

# KOPERNIK INTERNATIONAL FUND

Dear Kopernik Investor,

Second Quarter 2025

Below, please find the mutual fund performance of the Kopernik International Fund (“International” or “Fund”) as of June 30, 2025.

Class	Q2 2025	YTD	1 Year	3 Year <sup>1</sup>	5 Year <sup>1</sup>	10 Year	Since Inception <sup>1</sup>
Class I <sup>2</sup>	15.38%	31.10%	26.87%	14.44%	10.86%	8.79%	8.78%
Investor Class <sup>3</sup>	15.25%	30.93%	26.59%	14.14%	10.59%	N/A	10.70%
MSCI ACWI ex-USA (Net) <sup>4</sup>	12.03%	17.90%	17.72%	13.99%	10.13%	6.12%	6.12%

<sup>1</sup>Annualized

<sup>2</sup>Class I inception date: 06/30/2015.

<sup>3</sup>Investor Class inception date: 12/10/2018.

<sup>4</sup>MSCI ACWI Since Inception period in the table above begins on Class I inception date 06/30/2015.

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Gross expense ratios for the fund - Class I: 1.05%, Investor Class: 1.30%

Expense ratios shown are reflective of the Fund's current prospectus.

## WHY KOPERNIK?

Philosophically, we view ourselves as owners of businesses. Our job is to appraise these businesses and take advantage at times when an inefficient, emotional marketplace offers securities at a price that is significantly different from our appraisal. Like our namesake, Kopernik (better known by his Latin name – Copernicus), we trust the results of our own analysis even when (especially when) it generates vastly different conclusions from those of the crowd and/or those taught by many academics. Similarly, we commonly question the data issued by governments, central bankers, and companies themselves. We understand that bargains appear often because people focus on fear or panic, and other forms of risk that are not relevant to the investment portfolio. High tracking error, bad headlines or unpopular stocks/countries/ regions/industries can present a degree of risk to a manager's career, while often lowering the potential of permanent loss of capital (due to lower initiation prices and higher potential upside) to the portfolio. Similarly, Kopernik believes volatility and other measures of past price movements are not relevant to long-term investors' assessment of risk. It can be indicative of potential risk to short-term speculators or to highly levered players but can often present opportunity for true long-term investors.



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## QUARTER REVIEW

In the second quarter of 2025, the NAV of Class I Shares of the Kopernik International Fund (the “Fund”) increased 15.38% compared to a 12.03% increase for the MSCI All Country World ex USA Index<sup>1</sup> (the “Index”). Markets were rocked by significant volatility early in the quarter, presumably caused by poor fundamentals and high valuations, but accentuated by the decision of the U.S. to impose substantial global tariffs. Whatever the uncertainty, by the end of the quarter, U.S. markets seemed to be unfazed once again, gaining back much more than their first-quarter negative returns and marching back to all-time highs. At the same time, it does appear that value stocks may be coming back into favor after many years of lagging the markets. In this environment, we believe that it is more important than ever that investors focus on the fundamentals, avoid investing in overpriced securities, and diversify across sectors, countries, and businesses. Buying good companies for less than they are worth has historically portended strong returns over the long term, especially following periods of underperformance.

Building on its gains from the first quarter, the materials sector contributed 5.2% to total Fund returns during the quarter. Many of the Fund’s precious metals companies contributed positively. Platinum group metals (“PGM”) producers had a strong quarter; the platinum price rose more than 35% (26% in June alone), finishing the quarter at more than \$1350/oz. Impala Platinum Holdings Ltd (“Impala”), Valterra Platinum Ltd (“Valterra,” formerly Anglo American Platinum); and Sibanye Stillwater Ltd (“Sibanye”) had total returns of 31.7%, 20.9%, and 60.4%, respectively. Impala and Valterra are the largest PGM producers in the world, together accounting for a meaningful percentage of global reserves and 47% of global production. Sibanye is another major PGM producer, with operations, projects, and investments across five continents. Impala contributed 1.1% to total Fund returns; Valterra and Sibanye contributed 1.0% and 0.2%, respectively. We took advantage of volatility, trimming and adding to Impala and Valterra opportunistically.

Other precious metals stocks also contributed positively. Newmont Corp (“Newmont”), the world’s largest gold producer by reserves, had a total return of 20.3%, a 0.6% contribution; Barrick Mining Corp (“Barrick”), another large gold producer, had a total return of 7.5%, a 0.3% contribution. Non-producing mining company Novagold Resources Inc (“Novagold”) had a total return of 40.1%, a 0.4% contribution to total Fund returns. The market prefers current cash flows to future cash flows and dislikes miners that are not yet producing; this provides us with an opportunity to purchase stocks with high optionality to higher gold prices. Novagold’s stock price, after seriously lagging in recent quarters, rose after the company announced that its partner Barrick had sold its 50% stake in the Donlin project to a private mining investor who is much keener to move the project forward than Barrick was. However, the stock price pulled back after Novagold issued \$48 million in new shares to fund their purchase of another 10% of the project. The purchase should prove to be quite value-accretive, but we share the market’s disappointment with the low price of the secondary offering. Precious metals streaming company Royal Gold Inc (“Royal Gold”), which offers optionality to rising metal prices, had a total return of 13.5%, a 0.2% contribution to total Fund returns. We trimmed Newmont and Royal Gold, and we took advantage of price volatility in Barrick to add when prices were lower and trim when prices were higher.

Finally in materials, K+S AG (“K+S”), Europe’s largest potash producer, had a total return of 36.0%; Lundin Mining Corp (“Lundin Mining”), a copper mining company with operations in the Europe and the Americas, had a total return of 54.9%; and Glencore PLC (“Glencore”), one of the world’s largest global diversified natural resources companies and metals trading companies, had a total return of 19.4%. Lundin Mining and Glencore were new initiations during the quarter. K+S contributed 1.0% to total Fund returns, while Glencore contributed 0.4% and Lundin Mining contributed 0.2%. We trimmed K+S on strength.

Companies in the energy sector also contributed positively; the sector as a whole contributed 2.5% to total Fund returns during the quarter. Companies with exposure to uranium were the strongest energy performers. Paladin Energy Ltd



“Paladin”), an Australian uranium producer that owns assets in Namibia, Canada, and Australia had a total return of 67.5%, a 0.5% contribution to total Fund returns. The company has had problems with its flagship mine in Namibia that had driven the stock price down; those issues seem to be reversing. NAC Kazatomprom JSC (“Kazatomprom”), the world’s largest uranium miner, had a total return of 32.2%, a 0.9% contribution. Early in the quarter, the Fund re-initiated a position in NexGen Energy Ltd (“NexGen”), which owns development projects in Canada, as prices had dropped below our risk-adjusted intrinsic value. NexGen performed strongly, with a total return of 62.5%, a 0.4% contribution. Finally, two companies that buy and hold physical uranium, Yellow Cake PLC (“Yellow Cake”) and the Sprott Physical Uranium Trust (“Sprott Uranium,” classified by GICS as a financials company), had total returns of 33.8% and 31.3%, respectively. Yellow Cake contributed 0.6%, while Sprott Uranium contributed 0.4%. Also in energy, MEG Energy Corp (“MEG”), a Canada-based oil producer, had a total return of 24.3%, a 0.2% contribution. In May, Strathcona Resources Ltd, another Canadian oil producer, announced an acquisition bid for MEG. The potential acquisition price is below our estimate of risk-adjusted intrinsic value. We will continue to monitor the situation. We added to Paladin, Yellow Cake and Sprott Uranium on lower prices early in the quarter, and trimmed and added opportunistically to Kazatomprom, NexGen, and MEG, taking advantage of volatility in the stock prices.

South Korean stocks performed strongly, contributing 4.3% to total Fund returns. After a period of political crisis that began with last December’s declaration of martial law, presidential elections at the beginning of June brought Lee Jae-myung to power. The new president has pledged to, among other things, improve corporate governance with the aim to reduce the Korea discount. Two members of the triopoly of South Korean telecom companies, LG Uplus Corp (“LG Uplus”) and KT Corp (“KT”) had total returns of 50.2% and 20.4%, respectively. LG Uplus was the Fund’s largest contributor at 1.7%; KT contributed 0.4%. Korea Electric Power Corp (“Kepco”), South Korea’s dominant electric utility, had a total return of 96.4%, a 0.9% contribution to total Fund returns. Over the past three years, the government has allowed Kepco to raise tariff rates by ~50%. Furthermore, it has recently been announced that Kepco would be able to maintain those higher tariff rates even though global energy prices have dropped, a positive for the company. Two South Korean conglomerates, LG Corp and GS Holdings Corp (“GS Holdings”), had total returns of 33.4% and 36.5%, respectively. LG Corp contributed 0.6%, while GS Holdings contributed 0.3%. Finally in South Korea, DL E&C Co Ltd (“DL E&C”), an engineering & construction firm with business in housing-related building and development, as well as construction and engineering for civil and industrial end markets, had a total return of 35.8%, a 0.3% contribution to total Fund returns. We trimmed LG Uplus, KT, and DL E&C, and took advantage of price volatility in Kepco, LG Corp, and GS Holdings to add and trim opportunistically.

The Fund’s put option on the S&P 500 Index<sup>2</sup> contributed 0.3% to total Fund returns as the Fund’s April options expired in the money. Later in the quarter, the S&P 500, recovering from its downturn in March and early April, hit new record highs at the end of June. The U.S. market is frothy once again. On the last day of June, the Fund re-initiated its position as implied volatility once again fell to attractively priced levels. Currently, the portfolio has options that expire at the end of July and August.

Although the materials sector on a whole contributed positively, there were exceptions. The Fund’s largest detractor was Sociedad Quimica y Minera de Chile SA (“SQM”), a large, low-cost lithium producer, with a total return of -11.2%, a 0.2% deduction from total Fund returns. Equinox Gold Corp (“Equinox”), a Canada-based gold miner with long-lived reserves, had a total return of -16.0%, and Ivanhoe Mines Ltd (“Ivanhoe Mines”), owner of the Kamoa-Kakula copper deposit in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Platreef platinum project in South Africa, had a total return of -10.2%. Equinox and Ivanhoe Mines each detracted 0.1% from total Fund returns. We added to SQM and took advantage of volatility in the stock price of Ivanhoe mines to add and trim opportunistically.

Other detractors included Baidu Inc (“Baidu”), the “Google of China”, with a total return of -8.3%; MHP SE (“MHP”), a Ukrainian poultry producer, with a total return of -7.5%, and Brazil-based oil producer Petroleo Brasileiro SA



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("Petrobras"), with a total return of -6.1%, Baidu, MHP, and Petrobras each detracted 0.1% from total Fund returns. We added to Petrobras and added/trimmed opportunistically to Baidu on price volatility.

Recent volatility and a long stealth bear market had created a lot of opportunities for investors, early in the quarter. As mentioned above, the Fund initiated positions in Lundin Mining Corp and Glencore PLC. Other new positions include China Reinsurance Group Corp, a Chinese reinsurance company; and Hong Leong Financial Group BHD, a Malaysia-based diversified financial conglomerate. All of these companies are undervalued on multiple metrics and trade at substantial discounts to Kopernik's estimates of their risk-adjusted intrinsic values.

As discussed above, the Fund re-initiated positions in a put option on the S&P 500 Index and NexGen Energy Ltd. The Fund also re-initiated a position in BASF SE, a large German chemicals company, as prices once again dropped to attractive levels.

The Fund eliminated positions in China Shenhua Energy Co Ltd; Samsung Electronics Co Ltd; and Wheaton Precious Metals Corp as prices appreciated.

In closing, we continue to be focused on appraising businesses and mitigating risk through diversification across sectors and countries, and we still see significant upside in the Fund's holdings as they were exceptionally mispriced at the end of last year. Our investment process is centered on buying and holding companies trading at significant discounts to Kopernik's estimates of their risk-adjusted intrinsic value, and we view volatility as an opportunity to add and trim. You can count on us to employ our disciplined, fundamentals-based, long-term approach that has produced a proven track record throughout full market cycles. We are grateful to our long-term investors who understand the art and science of value investing and adhering to its discipline. As always, thank you for your support.

Kind Regards,

Kopernik Global Investors, LLC

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*The value of local Russian security holdings and Russian GDR/ADR holdings as of 06/30/25 reflect fair value pricing. During the second quarter, Russian securities represented approximately 6.5% of the portfolio and overall contributed 0.4% to returns. We remain unable to trade any Russian securities due to decisions by both the U.S. and Russian governments. We continue to actively monitor events and any new developments or changing requirements.*

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<sup>1</sup>The MSCI All Country World ex-USA Index is a broad-based securities market index that captures over 2,000 primarily large and mid-cap companies across 22 developed and 24 emerging market countries as of June 30, 2025.

<sup>2</sup>The S&P 500 Index is a broad-based securities market index that captures 500 large cap companies in the United States as of June 30, 2025.



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The top ten holdings of the Kopernik International Fund as of June 30, 2025, are as follows: 1. Valterra Platinum Ltd (4.0%), 2. LG Uplus Corp (4.0%), 3. Impala Platinum Holdings Ltd (3.8%), 4. NAC Kazatomprom JSC (3.0%), 5. Barrick Mining Corp (2.9%), 6. Newmont Corp (2.9%), 7. K+S AG (2.6%), 8. Golden Agri-Resources Ltd (2.4%), 9. KT Corp (2.1%), 10. Korea Electric Power Corp (2.0%). These positions may change over time without notice. The holdings listed should not be considered recommendations to purchase or sell a particular security. It should not be assumed that securities bought or sold in the future will be profitable or will equal the performance of the securities in this portfolio. Current and future portfolio holdings are subject to risk.

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The Fund may purchase or sell options, which involve the payment or receipt of a premium by the investor and the corresponding right or obligation, as the case may be, to either purchase or sell the underlying security for a specific price at a certain time or during a certain period. Purchasing options involves the risk that the underlying instrument will not change price in the manner expected, so that the investor loses its premium. Selling options involves potentially greater risk because the investor is exposed to the extent of the actual price movement in the underlying security rather than only the premium payment received (which could result in a potentially unlimited loss). Over-the-counter options also involve counterparty solvency risk. For instance, a long put position would ordinarily realize a gain if, during the option period, the value of the underlying securities decreased below the exercise price sufficiently to cover the premium and transaction costs. However, if the price of the underlying instrument does not fall enough to offset the cost of purchasing the option, a put buyer would lose the premium and related transaction costs.

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