

Series MF Fundamental - High Yield Fixed Income As of March 31, 2024

# **Key Reasons to Invest**

- Potential to generate attractive returns relative to traditional bonds due to the hybrid nature of convertible bonds that typically pay a fixed interest rate and are convertible into a fixed number of equity shares.
- Use to complement core bond holdings or as a hedge against rising interest rates.

# **Investment Objective**

The fund's objective is to seek to generate attractive long-term total returns through interest income and capital appreciation. The fund will invest primarily in global convertible bonds issued by entities domiciled or conducting business anywhere in the world.

# **Investment Strategy**

The portfolio manager invests primarily in convertible securities issued by companies from around the world of all market capitalizations, including, but not limited to corporate bonds, debentures, notes or preferred stocks, all of which can be converted into common stock providing an opportunity for equity participation. Incorporating both a top down (category and sector allocation) and bottom up (security selection) investment approach, the portfolio manager will assess the relative attractiveness of a convertible bond with the principal focus to select convertibles that it believes will produce income and long-term growth at reasonable valuations. The portfolio manager will diversify the portfolio by sector as well as by issuer, and will attempt to mitigate interest rate risk by monitoring both the issuers and the duration of the portfolio.



Benchmark Bloomberg Global Convertibles Index

#### **Fund Codes**

Series	CAD
MF	4085
V	3032
F	5031
FV	2512
Q	1240
W	1403

# Distributions (Series MF)

	2023	2022	2021
\$Amount/ Unit	0.00	0.02	0.21
Quarterly Frequency <sup>3</sup>		aid on: 2022 \$0.019/Unit	

Please refer to AGF.com for distribution information.

### **Management Fee Tiers**

	\$100K- \$250K	\$250K- \$500K	\$500K- \$1M	\$1M- \$3M	>\$3M
Series Q	0.80	0.775	0.75	0.725	0.72
Series W	0.75	0.725	0.70	0.675	0.67



The Overall Morningstar Ratings™ and Morningstar Quartile Rankings are series specific as inception date, performance and fee characteristics vary by series. The Overall Morningstar Rating™ 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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 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}$  Compared with 254 funds in the High Yield Fixed Income category as of March 31, 2024.

<sup>&</sup>lt;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>&</sup>lt;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.



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## Net Compound Returns (CAD) (%)

	1 MO.	3 MO.	6 MO.	YTD	1 YR.	2 YR.	3 YR.	5 YR.	10 YR.	PSD†
Fund	2.1	4.9	11.2	4.9	9.2	1.0	-1.4	5.8	-	5.2
Morningstar Quartile Ranking	1	1	1	1	2	4	4	1	-	-
Number of Funds in the Category	269	269	268	269	264	259	254	226	-	-

<sup>\*</sup> Performance start date as of January 8, 2015. 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	6.7	-14.8	0.3	31.6	11.5	1.9	12.9	-0.7	-	-
Morningstar Quartile Ranking	4	4	4	1	2	1	1	4	-	-
Number of Funds in the Category	266	333	406	456	459	448	487	413	-	-

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: 116

Company Name	Country	Weight
Wells Fargo & Co.	United States	2.54%
Palo Alto Networks Inc. 0.375% June 1, 2025	United States	1.93%
Tetra Tech Inc. 2.25% August 15, 2028	United States	1.70%
Seagate HDD Cayman 3.50% June 1, 2028	United States	1.62%
Prysmian SpA 0.00% February 2, 2026	Italy	1.52%
Boston Scientific Corp.	United States	1.52%
Bank of America Corp.	United States	1.49%
HubSpot Inc. 0.375% June 1, 2025	United States	1.49%
Abu Dhabi National Oil Co. 0.70% June 4, 2024	<b>United Arab Emirates</b>	1.44%
Apollo Global Management Inc.	United States	1.33%
Total		16.6%



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# **Credit Mix**

	Portfolio
A	3.1%
BBB	8.4%
BB	0.8%
В	1.0%
Cash	11.6%
Non Rated & Other	75.2%

	Portfolio
Technology	16.8%
Consumer Non-Cyclical	12.7%
Financial Institutions	11.4%
Capital Goods	11.3%
Consumer Cyclical	8.8%
Basic Industry	6.4%
Energy	4.1%
Transportation	2.5%
Communications	2.3%
Other Industrial	2.1%
Utility	1.2%

Sector allocation is based on the exposure of corporate securities in the Fund.

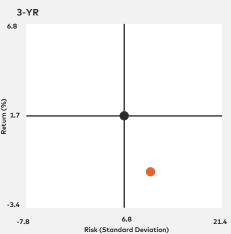
### **Investment Mix**

	Portfolio
Convertible Bond	74.1%
Equity	7.6%
Convertible Preferred Stock	5.9%
High Yield Bond	1.6%
Cash	11.6%
Other	-0.7%

### Sector Allocation

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Energy	4.1%
Transportation	2.5%
Communications	2.3%
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### Risk vs. Returns



- AGF Global Convertible Bond Fund
- Funds in the Morningstar High Yield Fixed Income category<sup>^</sup>

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# **Country Allocation**

	Portfolio
United States	61.1%
Canada	11.2%
Italy	2.8%
Cash	11.6%
Other	13.4%

# **Currency Allocation**

	Portfolio
Canadian Dollar	94.9%
US Dollar	2.6%
Other	2.5%

# **Equity Sensitivity (Using Delta)**

**Portfolio Characteristics** 

	Portfolio
Equity Like (Delta > 70)	50.9%
Balanced (20 < Delta <= 70)	27.1%
Bond Like (Delta <= 20)	9.6%
Cash	11.6%
Other	0.9%

# **Risk Characteristics**

(3 & 5 Year Annualized)

	Portfolio
Payment Frequency	Quarterly
Series Distribution - Trailing 12 Months	0.00%
Yield*	3.7%
Average Term to Maturity	3.0
Modified Duration	2.5
Turnover	56.0%
Portfolio Delta	0.7

Portfolio	3-Year	5-Year
Standard Deviation	10.6%	11.9%
Sharpe Ratio	-0.38	0.32
Beta	0.87	0.83
Tracking Error	3.7%	4.3%
Upside Capture	84.3%	72.4%
Downside Capture	88.9%	86.6%

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

<sup>\*</sup>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).

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### **Portfolio Managers**



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- Industry Exp: since 1996
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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.

#### Delta

The sensitivity of the price of a convertible bond to changes in the price of the underlying stock. The delta of a portfolio is the weighted average of the delta 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.

### **Equity Sensitivity**

The extent to which a convertible security's price moves in response to a movement in the underlying stock price (i.e., the correlation coefficient, expressed as a number between 0 and 1).

### 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.



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### **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.

### 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).