

## Annual Management Report of Fund Performance

for the financial year ended August 31, 2021

*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 Short-Term Income Fund (referred to as the *Fund*) seeks to obtain a high level of income consistent with security of capital through investments primarily in securities issued or guaranteed by the Government of Canada or one of the provinces thereof, municipal or school corporations in Canada, and in first mortgages on properties situated in Canada, interest-bearing deposits of banks or trust companies, and high quality corporate bonds.

**Investment Strategies:** The Fund is positioned based on average term-to-maturity and security selection. Adjustments to the portfolio will be based on the portfolio advisor's review of macroeconomic conditions both inside and outside of North America, along with detailed issuer credit reviews.

#### Risk

The Fund is a Canadian short-term fixed income fund that is suitable for short- to medium-term investors who can tolerate low investment risk.

For the period ended August 31, 2021, the Fund's overall level of risk remains 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 the *Portfolio Advisor*). The commentary that follows provides a summary of the results of operations for the period ended August 31, 2021. All dollar figures are expressed in thousands, unless otherwise indicated.

The Fund's net asset value increased by 439% during the period, from \$58,522 as at August 31, 2020 to \$315,712 as at August 31, 2021. Net sales of \$255,918 were partially offset by negative investment performance, resulting in an overall increase in net asset value. The increase in net asset value is in large part due to the Fund being added as an underlying fund of Renaissance Optimal Income Portfolio, Renaissance Optimal Growth & Income Portfolio, Renaissance Optimal Global Equity Portfolio, and Renaissance Optimal Global Equity Currency Neutral Portfolio during the period.

Class A units of the Fund posted a return of -0.2% for the period. The Fund's benchmark, the FTSE Canada Short Term Overall Bond Index (referred to as the *benchmark*), returned 0.5% for the same period. The Fund's return is after the deduction of fees and expenses, unlike the benchmark's return. See the section *Past Performance* for the returns of the other classes of units offered by the Fund.

The COVID-19 pandemic continued to have a significant impact on the economy during the period. Near the end of 2020, a number of COVID-19 vaccines showed higher-than-expected efficacy rates during their final clinical trials and were approved by health authorities. Vaccine approvals, rollouts and economic reopenings drove positive investor sentiment, primarily in the U.S., where reopening led the rest of the world. Vaccination campaigns accelerated in Canada, the U.S. and Europe, but many developing nations were much further behind.

The U.S. presidential election became the centre of attention in October and November of 2020, fuelling market volatility. Following the outcome of the election, the new U.S. administration moved quickly to pass a new fiscal package to address ongoing lockdown measures.

Bond yields rose in the first quarter of 2021 as economic stimulus measures led to higher inflation expectations. However, inflation concerns eased somewhat as investors largely shifted to align with the U.S. Federal Reserve Board's (referred to as the *Fed*) view that the increase in inflation should prove to be temporary. The emergency measures implemented by central banks and governments to ensure that liquidity remained abundant helped to improve the returns of higher-risk assets.

At its June meeting, the Fed upgraded its near-term growth and inflation forecasts. A number of Fed participants also indicated that they expected the first interest rate increase to come in early 2023, sooner than investors had expected.

After a strong recovery, driven by the reopening of economies, the momentum of economic growth began to fade. Inflationary pressures on freight, commodities and goods were driven by the economic recovery, historically low inventories and supply chain challenges.

Significantly underweight exposure to provincial bonds detracted from the Fund's performance. Provincial bonds outperformed their Government of Canada counterparts. A holding in Canada Housing Trust No. 1 (2.55%, 2023/12/15) was a detractor from the Fund's performance as yields rose. Rising yields were a result of the expected strengthening in the economy, greater fiscal and monetary stimulus and rising inflation expectations. TELUS Corp. (3.75%, 2025/01/17) was another detractor from performance as a result of increasing yields, increased spectrum spending and increased supply in the sector.

A significant overweight allocation to corporate bonds contributed to the Fund's performance as corporate bonds outperformed Government of Canada bonds. Teranet Holdings L.P. (3.54%, 2025/06/11) contributed to the Fund's performance as credit spreads (the difference in yield between corporate bonds and similar government bonds) narrowed. Strength in the housing sector and work-from-home trends resulted in this bond outperforming. A holding in Ford Credit Canada Co. (2.77%, 2022/06/22) contributed to performance, driven by narrowing credit spreads and strength in the auto sector. RioCan REIT (3.21%, 2023/09/29) contributed to performance, benefiting from stronger mall traffic.

The Portfolio Advisor added a new holding in Eagle Credit Card Trust (1.55%, 2026/06/17) for its attractive credit spread for a AAA-rated issuer. Existing holdings in Royal Bank of Canada (2.35%, 2024/07/02) and Bank of Nova Scotia (2.49%, 2024/09/23) were added to in order to increase the yield and duration (sensitivity to changes in interest rates) of the Fund.

Stellantis NV (5.25%, 2023/04/15) was eliminated to help increase the credit quality of the Fund. A holding in Government of Canada (0.25%, 2026/03/01) was trimmed to reduce the Fund's duration.

The Fund's higher portfolio turnover rate for the period was due to higher volatility in the credit markets, which created greater purchase and sale opportunities.

### Recent Developments

Effective September 1, 2021, CAMI, as manager, will pay the Fund's operating expenses, other than certain expenses, in exchange for the payment by the Fund of an annual fixed rate administration fee. This fee will apply to all of the Fund's classes, other than Class O, and will be equal to a specified percentage of the net asset value of each class of the Fund.

The COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions imposed by governments around the world to limit its spread have disrupted the global economy and financial markets in unprecedented and unpredictable ways. The COVID-19 outbreak may adversely affect the performance of the Fund.

### 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*. 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 makes 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 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, when CAMI processes trades through them (referred to in the industry as "soft-dollar" arrangements). These goods and services are paid for with a portion of brokerage commissions and assist CAMI with investment decision-making services for the Fund or relate directly to the execution of portfolio transactions on behalf of the Fund.

The fees and spreads for services of the Custodian directly related to the execution of portfolio transactions by the Fund are paid by CAMI and/or dealer(s) directed by CAMI, up to the amount of the credits generated under soft dollar arrangements from trading on behalf of the Fund during that month.

In addition, the Manager may enter into commission recapture arrangements with certain dealers with respect to the Fund. Any commission recaptured will be paid to the Fund.

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 all 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 services of the Custodian directly related to the execution of portfolio transactions by the Fund are paid by CAMI and/or dealer(s) directed by CAMI, up to the amount of the credits generated under soft dollar arrangements from trading on behalf of the Fund during that month. All other fees and spreads for the services of the Custodian are paid by the Manager and charged to the Fund on a recoverable basis. 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 and charged to the Fund on a recoverable basis. 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**

|  | 2021      | 2020     | 2019     | 2018      | 2017      |
|--|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>                       | \$ 11.39  | \$ 11.18 | \$ 10.95 | \$ 11.14  | \$ 11.40  |
| <b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>                  |           |          |          |           |           |
| Total revenue  | \$ 0.26   | \$ 0.29  | \$ 0.30  | \$ 0.29   | \$ 0.28   |
| Total expenses   | (0.13)    | (0.14)   | (0.13)   | (0.13)    | (0.16)    |
| Realized gains (losses) for the period                       | 0.03      | 0.02     | (0.12)   | (0.10)    | (0.20)    |
| Unrealized gains (losses) for the period                     | (0.18)    | 0.18     | 0.34     | (0.10)    | (0.04)    |
| <b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b> | \$ (0.02) | \$ 0.35  | \$ 0.39  | \$ (0.04) | \$ (0.12) |
| <b>Distributions:</b>  |           |          |          |           |           |
| From income (excluding dividends)                            | \$ 0.12   | \$ 0.15  | \$ 0.17  | \$ 0.16   | \$ 0.14   |
| From dividends   | —         | —        | —        | —         | —         |
| From capital gains   | —         | —        | —        | —         | —         |
| Return of capital  | —         | —        | —        | —         | —         |
| <b>Total Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>                       | \$ 0.12   | \$ 0.15  | \$ 0.17  | \$ 0.16   | \$ 0.14   |
| <b>Net Assets, end of period</b>                             | \$ 11.25  | \$ 11.39 | \$ 11.18 | \$ 10.95  | \$ 11.14  |

<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.

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

|   | 2021      | 2020      | 2019      | 2018      | 2017      |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Total Net Asset Value (000s)<sup>4</sup></b>                           | \$ 10,712 | \$ 13,255 | \$ 12,575 | \$ 15,358 | \$ 22,929 |
| <b>Number of Units Outstanding<sup>4</sup></b>                            | 951,819   | 1,163,539 | 1,124,712 | 1,402,485 | 2,057,529 |
| <b>Management Expense Ratio<sup>5</sup></b>                               | 1.17%     | 1.21%     | 1.21%     | 1.21%     | 1.45%     |
| <b>Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions<sup>5</sup></b> | 1.47%     | 1.61%     | 1.66%     | 1.63%     | 1.70%     |
| <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>                                | 107.61%   | 57.47%    | 50.48%    | 48.85%    | 86.42%    |
| <b>Net Asset Value per Unit</b>   | \$ 11.25  | \$ 11.39  | \$ 11.18  | \$ 10.95  | \$ 11.14  |

<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.

<sup>6</sup> The decision to waive and/or absorb management fees and operating expenses is at the discretion of the Manager. The practice of waiving and/or absorbing management fees and operating expenses may continue indefinitely or may be terminated at any time without notice to unitholders.

<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.

<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.

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

|  | 2021    | 2020    | 2019    | 2018      | 2017      |
|--|---------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>                       | \$ 9.69 | \$ 9.51 | \$ 9.31 | \$ 9.48   | \$ 9.70   |
| <b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>                  |         |         |         |           |           |
| Total revenue  | \$ 0.23 | \$ 0.24 | \$ 0.25 | \$ 0.25   | \$ 0.24   |
| Total expenses   | (0.07)  | (0.08)  | (0.08)  | (0.08)    | (0.08)    |
| Realized gains (losses) for the period                       | 0.03    | 0.02    | (0.10)  | (0.09)    | (0.18)    |
| Unrealized gains (losses) for the period                     | (0.15)  | 0.13    | 0.28    | (0.09)    | (0.02)    |
| <b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b> | \$ 0.04 | \$ 0.31 | \$ 0.35 | \$ (0.01) | \$ (0.04) |
| <b>Distributions:</b>  |         |         |         |           |           |
| From income (excluding dividends)                            | \$ 0.14 | \$ 0.17 | \$ 0.18 | \$ 0.17   | \$ 0.18   |
| From dividends   | —       | —       | —       | —         | —         |
| From capital gains   | —       | —       | —       | —         | —         |
| Return of capital  | —       | —       | —       | —         | —         |
| <b>Total Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>                       | \$ 0.14 | \$ 0.17 | \$ 0.18 | \$ 0.17   | \$ 0.18   |
| <b>Net Assets, end of period</b>                             | \$ 9.57 | \$ 9.69 | \$ 9.51 | \$ 9.31   | \$ 9.48   |

<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.

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

|   | 2021     | 2020     | 2019     | 2018      | 2017      |
|---|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Total Net Asset Value (000s)<sup>4</sup></b>                           | \$ 2,816 | \$ 4,601 | \$ 7,585 | \$ 10,465 | \$ 20,267 |
| <b>Number of Units Outstanding<sup>4</sup></b>                            | 294,156  | 474,831  | 797,796  | 1,123,764 | 2,138,368 |
| <b>Management Expense Ratio<sup>5</sup></b>                               | 0.76%    | 0.80%    | 0.80%    | 0.80%     | 0.81%     |
| <b>Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions<sup>5</sup></b> | 1.07%    | 1.18%    | 1.18%    | 1.18%     | 1.15%     |
| <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>                                | 107.61%  | 57.47%   | 50.48%   | 48.85%    | 86.42%    |
| <b>Net Asset Value per Unit</b>   | \$ 9.57  | \$ 9.69  | \$ 9.51  | \$ 9.31   | \$ 9.48   |

<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.

<sup>6</sup> The decision to waive and/or absorb management fees and operating expenses is at the discretion of the Manager. The practice of waiving and/or absorbing management fees and operating expenses may continue indefinitely or may be terminated at any time without notice to unitholders.

<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.

<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.

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

|  | 2021    | 2020    | 2019    | 2018    | 2017      |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
| <b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>                       | \$ 9.59 | \$ 9.41 | \$ 9.22 | \$ 9.38 | \$ 9.60   |
| <b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>                  |         |         |         |         |           |
| Total revenue  | \$ 0.22 | \$ 0.24 | \$ 0.26 | \$ 0.24 | \$ 0.24   |
| Total expenses   | (0.04)  | (0.05)  | (0.05)  | (0.05)  | (0.09)    |
| Realized gains (losses) for the period                       | 0.03    | 0.02    | (0.10)  | (0.09)  | (0.16)    |
| Unrealized gains (losses) for the period                     | (0.15)  | 0.19    | 0.30    | (0.08)  | (0.05)    |
| <b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b> | \$ 0.06 | \$ 0.40 | \$ 0.41 | \$ 0.02 | \$ (0.06) |
| <b>Distributions:</b>  |         |         |         |         |           |
| From income (excluding dividends)                            | \$ 0.17 | \$ 0.19 | \$ 0.21 | \$ 0.20 | \$ 0.17   |
| From dividends   | —       | —       | —       | —       | —         |
| From capital gains   | —       | —       | —       | —       | —         |
| Return of capital  | —       | —       | —       | —       | —         |
| <b>Total Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>                       | \$ 0.17 | \$ 0.19 | \$ 0.21 | \$ 0.20 | \$ 0.17   |
| <b>Net Assets, end of period</b>                             | \$ 9.47 | \$ 9.59 | \$ 9.41 | \$ 9.22 | \$ 9.38   |

<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.

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

|   | 2021     | 2020     | 2019     | 2018     | 2017     |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Total Net Asset Value (000s)<sup>4</sup></b>                           | \$ 7,078 | \$ 7,433 | \$ 6,668 | \$ 3,531 | \$ 4,224 |
| <b>Number of Units Outstanding<sup>4</sup></b>                            | 747,139  | 775,003  | 708,600  | 382,994  | 450,178  |
| <b>Management Expense Ratio<sup>5</sup></b>                               | 0.41%    | 0.50%    | 0.50%    | 0.50%    | 0.90%    |
| <b>Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions<sup>5</sup></b> | 0.77%    | 0.91%    | 0.93%    | 0.98%    | 1.08%    |
| <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>                                | 107.61%  | 57.47%   | 50.48%   | 48.85%   | 86.42%   |
| <b>Net Asset Value per Unit</b>   | \$ 9.47  | \$ 9.59  | \$ 9.41  | \$ 9.22  | \$ 9.38  |

<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.

<sup>6</sup> The decision to waive and/or absorb management fees and operating expenses is at the discretion of the Manager. The practice of waiving and/or absorbing management fees and operating expenses may continue indefinitely or may be terminated at any time without notice to unitholders.

<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.

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

|  | 2021    | 2020    | 2019    | 2018    | 2017      |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
| <b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>                       | \$ 9.73 | \$ 9.54 | \$ 9.35 | \$ 9.52 | \$ 9.74   |
| <b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>                  |         |         |         |         |           |
| Total revenue  | \$ 0.23 | \$ 0.25 | \$ 0.25 | \$ 0.25 | \$ 0.24   |
| Total expenses   | (0.02)  | (0.03)  | (0.03)  | (0.03)  | (0.03)    |
| Realized gains (losses) for the period                       | 0.04    | 0.02    | (0.10)  | (0.09)  | (0.18)    |
| Unrealized gains (losses) for the period                     | (0.17)  | 0.15    | 0.30    | (0.10)  | (0.04)    |
| <b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b> | \$ 0.08 | \$ 0.39 | \$ 0.42 | \$ 0.03 | \$ (0.01) |
| <b>Distributions:</b>  |         |         |         |         |           |
| From income (excluding dividends)                            | \$ 0.20 | \$ 0.22 | \$ 0.23 | \$ 0.22 | \$ 0.23   |
| From dividends   | —       | —       | —       | —       | —         |
| From capital gains   | —       | —       | —       | —       | —         |
| Return of capital  | —       | —       | —       | —       | —         |
| <b>Total Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>                       | \$ 0.20 | \$ 0.22 | \$ 0.23 | \$ 0.22 | \$ 0.23   |
| <b>Net Assets, end of period</b>                             | \$ 9.61 | \$ 9.73 | \$ 9.54 | \$ 9.35 | \$ 9.52   |

<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.

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

|   | 2021    | 2020     | 2019     | 2018     | 2017      |
|---|---------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| <b>Total Net Asset Value (000s)<sup>4</sup></b>                           | \$ 992  | \$ 3,852 | \$ 4,376 | \$ 5,632 | \$ 10,039 |
| <b>Number of Units Outstanding<sup>4</sup></b>                            | 103,291 | 396,001  | 458,529  | 602,409  | 1,055,011 |
| <b>Management Expense Ratio<sup>5</sup></b>                               | 0.24%   | 0.29%    | 0.30%    | 0.30%    | 0.30%     |
| <b>Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions<sup>5</sup></b> | 0.53%   | 0.63%    | 0.65%    | 0.65%    | 0.61%     |
| <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>                                | 107.61% | 57.47%   | 50.48%   | 48.85%   | 86.42%    |
| <b>Net Asset Value per Unit</b>   | \$ 9.61 | \$ 9.73  | \$ 9.54  | \$ 9.35  | \$ 9.52   |

<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.

<sup>6</sup> The decision to waive and/or absorb management fees and operating expenses is at the discretion of the Manager. The practice of waiving and/or absorbing management fees and operating expenses may continue indefinitely or may be terminated at any time without notice to unitholders.

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<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.

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

|  | 2021     | 2020     | 2019     | 2018     | 2017     |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>                       | \$ 10.99 | \$ 10.78 | \$ 10.56 | \$ 10.75 | \$ 11.00 |
| <b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>                  |          |          |          |          |          |
| Total revenue  | \$ 0.25  | \$ 0.28  | \$ 0.29  | \$ 0.28  | \$ 0.27  |
| Total expenses   | —        | —        | —        | —        | —        |
| Realized gains (losses) for the period                       | 0.01     | 0.01     | (0.11)   | (0.10)   | (0.22)   |
| Unrealized gains (losses) for the period                     | (0.19)   | 0.22     | 0.32     | (0.09)   | (0.02)   |
| <b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b> | \$ 0.07  | \$ 0.51  | \$ 0.50  | \$ 0.09  | \$ 0.03  |
| <b>Distributions:</b>  |          |          |          |          |          |
| From income (excluding dividends)                            | \$ 0.24  | \$ 0.27  | \$ 0.29  | \$ 0.29  | \$ 0.29  |
| From dividends   | —        | —        | —        | —        | —        |
| From capital gains   | —        | —        | —        | —        | —        |
| Return of capital  | —        | —        | —        | —        | —        |
| <b>Total Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>                       | \$ 0.24  | \$ 0.27  | \$ 0.29  | \$ 0.29  | \$ 0.29  |
| <b>Net Assets, end of period</b>                             | \$ 10.86 | \$ 10.99 | \$ 10.78 | \$ 10.56 | \$ 10.75 |

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

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

|   | 2021       | 2020      | 2019      | 2018      | 2017      |
|---|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Total Net Asset Value (000s)<sup>4</sup></b>                           | \$ 294,114 | \$ 29,381 | \$ 14,793 | \$ 18,881 | \$ 24,632 |
| <b>Number of Units Outstanding<sup>4</sup></b>                            | 27,084,680 | 2,672,638 | 1,372,255 | 1,787,761 | 2,291,418 |
| <b>Management Expense Ratio<sup>5</sup></b>                               | 0.00%      | 0.00%     | 0.00%     | 0.00%     | 0.00%     |
| <b>Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions<sup>5</sup></b> | 0.01%      | 0.02%     | 0.03%     | 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>                                | 107.61%    | 57.47%    | 50.48%    | 48.85%    | 86.42%    |
| <b>Net Asset Value per Unit</b>   | \$ 10.86   | \$ 10.99  | \$ 10.78  | \$ 10.56  | \$ 10.75  |

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## 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, 2021. These amounts do not include waived fees or absorbed expenses.

|   | Class A Units | Premium Class Units | Class F Units | Class F-Premium Units |
|---|---------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Sales and trailing commissions paid to dealers        | 51.46%        | 74.28%              | 0.00%         | 0.00%                 |
| General administration, investment advice, and profit | 48.54%        | 25.72%              | 100.00%       | 100.00%               |

## Past Performance

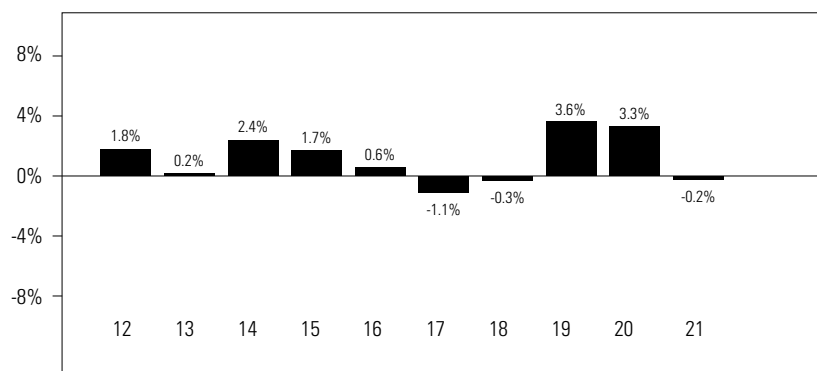
The performance data provided assumes reinvestment of distributions only and does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution, or other optional charges payable by any unitholder that would have reduced returns. Past performance does not necessarily indicate how a fund will perform in the future.

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

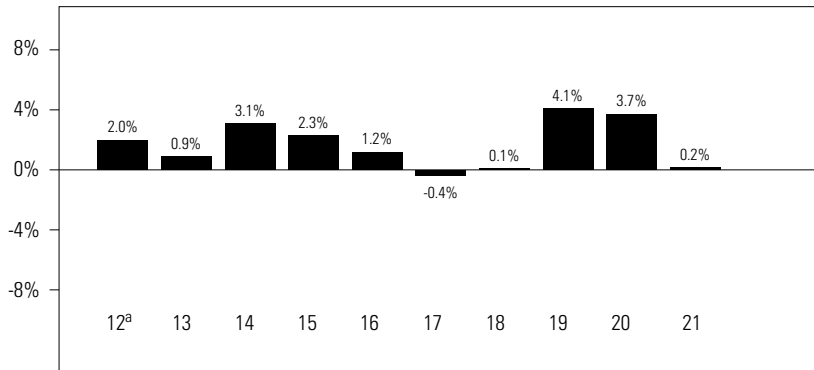
These bar charts show the annual performance of each class of units of the Fund for each of the periods shown, and illustrate how the performance has changed from period to period. These bar charts show, in percentage terms, how an investment made on September 1 would have increased or decreased by August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

Class A Units



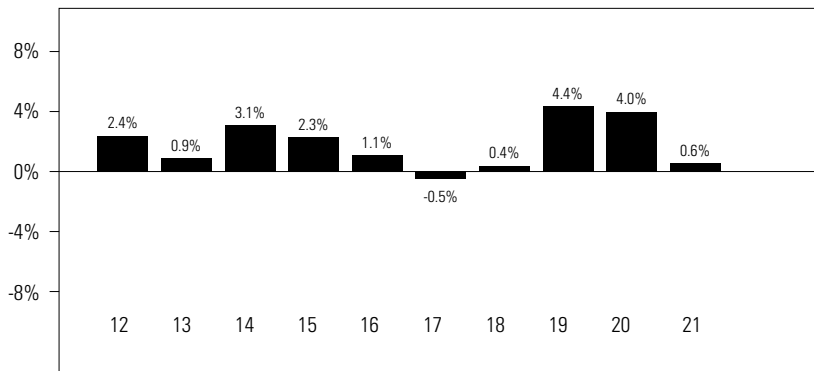
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Premium Class Units

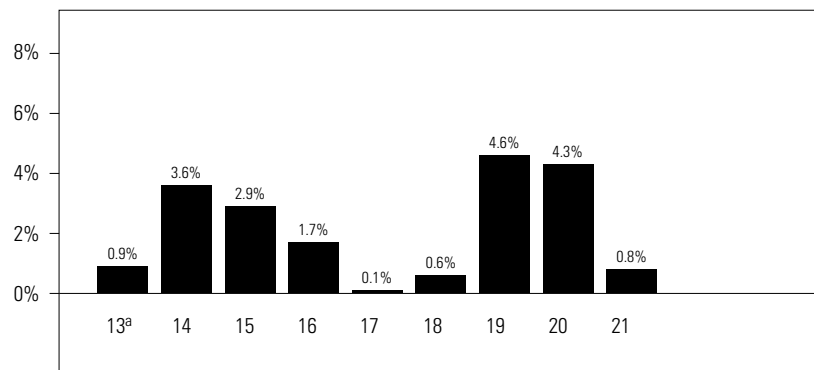


<sup>a</sup> 2012 return is for the period from September 29, 2011 to August 31, 2012.

Class F Units

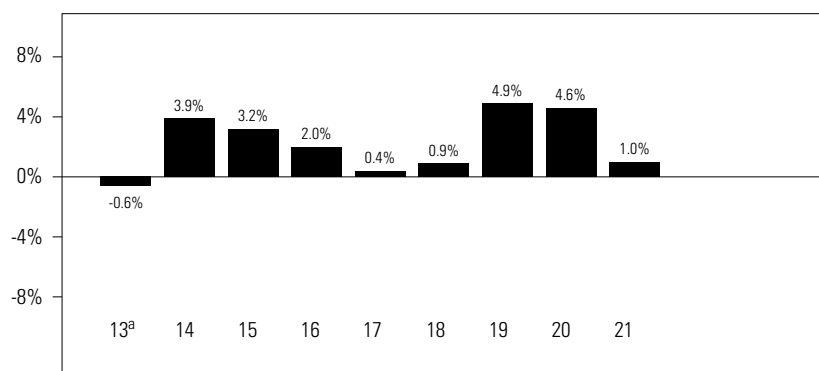


Class F-Premium Units



<sup>a</sup> 2013 return is for the period from October 4, 2012 to August 31, 2013.

Class O Units



<sup>a</sup> 2013 return is for the period from April 18, 2013 to August 31, 2013.

**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, 2021. The annual compound return is compared to the Fund's benchmark.

The Fund's benchmark is the FTSE Canada Short Term Overall Bond Index.

|   | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | 10 Years* | or | Since Inception* | Inception Date     |
|---|--------|---------|---------|-----------|----|------------------|--------------------|
| Class A units                             | -0.2%  | 2.2%    | 1.1%    | 1.2%      |    |                  | October 1, 1974    |
| FTSE Canada Short Term Overall Bond Index | 0.5%   | 3.1%    | 2.0%    | 2.2%      |    |                  |                    |
| Premium Class units                       | 0.2%   | 2.7%    | 1.5%    |           |    | 1.7%             | September 29, 2011 |
| FTSE Canada Short Term Overall Bond Index | 0.5%   | 3.1%    | 2.0%    |           |    | 2.1%             |                    |
| Class F units                             | 0.6%   | 3.0%    | 1.8%    | 1.9%      |    |                  | February 21, 2002  |
| FTSE Canada Short Term Overall Bond Index | 0.5%   | 3.1%    | 2.0%    | 2.2%      |    |                  |                    |
| Class F-Premium units                     | 0.8%   | 3.2%    | 2.1%    |           |    | 2.2%             | October 4, 2012    |
| FTSE Canada Short Term Overall Bond Index | 0.5%   | 3.1%    | 2.0%    |           |    | 2.1%             |                    |
| Class O units                             | 1.0%   | 3.5%    | 2.3%    |           |    | 2.4%             | April 18, 2013     |
| FTSE Canada Short Term Overall Bond Index | 0.5%   | 3.1%    | 2.0%    |           |    | 2.1%             |                    |

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

**FTSE Canada Short Term Overall Bond Index** is intended to represent the Canadian short-term bond market. It contains bonds with remaining effective terms greater than or equal to one year and less than or equal to 5 years.

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

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**Summary of Investment Portfolio** (as at August 31, 2021)

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<br/>Value</i> | <i>Top Positions</i>   | <i>% of Net Asset<br/>Value</i> |
|--|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| Corporate Bonds                          | 56.3                            | Canada Housing Trust No. 1, 1.75%, 2022/06/15                              | 10.0                            |
| Government of Canada & Guaranteed Bonds  | 31.2                            | Canada Housing Trust No. 1, Series 'SEPT', 2.55%, 2023/12/15               | 5.6                             |
| Provincial Government & Guaranteed Bonds | 6.5                             | Canada Housing Trust No. 1, Series 'MAR', 0.95%, 2025/06/15                | 4.6                             |
| Foreign Currency Bonds                   | 4.2                             | Province of Ontario, 2.60%, 2025/06/02                                     | 3.1                             |
| Cash & Cash Equivalents                  | 1.8                             | Canada Housing Trust No. 1, 2.35%, 2023/09/15                              | 2.4                             |
| Mortgage-Backed Securities               | 0.6                             | Bank of Nova Scotia, 2.16%, 2025/02/03                                     | 2.3                             |
| Supranational Bonds                      | 0.1                             | Canada Housing Trust No. 1, 2.35%, 2023/06/15                              | 2.3                             |
| Other Assets, less Liabilities           | -0.7                            | Canada Housing Trust No. 1, 2.90%, 2024/06/15                              | 2.2                             |
|  |                                 | Manulife Financial Corp., Variable Rate, Callable, 2.24%, 2030/05/12       | 2.1                             |
|  |                                 | Province of Quebec, 2.60%, 2025/07/06                                      | 2.0                             |
|  |                                 | Canada Housing Trust No. 1, 1.95%, 2025/12/15                              | 1.8                             |
|  |                                 | Cash & Cash Equivalents  | 1.8                             |
|  |                                 | Sun Life Financial Inc., Floating Rate, Callable, 2.38%, 2029/08/13        | 1.6                             |
|  |                                 | Bank of Montreal, Callable, 2.37%, 2025/01/17                              | 1.6                             |
|  |                                 | Enbridge Inc., Callable, 2.44%, 2025/06/02                                 | 1.5                             |
|  |                                 | National Bank of Canada, 2.98%, 2024/03/04                                 | 1.5                             |
|  |                                 | Toronto-Dominion Bank (The), Variable Rate, Callable, 3.11%,<br>2030/04/22 | 1.4                             |
|  |                                 | Royal Bank of Canada, 2.61%, 2024/11/01                                    | 1.3                             |
|  |                                 | Bank of Nova Scotia, 2.49%, 2024/09/23                                     | 1.2                             |
|  |                                 | Canadian Western Bank, 1.57%, 2023/09/14                                   | 1.2                             |
|  |                                 | Bank of Montreal, Variable Rate, Callable, 2.08%, 2030/06/17               | 1.1                             |
|  |                                 | Royal Bank of Canada, 2.35%, 2024/07/02                                    | 1.1                             |
|  |                                 | Royal Bank of Canada, Variable Rate, Callable, 2.88%, 2029/12/23           | 1.0                             |
|  |                                 | Royal Bank of Canada, 1.94%, 2025/05/01                                    | 1.0                             |
|  |                                 | TELUS Corp., Callable, 3.75%, 2025/01/17                                   | 1.0                             |

#### **A note on forward-looking statements**

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