

Series MF Fundamental - Global Core Plus Fixed Income As of March 31, 2025

# **Key Reasons to Invest**

- The Fund's 'go-anywhere' mandate enables the team to be tactical and focus on what
  we believe to be the most attractive fixed income opportunities from around the world.
- The Fund offers the potential for higher yields than traditional bonds with exposure to a range of fixed income securities including high yield bonds, convertible bonds and emerging market bonds.
- Managed by a seasoned fixed income team, including portfolio managers Tristan Sones and Tom Nakamura who both have over 25 years of industry experience.

# **Investment Objective**

The Fund's objective is to provide interest income and capital appreciation by investing in debt securities of governments and other issuers around the world.

# **Investment Strategy**

The portfolio manager seeks to maximize the total return of the portfolio through a bottom-up approach to corporate bond selection and a top-down approach to country allocation, category allocation and duration management. The portfolio manager looks for bond issues that provide an attractive return relative to the risk of each credit.

The Fund may also invest in below investment grade government and corporate debt, i.e., a credit rating below BBB from Standard & Poor's (or an equivalent rating from another rating agency).

Overall Morningstar \*\*\* Rating<sup>TM 1</sup> Global Core Plus **Morningstar Category** Fixed Income Performance Start Date July 9, 2001 (PSD) **Overall Fund Net Assets** \$2,222.4 million MER<sup>2</sup> 1.71% **Trading Expense Ratio** 0.00% Risk Profile

Benchmark 40% Bloomberg Global High-Yield Bond Index (Hedged to CAD) / 40% Bloomberg Emerging Markets Bond Index (Hedged to CAD) / 20% Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index

### Fund Codes/Ticker

Series	CAD	USD
MF	792	492
V	3037	
F	824	724
Q	1211	
W	1421	
ETF	ATRB	

# Distributions (Series MF)

	2024	2023	2022
\$Amount/ Unit	0.11	0.07	0.07
Monthly Frequency <sup>3</sup>			

Please refer to AGF.com for distribution information.

# **Management Fee Tiers**

	\$100K- \$250K	\$250K- \$500K	\$500K- \$1M	\$1M- \$3M	>\$3M
Series Q	0.75	0.725	0.70	0.675	0.67
Series W	0.60	0.575	0.55	0.525	0.52

AGF Global Bond Fund merged into AGF Total Return Bond Fund on May 15, 2020. The merger may have material effect on the performance of the fund.

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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 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  Compared with 253 funds in the Global Core Plus Fixed Income category as of March 31, 2025.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> MER as of September 30, 2024. 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;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.



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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 <sup>†</sup>
Fund	-1.0	0.6	-0.5	0.6	3.4	2.5	0.9	0.9	0.9	4.3
Morningstar Quartile Ranking††	4	4	3	4	4	4	3	2	2	-
Number of Funds in the Category	324	324	322	324	316	295	253	190	85	-

<sup>\*</sup> Performance start date as of July 9, 2001. 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	3.1	3.3	-8.4	-2.0	4.8	3.4	-0.3	2.6	4.3	1.4
Morningstar Quartile Ranking <sup>††</sup>	4	4	2	3	3	3	2	4	4	2
Number of Funds in the Category	280	258	157	156	171	167	147	128	80	45

Past performance is not indicative of future results.

Morningstar Quartile Rankings are calculated as of March 31, 2025 and subject to change monthly. They are calculated based on the Fund's total return percentile rank compared to other funds in the Morningstar Global 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.

# Top 10 Holdings (% of Total Net Assets)

Total Holdings: 277

Company Name	Country	Weight
Government of United States of America 4.625% February 15, 2035	United States	7.52%
Federal Republic of Germany 2.50% February 15, 2035	Germany	3.83%
Government of United States of America 4.00% March 31, 2030	United States	3.63%
Federal Republic of Germany 2.40% April 18, 2030	Germany	3.44%
Government of United States of America 4.125% March 31, 2032	United States	2.86%
Government of United States of America 4.25% November 15, 2034	United States	2.80%
Government of United States of America Treasury Bill 0.00% April 29, 2025	United States	2.58%
Government of Spain 3.15% April 30, 2035	Spain	2.12%
Government of United States of America 4.75% February 15, 2045	United States	2.10%
Government of United States of America Inflation Index Linked 0.625% July 15, 2032	United States	2.05%
Total		32.9%

<sup>\*\*</sup>The Morningstar category for the Fund changed from High Yield Fixed Income to Global Fixed Income on January 31, 2019, and from Global Fixed Income to Multi-Sector Fixed Income on March 31, 2023.



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## **Credit Mix**

	Portfolio
AAA	19.4%
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A	13.9%
BBB	12.1%
BB	5.2%
В	4.6%
CCC or Lower	3.3%
Cash	0.3%
Non Rated & Other	12.0%

## **Sector Allocation**

	Portfolio
Financial Institutions	6.8%
Energy	3.7%
Consumer Non-Cyclical	3.5%
Basic Industry	3.3%
Consumer Cyclical	3.2%
Communications	2.7%
Capital Goods	1.9%
Utility	1.1%
Technology	1.0%
Other Industrial	0.7%
Transportation	0.3%

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

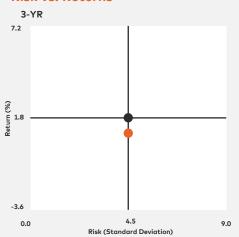
## **Investment Mix**

	Portfolio
Sovereign (Developed)	54.7%
Investment Grade Corporates	15.6%
High Yield Corporates	10.2%
Sovereign (Emerging Markets Local Currency)	3.2%
Sovereign (Emerging Markets External)	3.2%
Convertible Bonds/Preferred Shares	1.8%
Cash	0.3%
Other	11.0%

# **Fixed Income Allocation**

	Portfolio
Treasury	55.4%
Corporate	27.6%
Short Term	10.5%
Government-Related	6.1%
Securitized	0.2%
Cash	0.3%
Other	-0.1%

### Risk vs. Returns



- AGF Total Return Bond Fund
- Funds in the Morningstar Global Core Plus Fixed Income category<sup>^</sup>

<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
United States	54.5%
Germany	10.3%
Canada	10.2%
Japan	2.9%
Spain	2.6%
Supranational <sup>§</sup>	2.2%
Australia	2.0%
Cash	0.3%
Other	14.9%

# **Currency Allocation**

	Portfolio
Canadian Dollar	75.5%
US Dollar	10.3%
Euro	3.1%
New Turkish Lira	2.1%
Other	9.0%

# **Portfolio Characteristics**

	Portfolio
Payment Frequency	Monthly
Series Distribution - Trailing 12 Months	4.50%
Current Yield	3.6%
Yield to Maturity	5.0%
Average Term to Maturity	6.3
Modified Duration	4.9
Average Credit Quality	А
Turnover	236.5%

## **Risk Characteristics**

(3 & 5 Year Annualized)

Portfolio	3-Year	5-Year
Standard Deviation	4.5%	4.3%
Sharpe Ratio	-0.68	-0.36
Beta	0.56	0.59
Tracking Error	3.7%	3.3%
Upside Capture	51.2%	53.7%
Downside Capture	72.4%	68.4%

Morningstar Global Core Plus Fixed Income Category^	3-Year	5-Year
Standard Deviation	5.9%	5.5%
Sharpe Ratio	-0.32	-0.24
Beta	0.74	0.59

<sup>§</sup> A supranational organization is an international group or union in which the power and influence of member states transcend national boundaries or interests to share in decision making and vote on issues concerning the collective body.

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# **Investment Management Team**

The AGF Investments Fixed Income team is a multi-disciplinary team that manages assets on behalf of retail and institutional clients. We seek added value in fixed income by leveraging our long-tenured expertise in our core competencies. We focus on strategically allocating across fixed-income categories and currencies. We believe our strengths lie in the use of global fixed-income specialists to capture potential investment opportunities and that our disciplined methodology, using models and fundamental research, enables us to identify inefficiencies across global fixed-income markets.

### **Portfolio Managers**



Tristan Sones, CFA®

Co-Head of Fixed Income & Portfolio Manager AGF Investments Inc.

- Industry Exp: since 1993
- Firm Exp: since 1993



#### Tom Nakamura, CFA®

Co-Head of Fixed Income, Currency Strategy & Portfolio Manager AGF Investments Inc.

- Industry Exp: since 1998
- Firm Exp: since 1998

### **Investment Team/Resources**



### David Stonehouse, MBA, CFA®

Head of North American & Specialty Investments & Portfolio Manager

AGF Investments Inc.

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



### Jean-Sébastien Nadeau, MBA, CFA®

Portfolio Manager

- AGF Investments Inc.
- Industry Exp: since 2012
- Firm Exp: since 2016



# Daniel Chivu, CIM

Multi-Asset Portfolio Specialist

AGF Investments Inc.

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

### Fixed Income Analyst Team

**Jie Shi, MFE** Analyst

Sherry Xu, MBA, CFA® Foreign Exchange Analyst



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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).