2024.

Deferred shares units: 6,370,000 with vesting terms ranging from one year to two years.

#### **RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The Company is exposed to a number of risks, which even a combination of careful evaluation, experience and knowledge may not eliminate. The following outlines certain risk factors specific to the Company. These risk factors could materially affect the Company's future results and could cause actual events to differ materially from those described in forward–looking information relating to the Company. Please also

refer to the Company's AIF for the year ended December 31, 2022 filed on SEDAR for a full description of the Company's risks in addition to those highlighted below.

# Risks Relating to the Business and Industry of the Company

# Staking and Lending of Cryptocurrencies, DeFi Protocol Tokens or other Digital Assets

The Company may stake or lend crypto assets to third parties, including affiliates. On termination of the staking arrangement or loan, the counterparty is required to return the crypto assets to the Company; any gains or loss in the market price during the period would inure to the Company. In the event of the bankruptcy of the counterparty, the Company could experience delays in recovering its crypto assets. In addition, to the extent that the value of the crypto assets increases during the term of the loan, the value of the crypto assets may exceed the value of collateral provided to the Company, exposing the Company to credit risks with respect to the counterparty and potentially exposing the Company to a loss of the difference between the value of the crypto assets, including by failing to deliver additional collateral when required or by failing to return the crypto assets upon the termination of the loan, the Company may expend significant resources and incur significant expenses in connection with efforts to enforce the staking or loan agreement, which may ultimately be unsuccessful.

Furthermore, the Company and its affiliates may also pledge and grant security over its crypto assets to secure loans. In the event that the Company or its affiliates defaults under its obligations with respect to the loan, including failure to repay the principal amount of the loan or accrued interest, lenders may realize upon its security and take possession to such pledged crypto assets.

The crypto assets that are staked, loaned or pledged to third parties by the Company include crypto assets held by Valour for the purposes of hedging its ETPs. The Company is exposed to a potentially significant liquidity risk if, for example, the aggregate sale of ETPs exceed the quantum of uncommitted cryptocurrency available to the Company to satisfy such sale requests. A similar risk applies with respect to individual reserves of each type of cryptocurrency should the sale of ETPs, and correspondingly, the underlying cryptocurrency, exceed the Company's available reserves.

## Custody Risk

The Company uses multiple custodians (or third-party "wallet providers") to hold digital assets for its Valour Ventures business line as well as for digital assets underlying Valour Cayman ETPs. Such custodians may or may not be subject to regulation by U.S. state or federal or non-U.S. governmental agencies or other regulatory or self-regulatory organizations. The Company could have a high concentration of its digital assets in one location or with one custodian, which may be prone to losses arising out of hacking, loss of passwords, compromised access credentials, malware or cyberattacks. Custodians may not indemnify us against any losses of digital assets. Digital assets held by certain custodians may be transferred into "cold storage" or "deep storage," in which case there could be a delay in retrieving such digital assets. Any security breach, incurred cost or loss of digital assets associated with the use of a custodian could materially and adversely affect our trading execution, the value of our and the value of any investment in our common shares. Furthermore, there is, and is likely to continue to be, uncertainty as to how U.S. and non-U.S. laws will be applied with respect to custody of cryptocurrencies and other digital assets held on behalf of clients. For example, U.S.- regulated investment advisers may be required to keep client "funds and securities" with a "qualified custodian"; there remain numerous questions about how to interpret and apply this rule,

and how to identify a "qualified custodian" of, digital assets, which are obviously kept in a different way from the traditional securities with respect to which such rules were written. The uncertainty and potential difficulties associated with this question and related questions could materially and adversely affect our ability to continuously develop and launch our business lines. The Company may also incur costs related to the third-party custody and storage of its digital assets. Any security breach, incurred cost or loss of digital assets associated with the use of a custodian could materially and adversely affect the execution of hedging ETPs, the value of the Company's assets and the value of any investment in the Common Shares.

## Cryptocurrencies, DeFi Protocol Tokens and Digital Assets Momentum Pricing Risk

Momentum pricing typically is associated with growth stocks and other assets whose valuation, as determined by the investing public, accounts for anticipated future appreciation in value. Cryptocurrency and DeFi protocol token market prices are determined primarily using data from various exchanges, over-the-counter markets, and derivative platforms. Momentum pricing may have resulted, and may continue to result, in speculation regarding future appreciation in the value of cryptocurrencies and DeFi Protocol tokens inflating and making their market prices more volatile. As a result, they may be more likely to fluctuate in value due to changing investor confidence in future appreciation (or depreciation) in their market prices, which could adversely affect the value of the Company's cryptocurrency and DeFi protocol token inventory and thereby affect the Company's shareholders.

The profitability of our operations will be significantly affected by changes in prices of cryptocurrencies, DeFi protocol tokens and other digital assets. Cryptocurrencies, DeFi protocol tokens and other digital assets prices are highly volatile, can fluctuate substantially and are affected by numerous factors beyond our control, including use of such cryptocurrencies, DeFi protocol tokens and other digital assets in the DeFi industry, demand, inflation and expectations with respect to the rate of inflation, global or regional political or economic events. If cryptocurrencies, DeFi protocol tokens and other digital assets prices should decline and remain at low market levels for a sustained period, we could determine that it is not economically feasible to continue activities.

The price and trading volume of any crypto asset is subject to significant uncertainty and volatility, depending on several factors, including, but not limited to:

- changes in liquidity, market-making volume, and trading activities;
- investment and trading activities of highly active retail and institutional users, speculators, miners, and investors;
- · decreased user and investor confidence in crypto assets and crypto platforms;
- negative publicity or events and unpredictable social media coverage or "trending" of crypto assets;
- the ability for crypto assets to meet user and investor demands;
- the functionality and utility of crypto assets and their associated ecosystems and networks;
- consumer preferences and perceived value of crypto assets and crypto asset markets;
- · regulatory or legislative changes and updates affecting the cryptoeconomy;
- the characterization of crypto assets under the laws of various jurisdictions around the world;

- the maintenance, troubleshooting, and development of the blockchain networks;
- the ability for crypto networks to attract and retain miners or validators to secure and confirm transactions accurately and efficiently;
- interruptions in service from or failures of major crypto platforms;
- availability of an active derivatives market for various crypto assets;
- availability of banking and payment services to support crypto-related projects;
- level of interest rates and inflation;
- national and international economic and political conditions;
- global cryptocurrency supply;
- changes in the software, software requirements or hardware requirements underlying a blockchain network;
- · competition for and among various cryptocurrencies; and
- actual or perceived manipulation of the markets for cryptocurrencies.

### Cryptocurrencies, DeFi Protocol Tokens and Digital Assets Volatility Risk

As Valour's ETPs track the market price of cryptocurrencies and DeFi protocol tokens, the value of the Common Shares relates partially to the value of such cryptocurrencies and DeFi protocol tokens, and fluctuations in the price of cryptocurrencies, DeFi protocol tokens and other digital assets could materially and adversely affect an investment in the Common Shares. Several factors may affect the price of cryptocurrencies, DeFi protocol tokens and other digital assets, including: the total number of cryptocurrencies, DeFi protocol tokens and other digital assets in existence; global cryptocurrency, DeFi protocol tokens and other digital assets demand; global cryptocurrencies, DeFi protocol tokens and other digital assets supply; investors' expectations with respect to the rate of inflation of fiat currencies; investors' expectations with respect to the rate of deflation of cryptocurrencies, DeFi protocol tokens and other digital assets; interest rates; currency exchange rates, including the rates at which cryptocurrencies, DeFi protocol tokens and other digital assets may be exchanged for fiat currencies; fiat currency withdrawal and deposit policies of cryptocurrency exchanges and liquidity of such cryptocurrency exchanges; interruptions in service from or failures of major cryptocurrency exchanges; Cyber theft of cryptocurrencies, DeFi protocol tokens and other digital assets from online wallet providers, or news of such theft from such providers or from individuals' wallets; investment and trading activities of large investors; monetary policies of governments, trade restrictions, currency devaluations and revaluations; regulatory measures, if any, that restrict the use of cryptocurrencies, DeFi protocol tokens and other digital assets as a form of payment or the purchase of cryptocurrencies, DeFi protocol tokens and other digital assets; the availability and popularity of businesses that provide cryptocurrencies, DeFi protocol tokens and other digital assets and blockchain-related services; the maintenance and development of the open-source software protocol of various cryptocurrency or DeFi protocol networks; increased competition from other forms of cryptocurrency or payments services; global or regional political, economic or financial events and situations; expectations among cryptocurrencies, DeFi protocol tokens and other digital assets economy participants that the value of cryptocurrencies, DeFi protocol tokens and other digital assets will soon change; and fees associated with processing a cryptocurrency, DeFi protocol token or other digital asset transaction.

Cryptocurrencies, DeFi protocol tokens and other digital assets have historically experienced significant intraday and long-term price volatility. If cryptocurrency, DeFi protocol token and other digital asset markets continue to be subject to sharp fluctuations, shareholders may experience losses if they need to sell their Common Shares at a time when the price of cryptocurrencies, DeFi protocol tokens and other digital assets is lower than it was when they purchased their Common Shares. In addition, investors should be aware that there is no assurance that cryptocurrencies, DeFi protocol tokens and other digital assets will maintain their long-term value in terms of future purchasing power or that the acceptance of cryptocurrencies, DeFi protocol tokens and other digital assets will maintain their long-term value in terms of future purchasing power or that the acceptance of cryptocurrencies, DeFi protocol tokens and other digital assets markets will continue to grow.

### Cybersecurity Threats, Security Breaches and Hacks

As with any other computer code, flaws in cryptocurrency and DeFi protocol source code have been exposed by certain malicious actors. Several errors and defects have been found and corrected, including those that disabled some functionality for users and exposed users' information. Discovery of flaws in or exploitations of the source code that allow malicious actors to take or create cryptocurrencies and / or DeFi protocol tokens can occur.

Security breaches, computer malware and computer hacking attacks have been a prevalent concern in the Bitcoin and other cryptocurrency exchange market since the launch of the Bitcoin Network. Any security breach caused by hacking, which involves efforts to gain unauthorized access to information or systems, or to cause intentional malfunctions or loss or corruption of data, software, hardware or other computer equipment, and the inadvertent transmission of computer viruses, could harm the Company's business operations or result in loss of the Company's assets. Any breach of the Company's infrastructure could result in damage to the Company's reputation and reduce demand for the Common Shares, resulting in a reduction in the price of the Common Shares. Furthermore, the Company believes that if its assets grow, it may become a more appealing target for security threats, such as hackers and malware.

Any security procedures implemented cannot guarantee the prevention of any loss due to a security breach, software defect or act of God that may be borne by the Company. The security procedures and operational infrastructure of the Company may be breached due to the actions of outside parties, error or malfeasance of an employee of the Company or otherwise, and, as a result, an unauthorized party may obtain access to the Company's cryptocurrency account, private keys, data or cryptocurrencies. Additionally, outside parties may attempt to fraudulently induce employees of the Company to disclose sensitive information in order to gain access to the Company's infrastructure. As the techniques used to obtain unauthorized access, disable or degrade service, or sabotage systems change frequently, or may be designed to remain dormant until a predetermined event, and often are not recognized until launched against a target, the Company may be unable to anticipate these techniques or implement adequate preventative measures. If an actual or perceived breach of one of the Company's accounts occurs, the market perception of the effectiveness of the Company could be harmed.

As technological change occurs, the security threats to the Company's cryptocurrencies, DeFi protocol tokens and other digital assets will likely adapt and previously unknown threats may emerge. The Company's ability to adopt technology in response to changing security needs or trends may pose a challenge to the safekeeping of the Company's cryptocurrencies, DeFi protocol tokens and other digital assets. To the extent that the Company is unable to identify and mitigate or stop new security threats, the

Company's cryptocurrencies, DeFi protocol tokens and other digital assets may be subject to theft, loss, destruction or other attack

# Cryptocurrency Exchanges and other Trading Venues are Relatively New

The Company and its affiliates manages its holdings of cryptocurrency, DeFi protocol tokens and other digital assets through cryptocurrency exchanges. In particular, Valour relies on cryptocurrency exchanges to be able to buy and sell the digital assets which its ETPs track. To the extent that cryptocurrency exchanges or other trading venues are involved in fraud or experience security failures or other operational issues, this could result in a reduction in cryptocurrency prices. Cryptocurrency market prices depend, directly or indirectly, on the prices set on exchanges and other trading venues, which are new and, in most cases, largely unregulated as compared to established, regulated exchanges for securities, derivatives and other currencies. For example, in the past, a number of cryptocurrency exchanges have been closed due to fraud, business failure or security breaches. In many of these instances, the customers of these exchanges were not compensated or made whole for the partial or complete losses of their account balances in such exchanges. While smaller exchanges are less likely to have the infrastructure and capitalization that provide larger exchanges with additional stability, larger exchanges may be more likely to be appealing targets for hackers and "malware" (i.e., software used or programmed by attackers to disrupt computer operation, gather sensitive information, or gain access to private computer systems) and may be more likely to be targets of regulatory enforcement action.

# Regulatory Risks

As cryptocurrencies have grown in both popularity and market size, governments around the world have reacted differently to cryptocurrencies with certain governments deeming them illegal while others have allowed their use and trade. Ongoing and future regulatory actions may alter, perhaps to a materially adverse extent, the ability of the Company to continue to operate. The effect of any future regulatory change on the DeFi ecosystem or any cryptocurrency, project or protocol that the Company may hold is impossible to predict, but such change could be substantial and adverse to the space as a whole, as well as potentially to the Company.

Governments may, in the future, restrict or prohibit the acquisition, use or redemption of cryptocurrencies. Ownership of, holding or trading in cryptocurrencies may then be considered illegal and subject to sanction. Governments may also take regulatory action that may increase the cost and/or subject cryptocurrency mining companies to additional regulation. On August 24, 2017 and June 11, 2018, the Canadian Securities Administrators published CSA Staff Notice 46-307 – Cryptocurrency Offerings and CSA Staff Notice 46-308 – Securities Law Implications for Offerings of Tokens, respectively, each providing guidance on whether token offerings are subject to Canadian securities laws.

While the Company does not have operations in the United States, the Company reviews development of the cryptocurrency regulatory environment in the United States on an ongoing basis due to the proximity of United States to Canada. In comparison to traditional securities or commodities markets, U.S. law and regulation remains thinly developed with respect to financial services provided to the cryptocurrency and crypto asset markets. Although recent years have seen some guidance emerge with respect to the question of whether a crypto asset constitutes a security for certain purposes under U.S. law, there remains little or no clear legal authority or established practice with respect to the application to crypto assets of concepts like staking and lending of cryptocurrency, fungibility, settlement, trade execution and reporting, collateralization rehypothecation, custody, repo, margin, restricted securities, short sales, bankruptcy and

insolvency and many others. Some or all of these concepts may be needed for crypto-related marketplaces to continue to grow, mature and attract institutional participants; there can be no assurances that rules and practices for such concepts will develop in the United States in a manner that is timely, clear, favorable to the Company or compatible with other jurisdictions' regimes in which the Company operates. Furthermore, to the extent the Company offers any of these financial services, emerging regulation or enforcement activity may have a material impact on the Company's ability to continue providing such service thereby affecting the Company's revenues and profitability as well as its reputation and resources.

Governments may in the future take regulatory actions that prohibit or severely restrict the right to acquire, own, hold, sell, use or trade cryptocurrencies or to exchange cryptocurrencies for fiat currency. By extension, similar actions by other governments may result in the restriction of the acquisition, ownership, holding, selling, use or trading in the common shares of the Company's common shares. Such a restriction could result in the Company liquidating its cryptocurrency investments at unfavorable prices and may adversely affect the Company's shareholders.

## Valour Venture Portfolio Exposure

Given the nature of the Company's DeFi Venture activities, the results of operations and financial condition of the Company are dependent upon the market value of the securities, tokens and cryptocurrencies that comprise DeFi Venture's portfolio assets. Market value can be reflective of the actual or anticipated operating results of companies or projects in the portfolio and/or the general market conditions that affect the technology, crypto and DeFi sectors. Various factors affecting these sectors could have a negative impact on the Company's portfolio of investments and thereby have an adverse effect on its business. Additionally, the Company's investments are mostly in early stage ventures that may never mature or generate adequate returns or may require a number of years to do so. Junior companies may never achieve commercial success. This may create an irregular pattern in the Company's investment gains and revenues (if any) and an investment in the Company's securities may only be suitable for investors who are prepared to hold their investment for a long period of time. Macro factors such as commodity prices, the growth and decline of disruptive technologies, including DeFi technologies, and global political and economic conditions could have an adverse effect on the mining, technological and Defi sectors, thereby negatively affecting the Company's portfolio of investments. Company and project-specific risks, such as the risks associated with emerging companies and project in the technology, crypto and DeFi sectors generally, could have an adverse effect on one or more of the investments in the portfolio at any point in time. Company, project and industry-specific risks that materially adversely affect the Company's investment portfolio may have a materially adverse impact on operating results.

## Banks May Cut off Banking Services to Businesses that Provide Cryptocurrency-related Services

A number of companies that provide cryptocurrency-related services have been unable to find banks that are willing to provide them with bank accounts and banking services. Similarly, a number of such companies have had their existing bank accounts closed by their banks. Banks may refuse to provide bank accounts and other banking services to cryptocurrency related companies or companies that accept cryptocurrencies for a number of reasons, such as perceived compliance risks or costs. The difficulty that many businesses that provide cryptocurrency-related services have and may continue to have in finding banks willing to provide them with bank accounts and other banking services may be currently decreasing the usefulness of cryptocurrencies as a payment system and harming public perception of cryptocurrencies or could decrease its usefulness and harm its public perception in the future. Similarly, the usefulness of cryptocurrencies as a payment system and the public perception of cryptocurrencies could be damaged if

banks were to close the accounts of many or of a few key businesses providing cryptocurrency-related services. This could decrease the market prices of cryptocurrencies and adversely affect the value of the Company's cryptocurrency inventory.

## Impact of Geopolitical Events

Crises may motivate large-scale purchases of cryptocurrencies which could increase the price of cryptocurrencies rapidly. This may increase the likelihood of a subsequent price decrease as crisis-driven purchasing behavior wanes, adversely affecting the value of the Company's cryptocurrency holdings. The possibility of large-scale purchases of cryptocurrencies in times of crisis may have a short-term positive impact on the prices of same. Future geopolitical crises may erode investors' confidence in the stability of cryptocurrencies and may impair their price performance which would, in turn, adversely affect the Company's cryptocurrency holdings.

As an alternative to fiat currencies that are backed by central governments, cryptocurrencies are subject to supply and demand forces based upon the desirability of an alternative, decentralized means of buying and selling goods and services, and it is unclear how such supply and demand will be impacted by geopolitical events. Nevertheless, political or economic crises may motivate large-scale acquisitions or sales of cryptocurrencies either globally or locally. Large-scale sales of cryptocurrencies would result in a reduction in their market prices and adversely affect the Company's operations and profitability.

# Further Development and Acceptance of Cryptocurrency and DeFi Networks

The further development and acceptance of cryptocurrency and other cryptographic and algorithmic protocols governing the issuance of transactions in cryptocurrencies and DeFi Protocols, which represent a new and rapidly changing industry, are subject to a variety of factors that are difficult to evaluate. The growth of this industry in general, and the use of cryptocurrencies in particular, is subject to a high degree of uncertainty, and the slowing or stopping of the development or acceptance of such networks may adversely affect the value of the corresponding cryptocurrencies and DeFi Protocol tokens, and thus may adversely affect the Company's operations. The factors affecting the further development of the industry, include, but are not limited to the following:

- continued worldwide growth in the adoption and use of cryptocurrencies and DeFi;
- governmental and quasi-governmental regulation of cryptocurrencies and their use, or restrictions on or regulation of access to and operation of the network or similar cryptocurrency and DeFi systems;
- · changes in consumer demographics and public tastes and preferences;
- the maintenance and development of the open-source software protocol of relevant networks;
- the availability and popularity of other forms or methods of buying and selling goods and services, including new means of using fiat currencies;
- general economic conditions and the regulatory environment relating to digital assets and decentralized finance; and
- negative consumer sentiment and perception of cryptocurrencies.

Currently, there is relatively small use of cryptocurrencies in the retail and commercial marketplace in comparison to relatively large use by speculators, thus contributing to price volatility that could adversely affect the Company's operations, investment strategies, and profitability.

As relatively new products and technologies, cryptocurrencies have not been widely adopted, for example as a means of payment for goods and services, by major retail and commercial outlets. Conversely, a significant portion of cryptocurrency demand is generated by speculators and investors seeking to profit from the short-term or long-term holding of cryptocurrencies. The relative lack of acceptance of cryptocurrencies in the retail and commercial marketplace limits the ability of end-users to use them to pay for goods and services or other direct use cases that may arise. A lack of expansion by cryptocurrencies into retail and commercial markets, or a contraction of such use, may result in increased volatility or a reduction in their market prices, either of which could adversely impact the Company's operations, investment strategies, and profitability. Further, if fees increase for recording transactions in the applicable Blockchain, demand for cryptocurrencies may be reduced and prevent the expansion of the network to retail merchants and commercial businesses, resulting in a reduction in the price of cryptocurrencies.

### There are material risks and uncertainties associated with custodians of digital assets

We multiple custodians (or third-party "wallet providers") to hold digital assets for our DeFi Ventures business line as well as for digital assets underlying Valour ETPs. Such custodians may or may not be subject to regulation by U.S. state or federal or non-U.S. governmental agencies or other regulatory or selfregulatory organizations. We could have a high concentration of its digital assets in one location or with one custodian, which may be prone to losses arising out of hacking, loss of passwords, compromised access credentials, malware or cyberattacks. Custodians may not indemnify us against any losses of digital assets. Digital assets held by certain custodians may be transferred into "cold storage" or "deep storage," in which case there could be a delay in retrieving such digital assets. The Company may also incur costs related to the third-party custody and storage of its digital assets. Any security breach, incurred cost or loss of digital assets associated with the use of a custodian could materially and adversely affect our trading execution, the value of our and the value of any investment in our common shares. Furthermore, there is, and is likely to continue to be, uncertainty as to how U.S. and non-U.S. laws will be applied with respect to custody of cryptocurrencies and other digital assets held on behalf of clients. For example, U.S.- regulated investment advisers may be required to keep client "funds and securities" with a "qualified custodian"; there remain numerous questions about how to interpret and apply this rule, and how to identify a "qualified custodian" of, digital assets, which are obviously kept in a different way from the traditional securities with respect to which such rules were written. The uncertainty and potential difficulties associated with this guestion and related guestions could materially and adversely affect our ability to continuously develop and launch our business lines. We may also incur costs related to the third-party custody and storage of its digital assets. Any security breach, incurred cost or loss of digital assets associated with the use of a custodian could materially and adversely affect the our execution of hedging ETPs, the value of our assets and the value of any investment in our common shares.

## Risk of Loss, Theft or Destruction of Cryptocurrencies

There is a risk that some or all of the Company's cryptocurrencies could be lost, stolen or destroyed. If the Company's cryptocurrencies are lost, stolen or destroyed under circumstances rendering a party liable to the Company, the responsible party may not have the financial resources sufficient to satisfy the Company's claim.

### Irrevocability of Transactions

Bitcoin and most other cryptocurrency and DeFi protocol token transactions are irrevocable and stolen or incorrectly transferred cryptocurrencies or DeFi protocol tokens may be irretrievable. Such transactions are not reversible without the consent and active participation of the recipient of the transaction. Once a transaction has been verified and recorded in a block that is added to the Blockchain, an incorrect transfer of cryptocurrencies or a theft of cryptocurrencies generally will not be reversible and the Company may not be capable of seeking compensation for any such transfer or theft. To the extent that the Company is unable to seek a corrective transaction with the third party or is incapable of identifying the third party that has received the Company's cryptocurrencies through error or theft, the Company will be unable to revert or otherwise recover incorrectly transferred cryptocurrencies. The Company will also be unable to convert or recover cryptocurrencies transferred to uncontrolled accounts.

## Potential Failure to Maintain the Cryptocurrency Networks

Many cryptocurrency networks, including the Bitcoin Network, operates based on an open-source protocol maintained by the core developers of such networks and other contributors. As such protocols are not sold and their uses do not generate revenues for its development team, the core developers are generally not compensated for maintaining and updating such network protocols. Consequently, there is a lack of financial incentive for developers to maintain or develop such networks and the core developers may lack the resources to adequately address emerging issues with such network protocol. Although the many networks, including the Bitcoin Network, is currently supported by the core developers, there can be no guarantee that such support will continue or be sufficient in the future. To the extent that material issues arise with the such network protocol and the core developers and opensource contributors are unable to address the issues adequately or in a timely manner, such networks and an investment in the Common Shares may be adversely affected.

#### Potential Manipulation of Blockchain

If a malicious actor or botnet (a volunteer or hacked collection of computers controlled by networked software coordinating the actions of the computers) obtains control of more than 50% of the processing power dedicated to mining on the Bitcoin Network, it may be able to alter or manipulate the Blockchain on which the Bitcoin Network and most Bitcoin transactions rely by constructing fraudulent blocks or preventing certain transactions from completing in a timely manner, or at all. The malicious actor or botnet could control, exclude or modify the ordering of transactions, though it could not generate new Bitcoins or transactions using such control. The malicious actor could "double-spend" its own Bitcoins (i.e., spend the same Bitcoins in more than one transaction) and prevent the confirmation of other users' transactions for so long as it maintained control. To the extent that such malicious actor or botnet did not yield its control of the processing power on the Bitcoin Network or the Bitcoin community did not reject the fraudulent blocks as malicious, reversing any changes made to the Blockchain may not be possible. To the extent that the Bitcoin ecosystem, including the core developers and the administrators of mining pools, do not act to ensure greater decentralization of Bitcoin mining processing power, the feasibility of a malicious actor obtaining control of the processing power on the Bitcoin Network will increase.

## Miners May Cease Operations

If the award of Bitcoins or other cryptocurrencies for solving blocks and transaction fees for recording transactions are not sufficiently high to incentivize miners in relevant networks, miners may cease expending processing power to solve blocks and confirmations of transactions on the Bitcoin Blockchain or other networks could be slowed. A reduction in the processing power expended by miners on the applicable blockchain network could increase the likelihood of a malicious actor or botnet obtaining control.

### Risks Related to Insurance

The Company intends to insure its operations in accordance with technology industry practice. However, given the novelty of cryptocurrency mining and associated businesses, such insurance may not be available, may be uneconomical for the Company, or the nature or level may be insufficient to provide adequate insurance cover. The occurrence of an event that is not covered or fully covered by insurance could have a material adverse effect on the Company.

### Concentration of Investments

Other than as described herein, there are no restrictions on the proportion of the Company's funds and no limit on the amount of funds that may be allocated to any particular investment. The Company may participate in a limited number of investments and, as a consequence, its financial results may be substantially adversely affected by the unfavorable performance of a single investment. Completion of one or more investments may result in a highly concentrated investment in a particular company, commodity or geographic area resulting in the performance of the Company depending significantly on the performance of such company, commodity or geographic area. As at December 31, 2022, the Company's investments through its Defi Venture business arm comprise of \$39,855,684 represented approximately 18.8% of the Company's total assets.

We operate in a highly competitive industry and we compete against unregulated or less regulated companies and companies with greater financial and other resources, and our business, operating results, and financial condition may be adversely affected if we are unable to respond to our competitors effectively. The cryptoeconomy is highly innovative, rapidly evolving, and characterized by healthy competition, experimentation, frequent introductions of new products and services, and subject to uncertain and evolving industry and regulatory requirements. We expect competition to further intensify in the future as existing and new competitors introduce new products or enhance existing products. Our DeFi ETPs and DeFi Governance business line compete against several companies and expect that we will face even more competition in the future. These competitors could have various competitive advantages over us, including but not limited to:

- greater name recognition, longer operating histories, and larger market shares;
- larger sales and marketing budgets and organizations;
- more established marketing, banking, and compliance relationships;
- greater resources to make acquisitions;
- lower labor, compliance, risk mitigation, and research and development costs;
- operations in certain jurisdictions with lower compliance costs and greater flexibility to explore new product offerings; and
- substantially greater financial, technical, and other resources.

If we are unable to compete successfully, or if competing successfully requires us to take costly actions in response to the actions of our competitors, our business, operating results, and financial condition could be adversely affected.

Harm to our brand and reputation could adversely affect our business.

Our reputation and brand may be adversely affected by complaints and negative publicity about us, even if factually incorrect or based on isolated incidents. Damage to our brand and reputation may be caused by:

- cybersecurity attacks, privacy or data security breaches, or other security incidents;
- complaints or negative publicity about us, our ETPs, our management team, our other employees or contractors or third-party service providers;
- actual or alleged illegal, negligent, reckless, fraudulent or otherwise inappropriate behavior by our management team, our other employees or contractors or third-party service providers;
- unfavorable media coverage;
- litigation involving, or regulatory actions or investigations into our business;
- a failure to comply with legal, tax and regulatory requirements;
- any perceived or actual weakness in our financial strength or liquidity;
- any regulatory action that results in changes to or prohibits certain lines of our business;
- a failure to operate our business in a way that is consistent with our values and mission;
- a sustained downturn in general economic conditions; and
- any of the foregoing with respect to our competitors, to the extent the resulting negative perception affects the public's perception of us or our industry as a whole.

## Private Issuers and Illiquid Securities

Through its DeFi Ventures business line, the Company invests in securities and / or digital assets of private issuers or projects. These may be subject to trading restrictions, including hold periods, and there may not be any market for such securities or digital assets. These limitations may impair the Company's ability to react quickly to market conditions or negotiate the most favourable terms for exiting such investments. Investments in private issuers or projects are subject to a relatively high degree of risk. There can be no assurance that a public market will develop for any of the Company's private investments, or that the Company will otherwise be able to realize a return on such investments.

The value attributed to securities and / or digital assets of private issuers or projects will be the cost thereof, subject to adjustment in limited circumstances, and therefore may not reflect the amount for which they can actually be sold. Because valuations, and in particular valuations of investments for which market quotations are not readily available, are inherently uncertain, may fluctuate within short periods of time and may be based on estimates, determinations of fair value may differ materially from the values that would have resulted if a ready market had existed for the investments.

The Company may also invest in illiquid securities of public issuers. A considerable period of time may elapse between the time a decision is made to sell such securities and the time the Company is able to do

so, and the value of such securities could decline during such period. Illiquid investments are subject to various risks, particularly the risk that the Company will be unable to realize its investment objectives by sale or other disposition at attractive prices or otherwise be unable to complete any exit strategy. In some cases, the Company may be prohibited by contract or by law from selling such securities for a period of time or otherwise be restricted from disposing of such securities. Furthermore, the types of investments made may require a substantial length of time to liquidate.

The Company may also make direct investments in publicly traded securities that have low trading volumes. Accordingly, it may be difficult to make trades in these securities without adversely affecting the price of such securities.

# Cash Flow, Revenue and Liquidity

The Company's revenue and cash flow is generated primarily from financing activities, proceeds from the disposition of investments, management fees of ETPs and staking and lending activities of cryptocurrencies and DeFi protocol tokens. The availability of these sources of income and the amounts generated from these sources depend upon various factors, many of which are outside of the Company's direct control. The Company's liquidity and operating results may be adversely affected if its access to the capital markets is hindered, whether as a result of a downturn in the market conditions generally or to matters specific to us, if the value of our investments decline, resulting in losses upon disposition, if there is low demand for our ETPs, resulting in lack of management fees received, and if rates provided by counterparties for staking and lending decrease.

## Dependence on Management Personnel

The Company is dependent upon the efforts, skill and business contacts of key members of management, the Board and the Advisory Board, for among other things, the information and deal flow they generate during the normal course of their activities and the synergies that exist amongst their various fields of expertise and knowledge. Accordingly, the Company's success may depend upon the continued service of these individuals who are not obligated to remain consultants to the Company. The loss of the services of any of these individuals could have a material adverse effect on the Company's revenues, net income and cash flows and could harm its ability to maintain or grow existing assets and raise additional funds in the future.

## Sensitivity to Macro-Economic Conditions

Due to the Company's focus on decentralized finance industry, the success of the Company's investments is interconnected to the growth of disruptive technologies. The Company may be adversely affected by the falling share prices of the securities of investee companies, cryptocurrencies, DeFi Protocol tokens and other crypto assets, as the trading price for the Common Shares may reflect the estimated aggregate value of the Company's portfolio of investments and assets under management. The factors affecting current macro-economic conditions are beyond the control of the Company. *Available Opportunities and Competition for Investments* 

The success of the Company's DeFi Ventures line of business will depend upon: (i) the availability of appropriate investment opportunities; (ii) the Company's ability to identify, select, acquire, grow and exit those investments; and (iii) the Company's ability to generate funds for future investments. The Company can expect to encounter competition from other entities having similar investment objectives, including

institutional investors and strategic investors. These groups may compete for the same investments as the Company, may be better capitalized, have more personnel, have a longer operating history and have different return targets. As a result, the Company may not be able to compete successfully for investments. In addition, competition for investments may lead to the price of such investments increasing which may further limit the Company's ability to generate desired returns. There can be no assurance that there will be a sufficient number of suitable investment opportunities available to invest in or that such investments can be made within a reasonable period of time. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to identify suitable investment opportunities, acquire them at a reasonable cost or achieve an appropriate rate of return. Identifying attractive opportunities is difficult, highly competitive and involves a high degree of uncertainty. Potential returns from investments will be diminished to the extent that the Company is unable to find and make a sufficient number of attractive investments.

## Share Prices of Investments

Investments in securities of public companies are subject to volatility in the share prices of the companies. There can be no assurance that an active trading market for any of the subject shares is sustainable. The trading prices of the subject shares could be subject to wide fluctuations in response to various factors beyond the Company's control, including quarterly variations in the subject companies' results of operations, changes in earnings, results of exploration and development activities, estimates by analysts, conditions in the mining, technological and cryptocurrency industries and general market or economic conditions. In recent years equity markets have experienced extreme price and volume fluctuations. These fluctuations have had a substantial effect on market prices, often unrelated to the operating performance of the specific companies. Such market fluctuations could adversely affect the market price of the Company's investments.

## Additional Financing Requirements

The Company anticipates ongoing requirements for funds to support its growth and may seek to obtain additional funds for these purposes through public or private equity, or debt financing. There are no assurances that additional funding will be available on acceptable terms, at an acceptable level or at all. Any additional equity financing may cause shareholders to experience dilution, and any debt financing would result in interest expense and possible restrictions on the Company's operations or ability to incur additional debt. Any limitations on the Company's ability to access the capital markets for additional funds could have a material adverse effect on its ability to grow its investment portfolio.

## No Guaranteed Return

There is no guarantee that an investment in the Company's securities will earn any positive return in the short term or long term. The task of identifying investment opportunities, monitoring such investments and realizing a significant return is difficult. Many organizations operated by persons of competence and integrity have been unable to make, manage and realize a return on such investments. In addition, past performance provides no assurance of future success. *Management of the Company's Growth* 

Significant growth in the business, as a result of acquisitions or otherwise, could place a strain on the Company's managerial, operational and financial resources and information systems. Future operating results will depend on the ability of senior management to manage rapidly changing business conditions, and to implement and improve the Company's technical, administrative and financial controls and reporting

systems. No assurance can be given that the Company will succeed in these efforts. The failure to effectively manage and improve these systems could increase costs, which could have a materially adverse effect on the Company's operating results and overall performance.

## Due Diligence

The due diligence process undertaken by the Company in connection with investment opportunities may not reveal all facts that may be relevant in connection with the investments. Before making investments, the Company conducts due diligence that it deems reasonable and appropriate based on the facts and circumstances applicable to each investment. When conducting due diligence, the Company may be required to evaluate important and complex business, financial, tax, accounting, environmental and legal issues. Outside consultants, legal advisors, accountants and investment banks may be involved in the due diligence process in varying degrees depending on the type of investment. Nevertheless, when conducting due diligence and making an assessment regarding an investment, the Company relies on resources available including information provided by the target of the investment and, in some circumstances, thirdparty investigations. The due diligence process that is carried out with respect to investment opportunities may not reveal or highlight all relevant facts that may be necessary or helpful in evaluating such investment opportunity. Moreover, such an investigation will not necessarily result in the investment being successful.

## Exchange Rate Fluctuations

A significant portion of the Company's cryptocurrency, DeFi protocol tokens and digital asset holdings could be invested in United States dollar denominated investments or other foreign currencies. Changes in the value of the foreign currencies in which the Company's investments are denominated could have a negative impact on the ultimate return on its investments and overall financial performance.

## Non-controlling Interests

The Company's investments include debt instruments and equity securities of companies that it does not control. Such instruments and securities may be acquired through trading activities or through purchases of securities directly from the issuer. These investments are subject to the risk that the company in which the investment is made may make business, financial or management decisions with which the Company does not agree or that the majority stakeholders or the management of the investee company may take risks or otherwise act in a manner that does not serve the Company's interests. If any of the foregoing was to occur, the value of the Company's investments could decrease and its financial condition, results of operations and cash flow could suffer as a result.

#### Changes in Legislation and Regulatory Risk

There can be no assurance that laws applicable to the Company or the businesses in which the Company invests, including securities legislation, will not be changed in a manner which adversely affects the Company. If such laws change, such changes could have a negative effect upon the value of the Company and upon investment opportunities available to the Company.

## **Risks Relating to the Financial Condition of the Company**

Limited Operating History as a DeFi Company

The Company announced its focus in the DeFi industry on January 19, 2021. The Company's limited operating history and the lack of meaningful historical financial data makes it difficult to fully evaluate the Company's prospects. To the extent that the Company is able to execute its business plan, its business will be subject to all of the problems that typically affect a business with a limited operating history, such as unanticipated expenses, capital shortfalls, delays in program development and possible cost overruns. Investment in the securities of the Company is highly speculative given the nature of the Company's business.

The Company's success will depend on many factors, including some which may be beyond its control or which cannot be accounted for at this time, such as the market's acceptance of the products of its investee companies, the emergence of potential competitors, and changes in economic conditions. For the reasons discussed in this section and elsewhere in this AIF, it is possible that the Company may not generate revenues or profits in the foreseeable future or at all.

## No History of Operating Revenue and Cash Flow

The Company is dependent on financings and future cash flows to meet its obligations. The future performance of the business and the ability of the Company's subsidiaries to provide the Company with payments may be constrained by factors such as, among others: success of the Company's corporate strategy, economic downturns; technological and regulatory changes; the cash flows generated by operations, investment activities and financing activities; and the level of taxation, particularly corporate profits and withholding taxes. If the Company is unable to generate sufficient cash from operations, the Company may be required to incur indebtedness, raise funds in a public or private equity or debt offering, or sell some or all of its assets. There can be no assurance that any such financing will be available on satisfactory terms or that it will be sufficient.

The Company may be subject to limitations on the repatriation of earnings in each of the countries where the Company, including its investee companies, do business. In particular, there may be significant withholding taxes applicable to the repatriation of funds from foreign countries to Canada. There can be no assurance that changes in regulations, including tax treaties, in and among the relevant countries where the Company or its investee companies do business will not take place, and if such changes occur, they may adversely impact the Company's ability to receive sufficient cash payments from its subsidiaries. *Insufficient Cash Flow and Funds in Reserve* 

The Company's cash flow and funds in reserve may not be sufficient to fund its ongoing activities at all times and from time to time and it may require additional financing in order to carry out its activities. In addition, the Company may incur major unanticipated liabilities or expenses. Although the Company has been successful in the past in financing its activities, there can be no assurance that the Company will be able to obtain additional financing on commercially acceptable terms. The ability of the Company to arrange such financing in the future will depend in part upon the prevailing capital market conditions as well as the business performance of Company. There is risk that if the economy and banking industry experienced unexpected and/or prolonged deterioration, the Company's access to additional financing may be affected. This may be further complicated by the limited market liquidity for shares of smaller companies such as the Company, restricting access to some institutional investors. Due to uncertainty in the capital markets, the Company may from time to time have restricted access to capital and increased borrowing costs. To the extent that external sources of capital become limited, unavailable, or available on onerous terms, the Company's ability to make capital investments and maintain existing assets may be impaired, and its

assets, liabilities, business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may be affected materially and adversely as a result.

The Company, along with all other companies, may face reduced cash flow and restricted access to capital if the global economic situation deteriorates. A prolonged period of adverse market conditions may impede the Company's ability to grow and complete additional acquisitions, if desired. In addition, a prolonged period of adverse market conditions may impede the Company's ability to service any of its loans or arrange alternative financing when the existing loans become due. In each case, the Company's business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects would be adversely affected.

### Conflicts of Interest may Arise

Certain current or future directors and officers of the Company and its subsidiaries may be shareholders, directors and officers of other companies that may operate in the same sectors as the Company. Such associations may give rise to conflicts of interest from time to time. The directors and officers of the Company are required by law to act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Company and to disclose any interest that they may have in any project or opportunity of the Company. If a conflict of interest arises at a meeting of the Board, any director in such conflict is required under the applicable corporate laws to disclose his or her interest and to abstain from voting on such matter.

### **Risks Relating to the Common Shares**

### Market Price of Common Shares may Experience Volatility

The market price of the Common Shares has been volatile in the past and may continue to be volatile. The market price is, and could be, subject to wide fluctuations due to a number of factors, including actual or anticipated fluctuations in the Company's results of operations, changes in estimates of its future results of operations by management or securities analysts, market rumours, investments or divestments by the Company or its competitors and general industry changes.

Many of the factors that could affect the market price of the Common Shares are outside of the Company's control. Broad market fluctuations, as well as economic conditions generally, may adversely affect the market price of the Common Shares. The stock markets have experienced extreme price and volume fluctuations that have affected and continue to affect the market prices of equity securities of many companies. These fluctuations often have been unrelated or disproportionate to the operating performance of those companies. These broad market and industry fluctuations, as well as general economic, political and market conditions such as recessions, interest rate changes or international currency fluctuations, may negatively impact the market price of the Common Shares.

#### Shareholders' Interest in the Company may be Diluted in the Future

If the Company raises additional funding by issuing additional equity securities, or securities convertible into equity, such financing may substantially dilute the interests of shareholders.

#### The Company has Never Paid Dividends and may not do so in the Foreseeable Future

The Company has never paid cash dividends on its Common Shares. Currently, the Company intends to retain its future earnings, if any, to fund the development and growth of its business, and does not anticipate paying any cash dividends on its Common Shares in the near future. As a result, shareholders will have to rely on capital appreciation, if any, to earn a return on investment in any Common Shares in the foreseeable future.

#### Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures

The Company maintains disclosure controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in annual filings, interim filings or other reports filed or submitted under provincial and territorial securities legislation, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to management, including the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"), as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

We have evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures and have concluded, based on our evaluation that they are sufficiently effective to provide reasonable assurance that material information relating to the Company is made known to management and disclosed in accordance with applicable securities regulations.

### Internal controls over financial reporting

The CEO and CFO, together with other members of Management, have designed internal controls over financial reporting based on the Internal Control–Integrated Framework set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO - 1992). These controls are intended to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of annual audited financial statements in accordance with IFRS.

We have not identified any changes to our internal control over financial reporting which would materially affect, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

The CEO and CFO, together with other members of Management, have evaluated the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting as defined by National Instrument 52-109, and have concluded, based on our evaluation that they are operating effectively as at December 31, 2022.

#### SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Company's significant accounting policies can be found in Note 2 of its annual audited financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021

## Future accounting change

IAS 16, Property, Plant and Equipment - The IASB issued an amendment to IAS 16, Property, Plant and Equipment to prohibit the deducting from property, plant and equipment amounts received from selling items produced while preparing an asset for its intended use. Instead, sales proceeds and its related costs must be recognized in profit or loss. The amendment will require companies to distinguish between costs associated with producing and selling items before the item of property, plant and equipment is available for use and costs associated with making the item of property, plant and equipment available for its intended use.

IFRS 9 – Financial Instruments - The IASB has issued an amendment to IFRS 9 Financial Instruments clarifying which fees to include in the test in assessing whether to derecognize a financial liability. Only those fees paid or received between the borrower and the lender, including fees paid or received by either the entity or the lender on the other's behalf are included.

#### **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS**

The preparation of the Company's Consolidated financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the Consolidated financial statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Such estimates and assumptions are continuously evaluated and are based on management's experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual outcomes can differ from these estimates. The impacts of such estimates are pervasive throughout the financial statements, and may require accounting adjustments based on future occurrences. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimate is revised and the revision affects both current and future periods.

Information about critical judgments and estimates in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognized in the Consolidated financial statements are as follows:

### Accounting for digital assets

The IFRS Interpretations Committee (the "Committee") published its agenda decision on Holdings of Cryptocurrencies in June 2019. The Committee concluded that IAS 2 - Inventories applies to cryptocurrencies when they are held for sale in the ordinary course of business, otherwise an entity should apply IAS 38 - Intangible Assets to holdings of cryptocurrencies. The Company has assessed that it acts in a capacity as a commodity broker trader as defined in IAS 2 - Inventories, in characterizing certain of its holdings as inventory, or more specifically, digital assets. If assets held by commodity broker-traders are principally acquired for the purpose of selling in the near future and generating a profit from fluctuations in price or broker-traders' margin, such assets are accounted for as inventory, and changes in fair value less costs to sell are recognized in profit or loss. Digital currencies consist of cryptocurrency denominated assets (see Note 6) and are included in current and long-term assets. Digital currencies are carried at their fair value determined by the spot rate less costs to sell. The digital currency market is still a new market and is highly volatile; historical prices are not necessarily indicative of future value; a significant change in the market prices for digital currencies would have a significant impact on the Company's earnings and financial position. Fair Value for Bitcoin, Ethereum, Cardano, Polkadot, Solana and Uniswap is determined by taking the price at 17:30 CET from Kraken, Bitstamp, Bitfinex, Binance and Coinbase exchanges consistent with the pricing of the Exchange Trade Products ("ETP"). Fair value for the other digital assets is determined by taking the last closing price in the range (UTC time) from www.coinmarketcap.com.

#### Fair value of financial derivatives

Investments in options and warrants which are not traded on a recognized securities exchange do not have a readily available market value. Valuation technique such as Black Scholes model is used to value these instruments.

#### Fair value of investment in securities not quoted in an active market or private company investments

Where the fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded on the statement of financial position cannot be derived from active markets, they are determined using a variety of valuation techniques. The inputs to these models are derived from observable market data where possible, but where observable market data are not available, judgment is required to establish fair values.

Share-based payments

The Company uses the Black-Scholes option pricing model to fair value options in order to calculate sharebased compensation expense. The Black-Scholes model involves six key inputs to determine the fair value of an option: risk-free interest rate, exercise price, market price of the Company's shares at date of issue, expected dividend yield, expected life, and expected volatility. Certain of the inputs are estimates which involve considerable judgment and are, or could be, affected by significant factors that are out of the Company's control. The Company is also required to estimate the future forfeiture rate of options based on historical information in its calculation of share-based compensation expense.

### Business combinations and goodwill

Judgment is used in determining whether an acquisition is a business combination or an asset acquisition. In a business combination, all identifiable assets and liabilities acquired are recorded at their fair values. In determining the allocation of the purchase price in a business combination, including any acquisition related contingent consideration, estimates including market based and appraisal values are used. The contingent consideration is measured at its acquisition-date fair value and included as part of the consideration transferred in a business combination. Contingent consideration that is classified as equity is not remeasured at subsequent reporting dates and its subsequent settlement is accounted for within equity. Goodwill is assessed for impairment annually.

### Contingencies

### Estimated useful lives and impairment considerations

Amortization of intangible assets is dependent upon estimates of useful lives, which are determined through the exercise of judgment. The assessment of impairment of these assets is dependent upon estimates of recoverable amounts that consider factors such as economic and market conditions and the useful lives of assets.

#### Impairment of non-financial assets

The Company's non-financial assets include prepaid expenses, digital assets excluding USDC, equipment and right of use assets, intangibles and goodwill. Impairment of these non-financial assets exists when the carrying value of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount, which is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. These calculations are based on available data, other observable inputs and projections of cash flows, all of which are subject to estimates and assumptions. See Note 6 for the discussion regarding impairment of the Company's non-financial assets.

#### Functional currency

The functional currency of the Company has been assessed by management based on consideration of the currency and economic factors that mainly influence the Company's digital currencies, production and operating costs, financing and related transactions. Specifically, the Company considers the currencies in which digital currencies are most commonly denominated and the currencies in which expenses are settled, by each entity, as well as the currency in which each entity receives or raises financing. Changes to these factors may have an impact on the judgment applied in the determination of the Company's functional currency.

#### Assessment of transaction as an asset purchase or business combination

Significant acquisitions require judgements and estimates to be made at the date of acquisition in relation to determining the relative fair value of the allocation of the purchase consideration over the fair value of the assets. The information necessary to measure the fair values as at the acquisition date of assets acquired requires management to make certain judgements and estimates about future performance of these assets.