# BMO U.S. High Yield Bond Fund (the "Fund")

For the 12-month period ended September 30, 2022 (the "Period")

Manager: BMO Investments Inc. (the "Manager" or "BMOII")

Portfolio manager: Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC, Boston, Massachusetts

### 2022 Annual Management Report of Fund Performance

This annual management report of fund performance contains financial highlights but does not contain the complete annual financial statements of the Fund. If the annual financial statements of the Fund do not accompany the mailing of this report, you may obtain a copy of the annual financial statements at your request, and at no cost, by calling 1-800-665-7700 and 1-800-668-7327, by writing to us at BMO Investments Inc., First Canadian Place, 100 King Street West, 43rd Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5X 1A1 or by visiting our website at www.bmo.com/gam/ca/advisor/legal-and-regulatory or SEDAR at www.sedar.com. You may also contact us using one of these methods to request a copy of the Fund's interim financial report, proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record and/or quarterly portfolio disclosure.

#### MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

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

The Fund's objective is to provide a high level of total return through a combination of income and capital appreciation by investing primarily in fixed income securities issued by U.S. corporations.

The portfolio manager invests primarily in a diversified pool of fixed income securities, such as bonds and debentures issued by corporations, or obtains exposure to those securities. The portfolio manager invests primarily in high-yield securities rated below BBB at the time of investment by Standard and Poor's Rating Service or the equivalent rating as defined by other recognized rating agencies. The portfolio manager analyzes the credit ratings of various issuers and uses fundamental analysis. The portfolio manager also uses general environmental, social and governance (ESG) integration and positive screening in the security selection process. The portfolio manager may invest up to 30% of the Fund's assets in securities of underlying funds. The Fund's foreign currency exposure is typically fully hedged.

#### Risk

The risks associated with an investment in the Fund remain as disclosed in the Fund's most recent simplified prospectus or any amendments thereto and fund facts. During the Period, there were no changes to the Fund that materially affected the overall risk level associated with an investment in the Fund. The Manager reviewed the Fund using the standardized investment risk classification methodology prescribed by National Instrument 81-102

BMO Mutual Funds

*Investment Funds* and determined on May 27, 2022 that the risk rating of the Fund had not changed. The Manager reviews the Fund's investment risk level and reference index, if any, at least annually.

#### **Results of Operations**

During the Period, the Fund's total net asset value changed from approximately \$906 million to approximately \$685 million. Series A units of the Fund returned -14.49%. Please see the *Past Performance* section for information on the performance returns of the Fund's other series.

During the Period, the U.S. high-yield bond market declined, while credit spreads widened 179 basis points to end the Period at 453 basis points. The five-year U.S. Treasury yield increased by 313 basis points, ending the Period at 4.09%. U.S. high-yield total returns faced significant challenges from wider spreads and higher interest rates. The primary challenge to returns was the steep increase in U.S. Treasury rates. Elevated inflation data and ongoing labour market normalization drove Treasury rates sharply higher as the U.S. Federal Reserve Board ("the Fed") quickly implemented interest-rate increases. Spreads widened and were volatile throughout 2022 due to the Russia-Ukraine conflict and concerns regarding slowing growth and macroeconomic weakness. The Fund's benchmark, the ICE Bank of America BB-B US High Yield Constrained Index (C\$ hedged) had a return of -14.2% over the Period.

Security selection in pharmaceuticals was the top contributor to the Fund's performance. It was driven by the Fund's defensive positioning among higher risk, lower quality issuers. Security selection within support services also contributed. An underweight allocation to, and selection within, specialty retail contributed to the Fund's performance.

The top individual contributor to performance was an underweight allocation to, and defensive positioning within, the Baush Health Companies Inc. capital structure as this issuer underperformed the broader high-yield market given ongoing fundamental and legal challenges. An overweight allocation to Nielsen Finance LLC/Nielsen Finance Co. (4.5%, 15/07/2029) also contributed after it was announced the company would privatize. An overweight allocation to Plantronics Inc. (4.75%, 01/03/2029) also contributed following its acquisition by HP Inc.

An overweight allocation to, and security selection within, recreation and travel was the largest detractor from the Fund's performance. More specifically, an overweight allocation to cruise line operators was the primary detractor within the category. Security selection within metals, mining, energy exploration and production also detracted.

The Fund's positioning within the Ford Motor Co. capital structure was the largest individual detractor from performance. An overweight allocation to GoTo Group, Inc. (5.5%, 01/09/2027) detracted as its business results in the post-COVID-19 work-from-home environment were weaker than initially forecasted. An overweight allocation to the Dish Network Corp. (multiple issues with 2026 to 2029 maturities) also detracted given market concerns around potential additional financing needs.

Hilcorp Energy Co. and CNX Resources Corp. were added as they have attractive asset bases in a supportive commodity price environment.

HCA Healthcare Inc., The Kraft-Heinz Co. and EQT Corp. were sold due to ratings upgrades.

#### Multi-Series Structure Change

Series D units are no longer available for purchase by new or existing investors effective June 10, 2022.

#### Portfolio Manager and Sub-Advisor Changes

On November 15, 2021, Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC replaced BMO Asset Management Inc., an affiliate of the Manager, as portfolio manager of the Fund, and Taplin, Canida & Habacht, LLC ceased to act as subadvisor of the Fund.

For information on the Fund's performance and composition, please refer to the Past Performance section and Summary of Investment Portfolio section of this report.

#### **Recent Developments**

The labour market and inflation remained strong, which accelerated the Fed's interest-rate increases. The Fed's actions increased the probability of a material growth slowdown or recession.

The portfolio manager believes if a recession materializes, it should not cause default rates to spike to levels seen in previous recessions.

While company fundamentals remain generally supportive of credit, the direction of travel over recent months has been negative. Default activity has increased modestly and is likely to continue to move gradually higher from current levels.

For the U.S. consumer, weakness is becoming increasingly evident in the lower-income cohort as higher food, housing and energy costs directly reduce disposable income and inflation remains stubbornly high.

Fed Chair Jerome Powell's September comments made it clear that aggressive interest-rate increases would continue. While the Fed has successfully tightened financial conditions and raised real rates, the labour market remains stubbornly tight, and progress thus far has not yet flowed through to inflation data.

The forward fundamental outlook is more challenging than the portfolio manager's expectations earlier in 2022. While the portfolio manager believes spreads do not fully reflect that reality, absolute yield levels of approximately 9% are a level that has been experienced only 2.26% of the time over the past ten years.

The portfolio manager remains comfortable maintaining conservative positioning and will continue looking for market dislocations that provide buying opportunities.

In February 2022, hostilities commenced in Ukraine. In response, a number of countries have imposed economic sanctions on Russia and certain Russian citizens and entities. The impact of the hostilities, economic sanctions and other measures may have wide-ranging global effects on price volatility for securities and commodities as well as the stability of global financial markets. It is uncertain how long the hostilities, economic sanctions and market instability will continue and whether they will escalate further.

#### RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

From time to time, the Manager may, on behalf of the Fund, enter into transactions or arrangements with or involving other members of BMO Financial Group, or certain other persons or companies that are related or connected to the Manager (each a "Related Party"). The purpose of this section is to provide a brief description of any transaction involving the Fund and a Related Party.

#### Manager

BMO Investments Inc., an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Bank of Montreal ("BMO"), is the Manager and trustee of the Fund. The Manager is paid a management fee by the Fund as compensation for its services, which is described in the "Management Fees" section later in this document.

#### Portfolio Manager

On November 15, 2021, Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC replaced BMO Asset Management Inc., an affiliate of the Manager, as portfolio manager of the Fund, and Taplin, Canida & Habacht, LLC ceased to act as subadvisor of the Fund. Prior to November 15, 2021, BMO Asset Management Inc. as portfolio manager received from the Manager a management fee based on assets under management, calculated daily and payable monthly.

#### Administration Fee and Operating Expenses

The Fund pays a fixed administration fee to the Manager in respect of each series other than Series I. The Manager in return pays the operating expenses of these series of the Fund, other than certain specified expenses that are paid directly by the Fund ("Fund Expenses"). Fund Expenses are allocated proportionately among the relevant series. If the Fund Expenses are specific to a series, the Fund Expenses are allocated to that series. The fixed administration fee is calculated as a fixed annual percentage of the net asset value of each relevant series of the Fund. The annual fixed administration fee rate for each series of the Fund other than Series I is 0.25%. The administration fee is subject to applicable taxes. The Manager may, in certain cases, waive a portion of the administration fee that it receives from the Fund or from certain series of the Fund. Separate fees and expenses are negotiated and paid directly by each Series I investor. Further details about the fixed administration fee, Fund Expenses and/or operating expenses can be found in the Fund's most recent simplified prospectus at www.bmo.com/gam/ca/advisor/legal-and-regulatory or

www.sedar.com.

#### **Buying and Selling Securities**

During the Period, the Fund relied on standing instructions provided by the independent review committee ("IRC") for any of the following related party transactions that may have occurred in the Fund (each, a "Related Party Transaction"):

(a) investments in securities issued by BMO, an affiliate of the Manager, or any other issuer related to the Manager;

- (b) investments in a class of non-government debt securities and/or equity securities of an issuer during the period of distribution of those securities to the public and/or the 60-day period following the distribution period where BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc., an affiliate of the Manager, or any other affiliate of the Manager acted as an underwriter in the distribution;
- (c) trades in debt securities in the secondary market with BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc., an affiliate of the Manager, that is trading with the Fund as principal; and
- (d) trades of a security of any issuer from or to, another investment fund managed by the Manager or an affiliate of the Manager or a managed account managed by an affiliate of the Manager.

In accordance with the IRC's standing instructions, in making a decision to cause the Fund to enter into a Related Party Transaction, the Manager and the portfolio manager of the Fund are required to comply with the Manager's written policies and procedures governing the Related Party Transaction and report periodically to the IRC, describing each instance that the Manager relied on the standing instructions and its compliance or non-compliance with the governing policies and procedures. The governing policies and procedures are designed to ensure that each Related Party Transaction (i) is made free from any influence of BMO, BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc. or an associate or affiliate of BMO and/or BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc., and without taking into account any considerations relevant to BMO, BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc. or an associate or affiliate of BMO and/or BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc.; (ii) represents the business judgment of the Manager, uninfluenced by considerations other than the best interests of the Fund; and (iii) achieves a fair and reasonable result for the Fund.

#### **Distribution Services**

The Manager markets and distributes the Fund through BMO branches and/or (depending on the series) through registered dealers and brokers, including BMO InvestorLine Inc. and BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc., both affiliates of the Manager. The Manager pays to these affiliates a service fee called a "trailing commission" based on the average daily value of the units and/or shares that are held in investor accounts. This service fee is paid monthly or quarterly and varies by purchase option and by series. Effective on or after June 1, 2022, series of units of the Fund that pay a service fee are no longer available for purchase by investors who hold those securities in an account with BMO InvestorLine Inc.

#### 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 periods indicated.

#### The Fund's Net Assets per Unit (1)

#### Series A Units

Net assets, end of period

\$

7.61

9.41

9.09

9.69

9.85

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|----------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
|                      | 2022   | 2021   | s ended S<br>2020  | ep. 30<br>2019   | 2018   |
| \$                   | 8.34   | 8.07   | 8.67   | 8.85   | 9.38   |
|                      |  |  |  |  |  |
|                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| \$                   | 0.40   | 0.50   | 0.49   | 0.52   | 0.53   |
| \$                   | -0.12  | -0.15  | -0.17  | -0.18  | -0.19  |
|                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| \$                   | -0.57  | -0.38  | -0.08  | -1.24  | -0.51  |
|                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| \$                   | -0.86  | 0.58   | -0.39  | 1.18   | 0.11   |
|                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| \$                   | -1.15  | 0.55   | -0.15  | 0.28   | -0.06  |
|                      |  |  |  |  |  |
|                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| \$                   | 0.33   | 0.30   | 0.44   | 0.30   | 0.48   |
| \$                   | _  | _  | _  | _  | _  |
| \$                   | _  | _  | _  | _  | _  |
| \$                   | 0.09   | 0.14   | 0.04   | 0.18   | _  |
| \$                   | 0.42   | 0.44   | 0.48   | 0.48   | 0.48   |
| \$                   | 6.75   | 8.34   | 8.07   | 8.67   | 8.85   |
|                      |  | Period   | s ended S  |  |  |
|                      |  |  |  |  |  |
|                      | 2022   | 2021   | 2020   | ep. 30<br>2019   | 2018   |
| \$                   | <b>2022</b><br>9.41                                      |  |  |  |  |
| \$                   |  | 2021   | 2020   | 2019   |  |
| \$                   |  | 2021   | 2020   | 2019   |  |
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| Series F Units                  |          |       |               |                  |                 |       |
|---------------------------------|----------|-------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|-------|
|                                 |          | 2022  | Perio<br>2021 | ds ended<br>2020 | Sep. 30<br>2019 | 2018  |
| Net assets, beginning of period | \$       | 10.75 | 10.26         | 10.81            | 10.88           | 11.77 |
| Increase (decrease)             |          |       |               |                  |                 |       |
| from operations:                |          |       |               |                  |                 |       |
| Total revenue                   | \$       | 0.53  | 0.62          | 0.62             | 0.64            | 0.64  |
| Total expenses (2)              | \$       | -0.08 | -0.08         | -0.08            | -0.08           | -0.09 |
| Realized gains (losses)         |          |       |               |                  |                 |       |
| for the period                  | \$       | -0.74 | 0.16          | -0.10            | 0.25            | -0.63 |
| Unrealized gains (losses)       |          |       |               |                  |                 |       |
| for the period                  | \$       | -1.19 | 0.32          | -0.47            | -0.32           | 0.12  |
| Total increase (decrease)       |          |       |               |                  |                 |       |
| from operations (3)             | \$       | -1.48 | 1.02          | -0.03            | 0.49            | 0.04  |
| Distributions:                  |          |       |               |                  |                 |       |
| From net investment income      |          |       |               |                  |                 |       |
| (excluding dividends)           | \$       | 0.52  | 0.54          | 0.54             | 0.57            | 0.96  |
| From dividends                  | \$<br>\$ | _     | _             | _                | _               | _     |
| From capital gains              | \$       | _     | _             | _                | _               | _     |
| Return of capital               | \$       | 0.02  | 0.00          | 0.00             | _               | 0.01  |
| Total Annual Distributions (4)  | \$       | 0.54  | 0.54          | 0.54             | 0.57            | 0.97  |
| Net assets, end of period       | \$       | 8.77  | 10.75         | 10.26            | 10.81           | 10.88 |
| Series D Units                  |          |       |               |                  |                 |       |
| Jeries & Offics                 |          |       | Perio         | ds ended         | Sep. 30         |       |
|                                 |          | 2022  | 2021          | 2020             | 2019            | 2018  |
| Net assets, beginning of period | \$       | 8.54  | 8.19          | 8.70             | 8.81            | 9.25  |
| Increase (decrease)             |          |       |               |                  |                 |       |
| from operations:                |          |       |               |                  |                 |       |
| Total revenue                   | \$       | 0.42  | 0.49          | 0.49             | 0.52            | 0.52  |
| Total expenses (2)              | \$       | -0.09 | -0.09         | -0.09            | -0.10           | -0.10 |
| Realized gains (losses)         |          |       |               |                  |                 |       |
| for the period                  | \$       | -0.54 | 0.14          | -0.11            | 0.48            | -0.52 |
| Unrealized gains (losses)       |          |       |               |                  |                 |       |
| for the period                  | \$       | -0.78 | 0.27          | -0.38            | -0.52           | 0.14  |
| Total increase (decrease)       |          |       |               |                  |                 |       |
| from operations (3)             | \$       | -0.99 | 0.81          | -0.09            | 0.38            | 0.04  |
| Distributions:                  |          |       |               |                  |                 |       |
| From net investment income      |          |       |               |                  |                 |       |
| (excluding dividends)           | \$       | 0.38  | 0.37          | 0.46             | 0.42            | 0.48  |
| From dividends                  | \$       | _     | _             | _                | _               | _     |
| From capital gains              | \$       | _     | _             | _                | _               | _     |
| Return of capital               | \$       | 0.04  | 0.07          | 0.02             | 0.06            | 0.00  |
| Total Annual Distributions (4)  | \$       | 0.42  | 0.44          | 0.48             | 0.48            | 0.48  |
| Net assets, end of period       | \$       | 6.95  | 8.54          | 8.19             | 8.70            | 8.81  |

| Series I Units                           |               |                    | 0:            |                 | 20             |       | Ratios and Supplem                | entai | vala   |               |                |
|--|---------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|-------|-----------------------------------|-------|--------|---------------|----------------|
|  |               | 2022               | 2021          | ended S<br>2020 | ep. 30<br>2019 | 2018  | Series A Units                    |       |        |               |                |
| Net assets, beginning of period          | \$            | 8.46               | 8.07          | 8.51            | 8.60           | 9.49  |                                   |       | 2022   | Perio<br>2021 | ds ende<br>202 |
| Increase (decrease) from operations:     |               |                    |               |                 |                |       | Total net asset value (000's) (1) | \$    | 8,181  | 12,265        | 4,26           |
| Total revenue                            | \$            | 0.41               | 0.49          | 0.49            | 0.51           | 0.51  | Number of units                   |       | 4 242  | 4 470         |                |
| Total expenses (2)                       | \$            | -0.00              | -0.00         | -0.00           | -0.00          | 0.00  | outstanding (000's) (1)           | 0.4   | 1,212  | 1,470         | 52             |
| Realized gains (losses)                  |               |                    |               |                 |                |       | Management expense ratio (2)      | %     | 1.59   | 1.81          | 2.0            |
| for the period                           | \$            | -0.57              | 0.12          | -0.05           | -2.92          | -0.50 | Management expense ratio          | 0.4   | 4.50   | 4.04          | 2.0            |
| Unrealized gains (losses)                |               |                    |               |                 |                |       | before waivers or absorptions     | %     | 1.59   | 1.81          | 2.0            |
| for the period                           | \$            | -0.86              | 0.24          | -0.37           | 2.71           | 0.12  | Trading expense ratio (3)         | %     | 0.00   | 0.00          | 0.0            |
| Total increase (decrease)                |               |                    |               |                 |                |       | Portfolio turnover rate (4)       | %     | 87.56  | 46.31         | 51.4           |
| from operations (3)                      | \$            | -1.02              | 0.85          | 0.07            | 0.30           | 0.13  | Net asset value per unit          | \$    | 6.75   | 8.34          | 8.0            |
| Distributions:                           |               |                    |               |                 |                |       | A desires Continue Hotel          |       |        |               |                |
| From net investment income               |               |                    |               |                 |                |       | Advisor Series Units              |       |        | Dorio         | ds ende        |
| (excluding dividends)                    | \$            | 0.48               | 0.48          | 0.50            | 0.55           | 0.99  |                                   |       | 2022   | 2021          | us ende<br>202 |
| From dividends                           | \$            | _                  | _             | _               | _              | _     |                                   |       |        |               |                |
| From capital gains                       | \$            | _                  | _             | _               | _              | _     | Total net asset value (000's) (1) | \$    | 21,586 | 32,149        | 33,85          |
| Return of capital                        | \$            | 0.00               | 0.00          | 0.00            | 0.00           | 0.04  | Number of units                   |       |        |               |                |
| Total Annual Distributions (4)           | \$            | 0.48               | 0.48          | 0.50            | 0.55           | 1.03  | outstanding (000's) (1)           |       | 2,836  | 3,415         | 3,72           |
| Net assets, end of period                | \$            | 6.91               | 8.46          | 8.07            | 8.51           | 8.60  | Management expense ratio (2)      | 0/0   | 1.61   | 1.82          | 2.0            |
|  | -             |                    |               |                 |                |       | Management expense ratio          |       |        |               |                |
| Series O Units                           |               |                    |               |                 |                |       | before waivers or absorptions     | 0/0   | 1.61   | 1.93          | 2.0            |
|  |               |                    | Periods       | ended S         |                |       | Trading expense ratio (3)         | 0/0   | 0.00   | 0.00          | 0.0            |
|  |               | 2022               | 2021          | 2020            | 2019           | 2018  | Portfolio turnover rate (4)       | 0/0   | 87.56  | 46.31         | 51.4           |
| Net assets, beginning of period          | \$            | 8.89               | 8.49          | 8.95            | 9.00           | 9.82  | Net asset value per unit          | \$    | 7.61   | 9.41          | 9.0            |
| Increase (decrease)                      |               |                    |               |                 |                |       |                                   |       |        |               |                |
| from operations:                         |               |                    |               |                 |                |       | Series F Units                    |       |        |               |                |
| Total revenue                            | \$            | 0.43               | 0.51          | 0.51            | 0.53           | 0.54  |                                   |       | 2022   | 2021          | ds ende<br>202 |
| Total expenses (2)                       | \$            | -0.04              | -0.04         | -0.04           | -0.04          | -0.05 |                                   |       |        |               |                |
| Realized gains (losses)                  |               |                    |               |                 |                |       | Total net asset value (000's) (1) | \$    | 8,964  | 11,527        | 10,81          |
| for the period                           | \$            | -0.62              | 0.16          | -0.07           | -0.03          | -0.51 | Number of units                   |       |        |               |                |
| Unrealized gains (losses)                |               |                    |               |                 |                |       | outstanding (000's) (1)           |       | 1,022  | 1,072         | 1,05           |
| for the period                           | \$            | -0.93              | 0.24          | -0.43           | -0.05          | 0.12  | Management expense ratio (2)      | 0/0   | 0.77   | 0.77          | 0.7            |
| Total increase (decrease)                |               |                    |               |                 |                |       | Management expense ratio          |       |        |               |                |
| from operations (3)                      | \$            | -1.16              | 0.87          | -0.03           | 0.41           | 0.10  | before waivers or absorptions     | 0/0   | 0.77   | 0.77          | 0.7            |
| Distributions:                           | *             |                    |               |                 |                |       | Trading expense ratio (3)         | 0/0   | 0.00   | 0.00          | 0.0            |
| From net investment income               |               |                    |               |                 |                |       | Portfolio turnover rate (4)       | 0/0   | 87.56  | 46.31         | 51.4           |
| (excluding dividends)                    | \$            | 0.46               | 0.47          | 0.48            | 0.49           | 0.87  | Net asset value per unit          | \$    | 8.77   | 10.75         | 10.2           |
| From dividends                           | Ś             | -                  | _             | -               | -              | _     |                                   |       |        |               |                |
| From capital gains                       | Ś             | _                  | _             | _               | _              | _     | Series D Units                    |       |        |               |                |
| Return of capital                        | Ś             | 0.02               | 0.01          | 0.00            | 0.00           | 0.05  |                                   |       | 2022   |               | ds ende        |
| Total Annual Distributions (4)           | ¢             | 0.48               | 0.48          | 0.48            | 0.49           | 0.92  |                                   |       | 2022   | 2021          | 202            |
| Net assets, end of period                | \$<br>\$      | 7.25               | 0.48<br>8.89  | 0.48<br>8.49    | 8.95           | 9.00  | Total net asset value (000's) (1) | \$    | 17     | 2,948         | 3,02           |
| mer assers, ena ur periua                | ٠             | 1.23               | 0.07          | 0.47            | 0.73           | 7.00  | Number of units                   |       |        |               |                |
| (1) This information is derived from the | ne Fund's au  | idited annual fina | ncial stateme | ents.           |                |       | outstanding (000's) (1)           |       | 2      | 345           | 37             |
| (2) Includes commissions and other r     | ortfolio tran | saction costs and  | withholding   | tavac           |                |       | Management expense ratio (2)      | 0/0   | 1 11   | 1 11          | 1.0            |

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes commissions and other portfolio transaction costs and withholding taxes.

|   |     | Periods ended Sep. 30 |        |       |       |       |
|---|-----|-----------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
|   |     | 2022                  | 2021   | 2020  | 2019  | 2018  |
| Total net asset value (000's) (1) Number of units | \$  | 8,181                 | 12,265 | 4,267 | 5,302 | 5,822 |
| outstanding (000's) (1)                           |     | 1,212                 | 1,470  | 528   | 612   | 657   |
| Management expense ratio (2)                      | 0/0 | 1.59                  | 1.81   | 2.04  | 2.03  | 2.03  |
| Management expense ratio                          |     |                       |        |       |       |       |
| before waivers or absorptions                     | 0/0 | 1.59                  | 1.81   | 2.04  | 2.03  | 2.03  |
| Trading expense ratio (3)                         | 0/0 | 0.00                  | 0.00   | 0.00  | _     | _     |
| Portfolio turnover rate (4)                       | 0/0 | 87.56                 | 46.31  | 51.43 | 27.21 | 27.88 |
| Net asset value per unit                          | \$  | 6.75                  | 8.34   | 8.07  | 8.67  | 8.85  |

|   |     | Periods ended Sep. 30 |        |        |        |        |  |
|---|-----|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|
|   |     | 2022                  | 2021   | 2020   | 2019   | 2018   |  |
| Total net asset value (000's) (1) Number of units | \$  | 21,586                | 32,149 | 33,856 | 46,159 | 55,761 |  |
| outstanding (000's) (1)                           |     | 2,836                 | 3,415  | 3,726  | 4,763  | 5,662  |  |
| Management expense ratio (2)                      | 0/0 | 1.61                  | 1.82   | 2.05   | 2.05   | 2.06   |  |
| Management expense ratio                          |     |                       |        |        |        |        |  |
| before waivers or absorptions                     | 0/0 | 1.61                  | 1.93   | 2.05   | 2.06   | 2.06   |  |
| Trading expense ratio (3)                         | 0/0 | 0.00                  | 0.00   | 0.00   | _      | _      |  |
| Portfolio turnover rate (4)                       | 0/0 | 87.56                 | 46.31  | 51.43  | 27.21  | 27.88  |  |
| Net asset value per unit                          | \$  | 7.61                  | 9.41   | 9.09   | 9.69   | 9.85   |  |

|                                   |     | Periods ended Sep. 30 |        |        |        |        |  |
|-----------------------------------|-----|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|
|                                   |     | 2022                  | 2021   | 2020   | 2019   | 2018   |  |
| Total net asset value (000's) (1) | \$  | 8,964                 | 11,527 | 10,814 | 11,960 | 12,821 |  |
| Number of units                   |     |                       |        |        |        |        |  |
| outstanding (000's) (1)           |     | 1,022                 | 1,072  | 1,054  | 1,107  | 1,178  |  |
| Management expense ratio (2)      | 0/0 | 0.77                  | 0.77   | 0.77   | 0.77   | 0.77   |  |
| Management expense ratio          |     |                       |        |        |        |        |  |
| before waivers or absorptions     | 0/0 | 0.77                  | 0.77   | 0.77   | 0.77   | 0.77   |  |
| Trading expense ratio (3)         | 0/0 | 0.00                  | 0.00   | 0.00   | _      | _      |  |
| Portfolio turnover rate (4)       | 0/0 | 87.56                 | 46.31  | 51.43  | 27.21  | 27.88  |  |
| Net asset value per unit          | \$  | 8.77                  | 10.75  | 10.26  | 10.81  | 10.88  |  |
|                                   |     |                       |        |        |        |        |  |

|                                   |     | Periods ended Sep. 30 |       |       |       |       |  |
|-----------------------------------|-----|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
|                                   |     | 2022                  | 2021  | 2020  | 2019  | 2018  |  |
| Total net asset value (000's) (1) | \$  | 17                    | 2,948 | 3,028 | 769   | 685   |  |
| Number of units                   |     |                       |       |       |       |       |  |
| outstanding (000's) (1)           |     | 2                     | 345   | 370   | 88    | 78    |  |
| Management expense ratio (2)      | 0/0 | 1.11                  | 1.11  | 1.09  | 1.10  | 1.10  |  |
| Management expense ratio          |     |                       |       |       |       |       |  |
| before waivers or absorptions     | 0/0 | 1.12                  | 1.11  | 1.09  | 1.10  | 1.10  |  |
| Trading expense ratio (3)         | 0/0 | 0.00                  | 0.00  | 0.00  | _     | _     |  |
| Portfolio turnover rate (4)       | 0/0 | 87.56                 | 46.31 | 51.43 | 27.21 | 27.88 |  |
| Net asset value per unit          | \$  | 6.95                  | 8.54  | 8.19  | 8.70  | 8.81  |  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(9)</sup> Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the financial period. This table is not intended to be a reconciliation of beginning to ending net assets per unit.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(4)</sup> Distributions were either paid in cash or reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both. The allocation of the distributions from each of income, dividends, capital gains and return of capital is based on the Manager's estimate as at September 30 of the period shown, as applicable, which is the Fund's financial year-end. However, the actual allocation of distributions is determined as at December 15, the Fund's tax year-end. Accordingly, the actual allocation among income, dividends, capital gains and return of capital may differ from these estimates.

| Series I Units                        |     |        |                       |        |        |        |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------------|-----|--------|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--|--|--|--|
|                                       |     |        | Periods ended Sep. 30 |        |        |        |  |  |  |  |
|                                       |     | 2022   | 2021                  | 2020   | 2019   | 2018   |  |  |  |  |
| Total net asset value (000's) (1)     | \$  | 28,806 | 43,736                | 51,433 | 51,084 | 97,448 |  |  |  |  |
| Number of units                       |     |        |                       |        |        |        |  |  |  |  |
| outstanding (000's) (1)               |     | 4,170  | 5,169                 | 6,372  | 6,005  | 11,332 |  |  |  |  |
| Management expense ratio <sup>+</sup> | 0/0 | _      | _                     | _      | _      | _      |  |  |  |  |
| Management expense ratio              |     |        |                       |        |        |        |  |  |  |  |
| before waivers or absorptions +       | 0/0 | _      | _                     | _      | _      | _      |  |  |  |  |
| Trading expense ratio (3)             | 0/0 | 0.00   | 0.00                  | 0.00   | _      | _      |  |  |  |  |
| Portfolio turnover rate (4)           | 0/0 | 87.56  | 46.31                 | 51.43  | 27.21  | 27.88  |  |  |  |  |
| Net asset value per unit              | \$  | 6.91   | 8.46                  | 8.07   | 8.51   | 8.60   |  |  |  |  |

#### Series O Units

|   |     | Periods ended Sep. 30 |         |         |         |         |  |  |
|---|-----|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--|--|
|   |     | 2022                  | 2021    | 2020    | 2019    | 2018    |  |  |
| Total net asset value (000's) (1) Number of units     | \$  | 617,735               | 803,710 | 762,364 | 788,713 | 833,288 |  |  |
| outstanding (000's) (1)                               |     | 85,262                | 90,422  | 89,785  | 88,153  | 92,566  |  |  |
| Management expense ratio (2) Management expense ratio | 0/0 | 0.47                  | 0.47    | 0.47    | 0.47    | 0.47    |  |  |
| before waivers or absorptions                         | 0/0 | 0.47                  | 0.47    | 0.47    | 0.47    | 0.47    |  |  |
| Trading expense ratio (3)                             | 0/0 | 0.00                  | 0.00    | 0.00    | _       | _       |  |  |
| Portfolio turnover rate (4)                           | 0/0 | 87.56                 | 46.31   | 51.43   | 27.21   | 27.88   |  |  |
| Net asset value per unit                              | \$  | 7.25                  | 8.89    | 8.49    | 8.95    | 9.00    |  |  |

- + Operating expenses are paid by BMOII and management fees are paid directly to BMOII as negotiated with the investor.
- (1) This information is provided as at September 30 of the period shown.
- (2) Management expense ratio is based on total expenses (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period.
- (9) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period. For the financial periodsended September 30, 2019 and September 30, 2018, no commissions or portfolio transaction costs were incurred by the Fund. As a result, the trading expense ratio for these periods was nil.
- <sup>60</sup> The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio manager manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate 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 portfolio turnover rate 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.

#### Management Fees

The Manager is responsible for the day-to-day management of the business and operations of the Fund. The Manager monitors and evaluates the Fund's performance, pays for the investment advice provided by the Fund's portfolio manager and provides certain administrative services required by the Fund. As compensation for its services, the Manager is entitled to receive a management fee payable monthly, calculated based on the daily net asset value of each series of the Fund at the annual rate set out in the table below. The management fee is subject to applicable taxes. The Manager may, at its discretion, waive a portion or the entire amount of the management fee chargeable at any given time for each series of the Fund.

As a Percentage of Management Fees

|                      | Annual<br>Management<br>Fee Rate*<br>% | Dealer<br>Compensation<br>% | General<br>Administration,<br>Investment<br>Advice and Profit<br>% |
|----------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|
| Series A Units       | 1.20                                   | 63                          | 37   |
| Advisor Series Units | 1.20                                   | 55                          | 45   |
| Series F Units       | 0.45                                   | 0                           | 100  |
| Series D Units       | 0.75                                   | 26                          | 74   |
| Series I Units       | _                                      | _                           | _  |
| Series O Units       | 0.175                                  | 0                           | 100  |

<sup>\*</sup> For Series I Units, separate Series I fees are negotiated and paid directly by each Series I investor. The combined management and administration fees for Series I Units will not exceed the management fee charged for Advisor Series or Series A Units.

#### PAST PERFORMANCE

The Fund's performance information assumes that all distributions made by the Fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional securities of the Fund and is based on the net asset value of the Fund. The reinvestment of distributions increases returns. The performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution, other optional charges or income taxes payable that, if applicable, would have reduced returns or performance. Please remember that how the Fund has performed in the past does not indicate how it will perform in the future.

The returns of each series may differ from one another for a number of reasons, including if the series was not issued and outstanding for the entire reporting period and because of the different levels of management fees and expenses allocated and payable by each series.

On July 15, 2016, the management fees on Series A and Advisor Series units were lowered from 1.75% to 1.60%. In addition, the management fee on Series F units was lowered from 0.55% to 0.45%.

On July 15, 2016, the administration fee applicable to the Fund (except Series O units) was lowered from 0.28% to 0.25%. In addition, the administration fee on Series O units was lowered from 0.275% to 0.25%.

On October 14, 2016, after obtaining all necessary unitholder and regulatory approvals, BMO High Yield Bond Fund merged into the Fund.

On March 6, 2017, BMO Asset Management Inc. replaced Monegy, Inc. as portfolio manager of the Fund and Taplin, Canida & Habacht, LLC became the sub-advisor of the Fund.

On June 24, 2021, the Manager reduced the annual management fees for Series A and Advisor Series units of the Fund from 1.60% to 1.20%.

On June 25, 2021, after receiving all necessary unitholder and regulatory approvals, BMO Floating Rate Income Fund merged into the Fund.

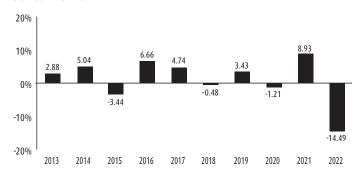
On November 15, 2021 Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC replaced BMO Asset Management Inc. as portfolio manager of the Fund and Taplin Canida & Habacht LLC ceased to act as sub-advisor for the Fund. In addition, a corresponding change was made to the investment strategies as the portfolio manager may invest up to 30% of the Fund's assets in securities of underlying funds, with such underlying funds expected to be predominantly or exclusively underlying funds that are managed by the Manager or one of its affiliates or associates.

These changes could have affected the performance of the Fund had they been in effect throughout the performance measurement periods presented.

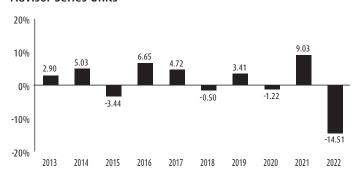
#### **Year-by-Year Returns**

The following bar charts show the performance of each series of the Fund for each of the financial years shown, and illustrate how the Fund's performance has changed from year to year. The charts show in percentage terms how an investment made on the first day of each financial year would have increased or decreased by the last day of each financial year.

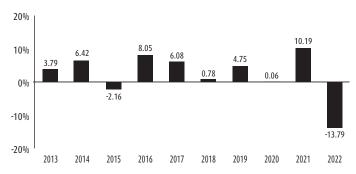
#### **Series A Units**



#### Advisor Series Units



#### Series F Units



# Series D Units 20% 10% -0.25 -0.25 -0.25 -0.25

2017

2018

2019

2020

2021

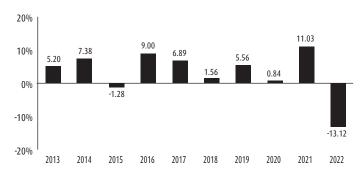
#### Series I Units

2014(1)

2015

2016

-20%



#### Series O Units



(1) For the period beginning with the performance launch date of April 8, 2014 to September 30, 2014.

#### **Annual Compound Returns**

This table compares the historical annual compound returns of the Fund with its benchmark, the ICE BofA BB-B US High Yield Constrained Index (C\$ hedged).

The ICE BofA BB-B US High Yield Constrained Index (C\$ hedged) contains all securities in the ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Index rated BB1 through B3, based on an average of Moody's, S&P and Fitch, but caps issuer exposure at 2%.

#### Series A Units

-14 21

2022

|  |     | 1      | 3     | 5     | 10<br>years | Since<br>Inception |
|--|-----|--------|-------|-------|-------------|--------------------|
|  |     | year   | years | years |             |                    |
| BMO U.S. High Yield Bond Fund<br>ICE BofA BB-B US High Yield | %   | -14.49 | -2.74 | -1.08 | 1.00        |                    |
| Constrained Index (C\$ hedged)                               | 0/0 | -14.16 | -1.40 | 0.76  | 3.52        |                    |

#### **Advisor Series Units**

|  |     | 1      | 3     | 5     | 10    | Since     |
|--|-----|--------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|
|  |     | year   | years | years | years | Inception |
| BMO U.S. High Yield Bond Fund<br>ICE BofA BB-B US High Yield | %   | -14.51 | -2.71 | -1.08 | 1.00  |           |
| Constrained Index (C\$ hedged)                               | 0/0 | -14.16 | -1.40 | 0.76  | 3.52  |           |

#### Series F Units

|  |     | 1      | 1     | 3     | 5     | 10        | Since |
|--|-----|--------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|
|  |     | year   | years | years | years | Inception |       |
| BMO U.S. High Yield Bond Fund<br>ICE BofA BB-B US High Yield | %   | -13.79 | -1.68 | 0.07  | 2.20  |           |       |
| Constrained Index (C\$ hedged)                               | 0/0 | -14.16 | -1.40 | 0.76  | 3.52  |           |       |

#### Series D Units

|  |   | 1      | 3     | 5     | 10 Since           |
|--|---|--------|-------|-------|--------------------|
|  |   | year   | years | years | years Inception(1) |
| BMO U.S. High Yield Bond Fund<br>ICE BofA BB-B US High Yield | % | -14.21 | -2.05 | -0.29 | 1.05               |
| Constrained Index (C\$ hedged)                               | % | -14.16 | -1.40 | 0.76  | 2.52               |

#### Series I Units

|  |   | 1      | 3     | 5     | 10    | Since     |
|--|---|--------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|
|  |   | year   | years | years | years | Inception |
| BMO U.S. High Yield Bond Fund<br>ICE BofA BB-B US High Yield | % | -13.12 | -0.92 | 0.84  | 3.09  |           |
| Constrained Index (C\$ hedged)                               | % | -14.16 | -1.40 | 0.76  | 3.52  |           |

#### Series O Units

| year   | years  | vears        |                   |                        |
|--------|--------|--------------|-------------------|------------------------|
|        |        | years        | years             | Inception              |
| -13.53 | -1.38  | 0.37         | 2.58              |                        |
| -14.16 | -1.40  | 0.76         | 3.52              |                        |
|        | -14.16 | -14.16 -1.40 | -14.16 -1.40 0.76 | -14.16 -1.40 0.76 3.52 |

 $<sup>^{(1)}</sup>$  Return from the performance launch date of April 8, 2014 to September 30, 2022.

A commentary on the market and/or information regarding the relative performance of the Fund as compared to its benchmark can be found under the Results of Operations section of this report.

#### SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

As at September 30, 2022

| Portfolio Allocation         | % of Net<br>Asset Value |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Corporate Bonds & Debentures | 100.1                   |
| Floating Rate Loans          | 0.9                     |
| U.S. Equities                | 0.1                     |
| Cash/Receivables/Payables    | -1.1                    |
| Total Portfolio Allocation   | 100.0                   |

| Top 25 Holdings <sup>+</sup>                                  | % of Net<br>Asset Value |
|---|-------------------------|
| Sprint Corporation, Senior, Unsecured, Notes, 7.875% Sep 15,  | 2023 1.5                |
| CSC Holdings, LLC, Series 144A, Senior, Unsecured,            |                         |
| Notes, Callable, 4.125% Dec 1, 2030                           | 1.1                     |
| NextEra Energy Operating Partners, L.P., Series 144A,         |                         |
| Senior, Unsecured, Notes, Callable, 4.500% Sep 15, 2027       | 1.1                     |
| TransDigm Inc., Series 144A, Senior, Secured,                 |                         |
| Notes, Callable, 6.250% Mar 15, 2026                          | 1.0                     |
| American Builders & Contractors Supply Co., Inc., Series 144A | ,                       |
| Senior, Secured, Notes, Callable, 4.000% Jan 15, 2028         | 1.0                     |
| Nielsen Finance LLC/Nielsen Finance Co., Series 144A,         |                         |
| Senior, Unsecured, Notes, Callable, 4.500% Jul 15, 2029       | 1.0                     |
| Clearway Energy Operating LLC, Series 144A, Senior,           |                         |
| Unsecured, Notes, Callable, 3.750% Jan 15, 2032               | 1.0                     |
| Venture Global Calcasieu Pass, LLC, Series 144A, Senior,      |                         |
| Secured, Notes, Callable, 4.125% Aug 15, 2031                 | 1.0                     |
| HudBay Minerals Inc., Series 144A, Senior, Unsecured,         |                         |
| Notes, Callable, 6.125% Apr 1, 2029                           | 0.9                     |
| Alliant Holdings Intermediate LLC/Alliant Holdings Co-Issuer, |                         |
| Series 144A, Senior, Secured,                                 |                         |
| Notes, Callable, 4.250% Oct 15, 2027                          | 0.9                     |
| Occidental Petroleum Corporation, Senior, Unsecured,          |                         |
| Notes, Callable, 5.875% Sep 1, 2025                           | 0.9                     |
| Trivium Packaging Finance B.V., Series 144A, Senior,          |                         |
| Secured, Notes, Callable, 5.500% Aug 15, 2026                 | 0.9                     |
| NFP Corp., Senior, Secured, Notes, Callable, 4.875% Aug 15, 2 | 2028 0.9                |
| DISH DBS Corporation, Series 144A, Senior,                    |                         |
| Secured, Callable, 5.250% Dec 1, 2026                         | 0.9                     |
| American Airlines Inc./AAdvantage Loyalty IP Ltd., Series 144 | IA,                     |
| Senior, Secured, Notes, 5.500% Apr 20, 2026                   | 0.9                     |
| Mauser Packaging Solutions Holding Company, Series 144A,      |                         |
| Senior, Secured, Notes, Callable, 5.500% Apr 15, 2024         | 0.9                     |
| Service Properties Trust, Senior, Unsecured,                  |                         |
| Notes, Callable, 7.500% Sep 15, 2025                          | 0.8                     |
| FAGE International SA/FAGE USA Dairy Industry Inc.,           |                         |
| Series 144A, Senior, Unsecured, Notes,                        |                         |
| Callable, 5.625% Aug 15, 2026                                 | 0.8                     |
|   |                         |

| Issuer   | <b>Asset Value</b> |
|--|--------------------|
| 133001   |                    |
| Iliad Holding, Series 144A, Senior, Secured,               |                    |
| Notes, Callable, 6.500% Oct 15, 2026                       | 0.8                |
| Constellium SE, Series 144A, Senior, Unsecured,            |                    |
| Notes, Callable, 3.750% Apr 15, 2029                       | 0.8                |
| Clear Channel Outdoor Holdings, Inc., Series 144A,         |                    |
| Senior, Secured, Notes, Callable, 5.125% Aug 15, 2027      | 0.8                |
| Altice France, Series 144A, Senior, Secured,               |                    |
| Notes, Callable, 5.125% Jul 15, 2029                       | 0.8                |
| Delek Logistics Partners LP/Delek Logistics Finance Corp., |                    |
| Senior, Unsecured, Callable, 6.750% May 15, 2025           | 0.8                |
| Uber Technologies Inc., Series 144A, Senior, Unsecured,    |                    |
| Notes, Callable, 6.250% Jan 15, 2028                       | 0.8                |
| Asbury Automotive Group, Inc., Senior, Unsecured,          |                    |
| Notes, Callable, 4.500% Mar 1, 2028                        | 0.8                |
| Top Holdings as a Percentage of Total Net Asset Value      | 23.1               |
| Total Net Asset Value                                      | \$685,288,779      |

<sup>\*</sup>The prospectus and other information about the underlying exchange traded fund(s) held in the portfolio are available on the exchange traded fund's designated website and/or at www.sedar.com.

The summary of investment portfolio may change due to the Fund's ongoing portfolio transactions. Updates are available quarterly.

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