

### **MD Family of Funds**

# 2022 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 or SEDAR at sedar.com. 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 2022 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, 2022.

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.

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.

Management Report of Fund Performance (December 31, 2022)

### **Investment Objectives and Strategies**

The MD Short-Term Bond Fund (the "Fund") seeks to conserve capital and produce income. The Fund invests in a variety of Government of Canada, provincial or municipal government bonds, corporate bonds, bonds of government backed crown corporations, National Housing Association (NHA) mortgages, conventional mortgages and NHA backed mortgages. The fund may also invest in foreign securities.

The Fund employs an active, multiple investment adviser approach to provide capital preservation and elevated income. Using the unique strengths of each investment adviser, the Fund seeks to deliver excess return compared to the benchmark via a combination of income, capital gains, and diversified risk exposures. Primarily focused on Canadian investments, 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 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 during the year. Fixed income investments risk, a primary risk for the Fund continues to be managed as the Investment Sub-Advisers diversify by issuer, term-to-maturity, country, credit risk, and sector.

Foreign currency risk is also managed by the Investment Sub-Advisers using derivatives contracts that hedge against losses from exposure to foreign currencies. Descriptions of the investment risks associated with this Fund are detailed in the Simplified Prospectus.

### **Results of Operations**

For the period ended December 31, 2022, the Fund had total returns of -5.0% (Series A), -3.9% (Series I), and -4.1% (Series F), and -4.5% (Series D).

The Canadian short term bond market, as represented by the FTSE Canada Short Term Bond Index, fell 4.04% for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2022 as central banks around the world grappled with growing inflation concerns, pandemic-related supply chain issues and geopolitical crises in Europe. The 10-year Government of Canada yield moved significantly higher during the period, reaching 3.6% in November before finishing the year 2022 at 3.30%. The Bank of Canada raised its key overnight lending rate seven times last year, increasing it to 4.25% in December in an effort to tame Canada's runway inflation.

Appreciating rising interest rates pushing bond yields higher, we entered the year with a defensive interest rate risk position. This positioning helped to preserve capital as the Fund's benchmark ended the year with a negative return. Most of the damage in the bond market was in the first half of 2022 and bond returns have generally been positive since then. Investment grade and high yield credit spreads, as measured by ICE BofA Canadian corporate indices OAS (Option-Adjusted Spread), rose higher during the period. A brief rally in risk markets in March and the end of May saw spreads compress, before widening further into the end of the period. Holding a well-diversified position in domestic spread products, as well as foreign and non-investment grade bond issues, the Fund continued to benefit from consistent, elevated income; however, this was offset by the underperformance of spread product.

At the end of December, the Fund had an average duration of 2.725 years.

As at December 31, 2022, the total net asset value of the Fund was \$402.97 million, a decrease of 20% since the beginning of the year. The decrease is due to net investment loss, income distributions to unitholders, and net redemptions.

### **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.

### **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.

#### Management Report of Fund Performance (December 31, 2022)

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 five members: Stephen J. Griggs (Chair), Simon Hitzig, 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 an 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.

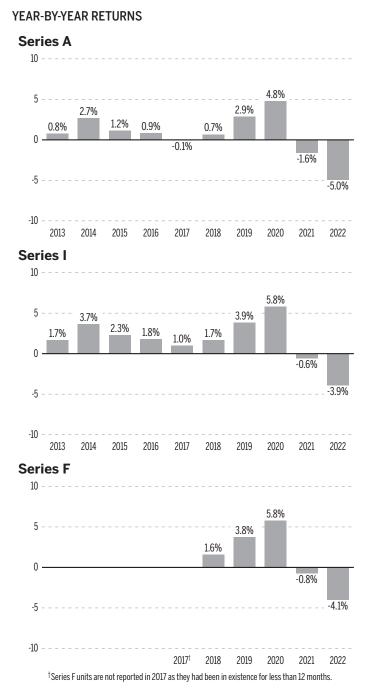
No management fees are paid by the Fund with respect to Series I units. Series I unitholders pay a negotiated fee directly to MD Financial Management Inc. for investment management and administrative services.

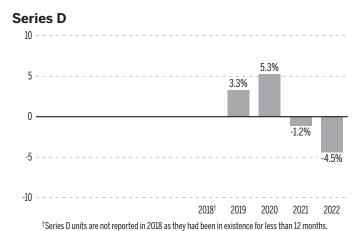
#### **Past Performance**

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.

#### Management Report of Fund Performance (December 31, 2022)





#### ANNUAL COMPOUND RETURNS

The following table shows the Fund's historical annual compound return for the past one-, three-, five- and 10-year periods ended on December 31 and since inception of the series I and series F, as compared to the return of the FTSE Canada Short Term Bond Index.

	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Inception
MD Short-Term Bond Fund – Series A	-4.96%	-0.67%	0.31%	0.70%	2.99%
MD Short-Term Bond Fund – Series I	-3.94%	0.34%	1.31%	1.71%	2.10%
MD Short-Term Bond Fund – Series F	-4.06%	0.24%	1.21%		1.21%
MD Short-Term Bond Fund – Series D	-4.47%	-0.19%			0.72%
FTSE Canada Short Term Bond Index	-4.04%	0.03%	1.01%	1.35%	

†The Fund started series F units on October 13, 2017.

Management uses the FTSE Canada Short-Term Universe Bond Index as the benchmark for this Fund because it represents the returns on Canadian bonds with less 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.

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

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The Fund received a positive contribution to benchmark relative outperformance during the year as a combined result of having an overweight allocation to outperforming spread product and actively managing interest rate risk. Corporate bonds, both domestic and foreign, outperformed their government peers and the Fund maintained an increased exposure in foreign spread product, taking advantage of our flexible strategy to realize capital preservation as domestic bond yields rise. As of December 2022, the Fund, Series A and D and F, had underperformed versus the FTSE Canada Short Term Bond Index, whereas Series I had outperformed.

# 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.

#### Management Report of Fund Performance (December 31, 2022)

### **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>

20		2022 2021		2020			2019		2018	
\$	10.40	\$	10.71	\$	10.39	\$	10.26	\$	10.36	
\$	0.29	\$	0.24	\$	0.26	\$	0.30	\$	0.33	
\$	(0.10)	\$	(0.11)	\$	(0.11)	\$	(0.11)	\$	(0.11)	
\$	(0.34)	\$	(0.03)	\$	0.14	\$	(0.04)	\$	(0.31)	
\$	(0.39)	\$	(0.28)	\$	0.21	\$	0.18	\$	0.13	
\$	(0.54)	\$	(0.18)	\$	0.50	\$	0.33	\$	0.04	
\$	(0.18)	\$	(0.14)	\$	(0.18)	\$	(0.17)	\$	(0.13)	
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		Year ended December 31									
SERIES D	2022		2021		2020		2019		2018 <sup>4</sup>		
Net assets – beginning of the year	\$ 10.15	\$	10.44	\$	10.13	\$	9.98	\$	10.00		
Increase (decrease) from operations:											
Total revenue	\$ 0.29	\$	0.23	\$	0.26	\$	0.29	\$	0.16		
Total expenses	\$ (0.06)	\$	(0.06)	\$	(0.06)	\$	(0.06)	\$	(0.03)		
Net realized gains (losses) for the year	\$ (0.31)	\$	(0.08)	\$	0.18	\$	(0.05)	\$	(0.17)		
Net unrealized gains (losses) for the year	\$ (0.46)	\$	(0.21)	\$	0.01	\$	0.26	\$	0.25		
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$ (0.54)	\$	(0.12)	\$	0.39	\$	0.44	\$	0.21		
Distributions:											
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ (0.23)	\$	(0.17)	\$	(0.22)	\$	(0.18)	\$	(0.07)		
From dividends	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		
From capital gains	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		
Return of capital	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		
Total annual distributions <sup>3</sup>	\$ (0.23)	\$	(0.17)	\$	(0.22)	\$	(0.18)	\$	(0.07)		
Net assets – end of the year	\$ 9.47	\$	10.15	\$	10.44	\$	10.13	\$	9.98		

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### Financial Highlights (continued)

#### THE FUND'S NET ASSETS PER UNIT1

Year ended December 31										
	2022		2021		2020		2019		2018	
\$	10.07	\$	10.37	\$	10.05	\$	9.93	\$	9.99	
\$	0.28	\$	0.23	\$	0.25	\$	0.28	\$	0.30	
\$	(0.01)	\$	(0.01)	\$	(0.01)	\$	(0.01)	\$	(0.01)	
\$	(0.33)	\$	(0.04)	\$	0.13	\$	(0.03)	\$	(0.39)	
\$	(0.36)	\$	(0.26)	\$	0.20	\$	0.13	\$	0.31	
\$	(0.42)	\$	(0.08)	\$	0.57	\$	0.37	\$	0.21	
\$	(0.26)	\$	(0.22)	\$	(0.26)	\$	(0.25)	\$	(0.22)	
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\$	(0.26)	\$	(0.22)	\$	(0.26)	\$	(0.25)	\$	(0.22)	
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	Year ended December 31										
SERIES I		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018	
Net assets – beginning of the year	\$	10.51	\$	10.82	\$	10.49	\$	10.36	\$	10.47	
Increase (decrease) from operations:											
Total revenue	\$	0.29	\$	0.24	\$	0.26	\$	0.29	\$	0.33	
Total expenses	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Net realized gains (losses) for the year	\$	(0.34)	\$	(0.04)	\$	0.14	\$	(0.02)	\$	(0.31)	
Net unrealized gains (losses) for the year	\$	(0.39)	\$	(0.27)	\$	0.20	\$	0.05	\$	0.13	
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$	(0.44)	\$	(0.07)	\$	0.60	\$	0.32	\$	0.15	
Distributions:											
From income (excluding dividends)	\$	(0.28)	\$	(0.24)	\$	(0.28)	\$	(0.27)	\$	(0.23)	
From dividends	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
From capital gains	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Return of capital	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(0.05)	
Total annual distributions <sup>3</sup>	\$	(0.28)	\$	(0.24)	\$	(0.28)	\$	(0.27)	\$	(0.28)	
Net assets – end of the year	\$	9.82	\$	10.51	\$	10.82	\$	10.49	\$	10.36	

 $<sup>^{\,1}\,</sup>$  This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements.

<sup>&</sup>lt;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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The results shown are for the period June 25, 2018 - December 31, 2018.

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### Financial Highlights (continued)

#### **RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA**

		Ye	ar ende	d December 31		
SERIES A	2022	2021		2020	2019	2018
Total net assets, end of the year <sup>1</sup>	\$ 30,995,475	\$ 43,337,767	\$	50,632,193	\$ 56,974,869	\$ 78,599,795
Number of units outstanding	3,190,624	4,168,725		4,729,053	5,482,944	7,661,210
Management expense ratio <sup>2</sup>	1.00%	1.00%		1.00%	1.01%	1.02%
Management expense ratio before tax	0.91%	0.91%		0.91%	0.92%	0.92%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	1.00%	1.00%		1.00%	1.01%	1.02%
Trading expense ratio <sup>3</sup>	0.00%	-		-	-	-
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>4</sup>	117.34%	190.86%		157.79%	154.56%	88.20%
Net assets per unit	\$ 9.71	\$ 10.40	\$	10.71	\$ 10.39	\$ 10.26
		Ye	ar ende	d December 31		
SERIES D	2022	2021		2020	2019	<b>2018</b> <sup>5</sup>
Total net assets, end of the year <sup>1</sup>	\$ 111,272	\$ 300,962	\$	158,990	\$ 14,596	\$ 84,738
Number of units outstanding	11,756	29,660		15,226	1,441	8,493
Management expense ratio <sup>2</sup>	0.59%	0.56%		0.59%	0.56%	0.56%
Management expense ratio before tax	0.52%	0.52%		0.52%	0.53%	0.52%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	0.59%	0.56%		0.59%	0.56%	0.56%
Trading expense ratio <sup>3</sup>	0.00%	-		-	-	-
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>4</sup>	117.34%	190.86%		157.79%	154.56%	88.20%
Net assets per unit	\$ 9.47	\$ 10.15	\$	10.44	\$ 10.13	\$ 9.98
		Ye	ar ende	d December 31		
SERIES F	2022	2021		2020	2019	2018
Total net assets, end of the year <sup>1</sup>	\$ 39,731,228	\$ 44,711,223	\$	44,837,129	\$ 43.449.198	\$ 41,358,696
Number of units outstanding	4,221,556	4,440,814		4,325,098	4,321,281	4,165,593
Management expense ratio <sup>2</sup>	0.12%	0.12%		0.12%	0.13%	0.13%
Management expense ratio before tax	0.11%	0.11%		0.11%	0.11%	0.12%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	0.12%	0.12%		0.12%	0.13%	0.13%
Trading expense ratio <sup>3</sup>	0.00%	-		-	-	-
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>4</sup>	117.34%	190.86%		157.79%	154.56%	88.20%
Net assets per unit	\$ 9.41	\$ 10.07	\$	10.37	\$ 10.05	\$ 9.93

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### Financial Highlights (continued)

#### **RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA**

	Year ended December 31											
SERIES I		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018		
Total net assets, end of the year <sup>1</sup>	\$	332,136,471	\$	415,953,742	\$	391,792,389	\$	372,869,750	\$	95,813,861		
Number of units outstanding		33,811,384		39,571,769		36,202,252		35,543,708		9,250,881		
Management expense ratio <sup>2</sup>		0.00%		-		-		-		-		
Management expense ratio before tax		0.00%		-		-		-		-		
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions		0.00%		-		-		-		-		
Trading expense ratio <sup>3</sup>		0.00%		-		-		-		-		
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>4</sup>		117.34%		190.86%		157.79%		154.56%		88.20%		
Net assets per unit	\$	9.82	\$	10.51	\$	10.82	\$	10.49	\$	10.36		

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;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.

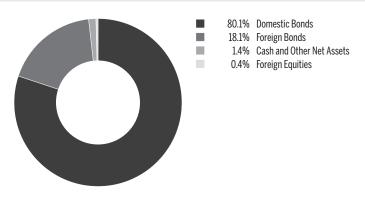
<sup>3</sup> The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net assets during the period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The results shown are for the period June 25, 2018 - December 31, 2018.

#### Summary of Investment Portfolio, December 31, 2022

#### NET ASSETS: \$403.0 MILLION



TOP 25 HOLDINGS (PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS)	
Province of Ontario, 2.60%, 09/08/2023	6.1%
Canada Housing Trust No. 1, 1.55%, 12/15/2026	5.7%
Province of Ontario, 3.50%, 06/02/2024	5.5%
Province of Ontario, 2.60%, 06/02/2025	4.8%
Government of Canada, 1.00%, 09/01/2026	3.4%
CPPIB Capital Inc., 3.95%, 09/08/2025	2.5%
CDP Financial Inc., 3.80%, 06/02/2027	2.5%
Canada Housing Trust No. 1, 3.60%, 12/15/2027	2.5%
Province of Ontario, 2.30%, 09/08/2024	2.4%
Province of Quebec, 2.75%, 09/01/2027	2.4%
The Bank of Nova Scotia, 1.85%, 11/02/2026	1.9%
The Toronto-Dominion Bank, 3.23%, 07/24/2024	1.5%
Royal Bank of Canada, 3.37%, 09/29/2025	1.3%
Rogers Communications Inc., 3.65%, 03/31/2027	1.2%
John Deere Financial Inc., 1.63%, 04/09/2026	1.1%
PSP Capital Inc., 0.90%, 06/15/2026	1.1%
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, 3.30%, 05/26/2025	1.1%
Cash and short-term investments	1.1%
Royal Bank of Canada, 4.93%, 07/16/2025	1.0%
The Toronto-Dominion Bank, 7.28%, 10/31/2082	1.0%
National Bank of Canada, 2.58%, 02/03/2025	0.9%
Bank of Montreal, 5.63%, 05/26/2082	0.9%
TWDC Enterprises 18 Corp., 2.76%, 10/07/2024	0.9%
VW Credit Canada, Inc., 2.45%, 12/10/2026	0.8%
PSP Capital Inc., 3.00%, 11/05/2025	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, 2022.

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. To obtain a copy of the prospectus, please call your MD Advisor, or the MD Trade Centre at 1800 267-2332.

PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION	
DOMESTIC BONDS	44.70/
Corporate Bonds	44.7%
Government of Canada Bonds	12.3%
Municipal Bonds	0.6%
Provincial Bonds	22.5%
	80.1%
FOREIGN BONDS	
Australia	0.4%
Brazil	0.3%
Cayman Islands	0.1%
China	0.2%
Germany	0.1%
India	0.2%
Indonesia	0.5%
Ireland	0.1%
Italy	0.1%
Japan	0.2%
Luxembourg	0.2%
Malaysia	0.2%
Mexico	0.5%
Netherlands	0.1%
New Zealand	0.4%
Norway	0.5%
Portugal	0.1%
Qatar	0.1%
Singapore	0.2%
South Korea	0.2%
Spain	0.1%
United Arab Emirates	0.1%
United Kingdom	0.2%
United States	13.0%
Other Countries	0.0%
	18.1%
FOREIGN EQUITIES	
United States	0.4%
Office States	0.4%
CASH AND SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS	1.1%
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.

