

# CANADA LIFE SHORT-TERM BOND FUND

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## **Annual Management Report of Fund Performance**

*For the Year Ended March 31, 2023*

*This Annual Management Report of Fund Performance contains financial highlights but does not contain the complete annual financial statements of the investment fund. You may obtain a copy of the annual financial statements, at no cost, by contacting us using one of the methods noted under Fund Formation and Series Information or by visiting our website at [www.canadalifeinvest.ca](http://www.canadalifeinvest.ca) or the SEDAR website at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).*

*Securityholders may also contact us using one of these methods to request a copy of the investment fund's interim financial report, proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record or quarterly portfolio disclosure. For more information, please refer to the Fund's Simplified Prospectus and Fund Facts, which may also be obtained, at no cost, using any of the methods outlined above.*

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### **A NOTE ON FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

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*The forward-looking information contained in this report is current only as of the date of this report. There should not be an expectation that such information will in all circumstances be updated, supplemented or revised whether as a result of new information, changing circumstances, future events or otherwise.*

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## Management Discussion of Fund Performance

June 5, 2023

This Management Discussion of Fund Performance presents the portfolio management team's view on the significant factors and developments that have affected the performance and outlook of Canada Life Short-Term Bond Fund (the "Fund") in the financial year ended March 31, 2023 (the "period"). If the Fund was established during the period, "period" represents the period since inception.

In this report, "CLIML" and "the Manager" refer to Canada Life Investment Management Ltd., which is wholly owned by The Canada Life Assurance Company ("Canada Life"). The Manager has entered into a fund administration agreement with Mackenzie Financial Corporation ("Mackenzie"), an affiliate of the Manager and Canada Life, for administrative services. In addition, net asset value ("NAV") refers to the value of the Fund as calculated for transaction purposes, on which the discussion of Fund performance is based.

Please read *A Note on Forward-Looking Statements* on the first page of this document.

### Investment Objective and Strategies

The Fund seeks income by investing primarily in high-quality, short-term fixed income securities issued by Canadian federal, provincial or municipal governments or issued by Canadian corporations, either directly and/or through other mutual funds. The Fund may hold up to 30% of its assets in foreign investments.

### Risk

The risks of the Fund remain as discussed in the Fund's Simplified Prospectus.

The Fund is suitable for short-term investors looking for a Canadian fixed income fund to hold as part of their portfolio, who can handle the volatility of bond markets and who have a low tolerance for risk.

### Results of Operations

#### Investment Performance

The performance of all series in the current and previous periods is shown in the *Past Performance* section of the report. Performance will vary by series primarily because fees and expenses differ between series, or because securities of a series were not issued and outstanding for the entire reporting period. Please refer to the *Fund Formation and Series Information* section of this report for the varying management and administration fees payable by each series. The following comparison to market indices is intended to help investors understand the Fund's performance relative to the general performance of the markets. However, the Fund's mandate may be different from that of the indices shown.

During the period, the Fund's A Series securities returned 0.2% (after deducting fees and expenses paid by the series). This compares with a return of -2.0% for the Fund's broad-based index, the FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index, and a return of 0.7% for the Fund's narrow index, the FTSE Canada Short Term Bond Index. All index and series returns are calculated on a total return basis in Canadian dollar terms. Investors cannot invest in an index without incurring fees, expenses and commissions, which are not reflected in the index returns.

In response to persistently high inflation, the Bank of Canada raised its policy rate by 400 basis points over the period, to 4.50% from 0.50%. Consequently, Government of Canada bond yields increased. The yield increase was more pronounced among shorter-term government bonds, which tend to be more sensitive to central bank policy moves. Higher rates in the government bond market also led Canadian corporate bond yields to increase significantly.

The Fund outperformed the broad-based index, with its shorter overall duration (lower sensitivity to interest rates) contributing to performance relative to the both the broad-based index and the narrow index. Given the Fund's mandate, the return of the narrow index is a more meaningful comparison.

The Fund underperformed the narrow index, with its underweight exposure to provincial bonds, and holdings in financial and energy sector corporate bonds, detracting from performance. Conversely, underweight exposure to federal bonds contributed to performance relative to the narrow index.

The Fund held government bond futures to manage duration, which contributed to performance.

Over the period, the portfolio management team increased the Fund's exposure to Canadian federal bonds because of the Canadian economy's higher sensitivity to interest rates, while the Fund's exposure to corporate bonds was decreased.

### Net Assets

The Fund's net assets decreased by 22.3% during the period to \$16.6 million. This change was composed primarily of \$0.2 million in net income (including any interest and/or dividend income) from investment performance, after deducting fees and expenses, and a decrease of \$5.0 million due to net securityholder activity (including sales, redemptions and cash distributions).

### Fees and Expenses

The management expense ratio ("MER") for each series during the year ended March 31, 2023, was generally similar to the MER for the year ended March 31, 2022. Total expenses paid vary from period to period mainly as a result of changes in average assets in each series. The MER for F Series decreased due to a decrease in the management fee rate effective July 22, 2022, as noted in the *Fund Formation and Series Information* section of the report. The MERs for all series are presented in the *Financial Highlights* section of this report.

### Recent Developments

Effective July 22, 2022, the annual management fee rate for F Series was reduced to 0.50% from 0.60%.

Effective July 22, 2022, the minimum initial investment amount for each of the high net worth series (N Series, N5 Series, N8 Series, QFW Series, QFW5 Series, W Series, W5 Series and W8 Series, as applicable) was reduced from \$100,000 to \$500 to align with the minimum initial investment amount for all retail series. The \$500,000 minimum total holdings amount for high net worth series was unchanged.

Effective July 22, 2022, the management fee rate reduction program for F Series, F5 Series and F8 Series was eliminated for total holdings between \$100,000 and \$499,999 due to the lowering of management fee rates for these series. A new management fee rate reduction program was implemented for F Series, F5 Series, F8 Series, QFW Series, QFW5 Series, W Series, W5 Series and W8 Series (as applicable) based on an investor's total holdings above \$1 million, at the following rates: 0.05% (\$1,000,000 to \$2,499,999); 0.10% (\$2,500,000 to \$4,999,999); and 0.15% (\$5,000,000 or higher).

Effective September 16, 2022, FW Series was redesignated as F Series.

The following changes were effective January 19, 2023:

- all series of the Fund were reopened to purchases by new investors; and
- the Fund's investment strategies were changed to enable it to attain stronger diversification while providing a level of income consistent with short-term fixed income investments with an emphasis on capital preservation.

Effective March 31, 2023, KPMG LLP was appointed as the auditor of the Fund.

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## Related Party Transactions

### Management and Administration Services

For each applicable series, the Fund paid management fees and administration fees to the Manager at the annual rates specified under *Fund Formation and Series Information* in this report and as more fully described in the Prospectus. The Manager paid the administration fees to Mackenzie for providing day-to-day administration services, including financial reporting, communications to investors and securityholder reporting, maintaining the books and records of the Fund, NAV calculations and processing orders for securities of the Fund. In return for the administration fees, Mackenzie pays all costs and expenses (other than certain specified fund costs) required to operate the Fund that are not included in management fees. See also *Management Fees*.

### Other Related Party Transactions

At March 31, 2023, the Fund had \$0.1 million (0.4% of the Fund's NAV) invested in underlying funds managed by Mackenzie. In making the investment(s), the Manager relied on a standing instruction from the Canada Life Funds' Independent Review Committee. The Manager's policies are designed to ensure that any related party transaction (i) is made free from any influence by an entity related to the Manager and without taking into account any considerations relevant to an entity related to the Manager; (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.

Certain other investment funds managed by CLIML and segregated fund policies issued by Canada Life may invest in the Fund on a prospectus-exempt basis in accordance with the investment objectives of those funds. At March 31, 2023, these other investment funds and segregated funds owned 68.6% of the Fund's NAV. All related party transactions are based on the NAV per security on each transaction day. As a result of these investments, the Fund may be subject to large transaction risk as discussed in the Prospectus. CLIML manages this risk to reduce the possibility of any adverse effect on the Fund or on its investors, through such processes as requiring advance notice of large redemptions.

During the period, the Fund received \$0.001 million in income distributions from investments in exchange-traded funds ("ETFs") managed by Mackenzie to offset fees paid within those ETFs. There is no assurance that these distributions will continue in the future.

During the period, the Fund relied on standing instructions provided by the Canada Life Funds' Independent Review Committee for inter-fund trades that have occurred in the Fund.

The Manager relied on an approval provided by the Canada Life Funds' Independent Review Committee to appoint KPMG LLP as the auditor of the Fund, effective March 31, 2023.

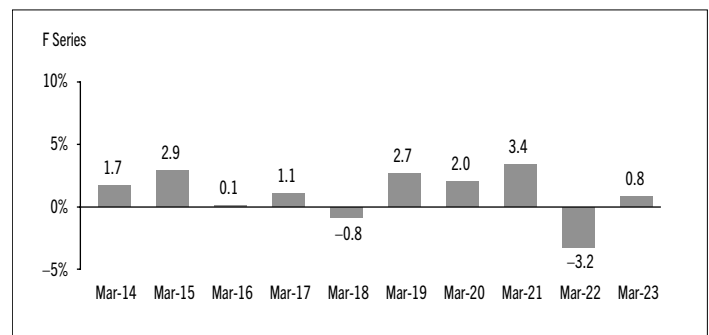
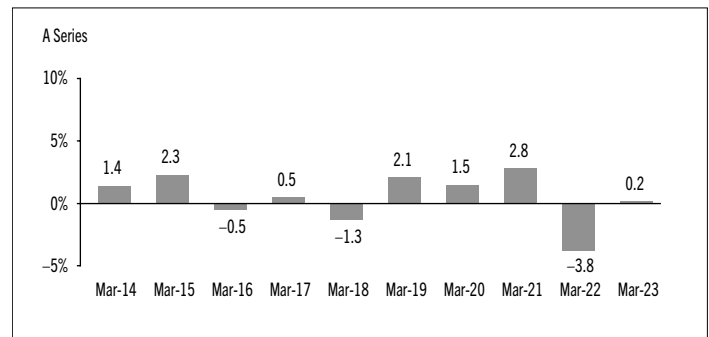
## Past Performance

The Fund's past performance information is presented in the following charts and table. It assumes all distributions made by the Fund in the periods presented are reinvested in additional securities of the relevant series of the Fund. The charts and table do not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or optional charges, or income taxes payable by any investor that would have reduced returns. The past performance of the Fund is not necessarily an indication of how it will perform in the future.

If you hold this Fund outside of a registered plan, income and capital gains distributions paid to you increase your income for tax purposes whether paid to you in cash or reinvested in additional securities of the Fund. The amount of reinvested taxable distributions is added to the adjusted cost base of the securities that you own. This would decrease your capital gain or increase your capital loss when you later redeem from the Fund, thereby ensuring that you are not taxed on this amount again. Please consult your tax advisor regarding your personal tax situation.

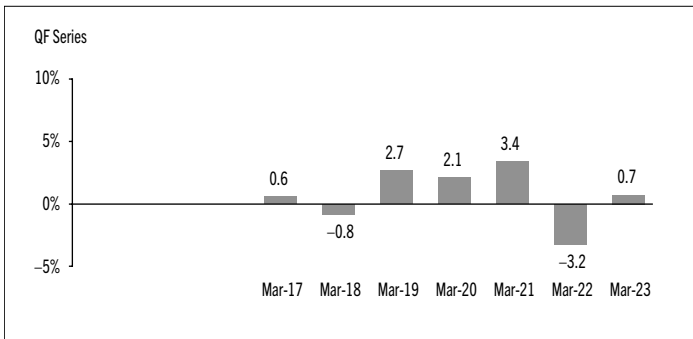
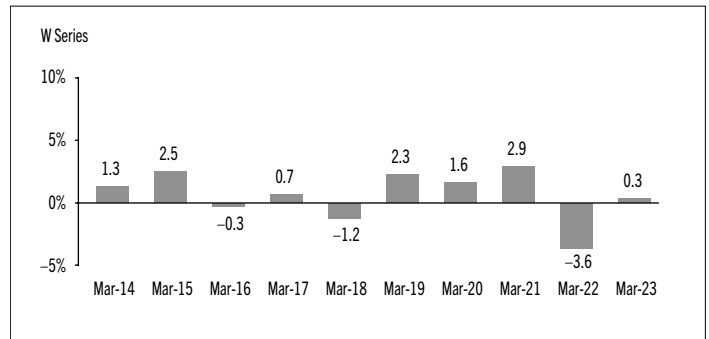
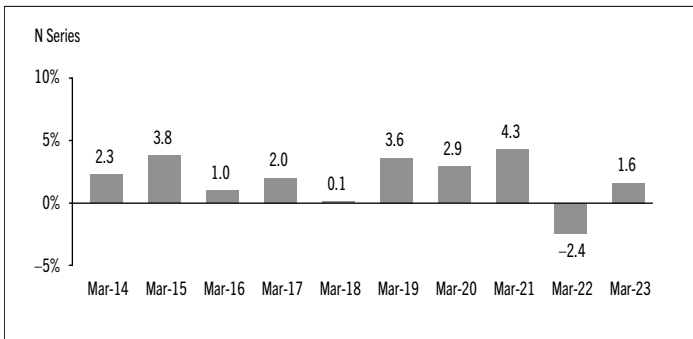
### Year-by-Year Returns

The following bar charts present the performance of each series of the Fund for each of the fiscal periods shown. The charts show, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of each fiscal period, or on the series inception or reinstatement date, as applicable, would have increased or decreased by the last day of the fiscal period presented. Series inception or reinstatement dates can be found under *Fund Formation and Series Information*.

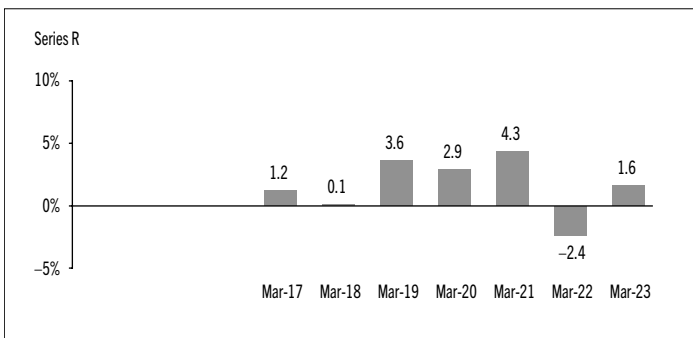
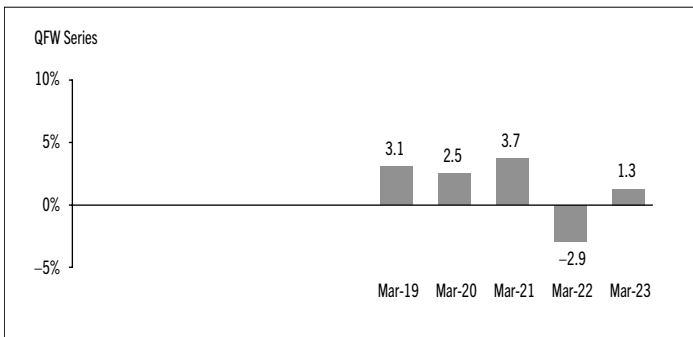
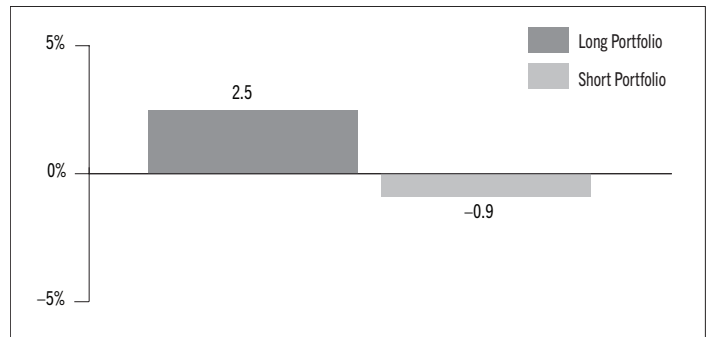


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The following bar chart presents the performance of the Fund's long and short portfolio positions for the period ended March 31, 2023, before deducting fees and expenses and before the effect of other assets (liabilities).



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## Annual Compound Returns

The following table compares the historical annual compound total returns for each series of the Fund with the relevant index or indices shown below for each of the periods ended March 31, 2023. Investors cannot invest in an index without incurring fees, expenses and commissions, which are not reflected in these performance figures.

All index returns are calculated in Canadian dollars on a total return basis, meaning that all dividend payments, interest income accruals and interest payments are reinvested.

Percentage Return: <sup>1</sup>	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception <sup>2</sup>
A Series	0.2	-0.3	0.5	n/a	0.5
F Series	0.8	0.3	1.1	n/a	1.1
N Series	1.6	1.1	2.0	n/a	2.0
QF Series	0.7	0.2	1.1	n/a	0.8
QFW Series	1.3	0.7	n/a	n/a	1.7
Series R	1.6	1.1	2.0	n/a	1.7
W Series	0.3	-0.2	0.7	n/a	0.7
FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index*	-2.0	-1.7	0.9	n/a	Note 3
FTSE Canada Short Term Bond Index	0.7	0.0	1.3	n/a	Note 4

\* Broad-based index

The FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index is a broad measure of Canadian bonds with terms to maturity of more than one year. It includes federal, provincial, municipal and corporate bonds rated "BBB" or higher.

The FTSE Canada Short Term Bond Index is an index of Canadian bonds with terms to maturity of one to five years and rated "BBB" or higher.

- (1) The percentage return differs for each series because the management fee rate and expenses differ for each series.
- (2) The return since inception for each series will differ when the inception date differs and is only provided when a series has been active for a period of less than 10 years.
- (3) The return of the FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index since inception for each applicable series is as follows: A Series 2.2%, F Series 2.2%, N Series 2.3%, QF Series 0.6%, QFW Series 1.1%, Series R 0.6%, W Series 2.1%.
- (4) The return of the FTSE Canada Short Term Bond Index since inception for each applicable series is as follows: A Series 1.5%, F Series 1.5%, N Series 1.5%, QF Series 1.0%, QFW Series 1.4%, Series R 1.0%, W Series 1.5%.

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## Summary of Investment Portfolio at March 31, 2023

PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Bonds	98.6
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Short bond futures*	(0.1)
Other assets (liabilities)	0.8
Exchange-traded funds/notes	0.4
Equities	0.1
Cash and short-term investments	0.1

REGIONAL ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Canada	94.2
United States	3.3
Germany	1.5
Other assets (liabilities)	0.8
Japan	0.1
Australia	0.1
Cash and short-term investments	0.1
Other	(0.1)

SECTOR ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Corporate bonds	50.5
Federal bonds	36.5
Provincial bonds	11.7
Other assets (liabilities)	0.8
Exchange-traded funds/notes	0.4
Financials	0.1
Cash and short-term investments	0.1
Other	(0.1)

BONDS BY CREDIT RATING**	% OF NAV
AAA	36.8
AA	2.9
A	22.9
BBB	20.1
Unrated	16.0

\* Notional values represent –11.0% of NAV for short bond futures.

\*\* Credit ratings and rating categories are based on ratings issued by a designated rating organization.

## TOP 25 LONG POSITIONS

Issuer	% OF NAV
Canada Housing Trust 1.25% 06-15-2026	27.0
Canada Housing Trust 1.80% 12-15-2024	3.9
Province of Ontario 2.60% 06-02-2025	2.4
Government of Canada 4.25% 12-01-2026 Real Return	2.0
Government of Canada 2.75% 09-01-2027	2.0
Province of Quebec 2.25% 02-22-2024	1.9
Province of Saskatchewan 0.80% 09-02-2025	1.7
Province of Ontario 3.60% 03-08-2028	1.6
Province of Alberta 2.35% 06-01-2025	1.5
Pembina Pipeline Corp. 3.71% 08-11-2026 Callable 2026	1.5
Ontario Power Generation Inc. 2.89% 04-08-2025 Callable 2025	1.4
Morguard Corp. 4.40% 09-28-2023	1.4
Fédération des Caisses Desjardins du Québec 1.09% 01-21-2026	1.3
Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. 1.45% 11-16-2023	1.3
Central 1 Credit Union 2.58% 12-06-2023	1.2
RioCan Real Estate Investment Trust 1.97% 06-15-2026	1.1
Manulife Financial Corp. F/R 08-20-2029 Callable 2024	1.1
The Bank of Nova Scotia 2.95% 03-08-2027	1.1
Inter Pipeline Ltd. 2.61% 09-13-2023 Callable	1.0
Canada Housing Trust 2.90% 06-15-2024	0.9
Bell Canada Inc. 3.60% 09-29-2027 Callable 2027	0.9
Sun Life Financial Inc. F/R 08-13-2029 Callable 2024	0.8
Province of Ontario 1.55% 11-01-2029	0.8
Lower Mattagami Energy LP 3.42% 06-20-2024	0.8
Shaw Communications Inc. 3.80% 11-02-2023 Callable 2023	0.8

Top long positions as a percentage of total net asset value **61.4**

## TOP 25 SHORT POSITIONS

Issuer	% OF NAV
Japan 10-Year Government Bond Futures	(0.2)
Ultra 10-Year U.S. Treasury Note Futures	0.1

Top short positions as a percentage of total net asset value **(0.1)**

The investments and percentages may have changed since March 31, 2023, due to the ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund. Quarterly updates of holdings are available within 60 days of the end of each quarter except for March 31, the Fund's fiscal year-end, when they are available within 90 days. The quarterly updates are available by visiting [www.canadalifeinvest.ca](http://www.canadalifeinvest.ca).

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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 each of the fiscal periods presented below. If during the period a fund or series was established or reinstated, "period" represents the period from inception or reinstatement to the end of that fiscal period. Series inception or reinstatement dates can be found under *Fund Formation and Series Information*.

### THE FUND'S NET ASSETS PER SECURITY (\$)¹

	Mar. 31 2023	Mar. 31 2022	Mar. 31 2021	Mar. 31 2020	Mar. 31 2019
<b>A Series</b>					
Net assets, beginning of period	9.50	9.96	9.79	9.74	9.66
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	0.25	0.22	0.24	0.24	0.25
Total expenses	(0.13)	(0.14)	(0.14)	(0.14)	(0.14)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.17)	(0.01)	0.14	0.04	(0.18)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.04	(0.41)	0.07	0.01	0.24
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations²</b>	<b>(0.01)</b>	<b>(0.34)</b>	<b>0.31</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>0.17</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From net investment income (excluding Canadian dividends)	(0.12)	(0.09)	(0.10)	(0.10)	(0.12)
From Canadian dividends	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions³</b>	<b>(0.12)</b>	<b>(0.09)</b>	<b>(0.10)</b>	<b>(0.10)</b>	<b>(0.12)</b>
<b>Net assets, end of period</b>	<b>9.40</b>	<b>9.50</b>	<b>9.96</b>	<b>9.79</b>	<b>9.74</b>
<b>F Series</b>					
Net assets, beginning of period	9.40	9.86	9.69	9.65	9.57
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	0.25	0.22	0.24	0.24	0.24
Total expenses	(0.07)	(0.08)	(0.08)	(0.08)	(0.07)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.09)	(0.03)	0.14	0.03	(0.21)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.05	(0.41)	0.07	0.01	0.23
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations²</b>	<b>0.14</b>	<b>(0.30)</b>	<b>0.37</b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>0.19</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From net investment income (excluding Canadian dividends)	(0.17)	(0.14)	(0.16)	(0.16)	(0.18)
From Canadian dividends	(0.01)	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions³</b>	<b>(0.18)</b>	<b>(0.14)</b>	<b>(0.16)</b>	<b>(0.16)</b>	<b>(0.18)</b>
<b>Net assets, end of period</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>9.40</b>	<b>9.86</b>	<b>9.69</b>	<b>9.65</b>

FW Series⁴	Mar. 31 2023	Mar. 31 2022	Mar. 31 2021	Mar. 31 2020	Mar. 31 2019
Net assets, beginning of period	n/a	10.39	10.20	10.16	10.00
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	n/a	0.23	0.25	0.26	0.18
Total expenses	n/a	(0.07)	(0.08)	(0.07)	(0.05)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	n/a	(0.05)	0.13	0.02	(0.02)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	n/a	(0.43)	0.07	0.01	0.17
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations²</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>(0.32)</b>	<b>0.37</b>	<b>0.22</b>	<b>0.28</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From net investment income (excluding Canadian dividends)	n/a	(0.15)	(0.17)	(0.18)	(0.13)
From Canadian dividends	n/a	(0.01)	-	-	-
From capital gains	n/a	-	-	-	-
Return of capital	n/a	-	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions³</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>(0.16)</b>	<b>(0.17)</b>	<b>(0.18)</b>	<b>(0.13)</b>
<b>Net assets, end of period</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>9.92</b>	<b>10.39</b>	<b>10.20</b>	<b>10.16</b>
<b>N Series</b>					
Net assets, beginning of period	9.55	10.01	9.83	9.79	9.70
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	0.25	0.22	0.24	0.25	0.25
Total expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.16)	(0.03)	0.13	0.02	(0.20)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.05	(0.41)	0.07	0.01	0.24
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations²</b>	<b>0.14</b>	<b>(0.22)</b>	<b>0.44</b>	<b>0.28</b>	<b>0.29</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From net investment income (excluding Canadian dividends)	(0.24)	(0.21)	(0.24)	(0.24)	(0.26)
From Canadian dividends	(0.01)	(0.01)	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions³</b>	<b>(0.25)</b>	<b>(0.22)</b>	<b>(0.24)</b>	<b>(0.24)</b>	<b>(0.26)</b>
<b>Net assets, end of period</b>	<b>9.45</b>	<b>9.55</b>	<b>10.01</b>	<b>9.83</b>	<b>9.79</b>

- These calculations are prescribed by securities regulations and are not intended to be a reconciliation between opening and closing net assets per security. This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements. The net assets per security presented in the financial statements may differ from the net asset value per security calculated for fund pricing purposes. An explanation of these differences, if any, can be found in the *Notes to Financial Statements*.
- Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of securities outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of securities outstanding over the fiscal period.
- Distributions were paid in cash/reinvested in additional securities of the Fund, or both.
- Effective September 16, 2022, FW Series was redesignated as F Series.

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## THE FUND'S NET ASSETS PER SECURITY (\$)¹ (cont'd)

QF Series	Mar. 31 2023	Mar. 31 2022	Mar. 31 2021	Mar. 31 2020	Mar. 31 2019
<b>Net assets, beginning of period</b>	<b>9.49</b>	<b>9.95</b>	<b>9.78</b>	<b>9.74</b>	<b>9.66</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	0.25	0.22	0.24	0.24	0.24
Total expenses	(0.08)	(0.08)	(0.08)	(0.08)	(0.08)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.18)	(0.05)	0.10	0.04	(0.23)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.04	(0.41)	0.07	0.01	0.24
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations²</b>	<b>0.03</b>	<b>(0.32)</b>	<b>0.33</b>	<b>0.21</b>	<b>0.17</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From net investment income (excluding Canadian dividends)	(0.17)	(0.14)	(0.16)	(0.16)	(0.18)
From Canadian dividends	(0.01)	–	–	–	–
From capital gains	–	–	–	–	–
Return of capital	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total annual distributions³</b>	<b>(0.18)</b>	<b>(0.14)</b>	<b>(0.16)</b>	<b>(0.16)</b>	<b>(0.18)</b>
<b>Net assets, end of period</b>	<b>9.38</b>	<b>9.49</b>	<b>9.95</b>	<b>9.78</b>	<b>9.74</b>
<b>QFW Series</b>	<b>Mar. 31 2023</b>	<b>Mar. 31 2022</b>	<b>Mar. 31 2021</b>	<b>Mar. 31 2020</b>	<b>Mar. 31 2019</b>
<b>Net assets, beginning of period</b>	<b>9.91</b>	<b>10.38</b>	<b>10.20</b>	<b>10.16</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	0.26	0.23	0.25	0.26	0.18
Total expenses	(0.03)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.04)	(0.02)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.15)	(0.05)	0.11	0.03	(0.02)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.05	(0.43)	0.07	0.01	0.17
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations²</b>	<b>0.13</b>	<b>(0.30)</b>	<b>0.38</b>	<b>0.26</b>	<b>0.31</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From net investment income (excluding Canadian dividends)	(0.22)	(0.16)	(0.20)	(0.21)	(0.15)
From Canadian dividends	(0.01)	(0.01)	–	–	–
From capital gains	–	–	–	–	–
Return of capital	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total annual distributions³</b>	<b>(0.23)</b>	<b>(0.17)</b>	<b>(0.20)</b>	<b>(0.21)</b>	<b>(0.15)</b>
<b>Net assets, end of period</b>	<b>9.81</b>	<b>9.91</b>	<b>10.38</b>	<b>10.20</b>	<b>10.16</b>

Series R	Mar. 31 2023	Mar. 31 2022	Mar. 31 2021	Mar. 31 2020	Mar. 31 2019
<b>Net assets, beginning of period</b>	<b>9.53</b>	<b>9.99</b>	<b>9.81</b>	<b>9.76</b>	<b>9.68</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	0.25	0.22	0.24	0.25	0.25
Total expenses	–	–	–	–	–
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.17)	(0.02)	0.09	0.02	(0.17)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.04	(0.41)	0.07	0.01	0.24
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations²</b>	<b>0.12</b>	<b>(0.21)</b>	<b>0.40</b>	<b>0.28</b>	<b>0.32</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From net investment income (excluding Canadian dividends)	(0.24)	(0.21)	(0.24)	(0.24)	(0.26)
From Canadian dividends	(0.01)	(0.01)	–	–	–
From capital gains	–	–	–	–	–
Return of capital	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total annual distributions³</b>	<b>(0.25)</b>	<b>(0.22)</b>	<b>(0.24)</b>	<b>(0.24)</b>	<b>(0.26)</b>
<b>Net assets, end of period</b>	<b>9.43</b>	<b>9.53</b>	<b>9.99</b>	<b>9.81</b>	<b>9.76</b>
<b>W Series</b>	<b>Mar. 31 2023</b>	<b>Mar. 31 2022</b>	<b>Mar. 31 2021</b>	<b>Mar. 31 2020</b>	<b>Mar. 31 2019</b>
<b>Net assets, beginning of period</b>	<b>9.48</b>	<b>9.94</b>	<b>9.76</b>	<b>9.71</b>	<b>9.62</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	0.25	0.22	0.24	0.24	0.25
Total expenses	(0.12)	(0.13)	(0.13)	(0.13)	(0.13)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.15)	(0.03)	0.11	0.04	(0.17)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.04	(0.41)	0.07	0.01	0.24
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations²</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>(0.35)</b>	<b>0.29</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>0.19</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From net investment income (excluding Canadian dividends)	(0.13)	(0.09)	(0.11)	(0.11)	(0.12)
From Canadian dividends	–	–	–	–	–
From capital gains	–	–	–	–	–
Return of capital	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total annual distributions³</b>	<b>(0.13)</b>	<b>(0.09)</b>	<b>(0.11)</b>	<b>(0.11)</b>	<b>(0.12)</b>
<b>Net assets, end of period</b>	<b>9.38</b>	<b>9.48</b>	<b>9.94</b>	<b>9.76</b>	<b>9.71</b>



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## RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

	Mar. 31 2023	Mar. 31 2022	Mar. 31 2021	Mar. 31 2020	Mar. 31 2019
<b>A Series</b>					
Total net asset value (\$000) <sup>1</sup>	1,207	1,498	2,265	2,855	3,686
Securities outstanding (000) <sup>1</sup>	128	157	227	292	378
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>2</sup>	1.44	1.42	1.43	1.43	1.44
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%) <sup>2</sup>	1.44	1.42	1.43	1.43	1.44
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>3</sup>	0.01	0.01	–	–	–
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>4</sup>	62.09	45.02	68.84	84.93	68.51
Net asset value per security (\$)	9.40	9.50	9.96	9.79	9.74
<b>F Series</b>					
Total net asset value (\$000) <sup>1</sup>	399	180	198	248	265
Securities outstanding (000) <sup>1</sup>	43	19	20	26	27
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>2</sup>	0.77	0.85	0.86	0.86	0.86
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%) <sup>2</sup>	0.78	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.86
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>3</sup>	0.01	0.01	–	–	–
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>4</sup>	62.09	45.02	68.84	84.93	68.51
Net asset value per security (\$)	9.30	9.40	9.86	9.69	9.65
<b>FW Series<sup>5</sup></b>					
Total net asset value (\$000) <sup>1</sup>	n/a	208	218	231	235
Securities outstanding (000) <sup>1</sup>	n/a	21	21	23	23
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>2</sup>	n/a	0.71	0.72	0.72	0.71
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%) <sup>2</sup>	n/a	0.72	0.72	0.72	0.71
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>3</sup>	n/a	0.01	–	–	–
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>4</sup>	n/a	45.02	68.84	84.93	68.51
Net asset value per security (\$)	n/a	9.92	10.39	10.20	10.16
<b>N Series</b>					
Total net asset value (\$000) <sup>1</sup>	2,276	2,738	3,465	4,624	5,766
Securities outstanding (000) <sup>1</sup>	241	287	346	471	589
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>2</sup>	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.03
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%) <sup>2</sup>	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.03
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>3</sup>	0.01	0.01	–	–	–
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>4</sup>	62.09	45.02	68.84	84.93	68.51
Net asset value per security (\$)	9.45	9.55	10.01	9.83	9.79
<b>QF Series</b>					
Total net asset value (\$000) <sup>1</sup>	109	144	140	122	93
Securities outstanding (000) <sup>1</sup>	12	15	14	12	10
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>2</sup>	0.90	0.89	0.88	0.84	0.88
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%) <sup>2</sup>	0.90	0.89	0.88	0.85	0.88
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>3</sup>	0.01	0.01	–	–	–
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>4</sup>	62.09	45.02	68.84	84.93	68.51
Net asset value per security (\$)	9.38	9.49	9.95	9.78	9.74

	Mar. 31 2023	Mar. 31 2022	Mar. 31 2021	Mar. 31 2020	Mar. 31 2019
<b>QFW Series</b>					
Total net asset value (\$000) <sup>1</sup>	1	1	1	1	1
Securities outstanding (000) <sup>1</sup>	–	–	–	–	–
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>2</sup>	0.68	0.68	0.68	0.68	0.68
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%) <sup>2</sup>	0.71	0.69	0.70	0.70	0.69
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>3</sup>	0.01	0.01	–	–	–
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>4</sup>	62.09	45.02	68.84	84.93	68.51
Net asset value per security (\$)	9.81	9.91	10.38	10.20	10.16
<b>Series R</b>					
Total net asset value (\$000) <sup>1</sup>	11,412	15,425	19,776	17,903	16,206
Securities outstanding (000) <sup>1</sup>	1,210	1,619	1,981	1,826	1,660
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>2</sup>	–	–	–	–	–
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%) <sup>2</sup>	0.01	0.01	–	–	–
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>3</sup>	0.01	0.01	–	–	–
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>4</sup>	62.09	45.02	68.84	84.93	68.51
Net asset value per security (\$)	9.43	9.53	9.99	9.81	9.76
<b>W Series</b>					
Total net asset value (\$000) <sup>1</sup>	1,224	1,202	1,360	1,425	2,503
Securities outstanding (000) <sup>1</sup>	130	127	137	146	258
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>2</sup>	1.29	1.28	1.29	1.29	1.31
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%) <sup>2</sup>	1.30	1.28	1.29	1.29	1.31
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>3</sup>	0.01	0.01	–	–	–
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>4</sup>	62.09	45.02	68.84	84.93	68.51
Net asset value per security (\$)	9.38	9.48	9.94	9.76	9.71

- This information is provided as at the end of the fiscal period shown.
- Management expense ratio ("MER") is based on total expenses, excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs, income taxes and withholding taxes, for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net assets during the period, except as noted. In the period a series is established, the MER is annualized from the date of inception to the end of the period. Where the Fund directly invests in securities of another fund (including exchange-traded funds or "ETFs"), the MERs presented for the Fund include the portion of MERs of the other fund(s) attributable to this investment. Any income distributions received from ETFs managed by affiliates of the Manager, with the intention of offsetting fees paid within those ETFs but which are not considered to be duplicative fees under regulatory requirements, are treated as waived expenses for MER purposes. The Manager may waive or absorb operating expenses at its discretion and stop waiving or absorbing such expenses at any time without notice.
- The trading expense ratio ("TER") represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs incurred as an annualized percentage of daily average net assets during the period. Where the Fund invests in securities of another fund (including ETFs), the TERs presented for the Fund include the portion of TERs of the other fund(s) attributable to this investment.
- The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio advisor 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 period. The higher the Fund's portfolio turnover rate in a period, the greater the trading costs payable by the 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. The portfolio turnover rate is not provided when the Fund is less than one year old. The value of any trades to realign the Fund's portfolio after a fund merger, if any, is excluded from the portfolio turnover rate.
- Effective September 16, 2022, FW Series was redesignated as F Series.

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## Management Fees

The management fee for each applicable series is calculated and accrued daily as a percentage of its NAV. The Fund's management fees were used by the Manager in part to pay Mackenzie, an affiliate of the Manager, for investment advisory services, including managing the investment portfolio of the Fund and/or the underlying fund(s), as applicable, including providing investment analysis and recommendations, making investment decisions and making brokerage arrangements for the purchase and sale of the investment portfolio.

The Manager is responsible for paying certain administrative costs and all sales commissions, trailing commissions and any other compensation (collectively, "distribution-related payments") to registered dealers whose clients invest in the Fund. As the principal distributor for the Fund, Quadrus Investment Services Ltd. ("Quadrus"), an affiliate of the Manager, is paid trailing commissions out of the management fees.

The Manager used approximately 37% of the total management fee revenues received from all Canada Life Mutual Funds during the period to fund distribution-related payments to Quadrus and Quadrus-authorized dealers. In comparison, such distribution-related payments for the Fund represented on average 39% of the management fees paid by all applicable series of the Fund during the period. The actual percentage for each series may be higher or lower than the average depending on the level of trailing commissions and sales commissions paid for that series. The higher proportion of distribution-related payments is primarily attributable to sales commissions related to gross sales of the Fund.

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## Fund Formation and Series Information

The Fund may have undergone a number of changes, such as a reorganization or a change in manager, mandate or name. A history of the major changes affecting the Fund in the last 10 years can be found in the Fund's Simplified Prospectus.

Date of Formation: June 28, 2013

The Fund may issue an unlimited number of securities of each series. The number of issued and outstanding securities of each series is disclosed under *Financial Highlights*.

**Series Distributed by Quadrus Investment Services Ltd.** (255 Dufferin Ave., London, Ontario, N6A 4K1; 1-888-532-3322; [www.canadalifeinvest.ca](http://www.canadalifeinvest.ca))

A Series securities are offered to investors investing a minimum of \$500.

F Series securities are offered to investors investing a minimum of \$500, who are enrolled in a Quadrus-sponsored fee-for-service or wrap program and who are subject to an asset-based fee.

N Series securities are offered to investors investing a minimum of \$500, who have eligible minimum total holdings of \$500,000, and who have entered into an N Series Account Agreement with CLIML and Quadrus.

QF Series securities are offered to retail investors investing a minimum of \$500. Investors are required to negotiate their advisor service fee, which cannot exceed 1.25%, with their financial advisor.

QFW Series securities are offered to high net worth investors investing a minimum of \$500 and who have eligible minimum total holdings of \$500,000. Investors are required to negotiate their advisor service fee, which cannot exceed 1.25%, with their financial advisor.

Series R securities are offered only to other funds managed by CLIML on a non-prospectus basis in connection with fund-of-fund arrangements.

W Series securities are offered to investors investing a minimum of \$500 and who have eligible minimum total holdings of \$500,000.

Effective September 16, 2022, FW Series securities were redesignated as F Series securities.

An investor in the Fund may choose among different purchase options that are available under each series. These purchase options are a sales charge purchase option and a no-load purchase option. The charges under the sales charge purchase option are negotiated by investors with their dealers. Not all purchase options are available under each series of the Fund, and the charges for each purchase option may vary among the different series. For further details on these purchase options, please refer to the Fund's Simplified Prospectus and Fund Facts.

Series	Inception/ Reinstatement Date	Management Fee	Administration Fee
A Series	July 10, 2013	1.10%	0.17%
F Series	July 5, 2013	0.50% <sup>(2)</sup>	0.15%
FW Series	None issued <sup>(3)</sup>	0.50%	0.15%
N Series	August 28, 2013	— <sup>(1)</sup>	— <sup>(1)</sup>
QF Series	July 12, 2016	0.60%	0.17%
QFW Series	August 7, 2018	0.50%	0.15%
Series R	July 14, 2016	n/a	n/a
W Series	July 19, 2013	1.00%	0.15%

(1) This fee is negotiable and payable directly to CLIML by investors in this series through redemptions of their securities.

(2) Prior to July 22, 2022, the management fee for F Series was charged to the Fund at a rate of 0.60%.

(3) The series' original start date was August 7, 2018. All securities in the series were redesignated as F Series on September 16, 2022.