Interim Management Report of Fund Performance For the Six-Month Period Ended September 30, 2023

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For the Fund's current net asset values per security and for more recent information on general market events, please visit our website.

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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

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 Foreign Bond Fund (the "Fund") in the six-month period ended September 30, 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.

### **Results of Operations**

#### **Investment Performance**

The performance in the current and previous periods is shown in the *Past Performance* section of the report. 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 Series R securities returned -4.4% (after deducting fees and expenses paid by the series). This compares with the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index return of -5.2%. 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.

The U.S. Federal Reserve, European Central Bank and Bank of England raised their policy interest rates over the period in response to elevated inflation. As a result, global fixed income yields moved higher, while bond prices fell. Global corporate bond prices declined but outperformed government bonds, with credit spreads (the difference in yield between corporate and government bonds) narrowing.

The Fund outperformed the index, with overweight exposure to corporate bonds, including overweight exposure to the financial sector, contributing to performance, particularly within bonds denominated in euros and U.S. dollars. The Fund's shorter duration (lower sensitivity to interest rates), particularly within bonds denominated in U.S. dollars and British pounds, also contributed to performance as interest rates rose.

Conversely, the Fund's currency allocations detracted from performance, particularly overweight exposures to the euro and the Japanese yen, which depreciated relative to the Canadian dollar.

Over the period, the portfolio management team increased the duration of the Fund based on the expectation that interest rates will stabilize and begin to decline as a recession becomes more likely. Changes to the portfolio included the elimination of the position in bonds issued by Stanley Black & Decker Inc.

At the end of the period, the Fund had overweight exposure to the U.S. dollar and euro, and underweight exposure to the Japanese yen and Canadian dollar, based on the outperformance of the U.S. economy and the team's belief that Japanese monetary policy will depress the value of the yen.

#### **Net Assets**

The Fund's net assets decreased by 7.3% during the period to \$38.5 million. This change was composed primarily of \$1.8 million in net losses (including any interest and/or dividend income) from investment performance, after deducting fees and expenses, and a decrease of \$1.2 million due to net securityholder activity (including sales, redemptions and cash distributions).

#### **Fees and Expenses**

The annualized management expense ratio ("MER") during the period ended September 30, 2023, was generally similar to the MER for the year ended March 31, 2023. Total expenses paid vary from period to period mainly as a result of changes in average assets. No management fee or administration fee, other than certain specific fund costs, is charged to the Fund. The MERs are presented in the *Financial Highlights* section of this report.

#### **Recent Developments**

There were no recent events or activities that had a material impact on the Fund.

### **Related Party Transactions**

Certain other investment funds managed by CLIML and segregated fund policies issued by Canada Life may invest in the Fund on a prospectusexempt basis in accordance with the investment objectives of those funds. At September 30, 2023, these other investment funds and segregated funds owned 100.0% 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 Fund's Simplified 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.

The Fund did not rely on an approval, positive recommendation or standing instruction from the Canada Life Funds' Independent Review Committee with respect to any related party transactions in the period.

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## **Past Performance**

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

### Year-by-Year Returns

The following bar chart presents the performance of Series R of the Fund for each of the fiscal periods shown. The chart shows, 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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# Summary of Investment Portfolio at September 30, 2023

PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Bonds	96.8
Cash and cash equivalents	2.5
Other assets (liabilities)	0.7

REGIONAL ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
United States	33.4
France	15.0
Japan	10.0
Germany	9.4
United Kingdom	7.9
Italy	6.6
Canada	3.4
Australia	2.9
Cash and cash equivalents	2.5
Venezuela	2.2
Netherlands	2.0
Luxembourg	1.6
Switzerland	1.4
Sweden	1.0
Other assets (liabilities)	0.7

SECTOR ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Foreign government bonds	49.7
Corporate bonds	41.5
Federal bonds	3.4
Cash and cash equivalents	2.5
Supra-national bonds	2.2
Other assets (liabilities)	0.7

BONDS BY CREDIT RATING *	% OF NAV
AAA	8.9
AA	29.4
Α	27.4
BBB	23.9
Less than BBB	2.8
Unrated	4.4

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

TOP 25 POSITIONS	% OF NAV
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Italy Buoni Poliennali Del Tesoro 1.25% 12-01-2026	5.6
United States Treasury 1.63% 08-15-2029	4.8
United States Treasury 2.88% 04-30-2025	3.5
United States Treasury 2.13% 02-29-2024	3.1
Government of Germany 1.80% 08-15-2053 [G]	2.7
Government of Australia 2.25% 05-21-2028	2.6
Cash and cash equivalents	2.5
Government of United Kingdom 3.75% 10-22-2053	2.3
United States Treasury 1.38% 08-15-2050	2.2
Corp. Andina de Fomento 0.30% 06-16-2031	2.2
United States Treasury 3.00% 02-15-2049	2.2
Government of Japan 1.20% 03-20-2035	2.2
United States Treasury 3.50% 02-15-2039	2.0
JPMorgan Chase & Co. F/R 08-01-2069	2.0
Electricite de France SA F/R 06-01-2070	1.8
United States Treasury 0.50% 10-31-2027	1.8
Banque Fédérative du Credit Mutuel F/R 06-16-2032	1.8
BNP Paribas SA F/R 07-25-2028	1.7
Government of Canada 5.00% 06-01-2037	1.7
Government of Japan 0.40% 09-20-2025	1.7
United States Treasury 1.38% 08-31-2026	1.7
Merck KGaA F/R 06-25-2079 Callable 2029	1.7
AXA Logistics Europe Master SCA 0.88% 11-15-2029	1.6
SCOR SE 5.25% 03-13-2067 Perpetual Callable 2029	1.6
HOWOGE Wohnungs 1.13% 11-01-2033	1.6
Top long positions as a percentage	
of total net asset value	58.6

The Fund held no short positions at the end of the period.

The investments and percentages may have changed since September 30, 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.

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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

Series R	Sep. 30 2023	Mar. 31 2023	Mar. 31 2022	Mar. 31 2021	Mar. 31 2020	Mar. 31 2019
Net assets, beginning of period	8.83	9.26	10.26	10.86	10.29	10.28
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	0.10	0.20	0.18	0.21	0.21	0.19
Total expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.19)	(0.77)	(0.19)	0.25	0.15	(0.01)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.29)	0.22	(0.75)	(0.78)	0.44	0.05
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	(0.38)	(0.35)	(0.76)	(0.32)	0.80	0.23
Distributions:						
From net investment income						
(excluding Canadian dividends)	(0.10)	(0.21)	(0.18)	(0.21)	(0.21)	(0.19)
From Canadian dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total annual distributions <sup>3</sup>	(0.10)	(0.21)	(0.18)	(0.21)	(0.21)	(0.19)
Net assets, end of period	8.34	8.83	9.26	10.26	10.86	10.29

(1) 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 unaudited interim financial statements and 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*.

- (2) 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.
- (3) Distributions were paid in cash/reinvested in additional securities of the Fund, or both.

#### RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

Series R	Sep. 30 2023	Mar. 31 2023	Mar. 31 2022	Mar. 31 2021	Mar. 31 2020	Mar. 31 2019
Total net asset value (\$000) <sup>1</sup>	38,500	41,514	68,936	85,349	96,763	97,269
Securities outstanding (000) <sup>1</sup>	4,616	4,702	7,448	8,317	8,911	9,456
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>2</sup>	0.01	0.01	0.01	-	-	-
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%) <sup>2</sup>	0.01	0.01	0.01	-	_	_
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>3</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>4</sup>	14.67	26.78	46.10	40.57	35.16	24.12
Net asset value per security (\$)	8.34	8.83	9.26	10.26	10.86	10.29

(1) This information is provided as at the end of the fiscal period shown.

- (2) 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.
- (3) 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.
- (4) 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.

## **Management Fees**

The Fund pays no management fees on its Series R securities. Management fees from other Canada Life funds that invest in the Fund were used to pay Canada Life Asset Management Ltd., an affiliate of the Manager, for providing investment advisory services, including managing the investment portfolio, providing investment analysis and recommendations, making investment decisions and making brokerage arrangements for the purchase and sale of the investment portfolio.

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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 Annual Information Form.

Date of Formation: November 27, 2015

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

	Inception/		
Series	Reinstatement Date	Management Fee	Administration Fee
Series R	December 7, 2015	n/a	n/a