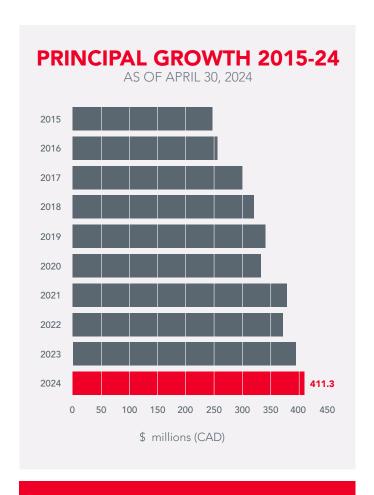
TRUST AND ENDOWMENT REPORT

FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2024

The Fund achieved a nominal annualized return of 7.52% for the four-year period ending April 30, 2024. The resulting four-year annualized real return of 2.88% (after inflation and investment related expenses) was below the endowment spending rate target of 4.00%. Although inflationary pressures have lessened, three consecutive years of the annual inflation rate exceeding the Bank of Canada's target rates have made it more difficult to meet the Primary Return Objective.

The Fund's nominal return for fiscal 2023-24 was 6.61%, underperforming the policy benchmark return by 4.25%. The policy benchmark return is the weighted average of the returns of the benchmark indices for each asset class. While equity markets posted solid returns for the year, managers had difficulty adding value to their respective benchmarks. The portfolio is structured such that in periods where markets decline, the portfolio tends to outperform the benchmark. Conversely, the portfolio tends to underperform the benchmark in strong markets, as witnessed in fiscal 2023-24. The objective is to generate strong long-term returns while ensuring the safety of the principal.

The university's trust and endowment accounts are invested in a well-diversified portfolio. Although this does not guarantee absolute protection from market downturns, history has shown that by staying the course with our long-term investment plan, the University should continue to meet its endowment spending objectives. In a period of high levels of market uncertainty, the university has been able to meet its target rate of spending and preserve the real value of its endowments.



CHANGES IN TRUST AND ENDOWMENT

Balance 2023-24

(Market value in millions)

Net increase during the year	\$15.6
Balance April 30, 2023	\$395.7
Balance April 30, 2024	<u>\$411.3</u>

INCREASE DUE TO:

\$15.6