

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

### **Key Reasons to Invest**

- Employs a core "plus" strategy utilizing multiple alternative fixed-income asset classes to provide greater diversification and higher potential yields.
- Use as a core fixed income holding that invests in high-quality Canadian government and corporate fixed-income securities and has the flexibility to hold high-yield bonds, convertibles and foreign debt.

## **Investment Objective**

The Fund's objective is to provide steady income to investors by investing primarily in fixed-income securities.

### **Investment Strategy**

To meet these objectives, the Fund may invest in units of AGF Fixed Income Plus Fund. The Fund may also invest directly in securities similar to those held by AGF Fixed Income Plus Fund where the portfolio manager believes it would be beneficial to securityholders to do so.

The portfolio manager invests primarily in high-quality Canadian government and corporate fixed income securities with maturities in excess of one year. This Fund may also invest in convertibles and high yield bonds. The Fund may invest up to approximately 49% of its assets (at market value at time of purchase) in foreign (non-Canadian) securities.

The portfolio manager looks for government or corporate securities with a history of steady interest or distribution payouts. In the portfolio manager's opinion, these securities have the ability to sustain the payouts for a reasonable period of time and are favourably priced with respect to these payout expectations.

Overall Morningstar Rating $^{\text{TM}1}$	**
Morningstar Category	Canadian Core Plus Fixed Income
Performance Start Date (PSD)	May 25, 2016
Overall Fund Net Assets	\$510.7 million
MER <sup>2</sup>	1.55%
Trading Expense Ratio	0.00%
Risk Profile	Low Med High

**Benchmark** Bloomberg Canada Aggregate Index

### **Fund Codes**

Series	CAD
MF	4090
F	5035
Q	1249
w	1416

## Distributions (Series MF)

	2024	2023	2022
\$Amount/ Unit	N/A	N/A	N/A
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Please refer to AGF.com for distribution information.

### Management Fee Tiers

	\$100K- \$250K	\$250K- \$500K	\$500K- \$1M	\$1M- \$3M	>\$3M
Series Q	0.60	0.575	0.55	0.525	0.52
Series W	0.60	0.575	0.55	0.525	0.52

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.

Source: AGF Investments, Morningstar. This document is not complete without the end disclosures. See last two pages for term definitions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Compared with 122 funds in the Canadian 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†
Fund	-0.7	1.6	1.3	1.6	6.2	4.4	1.8	1.1	-	1.1
Morningstar Quartile Ranking	4	3	4	3	4	4	3	3	-	-
Number of Funds in the Category	132	132	131	132	129	128	122	104	-	-

<sup>\*</sup> Performance start date as of May 25, 2016. 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	3.8	6.4	-12.6	-3.1	9.7	5.6	-0.3	0.9	-	-
Morningstar Quartile Ranking	3	3	4	3	1	3	4	4	-	-
Number of Funds in the Category	522	516	526	517	518	552	510	582	-	-

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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 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.

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

Total Holdings: 256

Company Name	Country	Weight
Government of Canada 3.50% December 1, 2045	Canada	7.12%
Government of Canada 1.75% December 1, 2053	Canada	6.67%
Government of Canada 3.25% December 1, 2034	Canada	3.96%
Government of Canada 3.50% September 1, 2029	Canada	3.70%
Province of Ontario 2.90% December 2, 2046	Canada	3.05%
Government of United States of America 4.125% August 15, 2053	United States	2.97%
Government of United States of America 3.875% August 15, 2034	United States	2.90%
Province of Ontario 2.80% June 2, 2048	Canada	2.25%
Government of United States of America Inflation Index Linked 0.50% January 15, 2028	United States	1.94%
CPPIB Capital Inc. 4.30% June 2, 2034	Canada	1.84%
Total		36.4%

AGF Fixed Income Plus Class invests directly in units of AGF Fixed Income Plus Fund (the 'Underlying Fund'). The holdings represent the holdings of the Underlying Fund.

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## **Credit Mix**

	Portfolio
AAA	29.2%
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A	12.3%
BBB	24.9%
BB	3.8%
В	2.6%
CCC or Lower	1.0%
Cash	3.4%
Non Rated & Other	4.9%

### **Sector Allocation**

	Portfolio
Financial Institutions	15.8%
Consumer Cyclical	5.6%
Energy	5.2%
Communications	4.4%
Utility	4.2%
Transportation	3.7%
Consumer Non-Cyclical	2.4%
Technology	2.4%
Capital Goods	2.3%
Basic Industry	2.2%
Other Industrial	0.8%

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

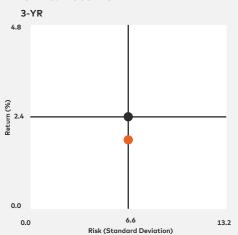
## **Investment Mix**

	Portfolio
Canadian Treasuries	21.4%
Government Agencies/Supranational	7.7%
Foreign Treasuries	8.7%
Local Authority	9.1%
Investment Grade Corporates	35.8%
Securitized	0.1%
High Yield	6.4%
Emerging Markets	0.6%
Convertible Securities	4.2%
Cash	3.4%
Other	2.6%

## **Fixed Income Allocation**

	Portfolio
Corporate	48.8%
Treasury	30.2%
Government-Related	16.8%
Securitized	0.1%
Cash	3.4%
Other	0.8%

### Risk vs. Returns



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

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<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.

The allocations are done on a look through basis whereby the proportionate portfolio characteristics of the securities held in the Underlying Fund are aggregated.



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## **Country Allocation**

	Portfolio
Canada	72.7%
United States	21.2%
Cash	3.4%
Other	2.7%

## **Currency Allocation**

	Portfolio
Canadian Dollar	97.9%
US Dollar	2.0%
Other	0.1%

## **Portfolio Characteristics**

	Portfolio
Payment Frequency	As Declared
Series Distribution - Trailing 12 Months	0.00%
Yield*	4.1%
Average Term to Maturity	10.9
Modified Duration	7.9
Average Credit Quality	А
Turnover	64.9%

## **Risk Characteristics**

(3 & 5 Year Annualized)

Portfolio	3-Year	5-Year
Standard Deviation	6.6%	6.3%
Sharpe Ratio	-0.33	-0.21
Beta	0.98	1.00
Tracking Error	1.1%	1.2%
Upside Capture	96.4%	103.1%
Downside Capture	103.1%	99.0%

Morningstar Canadian Core Plus Fixed Income Category^	3-Year	5-Year
Standard Deviation	6.4%	6.0%
Sharpe Ratio	-0.20	-0.12
Beta	0.95	0.94

<sup>\*</sup>The yield for mandatory convertible securities is current yield; the yield for optional convertibles is the greater of (current yield, yield to maturity and yield to put).

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## **Investment Management Team**

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### **Portfolio Managers**



### David Stonehouse, MBA, CFA®

Head of North American & Specialty Investments & Portfolio Manager

AGF Investments Inc.

• Industry Exp: since 1996 • Firm Exp: since 2011

# Investment Team/Resources



### 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



### Jean-Sébastien Nadeau, MBA, CFA®

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• 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

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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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### 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).