# WALTON ASSET MANAGEMENT GP LTD.

2021 Annual Report

Reporting for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

Dated May 31, 2022

#### INTRODUCTION

### Background

On April 28, 2017, Walton Asset Management GP Ltd. ("WAM GP") sought and obtained protection pursuant to the *Companies Creditors' Arrangement Act, R.S.C.* 1985, C-36, as amended (the "CCAA"), pursuant to an Order of the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench (the "Initial Order").

Ernst & Young Inc. was appointed as Monitor ("EYI" or the "Monitor") of WAM GP pursuant to the terms of the Initial Order. WAM GP was responsible for the creation, structuring and monitoring of investments in the Walton Group of Companies' (the "Walton Group") investment products and development projects, as well as sourcing debt financing for the Walton Group's Canadian subsidiaries, pursuant to various management agreements (the "Management Agreements").

The Management Agreements were assigned to Walton Global Investments Ltd. ("WGIL") pursuant to an Order of the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench granted March 22, 2018. WAM GP no longer has any business or employees and generates no revenue. Its remaining assets consist of receivables due from other members of the Walton Group for management fees. These receivables arose prior to the assignment of WAM GP's Management Agreements to WGIL.

On June 8, 2018, the Monitor's powers were expanded over WAM GP pursuant to an Order (the "Enhancement Order"), which authorized the Monitor to manage and administer WAM GP and its property, business and undertakings. The Enhancement Order also included a Courtapproved distribution protocol, which governs the monetization of Edgemont's remaining property and distribution of the resulting funds.

#### Reporting

Pursuant to the Enhancement Order, the Monitor is required to post a report (the "WAM GP 2021 Annual Report") on its website at <a href="https://www.ey.com/ca/wigi">www.ey.com/ca/wigi</a> that provides the following information with respect to WAM GP:

- a) A statement of receipts and disbursements;
- b) A summary of all proceeds, including asset sales or other monetizations, realized by WAM GP during the fiscal year, together with a breakdown showing the Property that was monetized during the fiscal year;
- c) A summary of all distributions of Proceeds; and
- d) A summary of the use by WAM GP of the Administrative Reserve during the fiscal year, including a breakdown of the fees, if any, that were paid to the Walton Global Investments Ltd. ("WGIL") pursuant to the Management Agreement.

The WAM GP 2021 Annual Report covers the 12-month period from January 1, 2021 through to WAM GP's fiscal year-end of December 31, 2021 (the "Reporting Period").

#### TERMS OF REFERENCE AND DISCLAIMER

In preparing the WAM GP 2021 Annual Report, the Monitor has been provided with, and has relied upon, unaudited financial information, WAM GP's books and records, financial information prepared by WAM GP and discussions WGIL.

Capitalized terms not defined in this WAM GP 2021 Annual Report are as defined in the Initial Order, the Enhancement Order or the Monitor's First through Forty-Sixth Reports.

All references to dollars are in Canadian currency unless otherwise noted.

#### STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Exhibit 1.0 below provides a statement of receipts and disbursements for WAM GP during the Reporting Period.

Walton Asset Management GP Ltd. Statement of Receipts and Disbursements January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021		Exhibit 1.0
	Notes	\$CAD '000s
Opening cash balance at January 1, 2021		392
Receipts		
Collection of accounts receivable	1	6,715
Interest income		2
Total receipts		6,718
Disbursements		
Distribution to unsecured creditors	2	(4,257)
CCAA professional fees	3	(34)
Total disbursements		(4,291)
Net cash receipts / (disbursements) in Reporting Period		2,427
Ending cash balance at Dec. 31, 2021		2,819

The accompanying notes provide summaries of the proceeds received and disbursed.

**Note 1** - The Monitor on behalf of WAM GP collected accounts receivable of approximately \$6.7 million during the Reporting Period. Please refer to Appendix 'A' for a summary of accounts receivable owing to WAM GP.

**Note 2** - WAM GP distributed approximately \$4.2 million to its proven unsecured creditors during the Reporting Period. Please refer to Appendix 'B' for a summary of proven unsecured claims and distributions made by WAM GP.

**Note 3** - CCAA professional fees includes fees of WAM GP's legal counsel, the Monitor and the Monitor's legal counsel.

#### SUMMARY OF THE USE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE RESERVE

Pursuant to the Enhancement Order, the Monitor is required to maintain an Administrative Reserve equal to 200% of WAM GP's annual budget for operating and administrative costs, as determined in good faith by the Monitor. The Monitor has set WAM GP's Administrative Reserve at \$250,000.

WAM GP is party to an intercorporate settlement agreement (the "Intercorporate Settlement Agreement"), the terms of which govern WAM GP's collection of any intercompany claim against WGIL. The maturity date of the Intercorporate Settlement Agreement is January 31, 2025 (the "Maturity Date").

Given WAM GP is no longer carrying on any active operations, the Administrative Reserve was determined based on WAM GP incurring an estimated \$60,000 per year in CCAA professional fees until the Maturity Date, with an added contingency for other operating and administrative costs.

During the Reporting Period, the Administrative Reserve was used by the Monitor for purposes of settling CCAA professional fees incurred in administering the CCAA proceedings.

# Management fees

WAM GP did not pay any management fees to WGIL during the Reporting Period.

## Lawsuit

In May 2021, an action was filed in the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta naming WAM GP as well as various Walton Entities, affiliates, and some of those entities' directors and officers, as Defendants (the "Action"). In the Action, the Plaintiffs allege various wrongdoings arising out of investments in various Canadian Walton entities. Certain Walton defendants also filed a counterclaim in the Action in December 2021 (the "Counterclaim").

The Action is proceeding, and Walton and the other named defendants deny any wrongdoing and intend to continue vigorously defending the Action and to seek remedies pursuant to the Counterclaim. Walton is confident the Courts will find in favour of the Defendants.

WAM GP executed a joint retainer with the Defendants to retain Bennett Jones LLP to act as legal counsel to the Defendants in the Action. Pursuant to the Joint Retainer, Walton Global Holdings LLC will fund legal costs associated with defending the Action and it is not expected that WAM GP will incur any costs associated with the Action.

#### 2022 DISTRIBUTION

The Enhancement Order provides that the Monitor is authorized to make a distribution of the proceeds from the monetization of WAM GP's remaining property, over and above the Administrative Reserve, from time to time as and when the Monitor sees fit. Such distributions would be made on a pro rata basis amongst all unsecured creditors with proven claims.

In 2020, the Monitor on behalf of WAM GP made a first distribution to the proven creditors of WAM GP in the amount of \$2.8 million. In 2021, a second distribution to the proven unsecured creditors of WAM GP was made in the amount of \$3.1 million. Later in the Reporting Period, a third distribution to the proven unsecured creditors of WAM GP was completed in the amount of \$1.1 million.

As at the date of this WAM GP 2021 Annual Report, the Monitor on behalf of WAM GP has elected to undertake a fourth distribution to the proven unsecured creditors of WAM GP, in the amount of \$2.7 million (the "Fourth Distribution"). The Fourth Distribution will be issued in June 2022.

A listing of WAM GP's proven unsecured creditors is attached hereto as Appendix 'B'.

#### **FUTURE DISTRIBUTIONS**

Based on the Monitor maintaining an Administrative Reserve of \$250,000, WAM GP currently has sufficient funds to make a distribution to its creditors in 2022. The timing and quantum of any future distributions to WAM GP's unsecured creditors with proven claims in 2022 will be driven by the time required for WAM GP to monetize its remaining assets (i.e. asset management fees receivable from other members of the Walton Group, both CCAA Applicants and non-Applicants).

An accounts receivable listing for WAM GP is attached hereto as Appendix 'A'.

Additional details on any potential distributions will be posted on the Monitor's website at www.ey.com/ca/wigi.

APPENDIX 'A'						
Entity	Accounts Receivable	Collections	Remaining Accts Receivable			
CCAA Applicants						
Walton South Simcoe Residential Development Corporation	4,388,079	2,144,926	2,243,153			
Walton Edgemont Development Corporation	2,483,981	2,483,981	-			
Walton Canadian Land Development L.P. 1	1,720,002	1,450,551	269,451			
Walton Vita Crystallina Development LP	42,189	12,218	29,971			
Brant County Riverbend Development LP	35,301	35,301	-			
_	8,669,552	6,126,977	2,542,575			
Non-Applicants						
Walton Global Investments Ltd.	3,556,122	2,298,464	1,257,658			
Walton Northpoint East Development LP	1,537,983	86,722	1,451,261			
Walton International Group Inc.	1,396,852	1,396,852	-			
Walton Westphalia Development Corp	1,346,758	-	1,346,758			
Walton Duggan Ranch Dev LP	20,294	-	20,294			
Walton Duggan Ranch Sophisticated Inv LP	5,875	-	5,875			
Walton NPE Sophisticated Investor LP	5,250	-	5,250			
Walton Berhad	818	-	818			
Walton Realty Management LP	147	-	147			
Walton Northpoint East Anderson Development LP	75	<u>-</u>	75			
_	7,870,174	3,782,038	4,088,136			
Total accounts receivable	16,539,726	9,909,015	6,630,711			

APPENDIX 'B'							
		2020 Pro Rata	2021 Pro Rata	Outstanding Claim			
Claimant	Claim Value	Distribution	Distributions	Value			
Third party claims							
Madison Peak Securities Ltd.	75,351	8,413	12,358	54,581			
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP	1,047	117	172	759			
WealthTerra Capital Management Inc.	36,431	4,067	5,975	26,389			
_	112,830	12,597	18,505	81,728			
Intercompany claims							
Walton Development and Management L.P.	8,798,867	982,371	1,443,058	6,373,437			
Walton Europe GmbH	6,799,327	759,128	1,115,124	4,925,076			
Walton International Group Inc.	5,928,902	661,947	972,370	4,294,585			
Walton Development and Mgmt (Ontario) LP	4,149,443	463,275	680,529	3,005,639			
Walton Global Investments Ltd.	154,452	17,244	25,331	111,877			
Walton Europe Distributions GmbH	14,715	1,643	2,413	10,659			
	25,845,706	2,885,608	4,238,825	18,721,273			
Total proven unsecured claims	25,958,536	2,898,205	4,257,330	18,803,001			