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## FEES AND MUTUAL FUND INVESTING: THE FACTS

When you invest in a mutual fund, there is a built-in fee that covers a variety of costs and services, called the management expense ratio, or MER. An MER is expressed as a percentage of the fund's total assets. The returns you earn as an investor are reported after the fund's MER is deducted.

**MER = MANAGEMENT FEE + FIXED RATE ANNUAL ADMINISTRATION FEE + OTHER FUND COSTS + TAXES**

The **management fee** covers the cost of paying the mutual fund company and investment professionals that decide how and in which securities the fund will invest. This fee may also cover compensation to the investment dealer organization and financial advisor who sell the fund and provide ongoing financial advice and service to the investor.

The **fixed rate annual administration fees** cover operating expenses incurred by the fund manager and directly by the funds. Services provided by the fund manager include unitholder processing and client services, fund administration, legal, tax and financial reporting. Direct fund expenses include custodian safe keeping fees, audit, prospectus filing fees, mailing and expenses related to the funds' Independent Review Committee.

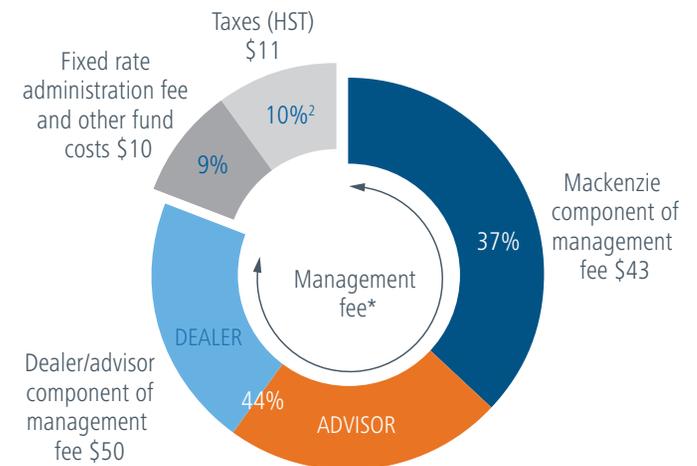
**Other fund costs** include applicable taxes (e.g., capital taxes), interest, borrowing costs and any other new governmental fees. These other fund costs are very small and, on average, represent less than 0.02% of the MER.

**Taxes** are paid on the management fee and certain operating costs and are therefore included in the MER.

### EXAMPLE: FUND WITH A 2.28% MER

The following chart illustrates how the fees you pay are calculated, and put to work.

If you had invested \$5,000 in a fund with a 2.28% MER<sup>1</sup>, you would have paid \$114 in management fees and expenses for the year.



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<sup>1</sup> Represents the MER of a typical Canadian balanced fund.

<sup>2</sup> The applicable tax rates are calculated by taking a weighted average of the tax rates applicable to the province of residence of the investors of the Fund. An assumed tax rate of 10.6%, reflecting the current blend of Mackenzie Investments investors in HST and non-HST provinces, was used for the purposes of calculating the MER. The actual tax rate may differ.



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- Investment discipline – keeping money and emotions separate
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- Investment suitability – the right risk/reward balance
- The value of time – enabling busy people to focus on their careers and families
- Tax efficiency – through appropriate savings vehicles and tax-efficient products offered by fund companies
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- Investment management expertise from strong professionals supported by a disciplined approach to investing
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## DIFFERENCE IN HOUSEHOLD FINANCIAL ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO FINANCIAL ADVICE<sup>4</sup>



<sup>3</sup>Source: Canadian Mutual Fund Investors' Perceptions of Mutual Funds and the Mutual Fund Industry, IFIC, 2016

<sup>4</sup>Source: The Gamma Factor and the Value of Financial Advice. CIRANO (2016).

Commissions, trailing commissions, management fees and expenses all may be associated with mutual fund investments. Please read the prospectus before investing. Mutual funds are not guaranteed, their values change frequently and past performance may not be repeated.

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