

**Maxam Arbitrage Fund and Maxam Diversified Strategies Fund  
Independent Review Committee  
Annual Report to Unitholders  
for the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

**Introduction**

The following report describes the Independent Review Committee (the “IRC”) of Maxam Arbitrage Fund and the Maxam Diversified Strategies Fund (the “Funds”) managed by Maxam Capital Management Ltd. (“Manager”) and its related activities for the year ended December 31, 2023.

**Membership and Composition**

The IRC consists of three members as appointed by the Manager. Each member is independent and has no material relationship with the Funds, Manager or any related entities that could be reasonably perceived to interfere with the member’s judgment regarding a conflict of interest matter.

The following individuals are the members of the IRC as at December 31, 2023. There were no changes to the composition or membership of the IRC during the year.

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Length of Service</u></b>	<b><u>Other IRC Memberships</u></b>
Chris Wallace (Chair)	Member and Chair Since September 2, 2020	None
Theoni Pilarinos	Member since September 2, 2020	None
Justin Kates	Member since September 2, 2020	None

**Share Ownership**

The percentage of securities of each class or series of voting or equity securities beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, in aggregate, by all the members of the IRC:

- a) in the investment funds if the aggregate level of ownership exceeds 10 percent;
- b) in the Manager; or
- c) in any person or company that provides services to the investment funds or the Manager

is none in all cases.

**Compensation**

The level of compensation and expenses for the members of the IRC is determined by the Manager, reviewed and accepted by the IRC.

<u>Committee position</u>	<u>Retainer fee</u>	<u>Meeting fee</u>
Chair	\$ 5,000	\$ 0
Member	\$ 4,000	\$ 0

Each IRC member is also reimbursed for certain out-of-pocket costs associated with the performance of their duties.

In accepting the recommendation of the Manager, the IRC considered the following: the nature and complexity of the Funds operations, the workload and time commitment required and the level of information provided to the committee.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, a total of \$13,000 was paid by the Funds to the IRC. No amounts were paid to the IRC members by the Funds under indemnities in their favour.

**Activities, Reviews and Approvals**

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Manager informed the IRC that it relied on positive recommendations and standing instructions granted by the IRC relating to conflict of interest matters. The standing instructions require the Manager to follow its policies and procedures related to the applicable conflict of interest matters in all material respects and to report to the IRC.

**Certificate**

For the year ended December 31, 2023:

- a) There were no instances of proposed actions involving a conflict of interest matter or potential conflict of interest matter that were referred to the IRC by the Manager for consideration; and
- b) The IRC is not aware of any instances where the Manager was involved in a conflict of interest matter.

This report is respectfully submitted to you on behalf of the Independent Review Committee of the Funds.

“Chris Wallace”  
(signed)

Chris Wallace  
Chair of the Independent Review Committee

Vancouver, British Columbia  
February 7, 2024