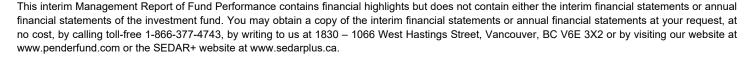


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#### MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

#### **Results of Operations**

The net assets of the Pender Corporate Bond Fund (the "Fund") were \$1,465,702,890 as at June 30, 2023 versus \$1,422,143,348 as at December 31, 2022. Of this \$43,559,542 increase, \$36,833,801 is attributable to positive investment performance and \$6,725,741 is attributable to net unitholder purchases of Fund units.

For the six months ended June 30, 2023 (the "period"), Class A units of the Fund generated a total return of 2.2%. Returns for Class A (USD), Class F (USD), Class H (USD), Class I (USD) and Class N (USD) will differ primarily due to foreign currency as these classes are denominated in US dollars whereas all remaining classes of the Fund are denominated in Canadian dollars. Returns for Class U will differ primarily as a result of foreign currency as this class is the only class of the Fund that is not hedged against the US dollar. Returns for other classes of the Fund will be similar to Class A with any difference in performance being primarily due to the different management fees that are applicable to different classes. Please see the "Past Performance" section for the performance of the Fund's other classes.

The Fund's blended benchmark, 75% ICE BofA US High Yield Index in Canadian dollars ("ICE") and 25% FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index returned 3.0% during the period. In accordance with National Instrument 81-106, we have included a comparison to this blended benchmark to help you understand the Fund's performance relative to the general performance of the market, but we caution that the Fund's mandate may be significantly different from the index. Further, the Fund's returns are reported net of all management fees and expenses for all classes, unlike the returns of the Fund's blended benchmark, which are based on the performance of an index that does not pay fees or incur expenses.

The following comments and the comments under "Recent Developments" reflect the views of the portfolio management team and are based on information as at the end of the period. Please read the caution regarding forward-looking statements located on the last page of this document.

The Fund underperformed its benchmark over the first half of 2023. Key contributors to the portfolio during the period were positions in specific corporate issues including Cineworld Group plc, OPKO Health, Inc., and Paratek Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Weakness in the portfolio included government bonds which were adversely impacted by rising interest rates in the first six months of the year and certain corporate issues such as First Majestic Silver Corp., Forum Energy Technologies, Inc., and McDermott International, Ltd.

#### **Recent Developments**

In the first six months of the year, bond markets were mixed as inflation, interest rates and slowing economic growth remained in focus and closely watched by investors. The yield curve backed up as expectations of interest rate cuts were pushed out in the face of a slowing but a so far resilient economic backdrop. Inflation continued its downward trajectory with the US inflation rate moving from 5.0% to 3.0% over the quarter after peaking at 9.1% in June 2022. The closely watched core inflation rate declined from 5.6% to 4.8% and has remained sticky. The declining inflation rates caused the US Federal Reserve ("Fed") to pause their interest rate hiking campaign at their last meeting in June to assess the impact of higher rates on the broad economy. The labour market was a source of continued strength, with the US unemployment rate hovering around 3.7% - very low levels and within range of the 3.4% low back in early the 1970's.

Almost all Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) participants voted to keep interest rates unchanged in June, but still some preferred raising another 25bps. With inflation still above their stated 2% goal and a resilient labour market, almost all members saw the need to raise rates again this year. At the European Central Bank (ECB) Forum on Central Banking at the end of June, the Fed's Chair Jerome Powell spoke of the need for more restrictive interest rate policy and the need to raise rates again this year. While we believe we are near the end of this rate tightening cycle, we likely have not yet seen the peak.

Investment results may be affected by future developments and new information that may emerge about inflation and the impact of central bank measures and geopolitical and other global events, factors that are beyond the Fund's control.

Against a general strategic backdrop of defensiveness, we continue to scour the credit markets for line-item opportunities. Individual names get beaten up, sectors go in and out of favour, and refinancing challenges all regularly create opportunities that do not fit neatly into the broad narrative of a market cycle. We are generally cautious in our positioning, but selectively optimistic heading into the latter half of 2023. We believe investment grade credit offers interesting value here, as do a number of lines in the high yield spectrum where prices have become detached from strong fundamentals.

At June 30, 2023, the Pender Corporate Bond Fund yield to maturity was 8.1% with a current yield of 5.4% and average duration of maturity-based instruments was 3.2 years. There is a 3.9% weight in distressed securities held for workout value whose notional yield is not included in the foregoing calculation. Cash represented 3.8% of the portfolio at June 30, 2023.

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#### **Related Party Transactions**

The Fund pays management and administration fees to the Manager for management and portfolio advisory services (see "Management Fees").

As at the end of the period, parties related to the Manager collectively held less than 1% of the Fund's units. In addition, the Pender Alternative Multi-Strategy Income Fund, Pender Bond Universe Fund, and Pender Strategic Growth and Income Fund (formerly Pender Enhanced Income Fund), funds also managed by the Manager, collectively held 2% of the Fund's outstanding units.

#### **Management Fees**

The Fund pays management and administration fees calculated as a percentage of the net asset value of each respective class. The Management Expense Ratio ("MER") before applicable taxes such as GST or HST for each class does not exceed certain levels as set out in the Fund's offering documents. The fees are calculated at the close of business on each valuation day and are paid monthly. In exchange for the administration fee, the Manager pays the operating costs of the Fund.

Management fees are used by the Manager, in part, to pay sales commissions, trailer fees, marketing costs and other associated distribution costs relating to the sale of units of the Fund.

Such expenses represented approximately 22% of the management fees paid by the Fund to the Manager for the period.

#### **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 period and calendar years indicated.

## Fund's Net Assets Per Unit (a)

	2023 (\$)	2022	2021 (\$)	2020 (\$)	2019 (\$)	2018 (\$)
Class A	(Ψ)	(Ψ)	(Ψ)	(Ψ)	(Ψ)	(Ψ)
Net Assets, beginning of period	11.58	12.86	12.87	12.49	12.24	11.92
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	0.34	0.58	0.73	0.58	0.59	0.56
Total expenses	(0.12)	(0.25)	(0.28)	(0.24)	(0.25)	(0.25)
Realized gains (losses)	(0.06)	(0.41)	1.00	(0.13)	0.06	0.18
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.10	(0.77)	(0.30)	0.32	0.13	-
Total increase (decrease) from operations (b)	0.26	(0.85)	1.15	0.53	0.53	0.49
Distributions:						
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.23)	(0.43)	(0.37)	(0.33)	(0.30)	(0.32)
From dividends	-	(0.02)	(0.04)	(0.04)	(0.02)	(0.02)
From capital gains	-	-	(0.78)	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total distributions (b), (c)	(0.23)	(0.45)	(1.19)	(0.37)	(0.32)	(0.34)
Net Assets, end of period	11.60	11.58	12.86	12.87	12.49	12.24

rund 5 Net Assets Per Unit (a) (Cont u)						
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Oliver F.	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Class E		10.01	40.05	40.07	40.00	
Net Assets, beginning of period	9.30	10.31	10.35	10.07	10.00	
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	0.19	0.71	0.61	0.51	0.16	
Total expenses	(0.03)	(0.05)	(0.06)	(0.05)	(0.01)	
Realized gains (losses)	(0.05)	(0.47)	0.81	(0.11)	(0.05)	
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.17	(0.68)	(0.29)	0.31	0.08	
Total increase (decrease) from operations (b)	0.28	(0.49)	1.07	0.66	0.18	
Distributions:						
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.27)	(0.49)	(0.44)	(0.39)	(0.11)	
From dividends	(0.27)	(0.02)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.01)	
From capital gains	_	(0.02)	(0.67)	(0.00)	(0.01)	
Return of capital	<u>-</u>	_	(0.07)	_	_	
Total distributions (b), (c)	(0.27)	(0.51)	(1.16)	(0.44)	(0.12)	
Net Assets, end of period	9.31	9.30	10.31	10.35	10.07	
Class F						
Net Assets, beginning of period	11.60	12.88	12.86	12.50	12.25	11.92
	11.00	12.00	12.00	12.50	12.25	11.92
Increase (decrease) from operations:  Total revenue	0.34	0.63	0.72	0.58	0.59	0.56
Total revenue  Total expenses	(0.07)	(0.15)	(0.16)	(0.14)	(0.15)	(0.15)
Realized gains (losses)	(0.06)		0.99	(0.14)	0.07	0.13
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.09	(0.44) (0.75)	(0.29)	0.37	0.12	(0.07)
Total increase (decrease) from	0.30	(0.71)	1.26	0.69	0.63	0.47
operations (b)	0.30	(0.71)	1.20	0.09	0.03	0.47
Distributions:						
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.29)	(0.52)	(0.47)	(0.42)	(0.11)	(0.42)
From dividends	-	(0.03)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.01)	(0.02)
From capital gains	-	-	(0.76)	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total distributions (b), (c)	(0.29)	(0.55)	(1.28)	(0.47)	(0.12)	(0.44)
Net Assets, end of period	11.62	11.60	12.88	12.86	12.50	12.25
Class H						
Net Assets, beginning of period	10.30	11.45	11.33	11.01	10.79	10.51
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	0.31	0.49	0.58	0.48	0.51	0.51
Total expenses	(0.09)	(0.19)	(0.21)	(0.18)	(0.19)	(0.19)
Realized gains (losses)	(0.06)	(0.34)	0.80	(0.10)	0.06	0.15
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.08	(0.69)	(0.19)	0.29	0.11	(0.03)
Total increase (decrease) from operations (b)	0.24	(0.73)	0.98	0.49	0.49	0.44
Distributions:						
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.23)	(0.41)	(0.36)	(0.32)	(0.30)	(0.31)
From dividends	-	(0.02)	(0.04)	(0.04)	(0.02)	(0.02)
From capital gains	-	-	(0.57)	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total distributions (b), (c)	(0.23)	(0.43)	(0.97)	(0.36)	(0.32)	(0.33)
Net Assets, end of period	10.32	10.30	11.45	11.33	11.01	10.79

Fund's Net Assets Per Unit (a) (cor
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	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
011	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Class I	40.00	44.44	44.05	40.74	40.50	40.04
Net Assets, beginning of period	10.03	11.14	11.05	10.74	10.53	10.24
Increase (decrease) from operations:	0.00	0.54		0.54	0.54	0.54
Total revenue	0.30	0.54	0.60	0.51	0.51	0.51
Total expenses	(0.05)	(0.11)	(0.12)	(0.11)	(0.11)	(0.12)
Realized gains (losses)	(0.06)	(0.39)	0.81	(0.13)	0.05	0.10
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.07	(0.63)	(0.21)	0.37	0.08	(0.09)
Total increase (decrease) from operations (b)	0.26	(0.59)	1.08	0.64	0.53	0.40
Distributions:						
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.26)	(0.48)	(0.42)	(0.37)	(0.35)	(0.37)
From dividends	(0.20)	(0.02)	` '	(0.05)	(0.03)	(0.02)
	-	(0.02)	(0.05)	(0.03)	(0.03)	(0.02)
From capital gains	-	-	(0.58)	-	-	-
Return of capital  Total distributions (b), (c)	- (0.26)	- (0.50)	(4.05)	- (0.42)	- (0.39)	(0.30)
Net Assets, end of period	10.04	(0.50)	(1.05)	(0.42)	10.74	(0.39)
, ,	10.04	10.03	11.14	11.05	10.74	10.53
Class N						
Net Assets, beginning of period	8.97	9.95	10.33	10.01	10.00	
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	0.21	(0.50)	0.75	0.01	0.22	
Total expenses	(0.03)	(0.07)	(0.09)	(0.07)	(0.04)	
Realized gains (losses)	(10.90)	0.39	0.93	0.07	(0.03)	
Unrealized gains (losses)	10.78	(0.67)	(0.47)	(1.06)	0.04	
Total increase (decrease) from operations (b)	0.06	(0.85)	1.12	(1.05)	0.19	
Distributions:						
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.16)	(0.40)	(0.42)	(0.37)	(0.17)	
From dividends	-	(0.03)	(0.04)	(0.04)	(0.02)	
From capital gains	<u>-</u>	-	(1.02)	-	-	
Return of capital	<u>-</u>	_	<del>-</del>	_	_	
Total distributions (b), (c)	(0.16)	(0.43)	(1.48)	(0.41)	(0.19)	
Net Assets, end of period	-	8.97	9.95	10.33	10.01	
Class O						
Net Assets, beginning of period	10.20	11.34	11.18	10.87	10.64	10.37
Increase (decrease) from operations:	10.20	11.01	11.10	10.07	10.01	10.01
Total revenue	0.29	0.34	0.55	0.51	0.48	0.51
Total expenses	0.23	0.54	(0.01)	0.51	0.40	(0.01)
Realized gains (losses)	(0.04)	(0.24)	0.72	(0.15)	0.06	0.23
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.10	(0.67)	(0.17)	0.48	0.21	0.23
Total increase (decrease) from	0.35	(0.57)	1.09	0.84	0.75	0.84
operations (b)	0.33	(0.37)	1.09	0.04	0.73	0.04
Distributions:						
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.32)	(0.59)	(0.53)	(0.47)	(0.43)	(0.47)
From dividends	-	(0.03)	(0.06)	(0.06)	(0.05)	(0.03)
From capital gains	-	-	(0.50)	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-		-		
Total distributions (b), (c)	(0.32)	(0.62)	(1.09)	(0.53)	(0.48)	(0.50)
Net Assets, end of period	10.20	10.20	11.34	11.18	10.87	10.64

Fund's Net Assets Per Unit (a) (cont'd	Fund's	Net Assets	Per Unit (	a)	(cont'd
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Fund's Net Assets Per Unit (a) (cont'd)						
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018 (\$)
Class U	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(Ψ)
Net Assets, beginning of period	9.89	10.52	10.21	9.95	10.00	
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	0.30	1.57	0.36	0.76	0.25	
Total expenses	(0.06)	(0.12)	(0.13)	(0.12)	(0.06)	
Realized gains (losses)	-	(1.00)	0.27	(0.25)	-	
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.16	(0.66)	0.31	0.52	(0.16)	
Total increase (decrease) from	0.40	(0.21)	0.81	0.91	0.03	
operations (b)		ζ- ,				
Distributions:						
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.22)	(0.44)	(0.39)	(0.34)	(0.14)	
From dividends	-	(0.02)	(0.01)	(0.05)	(0.02)	
From capital gains	-	-	(0.27)	-	-	
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	
Total distributions (b), (c)	(0.22)	(0.46)	(0.67)	(0.39)	(0.16)	
Net Assets, end of period	9.81	9.89	10.52	10.21	9.95	
Class A (USD)						
Net Assets, beginning of period	14.04	14.71	14.10	13.66	13.89	12.48
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	0.50	2.81	0.32	1.25	0.78	1.07
Total expenses	(0.15)	(0.31)	(0.30)	(0.28)	(0.28)	(0.29)
Realized gains (losses)	(0.06)	(1.78)	0.86	(0.24)	0.08	0.01
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.20)	(0.86)	0.30	0.31	(0.48)	0.73
Total increase (decrease) from	0.09	(0.14)	1.18	1.04	0.10	1.52
operations (b)						
Distributions:	(0.00)	(0.50)	(0.40)	(0.00)	(0.22)	(0.25)
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.28)	(0.50)	(0.40)	(0.36)	(0.33)	(0.35)
From dividends	-	(0.02)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.03)	(0.02)
From capital gains	-	-	(0.17)	-	-	-
Return of capital	- (0.00)	- (0.50)	- (0.00)	- (0.44)	- (0.00)	(0.07)
Total distributions (b), (c)	(0.28)	(0.52)	(0.62)	(0.41)	(0.36)	(0.37)
Net Assets, end of period	13.84	14.04	14.71	14.10	13.66	13.89
Class F (USD)	10.05	44.50	10.00	10.50	40.75	40.05
Net Assets, beginning of period	13.85	14.52	13.96	13.52	13.75	12.35
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	0.49	2.79	0.33	1.30	0.75	1.05
Total expenses	(0.09)	(0.18)	(0.17)	(0.16)	(0.16)	(0.17)
Realized gains (losses)	(0.07)	(1.79)	0.82	(0.30)	0.11	0.08
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.21)	(0.75)	0.30	0.08	(0.53)	0.75
Total increase (decrease) from operations (b)	0.12	0.07	1.28	0.92	0.17	1.71
Distributions:						
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.35)	(0.61)	(0.51)	(0.47)	(0.43)	(0.44)
From dividends	-	(0.03)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.03)	(0.02)
From capital gains	-	-	(0.21)	-	-	( <u>-</u> )
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	_
Total distributions (b), (c)	(0.35)	(0.64)	(0.77)	(0.52)	(0.46)	(0.46)
Net Assets, end of period	13.65	13.85	14.52	13.96	13.52	13.75
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# Fund's Net Assets Per Unit (a) (cont'd)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Class H (USD)						
Net Assets, beginning of period	13.30	13.95	13.42	13.02	13.10	
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	0.43	2.70	0.33	1.27	0.31	
Total expenses	(0.12)	(0.25)	(0.24)	(0.22)	(0.11)	
Realized gains (losses)	(0.07)	(1.70)	0.84	(0.36)	(0.01)	
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.16)	(0.87)	0.29	0.01	(0.38)	
Total increase (decrease) from operations (b)	0.08	(0.12)	1.22	0.70	(0.19)	
Distributions:						
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.29)	(0.51)	(0.42)	(0.41)	(0.18)	
From dividends	-	(0.03)	(0.05)	(0.04)	(0.01)	
From capital gains	-	-	(0.20)	-	-	
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	
Total distributions (b), (c)	(0.29)	(0.54)	(0.67)	(0.45)	(0.19)	
Net Assets, end of period	13.11	13.30	13.95	13.42	13.02	
Class I (USD)						
Net Assets, beginning of period	13.34	13.99	13.45	13.04	13.10	
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	0.43	2.76	0.33	1.21	0.38	
Total expenses	(0.07)	(0.15)	(0.15)	(0.14)	(0.07)	
Realized gains (losses)	(0.06)	(1.77)	0.81	(0.33)	(0.03)	
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.11)	(0.75)	0.27	0.22	(0.17)	
Total increase (decrease) from operations (b)	0.19	0.09	1.26	0.96	0.11	
Distributions:						
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.34)	(0.61)	(0.51)	(0.47)	(0.21)	
From dividends	-	(0.03)	(0.06)	(0.06)	(0.02)	
From capital gains	-	-	(0.20)	-	-	
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	
Total distributions (b), (c)	(0.34)	(0.64)	(0.77)	(0.53)	(0.23)	
Net Assets, end of period	13.14	13.34	13.99	13.45	13.04	

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## Fund's Net Assets Per Unit (a) (cont'd)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Class N (USD)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Net Assets, beginning of period	13.36	14.00	13.41	13.00	13.10	
Increase (decrease) from operations:	13.30	14.00	13.41	13.00	13.10	
Total revenue	0.45	2.71	0.28	1.29	0.36	
Total expenses	(0.05)	(0.11)	(0.11)	(0.11)	(0.05)	
Realized gains (losses)	(0.07)	(1.71)	0.87	(0.33)	(0.02)	
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.16)	(0.84)	0.31	(0.07)	(0.17)	
Total increase (decrease) from operations (b)	0.17	0.05	1.35	0.78	0.12	
Distributions:						
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.37)	(0.65)	(0.54)	(0.50)	(0.22)	
From dividends	-	(0.03)	(0.06)	(0.06)	(0.02)	
From capital gains	-	-	(0.14)	-	-	
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	
Total distributions (b), (c)	(0.37)	(0.68)	(0.74)	(0.56)	(0.24)	
Net Assets, end of period	13.16	13.36	14.00	13.41	13.00	

<sup>(</sup>a) This information is derived from the Fund's unaudited semi-annual financial statements as at June 30 and audited annual financial statements as at December 31 for the period stated, prepared under International Financial Reporting Standards. Class N was closed on May 26, 2023.

## **Ratios and Supplemental Data**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Class A						
Total net asset value (\$000s) (a)	95,309	95,980	110,720	92,199	115,962	76,888
Number of units outstanding (a)	8,216,063	8,288,704	8,607,770	7,165,766	9,281,603	6,280,891
Management expense ratio (b)	2.07%	2.06%	2.01%	1.95%	1.95%	1.95%
Management expense ratio before absorptions (c)	2.07%	2.06%	2.01%	1.95%	1.95%	1.95%
Trading expense ratio (d)	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.02%	0.05%
Portfolio turnover rate (e)	27.69%	62.92%	63.24%	103.95%	61.95%	69.13%
Net asset value per unit (\$) (a)	11.60	11.58	12.86	12.87	12.49	12.24
Class E						
Total net asset value (\$000s) (a)	3,678	3,543	4,132	3,292	3,912	
Number of units outstanding (a)	394,986	380,944	400,826	318,107	388,330	
Management expense ratio (b)	0.53%	0.53%	0.52%	0.50%	0.50%	
Management expense ratio before absorptions (c)	0.53%	0.53%	0.52%	0.50%	0.50%	
Trading expense ratio (d)	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.02%	
Portfolio turnover rate (e)	27.69%	62.92%	63.24%	103.95%	61.95%	
Net asset value per unit (\$) (a)	9.31	9.30	10.31	10.35	10.07	

<sup>(</sup>b) Net assets per unit and distributions per unit are based on the actual number of units for the relevant Fund class outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding during the period.

<sup>(</sup>c) Distributions were paid in cash and/or reinvested in additional units of the Fund.

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# Ratios and Supplemental Data (cont'd)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Class F						
Total net asset value (\$000s) (a)	416,271	402,880	422,355	342,633	406,674	246,709
Number of units outstanding (a)	35,838,326	34,740,168	32,781,853	26,636,091	32,530,750	20,139,093
Management expense ratio (b)	1.19%	1.19%	1.17%	1.15%	1.15%	1.15%
Management expense ratio before absorptions (c)	1.19%	1.19%	1.17%	1.15%	1.15%	1.15%
Trading expense ratio (d)	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.02%	0.05%
Portfolio turnover rate (e)	27.69%	62.92%	63.24%	103.95%	61.95%	69.13%
Net asset value per unit (\$) (a)	11.62	11.60	12.88	12.86	12.50	12.25
Class H						
Total net asset value (\$000s) (a)	92,101	88,360	103,092	65,161	62,459	38,560
Number of units outstanding (a)	8,925,048	8,578,535	9,004,515	5,749,645	5,671,949	3,573,651
Management expense ratio (b)	1.73%	1.73%	1.69%	1.65%	1.65%	1.65%
Management expense ratio before absorptions (c)	1.73%	1.73%	1.69%	1.65%	1.65%	1.65%
Trading expense ratio (d)	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.02%	0.05%
Portfolio turnover rate (e)	27.69%	62.92%	63.24%	103.95%	61.95%	69.13%
Net asset value per unit (\$) (a)	10.32	10.30	11.45	11.33	11.01	10.79
Class I						
Total net asset value (\$000s) (a)	763,558	708,267	602,871	411,640	381,228	140,680
Number of units outstanding (a)	76,060,894	70,636,548	54,127,966	37,250,197	35,491,065	13,366,024
Management expense ratio (b)	1.03%	1.03%	1.02%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%
Management expense ratio before absorptions (c)	1.03%	1.03%	1.02%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%
Trading expense ratio (d)	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.02%	0.05%
Portfolio turnover rate (e)	27.69%	62.92%	63.24%	103.95%	61.95%	69.13%
Net asset value per unit (\$) (a)	10.04	10.03	11.14	11.05	10.74	10.53
Class O						
Total net asset value (\$000s) (a)	32,787	43,580	58,562	29,746	27,198	8,387
Number of units outstanding (a)	3,215,671	4,273,445	5,161,977	2,661,770	2,501,605	787,928
Management expense ratio (b)	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Management expense ratio before absorptions (c)	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Trading expense ratio (d)	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.02%	0.05%
Portfolio turnover rate (e)	27.69%	62.92%	63.24%	103.95%	61.95%	69.13%
Net asset value per unit (\$) (a)	10.20	10.20	11.34	11.18	10.87	10.64
Class U						
Total net asset value (\$000s) (a)	2,130	9,338	11,425	40	6	
Number of units outstanding (a)	217,136	944,053	1,085,631	3,876	588	
Management expense ratio (b)	1.24%	1.16%	1.14%	1.15%	1.15%	
Management expense ratio before absorptions (c)	1.24%	1.16%	1.14%	1.15%	1.15%	
Trading expense ratio (d)	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.02%	
Portfolio turnover rate (e)	27.69%	62.92%	63.24%	103.95%	61.95%	
Net asset value per unit (\$) (a)	9.81	9.89	10.52	10.21	9.95	

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# Ratios and Supplemental Data (cont'd)

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	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Class A (USD)						
Total net asset value (\$000s) (a)	2,386	2,773	2,979	2,533	6,018	6,177
Number of units outstanding (a)	172,420	197,474	202,496	179,642	440,638	444,755
Management expense ratio (b)	2.05%	2.08%	1.98%	1.95%	1.95%	1.95%
Management expense ratio before absorptions (c)	2.05%	2.08%	1.98%	1.95%	1.95%	1.95%
Trading expense ratio (d)	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.02%	0.05%
Portfolio turnover rate (e)	27.69%	62.92%	63.24%	103.95%	61.95%	69.13%
Net asset value per unit (\$) (a)	13.84	14.04	14.71	14.10	13.66	13.89
Class F (USD)						
Total net asset value (\$000s) (a)	19,745	20,874	15,842	11,382	20,175	24,368
Number of units outstanding (a)	1,446,646	1,506,774	1,091,009	815,559	1,492,314	1,772,010
Management expense ratio (b)	1.18%	1.19%	1.14%	1.15%	1.15%	1.15%
Management expense ratio before absorptions (c)	1.18%	1.19%	1.14%	1.15%	1.15%	1.15%
Trading expense ratio (d)	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.02%	0.05%
Portfolio turnover rate (e)	27.69%	62.92%	63.24%	103.95%	61.95%	69.13%
Net asset value per unit (\$) (a)	13.65	13.85	14.52	13.96	13.52	13.75
Class H (USD)						
Total net asset value (\$000s) (a)	7,741	7,373	8,224	6,636	2,680	
Number of units outstanding (a)	590,464	554,228	589,688	494,651	205,849	
Management expense ratio (b)	1.76%	1.75%	1.68%	1.65%	1.65%	
Management expense ratio before absorptions (c)	1.76%	1.75%	1.68%	1.65%	1.65%	
Trading expense ratio (d)	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.02%	
Portfolio turnover rate (e)	27.69%	62.92%	63.24%	103.95%	61.95%	
Net asset value per unit (\$) (a)	13.11	13.30	13.95	13.42	13.02	
Class I (USD)						
Total net asset value (\$000s) (a)	27,621	36,726	35,290	23,199	15,621	
Number of units outstanding (a)	2,101,496	2,752,813	2,522,383	1,724,282	1,197,716	
Management expense ratio (b)	1.04%	1.04%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	
Management expense ratio before absorptions (c)	1.04%	1.04%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	
Trading expense ratio (d)	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.02%	
Portfolio turnover rate (e)	27.69%	62.92%	63.24%	103.95%	61.95%	
Net asset value per unit (\$) (a)	13.14	13.34	13.99	13.45	13.04	

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#### Ratios and Supplemental Data (cont'd)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Class N (USD)						
Total net asset value (\$000s) (a)	2,374	2,444	2,664	2,713	3,648	
Number of units outstanding (a)	180,461	182,917	190,261	202,357	280,525	
Management expense ratio (b)	0.74%	0.74%	0.72%	0.75%	0.75%	
Management expense ratio before absorptions (c)	0.74%	0.74%	0.72%	0.75%	0.75%	
Trading expense ratio (d)	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.02%	
Portfolio turnover rate (e)	27.69%	62.92%	63.24%	103.95%	61.95%	
Net asset value per unit (\$) (a)	13.16	13.36	14.00	13.41	13.00	

- (a) This information is derived from the Fund's unaudited semi-annual financial statements as at June 30 and audited annual financial statements as at December 31 for the period stated, prepared under International Financial Reporting Standards. Class N was closed on May 26, 2023.
- (b) Management expense ratio ("MER") is based on total expenses (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) for the period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period. The MER may vary from one class of units to another because of differences in the applicable management fees and certain fees and expenses may have been absorbed by the Manager which would otherwise be paid by the Fund.
- (c) The Manager of the Fund has agreed to absorb sufficient expenses of the Fund, as necessary, so that the annual MER before applicable taxes such as GST or HST will not exceed certain limits as outlined in the Fund's Simplified Prospectus. The amount of expenses absorbed is at the discretion of the Manager as set out in the Fund's Simplified Prospectus, and the Manager may in its sole discretion cease to absorb expenses.
- (d) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period.
- (e) The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio adviser 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 period. In general, the higher a fund's portfolio turnover rate in a period, the greater the trading costs payable by the fund in the period, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the period. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a fund.

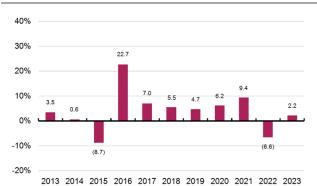
#### **Past Performance**

The following charts show the past performance for the units of each class of the Fund and do not necessarily indicate how the Fund will perform in the future. The information shown assumes that any distributions made by the Fund were reinvested in additional units of the Fund. Returns would be different if an investor did not reinvest distributions. In addition, the information does not take into account sales, redemptions, income taxes payable or other charges that would have reduced returns or performance. Past performance for Class N units of the Fund is not available for disclosure because it was closed during the period.

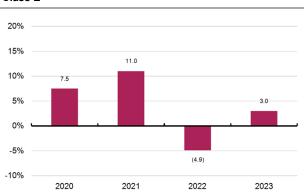
### Period-by-Period Returns

To illustrate how the Fund's performance has varied over time, the following bar charts show the Fund's performance for the six-month period ended June 30, 2023 and for each of the previous 12-month periods ended December 31. The information is presented starting from the first full financial year of the respective Fund class. In percentage terms, the bar charts show how much an investment held on the first day of the period would have increased or decreased by the last day of the period.

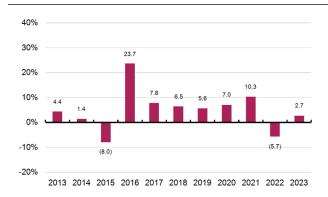




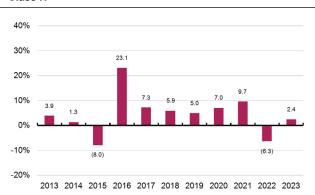
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#### Class F

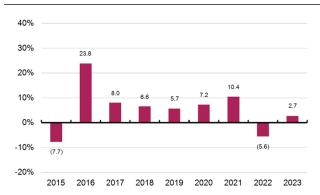


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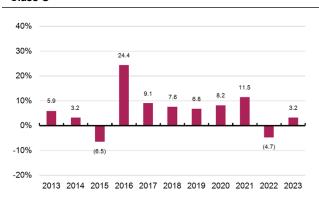


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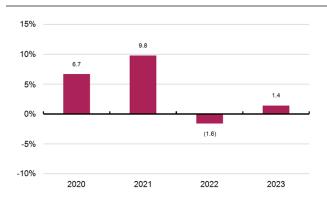
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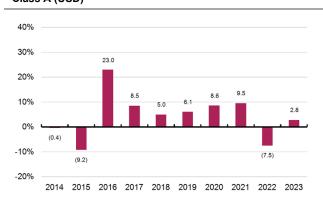
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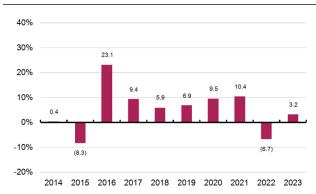
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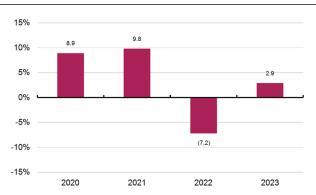
## Class A (USD)



## Class F (USD)

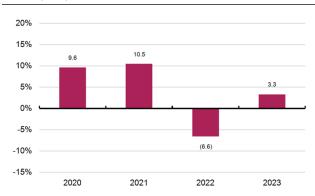


## Class H (USD)

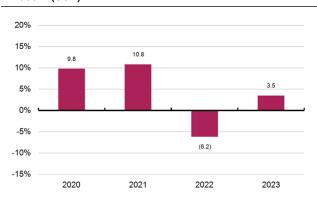


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# Class I (USD)



# Class N (USD)



## **Summary of Investment Portfolio**

The largest holdings of the Fund as at the end of the period and the major asset classes in which the Fund was invested are indicated below. Where the Fund has less than 25 holdings, the table will show the Fund's entire investment portfolio. The investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions. An update of the Fund's summary of investment portfolio as at the end of each calendar quarter is available from the Manager. Please see the front page of this document for information about how this can be obtained.

#### **Top 25 Holdings**

	% of Net Assets
Verisign, Inc., Callable, 4.75%, 2027/07/15	2.4
Government of Canada, Real Return, 4.25%, 2026/12/01	2.1
PepsiCo, Inc., Callable, 2.15%, 2024/05/06	2.0
Liberty TripAdvisor Holdings Inc., Convertible, Puttable, 0.50%, 2051/06/30	1.7
Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Corporation, Callable, 5.25%, 2029/06/01	1.6
McDonald's Corporation, Callable, 3.13%, 2025/03/05	1.6
W&T Offshore, Inc., Callable, 11.75%, 2026/02/01	1.6
United States Treasury, Inflation Indexed, 1.75%, 2028/01/15	1.5
Varex Imaging Corporation, Callable, 7.88%, 2027/10/15	1.5
Beacon Roofing Supply Inc., Callable, 4.50%, 2026/11/15	1.4
Esperion Therapeutics, Inc., Callable, 4.00%, 2025/11/15	1.4
SS&C Technologies, Inc., Callable, 5.50%, 2027/09/30	1.4
StoneCo Ltd., Callable, 3.95%, 2028/06/16	1.4
American Tire Distributors Inc., Term Loan, 11.49%, 2028/10/20	1.3
Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited, Callable, 3.95%, 2031/03/03	1.3
First Majestic Silver Corp., Callable, 0.38%, 2027/01/15	1.3
OPKO Health, Inc., Callable, 4.50%, 2025/02/15	1.3
Cameco Corporation, Callable, 2.95%, 2027/10/21	1.2
McDermott International Ltd., Term Loan, 6.15%, 2025/06/30	1.2
Paratek Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Callable, 4.75%, 2024/05/01	1.2
Science Applications International Corp., Callable, 4.88%, 2028/04/01	1.2
Tronox Inc., Callable, 4.63%, 2029/03/15	1.2
Waste Management of Canada Corporation, Callable, 2.60%, 2026/09/23	1.2
Bandwidth Inc., Convertible, Callable, 0.50%, 2028/04/01	1.1
SFL Corporation Ltd., Callable, 7.25%, 2026/05/12	1.1

## Composition of the Portfolio

	% of Net Assets
US corporate bonds and loans	51.7
Canadian corporate bonds and loans	17.4
Government bonds	9.2
Foreign corporate bonds and loans	8.0
Preferred shares	4.9
Closed end funds	2.9
Common shares	1.5
Warrants	0.1
Total investments	95.7
Derivative assets	0.6
Total investment portfolio	96.3
Cash	3.8
Other assets less liabilities	(0.1)
Total net assets	100.0

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#### **Caution Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

This report contains forward-looking statements about the Fund, including its strategy, prospects and further actions. Forward-looking statements include statements that are predictive in nature, that depend upon or refer to future events or conditions, or that include words such as "expects", "anticipates", "intends", "plans", "believes", "estimates", or negative versions thereof and similar expressions.

In addition, any statement made concerning future performance, strategies or prospects, and possible future Fund action is also a forward-looking statement. Forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and projections about future events and are inherently subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions about the Fund and economic factors, among other things.

Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance, and actual events and results could differ materially from those expressed or implied in any forward-looking statements. Any number of important factors could contribute to these digressions, including, but not limited to: geopolitical events, general economic, political and market factors in North America and internationally; including the collapse of banks; interest and foreign exchange rates and the measures taken by central banks to manage inflation; global equity and capital markets; business competition; technological change; changes in government regulations; unexpected judicial or regulatory proceedings; pandemics and catastrophic events.

We stress that the above-mentioned list of important factors is not exhaustive. We encourage you to consider these and other factors carefully before making any investment decisions and we urge you to avoid placing undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Further, except as may be required under applicable law, the Manager has no specific intention of updating any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, prior to the release of the next Management Report of Fund Performance.



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