Annual Management Report of Fund Performance

# **AGF Fixed Income Plus Class**

September 30, 2024



# Management Discussion of Fund Performance

This management discussion of fund performance represents the portfolio management team's view of the significant factors and developments affecting the fund's performance and outlook.

#### **Investment Objective and Strategies**

As described in the Simplified Prospectus, the investment objective of AGF Fixed Income Plus Class (the "Fund") is to provide steady income to investors by investing primarily in fixed income securities. To achieve this objective, the Fund currently invests in units of AGF Fixed Income Plus Fund (the "Underlying Fund") and may also invest directly in securities similar to those held by the Underlying Fund. AGF Investments Inc. ("AGFI"), as 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. The Fund may also invest in convertibles, high yield bonds and floating rate loans as well as up to approximately 49% of its assets (at market value at time of purchase) in foreign securities. During periods of market downturn or for other reasons, a significant portion of the Fund's assets may be held in cash, cash equivalents or fixed income securities.

#### Risk

The risks of investing in the Fund remain as disclosed in the current prospectus. Any changes to the Fund over the period have not affected the overall level of risk of the Fund.

The Fund continues to be suitable for income-oriented investors investing for the short to medium term and who have low tolerance for risk. The suitability of the Fund has not changed from what has been disclosed in the prospectus.

#### **Results of Operations**

For the year ended September 30, 2024, the Mutual Fund Shares of the Fund returned 12.3% (net of expenses) while the Bloomberg Canada Aggregate Index returned 12.7%. The performance of the other series of the Fund is substantially similar to that of the Mutual Fund Shares, save for differences in expense structure. Refer to "Past Performance" section for performance information of such series.

The Fund holds Series I Units of the Underlying Fund, a fund managed by AGFI. The discussion below references performance figures for Mutual Fund Units of the Underlying Fund. The performance of Series I Units is substantially similar to that of Mutual Fund Units, save for differences in expense structure. On an expense-adjusted basis, the Fund out-performed the Bloomberg Canada Aggregate Index due to the Underlying Fund's security selection. However, the Underlying Fund's curve positioning and tactical adjustments to duration have been a negative contributor over the reporting period. Duration is a measure of the sensitivity of the portfolio to changes in interest rates.

The Underlying Fund's largest positive contribution came from an overweight allocation to corporate bonds, as economic resilience and tight credit spreads over the reporting period provided momentum to corporate credit and other higher beta assets. Beta measures the relative volatility of the value of a security compared with that of a market index. Furthermore, security selection within the category provided an additional boost to performance. The Underlying Fund focuses on corporate bonds with attractive valuations (i.e. wide credit spreads versus underlying government bonds) and solid financials. The Underlying Fund was able to generate additional alpha through its out-ofbenchmark component made up of high yield and convertible bonds, which benefitted from strong economic data and are less sensitive to moves in interest rates. Alpha is the excess return of the portfolio over the benchmark.

The Underlying Fund's overall exposure to Canadian government bonds also contributed to performance on a relative basis, despite being significantly underweight the benchmark exposure, aided primarily by security selection in the government guaranteed and local authority categories. The Underlying Fund's security selection in Canadian treasuries positively contributed to overall performance, as the Underlying Fund had exposure to longer duration treasuries which out-performed shorter duration on a relative basis. On the other hand, the Underlying Fund's largest detractor from overall performance came from an out-of-benchmark positioning in foreign exchange and credit derivatives.

The Underlying Fund entered into foreign exchange forward contracts during the period under review. As of September 30, 2024, the Underlying Fund was long Canadian dollar and short Pound Sterling and U.S. dollar in order to hedge its currency exposure.

The Fund had net subscriptions of approximately \$193 million for the current period, as compared to net subscriptions of approximately \$33 million in the prior period. The portfolio manager does not believe that subscription activity had a meaningful impact on the Fund's performance or the ability to implement its investment strategy.

Total expenses before foreign withholding taxes, commissions and other portfolio transaction costs vary period over period mainly as a result of changes in average Net Asset Values (see Explanatory Note (1) a)) and investor

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

activity, such as number of investor accounts and transactions. The increase in management fees accounted for most of the increase in expenses during the period when compared to the previous period due to an increase in average Net Asset Values. Shareholder servicing and administrative fees also increased during the period as a result of the increased average Net Asset Values. Registration fees increased due to an increase in subscription activity and interest expense decreased due to a decrease in overdraft positions throughout the period. The decrease in independent review committee fees was due to variances between the accrued amounts versus the actual expenses incurred in the previous period. All other expenses remained fairly consistent throughout the periods.

#### **Recent Developments**

During the reporting period, global bond markets delivered positive returns amid variable economic data, geopolitical conflicts and actions taken by central banks. Inflation rates in major economies remained sticky for most of the reporting period, although they began to ease towards the end of the reporting period, driven by a decline in energy prices. Headline inflation in Canada decelerated for the third straight month, reaching 2.0% in August 2024 and aligning with the Bank of Canada's ("BoC") target for the first time in over three years. The BoC announced three back-to-back interest rate cuts of 0.25% in its June, July and September 2024 meetings, bringing its overnight lending rate down to 4.25%. The move further indicated that the central bank is in a "cutting phase" in response to easing inflation and a meaningful rise in unemployment.

Consumer price inflation ("CPI") in Canada, recorded at 3.1% in October 2023, declined significantly year-on-year over the reporting period. The reading for August 2024 came in below market expectations of 2.1%. This slowdown was partly driven by a reduction in gasoline prices, resulting from both lower current prices and base-year effects. Additionally, prices for clothing and footwear decreased for the eighth month in a row. At the same time, inflation for shelter costs showed signs of easing. Core inflation also cooled to 1.5% in August 2024 from 2.7% in October 2023, reaching its lowest level since March 2021. Gross domestic product ("GDP") growth over the reporting period has been relatively weak and mostly attributed to population growth. Despite the expanding consumer base, GDP growth numbers are below the BoC's forecasts, suggesting continued weakness in consumer spending, and the potential need for further rate cuts ahead.

The U.S. Federal Reserve (the "Fed") made a significant move in September 2024 by implementing its first rate cut in four years, lowering the Fed target rate by 0.50% to 4.75%-5.00%. This decision marked the beginning of a new monetary easing cycle, which remains data dependent. U.S economic growth remained resilient over the reporting period and growing at a 3.0% annualized rate as of the second calendar quarter of 2024. The growth was driven by consumer spending, private inventory investment, nonresidential fixed investment and imports. August 2024 also saw the largest downward revision in employment numbers in the last 15 years, putting into question the apparent strength of the job market. However, non-farm payrolls increased by 254,000 in September 2024, while the unemployment rate decreased from 4.2% in August to 4.1% in September, suggesting continued resilience. Still, the revision was significant enough to capture the Federal Open Market Committee's attention, which partly based its decision to cut by 0.5% on the gathering slack in the labour market.

CPI slowed for the fifth consecutive month to 2.5% in August year-on-year, below market expectations of 2.6%. This was primarily driven by lower energy costs and easing inflation for food and transportation. Core inflation stood at an over three-year low of 3.2% in August, matching July's figure and aligning with forecasts. Year-on-year personal consumption expenditures ("PCE") inflation came in at 2.2% in August 2024, the lowest since February 2021 and below forecasts of 2.3%. Core PCE inflation also eased over the reporting period, coming in at 2.7% in August 2024 compared to 3.4% in October 2023.

U.S. treasury yields were volatile over the reporting period but declined towards the end amid increased investors' expectations of rate cuts during the third calendar quarter of 2024. The U.S. 10-year treasury yield decreased from 4.57% to 3.78% over the reporting period, and the 2-year treasury yield fell from 5.03% to 3.66%. The 10-year versus 2-year treasury yield spread tightened over the reporting period, and the yield curve became positively sloped entering September 2024, reflecting growing optimism for longer term economic growth. The U.S. Dollar Index weakened over the period despite a broadly resilient economic backdrop, as the market started an early pricing-in of the Fed's eventual rate cut in September.

Global investment grade and high yield bonds saw positive returns over the reporting period amid a declining inflation profile and stronger-than-anticipated growth in select markets. Meanwhile, the Canada 10-year bond yield declined from 4.03% to 2.96% and the yield on the 2-year bond dropped from 4.87% to 2.91% over the reporting period, also returning to a positive slope. Credit spreads tightened considerably during the reporting period and most credit categories out-performed government bonds on higher yields versus their safer counterparts.

The European Central Bank ("ECB") reduced the deposit facility rate by 0.25% to 3.50% in its September 2024 meeting to ease monetary policy restrictions. The ECB also lowered interest rates on the main refinancing operations and the marginal lending facility to 3.65% and 3.90% respectively, effective September 18. Previously, the central bank cut interest rates by 0.25% in June 2024 to spur growth in the European Union. Inflation in the Eurozone eased to 2.2% in August 2024, the lowest since July 2021. This resulted from falling prices for energy and slowing inflation for nonenergy industrial goods. Core inflation slowed to 2.8% in August 2024 from 4.2% in October 2023. Among the largest economies in the bloc, inflation declined in Germany, France, Italy and Spain during the reporting period. Over the period, even though the Eurozone's manufacturing purchasing managers' index ("PMI") rose, factory activity declined in September amid the market downturn in France and Germany, reaching its lowest level in the first nine months of

2024. The PMI measures the economic health of the manufacturing sector and is compiled based on new orders, inventory levels, production, supplier deliveries and employment environment. This decline marked over two years of monthly contractions in factory activity in the bloc. The expansion in the services PMI slowed in September, but on the whole, the sector activity continued to expand for the eighth consecutive month.

As of the end of the reporting period, the Canadian yield curve is currently flat to slightly positive, as a result of shortterm rates having come down significantly during the last two calendar quarters. Recent economic growth data has come below the BoC's forecast, while the unemployment rate has continued its upward slope, even in the absence of significant job losses. This puts the BoC in a position to continue cutting rates into the end of the year, as inflation is forecasted to remain benign.

The portfolio manager remains selective from a credit perspective, emphasizing quality corporate bonds whose business models appear highly capable of supporting debt payments. Furthermore, the portfolio manager continues to focus on overall yield, as overall corporate yields remain elevated relative to norms in the last two decades. In the current environment, the portfolio manager is confident that the current positioning is capable of delivering an attractive and competitive yield.

The Mutual Fund Series and Series Q Shares of the Fund are re-opened to new investors effective June 4, 2024. These series were previously capped in 2023, though they have remained in existence and available for investment by existing investors, including those with systematic investment plans, during the interim period.

#### **Related Party Transactions**

AGFI is the manager ("Manager") of the Fund. Pursuant to the management agreement between the Fund and AGFI, AGFI is responsible for the day-to-day business of the Fund. AGFI also acts as the investment (portfolio) manager, managing the investment portfolio of the Fund. Under the management agreement, the Fund (except for Series I, Series O, Series Q and Series W Shares, if applicable) pays management fees, calculated based on the Net Asset Value of the respective series of the Fund. Management fees of approximately \$1,900,000 were incurred by the Fund during the period ended September 30, 2024.

Certain operating expenses relating to registrar and transfer agency services are paid directly by AGFI and in exchange, a fixed rate administration fee is payable by the Mutual Fund Series, Series F, Series FV, Series I, Series T and Series V Shares, as applicable, of the Fund. The administration fee is calculated based on the Net Asset Value of the respective series of the Fund at a fixed annual rate, as disclosed in the current prospectus. Administration fees of approximately \$119,000 were incurred by the Fund during the period ended September 30, 2024.

AGFI is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of AGF Management Limited.

## **Caution Regarding Forward-looking Statements**

This report may contain forward-looking statements about the Fund, including its strategy, expected performance and condition. 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 that may be 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, among other things, risks, uncertainties and assumptions about the Fund and economic factors.

The forward-looking statements are by their nature based on numerous assumptions, which include, amongst other things, that (i) the Fund can attract and maintain investors and has sufficient capital under management to effect its investment strategies, (ii) the investment strategies will produce the results intended by the portfolio manager, and (iii) the markets will react and perform in a manner consistent with the investment strategies. Although the forward-looking statements contained herein are based upon what the portfolio manager believes to be reasonable assumptions, the portfolio manager cannot assure that actual results will be consistent with these forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance, and actual events and results could differ materially from those expressed or implied in any forwardlooking statements made by the Fund. Any number of important factors could contribute to these digressions, including, but not limited to, general economic, political and market factors in North America and internationally, interest and foreign exchange rates, global equity and capital markets, business competition, taxation, changes in government regulations, unexpected judicial or regulatory proceedings, technological changes, cybersecurity, the possible effects of war or terrorist activities, outbreaks of disease or illness that affect local, national or international economies (such as COVID-19), natural disasters and disruptions to public infrastructure, such as transportation, communications, power or water supply or other catastrophic events.

It should be stressed that the above-mentioned list of factors is not exhaustive. You are encouraged to consider these and other factors carefully before making any investment decisions and you are urged to avoid placing undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Further, you should be aware of the fact that the Fund 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.

# **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 five years as applicable.

## Mutual Fund Shares - Net Assets per Share<sup>(1)</sup>

For the periods ended	Sept 30, 2024 (\$)	Sept 30, 2023 (\$)	Sept 30, 2022 (\$)	Sept 30, 2021 (\$)	Sept 30, 2020 (\$)
Net Assets, beginning of period <sup>(1)</sup>	9.71	9.80	11.20	11.44	10.70
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenue	0.42	0.36	0.30	0.34	0.34
Total expenses	(0.16)	(0.15)	(0.16)	(0.18)	(0.17
Realized gains (losses)	(0.03)	(0.18)	(0.12)	0.04	0.02
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.96	(0.11)	(1.42)	(0.44)	0.58
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup>	1.19	(0.08)	(1.40)	(0.24)	0.77
Distributions:					
From income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
Total annual distributions <sup>(3)</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Net Assets, end of period <sup>(4)</sup>	10.91	9.71	9.80	11.20	11.44

# Mutual Fund Shares - Ratios/Supplemental Data<sup>(1)</sup>

For the periods ended	Sept 30, 2024	Sept 30, 2023	Sept 30, 2022	Sept 30, 2021	Sept 30, 2020
Total Net Asset Value (\$000's)	27.778	25.751	27.024	33.831	29.780
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Number of shares outstanding (000's)	2,547	2,651	2,758	3,021	2,602
Management expense ratio <sup>(5)</sup>	1.55%	1.58%	1.59%	1.59%	1.62%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>(6)</sup>	1.55%	1.58%	1.59%	1.59%	1.62%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(7)</sup>	0.00%	0.01%	0.01%	0.03%	0.00%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(8)</sup>	3.74%	17.34%	15.25%	9.88%	11.56%
Net Asset Value per share	10.91	9.71	9.80	11.20	11.44

#### Series F Shares - Net Assets per Share<sup>(1)</sup>

For the periods ended	Sept 30, 2024 (\$)	Sept 30, 2023 (\$)	Sept 30, 2022 (\$)	Sept 30, 2021 (\$)	Sept 30, 2020 (\$)
Net Assets, beginning of period <sup>(1)</sup> Increase (decrease) from operations:	10.35	10.37	11.76	11.92	11.05
Total revenue	0.49	0.42	0.32	0.36	0.35
Total expenses	(0.09)	(0.08)	(0.08)	(0.09)	(0.09
Realized gains (losses)	(0.02)	(0.19)	(0.13)	0.04	0.02
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.93	(0.26)	(1.49)	(0.48)	0.59
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup>	1.31	(0.11)	(1.38)	(0.17)	0.87
Distributions:					
From income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
Total annual distributions <sup>(3)</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Net Assets, end of period <sup>(4)</sup>	11.71	10.35	10.37	11.76	11.92

## Series F Shares - Ratios/Supplemental Data<sup>(1)</sup>

	Sept 30,					
For the periods ended	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	
Total Net Asset Value (\$000's)	341,675	119,947	82,329	82,703	55,561	
Number of shares outstanding (000's)	29,174	11,583	7,941	7,034	4,661	
Management expense ratio <sup>(5)</sup>	0.82%	0.82%	0.82%	0.82%	0.82%	
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>(6)</sup>	0.95%	0.97%	0.99%	0.99%	1.02%	
Trading expense ratio <sup>(7)</sup>	0.00%	0.01%	0.01%	0.03%	0.00%	
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(8)</sup>	3.74%	17.34%	15.25%	9.88%	11.56%	
Net Asset Value per share	11.71	10.35	10.37	11.76	11.92	

#### Series | Shares - Net Assets per Share<sup>(1)</sup>

For the periods ended	Sept 30, 2024 (\$)	Sept 30, 2023 (\$)	Sept 30, 2022 (\$)	Sept 30, 2021 (\$)	Sept 30, 2020 (\$)
Net Assets, beginning of period <sup>(1)</sup>	10.51	10.45	11.78	11.86	10.93
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenue	0.46	0.34	0.32	0.35	0.32
Total expenses	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)
Realized gains (losses)	(0.03)	(0.19)	(0.13)	0.05	0.02
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.04	0.06	(1.51)	(0.48)	0.60
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup>	1.46	0.20	(1.33)	(0.09)	0.93
Distributions:					
From income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
Total annual distributions <sup>(3)</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Net Assets, end of period <sup>(4)</sup>	11.97	10.51	10.45	11.78	11.86

## Series I Shares - Ratios/Supplemental Data<sup>(1)</sup>

For the periods ended	Sept 30, 2024	Sept 30, 2023	Sept 30, 2022	Sept 30, 2021	Sept 30, 2020
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Total Net Asset Value (\$000's)	5,162	4,544	9,167	11,172	11,790
Number of shares outstanding (000's)	431	432	877	949	994
Management expense ratio <sup>(5)</sup>	0.11%	0.16%	0.16%	0.16%	0.17%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>(6)</sup>	0.11%	0.19%	0.17%	0.17%	0.20%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(7)</sup>	0.00%	0.01%	0.01%	0.03%	0.00%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(8)</sup>	3.74%	17.34%	15.25%	9.88%	11.56%
Net Asset Value per share	11.97	10.51	10.45	11.78	11.86

## Series Q Shares - Net Assets per Share<sup>(1)</sup>

For the periods ended	Sept 30, 2024 (\$)	Sept 30, 2023 (\$)	Sept 30, 2022 (\$)	Sept 30, 2021 (\$)	Sept 30, 2020 (\$)
Net Assets, beginning of period <sup>(1)</sup>	10.99	10.92	12.29	12.36	11.38
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenue	0.39	0.40	0.33	0.37	0.34
Total expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Realized gains (losses)	(0.04)	(0.20)	(0.13)	0.04	0.03
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.35	(0.13)	(1.62)	(0.48)	0.58
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup>	1.70	0.07	(1.42)	(0.07)	0.95
Distributions:					
From income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
Total annual distributions <sup>(3)</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Net Assets, end of period <sup>(4)</sup>	12.53	10.99	10.92	12.29	12.36

#### Series Q Shares - Ratios/Supplemental Data<sup>(1)</sup>

For the periods ended	Sept 30, 2024	Sept 30, 2023	Sept 30, 2022	Sept 30, 2021	Sept 30, 2020
Total Net Asset Value (\$000's)	651	1,792	1,926	2,216	1,981
Number of shares outstanding (000's)	52	163	176	180	160
Management expense ratio <sup>(5)</sup>	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>(6)</sup>	0.04%	0.24%	0.24%	0.25%	0.29%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(7)</sup>	0.00%	0.01%	0.01%	0.03%	0.00%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(8)</sup>	3.74%	17.34%	15.25%	9.88%	11.56%
Net Asset Value per share	12.53	10.99	10.92	12.29	12.36

#### Series W Shares - Net Assets per Share<sup>(1)</sup>

For the periods ended	Sept 30, 2024 (\$)	Sept 30, 2023 (\$)	Sept 30, 2022 (\$)	Sept 30, 2021 (\$)	Sept 30, 2020 (\$)
Net Assets, beginning of period <sup>(1)</sup>	11.01	10.94	12.31	12.38	11.40
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenue	0.49	0.41	0.33	0.39	0.33
Total expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Realized gains (losses)	(0.03)	(0.20)	(0.13)	0.05	0.03
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.08	(0.11)	(1.58)	(0.58)	0.50
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup>	1.54	0.10	(1.38)	(0.14)	0.86
Distributions:					
From income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
Total annual distributions <sup>(3)</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Net Assets, end of period <sup>(4)</sup>	12.55	11.01	10.94	12.31	12.38

#### Series W Shares - Ratios/Supplemental Data<sup>(1)</sup>

	Sept 30,				
For the periods ended	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total Net Asset Value (\$000's)	4,954	3,845	3,923	4,302	4,657
Number of shares outstanding (000's)	395	349	359	349	376
Management expense ratio <sup>(5)</sup>	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>(6)</sup>	0.05%	0.15%	0.17%	0.15%	0.19%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(7)</sup>	0.00%	0.01%	0.01%	0.03%	0.00%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(8)</sup>	3.74%	17.34%	15.25%	9.88%	11.56%
Net Asset Value per share	12.55	11.01	10.94	12.31	12.38

#### **Explanatory Notes**

- (1) a) This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements. Under International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), investments that are traded in an active market are generally valued at closing price, which is determined to be within the bid-ask spread and most representative of fair value. As a result, there is no difference between the net assets per share presented in the financial statements ("Net Assets") and the net asset value per share calculated for fund pricing purposes ("Net Asset Value").
  - b) The following series of the Fund commenced operations on the following dates, which represents the date upon which securities of a series were first made available for purchase by investors.

Mutual Fund Shares	April 2016
Series F Shares	April 2016
Series I Shares	April 2018
Series Q Shares	April 2016
Series W Shares	April 2016

- (2) Net Assets, dividends and distributions are based on the actual number of shares outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of shares outstanding over the financial period.
- (3) Dividends and distributions were paid in cash/reinvested in additional shares of the Fund, or both.
- (4) This is not a reconciliation of the beginning and ending Net Assets per share.
- (5) The management expense ratio ("MER") of a particular series is calculated in accordance with National Instrument 81-106, based on all the expenses of the Fund (including Harmonized Sales Tax, Goods and Services Tax and interest, but excluding income tax, foreign withholding taxes, commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) attributable to that series, expressed as an annualized percentage of average daily Net Asset Value of that series during the period. For new series launched during the period, the MER is annualized from the date of the first external purchase.

As a result of the Fund's investment in the Underlying Fund, the MER is calculated based on the expenses of the Fund allocated to that series, including expenses indirectly incurred by the Fund attributable to its investment in the Underlying Fund, divided by the average daily Net Asset Value of that series of the Fund during the period.

The Fund does not pay duplicate management fees on the portion of the assets that it invests in the Underlying Fund. Accordingly, AGFI will waive the management fees payable or paid by the Underlying Fund in order to avoid such duplication.

- (6) AGFI waived certain fees or absorbed certain expenses otherwise payable by the Fund. The amount of expenses waived or absorbed is determined annually on a series by series basis at the discretion of AGFI and AGFI can terminate the waiver or absorption at any time.
- (7) The trading expense ratio ("TER") represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of average daily Net Asset Value during the period.

As a result of the Fund's investment in the Underlying Fund, the TER is calculated based on commissions and other portfolio transaction costs of the Fund, including such costs that are indirectly incurred by the Fund attributable to its investment in the Underlying Fund, divided by the average daily Net Asset Value of the Fund during the period.

(8) The Fund's portfolio turnover rate ("PTR") indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio advisor manages its portfolio investments. A PTR 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 PTR 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. PTR is calculated based on the lesser of the cumulative cost of purchases or cumulative proceeds of sales divided by the average market value of the portfolio, excluding shortterm investments.

# **Management Fees**

The Fund is managed by AGFI. As a result of providing investment and management services, AGFI receives a monthly management fee, based on the Net Asset Value of the respective series, calculated daily and payable monthly. Management fees in respect of Series I, Series O, Series Q and Series W Shares, if applicable, are arranged directly between the Manager and investors and are not expenses of the Fund. AGFI 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 for general administrative expenses such as overhead, salaries, rent, legal and accounting fees relating to AGFI's role as manager.

		As a percent	age of management fees
	Annual rates		General administration and investment advice
Mutual Fund Shares Series F Shares	1.20% 0.70%	35.75% -	64.25% 100.00%

# **Past Performance\***

The performance information shown assumes that all distributions made by the Fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional securities of the Fund. Note that the performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges that would have reduced returns or performance. How the Fund has performed in the past does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.

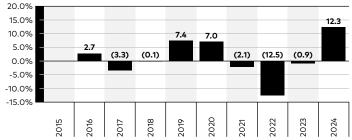
It is AGFI's policy to report rates of return for series in existence greater than one year. The performance start date for each series represents the date of the first purchase of such series, excluding seed money.

All rates of return are calculated based on the Net Asset Value.

## Year-By-Year Returns

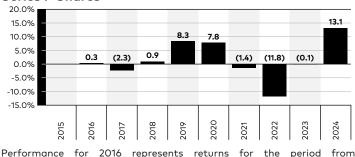
The following bar charts show the Fund's annual performance for each of the past 10 years to September 30, 2024 as applicable, and illustrate how the Fund's performance has changed from year to year. The charts show, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of each financial period would have grown or decreased by the last day of each financial period.

# Mutual Fund Shares



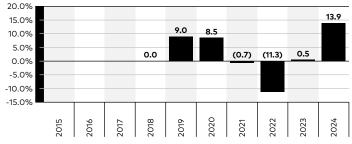
Performance for 2016 represents returns for the period from May 25, 2016 to September 30, 2016.

#### **Series F Shares**



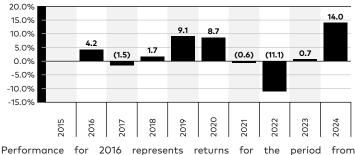
Performance for 2016 represents returns for the period from September 2, 2016 to September 30, 2016.

## Series I Shares



Performance for 2018 represents returns for the period from June 1, 2018 to September 30, 2018.

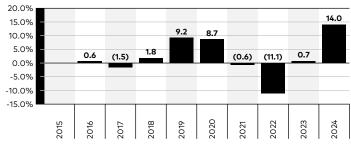
# Series Q Shares



Performance for 2016 represents returns for the period from April 28, 2016 to September 30, 2016.

\* The indicated rates of return shown here are the historical annual compounded total returns including changes in security value and reinvestment of all distributions and do not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges by any securityholder that would have reduced returns or performance. Mutual funds are not guaranteed, their values change frequently and past performance may not be repeated.

# **Series W Shares**



Performance for 2016 represents returns for the period from August 8, 2016 to September 30, 2016.

#### **Annual Compound Returns**

The following table compares the historical annual compound returns for each series with the index, for each of the periods ended September 30, 2024.

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
12.3	(0.9)	0.4	N/A	1.0
12.7	(0.1)	0.6	N/A	1.7
13.1	(0.1)	1.2	N/A	1.6
12.7	(0.1)	0.6	N/A	1.3
13.9	0.5	1.8	N/A	2.8
12.7	(0.1)	0.6	N/A	1.9
14.0	0.6	1.9	N/A	2.7
12.7	(0.1)	0.6	N/A	1.7
14.0	0.6	1.9	N/A	2.4
12.7	(0.1)	0.6	N/A	1.4
	12.3 12.7 13.1 12.7 13.9 12.7 14.0 12.7 14.0	12.3 (0.9)   12.7 (0.1)   13.1 (0.1)   12.7 (0.1)   12.7 (0.1)   12.7 (0.1)   13.9 0.5   12.7 (0.1)   14.0 0.6   12.7 (0.1)   14.0 0.6	12.3 (0.9) 0.4   12.7 (0.1) 0.6   13.1 (0.1) 1.2   12.7 (0.1) 0.6   13.9 0.5 1.8   12.7 (0.1) 0.6   13.9 0.5 1.8   12.7 (0.1) 0.6   14.0 0.6 1.9   14.0 0.6 1.9   14.0 0.6 1.9	12.7 (0.1) 0.6 N/A   13.1 (0.1) 1.2 N/A   12.7 (0.1) 0.6 N/A   13.9 0.5 1.8 N/A   12.7 (0.1) 0.6 N/A   13.9 0.5 1.8 N/A   12.7 (0.1) 0.6 N/A   12.7 (0.1) 0.6 N/A   14.0 0.6 1.9 N/A   14.0 0.6 1.9 N/A

The Bloomberg Canada Aggregate Index provides a broadbased measure of the Canadian investment grade fixed income market.

For a discussion of the relative performance of the Fund as compared to the index, see Results of Operations in the Management Discussion of Fund Performance.

# Summary of Investment Portfolio

As at September 30, 2024

The Underlying Fund's major portfolio categories and top holdings (up to 25), as a percentage of the Underlying Fund's Net Asset Value, at the end of the period are indicated in the following tables. The Summary of Investment Portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Underlying Fund and the next quarterly update will be in the Quarterly Portfolio Disclosure as at December 31, 2024.

The prospectus and other information about the Underlying Fund are available on the internet at www.sedarplus.ca.

Portfolio by Sector	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
Corporate Bonds	34.9
Government Bonds	19.3
High Yield Bonds	18.5
Provincial Bonds	12.1
Fixed Income Funds	5.9
Cash & Cash Equivalents	5.7
Government Guaranteed Investments	1.7
Term Loans	1.6
Emerging Markets Bonds	0.2
Asset-Backed Securities	0.1
Equity Options Purchased	0.0
Equity Options Written	(0.0)
Foreign Exchange Forward Contracts	(0.0)
Credit Default Swaps	(0.3)
Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	0.3

Portfolio by Asset Mix	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
Canadian Fixed Income	68.7
United States Fixed Income	15.4
Canadian Equity	5.9
Cash & Cash Equivalents	5.7
International Fixed Income	4.3
United States Equity Options Purchased	0.0
United States Equity Options Written	(0.0)
Foreign Exchange Forward Contracts	(0.0)
Credit Default Swaps	(0.3)
Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	0.3

Portfolio by Credit Rating <sup>™</sup>	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
AAA	21.8
AA	9.5
Α	23.8
BBB	30.0
BB	4.4
В	2.7
CCC	0.2
Not Rated	1.4

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> References made to credit ratings are obtained from Standard & Poor's and/or Dominion Bond Rating Service. Where one or more rating is obtained for a security, the lowest rating has been used.

Top Holdings	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
Long Positions:	
Government of Canada**	8.3
U.S. Treasury**	6.6
Province of Ontario**	5.9
AGF Global Convertible Bond Fund	5.9
Cash & Cash Equivalents	5.7
United Kingdom**	2.5
Sun Life Financial Inc.**	1.9
Rogers Communications Inc.**	1.9
TransCanada PipeLines Limited**	1.8
CPPIB Capital Inc.**	1.8
Province of British Columbia**	1.7
The Toronto-Dominion Bank**	1.7
Ontario Teachers' Finance Trust**	1.7
Labrador-Island Link Funding Trust**	1.4
Royal Bank of Canada**	1.4
Capital Power Corporation**	1.4
CDP Financial Inc.**	1.4
Province of Alberta**	1.2
Province of Quebec**	1.1
Dollarama Inc.**	1.1
Canada Post Corporation**	1.1
RioCan Real Estate Investment Trust**	1.1
Brookfield Finance II Inc.**	1.0
Canadian Tire Corporation Limited**	0.9
SmartCentres Real Estate Investment Trust**	0.9
Subtotal	61.4
Short Positions:	
Equity Options Written	
SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust Subtotal	(0.0) ( <b>0.0)</b>
The total Net Asset Value of the	

The total Net Asset Value of the Fund as at September 30, 2024 was approximately \$380,220,000.

# **Other Material Information**

Effective October 1, 2024, the Manager will pay for all the operating expenses of the Fund (except for certain costs as disclosed in the current prospectus) in exchange for an annual fixed rate administration fee payable by the applicable series of the Fund, and in return, the administration fee relating to registrar and transfer agency services will be eliminated. The adoption of the fixed rate administration fee was approved by the securityholders of the Fund at the special securityholder meeting held on June 12, 2024.

Effective October 1, 2024, the management fee rate for Series F Shares was reduced from 0.70% to 0.60%.

\*\* Debt Instruments



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