

# BMO Preferred Share Fund (the "Fund")

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

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

Portfolio manager: BMO Asset Management Inc., Toronto, Ontario (the "portfolio manager")

## 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](http://www.bmo.com/gam/ca/advisor/legal-and-regulatory) or SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://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 generate steady income and achieve capital preservation and appreciation by investing primarily in preferred shares of Canadian companies and in other types of securities that are expected to distribute income.

The portfolio manager examines the financial statistics of each company it is considering to determine if the securities are attractively priced. The portfolio manager will consider a variety of preferred securities based on the interest rate and credit outlook. The portfolio manager also uses general environmental, social and governance (ESG) integration and positive screening in the security selection process.

#### 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 *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 \$645 million to approximately \$526 million. Series A units of the Fund returned -15.33%. Please see the *Past Performance* section for information on the performance returns of the Fund's other series.

During the Period, the negative returns generated by both stocks and bonds weighed on the preferred share market. Elevated inflation propelled global central banks to aggressively accelerate their monetary tightening policies, and the speed of the repricing in the yield curve also negatively affected the preferred share market. Floating rate notes that benefit from this environment only represent 2.9% of the S&P/TSX Preferred Share Index. In the third quarter, the shrinking size of the market, combined with hybrid limited recourse capital note offerings and new issues in institutional preferred shares, further impaired liquidity. During the Period, the S&P/TSX Preferred Share Index returned -14%.

The Fund's security selection within perpetual bonds contributed to performance, as did its cash allocation given the declining market. The Fund's security selection in both the utilities and insurance sectors also contributed to performance. Individual contributors included Brookfield Property Partners L.P. fixed-rate perpetual bond with call date July 26, 2026, BCE Inc. (3.306%) rate-reset perpetual bond with call date December 31, 2026, and Great-West Lifeco Inc. (4.5%) fixed-rate perpetual bond with call date July 11, 2022.

The rapid repricing of the yield curve, with overnight lending rates rising 300 basis points in 2022, detracted from the Fund's performance as the speed of the yield changes



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weighed on the perpetual bond market and rate-reset shares with longer duration (interest rate sensitivity) rollover dates. Additionally, scarcity of product in the preferred market created challenges, with the continued trend of preferred share redemptions creating tight liquidity. Individual detractors included Brookfield Asset Management Inc. (4.029%) floating rate perpetual bond with call date September 30, 2024, Brookfield Asset Management Inc. (3.254%) floating rate perpetual bond with call date June 30, 2025, and Pembina Pipeline Corp. (4.302%) floating rate perpetual bond with call date December 1, 2025.

New positions in the Fund included Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce institutional preferred shares, which are available as a new issue with good size allocation and an attractive yield of 7.365%. This position replaces the redemption of Series R shares earlier in the quarter.

Increased positions included Emera Inc. (4.721%) Series C shares. The issue offers a running yield of 6.3% and a reset spread of 265 basis points on August 15, 2023. This issue was selected as a reasonable reset spread with a reset date within one year in a sector (and from an issuer) in which the Fund held an underweight position.

Bank of Montreal Series D shares and Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce Series R shares were both redeemed by the issuer.

## **Multi-Series Structure Change**

As at March 28, 2022, no Series D units were issued and outstanding for this Fund. Series D units are no longer available for purchase by new or existing investors effective March 28, 2022.

*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 portfolio manager expects inflation to remain elevated for the next several quarters, and the Bank of Canada is expected to continue tightening financial conditions through 2022. The Fund's positioning will lean toward increasing variable reset preferred shares and shares with a reset date in the upcoming year.

With the addition of 300 basis points to the overnight lending rate so far this year, rapid monetary tightening increases the risk of a recession. Increasing the Fund's perpetual share allocation will be required as the Bank of Canada pauses or pivots its current tightening policy.

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**

The Fund's portfolio manager is BMO Asset Management Inc. ("BMOAM"), an affiliate of the Manager. BMOAM provides portfolio management services to the Fund. BMOAM receives 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 0.20%. 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

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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](http://www.bmo.com/gam/ca/advisor/legal-and-regulatory) or [www.sedar.com](http://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.

## Brokerage Commissions

The Fund pays standard brokerage commissions at market rates to BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc., an affiliate of the Manager, for executing a portion of its trades. The brokerage commissions charged to the Fund (excluding exchange and other fees) during the periods indicated, were as follows:

	Period ended Sep. 30, 2022 \$000	Period ended Sep. 30, 2021 \$000
Total brokerage commissions	145	201
Brokerage commissions paid to BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc.	32	37

## 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 <sup>(1)</sup>

#### Series A Units

		Periods ended Sep. 30				
		2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Net assets, beginning of period	\$	8.83	7.28	7.39	9.06	9.10
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	\$	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.42	0.43
Total expenses <sup>(2)</sup>	\$	-0.16	-0.16	-0.14	-0.16	-0.18
Realized gains (losses) for the period	\$	0.06	0.02	-0.32	-0.91	-0.01
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	\$	-1.59	1.42	0.18	-0.91	-0.04
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(3)</sup></b>	\$	-1.30	1.67	0.11	-1.56	0.20
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	\$	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	\$	0.20	0.17	0.26	0.28	0.25
From capital gains	\$	—	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	\$	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Annual Distributions <sup>(4)</sup></b>	\$	0.20	0.17	0.26	0.28	0.25
<b>Net assets, end of period</b>	\$	7.29	8.83	7.28	7.39	9.06

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## Advisor Series Units

	2022	Periods ended Sep. 30			2018
		2021	2020	2019	
Net assets, beginning of period	\$ 8.94	7.37	7.49	9.18	9.22
<b>Increase (decrease)</b>					
<b>from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	\$ 0.40	0.39	0.39	0.42	0.43
Total expenses <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ -0.16	-0.16	-0.14	-0.16	-0.18
Realized gains (losses)					
for the period	\$ 0.06	0.02	-0.29	-0.97	-0.01
Unrealized gains (losses)					
for the period	\$ -1.63	1.31	0.11	-0.73	-0.02
<b>Total increase (decrease)</b>					
<b>from operations <sup>(3)</sup></b>	\$ -1.33	1.56	0.07	-1.44	0.22
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	\$ —	—	—	—	—
From dividends	\$ 0.20	0.17	0.27	0.28	0.26
From capital gains	\$ —	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	\$ 0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Annual Distributions <sup>(4)</sup></b>	\$ 0.20	0.17	0.27	0.28	0.26
<b>Net assets, end of period</b>	\$ 7.39	8.94	7.37	7.49	9.18

## Series F Units

	2022	Periods ended Sep. 30			2018
		2021	2020	2019	
Net assets, beginning of period	\$ 8.90	7.36	7.48	9.19	9.31
<b>Increase (decrease)</b>					
<b>from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	\$ 0.39	0.38	0.39	0.42	0.44
Total expenses <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ -0.08	-0.08	-0.07	-0.08	-0.09
Realized gains (losses)					
for the period	\$ 0.06	0.02	-0.31	-0.91	-0.01
Unrealized gains (losses)					
for the period	\$ -1.60	0.92	-0.09	-1.00	0.18
<b>Total increase (decrease)</b>					
<b>from operations <sup>(3)</sup></b>	\$ -1.23	1.24	-0.08	-1.57	0.52
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	\$ —	—	—	—	—
From dividends	\$ 0.32	0.27	0.34	0.38	0.44
From capital gains	\$ —	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	\$ 0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Annual Distributions <sup>(4)</sup></b>	\$ 0.32	0.27	0.34	0.38	0.44
<b>Net assets, end of period</b>	\$ 7.32	8.90	7.36	7.48	9.19

## Series D Units

	2022	Periods ended Sep. 30			2018
		2021	2020	2019	
Net assets, beginning of period	\$ 8.84	7.30	7.44	9.11	9.15
<b>Increase (decrease)</b>					
<b>from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	\$ 0.18	0.38	0.39	0.42	0.43
Total expenses <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ -0.05	-0.09	-0.08	-0.09	-0.11
Realized gains (losses)					
for the period	\$ 0.04	0.02	-0.31	-1.00	-0.01
Unrealized gains (losses)					
for the period	\$ -0.35	1.44	0.47	-0.59	-0.04
<b>Total increase (decrease)</b>					
<b>from operations <sup>(3)</sup></b>	\$ -0.18	1.75	0.47	-1.26	0.27
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	\$ —	—	—	—	—
From dividends	\$ 0.16	0.24	0.32	0.33	0.33
From capital gains	\$ —	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	\$ 0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Annual Distributions <sup>(4)</sup></b>	\$ 0.16	0.24	0.34	0.33	0.33
<b>Net assets, end of period</b>	\$ —	8.84	7.30	7.44	9.11

## Series I Units

	2022	Periods ended Sep. 30			2018
		2021	2020	2019	
Net assets, beginning of period	\$ 8.64	7.23	7.49	9.20	9.24
<b>Increase (decrease)</b>					
<b>from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	\$ 0.38	0.37	0.40	0.42	0.43
Total expenses <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ -0.00	-0.00	-0.00	-0.01	0.00
Realized gains (losses)					
for the period	\$ 0.06	0.02	-0.19	-0.94	-0.01
Unrealized gains (losses)					
for the period	\$ -1.60	1.44	-0.11	-0.82	-0.01
<b>Total increase (decrease)</b>					
<b>from operations <sup>(3)</sup></b>	\$ -1.16	1.83	0.10	-1.35	0.41
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	\$ —	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00
From dividends	\$ 0.38	0.42	0.58	0.44	0.44
From capital gains	\$ —	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	\$ 0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Annual Distributions <sup>(4)</sup></b>	\$ 0.38	0.42	0.59	0.44	0.44
<b>Net assets, end of period</b>	\$ 7.11	8.64	7.23	7.49	9.20

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## Series O Units

	2022	Periods ended Sep. 30			
		2021	2020	2019	2018
Net assets, beginning of period	\$ 8.77	7.28	7.41	9.09	9.13
<b>Increase (decrease)</b>					
<b>from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	\$ 0.38	0.38	0.39	0.42	0.43
Total expenses <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ -0.02	-0.02	-0.02	-0.03	-0.03
Realized gains (losses)					
for the period	\$ 0.06	0.02	-0.35	-0.97	-0.01
Unrealized gains (losses)					
for the period	\$ -1.61	1.46	0.13	-0.80	-0.01
<b>Total increase (decrease)</b>					
<b>from operations<sup>(3)</sup></b>	\$ -1.19	1.84	0.15	-1.38	0.38
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From net investment income					
(excluding dividends)	\$ —	—	0.01	—	—
From dividends	\$ 0.37	0.36	0.38	0.41	0.42
From capital gains	\$ —	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	\$ 0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Annual Distributions<sup>(4)</sup></b>	\$ 0.37	0.36	0.39	0.41	0.42
<b>Net assets, end of period</b>	\$ 7.21	8.77	7.28	7.41	9.09

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

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

<sup>(3)</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>(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.

## Ratios and Supplemental Data

### Series A Units

	2022	Periods ended Sep. 30			
		2021	2020	2019	2018
Total net asset value (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 3,436	4,871	3,876	4,638	8,607
Number of units					
outstanding (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	471	552	532	628	950
Management expense ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	% 1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90
Management expense ratio					
before waivers or absorptions	% 1.95	1.95	1.95	1.95	1.95
Trading expense ratio <sup>(3)</sup>	% 0.02	0.03	0.07	0.11	0.06
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(4)</sup>	% 15.31	15.72	11.51	18.52	18.66
Net asset value per unit	\$ 7.29	8.83	7.28	7.39	9.06

### Advisor Series Units

	2022	Periods ended Sep. 30			
		2021	2020	2019	2018
Total net asset value (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 2,533	3,458	1,724	3,118	4,578
Number of units					
outstanding (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	343	387	234	416	498
Management expense ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	% 1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90
Management expense ratio					
before waivers or absorptions	% 1.97	1.96	1.94	1.94	1.95
Trading expense ratio <sup>(3)</sup>	% 0.02	0.03	0.07	0.11	0.06
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(4)</sup>	% 15.31	15.72	11.51	18.52	18.66
Net asset value per unit	\$ 7.39	8.94	7.37	7.49	9.18

## Series F Units

	2022	Periods ended Sep. 30			
		2021	2020	2019	2018
Total net asset value (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 3,628	6,405	990	1,246	2,632
Number of units					
outstanding (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	496	720	135	167	286
Management expense ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	% 0.90	0.90	0.90	0.89	0.87
Management expense ratio					
before waivers or absorptions	% 0.91	0.91	0.90	0.89	0.87
Trading expense ratio <sup>(3)</sup>	% 0.02	0.03	0.07	0.11	0.06
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(4)</sup>	% 15.31	15.72	11.51	18.52	18.66
Net asset value per unit	\$ 7.32	8.90	7.36	7.48	9.19

## Series D Units

	2022	Periods ended Sep. 30			
		2021	2020	2019	2018
Total net asset value (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ —	375	235	295	345
Number of units					
outstanding (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	—	42	32	40	38
Management expense ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	% 1.14	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15
Management expense ratio					
before waivers or absorptions	% 1.20	1.20	1.21	1.20	1.20
Trading expense ratio <sup>(3)</sup>	% 0.02	0.03	0.07	0.11	0.06
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(4)</sup>	% 15.31	15.72	11.51	18.52	18.66
Net asset value per unit	\$ —	8.84	7.30	7.44	9.11

## Series I Units

	2022	Periods ended Sep. 30			
		2021	2020	2019	2018
Total net asset value (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0	0	0	419,454	346,471
Number of units					
outstanding (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	0	0	0	55,985	37,641
Management expense ratio <sup>+</sup>	% —	—	—	—	—
Management expense ratio					
before waivers or absorptions <sup>+</sup>	% —	—	—	—	—
Trading expense ratio <sup>(3)</sup>	% 0.02	0.03	0.07	0.11	0.06
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(4)</sup>	% 15.31	15.72	11.51	18.52	18.66
Net asset value per unit	\$ 7.11	8.64	7.23	7.49	9.20

## Series O Units

	2022	Periods ended Sep. 30			
		2021	2020	2019	2018
Total net asset value (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 516,342	630,367	505,472	26,533	39,468
Number of units					
outstanding (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	71,577	71,907	69,448	3,583	4,344
Management expense ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	% 0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
Management expense ratio					
before waivers or absorptions	% 0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
Trading expense ratio <sup>(3)</sup>	% 0.02	0.03	0.07	0.11	0.06
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(4)</sup>	% 15.31	15.72	11.51	18.52	18.66
Net asset value per unit	\$ 7.21	8.77	7.28	7.41	9.09

+ Operating expenses are paid by BMOII and management fees are paid directly to BMOII as negotiated with the investor.

<sup>(1)</sup> This information is provided as at September 30 of the period shown.

<sup>(2)</sup> 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.

<sup>(3)</sup> 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.

<sup>(4)</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.

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## 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.

	Annual Management Fee Rate* %	As a Percentage of Management Fees	
		Dealer Compensation %	General Administration, Investment Advice and Profit %
Series A Units	1.55	64	36
Advisor Series Units	1.55	63	37
Series F Units	0.60	0	100
Series I Units	—	—	—
Series O Units	0.025	0	100

\* 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.

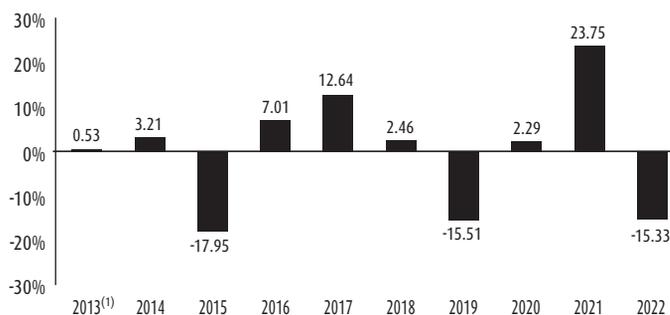
The returns of each series may differ from one another for a number of reasons, including if the series was not issued and outstanding for the entire reporting period and because of the different levels of management fees and expenses allocated and payable by each series.

On February 1, 2017, the management fee on Series F units was lowered from 0.65% to 0.60%. This change could have affected the performance of the Fund had it been in effect throughout the performance measurement periods presented.

## Year-by-Year Returns

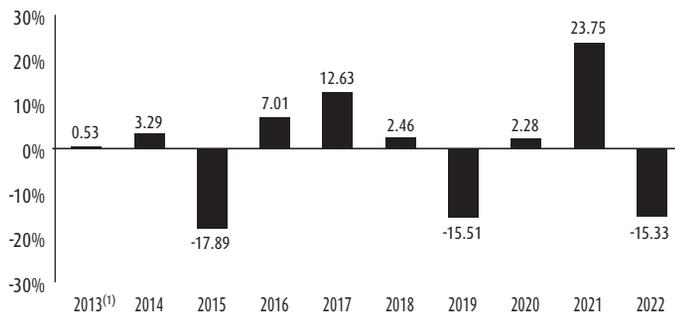
The following bar charts show the performance of each series of the Fund for each of the financial years shown, and illustrate how the Fund's performance has changed from year to year. The charts show in percentage terms how an investment made on the first day of each financial year would have increased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

### Series A Units

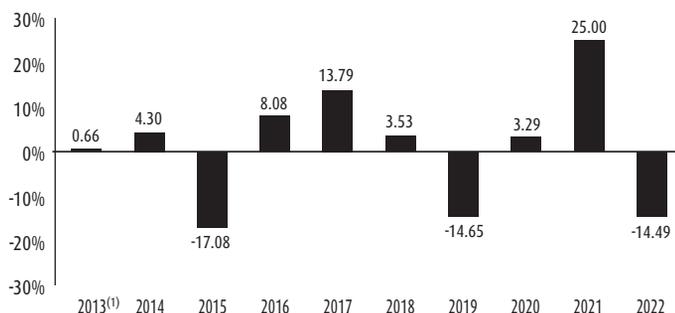


# BMO Preferred Share Fund

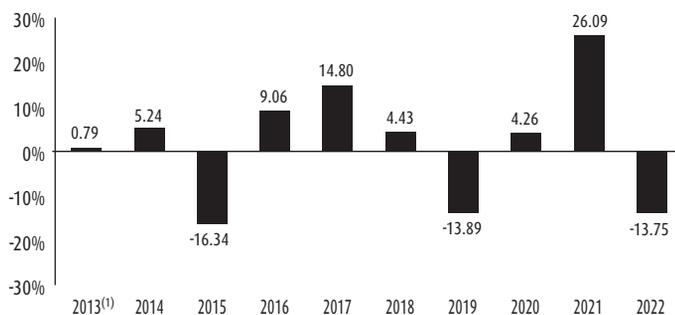
## Advisor Series Units



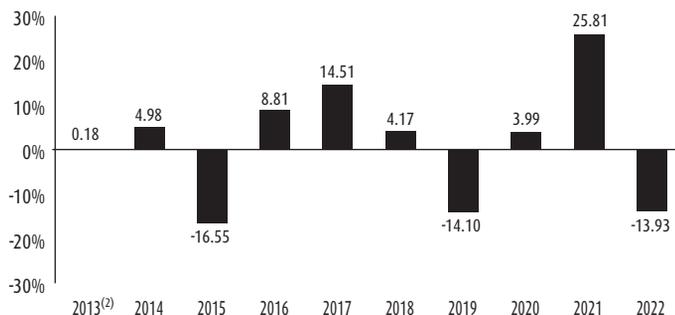
## Series F Units



## Series I Units



## Series O Units



<sup>(1)</sup> For the period beginning with the performance launch date of August 12, 2013 to September 30, 2013.

<sup>(2)</sup> For the period beginning with the performance launch date of September 20, 2013 to September 30, 2013.

## Annual Compound Returns

This table compares the historical annual compound returns of the Fund with its benchmark, the S&P/TSX Preferred Share Index.

The S&P/TSX Preferred Share Index is designed to track to the performance of the Canadian preferred stock market.

### Series A Units

		1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Inception <sup>(1)</sup>
BMO Preferred Share Fund	%	-15.33	2.34	-1.49		-0.54
S&P/TSX Preferred Share Index	%	-13.97	3.67	0.98		1.54

### Advisor Series Units

		1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Inception <sup>(1)</sup>
BMO Preferred Share Fund	%	-15.33	2.34	-1.49		-0.52
S&P/TSX Preferred Share Index	%	-13.97	3.67	0.98		1.54

### Series F Units

		1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Inception <sup>(1)</sup>
BMO Preferred Share Fund	%	-14.49	3.36	-0.49		0.47
S&P/TSX Preferred Share Index	%	-13.97	3.67	0.98		1.54

### Series I Units

		1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Inception <sup>(1)</sup>
BMO Preferred Share Fund	%	-13.75	4.28	0.39		1.37
S&P/TSX Preferred Share Index	%	-13.97	3.67	0.98		1.54

### Series O Units

		1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Inception <sup>(1)</sup>
BMO Preferred Share Fund	%	-13.93	4.04	0.15		1.08
S&P/TSX Preferred Share Index	%	-13.97	3.67	0.98		1.32

<sup>(1)</sup> Return from the performance launch date of August 12, 2013 to September 30, 2022.

<sup>(2)</sup> Return from the performance launch date of September 20, 2013 to September 30, 2013.

*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.*

# BMO Preferred Share Fund

## SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

As at September 30, 2022

Portfolio Allocation	% of Net Asset Value
Preferred Shares – Fixed/Floaters	72.3
Preferred Shares – Straight	20.0
Money Market Investments	3.4
Preferred Share Fixed Income Fund	2.7
Cash/Receivables/Payables	1.0
Corporate Bonds & Debentures	0.5
Preferred Shares – Floating Perpetual	0.1
<b>Total Portfolio Allocation</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Top 25 Holdings Issuer	% of Net Asset Value
BMO Laddered Preferred Share Index ETF <sup>+</sup>	2.7
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Series 39, Non-Cumulative, Fixed/Floating Rate Preferred, Redeemable, 3.713% Jul 31, 2024, \$25.00	2.1
Toronto-Dominion Bank, The, Series 5, Non-Cumulative, Fixed/Floating Rate Preferred, Redeemable, 3.876% Jan 31, 2025, \$25.00	1.9
Pembina Pipeline Corporation, Series 5, Cumulative, Fixed/Floating Rate Preferred, Redeemable, 4.573% Jun 1, 2024, \$25.00	1.9
Bank of Montreal, Series 27, Non-Cumulative, Fixed/Floating Rate Preferred, Redeemable, 3.852% May 25, 2024, \$25.00	1.9
Royal Bank of Canada, Series BD, Non-Cumulative, Fixed/Floating Rate Preferred, Redeemable, 3.200% May 24, 2025, \$25.00	1.9
Pembina Pipeline Corporation, Series 9, Cumulative, Fixed/Floating Rate Preferred, Redeemable, 4.302% Dec 1, 2025, \$25.00	1.8
Royal Bank of Canada, Series BB, Non-Cumulative, Fixed/Floating Rate Preferred, Redeemable, 3.650% Aug 24, 2024, \$25.00	1.8
National Bank of Canada, Series 38, Non-Cumulative, Fixed/Floating Rate Preferred, Redeemable, 4.450% Nov 15, 2022, \$25.00	1.8
Toronto-Dominion Bank, The, Series 1, Non-Cumulative, Fixed/Floating Rate Preferred, Redeemable, 3.662% Oct 31, 2024, \$25.00	1.8
Government of Canada, Treasury Bills, 2.617% Oct 27, 2022	1.7
Enbridge Inc., Series B, Cumulative, Fixed/Floating Rate Preferred, Redeemable, 5.202% Jun 1, 2027, \$25.00	1.5
Bank of Montreal, Series 31, Non-Cumulative, Fixed/Floating Rate Preferred, Redeemable, 3.851% Nov 25, 2024, \$25.00	1.5

Top 25 Holdings Issuer	% of Net Asset Value
Bank of Montreal, Series 29, Non-Cumulative, Fixed/Floating Rate Preferred, Redeemable, 3.624% Aug 25, 2024, \$25.00	1.5
Toronto-Dominion Bank, The, Series 7, Non-Cumulative, Fixed/Floating Rate Preferred, Redeemable, 3.201% Jul 31, 2025, \$25.00	1.5
Royal Bank of Canada, Series AZ, Non-Cumulative, Fixed/Floating Rate Preferred, Redeemable, 3.700% May 24, 2024, \$25.00	1.5
Canadian Western Bank, Series 5, Non-Cumulative, Fixed/Floating Rate Preferred, Redeemable, 4.301% Apr 30, 2024, \$25.00	1.5
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Series 43, Non-Cumulative, Fixed/Floating Rate Preferred, Redeemable, 3.143% Jul 31, 2025, \$25.00	1.4
Enbridge Inc., Series 11, Cumulative, Fixed/Floating Rate Preferred, Redeemable, 3.940% Mar 1, 2025, \$25.00	1.4
Brookfield Asset Management Inc., Series 40, Cumulative, Fixed/Floating Rate Preferred, Redeemable, 4.029% Sep 30, 2024, \$25.00	1.3
National Bank of Canada, Series 32, Non-Cumulative, Fixed/Floating Rate Preferred, Redeemable, 3.839% Feb 15, 2025, \$25.00	1.3
Brookfield Asset Management Inc., Series 42, Cumulative, Fixed/Floating Rate Preferred, Redeemable, 3.254% Jun 30, 2025, \$25.00	1.3
Great-West Lifeco Inc., Series S, Non-Cumulative, Preferred, Redeemable, 5.250% Oct 31, 2022, \$25.25	1.3
Power Corporation of Canada, Series G, Non-Cumulative, Preferred, Redeemable, 5.600% Nov 1, 2022, \$25.00	1.3
Pembina Pipeline Corporation, Series 19, Cumulative, Fixed/Floating Rate Preferred, Redeemable, 4.684% Jun 30, 2025, \$25.00	1.3
<b>Top Holdings as a Percentage of Total Net Asset Value</b>	<b>40.9</b>
<b>Total Net Asset Value</b>	<b>\$525,938,578</b>

<sup>+</sup>The prospectus and other information about the underlying exchange traded fund(s) held in the portfolio are available at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) and [www.bmo.com/etflegal](http://www.bmo.com/etflegal).

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