Proposed sale of GLC Asset Management Group Ltd. to Mackenzie Financial Corporation

BACKGROUND:

Great-West Lifeco Inc. today announced has reached an agreement to sell its Canadian asset management subsidiary, GLC Asset Management Group Ltd. (GLC) to Mackenzie Financial Corporation (Mackenzie).

The asset manager's sale to Mackenzie includes: GWL Investment Management, London Capital Management, Laketon Investment Management and Portico Investment Management. Portfolio Solutions Group will remain within the Canada Life organization, subject to first obtaining all necessary registrations and other regulatory approvals. The transaction is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2020, subject to regulatory approval.

There won't be any immediate changes to any GLC-managed funds or fund managers as a result of this announcement.

OUR VIEW:

The Investment Management Review (IMR) process is a comprehensive, objective and independent review that consider multiple qualitative and quantitative elements and aspects in grading our funds across our wealth platforms. Material events such as this immediately and automatically triggers an IMR review of that event and its potential impact to the management of the funds on our platforms. From the time of announcement to close of the transaction the IMR team will engage with the impacted firms to review terms of the deal and potential impact to the funds involved. The IMR team will issue a report on our findings and fund grades for the impacted funds as a result of this event upon completion of the IMR review or the close of the transaction, whichever is earlier.

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