



## Annual Management Report of Fund Performance

for the financial year ended August 31, 2023

All figures are reported in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted.

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### Management Discussion of Fund Performance

#### Investment Objective and Strategies

Investment Objective: Renaissance High-Yield Bond Fund (referred to as the *Fund*) seeks to generate a high level of current income, primarily through investment in high-yield corporate bonds from issuers around the world and, where consistent with this objective, will also seek capital appreciation.

Investment Strategies: The Fund invests primarily in high yield corporate bonds from around the world, but may also invest in other investments such as preferred shares, common shares, or income trusts.

#### Risk

The Fund is a high yield fixed income fund that is suitable for medium to long term investors who can tolerate low to medium investment risk.

For the period ended August 31, 2023, the Fund's overall level of risk remained as discussed in the simplified prospectus.

#### Results of Operations

The Fund's portfolio advisor is CIBC Asset Management Inc. (referred to as *CAMI*, the *Manager*, or *Portfolio Advisor*). The commentary that follows provides a summary of the results of operations for the period ended August 31, 2023. All dollar figures are expressed in thousands, unless otherwise indicated.

The Fund's net asset value increased by 4% during the period, from \$950,663 as at August 31, 2022 to \$985,192 as at August 31, 2023. Positive investment performance was partially offset by net redemptions of \$41,007, resulting in an overall increase in net asset value.

Class A units of the Fund posted a return of 4.7% for the period. The Fund's primary benchmark, the FTSE Canada High Yield Bond Index (referred to as the *primary benchmark*), returned 5.1% for the same period. The Fund's return is after the deduction of fees and expenses, unlike the primary benchmark's return. See the section *Past Performance* for the returns of other classes of units offered by the Fund.

Despite weaker economic conditions and easing inflation data, bond yields rose during the period as expectations for further interest-rate

increases affected markets. Early in 2023, the Bank of Canada implemented a "conditional pause" on interest-rate increases to assess the impact of its monetary policy. However, when economic growth accelerated in the second quarter of 2023, rate increases resumed. Over the period, the U.S. Federal Reserve Board (referred to as the *Fed*) raised interest rates to a range of 5.25%–5.50%, while the Bank of Canada increased rates to 5.00%.

The U.S. and Canadian yield curves, defined as the difference in yield between 30-year and two-year bonds, deeply inverted over the period, reflecting expectations that central banks' actions could lead to a recession. With an inverted curve, yields on shorter-term bonds are higher than those on longer-term bonds.

Corporate bonds outperformed, as credit spreads (the difference in yield between corporate bonds and government bonds with similar maturity) narrowed, reflecting strong demand for risk assets, significantly lower new issuance supply, and better-than-anticipated profitability and credit fundamentals. Still, corporate bonds faced significant volatility, particularly in the first quarter of 2023, following the collapse of several U.S. regional banks. Regulators, the U.S. treasury and the Fed acted quickly to reassure markets.

At period-end, futures markets priced in a modest probability of further interest-rate increases in the next three months. However, they no longer fully priced in any rate cuts over the next 12 months, as consensus expectations leaned toward a gradual economic slowdown.

The Fund's moderate overweight exposure to the services and capital goods industries contributed to performance. Individual contributors to performance included Cinemark USA Inc. (5.25%, 2028/07/15), which benefited from improved earnings after entertainment venues reopened following the pandemic. Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. (5.38%, 2027/07/15) was supported by optimism over record bookings for the upcoming year. Strathcona Resources Ltd. (6.88%, 2026/08/01) benefited from strong commodity pricing and announced a transaction to go public.

The Fund's slight overweight allocation to financial services and basic industry bonds detracted from performance. CommScope Finance LLC (8.25%, 2027/03/01) detracted from performance as a result of

customer spending cuts and inventory reductions, which led to weak financial results in the second quarter of 2023 and higher debt levels. Management's outlook was cautious for the remainder of 2023. CSC Holdings LLC (7.50%, 2028/04/01) detracted from performance as broadband subscriber losses led to declining revenue and higher debt levels. Capital expenditure is expected to increase as the company builds out its fibre home network. Frontier Communications Corp. (6.75%, 2029/05/01) detracted from performance as a result of higher capital expenditures, slower progress developing its fibre home network, and modestly higher debt levels as the company issued additional debt.

During the period, the Portfolio Advisor added a new holding in Hess Midstream Operations L.P. (5.63%, 2026/02/15) to improve the Fund's diversification within the energy sector. The company offers processing, storage and exporting services for natural gas, natural gas liquids and crude oil within the Williston basin in North Dakota.

The Fund's holding in Videotron Ltd. (5.63%, 2025/06/15), one of Canada's leading telecommunication services and media companies, was increased to improve the Fund's diversification within the media industry.

Inter Pipeline Ltd. (6.63%, 2079/11/19) was sold, and Gibson Energy Inc. (5.25%, 2080/12/22) was trimmed, to reinvest in what the Portfolio Advisor views as more attractive opportunities.

#### Recent Developments

Effective April 27, 2023, Bryan Houston was appointed Chair of the Independent Review Committee.

The COVID-19 pandemic and the Russia-Ukraine war have disrupted the global economy and financial markets in unprecedented and unpredictable ways. This has resulted in significant volatility and uncertainty in financial markets. It is unclear what further actions may be taken by governments and the resulting impact on global economies, businesses and financial markets. Inflation has increased in many markets across the globe, leading central banks to raise interest rates in order to counter rapidly rising prices. These factors may adversely affect the performance of the Fund. The Manager continues to monitor ongoing developments and the impact to investment strategies.

#### Related Party Transactions

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (referred to as *CIBC*) and its affiliates have the following roles and responsibilities with respect to the Fund, and receive the fees described below in connection with their roles and responsibilities.

##### *Manager, Trustee, and Portfolio Advisor of the Fund*

CAMI, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CIBC, is the Fund's Manager, Trustee, and Portfolio Advisor. As Manager, CAMI receives management fees with respect to the Fund's day-to-day business and operations, calculated based on the net asset value of each respective class of units of the Fund as described in *Management Fees*.

The Manager pays the Fund's operating expenses (other than certain fund costs) in respect of the classes of units of the Fund (except Class O unit), which may include but are not limited to, operating and administrative costs; regulatory fees; audit, and legal fees and expenses; trustee, safekeeping, custodial, and any agency fees; and investor servicing costs and costs of unitholder reports, prospectuses,

Fund Facts, and other reports, in exchange for the Fund paying a fixed rate administration fee (plus applicable GST/HST) to the Manager with respect to those classes of units. For Class O units, no fixed administration fee will be charged. The Manager pays the Fund's operating expenses (other than certain Fund costs) allocated to Class O units of the Fund. The fixed administration fee payable by the Fund, may, in any particular period, exceed or be lower than the expenses we incur in providing such services to the Fund.

As Trustee, CAMI holds title to the Fund's property (cash and securities) on behalf of its unitholders. As Portfolio Advisor, CAMI provides, or arranges to provide for, investment advice and portfolio management services to the Fund. CAMI also compensates dealers in connection with their marketing activities regarding the Fund. From time to time, CAMI may invest in units of the Fund.

##### *Distributor*

Dealers and other firms sell units of the Fund to investors. These dealers and other firms include CAMI's related dealers such as the CIBC Investor's Edge discount brokerage division of CIBC Investor Services Inc. (referred to as *CIBC ISI*), the CIBC Imperial Service division of CIBC ISI, and the CIBC Wood Gundy division of CIBC World Markets Inc. (referred to as *CIBC WM*). CIBC ISI and CIBC WM are wholly-owned subsidiaries of CIBC.

CAMI may pay sales commissions and trailing commissions to these dealers and firms in connection with the sale of units of the Fund. These dealers and other firms may pay a portion of these sales commissions and trailing commissions to their advisors who sell units of the Fund to investors.

##### *Brokerage Arrangements and Soft Dollars*

The Portfolio Advisor or any portfolio sub-advisors make decisions, including the selection of markets and dealers and the negotiation of commissions, with respect to the purchase and sale of portfolio securities, certain derivative products and the execution of portfolio transactions. Brokerage business may be allocated by the Portfolio Advisor or any portfolio sub-advisor(s) to CIBC WM and CIBC World Markets Corp., each a subsidiary of CIBC. CIBC WM and CIBC World Markets Corp. may also earn spreads on the sale of fixed income securities, other securities, and certain derivative products to the Fund. A spread is the difference between the bid and ask prices for a security in the applicable marketplace, with respect to the execution of portfolio transactions. The spread will differ based upon various factors such as the nature and liquidity of the security.

Dealers, including CIBC WM and CIBC World Markets Corp., may furnish goods and services, other than order execution, to the Portfolio Advisor or any portfolio sub-advisor(s) when they process trades through them. These types of goods and services for which the Portfolio Advisor or a portfolio sub-advisor may direct brokerage commissions are research goods and services and order execution goods and services, and are referred to in the industry as "soft-dollar" arrangements. These goods and services received through soft dollar arrangements assist the Portfolio Advisor or any portfolio sub-advisor(s) with investment decision-making services for the Fund, or relate directly to the execution of portfolio transactions on behalf of the Fund. As per the terms of the portfolio advisory agreement and portfolio sub-advisory

agreements, such soft dollar arrangements are in compliance with applicable laws.

During the period, the Fund did not pay any brokerage commissions or other fees to CIBC WM or CIBC World Markets Corp. Spreads associated with fixed income and other securities are not ascertainable and, for that reason, cannot be included when determining these amounts.

#### *Fund Transactions*

The Fund may enter into one or more of the following transactions (referred to as the *Related Party Transactions*) in reliance on the standing instructions issued by the Independent Review Committee (referred to as the *IRC*):

- invest in or hold equity securities of CIBC or issuers related to a portfolio sub-advisor;
- invest in or hold non-exchange-traded debt securities of CIBC or an issuer related to CIBC, with terms-to-maturity of 365 days or more, issued in a primary offering and in the secondary market;
- make an investment in the securities of an issuer for which CIBC WM, CIBC World Markets Corp., or any affiliate of CIBC (referred to as a *Related Dealer* or the *Related Dealers*) acts as an underwriter during the offering of the securities or at any time during the 60-day period following the completion of the offering of such securities (in the case of a "private placement" offering, in accordance with the Private Placement Relief Order and the policies and procedures relating to such investment);
- purchase equity or debt securities from, or sell them to, a Related Dealer, where it is acting as principal;
- undertake currency and currency derivative transactions where a related party is the counterparty;
- purchase securities from or sell securities to another investment fund or a managed account managed by the Manager or an affiliate (referred to as *inter-fund trades* or *cross-trades*); and
- engage in in-specie transfers by receiving portfolio securities from, or delivering portfolio securities to, a managed account or another investment fund managed by the Manager or an affiliate, in respect of a purchase or redemption of units of the Fund, subject to certain conditions.

At least annually, the IRC reviews the Related Party Transactions for which they have issued standing instructions. The IRC is required to advise the Canadian securities regulatory authorities, after a matter has been referred to or reported to it by the Manager, if it determines that an investment decision was not made in accordance with conditions imposed by securities legislation or the IRC in any Related Party Transactions requiring its approval.

#### *Custodian*

CIBC Mellon Trust Company is the custodian of the Fund (referred to as the *Custodian*). The Custodian holds cash and securities for the Fund and ensures that those assets are kept separate from any other cash or securities that the Custodian might be holding. The Custodian also provides other services to the Fund including record-keeping and processing of foreign exchange transactions. The fees and spreads for

the services of the Custodian are paid by the Manager. CIBC owns a 50% interest in the Custodian.

#### *Service Provider*

CIBC Mellon Global Securities Services Company (referred to as *CIBC GSS*) provides certain services to the Fund, including securities lending, fund accounting and reporting, and portfolio valuation. Such servicing fees are paid by the Manager. CIBC indirectly owns a 50% interest in CIBC GSS.

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**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 ended August 31.

**The Fund's Net Assets per Unit<sup>1</sup> - Class A Units**

**Inception date: September 23, 1994**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	\$ 6.12	\$ 7.22	\$ 7.04	\$ 7.31	\$ 7.22
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.44
Total expenses	(0.08)	(0.10)	(0.12)	(0.13)	(0.13)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.31)	(0.29)	0.18	(0.19)	(0.16)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.38	(0.89)	–	(0.08)	0.23
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	\$ 0.28	\$ (0.83)	\$ 0.42	\$ (0.02)	\$ 0.38
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.32
From dividends	–	–	–	–	–
From capital gains	–	–	–	–	–
Return of capital	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.32
<b>Net Assets, end of period</b>	\$ 6.11	\$ 6.12	\$ 7.22	\$ 7.04	\$ 7.31

**Ratios and Supplemental Data - Class A Units**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
<b>Total Net Asset Value (000s)<sup>4</sup></b>	\$ 39,183	\$ 43,223	\$ 64,051	\$ 67,020	\$ 76,209
<b>Number of Units Outstanding<sup>4</sup></b>	6,414,184	7,067,815	8,869,916	9,518,507	10,426,173
<b>Management Expense Ratio<sup>5</sup></b>	1.39%	1.49%	1.71%	1.78%	1.81%
<b>Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions<sup>6</sup></b>	1.45%	1.49%	1.82%	1.86%	1.95%
<b>Trading Expense Ratio<sup>7</sup></b>	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Portfolio Turnover Rate<sup>8</sup></b>	59.71%	32.61%	57.47%	26.14%	27.62%
<b>Net Asset Value per Unit</b>	\$ 6.11	\$ 6.12	\$ 7.22	\$ 7.04	\$ 7.31

**The Fund's Net Assets per Unit<sup>1</sup> - Premium Class Units**

**Inception date: September 17, 2013**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	\$ 8.10	\$ 9.57	\$ 9.33	\$ 9.68	\$ 9.56
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.55	\$ 0.58
Total expenses	(0.09)	(0.10)	(0.11)	(0.11)	(0.11)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.40)	(0.38)	0.21	(0.28)	(0.20)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.51	(1.17)	0.03	(0.23)	0.31
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	\$ 0.38	\$ (1.08)	\$ 0.61	\$ (0.07)	\$ 0.58
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.48
From dividends	–	–	–	–	–
From capital gains	–	–	–	–	–
Return of capital	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.48
<b>Net Assets, end of period</b>	\$ 8.09	\$ 8.10	\$ 9.57	\$ 9.33	\$ 9.68

**Ratios and Supplemental Data - Premium Class Units**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
<b>Total Net Asset Value (000s)<sup>4</sup></b>	\$ 4,285	\$ 5,311	\$ 7,248	\$ 9,546	\$ 15,165
<b>Number of Units Outstanding<sup>4</sup></b>	529,759	655,630	757,571	1,023,131	1,566,015
<b>Management Expense Ratio<sup>5</sup></b>	1.16%	1.16%	1.18%	1.19%	1.19%
<b>Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions<sup>6</sup></b>	1.16%	1.16%	1.19%	1.19%	1.19%
<b>Trading Expense Ratio<sup>7</sup></b>	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Portfolio Turnover Rate<sup>8</sup></b>	59.71%	32.61%	57.47%	26.14%	27.62%
<b>Net Asset Value per Unit</b>	\$ 8.09	\$ 8.10	\$ 9.57	\$ 9.33	\$ 9.68

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**The Fund's Net Assets per Unit<sup>1</sup> - Class F Units**

**Inception date: October 11, 2005**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	\$ 6.91	\$ 8.16	\$ 7.96	\$ 8.26	\$ 8.15
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.51
Total expenses	(0.05)	(0.06)	(0.07)	(0.07)	(0.07)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.35)	(0.24)	0.18	(0.24)	(0.18)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.43	(0.92)	0.04	(0.08)	0.26
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	\$ 0.35	\$ (0.93)	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.52
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.44
From dividends	—	—	—	—	—
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.44
<b>Net Assets, end of period</b>	\$ 6.90	\$ 6.91	\$ 8.16	\$ 7.96	\$ 8.26

**Ratios and Supplemental Data - Class F Units**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
<b>Total Net Asset Value (000s)<sup>4</sup></b>	\$ 7,040	\$ 8,051	\$ 7,146	\$ 7,296	\$ 6,920
<b>Number of Units Outstanding<sup>4</sup></b>	1,019,862	1,165,074	875,345	916,524	838,050
<b>Management Expense Ratio<sup>5</sup></b>	0.77%	0.79%	0.84%	0.86%	0.88%
<b>Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions<sup>6</sup></b>	0.83%	0.83%	0.98%	0.98%	1.07%
<b>Trading Expense Ratio<sup>7</sup></b>	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Portfolio Turnover Rate<sup>8</sup></b>	59.71%	32.61%	57.47%	26.14%	27.62%
<b>Net Asset Value per Unit</b>	\$ 6.90	\$ 6.91	\$ 8.16	\$ 7.96	\$ 8.26

**The Fund's Net Assets per Unit<sup>1</sup> - Class O Units**

**Inception date: November 14, 2007**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	\$ 7.12	\$ 8.42	\$ 8.21	\$ 8.52	\$ 8.41
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.52
Total expenses	—	—	—	—	—
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.41)	(0.29)	0.23	(0.23)	(0.18)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.45	(0.96)	(0.02)	(0.10)	0.25
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	\$ 0.47	\$ (0.84)	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.59
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.52
From dividends	—	—	—	—	—
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.52
<b>Net Assets, end of period</b>	\$ 7.11	\$ 7.12	\$ 8.42	\$ 8.21	\$ 8.52

**Ratios and Supplemental Data - Class O Units**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
<b>Total Net Asset Value (000s)<sup>4</sup></b>	\$ 934,684	\$ 894,078	\$ 901,080	\$ 788,221	\$ 649,838
<b>Number of Units Outstanding<sup>4</sup></b>	131,399,486	125,511,986	107,079,285	96,059,377	76,283,408
<b>Management Expense Ratio<sup>5</sup></b>	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%
<b>Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions<sup>6</sup></b>	0.00%	0.00%	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%
<b>Trading Expense Ratio<sup>7</sup></b>	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Portfolio Turnover Rate<sup>8</sup></b>	59.71%	32.61%	57.47%	26.14%	27.62%
<b>Net Asset Value per Unit</b>	\$ 7.11	\$ 7.12	\$ 8.42	\$ 8.21	\$ 8.52

<sup>1</sup> This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements.

<sup>2</sup> Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The total increase (decrease) from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding during the period.

<sup>3</sup> Distributions were paid in cash, reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both.

<sup>4</sup> This information is presented as at August 31 of the period(s) shown.

<sup>5</sup> Management expense ratio is based on the total expenses of the fund (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs), incurred by or allocated to a class of units for the period shown, expressed as an annualized percentage of the daily average net asset value of that class during the period. The management expense ratio includes the fees attributable to exchange traded funds.



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- <sup>6</sup> The decision to waive management fees is at the discretion of the Manager. The practice of waiving management fees may continue indefinitely or may be terminated at any time without notice to unitholders. The management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions includes the fees attributable to exchange traded funds, where applicable.
- <sup>7</sup> The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs before income taxes expressed as an annualized percentage of the daily average net asset value during the period. Spreads associated with fixed income securities trading are not ascertainable and, for that reason, are not included in the trading expense ratio calculation. Previously, the trading expense ratio included the fees attributable to exchange traded funds which are now no longer included in the TER. Prior year fees attributable to exchange traded funds have been reclassified to the management expense ratio and management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions.
- <sup>8</sup> The portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the portfolio advisor and/or portfolio sub-advisor manages the portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to a fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the period. The higher a portfolio turnover rate in a period, the greater the trading costs payable by a fund in the period, 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.

### Management Fees

The Fund pays CAMI an annual management fee to cover the costs of managing the Fund. Management fees are based on the Fund's net asset value and are calculated daily and paid monthly. Management fees are paid to CAMI in consideration for providing, or arranging for the provision of, management, distribution, and portfolio advisory services. Advertising and promotional expenses, office overhead expenses related to the Manager's activities, and trailing commissions are paid by CAMI out of the management fees received from the Fund. The Fund is required to pay applicable taxes on the management fees paid to CAMI. Refer to the simplified prospectus for the annual management fee rate for each class of units.

For Class O units, the management fee is negotiated with and paid by, or as directed by, unitholders or dealers and discretionary managers on behalf of unitholders. Such Class O management fee will not exceed the Class F unit management fee rate.

The following table shows a breakdown of the services received in consideration of the management fees, as a percentage of the management fees collected from the Fund for the period ended August 31, 2023. These amounts do not include waived fees or absorbed expenses.

	Class A Units	Premium Class Units	Class F Units
Sales and trailing commissions paid to dealers	34.08%	41.52%	0.00%
General administration, investment advice, and profit	65.92%	58.48%	100.00%

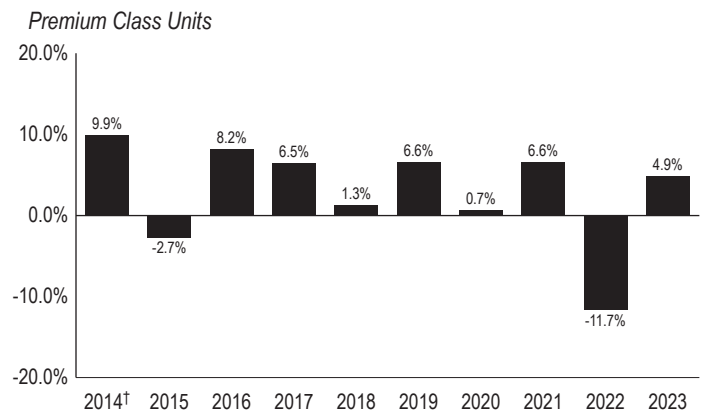
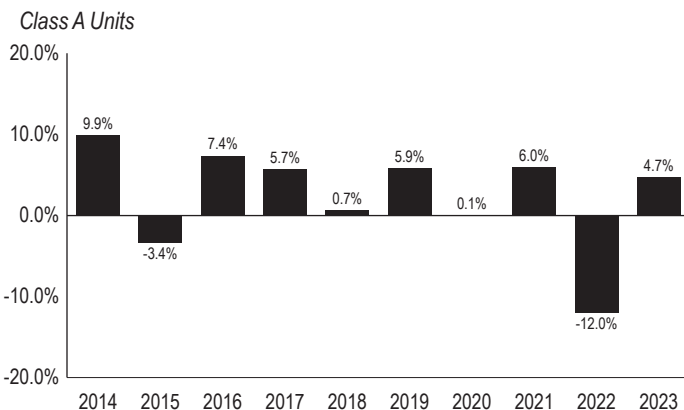
### Past Performance

The performance data provided assumes reinvestment of distributions only and does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution, or other optional charges payable by any unitholder that would have reduced returns. Past performance does not necessarily indicate how a fund will perform in the future.

The Fund's returns are after the deduction of fees and expenses, and the difference in returns between classes of units is primarily due to differences in the management expense ratio. See *Financial Highlights* section for the management expense ratio.

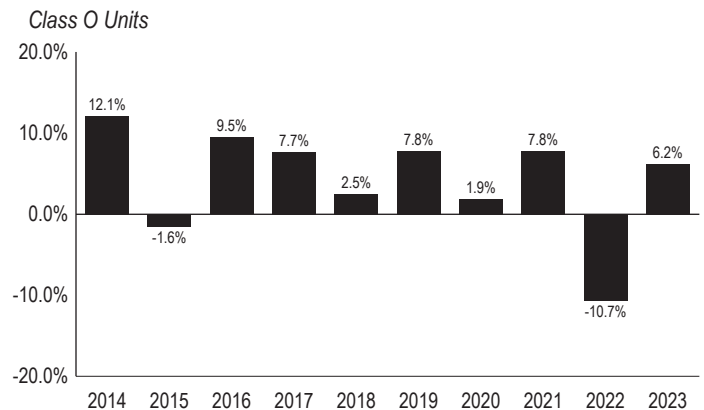
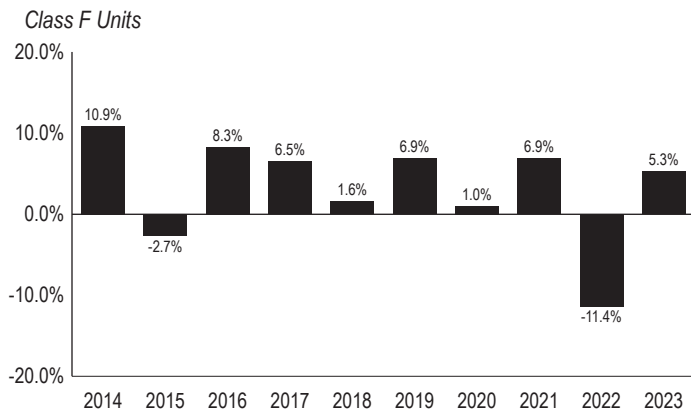
### Year-by-Year Returns

These bar charts show the annual performance of each class of units of the Fund for each of the periods shown, and illustrate how the performance has changed from period to period. These bar charts show, in percentage terms, how an investment made on September 1 would have increased or decreased by August 31, unless otherwise indicated.



† 2014 return is for the period from September 17, 2013 to August 31, 2014.

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### Annual Compound Returns

This table shows the annual compound return of each class of units of the Fund for each indicated period ended on August 31, 2023. The annual compound return is compared to the Fund's benchmark(s).

The Fund's primary benchmark is the FTSE Canada High Yield Bond Index.

The Fund's blended benchmark (referred to as *Blended Benchmark*) is comprised of the following:

- 90% Bank of America Merrill Lynch BB-B US Cash Pay High Yield Index (100% Hedged to CAD)
- 10% Bank of America Merrill Lynch BB-B Canada High Yield Index

	1 Year (%)	3 Years (%)	5 Years (%)	10 Years* (%)	or Since Inception* (%)	Inception Date
Class A units	4.7	(0.8)	0.7	2.3		September 23, 1994
FTSE Canada High Yield Bond Index	5.1	3.1	3.6	4.8		
Blended Benchmark	5.7	0.9	2.7	4.1		
Premium Class units	4.9	(0.4)	1.2		2.8	September 17, 2013
FTSE Canada High Yield Bond Index	5.1	3.1	3.6		4.8	
Blended Benchmark	5.7	0.9	2.7		4.1	
Class F units	5.3	(0.1)	1.5	3.2		October 11, 2005
FTSE Canada High Yield Bond Index	5.1	3.1	3.6	4.8		
Blended Benchmark	5.7	0.9	2.7	4.1		
Class O units	6.2	0.7	2.3	4.1		November 14, 2007
FTSE Canada High Yield Bond Index	5.1	3.1	3.6	4.8		
Blended Benchmark	5.7	0.9	2.7	4.1		

\* If a class of units has been outstanding for less than 10 years, the annual compound return since inception is shown.

**Bank of America Merrill Lynch BB-B Canada High Yield Index** tracks the performance of Canadian dollar-denominated below investment grade corporate debt publicly issued in the Canadian domestic market, and is a subset of the Bank of America Merrill Lynch Canada High Yield Index, which includes all securities rated BB1 through B3 inclusive.

**Bank of America Merrill Lynch BB-B US Cash Pay High Yield Index (100% Hedged to CAD)** is a subset of the Bank of America Merrill Lynch US Cash Pay High Yield Index including all securities rated BB1 through B3, inclusive. The Bank of America Merrill Lynch US Cash Pay High Yield Index tracks the performance of US dollar denominated below investment grade corporate debt, currently in a coupon paying period, that is publicly issued in the US domestic market.

**FTSE Canada High Yield Bond Index** is designed to be a broad measure of the Canadian non-investment grade fixed income market, which includes securities rated less than BBB (low) but greater than D. Returns are calculated daily and are weighted by market capitalization.

A discussion of the Fund's relative performance compared to its benchmark(s) can be found in *Results of Operations*.

## Renaissance High-Yield Bond Fund

### Summary of Investment Portfolio (as at August 31, 2023)

The summary of investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the investment fund. A quarterly update is available by visiting [www.renaissanceinvestments.ca](http://www.renaissanceinvestments.ca). The Top Positions table shows a fund's 25 largest positions. For funds with fewer than 25 positions in total, all positions are shown. Cash and cash equivalents are shown in total as one position.

<i>Portfolio Breakdown</i>	<i>% of Net Asset Value</i>	<i>Top Positions</i>	<i>% of Net Asset Value</i>
Foreign Currency Bonds	74.7	Cash & Cash Equivalents	1.6
Corporate Bonds	23.6	Ford Motor Credit Co. LLC, Callable, 5.13%, 2025/06/16	1.6
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1.6	Berry Global Escrow Corp., Callable, 5.63%, 2027/07/15	1.3
Forward & Spot Contracts	0.3	Videotron Ltd., Callable, 4.50%, 2030/01/15	1.2
Other Assets, less Liabilities	(0.2)	Hess Midstream Operations L.P., Callable, 5.63%, 2026/02/15	1.1
		Cinemark USA Inc., Callable, 5.25%, 2028/07/15	1.1
		Ford Credit Canada Co., 4.46%, 2024/11/13	1.0
		Novelis Corp., Callable, 4.75%, 2030/01/30	0.9
		Strathcona Resources Ltd., Callable, 6.88%, 2026/08/01	0.9
		DaVita Inc., Callable, 4.63%, 2030/06/01	0.9
		Newell Brands Inc., Callable, 6.38%, 2027/09/15	0.9
		Bath & Body Works Inc., Callable, 7.50%, 2029/06/15	0.9
		Antero Midstream Partners L.P. / Antero Midstream Finance Corp., Callable, 7.88%, 2026/05/15	0.9
		NOVA Chemicals Corp., Callable, 5.25%, 2027/06/01	0.9
		Mattel Inc., Callable, 5.88%, 2027/12/15	0.9
		Post Holdings Inc., Callable, 5.75%, 2027/03/01	0.8
		Videotron Ltd., Callable, 5.63%, 2025/06/15	0.8
		EnLink Midstream LLC, Callable, 6.50%, 2030/09/01	0.8
		Terex Corp., Callable, 5.00%, 2029/05/15	0.8
		Mozart Debt Merger Sub Inc., Callable, 5.25%, 2029/10/01	0.8
		CCO Holdings LLC / CCO Holdings Capital Corp., Callable, 4.50%, 2030/08/15	0.8
		Prime Security Services Borrower LLC / Prime Finance Inc., Callable, 6.25%, 2028/01/15	0.8
		Aramark Services Inc., Callable, 5.00%, 2028/02/01	0.8
		1011778 B.C. ULC / New Red Finance Inc., Callable, 4.00%, 2030/10/15	0.8
		Iron Mountain Inc., Callable, 5.25%, 2030/07/15	0.8

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