

March 5, 2009

Dear Investor,

On behalf of the Independent Review Committee for the VentureLink Group of Funds, I am pleased to present the *Report to Securityholders for the Year Ended December 31, 2008*.

Our principal function is to consider situations referred to us by VentureLink LP (the Manager of the Funds) in which there may be a conflict of interest between the Manager and the Securityholders. Depending on the nature of the potential conflict of interest we may either recommend what action the Manager should take to achieve a fair and reasonable result for the funds or, in certain circumstances, we have the authority to withhold approval of the Manager's proposed action. Securityholders wishing to see the precise Rules and Policies of the committee are referred to National Instrument 81-107, Chapter 5, available at www.osc.on.gov.ca. The general principle behind NI 81-107 is that the Manager must place the interests of the funds above its own corporate interests and the interest of its officers and employees and must otherwise manage the funds in a fair and prudent manner.

The Independent Review Committee was established in November 2007 in accordance the mandate set out by the Canadian securities regulators. All three members of the committee are independent of the Manager and its affiliates. All publicly offered investment funds in Canada must have an Investment Review Committee.

Our report to securityholders will be done on an annual basis, and will be posted to the www.venturelinkfunds.com website and filed with SEDAR, www.sedar.com.

Robert B. Falconer
Chair of the Independent Review Committee

**Independent Review Committee
 VentureLink Group of Funds
 Report to Securityholders for the year ended December 31, 2008
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VentureLink Group of Funds (“the Funds”)

VentureLink Financial Services Innovation Fund Inc.
 VentureLink Brighter Future Fund Inc.
 VentureLink Diversified Income Fund Inc.
 VentureLink Balanced Fund Inc.

Manager

VentureLink LP (“the Manager”)

The Independent Review Committee

VentureLink LP appointed three individuals to act as the Independent Review Committee (“the Committee”) for the Funds. All members of the Committee are independent from the Manager and persons and companies related to the Manager. Since their appointment as the Independent Review Committee for the Funds on November 1, 2007, the Committee has carried out the mandate for independent review committees of publicly offered investment funds as required by the Canadian securities regulators.

Member	Length of Service- Date First Appointed	Other Independent Review Committee Memberships during the period
Robert B. Falconer Chair of the Independent Review Committee	November 2007	None
Christopher M. Hopper	November 2007	CI Investments Board of Governors
Michael Kelly	November 2007	None

Ownership of Securities by the Independent Review Committee

As of December 31, 2008, the members of the Committee owned beneficially, directly or indirectly, in aggregate the following securities:

Member	Holdings in a Venturelink Fund exceeding 10%	Holdings of the Manager	Holdings in a person or company that provides services to a VentureLink Fund or the Manager
Robert B. Falconer	none	none	none
Christopher M. Hopper	none	none	none
Michael Kelly	none	none	CI Financial: -less than 1%

Compensation and Indemnities Paid to the Committee

The Compensation paid to the Committee during the year ended December 31, 2008 was set by the Manager, in its capacity as manager of the Funds, and not by the members of the Committee.

The aggregate compensation paid to the members of the Committee for the year ended December 31, 2008 was \$36,000. In addition, members of the Committee earned, in aggregate, \$108,000 for services related to their roles as directors of the Funds during the year. The Funds paid their pro-rata share of the total compensation paid by all of the Funds.

No payments were made to a member of the Committee under any indemnity granted in their favour during the year ended December 31, 2008.

Duties of the Committee

As of and from November 1, 2007, the Committee carried out the mandate prescribed by the Canadian securities regulators for independent review committees of publicly offered investment funds. In carrying out its duties, the Committee ensured that they kept abreast of regulatory and industry developments affecting the Funds and the Manager through meetings with the Manager's senior management, legal advisers and auditors. It considers conflict of interest matters that the manager refers to it for its recommendations, and where applicable, its approval. The Committee considers conflicts of interest matters referred to it and makes recommendations back to the Manager on whether or not the Committee believes the proposed action of the Manager will achieve a fair and reasonable result for the applicable Funds. Where appropriate, the Committee gives a Manager standing instructions to comply with its policies and procedures established to

manage any conflict of interest matter and to report periodically to the Committee on the matter.

During the year ended December 31, 2008, the Manager reviewed the following conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest matters to the Committee.

1. A company related to the Manager made an investment in GMP Diversified Alpha SPV One Ltd. An investment in the same underlying fund has been made by the VentureLink Financial Services Innovation Fund Inc. through a linked note. Other than the impact of the linked note these investments are identical, therefore it was determined that there was no conflict of interest.
2. The Funds are in the process of seeking approval for the creation of Class C and Class P shares. The Committee has been consulted in 2008 but will perform final review once all other conditions for approval of new share Classes are met.
3. The Manager has relied on standing instructions of the Committee with respect to investment allocation for three investments made during the year which are held by more than one VentureLink Fund.