

# MACKENZIE CANADIAN SHORT-TERM BOND INDEX ETF

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## **Interim Management Report of Fund Performance**

*For the Six-Month Period Ended September 30, 2024*

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## Management Discussion of Fund Performance

November 12, 2024

This Management Discussion of Fund Performance presents the portfolio management team's view on the significant factors and developments that have affected the ETF's performance and outlook in the six-month period ended September 30, 2024 (the "period"). If the ETF was established during the period, "period" represents the period since inception.

In this report, "Mackenzie" and "the Manager" refer to Mackenzie Financial Corporation, the manager of the ETF. In addition, net asset value ("NAV") refers to the value of the ETF as calculated for subscription and redemption purposes, on which the discussion of ETF performance is based.

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

## Results of Operations

### Investment Performance

During the period, the ETF returned 4.7% (after deducting fees and expenses). This compares with the Solactive Canadian Short Term Bond Index return of 4.6%. All index 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 weak economic data, the Bank of Canada reduced its policy rate three times over the period to 4.25% from 5.00%. Bond yields declined in anticipation of a significantly lower policy rate. Canada's unemployment rate rose to 6.4%, highlighting labour market weakness, while wage growth remained elevated. Excess supply put pressure on prices, contributing to falling inflation.

Through the period, the ETF used a sampling methodology to invest in broadly diversified securities that collectively approximate the full index in terms of key characteristics. Alternatively, the ETF may invest its assets directly in the bonds that make up the index, holding each bond in approximately the same proportion as its weighting in the index.

The difference in performance between the ETF and the index resulted primarily from the sampling methodology of the ETF and income from securities lending. These factors were partially offset by management fees and other operating expenses.

Over the period, changes were made to the ETF's holdings to reflect changes in the composition of the index.

### Net Assets

The ETF's net assets increased by 2.9% during the period to \$35.9 million. This change was composed primarily of \$1.6 million in net income (including any interest and/or dividend income) from investment performance, after deducting fees and expenses, and a decrease of \$0.6 million due to net unitholder activity (including sales, redemptions and cash distributions).

At September 30, 2024, 26.1% of the ETF's NAV was held as inventory by the ETF's designated broker primarily for the purpose of sales to investors in the secondary market. As a result of these investments, the ETF is subject to large transaction risk as discussed in the Prospectus. Mackenzie manages this risk to reduce the possibility of any adverse effect on the ETF or on its investors, through such processes as settling transactions in kind, charging creation and/or redemption fees for transactions settling in cash, and establishing appropriate order cut-off times for transactions.

## Recent Developments

Because the ETF is an index fund, neither market expectations nor recent developments affect the composition of the portfolio.

The following changes to the Mackenzie Funds' Independent Review Committee occurred:

- effective September 13, 2023, Saijal Patel was appointed;
- effective March 5, 2024, Atul Tiwari resigned; and
- effective April 30, 2024, the terms for Robert Hines and George Hucal expired, and Rebecca Cowdery was appointed.

## Related Party Transactions

### Management Fees

The annualized management expense ratio ("MER") for the ETF during the period ended September 30, 2024, was similar to the MER for the year ended March 31, 2024. Total expenses paid vary from period to period mainly as a result of changes in average assets in the ETF. The MERs are presented in the *Financial Highlights* section of this report. The ETF paid management fees to the Manager at the annual rate of 0.08%.

The management fee for the ETF is calculated and accrued daily as a percentage of its NAV. The ETF's management fees were used by the Manager to pay for the costs of managing the investment portfolio of the ETF, including providing investment analysis and recommendations, making investment decisions, making brokerage arrangements for the purchase and sale of the investment portfolio, providing other services and licensing the index, and to pay for all costs and expenses (other than certain specified fund costs as more fully described in the Prospectus) required to operate the ETF.

### Other Related Party Transactions

The Manager is wholly owned by IGM Financial Inc., which in turn is a subsidiary of Power Corp. of Canada. Companies related to Power Corp. of Canada are therefore considered affiliates of the Manager. At September 30, 2024, the ETF held the following investment(s) in companies affiliated with the Manager: \$0.1 million invested in securities issued by IGM Financial Inc. and \$0.02 million invested in securities issued by Great-West Lifeco Inc. The investment(s) represented 0.3% of the ETF's NAV. In making the investment(s), the Manager relied on the approval of the Mackenzie Funds' Independent Review Committee. The Independent Review Committee issued the approval on the basis that the investment(s) would be made in compliance with the Manager's policies. 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 ETF; and (iii) achieves a fair and reasonable result for the ETF.

Investment funds managed by Mackenzie and its affiliates may invest in the ETF in accordance with the investment objectives of those funds. At September 30, 2024, funds managed by Mackenzie owned 6.5% of the ETF's NAV, funds managed by Canada Life Investment Management Ltd. owned 12.4% of the ETF's NAV, funds managed by I.G. Investment Management, Ltd. owned 2.3% of the ETF's NAV, and funds managed by Counsel Portfolio Services Inc. owned 16.6% of the ETF's NAV. All related party transactions are based on the current market price. As a result of these investments, the ETF may be subject to large transaction risk as discussed in the Prospectus. Mackenzie manages this risk to reduce the possibility of any adverse effects on the ETF or on its investors, through such processes as settling transactions in kind, charging creation and/or redemption fees for transactions settling in cash, and establishing appropriate order cut-off times for transactions.

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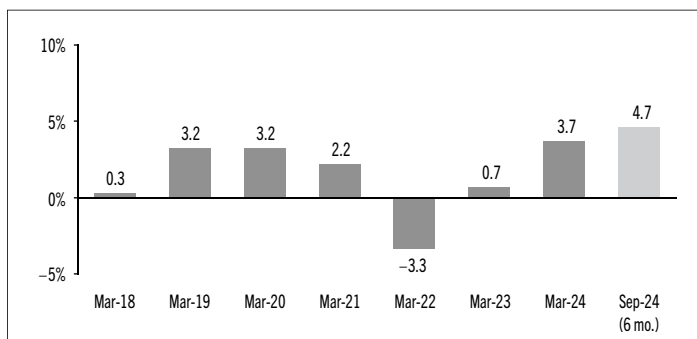
## Past Performance

The ETF's performance information assumes all distributions made by the ETF in the periods presented are reinvested in additional units of the ETF. The performance information does not take into account brokerage commissions or income taxes payable by any investor that would have reduced returns or performance. The past performance of the ETF is not necessarily an indication of how it will perform in the future.

If you hold this ETF 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 units of the ETF. The amount of reinvested taxable distributions is added to the adjusted cost base of the units that you own. This would decrease your capital gain or increase your capital loss when you later sell from the ETF, 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 chart presents the performance of the ETF 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 ETF's inception date (January 29, 2018), as applicable, would have increased or decreased by the last day of the fiscal period presented.



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## Summary of Investment Portfolio at September 30, 2024

PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Bonds	99.5
Bonds	98.9
Long bond futures*	0.6
Cash and cash equivalents	0.5

REGIONAL ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Canada	94.0
United States	4.8
Cash and cash equivalents	0.5
Germany	0.4
Australia	0.2
United Kingdom	0.1

SECTOR ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Corporate bonds	39.5
Federal bonds	38.6
Provincial bonds	20.6
Municipal bonds	0.8
Cash and cash equivalents	0.5

BONDS BY CREDIT RATING**	% OF NAV
AAA	41.9
AA	9.7
A	23.9
BBB	15.8
Less than BBB	0.2
Unrated	7.4

\* Notional values represent 0.6% of NAV for long bond futures.

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

TOP 25 POSITIONS	% OF NAV
<b>Issuer</b>	
Canada Housing Trust 2.35% 06-15-2027	4.5
Government of Canada 3.50% 03-01-2028	4.5
Government of Canada 4.00% 03-01-2029	3.8
Government of Canada 1.25% 03-01-2027	3.6
Government of Canada 3.50% 09-01-2029	3.6
Canada Housing Trust 3.10% 06-15-2028	3.5
Government of Canada 5.75% 06-01-2029	3.2
Government of Canada 1.00% 09-01-2026	2.5
Government of Canada 3.00% 04-01-2026	1.8
Province of Ontario 2.60% 06-02-2027	1.7
Province of Ontario 2.90% 06-02-2028	1.6
Province of Quebec 8.50% 04-01-2026	1.5
Province of Ontario 2.40% 06-02-2026	1.3
Canada Housing Trust 3.70% 06-15-2029	1.2
International Bank for Reconstruction and Development 0.63% 01-14-2026	1.2
Canada Housing Trust 2.65% 12-15-2028	1.1
Bank of Montreal F/R 06-17-2030 Callable 2025	1.1
Cash and cash equivalents	1.1
The Toronto-Dominion Bank 4.68% 01-08-2029	1.0
Province of Alberta 2.55% 06-01-2027	1.0
Canada Housing Trust 1.95% 12-15-2025	1.0
The Toronto-Dominion Bank 4.21% 06-01-2027	1.0
Province of British Columbia 5.70% 06-18-2029	1.0
Province of Quebec 2.75% 09-01-2028	1.0
Province of Ontario 4.00% 03-08-2029	0.9
<b>Top long positions as a percentage of total net asset value</b>	<b>49.7</b>

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

The investments and percentages may have changed since September 30, 2024, due to the ongoing portfolio transactions of the ETF.

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## Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about the ETF and are intended to help you understand the ETF's financial performance for each of the fiscal periods presented below. In the period when the ETF was established, "period" represents the period from inception to the end of that fiscal period. The inception date can be found under *Past Performance*.

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

CAD Units (Ticker: QSB)	Sep. 30 2024	Mar. 31 2024	Mar. 31 2023	Mar. 31 2022	Mar. 31 2021	Mar. 31 2020
<b>Net assets, beginning of period</b>	96.78	95.89	97.18	102.78	102.25	101.08
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	1.49	2.70	2.46	2.37	2.22	2.23
Total expenses	(0.02)	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.10)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.54	(2.12)	(2.36)	(2.22)	0.45	0.80
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	2.45	2.40	1.79	(2.60)	(1.14)	4.08
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations²</b>	<b>4.46</b>	<b>2.97</b>	<b>1.87</b>	<b>(2.46)</b>	<b>1.52</b>	<b>7.01</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From net investment income (excluding Canadian dividends)	(1.28)	(2.59)	(1.76)	(2.24)	(1.58)	(2.33)
From Canadian dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-	-	(0.62)	(1.08)
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions³</b>	<b>(1.28)</b>	<b>(2.59)</b>	<b>(1.76)</b>	<b>(2.24)</b>	<b>(2.20)</b>	<b>(3.41)</b>
<b>Net assets, end of period</b>	<b>99.61</b>	<b>96.78</b>	<b>95.89</b>	<b>97.18</b>	<b>102.78</b>	<b>102.25</b>

- These calculations are prescribed by securities regulations and are not intended to be a reconciliation between opening and closing net assets per unit. This information is derived from the ETF's unaudited interim financial statements and audited annual financial statements. The net assets per unit presented in the financial statements may differ from the net asset value per unit calculated for ETF 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 units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the fiscal period.
- Distributions were paid in cash/reinvested in additional units of the ETF, or both.

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## RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

CAD Units (Ticker: QSB)	Sep. 30 2024	Mar. 31 2024	Mar. 31 2023	Mar. 31 2022	Mar. 31 2021	Mar. 31 2020
Total net asset value (\$000)¹	35,860	34,833	218,629	137,991	256,946	77,709
Units outstanding (000)¹	360	360	2,280	1,420	2,500	760
Management expense ratio (%)²	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.10
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)²	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.10
Trading expense ratio (%)³	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trading expense ratio before reimbursements (%)³	-	-	-	-	-	-
Portfolio turnover rate (%)⁴	20.33	54.09	76.39	79.94	133.31	115.46
Net asset value per unit (\$)	99.61	96.76	95.89	97.18	102.78	102.25
Closing market price (\$)⁵	99.62	96.68	95.89	97.17	102.78	101.84

- 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. If the ETF was established in the period, the MER is annualized from the date of inception to the end of the period. Where the ETF directly invests in securities of another fund (including other ETFs), the MER presented for the ETF includes the portion of MERs of the other fund(s) attributable to this investment. Any income distributions received from ETFs managed by 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 expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net assets during the period. Where the ETF invests in securities of another fund (including other ETFs), the TER presented for the ETF includes the portion of TERs of the other fund(s) attributable to this investment. The Manager may reimburse the ETF for certain brokerage commissions and other transaction costs (including those payable to the custodian or its agents). The Manager may make these reimbursements at its discretion and stop these reimbursements at any time without notice.
- The ETF's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the ETF's portfolio advisor manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the ETF buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the period. The higher the ETF's portfolio turnover rate in a period, the greater the trading costs payable by the ETF 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 the ETF. The portfolio turnover rate is not provided when the ETF is less than one year old.
- Closing market price, or the midpoint of the bid and ask prices in the absence of a closing market price, on the last trading day of the period as reported on the Toronto Stock Exchange.