



## **Annual Management Report of Fund Performance**

#### December 2024

This annual management report of Fund Performance contains financial highlights but does not contain the complete annual financial statements of the Portfolio. You can request a copy of the annual financial statements, at no cost, by calling 514-350-5050 or toll free 1-888-377-7337 or by writing to us at 2 Complexe Desjardins, East Tower, 31st Floor, P. O. Box 1116, Montréal, Québec H5B 1C2, or by visiting our website at fdpgp.ca/en or SEDAR+'s website at www.sedarplus.ca.

You may also contact us using one of these methods to request a copy of the Portfolio's proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure records and quarterly portfolio disclosure.

## **Performance Analysis**

## **Investment Objective and Strategies**

The Portfolio seeks to achieve steady income and to ensure invested capital preservation. The Portfolio invests primarily in debt instruments of Canadian and foreign issuers. The Portfolio may also invest in equity securities of Canadian and foreign issuers paying dividends or income. The Portfolio Manager uses a top-down global active short-term management approach, including to set the duration of the portfolio. The implementation of dynamic positioning strategies on the yield curve, the choice of classes of issuers and the selection of securities are based on quantitative and qualitative comparisons, and simulations on interest rates, yield differentials, currencies and volatility.

#### Risk

The Portfolio invests primarily in debt securities, both Canadian and foreign. Derivatives may also be used for hedging purposes or to establish market positions. The risks related to investments in the Portfolio remain as set out in the Simplified Prospectus. The risks associated with the Portfolio and its holdings are as follows: credit risk, sector risk, foreign securities risk, large transactions risk, specific issuer risk, currency risk, interest rate risk, derivatives risk, securities lending risk, exchange-traded funds risk, asset-backed and mortgage-backed securities risk, multi-series risk, short selling risk, loss restrictions risk, cybersecurity risk and liquidity risk.

#### **Operating Results**

The FDP Canadian Bond Portfolio, Series A posted a net return of 4.0% for 2024, versus 6.6% for 2023.

The bond market, as measured by the FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index, posted a 4.2% return for the year.

Inflation fell within the Bank of Canada's (BoC) target range in 2024, prompting the central bank to start normalizing its monetary policy, shifting it from restrictive to neutral. To achieve this, the BoC lowered its key interest rate five times, bringing it from 5.00% to 3.25% for a total drop of 175 basis points. The yield curve inversion that began in 2022 eased in 2024, with short-term rates falling more than long-term rates. Additionally, credit spreads generally narrowed over the year for both provincial and corporate bonds, continuing a trend that began in 2023. These developments reflect diminishing fears of a recession and investor optimism about the BoC's ability to manage inflation while achieving a soft landing of the economy.

On a relative basis and gross of management fees, the FDP Canadian Bond Portfolio outperformed its benchmark index thanks to its yield curve positioning and overweight to corporate bonds. The Portfolio also benefited from the steepening of the yield curve due to its underexposure to 30+ year maturities and its overexposure to 15-20 year maturities. The narrowing of credit spreads and the Portfolio's overexposure to corporate bonds (especially banking securities) and provincial bonds had a positive impact on relative performance.

The Portfolio remains underweight to sovereign bonds and overweight to provincial bonds. Regarding corporate bonds, the portfolio manager favours high-quality issues from the Banking, Telecommunications, Industrials and Oil Pipelines sectors.

## **Recent Developments**

There are no events to report for 2024.

## **Description of the Benchmark Index**

The FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index is a benchmark index used to measure the performance of fixed-rate, investment-grade government and corporate bonds.

### **Related Party Transactions**

The Manager of the FDP Canadian Bond Portfolio is Professionals' Financial – Mutual Funds Inc. The Manager is in charge of the portfolio's research, analyses, selections and transactions. The Investment Committee of Professionals' Financial – Mutual Funds Inc. supervises the execution of the mandates entrusted to the internal managers and to other external managers, as the case may be. With regard to the management of the Portfolio, any transaction between related parties must receive the Independent Review Committee's (IRC) positive recommendation or approval beforehand.

Monthly management fees, calculated daily at an annual percentage of the Portfolio's net assets after deducting the value of interfund investments, are paid to the Manager.

## **Financial Highlights**

The following tables illustrate key financial data concerning the Portfolio. Their purpose is to help you understand its financial results for the past five years.

This information comes from the audited annual financial statements of the Portfolio. You can obtain the financial statements on the website at fdpgp.ca/en.

The FDP Canadian Bond Portfolio, Series I had no investors in 2022 and 2023.

# Portfolio's Distributions and Net Assets per Unit (in dollars)

	Years ended December 31					
Series A (created in 1978)	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	
Net assets, beginning of year	10.998	10.550	12.183	12.725	12.092	
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	0.419	0.354	0.312	0.320	0.359	
Total expenses	(0.118)	(0.114)	(0.118)	(0.130)	(0.136)	
Realized gains (losses)	0.155	(0.397)	(0.934)	(0.073)	0.345	
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.050)	0.826	(0.702)	(0.464)	0.439	
Total increase (decrease)						
from operations (1)	0.406	0.669	(1.442)	(0.347)	1.007	
Distributions:						
from income	0.303	0.238	0.193	0.185	0.223	
from dividends	_	_	_	0.006	_	
from capital gains	_	_	_	0.007	0.157	
from capital returns	-	_	_	_	_	
Total distributions (2)	0.303	0.238	0.193	0.198	0.380	
Net assets at the end of the year	11.126	10.998	10.550	12.183	12.725	

# FDP Canadian Bond Portfolio, Series A and I (continued)

	Years ended December 31				
Series I (created in 2014)	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Net assets, beginning of year	0.000	n.a.	n.a.	10.511	9.973
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenue	0.279	n.a.	n.a.	0.263	0.294
Total expenses	(0.012)	n.a.	n.a.	(0.015)	(0.015)
Realized gains (losses)	0.094	n.a.	n.a.	(0.060)	0.283
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.896)	n.a.	n.a.	(0.431)	0.356
Total increase (decrease)			-		
from operations (1)	(0.535)	n.a.	n.a.	(0.243)	0.918
Distributions:					
from income	0.220	n.a.	n.a.	0.240	0.278
from dividends	_	n.a.	n.a.	0.008	_
from capital gains	_	n.a.	n.a.	0.006	0.116
from capital returns	_	n.a.	n.a.	_	_
Total distributions (2)	0.220	n.a.	n.a.	0.254	0.394
Net assets at the end of the year	10.566	n.a.	n.a.	10.065	10.511

<sup>(1)</sup> Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase or decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the financial period.

### **Ratios and Supplemental Data**

	Years ended December 31					
Series A (created in 1978)	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	
Net asset value (in thousands of dollars) (1)	243,238	276,080	282,423	330,782	349,410	
Number of units outstanding (thousands) (1)	21,861	25,103	26,769	27,150	27,459	
Management expense ratio (%) (2)	1.079	1.075	1.078	1.067	1.071	
Management expense ratio before waivers and absorptions (%)	1.079	1.075	1.078	1.067	1.071	
Portfolio turnover rate (%) (3)	2,229.32	2,634.15	2,377.81	1,996.46	2,416.18	
Trading expense ratio (%) (4)	_	-	_	0.01	-	
Net asset value per unit	11.126	10.998	10.550	12.183	12.725	

Series I (created in 2014)	Years ended December 31					
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	
Net asset value (in thousands of dollars) (1)	227,416	n.a.	n.a.	13,292	16,240	
Number of units outstanding (thousands) (1)	21,524	n.a.	n.a.	1,321	1,545	
Management expense ratio (%) (2)	0.167	n.a.	n.a.	0.149	0.142	
Management expense ratio before waivers and absorptions (%)	0.167	n.a.	n.a.	0.149	0.142	
Portfolio turnover rate (%) (3)	2,229.32	n.a.	n.a.	1,996.46	2,416.18	
Trading expense ratio (%) (4)	_	n.a.	n.a.	0.01	-	
Net asset value per unit	10.566	n.a.	n.a.	10.065	10.511	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(1)</sup> The information is derived from audited annual financial statements and unaudited interim financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). In compliance with these Standards, net assets per unit presented in the financial statements generally equal the net asset value calculated to establish unit prices.

# **Management Fees**

Series A and Series I units pay management fees to the Manager, Professionals' Financial – Mutual Funds Inc., for service rendered to the unitholders, and investment management and administration services. Series A units' annual management fees of 0.85% and 0.05% for Series I are calculated daily according to the net assets and paid monthly after deducting the value of interfund investments. For 2024, Series A units paid \$2,469,000 and \$22,000 for Series I to the Manager.

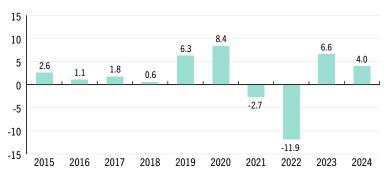
### **Past Performance**

Information on performance presupposes that the Portfolio's distributions during the years presented have been totally reinvested in additional units of the same series. The returns do not include deductions for sales, transfer, redemption or other optional fees (because there are none) or income taxes payable, and would be lower if they included such items. The Portfolio's past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance.

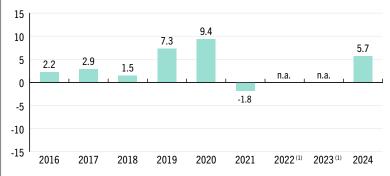
#### **Annual Performance**

The following bar graphs indicate the Portfolio's annual returns for each year. They show the year-to-year variation in the Portfolio's return. The graphs present, in percentage form, what would have been the upward or downward variation, on the last day of the year, of an investment made on the first day of that year.

### % Series A (created in 1978)



#### % Series I (created in 2014)



<sup>(1)</sup> There were no unitholders.

<sup>(2)</sup> Distributions were reinvested in additional units of the Portfolio.

<sup>(2)</sup> Management expense ratio includes management fees and operating expenses. It excludes income tax withheld on dividend income and transaction costs, and is expressed as a percentage of the daily average annualized net asset value during the fiscal year. The management expense ratio takes into consideration the management expense ratios of the underlying funds.

<sup>(3)</sup> The Portfolio's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Portfolio's portfolio manager manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Portfolio buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the period. The higher a Portfolio's portfolio turnover rate in a period, the greater the trading costs payable by the Portfolio 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 Portfolio.

<sup>(4)</sup> 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 year.

### **Annual Compound Returns**

The following table indicates the Portfolio's annual composite returns and highlights Portfolio performance fluctuations from one fiscal year to the next, ending on December 31, for each year, as well as those of the Portfolio's benchmark index.

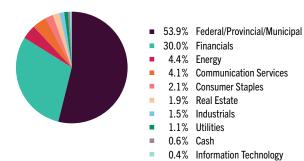
	1 yr (1)	3 yrs	5 yrs	10 yrs
	%	%	%	%
FDP Canadian Bond Portfolio, Series A	4.02	-0.76	0.62	1.53
FDP Canadian Bond Portfolio, Series I	5.66	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
FTSE Index	4.23	-0.60	0.79	1.98

<sup>(1)</sup> The Fund was launched on April 23, 2024.

The FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index is a benchmark index used to measure the performance of fixed-rate, investment-grade government and corporate bonds.

## **Overview of Portfolio**

## Portfolio Mix



# **Top 25 Portfolio Holdings**

	% of net asset value
Government of Canada, 3.00%, Jun. 01, 2034	3.1
Royal Bank of Canada, 5.24%, Nov. 02, 2026	3.0
The Bank of Nova Scotia, 2.95%, Mar. 08, 2027	2.9
Fédération des caisses Desjardins du Québec, 5.47%, Nov. 17, 2028	2.8
Province of Ontario, 3.75%, Jun. 02, 2032	2.7
Province of Ontario, 3.65%, Jun. 02, 2033	2.7
Government of Canada, 1.75%, Dec. 01, 2053	2.6
Province of Ontario, 3.50%, Jun. 02, 2043	2.5
Province of Québec, 3.25%, Sep. 01, 2032	2.1
Province of Québec, 3.50%, Dec. 01, 2045	2.1
Province of Québec, 1.90%, Sep. 01, 2030	2.1
Bank of Montreal, 4.31%, Jun. 01, 2027	1.9
The Toronto-Dominion Bank, 5.49%, Sep. 08, 2028	1.9
Province of Ontario, 2.90%, Jun. 02, 2049	1.9
Province of Ontario, 4.60%, Jun. 02, 2039	1.8
National Bank of Canada, 3.64%, Oct. 07, 2027	1.7
Province of Ontario, 2.15%, Jun. 02, 2031	1.7
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, 4.95%, Jun. 29, 2027	1.6
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, 4.90%, Apr. 02, 2027	1.6
Royal Bank of Canada, 3.63%, Dec. 10, 2028	1.5
Province of Ontario, 4.15%, Jun. 02, 2034	1.4
Province of Alberta, 2.05%, Jun. 01, 2030	1.4
Province of Québec, 5.00%, Dec. 01, 2041	1.4
Province of Québec, 4.20%, Dec. 01, 2057	1.4
Government of Canada, 3.50%, Sep. 01, 2029	1.3

This portfolio may change due to continual trading in the Portfolio. An update of this data is available every quarter on our website at fdpgp.ca/en.