



**MD Financial  
Management Inc.**

## **MD Family of Funds**

# 2023 Annual Management Report of Fund Performance

### **DISCLOSURE**

This annual management report of fund performance contains financial highlights but does not contain the complete annual financial statements of the investment fund. You can obtain a copy of the annual financial statements at your request, and at no cost, by calling 1 800 267-2332, by writing to us at MD Financial Management Inc., 1870 Alta Vista Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, K1G 6R7, or by visiting our website at [md.ca](http://md.ca) or SEDAR+ at [sedarplus.ca](http://sedarplus.ca). Security holders may also contact us using one of these methods to request a copy of the investment fund's proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record, or quarterly portfolio disclosure.

# A Message to MD Family of Funds Investors

Dear MD Family of Funds Investor:

As part of our commitment to keeping you informed about your MD Fund investments, please find attached the 2023 Annual Management Report of Fund Performance (MRFP). If you also opted to receive the fund's financial statements, they are included in this package.

The annual MRFP is a regulatory document that supplements the annual financial statements. The document includes a brief discussion and analysis of the fund's investment activities, performance and financial highlights, as well as an explanation of how the markets and overall asset mix have affected the fund.

The report is produced on a fund-by-fund basis, and your report only includes information on the funds you owned as of December 31, 2023.

If you have any questions regarding these documents, please contact your MD Advisor or the MD Trade Centre at 1 800 267-2332.

We thank you for your continued investment in the MD Family of Funds.

MD Financial Management Inc. wholly owns or has a majority interest in the MD Group of Companies. It provides financial products and services, is the fund manager for the MD Family of Funds and offers investment counselling services. For a detailed list of the MD Group of Companies, visit [md.ca](http://md.ca).

Commissions, trailing commissions, management fees and expenses all may be associated with mutual fund investments. The rate of return is used only to illustrate the effects of the compound growth rate and is not intended to reflect future values of the mutual fund or returns on investment in the mutual fund. Standard performance data assumes reinvestment of distributions only and does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or optional charges payable by any securityholder which would have reduced returns. Mutual funds are not guaranteed, their values change frequently and past performance may not be repeated. Please read the prospectus before investing. You may obtain a copy of the prospectus before investing by calling your MD Advisor or the MD Trade Centre at 1 800 267-2332.

# MD Fossil Fuel Free Bond Fund

## Management Report of Fund Performance (December 31, 2023)

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### Investment Objectives and Strategies

The Fund's objectives are to conserve principal and produce income with capital appreciation as a secondary consideration. The Fund will follow a fossil fuel free investment strategy.

The Fund invests in a variety of Government of Canada, provincial, municipal, corporate and asset-backed bonds with mid to long terms of maturity. The Fund may also invest in foreign securities.

The Fund employs an active, multi-manager approach seeking to earn an elevated income commensurate with capital preservation. Using the unique strengths of each investment adviser, the Fund seeks to deliver excess return (compared to the benchmark) via a combination of income and capital gain, as well as, diversified risk exposures. Fund assets are allocated to a combination of the investment advisers for the Fund, based on the Manager's assessment of the investment advisers' skill, the expected capital market environment, and the anticipated risk inherent in each investment adviser's strategy.

The Fund may invest in a wide range of fixed income securities, including, but not restricted to, high yield fixed income securities, emerging market debt, bank loans, mortgage backed securities, convertible bonds, real estate investment trusts, preferred shares and asset backed securities.

The Fund will seek to avoid investment in companies involved in extracting, transporting, and processing of fossil fuels, such as:

- companies involved in oil and gas refining, marketing, storage & transportation
- oil, gas, coal & consumable fuels producers
- energy equipment & energy services companies
- companies that have significant involvement in transporting fossil fuels and the fossil fuel transportation infrastructure (includes marine, marine ports and services, railroads and trucking)
- any companies in the utilities sector that have significant involvement in the fossil fuel industry

The Fund will seek to avoid investing in companies involved in the creation, manufacturing and servicing of core controversial weapons systems, such as:

- anti-personnel mines
- cluster weapons
- depleted uranium
- nuclear weapons
- white phosphorus
- biological and chemical weapons.

The Fund may not invest in companies that manufacture tobacco or tobacco-related products or cannabis or cannabis related products.

### Risk

At times, a portfolio can be subject to any number of investment risks. The risk level of the Fund did not change significantly during the year. Descriptions of the investment risks associated with this Fund are detailed in the Simplified Prospectus.

### Results of Operations

For the period ended December 31, 2023, the Fund had total returns of 6.2% (Series A), 7.4% (Series I), and 7.1% (Series F), and 6.6% (Series D).

Consistent with the Fund's investment strategies, the Fund seeks to avoid investment in companies involved in the extraction, transportation, or processing of fossil fuels. The negative screen may have contributed to the Fund's outperformance over the previous period as the Fund did not have an allocation to companies in the FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index Energy sector, which lagged the benchmark in Canadian dollar terms.

The Canadian bond market rallied significantly in the final quarter of 2023, pushing the broad Canadian bond indexes into positive territory for the calendar year. The catalysts for the bond rally included inflation continuing its downtrend – the year-over-year inflation rate fell to its lowest level since June – and softer economic data, most notably in the labour market. These developments boosted investor expectations that the Bank of Canada (BoC) was finished with its series of short-term interest rate increases and have now turned its focus on when the BoC will cut rates, starting in 2024. This view was confirmed when the Bank held rates steady at its two interest-rate policy meetings during the quarter.

The Fund benefited from tactically timing duration, entering the year with lower duration than the benchmark before moving longer after yields had risen following the Bank of Canada resuming their rate hiking cycle. The spreads of Canadian Investment Grade Credit (IG) over Government of Canada bonds (GoC), driven by expectations of further dis-inflation, and the underweight in AAA-rated bonds and overweights to A and BBB-rated bonds helped performance as did security selection within all these quality buckets.

At the end of December, the Fund had an average duration of 5.36 years.

As at December 31, 2023, the total net asset value of the Fund was \$139.93 million, an increase of 108% since the beginning of the year. The increase is due to net contributions and net investment gain, partially offset by income distributions to unitholders.

### Recent Developments

#### STRATEGIC CHANGES

There have been no strategic changes and the Fund continues to be managed in a manner consistent with its investment mandate and is positioned to achieve its long-term objectives. The Investment Advisers have adhered to their investment disciplines and portfolio strategies.

# MD Fossil Fuel Free Bond Fund

## Management Report of Fund Performance (December 31, 2023)

### Related Party Transactions

MD Financial Management Inc. is the Manager, Registrar and Trustee of the Fund. As Manager, MD Financial Management Inc. manages the overall business of the MD Family of Funds and the MDPIM Pools (collectively "the Funds") and is responsible for: setting investment objectives, providing and/or retaining the services of third party service providers for fund accounting services, administration services, and promoting the sales of the Fund's units.

The Manager is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Bank of Nova Scotia (Scotiabank).

1832 Asset Management LP, a subsidiary of Scotiabank, is the portfolio manager of the Funds. MD Financial Management Inc., as Manager, continues to have overall responsibility for the management of the Funds. MD Financial Management Inc. is the registered portfolio manager and provides the discretionary portfolio management services to managed-account clients through MD Private Investment Counsel. 1832 Asset Management LP is responsible for the overall performance of the Funds, the management of fund assets and the selection and monitoring of the Funds' sub-advisors.

The Manager, on behalf of the Fund, may enter into transactions or arrangements with other members of Scotiabank or certain other companies that are related or connected to the Manager (each a "related party"). All transactions between the Fund and the related parties are in the normal course of business and are carried out at arm's length terms.

As Registrar, MD Financial Management Inc. keeps track of the owners of units of the Fund, processes purchase, transfer and redemptions orders, issues investor account statements and issues annual tax reporting information.

As the Fund is organized as a Trust, investing in the Fund means purchasing units of the Trust. As Trustee to the Fund, MD Financial Management Inc. holds actual title to the property in the Fund—the cash and securities the Fund invests in—on behalf of the unitholders.

The principal distributor is MD Management Limited. As principal distributor, MD Management Limited markets the units of the Fund through its offices across Canada. MD Management Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of MD Financial Management Inc.

### INDEPENDENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Manager has established an independent review committee (the "IRC") in accordance with National Instrument 81-107 – Independent Review Committee for Investment Funds ("NI 81-107") with a mandate to review and provide recommendations or approval, as required, on conflict of interest matters referred to it by the Manager on behalf of the Fund. The IRC is responsible for overseeing the Manager's decisions in situations where the Manager is faced with any present or perceived conflicts of interest, all in accordance with NI 81-107.

The IRC may also approve certain mergers between the Fund and other funds and any change of the auditor of the Fund. Subject to any corporate and securities law requirements, no securityholder approval will be obtained in such circumstances, but you will be sent a written notice at least 60 days before the effective date of any such transaction or change of auditor. In certain circumstances, securityholder approval may be required to approve certain mergers.

The IRC has four members: Stephen J. Griggs (Chair), Heather A.T. Hunter, Jennifer L. Witterick and Steven Donald each of whom is independent of the Manager.

The IRC prepares and files a report to the securityholders each fiscal year that describes the IRC and its activities for securityholders, as well as contains a complete list of the standing instructions. These standing instructions enable the Manager to act in a particular conflict of interest matter on a continuing basis provided the Manager complies with its policies and procedures established to address that conflict of interest matter and reports periodically to the IRC on the matter. This report to the securityholders is available on the Manager's website or, at no cost, by contacting the Manager.

The compensation and other reasonable expenses of the IRC will be paid out of the assets of the Fund as well as out of the assets of the other investment funds for which the IRC may act as the independent review committee. The compensation for the IRC is an annual flat fee. Expenses of the IRC may include premiums for insurance coverage, travel expenses and reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.

The Manager is required to advise the IRC of any breach of a condition of any standing instructions. The standing instructions require, among other things, that the investment decision in respect to a related party transaction: (a) is made by the Manager free from any influence by an entity related to the Manager and without taking into account any consideration to any associate or affiliate of the Manager; (b) represents the business judgment of the Manager uninfluenced by considerations other than the best interests of the Fund; and (c) is made in compliance with the Manager's written policies and procedures. Transactions made by the Manager under the standing instructions are subsequently reviewed by the IRC to monitor compliance.

The Manager, in respect of its management of the Fund relied on IRC standing instructions regarding related party transactions as set out below:

- Paying brokerage commissions and spreads to a related party for effecting security transactions on a principal basis on behalf of the Fund;
- Purchases or sales of securities of an issuer from or to another investment fund managed by the Manager;
- Investments in the securities of issuers for which a related underwriter acted as an underwriter during the distribution of such securities and the 60-day period following the completion of such distribution;
- Purchases of securities of a related party;
- Investment Advisor Monitoring and Oversight

### Management Fees

MD Financial Management Inc. provides the Fund with investment management and administrative services, including fund accounting and unitholder record-keeping. In return, MD Financial Management Inc. receives an annual management fee and an annual administration fee, both based on a fixed percentage of the daily net asset value of the Fund. Management fees are paid weekly and administration fees are paid monthly.

MD Financial Management Inc. pays MD Management Limited, a related party, a fee for providing financial planning services to Series A unitholders. The estimated breakdown of the services received in consideration of the management fee for Series A is as follows:

(As a percentage of management fees)	
Financial Planning Services	47.6%
Investment Management and Other	52.4%

Series F unitholders pay a separate managed account fee directly to MD Management Limited. 100% of the management fee on Series F and Series D is for investment management and other services.

# MD Fossil Fuel Free Bond Fund

## Management Report of Fund Performance (December 31, 2023)

No management fees are paid by the Fund with respect to Series I units. Series I unitholders pay a negotiated fee directly to MD Financial Management Inc. for investment management and administrative services.

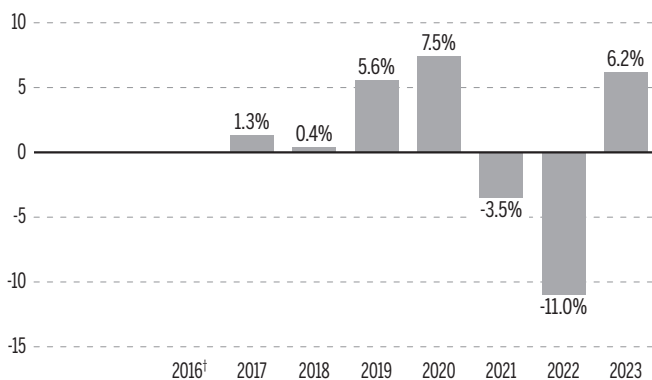
### Past Performance

The following bar chart shows the Fund's annual performance for each of the years shown, and illustrates how the Fund's performance changed from year to year. The chart shows, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of each calendar year would have grown or decreased by the last day of each calendar year.

The performance information assumes that all distributions made by the Fund were reinvested in additional units of the Fund and does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges that would reduce returns. How the Fund has performed in the past does not necessarily indicate how the Fund will perform in the future.

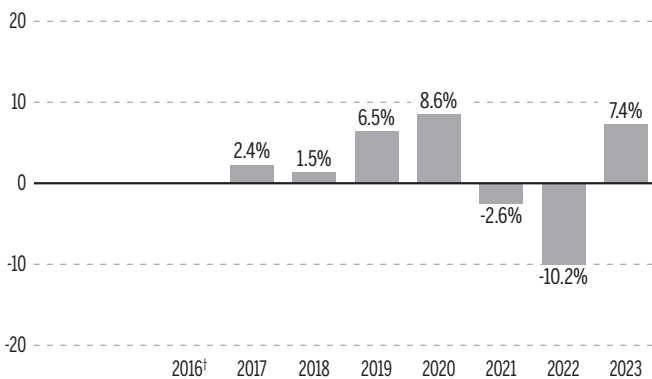
#### YEAR-BY-YEAR RETURNS

##### Series A



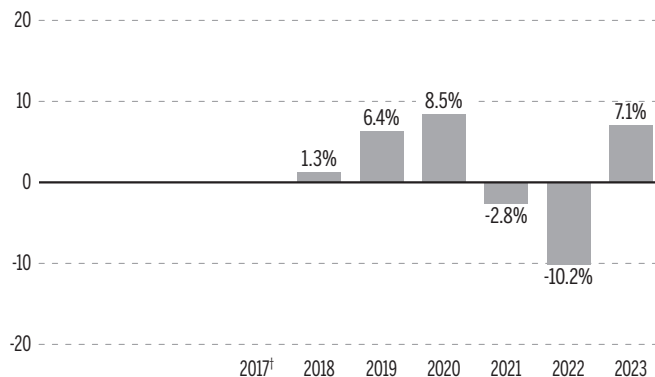
<sup>†</sup>Series A units are not reported in 2016 as they had been in existence for less than 12 months.

##### Series I



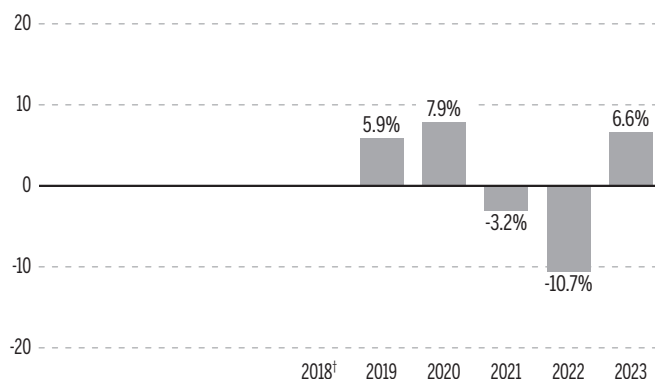
<sup>†</sup>Series I units are not reported in 2016 as they had been in existence for less than 12 months.

##### Series F



<sup>†</sup>Series F units are not reported in 2017 as they had been in existence for less than 12 months.

##### Series D



<sup>†</sup>Series D units are not reported in 2018 as they had been in existence for less than 12 months.

#### ANNUAL COMPOUND RETURNS

The following table shows the Fund's historical annual compound return for the past one-year period ended on December 31 and since inception as compared to the return of the FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index.

	1 year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
MD Fossil Fuel Free Bond Fund – Series A	6.24%	-3.03%	0.69%	0.36%
MD Fossil Fuel Free Bond Fund – Series I	7.37%	-2.05%	1.68%	1.37%
MD Fossil Fuel Free Bond Fund – Series F	7.13%	-2.20%	1.55%	1.68%
MD Fossil Fuel Free Bond Fund – Series D	6.64%	-2.68%	1.05%	0.97%
FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index	6.69%	-2.80%	1.30%	

<sup>†</sup>The Fund started series F units on October 13, 2017.

<sup>‡</sup>The Fund started series D units on June 25, 2018.

# MD Fossil Fuel Free Bond Fund

## Management Report of Fund Performance (December 31, 2023)

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Management uses the FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index as the benchmark for this Fund because it represents the returns on Canadian bonds with greater than one year to maturity. Although index returns are hypothetical—as they do not reflect the true cost of owning or managing the underlying bonds—they are one of several useful indicators. By comparing the Fund's performance to the movements of the benchmark, we are able to assess the relative performance of the Fund. For example, some short-term deviations can signal the need for change while others confirm the expectations of a longer-term strategy. If management were to ascertain that a fund's over- or underperformance was the result of excessive risk-taking or deviation from the investment mandate, we would, on behalf of all our unitholders, address these issues with the Investment Adviser, and make changes if necessary.

The Fund delivered a strong absolute performance during the year through actively managing interest rate risk around the Bank of Canada policy decisions and the negative screen on fossil fuels. As of December 2023, the Fund Series A finished the year 45 bps below its benchmark, FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index.

## Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This document contains forward-looking statements. Such statements are generally identifiable by the terminology used, such as "plan", "anticipate", "intend", "expect", "estimate", or other similar wording.

These forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties and other factors which may cause actual results, levels of activity and achievements to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such statements. Such factors include, but are not limited to: general economic, market and business conditions; fluctuations in securities prices; fluctuation in interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates; and actions by governmental authorities. Future events and their effects on the Fund may not be those anticipated. Actual results may differ materially from the results anticipated in these forward-looking statements.

# MD Fossil Fuel Free Bond Fund

## Management Report of Fund Performance (December 31, 2023)

### Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the past five years, if applicable. This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements.

#### THE FUND'S NET ASSETS PER UNIT<sup>1</sup>

SERIES A	Year ended December 31				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Net assets – beginning of the year	\$ 8.71	\$ 9.95	\$ 10.42	\$ 9.86	\$ 9.50
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenue	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.27
Total expenses	\$ (0.09)	\$ (0.09)	\$ (0.10)	\$ (0.10)	\$ (0.10)
Net realized gains (losses) for the year	\$ (0.23)	\$ (0.44)	\$ (0.07)	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.20
Net unrealized gains (losses) for the year	\$ 0.50	\$ (0.87)	\$ (0.40)	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.13
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$ 0.56	\$ (1.12)	\$ (0.36)	\$ 0.69	\$ 0.50
Distributions:					
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ (0.20)	\$ (0.15)	\$ (0.10)	\$ (0.13)	\$ (0.17)
From dividends	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
From capital gains	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (0.05)	\$ -
Return of capital	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total annual distributions <sup>3</sup>	\$ (0.20)	\$ (0.15)	\$ (0.10)	\$ (0.18)	\$ (0.17)
Net assets – end of the year	\$ 9.05	\$ 8.71	\$ 9.95	\$ 10.42	\$ 9.86

SERIES D	Year ended December 31				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Net assets – beginning of the year	\$ 9.12	\$ 10.42	\$ 10.91	\$ 10.27	\$ 9.91
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenue	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.27
Total expenses	\$ (0.06)	\$ (0.06)	\$ (0.07)	\$ (0.07)	\$ (0.07)
Net realized gains (losses) for the year	\$ (0.26)	\$ (0.47)	\$ (0.08)	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.09
Net unrealized gains (losses) for the year	\$ 0.54	\$ (1.30)	\$ (0.29)	\$ 0.32	\$ (0.16)
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$ 0.61	\$ (1.49)	\$ (0.24)	\$ 0.59	\$ 0.13
Distributions:					
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ (0.24)	\$ (0.19)	\$ (0.14)	\$ (0.17)	\$ (0.22)
From dividends	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
From capital gains	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Return of capital	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total annual distributions <sup>3</sup>	\$ (0.24)	\$ (0.19)	\$ (0.14)	\$ (0.17)	\$ (0.22)
Net assets – end of the year	\$ 9.48	\$ 9.12	\$ 10.42	\$ 10.91	\$ 10.27

# MD Fossil Fuel Free Bond Fund

## Management Report of Fund Performance (December 31, 2023)

### Financial Highlights (continued)

#### THE FUND'S NET ASSETS PER UNIT<sup>1</sup>

SERIES F	Year ended December 31				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Net assets – beginning of the year	\$ 9.18	\$ 10.48	\$ 10.98	\$ 10.37	\$ 10.00
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenue	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.28
Total expenses	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.01)
Net realized gains (losses) for the year	\$ (0.25)	\$ (0.46)	\$ (0.08)	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.21
Net unrealized gains (losses) for the year	\$ 0.55	\$ (0.90)	\$ (0.38)	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.05
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$ 0.67	\$ (1.07)	\$ (0.25)	\$ 0.77	\$ 0.53
Distributions:					
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ (0.28)	\$ (0.24)	\$ (0.20)	\$ (0.23)	\$ (0.26)
From dividends	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
From capital gains	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (0.04)	\$ -
Return of capital	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total annual distributions <sup>3</sup>	\$ (0.28)	\$ (0.24)	\$ (0.20)	\$ (0.27)	\$ (0.26)
Net assets – end of the year	\$ 9.54	\$ 9.18	\$ 10.48	\$ 10.98	\$ 10.37

SERIES I	Year ended December 31				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Net assets – beginning of the year	\$ 8.66	\$ 9.87	\$ 10.33	\$ 9.82	\$ 9.47
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenue	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.26
Total expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net realized gains (losses) for the year	\$ (0.27)	\$ (0.41)	\$ (0.07)	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.18
Net unrealized gains (losses) for the year	\$ 0.57	\$ (0.52)	\$ (0.25)	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.03
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$ 0.60	\$ (0.68)	\$ (0.12)	\$ 0.83	\$ 0.47
Distributions:					
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ (0.26)	\$ (0.22)	\$ (0.19)	\$ (0.23)	\$ (0.27)
From dividends	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
From capital gains	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (0.10)	\$ -
Return of capital	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total annual distributions <sup>3</sup>	\$ (0.26)	\$ (0.22)	\$ (0.19)	\$ (0.33)	\$ (0.27)
Net assets – end of the year	\$ 9.03	\$ 8.66	\$ 9.87	\$ 10.33	\$ 9.82

<sup>1</sup> This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements.

<sup>2</sup> Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase (decrease) from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the financial year. This table is not intended to be a reconciliation of beginning to ending net assets per unit.

<sup>3</sup> Distributions were paid in cash or reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both.



# MD Fossil Fuel Free Bond Fund

## Management Report of Fund Performance (December 31, 2023)

### Financial Highlights (continued)

#### RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

SERIES A	Year ended December 31					
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	
Total net assets, end of the year <sup>1</sup>	\$ 5,452,923	\$ 6,959,394	\$ 8,670,247	\$ 8,376,305	\$ 6,346,117	
Number of units outstanding	602,325	799,132	871,488	803,750	643,598	
Management expense ratio <sup>2</sup>	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	
Management expense ratio before tax	0.91%	0.91%	0.91%	0.91%	0.91%	
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	
Trading expense ratio <sup>3</sup>	0.00%	0.01%	-	-	-	
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>4</sup>	50.10%	44.78%	19.46%	66.96%	146.51%	
Net assets per unit	\$ 9.05	\$ 8.71	\$ 9.95	\$ 10.42	\$ 9.86	

SERIES D	Year ended December 31					
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	
Total net assets, end of the year <sup>1</sup>	\$ 77,028	\$ 63,950	\$ 169,940	\$ 108,927	\$ 23,008	
Number of units outstanding	8,126	7,015	16,316	9,985	2,240	
Management expense ratio <sup>2</sup>	0.64%	0.65%	0.64%	0.65%	0.64%	
Management expense ratio before tax	0.57%	0.57%	0.57%	0.57%	0.58%	
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	0.64%	0.65%	0.64%	0.65%	0.64%	
Trading expense ratio <sup>3</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>4</sup>	50.10%	44.78%	19.46%	66.96%	146.51%	
Net assets per unit	\$ 9.48	\$ 9.12	\$ 10.42	\$ 10.91	\$ 10.27	

SERIES F	Year ended December 31					
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	
Total net assets, end of the year <sup>1</sup>	\$ 26,428,017	\$ 24,217,907	\$ 28,112,756	\$ 22,469,966	\$ 13,398,513	
Number of units outstanding	2,768,845	2,639,465	2,682,394	2,047,043	1,291,470	
Management expense ratio <sup>2</sup>	0.12%	0.12%	0.12%	0.12%	0.13%	
Management expense ratio before tax	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%	
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	0.12%	0.12%	0.12%	0.12%	0.13%	
Trading expense ratio <sup>3</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>4</sup>	50.10%	44.78%	19.46%	66.96%	146.51%	
Net assets per unit	\$ 9.54	\$ 9.18	10.48	10.98	10.37	

# MD Fossil Fuel Free Bond Fund

## Management Report of Fund Performance (December 31, 2023)

### Financial Highlights (continued)

#### RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

SERIES I	Year ended December 31				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total net assets, end of the year <sup>1</sup>	\$ 107,969,951	\$ 36,107,240	\$ 10,495,764	\$ 3,963,370	\$ 3,755,908
Number of units outstanding	11,957,372	4,169,693	1,063,391	383,695	382,410
Management expense ratio <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Management expense ratio before tax	-	-	-	-	-
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	-	-	-	-	-
Trading expense ratio <sup>3</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>4</sup>	50.10%	44.78%	19.46%	66.96%	146.51%
Net assets per unit	\$ 9.03	\$ 8.66	9.87	10.33	9.82

<sup>1</sup> This information is provided as at December 31 of the year shown.

<sup>2</sup> The management expense ratio ("MER") is based on total expenses for the stated period (excluding commissions, withholding taxes and other portfolio transaction costs) and the Fund's proportionate share of the MER, if applicable, of exchange traded funds ("ETFs") in which the Fund has invested, expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period.

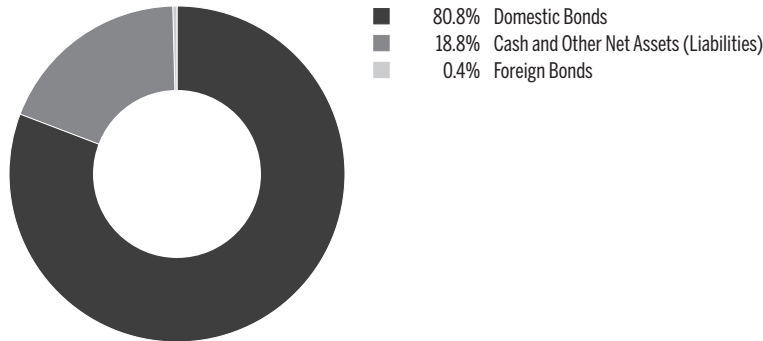
<sup>3</sup> The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net assets during the period.

<sup>4</sup> The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio advisor manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the year. The higher a fund's portfolio turnover rate in a year, the greater the trading costs payable by the fund in the year, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a fund.

# MD Fossil Fuel Free Bond Fund

## Summary of Investment Portfolio, December 31, 2023

### NET ASSETS: \$139.9 MILLION



### PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION (PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS)

#### DOMESTIC BONDS

Corporate Bonds	25.1%
Government of Canada Bonds	27.2%
Provincial Bonds	28.5%
<b>TOTAL DOMESTIC BONDS</b>	<b>80.8%</b>

#### FOREIGN BONDS

United States	0.4%
<b>TOTAL FOREIGN BONDS</b>	<b>0.4%</b>

#### CASH AND SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS

19.1%

#### OTHER NET ASSETS

(0.3)%

#### TOTAL NET ASSETS

100.0%

The Cash and Short-Term Investments and Other Net Assets may appear negative due to the timing of cash flows between the trade date and settlement date for transactions on underlying securities.

### TOP 25 HOLDINGS (PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS)

Cash and short-term investments	19.1%
Canada Housing Trust No. 1, 1.60%, 12/15/2031	8.1%
Province of Ontario, 3.65%, 06/02/2033	8.0%
Province of Quebec, 3.60%, 09/01/2033	5.6%
Canada Housing Trust No. 1, 3.65%, 06/15/2033	4.7%
Government of Canada, 2.75%, 06/01/2033	3.9%
Government of Canada, 1.50%, 06/01/2031	3.9%
Province of Ontario, 2.05%, 06/02/2030	3.3%
Government of Canada, 2.00%, 12/01/2051	2.7%
The Bank of Nova Scotia, 3.10%, 02/02/2028	2.2%
TELUS Corporation, 5.25%, 11/15/2032	1.8%
Canada Housing Trust No. 1, 3.55%, 09/15/2032	1.8%
Province of British Columbia, 4.25%, 12/18/2053	1.7%
Bank of Montreal, 3.19%, 03/01/2028	1.7%
Province of Quebec, 4.40%, 12/01/2055	1.6%
Bell Canada, 5.85%, 11/10/2032	1.2%
Government of Canada, 1.75%, 12/01/2053	1.2%
Rogers Communications Inc., 3.25%, 05/01/2029	1.1%
Province of British Columbia, 2.20%, 06/18/2030	0.9%
Province of Quebec, 1.85%, 02/13/2027	0.9%
Province of Ontario, 1.85%, 02/01/2027	0.9%
Government of Canada, 1.50%, 12/01/2031	0.9%
Province of Ontario, 3.75%, 12/02/2053	0.9%
Province of Ontario, 2.55%, 12/02/2052	0.8%
Province of Alberta, 2.05%, 06/01/2030	0.8%

Note: Summary of Investment Portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the investment fund. A quarterly update is available.

The Net Assets, Portfolio Allocation and Top 25 Holdings in the tables are based on the net assets as at December 31, 2023.

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