

Series MF Fundamental - Canadian Core Plus Fixed Income As of May 31, 2025

### **Key Reasons to Invest**

- Seeks to provide income, capital preservation and liquidity.
- Use as a component of a diversified fixed income core, or to lower interest rate risk with a shorter duration than traditional bonds.

### **Investment Objective**

The Fund's objective is to provide maximum income while preserving capital and liquidity. It invests primarily in short-term instruments, government guaranteed securities and corporate paper with a minimum A credit rating.

#### **Investment Strategy**

The Fund invests primarily in cash and short-term instruments such as government guaranteed securities, bankers acceptance and corporate paper.

The Fund may also invest in foreign securities, which will vary from time to time. Foreign securities are not typically expected to exceed 49% of the net assets of the Fund at the time of purchase.

Overall Morningstar Rating <sup>TM 1</sup>	***
Morningstar Category	Canadian Core Plus Fixed Income
Performance Start Date (PSD)	October 3, 1994
Overall Fund Net Assets	\$23.9 million
MER <sup>2</sup>	1.10%
Trading Expense Ratio	0.00%
Risk Profile	Low Med High

**Benchmark** Bloomberg Canada Aggregate 1-5 Year Index

#### **Fund Codes**

Series	CAD	USD*
MF	223	523
F	865	765

<sup>\*</sup> Effective April 26, 2023 the USD series is closed to all investors

### Distributions (Series MF)

	2024	2023	2022
\$Amount/ Unit	N/A	N/A	N/A
As Declared <sup>3</sup>			

Please refer to AGF.com for distribution information.

The Overall Morningstar Ratings™ and Morningstar Quartile Rankings are series specific as inception date, performance and fee characteristics vary by series. The Overall Morningstar Rating™ measures risk-adjusted returns and is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its 3-, 5- and 10-year (if applicable) rating metrics.

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<sup>3</sup> The distribution is not guaranteed, may be adjusted from time to time at the discretion of the fund manager and may vary from payment to payment.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}$  Compared with 115 funds in the Canadian Core Plus Fixed Income category as of May 31, 2025.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> MER as of March 31, 2025. AGFI may, in its discretion, temporarily waive some or all of the expenses of the Fund, which will result in a reduction in the MER. AGFI may cease to offer any such waiver at any time without notice.



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### Net Compound Returns (CAD) (%)

	1 MO.	3 MO.	6 MO.	YTD	1 YR.	2 YR.	3 YR.	5 YR.	10 YR.	PSD†
Fund	0.0	-0.1	1.6	1.4	6.2	5.2	3.6	1.3	1.2	1.5
Morningstar Quartile Ranking*	4	1	1	1	4	2	2	1	3	-
Number of Funds in the Category	121	121	121	121	120	119	115	97	66	-

<sup>\*</sup> Performance start date as of October 3, 1994. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Rates of return for greater than one year have been annualized.

### Net Annual Returns (CAD) (%)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Fund	5.7	4.4	-4.5	-2.0	4.4	2.0	0.9	-0.2	0.7	0.4
Morningstar Quartile Ranking*	2	4	3	4	3	4	3	3	3	4
Number of Funds in the Category	240	235	232	239	258	251	233	222	205	210

Past performance is not indicative of future results.

### Top 10 Holdings (% of Total Net Assets)

Total Holdings: 41

Company Name	Country	Weight
Government of Canada 1.00% June 1, 2027	Canada	13.25%
Government of United States of America 4.375% May 15, 2034	United States	5.19%
Government of Canada 3.00% June 1, 2034	Canada	5.15%
Province of Ontario 2.25% December 2, 2031	Canada	4.96%
Government of Canada 0.50% December 1, 2030	Canada	3.97%
Canada Housing Trust No. 1 3.10% June 15, 2028	Canada	3.86%
Government of Canada 3.50% September 1, 2029	Canada	3.80%
Government of Canada 3.25% September 1, 2028	Canada	3.30%
Province of Ontario 3.40% September 8, 2028	Canada	2.88%
Laurentian Bank of Canada 4.192% January 23, 2028	Canada	2.35%
Total		48.7%

<sup>\*</sup>Canadian Core Plus Fixed Income as of May 31, 2025. Category, ratings, and/or ranking information are subject to change monthly.

Morningstar Quartile Rankings are calculated as of May 31, 2025. They are calculated based on the Fund's total return percentile rank compared to other funds in the Morningstar Canadian Core Plus Fixed Income category. Percentile ranks are then mapped into quartiles with (1) representing 1-25, (2) representing 26-50, (3) representing 51-75 and (4) representing 76-100 percentile ranks.



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### **Credit Mix**

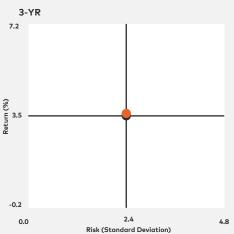
	Portfolio
AAA	34.2%
AA	16.9%
A	13.4%
BBB	28.4%
BB	1.8%
В	0.4%
Cash	4.7%

### **Sector Allocation**

	Portfolio
Financial Institutions	31.0%
Consumer Cyclical	6.5%
Communications	4.2%
Capital Goods	2.0%
Utility	1.9%
Energy	1.1%
Technology	0.4%

Sector allocation is based on the exposure of corporate securities in the Fund.

### Risk vs. Returns 3-YR



- AGF Short-Term Income Class
- Funds in the Morningstar Canadian Core Plus Fixed Income category<sup>^</sup>

### **Investment Mix**

	Portfolio
Canadian Treasuries	29.5%
Government Agencies/Supranational	3.9%
Foreign Treasury	7.0%
Local Authority	7.8%
Corporates	47.2%
Cash	4.7%

### **Fixed Income Allocation**

	Portfolio
Corporate	47.2%
Treasury	36.4%
Government-Related	11.7%
Cash	4.7%

<sup>^</sup> Morningstar category performance is calculated as the average return of a portfolio constructed of all series of all funds in the category as of the end of each month.

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### **Country Allocation**

	Portfolio
Canada	82.4%
United States	10.8%
Germany	2.0%
Cash	4.7%

### **Currency Allocation**

	Portfolio
Canadian Dollar	99.7%
Other	0.3%

### **Portfolio Characteristics**

	Portfolio
Payment Frequency	As Declared
Series Distribution - Trailing 12 Months	0.00%
Current Yield	3.5%
Yield to Maturity	3.5%
Average Term to Maturity	3.5
Modified Duration	3.1
Average Credit Quality	A+
Turnover	59.7%

#### **Risk Characteristics**

(3 & 5 Year Annualized)

Portfolio	3-Year	5-Year
Standard Deviation	2.4%	2.4%
Sharpe Ratio	-0.21	-0.52
Beta	0.93	0.96
Tracking Error	0.6%	0.5%
Upside Capture	90.4%	86.9%
Downside Capture	93.5%	101.3%

Morningstar Canadian Core Plus Fixed Income Category^	3-Year	5-Year
Standard Deviation	6.0%	5.7%
Sharpe Ratio	-0.07	-0.33
Beta	0.93	0.92

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### **Portfolio Managers**



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AGF Investments Inc.

- Industry Exp: since 1996
- Firm Exp: since 2011



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Portfolio Manager AGF Investments Inc. • Industry Exp: since 2012 • Firm Exp: since 2016

### **Investment Team/Resources**



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- Industry Exp: since 2016
- Firm Exp: since 2023

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#### **Term Definitions**

#### **Average Credit Quality**

A weighted average of credit ratings on all fixed income securities in a portfolio.

#### **Average Term to Maturity**

Average remaining time of each security or instrument in a portfolio to reach its maturity.

#### Beta

A measure of a fund's sensitivity to market movements (as represented by a benchmark index). The benchmark index has a Beta of 1.0. A Beta of more (less) than 1.0 indicates that a fund's historical returns have fluctuated more (less) than the benchmark index. For example, a Beta of 1.10 shows that the fund performed 10% better than its benchmark index in up markets and 10% worse in down markets, assuming all other factors remain constant.

#### **Current Yield**

The annual income (interest or dividend) of a security divided by its price. The current yield of a portfolio is the weighted average of the current yield of the applicable holdings in a portfolio.

#### **Downside Capture (Ratio)**

The Downside Capture Ratio is calculated by taking the portfolio's return and dividing it by the benchmark's return in periods when the benchmark return was negative. A Downside Capture Ratio of less than 100% is considered desirable.

#### Management Expense Ratio (MER)

The Management Expense Ratio, commonly referred to as MER, is a measure of the total expenses (fees and other costs) borne by the mutual fund or ETF, expressed as a percentage of the fund's net asset value. The ratio is calculated by dividing the total annual expenses by the average net asset value of the fund for the given year.

#### **Modified Duration**

A measure of the sensitivity of a bond's price to changes in interest rates. The modified duration of a portfolio is the weighted average of the modified duration of the applicable holdings in a portfolio.

#### **Risk Profile**

The Risk Profile is based on the historical volatility of a fund, as measured by the 10-year annualized standard deviation of the 10-year average returns of the fund. The investment risk level is required to be determined in accordance with the Canadian Securities Administrators' standardized risk classification methodology.

#### **Sharpe Ratio**

Sharpe Ratio characterizes how well the return of a fund compensates the investor for each unit of absolute risk they assume, as measured by the Standard Deviation of the fund. The greater a fund's Sharpe Ratio, the better its risk-adjusted performance has been.

#### **Standard Deviation**

A statistical measure of the range/dispersion of a fund's performance. The more variable the returns, the larger the Standard Deviation. When a fund has a high Standard Deviation, it means that its range of performance was wide for the given period, i.e. greater historical volatility. Standard Deviation does not predict the future volatility of a fund.

#### **Tracking Error**

The Tracking Error represents a fund manager's added value variability. It reports the difference between the return received and that of the benchmark being compared to. It is reported as a Standard Deviation percentage difference.

#### Trading Expense Ratio (TER)

The total gross expenses divided by the fund's average net assets.



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#### **Term Definitions**

#### Turnover (Ratio)

The portfolio Turnover Ratio is the rate at which assets in a fund are bought and sold by the portfolio managers. It is calculated as the minimum of securities bought or sold divided by the average assets over the period.

#### **Upside Capture (Ratio)**

The Upside Capture Ratio is calculated by taking the portfolio's return and dividing it by the benchmark's return in periods when the benchmark return was positive. An Upside Capture Ratio of greater than 100% is considered desirable.

### **Yield to Maturity**

The annual rate of return anticipated on a bond if it is held until the maturity date. The yield to maturity of a portfolio is the weighted average of the yield to maturity of the applicable holdings in a portfolio.

#### Yield to Put

The total return anticipated on a bond if it is held to its earliest possible put date (i.e., the date that the bondholder has the option to sell the bond back to the issuer).