

# FORTIFIED INVESTMENT GRADE ALTERNATIVE FUND



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# PICTON MAHONEY FORTIFIED INVESTMENT GRADE ALTERNATIVE FUND

MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE (FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024)

This annual management report of fund performance contains financial highlights but does not contain the complete annual financial statements for Picton Mahoney Fortified Investment Grade Alternative Fund (the "Fund"). If you have not received a copy of the annual financial statements with the management report of fund performance, you may obtain a copy of the annual financial statements, at no cost, by calling 416-955-4108 or toll-free at 1-866-369-4108, by writing to us at Picton Mahoney Asset Management, 33 Yonge Street, Suite 320, Toronto ON M5E 1G4, or by visiting our website at [www.pictonmahoney.com](http://www.pictonmahoney.com) or SEDAR+ at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

Securityholders may also contact us using one of these methods to request a copy of the Fund's interim financial report, proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record or quarterly portfolio disclosure.

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGIES

The investment objective of the Picton Mahoney Fortified Investment Grade Alternative Fund is to enhance yield and return potential through exposure to high-quality, investment-grade credit.

The Fund invests its assets primarily in North America but can invest up to 100% of its assets globally in long and short positions in investment grade corporate bonds, government bonds, loans, high yield bonds, convertible bonds, convertible debentures, preferred shares, options, futures, forward contracts, swaps, swaptions, short-term debt instruments, distressed debt, collateral loan obligations, mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities, cash and cash equivalents, equities, ETFs and other mutual funds. The Fund may engage in borrowing for investment purposes. The Fund may engage in borrowing for investment purposes. Picton Mahoney Asset Management is the manager (the "Manager"), portfolio advisor (the "Portfolio Advisor") and the trustee (the "Trustee") of the Fund.

The Fund is considered an "alternative fund" meaning it has received exemptions from National Instrument 81-102 – Investment Funds ("NI 81-102") to permit it to use strategies generally prohibited by conventional mutual funds, such as the ability to borrow, up to 50% of the Fund's net asset value, cash to use for investment purposes; sell, up to 50% of the Fund's net asset value, securities short (the combined level of cash borrowing and short selling is limited to 50% in aggregate); and leverage up to 300% of the Fund's net asset value.

To achieve the investment objective, the Fund employs a long/short North American strategy focused primarily on investment-grade credit to generate robust risk-adjusted returns by actively trading outright and relative value opportunities in the market. The Fund may also invest in preferred shares, short-term debt securities, distressed debt securities, loans, collateral loan obligations, mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities, private debt, cash and cash equivalents, equities, ETFs and other mutual funds, including funds managed by the Portfolio Advisor. The Fund uses derivatives for both hedging and nonhedging purposes, engages in short selling and can borrow cash, all to effectively pursue absolute returns across various interest rate and credit spread conditions throughout the credit cycle.

On a position-by-position basis, margin requirements of the applicable exchange will be adhered to by the Fund. The Fund may also choose to: i) invest up to 100% of its portfolio in international securities; ii) invest up to 10% of its portfolio in its high-yield securities; iii) engage in short-selling in a manner consistent with the investment objectives of the Fund and as

permitted by securities regulations; iv) participate in initial public offerings, secondary offerings, and private financings (including special warrant financings) in existing publicly traded issuers to the extent permitted by securities regulations. v) take long and short positions in private company debt offerings; vi) use derivative instruments, such as options, futures, forward contracts and swaps, cleared and uncleared, for both hedging and non-hedging strategies, in a manner which is consistent with the investment objectives of the Fund and as permitted by securities regulations, including to: a) hedge against losses from changes in the prices of the Fund's investments and from exposure to foreign currencies; b) implement option spreads by purchasing an option on a security and simultaneously selling an option on the same security with the same expiry date; and c) gain exposure to individual securities and markets instead of buying the securities directly; and vii) hold cash and cash equivalents.

The specific strategies that differentiate this Fund from conventional mutual funds include: increased use of derivatives for hedging and non-hedging purposes, increased ability to sell securities short and the ability to borrow cash to use for investment purposes. While these strategies will be used in accordance with the Fund's investment objective and strategies, during certain market conditions they may accelerate the pace at which your investment decreases in value.

The Fund may invest in securities of underlying funds (including underlying funds managed by the Manager or an affiliate or associate of the Manager). The types of underlying funds held by the Fund will be selected with consideration for the underlying fund's investment objectives and strategies, past performance and operational efficiencies. The Fund has obtained exemptive relief from Canadian securities regulatory authorities to invest in ETFs listed on a Canadian or United States stock exchange that seek to replicate the daily performance of a widely-quoted market index (i) in an inverse multiple of 100%, or (ii) by a multiple of up to 200% or an inverse multiple of up to 200% (in either case, a "Permitted ETF"). In each case: (a) the investment would be made by the Fund in accordance with its investment objective; (b) the Fund would not short sell securities of any Permitted ETF; (c) the aggregate investment by the Fund in Permitted ETFs would not exceed 10% of the Fund's net asset value, taken at market value at the time of purchase; and (d) the Fund would not purchase securities of a Permitted ETF that tracks the inverse of its underlying index (a "Bear ETF") or short sell securities of any issuer if, immediately after such purchase or short sale, more than 20% of the net asset value of the Fund, taken at market value at the time of the transaction, would consist of, in aggregate, securities of Bear ETFs and all securities sold short by the Fund.

## RISK

There is no assurance that the Fund will be able to achieve its total return, capital preservation and distribution investment objectives. There is no assurance that the portfolio will earn any return and no assurances can be given as to the amount of distributions in future years and that the net asset value (the "NAV") of the Fund will appreciate or be preserved.

While risks are numerous, we believe the following are the most pertinent ones to be mindful of today:

1. Fixed Income Investment Risk – Certain general investment risks can affect fixed income investments in a manner similar to equity investments. For example, specific developments relating to a company and general

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financial, political and economic (other than interest rate) conditions in the country in which the company operates. For government fixed income investments, general economic, financial and political conditions may affect the value of government securities. Since a Fund's unit price is based on the value of its investments, an overall decline in the value of its fixed income investments will reduce the value of the Fund and therefore, the value of your investment. However, your investment will be worth more if the value of the fixed income investments in the portfolio increases.

2. Credit Risk – An issuer of a bond or other fixed income investment may not be able to pay interest or to repay the principal at maturity. The risk of this occurring is greater with some issuers than with others. For example, the risk of default is quite low for most government and high-quality corporate securities. Where this risk is considered greater, the interest rate paid by the issuer is generally higher than for an issuer where this risk is considered to be lower. This risk could increase or decline during the term of the fixed income investment. Companies and governments that borrow money, as well as their debt securities, may be rated by specialized rating agencies. A downgrade in an issuer's credit rating or other adverse news regarding an issuer can reduce a security's market value. Lower rated debt instruments generally offer a better yield than higher-grade debt instruments, but have the potential for substantial loss.

3. Interest Rate Risk – Mutual funds that invest in fixed income securities, such as bonds, and money market instruments, are sensitive to changes in interest rates. In general, when interest rates are rising, the value of these investments tends to fall. When rates are falling, fixed income securities tend to increase in value. Fixed income securities with longer terms to maturity are generally more sensitive to changes in interest rates. Certain types of fixed income securities permit issuers to repay principal before the security's maturity date. There is a risk that an issuer will exercise this prepayment right after interest rates have fallen and the funds that hold these fixed income securities will receive payments of principal before the expected maturity date of the security and may need to reinvest these proceeds in securities that have lower interest rates.

4. Leverage Risk - The Fund has received exemptive relief from Canadian securities regulatory authorities from certain investment restrictions set out in NI 81-102 that would restrict the ability of the Fund to leverage their assets through borrowing, short sales and/or derivatives. Investment decisions may be made for the assets of the Fund that exceed the net asset value of the Fund. As a result, if these investment decisions are incorrect, the resulting losses will be more than if investments were made solely in an unleveraged long portfolio as is the case in most conventional equity mutual funds. In addition, leveraged investment strategies can also be expected to increase a Fund's turnover, transaction and market impact costs, interest and other costs and expenses.

Pursuant to the terms of the exemptive relief, the Fund's aggregate gross exposure, calculated as the sum of the following, must not exceed three times the Fund's net asset value: (i) the aggregate market value of the Fund's long positions; (ii) the aggregate market value of physical short sales on equities, fixed income securities or other portfolio assets; and (iii) the aggregate notional value of the Fund's specified derivatives positions excluding any specified derivatives used for hedging purposes. If the Fund's aggregate gross exposure exceeds three times the Fund's net

asset value, the Fund must, as quickly as is commercially reasonable, take all necessary steps to reduce the aggregate gross exposure to three times the Fund's net asset value or less.

The Fund has also obtained exemptive relief such that the Fund is permitted to engage in short selling transactions and cash borrowing up to a combined maximum of 100% of its net asset value, which is in excess of the short sale and cash borrowing limits provided for both conventional mutual funds and alternative mutual funds in NI 81-102.

For further details relating to risks of investing in the Fund, please refer to the *Specific Investment Risks*, *Investment Risk Classification Methodology*, and *Who Should Invest in the Funds*' sections of the Simplified Prospectus.

### LEVERAGE

Leverage occurs when the Fund borrows money or securities, or uses derivatives, to generate investment exposure that would otherwise not be possible.

The Fund's aggregate exposure to its sources of leverage is calculated as the sum of the following: (i) the market value of short holdings; (ii) the amount of cash borrowed for investment purposes; and (iii) the notional value of the Fund's derivatives positions, excluding any derivatives used for hedging purposes. The Fund's exposure to leverage must not exceed 300% of the Fund's NAV.

During the period October 31, 2024 to December 31, 2024, the Fund's aggregate exposure reached a low of 6.24% and a high of 88.86% of the Fund's NAV. As at December 31, 2024, the Fund's aggregate exposure was 50.81% of the Fund's NAV. The primary source of leverage was short positions in fixed income securities.

### RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

For the period October 31, 2024 to December 31, 2024, the net asset value of the Fund was approximately \$21.4 million. During the same period, performance on the Fund's portfolio increased its assets by \$0.2 million. The Fund also received \$21.2 million in proceeds, had reinvestment of distributions of \$0.1 million, and paid distributions totaling \$0.1 million.

On October 31, 2024, the firm launched the Picton Mahoney Fortified Investment Grade Alternative Fund, a strategic fixed-income solution designed to offer investors an alternative to traditional fixed-income options. The Fund employs a long/short North American strategy, focusing on investment-grade credit with the goal of delivering strong risk-adjusted returns. By actively trading both outright and relative value opportunities, the Fund aims to provide low correlation to major market indices.

The launch was particularly timely, given the macroeconomic uncertainty and elevated interest rate volatility. The Fund's long/short and hedging capabilities enable it to hedge against macroeconomic risks while capitalizing on fundamental relative value opportunities. Investments are selected through a bottom-up approach across a diversified mix of global corporate bonds, primarily investment-grade securities (rated AAA to BBB-) from developed markets. The Fund's hedging overlay utilizes put options on credit and equity indices to protect against downside risk.

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In terms of currency management, the Fund maintained a 100% currency-hedged position during the period.

Geographically, the Fund has predominantly invested in the Canadian Corporate bond market, though opportunistically taking advantage of USD fixed income opportunities. From a sector exposure perspective, the Fund has maintained a balanced allocation, with notable overweights in the Financials, Telecom, and Energy sectors.

The Fund has outperformed its benchmark, the ICE BofA Merrill Lynch Global Corporate Index (TR), since inception. Strong performance can be attributed to the Fund's hedged duration profile and its ability to generate alpha in the new issue markets, enabling it to outperform during the period.

### **RECENT DEVELOPMENTS**

Credit spreads have compressed to cyclical tight levels, reflecting a combination of strong demand and record issuance. A cumulative \$42 billion in inflows over 2024 highlighted investor appetite for attractive yields amidst expectations of lower interest rates. As a result, spreads tightened to multi-year lows across various sectors. Specifically, A-rated and BBB-rated credit spreads tightened by 26bps and 49bps, respectively.

In Canada, 5-year Government of Canada (GOC) yields fell by 34bps since January, closing 84bps lower than their 2024 highs (reached in April). In contrast, 5-year U.S. Treasury (UST) yields rose by 54bps in 2024, driven by a slower pace of easing and potential re-inflationary policies in the U.S., causing the cross-border yield gap to widen.

Despite credit spreads being near historical lows, credit markets remain robust, with investors focusing on attractive all-in yields. Credit fundamentals remain solid, as evidenced by a decline in default rates and healthy capital access for performing companies. New issue volumes were particularly strong in the first half of the year.

The Picton Mahoney Fortified Investment Grade Alternative Fund has been designed to offer an innovative, flexible solution for navigating today's complex fixed income environment. By leveraging long/short strategies and hedging tools, we are able to moderate risk while capitalizing on fundamental opportunities. Looking forward, we remain focused on active management and strategic adjustments, positioning the Fund to capitalize on opportunities in 2025.

### **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Picton Mahoney Asset Management is the manager (the "Manager"), portfolio advisor (the "Portfolio Advisor"), and trustee ("the Trustee") of the Fund. The Manager is an investment manager focused on equity and fixed income securities investments with approximately \$12.0 billion of assets under management as of December 31, 2024. As at December 31, 2024, the Manager holds 3,774 units of Class A, 3,773 units of Class F, 3,773 units of Class I and 3,773 units of Class O. For the period October 31, 2024 to December 31, 2024, the Manager has absorbed \$21,336 of expenses.

### **Management Fees**

As a result of providing investment and management services, the Manager receives a management fee calculated and accrued daily based on the NAV of the class of units of the Fund, plus applicable taxes, payable

on the last day of each calendar quarter. For the period October 31, 2024 to December 31, 2024, the Fund incurred management fees of \$1,363. Management fees in respect of Class I units are direct fees negotiated with the investor, paid directly by the investor, and would not exceed the management fee payable on Class A units of the Fund. The Manager uses these management fees to pay for sales and trailing commissions to registered dealers on the distribution of the Fund's shares, investment advice, as well as general administrative expenses relating to Picton Mahoney's role as Manager. The following is a breakdown:

As a Percentage of Management Fees			
	Annual Rates	Dealer Compensation	General Administration and Investment Advice
Class A units	1.95%	72.30%	27.70%
Class F units	0.95%	-	100.00%
Class ETF units	0.95%	-	100.00%

Out of the management fees that the Manager received from the Fund, the Manager paid trailer commissions of \$68 for the period October 31, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

### **Performance Fees**

The Manager receives a performance fee in respect of each class of units of the Fund. The performance fee for each class shall be calculated and become a liability of the Fund on each valuation day (the "Valuation Day") and shall be payable at the end of each calendar quarter. The performance fee is equal to 20% of the amount by which the performance of the applicable class exceeds an annual hurdle rate of return equal to 2%, for each class of units of the Fund, plus applicable taxes. The performance fee in respect of each class of units of the Fund on a particular Valuation Day shall be equal to the product of, (a) 20% of the positive difference between (i) the unit price on the Valuation Day; and (ii) the greatest unit price on any previous Valuation Day (or the unit price on the date when the units of the class were first issued, where no performance fee liability has previously arisen in respect of units of the class (the "High Water Mark"); less (iii) the hurdle amount per unit on the Valuation Day; and (b) the number of units outstanding on the applicable Valuation Day on which the performance fee is determined, plus applicable taxes. The hurdle amount per unit is the product of (a) 2% for each calendar year (prorated for the number of days in the year); (b) the unit price on the applicable Valuation Day; and (c) the number of days since the most recently determined High Water Mark or the beginning of the current calendar year, whichever is most recent. Investors in Class I units may negotiate a different performance fee than the one described herein or no performance fee at all. Any performance fee for Class I units will be paid directly to the Manager. The Manager reserves the right, in its discretion, to discontinue, decrease or waive the performance fee at any time. For the period October 31, 2024 to December 31, 2024, the Fund incurred performance fees of \$2,131. At the Manager's discretion, these fees were waived for the year. The Manager has waived the performance fees for the Fund until October 31, 2025. The Manager reserves the option of extending or discontinuing this waiver after this date.

### **Independent Review Committee**

The Fund receives standing instructions (the "SI") from the independent review committee (the "IRC"). The SI constitutes a written approval or recommendation from the IRC that permits the Manager to proceed with

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specific action(s) set out in the SI on an ongoing basis. The SI is designed to ensure that the Manager's actions are carried out in accordance with the law, the instrument and the Manager's policies and procedures in order to achieve a fair and reasonable result for the Fund. The SI outlines actions related to i) Fees and Expenses; ii) Trade Allocations; iii) Broker Selections; iv) Code of Ethics and Conduct; v) Portfolio Pricing Issues, amongst other things. The Manager must provide the IRC with a written report summarizing each instance where the Manager has relied on the SI. For the period October 31, 2024 to December 31, 2024, the IRC did not provide any recommendations to the Manager.

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## 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 periods as applicable.

Class A Units - Net Assets per Unit	
	Dec 31, 2024(\$) <sup>(7)</sup>
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	10.00
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>	
Total revenue	0.07
Total expense	(0.03)
Realized gains (losses)	0.01
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.03
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>0.08</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>	
From income	(0.06)
From dividends	-
From capital gains	(0.00)
Return of capital	-
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(1)(2)</sup></b>	<b>(0.06)</b>
<b>Net Assets, end of period</b>	<b>10.01</b>

Class A Units - Ratios/Supplemental Data	
	Dec 31, 2024(\$) <sup>(7)</sup>
Total Net Asset Value (\$000's) <sup>(3)</sup>	40
Number of units outstanding (000's) <sup>(3)</sup>	4
Management expense ratio <sup>(4)</sup>	2.40%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	4.23%
Trading expense ratio, excluding short dividend and interest expense <sup>(5)</sup>	0.00%
Trading expense ratio, including short dividend and interest expense <sup>(5)</sup>	1.39%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(6)</sup>	191.02%
Net Asset Value per unit	10.01

Class F Units - Net Assets per Unit	
	Dec 31, 2024(\$) <sup>(7)</sup>
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	10.00
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>	
Total revenue	0.07
Total expense	(0.02)
Realized gains (losses)	0.01
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.03
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>0.09</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>	
From income	(0.06)
From dividends	-
From capital gains	(0.00)
Return of capital	-
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(1)(2)</sup></b>	<b>(0.06)</b>
<b>Net Assets, end of period</b>	<b>10.03</b>

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Class F Units - Ratios/Supplemental Data	
	Dec 31, 2024(\$) <sup>(7)</sup>
Total Net Asset Value (\$000's) <sup>(3)</sup>	40
Number of units outstanding (000's) <sup>(3)</sup>	4
Management expense ratio <sup>(4)</sup>	1.30%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	3.35%
Trading expense ratio, excluding short dividend and interest expense <sup>(5)</sup>	0.00%
Trading expense ratio, including short dividend and interest expense <sup>(5)</sup>	1.39%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(6)</sup>	191.02%
Net Asset Value per unit	10.03

Class I Units - Net Assets per Unit	
	Dec 31, 2024(\$) <sup>(7)</sup>
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	10.00
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>	
Total revenue	0.08
Total expense	-
Realized gains (losses)	0.02
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.02
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>0.12</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>	
From income	(0.06)
From dividends	-
From capital gains	(0.00)
Return of capital	-
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(1)(2)</sup></b>	<b>(0.06)</b>
<b>Net Assets, end of period</b>	<b>10.04</b>

Class I Units - Ratios/Supplemental Data	
	Dec 31, 2024(\$) <sup>(7)</sup>
Total Net Asset Value (\$000's) <sup>(3)</sup>	20,243
Number of units outstanding (000's) <sup>(3)</sup>	2,016
Management expense ratio <sup>(4)</sup>	0.21%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	0.99%
Trading expense ratio, excluding short dividend and interest expense <sup>(5)</sup>	0.00%
Trading expense ratio, including short dividend and interest expense <sup>(5)</sup>	1.39%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(6)</sup>	191.02%
Net Asset Value per unit	10.04



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Class O Units - Net Assets per Unit	
	Dec 31, 2024(\$) <sup>(7)</sup>
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	10.00
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>	
Total revenue	0.07
Total expense	-
Realized gains (losses)	0.01
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.02
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>0.10</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>	
From income	(0.06)
From dividends	-
From capital gains	(0.00)
Return of capital	-
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(1)(2)</sup></b>	<b>(0.06)</b>
<b>Net Assets, end of period</b>	<b>10.04</b>

Class O Units - Ratios/Supplemental Data	
	Dec 31, 2024(\$) <sup>(7)</sup>
Total Net Asset Value (\$000's) <sup>(3)</sup>	38
Number of units outstanding (000's) <sup>(3)</sup>	4
Management expense ratio <sup>(4)</sup>	0.20%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	2.62%
Trading expense ratio, excluding short dividend and interest expense <sup>(5)</sup>	0.00%
Trading expense ratio, including short dividend and interest expense <sup>(5)</sup>	1.39%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(6)</sup>	191.02%
Net Asset Value per unit	10.04

Class ETF Units - Net Assets per Unit	
	Dec 31, 2024(\$) <sup>(7)</sup>
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	10.00
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>	
Total revenue	0.07
Total expense	(0.01)
Realized gains (losses)	0.01
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.02
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>0.09</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>	
From income	(0.06)
From dividends	-
From capital gains	(0.00)
Return of capital	-
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(1)(2)</sup></b>	<b>(0.06)</b>
<b>Net Assets, end of period</b>	<b>10.03</b>

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Class ETF Units - Ratios/Supplemental Data	
	Dec 31, 2024(\$) <sup>(7)</sup>
Total Net Asset Value (\$000's) <sup>(3)</sup>	1,003
Number of units outstanding (000's) <sup>(3)</sup>	100
Management expense ratio <sup>(4)</sup>	1.30%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	3.32%
Trading expense ratio, excluding short dividend and interest expense <sup>(5)</sup>	0.00%
Trading expense ratio, including short dividend and interest expense <sup>(5)</sup>	1.39%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(6)</sup>	191.02%
Net Asset Value per unit	10.03
Closing Market Price (TSX)	10.07

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

- (1) 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 period.
- (2) Distributions were paid in cash, reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both.
- (3) This information is provided as at the periods shown.
- (4) The management expense ratio ("MER") is based on total expenses (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period. In the period the class is established, the MER is annualized.
- (5) The trading expense ratio ("TER") represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period. In the period the class is established, the TER is annualized. The TER is calculated at the fund level and applies to all classes of the Fund. The Fund's TER is shown both with and without the short dividend expense from equities and interest expense from fixed income securities.
- (6) 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. Portfolio turnover rate is calculated based on the lesser of the cost of purchases or proceeds of sales divided by the average market value of the portfolio, excluding short-term investments.
- (7) For the period from October 31, 2024 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2024.
- (8) Class ETF units were first issued on November 7, 2024.

## **PAST PERFORMANCE**

Investment performance is not provided for a Fund that has been available for less than one year.

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## **SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2024**

Portfolio by Category		Top 25 Holdings	
	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)		Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
<b>LONG POSITIONS</b>		<b>LONG POSITIONS</b>	
<b>Canadian Debt</b>	<b>135.6%</b>	Ford Credit Canada Co. 7.000%, 2026-02-10	6.4%
Corporate Bonds	129.8%	Videotron Ltd. 5.625%, 2025-06-15	6.2%
Government Bonds	5.8%	Wells Fargo & Co. 4.168%, 2026-04-28	6.2%
<b>Global Debt</b>	<b>14.1%</b>	National Bank of Canada 3.565%, 2025-10-20	6.2%
United States Bonds	14.1%	Toronto-Dominion Bank 4.229%, 2025-01-31	6.2%
<b>Total Long Positions</b>	<b>149.7%</b>	Sysco Canada Inc. 3.650%, 2025-04-25	6.2%
<b>SHORT POSITIONS</b>		Toronto-Dominion Bank 3.105%, 2030-04-22	6.2%
<b>Canadian Debt</b>	<b>-50.8%</b>	Thomson Reuters Corp. 2.239%, 2025-05-14	6.2%
Government Bonds	-44.6%	Royal Bank of Canada 4.000%, 2081-02-24	6.2%
Corporate Bonds	-6.2%	Royal Bank of Canada 4.500%, 2080-11-24	5.9%
<b>Total Long Positions</b>	<b>-50.8%</b>	Bank of Nova Scotia 4.192%, 2026-08-04	5.9%
<b>Cash</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	Province of Ontario Canada 4.150%, 2054-12-02	5.8%
<b>Other Assets (net)</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	Ford Credit Canada Co. 4.613%, 2027-09-13	5.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	Pacific Life Global Funding II 4.357%, 2027-02-01	5.2%
		Equitable Bank 3.910%, 2027-12-17	5.1%
		Enbridge Inc. 6.625%, 2078-04-12	4.9%
		Allied Properties REIT 5.534%, 2028-09-26	4.5%
		Whitecap Resources Inc. 4.382%, 2029-11-01	4.0%
		Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc. 3.600%, 2025-06-02	3.7%
		Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce 4.375%, 2080-10-28	3.5%
		<b>SHORT POSITIONS</b>	
		Canadian Government Bond 2.750%, 2027-09-01	-11.1%
		Canadian Government Bond 4.000%, 2029-03-01	-7.0%
		Canadian Government Bond 3.250%, 2028-09-01	-7.0%
		Hydro One Inc. 4.850%, 2054-11-30	-6.2%
		Canadian Government Bond 3.500%, 2029-09-01	-4.1%
		<b>Total Net Asset Value (\$000)</b>	<b>21,364</b>

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