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#### Series F

#### Fundamental - High Yield Fixed Income

#### **Key Reasons to Invest**

- Appeals to investors looking for a yield-oriented fund with a heightened focus on attractive risk-to-return profiles for each credit while aiming to generate full-cycle total returns.
- The Fund offers targeted exposure to a range of corporate fixed income securities including high yield bonds, investment grade bonds and floating rate loans.

#### **Investment Objective**

The fund's objective is to generate a high level of income and maximize return by investing primarily in fixed income securities issued or guaranteed by corporations around the world and rated BB+ equivalent or lower.

## Investment Strategy

The portfolio manager seeks to maximize the total return of the portfolio through a bottom-up approach to corporate bond selection and a top-down approach to category allocation and duration management. The portfolio manager looks for bond issues that provide an attractive return relative to the risk of each credit.

The Fund will primarily invest in below investment grade debt, i.e., a credit rating below BBB from Standard & Poor's (or an equivalent rating from another rating agency).

#### As of March 31, 2024

Overall Morningstar Rating <sup>™1</sup>	**			
Morningstar Category	High Yield Fixed Income			
Performance Start Date (PSD)	July 6, 2001			
Overall Fund Net Assets	\$459.2 million			
MER <sup>2</sup>	1.00%			
Trading Expense Ratio	0.01%			
Risk Profile	Low Med High			

Benchmark 80% Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High-Yield Bond Index (hedged to CAD) / 20% Bloomberg U.S. Corporate Bond Index (hedged to CAD)

<sup>1</sup> Compared with 254 funds in the High Yield Fixed Income category as of March 31, 2024.

## Fund Codes

Series	CAD	
MF	419	
F	649	
Q	1209	

## **Distributions (Series F)**

	2023	2022	2021
\$Amount/ Unit	0.24	0.18	0.16
Monthly Frequency <sup>3</sup>		aid on: 2024 \$0.018/Unit	

Please refer to AGF.com for distribution information.

## **Management Fee Tiers**

	\$100K- \$250K	\$250K- \$500K	\$500K- \$1M	\$1M- \$3M	>\$3M
Series Q	0.70	0.675	0.65	0.625	0.62

Effective August 9, 2021, AGF Investments LLC is a subadvisor to AGF Global Corporate Bond Fund. The Overall Morningstar Ratings<sup>™</sup> and Morningstar Quartile Rankings are series specific as inception date, performance and fee characteristics vary by series. The Overall Morningstar Rating<sup>™</sup> measures risk-adjusted returns and is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its 3-, 5- and 10-year (if applicable) rating metrics.

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<sup>2</sup> MER as of September 30, 2023. AGFI may, in its discretion, temporarily waive some or all of the expenses of the Fund, which will result in a reduction in the MER. AGFI may cease to offer any such waiver at any time without notice.

<sup>3</sup> The distribution is not guaranteed, may be adjusted from time to time at the discretion of the fund manager and may vary from payment to payment.



Series F		Fundamental - High Yield Fixed Income			Income As of March 31, 2024					
Net Compound Returns (CAD) (%)										
	1 MO.	3 MO.	6 MO.	YTD	1 YR.	2 YR.	3 YR.	5 YR.	10 YR.	PSD <sup>+</sup>
Fund	1.1	2.8	5.3	2.8	5.8	0.4	-1.3	1.7	2.3	4.8
Morningstar Quartile Ranking	2	2	4	2	4	4	4	4	4	-
Number of Funds in the Category	269	269	268	269	264	259	254	226	157	-

\* Performance start date as of July 6, 2001. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Rates of return for greater than one year have been annualized.

# Net Annual Returns (CAD) (%)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Fund	5.1	-11.0	1.9	6.3	9.7	-2.5	5.0	7.1	0.4	4.6
Morningstar Quartile Ranking	4	4	4	2	2	3	2	3	2	2
Number of Funds in the Category	266	333	406	456	459	448	487	413	416	414

Past performance is not indicative of future results.

Morningstar Quartile Rankings are calculated as of March 31, 2024 and subject to change monthly. They are calculated based on the Fund's total return percentile rank compared to other funds in the Morningstar High Yield Fixed Income category. Percentile ranks are then mapped into quartiles with (1) representing 1-25, (2) representing 26-50, (3) representing 51-75 and (4) representing 76-100 percentile ranks.

# Top 10 Holdings (% of Total Net Assets)

Total Holdings: 118

Company Name	Country	Weight
Government of United States of America Inflation Index Linked 0.625% Januar 15, 2026	<sup>Y</sup> United States	3.16%
Rogers Communications Inc. 5.00% December 17, 2081	Canada	2.61%
Videotron Ltd. 4.50% January 15, 2030	Canada	2.54%
Citigroup Inc. 4.09% June 9, 2025	United States	1.96%
NRG Energy Inc. 4.45% June 15, 2029	United States	1.84%
Wells Fargo & Co. 4.168% April 28, 2026	United States	1.75%
Northland Power Inc. 9.25% June 30, 2083	Canada	1.63%
Cinemark USA Inc. 5.875% March 15, 2026	United States	1.63%
Algonquin Power & Utilities Corp. 4.75% January 18, 2082	Canada	1.58%
TransAlta Corp. 7.75% November 15, 2029	Canada	1.58%
Total		20.3%

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# **Credit Mix**

	Portfolio
AA	7.1%
А	4.0%
BBB	15.6%
BB	29.2%
В	18.8%
CCC or Lower	3.2%
Cash	-0.4%
Non Rated & Other	22.5%

**Sector Allocation** 

	Portfolio
Financial Institutions	23.7%
Energy	15.2%
Communications	11.2%
Utility	11.2%
Consumer Cyclical	10.7%
Consumer Non-Cyclical	7.5%
Basic Industry	6.9%
Technology	2.2%
Capital Goods	1.9%
Other Industrial	0.6%
Sector allocation is based on the exposi corporate securities in the Fund.	ure of

Risk vs. Returns 3-YR 6.8 (%) 1.7 -3.4 0.0 6.8 13.6

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Risk (Standard Deviation)

• Funds in the Morningstar High Yield Fixed Income category^

## **Investment Mix**

	Portfolio
Domestic Corporate Bonds	41.9%
Foreign Corporate Bonds	33.8%
Term Loans	10.1%
Government Bonds	7.1%
Preferred Shares	4.1%
Cash	-0.4%
Other	3.4%

# **Fixed Income Allocation**

	Portfolio
Corporate	87.2%
Treasury	7.1%
Government-Related	1.7%
Cash	-0.4%
Other	4.4%

^ Morningstar category performance is calculated as the average return of a portfolio constructed of all series of all funds in the category as of the end of each month.

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# **Country Allocation**

	Portfolio
United States	51.3%
Canada	46.3%
Cash	-0.4%
Other	2.7%

# **Portfolio Characteristics**

	Portfolio
Payment Frequency	Monthly
Series Distribution - Trailing 12 Months	5.39%
Yield*	8.8%
Average Term to Maturity	15.5
Modified Duration	2.3
Turnover	250.8%

# **Risk Characteristics**

## (3 & 5 Year Annualized)

Portfolio	3-Year	5-Year
Standard Deviation	5.3%	8.5%
Sharpe Ratio	-0.73	-0.03
Beta	0.59	0.85
Tracking Error	3.8%	3.3%
Upside Capture	43.3%	66.2%
Downside Capture	70.8%	84.0%

Morningstar High Yield Fixed Income Category^	3-Year	5-Year
Standard Deviation	6.8%	8.3%
Sharpe Ratio	-0.10	0.16
Beta	0.71	0.90

\*The yield for mandatory convertible securities is current yield; the yield for optional convertibles is the greater of (current yield, yield to maturity and yield to put). ^ Morningstar category performance is calculated as the average return of a portfolio constructed of all series of all funds in the category as of the end of each month. Source: AGF Investments, Morningstar. This document is not complete without the end disclosures. See last two pages for term definitions.

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## **Investment Management Team**

The AGF Investments Fixed Income team is a multi-disciplinary team that manages assets on behalf of retail and institutional clients. We seek added value in fixed income by leveraging our long-tenured expertise in our core competencies. We focus on strategically allocating across fixed-income categories and currencies. We believe our strengths lie in the use of global fixed-income specialists to capture potential investment opportunities and that our disciplined methodology, using models and fundamental research, enables us to identify inefficiencies across global fixed-income markets.

## **Portfolio Managers**



## Tristan Sones, CFA®

Co-Head of Fixed Income & Portfolio Manager AGF Investments Inc. • Industry Exp: since 1993

• Firm Exp: since 1993



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# **Term Definitions**

## Average Credit Quality

A weighted average of credit ratings on all fixed income securities in a portfolio.

## Average Term to Maturity

Average remaining time of each security or instrument in a portfolio to reach its maturity.

## Beta

A measure of a fund's sensitivity to market movements (as represented by a benchmark index). The benchmark index has a Beta of 1.0. A Beta of more (less) than 1.0 indicates that a fund's historical returns have fluctuated more (less) than the benchmark index. For example, a Beta of 1.10 shows that the fund performed 10% better than its benchmark index in up markets and 10% worse in down markets, assuming all other factors remain constant.

#### **Current Yield**

The annual income (interest or dividend) of a security divided by its price. The current yield of a portfolio is the weighted average of the current yield of the applicable holdings in a portfolio.

#### Downside Capture (Ratio)

The Downside Capture Ratio is calculated by taking the portfolio's return and dividing it by the benchmark's return in periods when the benchmark return was negative. A Downside Capture Ratio of less than 100% is considered desirable.

## Management Expense Ratio (MER)

The Management Expense Ratio, commonly referred to as MER, is a measure of the total expenses (fees and other costs) borne by the mutual fund or ETF, expressed as a percentage of the fund's net asset value. The ratio is calculated by dividing the total annual expenses by the average net asset value of the fund for the given year.

#### **Modified Duration**

A measure of the sensitivity of a bond's price to changes in interest rates. The modified duration of a portfolio is the weighted average of the modified duration of the applicable holdings in a portfolio.

#### **Risk Profile**

The Risk Profile is based on the historical volatility of a fund, as measured by the 10-year annualized standard deviation of the 10-year average returns of the fund. The investment risk level is required to be determined in accordance with the Canadian Securities Administrators' standardized risk classification methodology.

#### **Sharpe Ratio**

Sharpe Ratio characterizes how well the return of a fund compensates the investor for each unit of absolute risk they assume, as measured by the Standard Deviation of the fund. The greater a fund's Sharpe Ratio, the better its risk-adjusted performance has been.

## **Standard Deviation**

A statistical measure of the range/dispersion of a fund's performance. The more variable the returns, the larger the Standard Deviation. When a fund has a high Standard Deviation, it means that its range of performance was wide for the given period, i.e. greater historical volatility. Standard Deviation does not predict the future volatility of a fund.

#### **Tracking Error**

The Tracking Error represents a fund manager's added value variability. It reports the difference between the return received and that of the benchmark being compared to. It is reported as a Standard Deviation percentage difference.

## Trading Expense Ratio (TER)

The total gross expenses divided by the fund's average net assets.



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# **Term Definitions**

## Turnover (Ratio)

The portfolio Turnover Ratio is the rate at which assets in a fund are bought and sold by the portfolio managers. It is calculated as the minimum of securities bought or sold divided by the average assets over the period.

#### Upside Capture (Ratio)

The Upside Capture Ratio is calculated by taking the portfolio's return and dividing it by the benchmark's return in periods when the benchmark return was positive. An Upside Capture Ratio of greater than 100% is considered desirable.

## Yield to Maturity

The annual rate of return anticipated on a bond if it is held until the maturity date. The yield to maturity of a portfolio is the weighted average of the yield to maturity of the applicable holdings in a portfolio.

#### Yield to Put

The total return anticipated on a bond if it is held to its earliest possible put date (i.e., the date that the bondholder has the option to sell the bond back to the issuer).