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ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

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Educators BrighterFuture Bond Fund™



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This report may contain forward-looking statements about the Fund, including its strategy, risks, expected performance and condition. Forward-looking statements include statements that are predictive in nature, that depend upon or refer to future events or conditions, or that include words such as "expects", "anticipates", "intends", "plans", "believes", "estimates" or negative versions thereof and similar forward-looking expressions.

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Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance, and actual events and results could differ materially from those expressed or implied in any forward-looking statements made by the Fund. Any number of important factors could contribute to these digressions, including, but not limited to, general economic, political and market factors in North America and internationally, including international conflicts, interest and foreign exchange rates, global equity and capital markets, business competition, technological change, changes in government regulations, unexpected judicial or regulatory proceedings, and catastrophic events.

It should be stressed that the above-mentioned list of factors is not exhaustive. You are encouraged to consider these and other factors carefully before making any investment decisions and you are urged to avoid placing undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Further, you should be aware of the fact that the Fund has no specific intention of updating any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, prior to the release of the next Management Report of Fund Performance unless required by applicable law.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

Investment Objectives and Strategies

The investment objective of the Educators BrighterFuture Bond Fund™ (*the "Fund"*) is to maximize portfolio returns by investing in a diversified portfolio comprised primarily of Canadian dollar denominated debt instruments using a responsible investment approach. The fundamental investment objective of the Fund may not be changed without the prior approval of the unitholders.

Risk

The risks of investing in the Fund remain as discussed in the Simplified Prospectus. Since inception of the Fund no changes affecting the overall level of risk of investing in the Fund were made to the Fund as at December 31, 2024.

Results of Operations

At the end of December 2024, the Fund's net assets were \$11.1 million.

Investment Performance

Class A and Class I units of the Educators BrighterFuture Bond Fund™ were launched on January 17, 2024. Due to policies issued by the Canadian Securities Administrators, investment performance data is not reported for funds in existence for less than one year. The Fund's benchmark is the FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index.

Unlike the Benchmark, the Fund's return is net of fees and expenses paid by the Fund. Investors cannot invest in the Benchmark without incurring fees, expenses and commissions which are not reflected in Benchmark returns.

While inflation has more recently tempered, coming in line with the Bank of Canada's (BoC) target range at the end of 2024, Canada's tepid growth, rising unemployment, and a more restrictive immigration policy has provided the BoC leeway to cut its policy rate with a view to stimulating the economy. By year end, the BoC had cut rates by a total of 1.75%—leaving the overnight rate at 3.25%. However, the BoC has indicated it is ready to slow down the pace of monetary easing if the economy evolves according to its forecast. This was interpreted by the market as signaling the end of the big 0.50% interest rate cuts and that a pause in reductions may occur.

For fixed income markets, the decrease in yields for shorter maturities have begun to result in a more normally sloped yield curve, with the yield on 10-year bonds above those for 2-year bonds, thus compensating bond holders for holding bonds with longer maturities. Within corporate bonds, credit spreads tightened throughout 2024 and enhanced performance, as corporate balance sheets remained strong.

The Fund's long duration-positioning relative to the benchmark contributed to performance amid falling yields. Curve position also

added value, as mid-term bonds outperformed. Sector allocation contributed to performance, as the Fund was overweight in corporate bonds amid a tightening of credit spreads. Corporate security selection further contributed to performance, as the selection in energy bonds outperformed. The portfolio's selection in hybrid securities and high-yield bonds also contributed.

During 2024, the portfolio management team performed 97 engagements on a variety of ESG-related subjects. As of December 31, 2024, sustainable finance positions in the fund totalled 30.6%.

Recent Developments

The global economy proved resilient in 2024, despite ongoing concerns that the aggressive rate-hiking cycle of 2022 and 2023 could result in slow or even negative growth in some regions. A moderation in inflation gave central banks justification to begin reducing their policy rates, which has provided greater optimism that the economy can avoid recession and grow modestly in the next few years.

Following the U.S. election in November, markets have been patiently assessing the new U.S. administration and its implications for global trade around tariffs and/or other measures that may be enacted, including the newly established Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), aimed to address the country's escalating debt by streamlining government operations and cutting wasteful expenditures. Such events may jeopardize Canada's near-term economy and force the BoC to act more swiftly and significantly in cutting interest rates to temper these effects. However, fixed income yields remain significantly above the lows seen in the early part of this decade. Notwithstanding any surprises, central banks are likely to continue their easing cycles, but at a less aggressive pace.

Related Party Transactions

In 2024 Educators Financial Group did not refer any conflict of interest matters to the Fund's Independent Review Committee (*the IRC*) and accordingly did not rely upon any recommendation of the IRC in respect of any related party transactions.

Educators Financial Group is the Manager and Trustee of the Fund. Educators Financial Group is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF). OSSTF may from time to time invest in units of the Fund.



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 since inception. Currently Class I units of the Fund and not being offered to purchase by retail investors.

Educators BrighterFuture Bond Fund™ – Class A Series – Net Assets per Unit ⁽¹⁾

	Year ended December 31 2024
Net Assets, beginning of year/period	\$10.00
Increase (decrease) from operations:	
Total revenue	\$0.40
Total expenses, including transaction costs [excluding distributions]	(\$0.13)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	\$0.08
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	\$0.34
Total increase (decrease) from operations ⁽²⁾	\$0.69
Distributions:	
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	\$0.28
From dividends	\$--
From capital gains	\$0.07
Return of capital	\$--
Total Annual Distributions ⁽³⁾	\$0.35
Net Assets, end of year/period	\$10.32

Ratios and Supplemental Data (based on Net Asset Value)

	Year ended December 31 2024
Total Net Asset Value (000's) ⁽⁴⁾	\$683
Number of units outstanding ⁽⁴⁾	66,198
Management expense ratio ⁽⁵⁾	1.30%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions ⁽⁶⁾	1.30%
Trading expense ratio ⁽⁷⁾	--%
Portfolio turnover rate ⁽⁸⁾	109.25%
Net Asset Value per unit	\$10.32



Educators BrighterFuture Bond Fund™ – Class I Series – Net Assets per Unit ⁽¹⁾

	Year ended December 31 2024
Net Assets, beginning of year/period	\$10.00
Increase (decrease) from operations:	
Total revenue	\$0.40
Total expenses, including transaction costs [excluding distributions]	\$--
Realized gains (losses) for the period	\$0.07
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	\$0.31
Total increase (decrease) from operations ⁽²⁾	\$0.78
Distributions:	
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	\$0.36
From dividends	\$--
From capital gains	\$0.07
Return of capital	\$--
Total Annual Distributions ⁽³⁾	\$0.43
Net Assets, end of year/period	\$10.35

Ratios and Supplemental Data (based on Net Asset Value)

	Year ended December 31 2024
Total Net Asset Value (000's) ⁽⁴⁾	\$10,395
Number of units outstanding ⁽⁴⁾	1,004,752
Management expense ratio ⁽⁵⁾	--%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions ⁽⁶⁾	--%
Trading expense ratio ⁽⁷⁾	--%
Portfolio turnover rate ⁽⁸⁾	109.25%
Net Asset Value per unit	\$10.35



Educators BrighterFuture Bond Fund™ – Class F Series – Net Assets per Unit ⁽¹⁾

	Year ended December 31 2024
Net Assets, beginning of year/period	\$10.00
Increase (decrease) from operations:	
Total revenue	\$--
Total expenses, including transaction costs [excluding distributions]	\$--
Realized gains (losses) for the period	\$0.03
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(\$0.03)
Total increase (decrease) from operations ⁽²⁾	\$--
Distributions:	
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	\$0.36
From dividends	\$--
From capital gains	\$0.07
Return of capital	\$--
Total Annual Distributions ⁽³⁾	\$0.43
Net Assets, end of year/period	\$10.42

Ratios and Supplemental Data (based on Net Asset Value)

	Year ended December 31 2024
Total Net Asset Value (000's) ⁽⁴⁾	\$0
Number of units outstanding ⁽⁴⁾	1
Management expense ratio ⁽⁵⁾	--%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions ⁽⁶⁾	--%
Trading expense ratio ⁽⁷⁾	--%
Portfolio turnover rate ⁽⁸⁾	109.25%
Net Asset Value per unit	\$10.42

⁽¹⁾ This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements. For financial years beginning after January 1, 2014, the financial highlights were derived from the Fund's financial statements prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). All references to "Net Assets" or "Net Assets per Unit" in these financial highlights are references to net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units determined in accordance with IFRS as presented in the financial statements of the Fund.

⁽²⁾ 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.

⁽³⁾ Distributions were either paid in cash or reinvested in additional units of the Fund.

⁽⁴⁾ This information is provided as at December 31 of the year shown.

⁽⁵⁾ Management expense ratio is based on total expenses (excluding distributions, 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.

⁽⁶⁾ The management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions shows what the management expense ratio of the Fund would have been if Educators Financial Group had not charged a lesser amount for its management fee.

⁽⁷⁾ 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.

⁽⁸⁾ The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio adviser 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.

Management Fees

Educators Financial Group is the Manager-Trustee, promoter, and principal distributor of the Fund, and is responsible for the day-to-day management and administration of the Fund.

The Manager-Trustee monitors and evaluates the performance of the Fund and pays for the investment management services of the portfolio adviser, as well as all administrative services required by the Fund. As compensation for these services, Educators Financial Group is entitled to receive a fee, payable monthly and calculated daily, based on the Net Asset Value of the Fund, at the annual rate of 1.15% for the Class A Series and 0.50% for the Class F Series. The Class I Series are identical in all respects to the Class A Series, except that there is no management fee payable by the Fund in respect of the Class I units.

The Fund is responsible for paying any applicable tax owing on its management fee.

Approximately 418.1% of the total management fees collected from all Series (excluding Class I Series approximately 25.8% of the total management fees collected), were used to pay for portfolio management services, with the remainder of the fees allocated to custodial services, marketing, technology, and Manager-Trustee operating expenses.

PAST PERFORMANCE

General

Regulatory restrictions limit publishing performance for investment funds with a history of less than one year.

SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

(Based on Net Asset Value)

As at December 31, 2024

Sector Mix	Percentage of Net Asset Value
Government Bonds	50.53 %
Corporate Bonds	46.06 %
Short-term investments	2.65 %
Net Other Assets (Liabilities)	0.73 %
Cash and Cash Equivalents	0.03 %

Top 25 Holdings

Security Name	Percentage of Net Asset Value
Canadian Government Bond, 3.50%, March 1, 2034	5.08 %
Province of Quebec, 3.90%, November 22, 2032	4.24 %
Province of Quebec, 4.45%, September 1, 2034	3.35 %
Province of Ontario, 3.50%, June 2, 2043	3.31 %
First Nations Finance Authority, 4.10%, June 1, 2034	3.11 %
Canadian Government Bond, 1.75%, December 1, 2053	3.01 %
Canadian Government Bond, 3.25%, December 1, 2034	2.93 %
PSP Capital Inc., 2.60%, March 1, 2032	2.55 %
South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority, 2.65%, October 29, 2050	2.31 %
Bank of Nova Scotia, 5.50%, December 29, 2025	2.16 %
Province of Ontario, 1.90%, December 2, 2051	2.14 %
Province of Ontario, 4.10%, March 4, 2033	2.02 %
AtkinsRealis Group Inc., 5.70%, March 26, 2029	1.99 %
Province of Alberta, 3.10%, June 1, 2050	1.97 %
Canadian Government Bond, 5.00%, June 1, 2037	1.86 %
Province of British Columbia Canada, 2.95%, June 18, 2050	1.85 %
Pembina Pipeline Corp., 5.02%, January 12, 2032	1.85 %
407 International Inc., 6.47%, July 27, 2029	1.77 %
Province of Quebec, 3.50%, December 1, 2045	1.67 %
Air Canada, 4.63%, August 15, 2029	1.64 %
Province of Ontario, 4.70%, June 2, 2037	1.61 %
Videotron Ltd., 4.50%, January 15, 2030	1.57 %
Brookfield Renewable Partners ULC, 5.29%, October 28, 2033	1.44 %
Northland Power Inc., 9.25%, June 30, 2083	1.36 %
Superior Plus LP, 4.25%, May 18, 2028	1.29 %

Total Net Assets (000's)

\$11,078

The top 25 holdings represent approximately 58.08% of the total net assets of the Fund.

The summary of investment portfolio of the Fund is as at December 31, 2024 and may change due to the Fund's ongoing portfolio transactions. Updates are available quarterly.

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