



**Crocus Investment Fund**  
December 31, 2020 Quarterly Report  
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# 1.0 Background

On June 28, 2005, pursuant to an application made by the Manitoba Securities Commission ("MSC") under Section 27 of The Securities Act, the Court of Queen's Bench of Manitoba (the "Court") made an Order (the "Receiving Order") appointing Deloitte Restructuring Inc. (formerly Deloitte & Touche Inc., hereafter referred to as "Deloitte" or the "Receiver") as Receiver and Manager of the Crocus Investment Fund ("Crocus" or the "Fund"). The Receiving Order appointed Deloitte as Receiver over all of Crocus' current and future assets, undertakings and properties and granted the Receiver powers to carry out its duties as outlined in the Receiving Order.

The purpose of this report (the "Report") is to report on the activities of the Receiver as well as to provide an update on the financial position of the Fund. The Report will cover the Receiver's operations and activities since the September 30, 2020 Quarterly Report.

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## 2.0 Activities of the Receiver

The following summarizes the major activities of the Receiver since September 30, 2020:

- Preparing the September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2020 Quarterly Reports;
- Administering the interim distributions of funds as outlined in the Court Orders of September 4, 2009, December 12, 2011, and October 14, 2014;
- Corresponding with numerous shareholders, brokers, dealers, and intermediaries regarding the distributions and status of the Fund;
- Supervising and directing agents retained by the Receiver;
- Meeting and corresponding with individual Crocus shareholders;
- Corresponding with, and reporting to, the bare trustee for the Fund;
- Ongoing monitoring and realization of the remaining investee companies and discussions with various stakeholders of the investees with respect to possible courses of action regarding Crocus' investment in the investees; and
- Fulfilling the duties of Crocus as General Partner of the Manitoba Science & Technology Fund ("MS&T").

## 3.0 Operations

The ongoing activities related to Crocus consist of investment monitoring, financial reporting, shareholder services, and tax reporting. The Receiver no longer employs any former employees of Crocus but has sub-contracted certain information technology and back office services.

## 4.0 Financial position

Financial information for Crocus has been prepared by the Receiver for the first fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2020, and is attached as Appendix 1.

The following are the more significant assets remaining in the Fund:

- Investments in cash and cash equivalents of approximately \$5.3 million. This excludes unclaimed funds of approximately \$2.0 million held in trust for shareholders relating to prior distributions; and
- Net carrying value of the remaining Crocus portfolio of investees of approximately \$0.6 million. As the remaining portfolio of investees (further detailed below) is comprised of either publicly traded companies, or private companies whose primary holdings are publicly traded shares, the portfolio valuation has been adjusted in the current quarter. The investments are valued at the lower of cost or market trading value as at December 31, 2020.

## 5.0 Portfolio

### 5.1 Background

As at June 28, 2005, there were 46 individual investee companies in the Crocus portfolio with a gross carrying value of approximately \$64.1 million.

Cumulatively to December 31, 2020, 42 of the 46 investments within the Crocus portfolio have been realized upon or are considered closed.

In summary, since its appointment, the Receiver has realized proceeds of approximately \$64.9 million for investments with a June 28, 2005 book value of approximately \$63.8 million, representing a recovery of approximately 102%. Crocus' carrying value for these investments, when it ceased trading in December 2004, was approximately \$100.4 million, which would represent a recovery of approximately 65%. In addition, since its appointment, the Receiver has eliminated exposure on approximately \$2.3 million in guarantees that had been reserved by Crocus.

### 5.2 Status

The status of the remaining investments is as follows:

#### **Novra Technologies Inc. ("Novra")**

Novra is an investment held by the Fund representing both equity and debt obligations due to Crocus. The Receiver and the investee previously entered into a long-term agreement for the repayment of the indebtedness, with the final debt payment due on or before September 1, 2020. As at the date of this Report, the final debt payment remains outstanding and the Receiver continues its discussions with Novra to collect same and liquidate its equity position.

#### **Manitoba Science & Technology Fund, Genesys Ventures Inc., and ST Partnership**

Crocus is an investor in MS&T which is a limited partnership holding several science and technology investments. Crocus is the sole owner of the General Partner and the limited partners gave the General Partner a mandate to wind down the partnership. Crocus' holdings include Genesys Ventures Inc. and ST Partnership, and MS&T's holdings include Genesys Ventures Inc. and other science and technology investments. There are numerous interrelationships amongst these entities. In some cases, the ability to negotiate divestitures of MS&T's science and technology investments is limited given that certain of the companies are publicly traded with limited market liquidity. As a result, the timing of a complete disposition remains uncertain, however, the Receiver continues efforts to liquidate Crocus' holdings through settlement discussions with the investees.

## 6.0 Share value

The estimated net asset value of the Class A and Class I shares (the "Share Value") as at December 31, 2020 was \$0.42 per share, as detailed in Appendix 1. As noted in previous reports, the Receiver emphasizes that the Share Value is an accounting book value, with residual investments valued at the lower of cost or market trading value as at December 31, 2020.

Future events will determine the ultimate realizable value of the portfolio. Such matters may have an effect on the Share Value which is ultimately available for distribution to Crocus shareholders. The future events identified to date include:

- Possible further increases/reductions in the value of the portfolio as a result of ongoing investee performance;
- The length of time it takes to realize on the portfolio;
- Professional costs incurred by the Receiver and its counsel as a result of current and future negotiations;
- Any additional guarantees or indemnities granted by Crocus which have not yet been identified; and/or
- All other costs of monitoring the portfolio and realizing on the assets.

The Receiver will continue to provide updates on the Share Value in future Quarterly Reports.



## 7.0 Interim distributions

### 7.1 First interim distribution

On September 4, 2009, the Court issued an Order authorizing a rateable interim distribution of approximately \$54.7 million to the Class A and Class I shareholders. Concurrent with the distribution, the Receiver also began distributing the net proceeds of the Class Actions settlements in the amount of approximately \$6.8 million. Class A and Class I shareholders received \$3.83 per share from the approved distribution plus their portion of the Class Actions settlements.

As at December 31, 2020, the Receiver had paid out approximately \$53.7 million, or approximately 98%, of the first interim distribution, and approximately \$6.7 million of the Class Actions settlements. There remains approximately \$1.1 million in unclaimed distributions.

### 7.2 Second interim distribution

On December 12, 2011, the Court issued an Order authorizing a second interim distribution of approximately \$9.0 million to the Class A and Class I shareholders.

Mailings for the distribution took place in January 2012. As at December 31, 2020, the Receiver had paid out approximately \$8.6 million, or 96%, of the second interim distribution, however, there remains approximately \$0.4 million in unclaimed distributions.

### 7.3 Third interim distribution

On October 14, 2014, the Court issued an Order authorizing a third interim distribution of \$0.60 per share to the Class A and Class I shareholders, or approximately \$8.6 million. Concurrent with the distribution, the Receiver also distributed the remaining Class Actions settlements proceeds of approximately \$0.7 million.

Mailings for the distribution took place in October and November 2014. As at December 31, 2020, the Receiver had paid out approximately \$8.1 million, or 94%, of the third interim distribution and approximately \$0.6 million of the remaining Class Actions settlements. There remains approximately \$0.6 million in unclaimed distributions.

### 7.4 Unclaimed interim distributions

On December 9, 2016, the Receiver sent correspondence to all shareholders with any unclaimed funds from one (1) or more of the three (3) interim distributions. The correspondence was customized for each shareholder depending on the nature of the account held and the funds that remained unclaimed. The Receiver requested that shareholders follow the detailed instructions in the correspondence to claim their distribution entitlements at their earliest opportunity, and by no later than February 28, 2017. Shareholders were further advised that any funds remaining unclaimed subsequent to February 28, 2017 may be paid to the Minister of Finance, following which shareholders will be obligated to prove their entitlement to the funds.

In total 6,690 letters were sent to shareholders with unclaimed funds. Responses were received from approximately 41% (2,741) of these shareholders resulting in approximately \$1.3 million in funds being distributed.

## **7.5 Future distributions**

The majority of the Crocus assets have been realized upon with net proceeds of approximately \$72.3 million being approved by the Court for distribution to the Crocus shareholders. In addition, shareholders have been paid their portions of the Class Actions settlements and the Class Actions have been finalized.

As noted above, the Receiver currently has approximately \$5.3 million of cash and cash equivalents available to fund shareholder services operations and to continue to realize on the remaining four (4) investments. Although the Receiver had previously reported that it anticipated being in a position to make an application to Court for a final shareholder distribution in calendar 2020, with the unfortunate implications of the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19), the Receiver has had to revise its timing for such application. Given the ongoing negotiations with the remaining investees, the Receiver is optimistic that such application will be made in the first or second quarter of calendar 2021.

## 8.0 Shareholder communication

The Receiver has continued to post Court Orders, Receiver's Reports, Quarterly Reports, media statements and shareholder letters on its website at [www.deloitte.com/ca/crocusfund](http://www.deloitte.com/ca/crocusfund).

## 9.0 General

A Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the period from June 28, 2005 to December 31, 2020 is attached as Appendix 2.

The Receiver will continue to keep the Court apprised of ongoing developments with the next Quarterly Report to be filed in mid-April 2021.

Respectfully submitted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.

**DELOITTE RESTRUCTURING INC.**, in its capacity as Receiver and Manager of Crocus Investment Fund and not in its personal capacity.



Per: Brent Warga, CPA, CA, CIRP, LIT  
Senior Vice-President

Appendix 1 –  
Crocus financial information as  
at December 31, 2020

**Crocus Investment Fund**  
**Consolidated Statement of Net Assets**  
**As at December 31, 2020 (unaudited)**

**ASSETS**

Cash and equivalents	\$ 5,347,660
Cash in Trust - Unclaimed Interim Distributions	2,006,842
Investments in Manitoba businesses	623,420
	<u>7,977,922</u>

Accounts receivable	15,575
Capital assets	-
	<u>7,993,497</u>

**LIABILITIES**

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	8,154
Due to Shareholders - Interim Distributions	2,006,842
	<u>2,015,000</u>

**NET ASSETS**

<u>\$ 5,978,501</u>
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**SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY**

Share capital	\$ 188,014,669
Deferred selling costs adjustment	(9,134,637)
Interim Distributions - Class "A" shares	(71,951,299)
Interim Distributions - Class "I" shares	(349,770)
Interim Distributions - Class "L" shares	(200)
Deficit	(100,600,262)
	<u>\$ 5,978,501</u>

**NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE**

Net assets	\$ 5,978,501
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Balance attributed to the Class "A" Common and Series Two Class "I" Special Shares	<u>\$ 5,978,501</u>
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Number of issued Class "A" Common Shares	14,220,000
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Number of issued Series Two Class "I" Special Shares	<u>69,126</u>
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14,289,126

**NET ASSET VALUE PER CLASS "A" COMMON SHARE and  
SERIES TWO CLASS "I" SPECIAL SHARE**

<u>\$ 0.42</u>
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**Crocus Investment Fund**  
**Consolidated Statement of Investment Portfolio**  
**As at December 31, 2020 (unaudited)**

**INVESTMENTS IN MANITOBA BUSINESSES**

Genesys Venture Inc.

Manitoba Science & Technology Fund

Novra Technologies Inc.

ST Partnership

**INVESTMENTS IN MANITOBA BUSINESSES**

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\$ 623,420

Appendix 2 –  
Statement of receipts and  
disbursements to December 31,  
2020



**Deloitte Restructuring Inc., Receiver and Manager of  
CROCUS INVESTMENT FUND  
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements  
For the Period June 28, 2005 to December 31, 2020**

	<b>June 28, 2005 to March 31, 2016</b>	<b>April 1, 2016 to December 31, 2020</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Receipts</b>			
Cash and Short Term Investments on Hand	\$ 23,363,012	\$ -	\$ 23,363,012
Contract Back Office Services	518,463	-	518,463
Dividends-Portfolio	657,483	160,000	817,483
Income Tax Refund	520,196	23,810	544,006
Insurance Claim and Premium Refund	20,662	-	20,662
Interest-Portfolio	1,929,765	186,171	2,115,936
Interest-Short Term Investments	7,727,235	208,893	7,936,128
Investment Principal Repayments	3,182,022	484,963	3,666,985
Management Fees	1,295,043	198,029	1,493,072
Proceeds on Disposal of Investments	57,140,767	4,097,625	61,238,392
Rent/Sub-Lease	2,671,548	-	2,671,548
Sundry	301,676	-	301,676
Pre-Receivership Accounts Receivable	1,247,463	-	1,247,463
Class Action Settlements	7,494,924	-	7,494,924
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 108,070,259</b>	<b>\$ 5,359,491</b>	<b>\$ 113,429,750</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>			
Advances to Investees	\$ 265,132	\$ -	\$ 265,132
Capital Tax	200,257	-	200,257
Computer, Telephone and Office Expense	856,301	26,898	883,199
Consulting Fees	359,150	-	359,150
Employee Pension	442,922	-	442,922
Insurance - Indemnification	167,563	-	167,563
Investee Guarantee and Indemnification	1,344,677	-	1,344,677
Investment Expenses	223,133	9,753	232,886
Legal Fees	2,292,238	120,769	2,413,007
Disbursements	64,678	2,915	67,593
Taxes	294,107	15,539	309,646
Legal Fees - Indemnification	728,405	-	728,405
Disbursements	12,985	-	12,985
Taxes	59,311	-	59,311
Payroll & Benefits	1,735,550	-	1,735,550
Receiver and Manager Fees	8,804,347	604,087	9,408,434
Taxes	491,554	30,603	522,157
Rent	4,317,703	-	4,317,703
Settlements	775,991	-	775,991
Shareholder Services	2,164,467	960,470	3,124,937
Pre-Receivership Payables and Accruals	914,385	-	914,385
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>26,514,856</b>	<b>1,771,034</b>	<b>28,285,890</b>
<b>Excess of Receipts over Disbursements prior to:</b>	<b>81,555,403</b>	<b>3,588,457</b>	<b>85,143,860</b>
Interim Distributions - Class "A" Shares	68,782,103	1,326,858	70,108,961
Interim Distributions - Class "I" & "L" Shares	349,970	-	349,970
Class Action Settlements	7,222,807	107,620	7,330,427
<b>Excess of Receipts over Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 5,200,523</b>	<b>\$ 2,153,979</b>	<b>\$ 7,354,502</b>
Represented by:			
Short Term Investments and Bonds			\$ 5,347,660
Cash in Trust - Interim Distributions			2,006,842
			<b>\$ 7,354,502</b>



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