## As at June 30, 2023

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Security holders may also contact us using these methods to request a copy of the investment fund's proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure records or quarterly Portfolio disclosure.

# **Management Discussion of Fund Performance**

### **Investment Objectives and Strategies**

The ATBIS Fixed Income Pool's ("Pools") objective is to seek to earn interest income primarily by investing in, or gaining exposure to, Canadian dollar-denominated fixed income securities, including debt obligations of, or guaranteed by, Canadian federal, provincial or municipal governments, Canadian corporations, or foreign issuers (Maple bonds).

To achieve the Pool's objectives, the Pool's advisor will allocate the Pool's exposure to fixed income securities based upon its view of the market and the suitability of the investment for the Pool and by taking into account factors such as economic indicators (including growth, inflation and monetary policy), as well as its interest rate outlook.

#### Risk

There were no significant changes to the investment objective and strategies that affected the Pool's overall level of risk during the reporting period. The risks of investing in the Pool and the suitability of the Pool for investors remain as discussed in the Simplified Prospectus.

#### **Results from Operations**

The Pool's net asset value increased to \$295 million as at June 30, 2023, from \$246 million at the end of 2022. The change in asset value was due to a combination of net inflows and positive investment returns.

Year to date, the Pool's Series O units returned 3.47%\*, outperforming the benchmark return of 2.51%. The Pool's return is after the deduction of fees and expenses, while broad-based index and blended benchmark returns do not include any costs of investing. See the Financial Highlights section for the management expense ratios and the Past Performance section for the returns of any other series, which may vary because of differences in management fees and expenses.

\*The benchmark is the FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index

#### Changes

There are no developments or changes to report at this time related to the investment objectives, investment strategies or management of any of the ATB Funds, or to the policies of the Independent Review Committee ("IRC").

## **Recent Developments**

The first half of 2023 saw headline inflation globally begin to moderate - particularly in North America, although core measures remained persistent, albeit at lower levels. Higher interest rates are putting stress on bank balance sheets, as seen with the bank failures in the US. Despite the added strain on the financial system, central banks appear to be determined to raise rates as necessary to bring inflation back down to target levels. Effects of the political drama surrounding the US debt ceiling was largely limited to capital markets, inducing some volatility during May, but the resulting suspension of the ceiling until 2025 should bring stability to the budgetary process for the near future.

The following provides an asset class specific commentary for the Portfolio. Returns are inclusive of the portfolios pro-rata share, where applicable, of any investment in an underlying fund (i.e. it is provided on a look-through basis):

The Bank of Canada (BoC) raised its short-term target rate through the first half of 2023 from 4.25% to 4.75% as central banks continue to see inflation levels above long term targets. Bond yields over the period saw a slight increase but didn't mirror the full 0.5% from the BoC. Longer-maturity bond yields moved up much less overall and investment grade credit spreads in Canada saw little change. Within the portfolio, both absolute and relative performance compared to the benchmark was positive. Holding bonds that were shorter in term, and therefore less price sensitive to interest rate movements, was the primary difference in relative returns.

The unconstrained corporate bond component that represents 40% of the portfolio saw better relative performance over the period with a shorter average duration, higher running yield, and moderating high yield spreads. Credit quality within this portion of the portfolio was more or less unchanged from last year and continues to be defensive holding a portion in government of Canada bonds and federally backed mortgage backed securities. The conventional investment grade component that represents about 43% of the portfolio slightly outperformed the bond universe index during the period; a result of its shorter duration of about 5.3 years. The commercial mortgage component continues to have an attractive ongoing yield with performance that is less influenced by the volatility in bond and equity markets.

The Pool overall is positioned defensively for both the possibility of further increasing rates, but also for the potential for deteriorating credit markets on pressures from far higher rates compared to the last decade.

#### Summary

The first half of 2023 may not have unfolded as expected. The economy largely remains resilient in the face of the highest interest rates seen since the mid-2000s for many developed economies. The banking failures that occurred earlier in the year feel like a distant memory. It could be the artificial intelligence theme pushing up certain sectors like technology, but overall both bond and stock markets saw positive returns and are up significantly from 2022 lows. The Pool is well positioned to help mitigate the short-term impact of volatility and achieve our portfolio investment objectives over the long run.

## **Related Party Transactions**

The Pool is managed ("Manager") by ATB Investment Management Inc. ("ATBIM"), a wholly owned subsidiary of ATB Financial.

The Manager provides the Portfolio with administrative services, including providing key management personnel to the Portfolio. In return the Manager receives an administrative fee which is allocated among the Series based on the average net asset value of each Series. Administrative expense (excluding GST) paid by the Portfolio to the Manager for services provided by ATB Financial and its subsidiaries was \$37,647 for the period ended June 30, 2023 (\$39,738 - June 30, 2022).

As of June 30, 2023, ATBIM has absorbed \$161,688 of operating expenses in the Pool.

ATBIM is the sole investor in Series A of the Pool. As at June 30, 2023, ATBIM held 601 redeemable units, valued at \$5,675 representing 0.002% of the total net asset value of the Pool.

ATBIM established an IRC which acts as an impartial and independent committee to review and provide recommendations or, if applicable, approvals with respect to any conflict of interest matters. IRC oversight ensures that there are no conflicts of interest that would be harmful to unitholders.

## **Financial Highlights**

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Pool and are intended to help you understand the Pool's financial performance for the six months ended June 30, 2023 and the fiscal years indicated. The information on the following tables is based on prescribed regulations and as a result, is not expected to reconcile because the increase (decrease) in net assets from operations is based on average units outstanding during the period and all other numbers are based on actual units outstanding at the relevant point in time.

ATBIS Fixed Income Pool - Series A						
PERIOD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Net assets, beginning of period <sup>1</sup>	\$9.18	\$10.35	\$10.74	\$9.84	\$9.59	\$9.72
Increase (decrease) from operations;						
Total revenue	0.20	0.33	0.37	0.39	0.33	0.27
Total expenses	(0.07)	(0.13)	(0.16)	(0.14)	(0.14)	(0.14)
Net investment income (loss)	0.13	0.20	0.21	0.25	0.19	0.13
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.02	(0.24)	0.33	0.36	0.03	(0.02)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.11	(0.93)	(0.38)	0.74	0.22	(0.11)
Net gain (loss) on investment for the period	0.13	(1.17)	(0.05)	1.10	0.25	(0.13)
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	0.26	(0.97)	0.16	1.35	0.44	-
Distributions;						
From income (excluding dividends)	-	(0.19)	(0.23)	(0.25)	(0.18)	(0.14)
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-
From net investment income	-	(0.19)	(0.23)	(0.25)	(0.18)	(0.14)
From capital gains	-	-	(0.33)	(0.20)	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total annual distributions <sup>3</sup>	-	(0.19)	(0.56)	(0.45)	(0.18)	(0.14)
Net assets, end of period <sup>4</sup>	\$9.44	\$9.18	\$10.35	\$10.74	\$9.84	\$9.59

(1) This information is derived from the Pool's audited annual financial statements as at December 31 of the years shown, except 2023, which is derived from the Pool's unaudited interim financial statements for the six months ended June 30, 2023.

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

(3) Distributions were paid in cash, reinvested in additional units of the Pool, or both.

## **Ratios and Supplemental Data**

PERIOD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Total net asset value (000's) <sup>4</sup>	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$5	\$5
Number of units outstanding <sup>4</sup>	601	601	589	559	536	526
Management expense ratio <sup>5</sup>	1.36%	1.40%	1.39%	1.38%	1.39%	1.42%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	2.10%	2.08%	2.03%	2.17%	2.28%	2.33%
Trading expense ratio <sup>6</sup>	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>7</sup>	12.12%	56.20%	44.60%	67.48%	44.66%	42.12%
Net asset value per unit	\$9.44	\$9.18	\$10.35	\$10.74	\$9.84	\$9.59

(4) This information is provided at June 30, 2023 and December 31 of prior years shown

(5) The Management expense ratio (MER) is based on total expenses (excluding commissions and other Pool transaction costs), and the Pool's proportionate share of the MER, if applicable, of any underlying funds and exchange traded funds in which the Pool has invested, allocated to that series for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period. The Manager, at its sole discretion, waives management fees or absorbs expenses. Such waivers and absorptions can be terminated at any time. The MERs of the Pool are shown both with and without the waivers and absorptions.

(6) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other Pool transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period.
(7) The Pool's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Pool's Advisor manages its portfolio of investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Pool buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the period. The higher a Pool's portfolio turnover rate in a period, the greater the trading costs payable by the Pool in the period, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the period. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a Pool.

# **Financial Highlights (continued)**

ATBIS Fixed Income Pool - Series O						
PERIOD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
1						
Net assets, beginning of period <sup>1</sup>	\$9.49	\$10.71	\$10.95	\$9.97	\$9.70	\$9.82
Increase (decrease) from operations;						
Total revenue	0.21	0.35	0.37	0.39	0.33	0.28
Total expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net investment income (loss)	0.21	0.35	0.37	0.39	0.33	0.28
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.01	(0.26)	0.31	0.38	0.03	(0.03)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.09	(0.93)	(0.36)	0.71	0.22	(0.11)
Net gain (loss) on investment for the period	0.10	(1.19)	(0.05)	1.09	0.25	(0.14)
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	0.31	(0.84)	0.32	1.48	0.58	0.14
Distributions;						
From income (excluding dividends)	-	(0.34)	(0.36)	(0.35)	(0.32)	(0.25)
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-
From net investment income	-	(0.34)	(0.36)	(0.35)	(0.32)	(0.25)
From capital gains	-	-	(0.20)	(0.18)	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total annual distributions <sup>3</sup>	-	(0.34)	(0.56)	(0.53)	(0.32)	(0.25)
Net assets, end of period <sup>4</sup>	\$9.83	\$9.49	\$10.71	\$10.95	\$9.97	\$9.70

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(3) Distributions were paid in cash, reinvested in additional units of the Pool, or both.

## **Ratios and Supplemental Data**

PERIOD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Total net asset value (000's) <sup>4</sup>	\$273,776	\$229,008	\$237,032	\$167,787	\$101,006	\$85,273
Number of units outstanding <sup>4</sup>	27,862,658	24,123,856	22,127,441	15,326,879	10,132,999	8,790,457
Management expense ratio <sup>5</sup>	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%	0.03%	0.04%	0.04%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	0.14%	0.13%	0.14%	0.24%	0.31%	0.35%
Trading expense ratio <sup>6</sup>	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>7</sup>	12.12%	56.20%	44.60%	67.48%	44.66%	42.12%
Net asset value per unit	\$9.83	\$9.49	\$10.71	\$10.95	\$9.97	\$9.70

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# **Financial Highlights (continued)**

ATBIS Fixed Income Pool - Series F1						
PERIOD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Net assets, beginning of period <sup>1</sup>	\$9.36	\$10.58	\$10.85	\$9.85	\$9.58	\$9.74
Increase (decrease) from operations;						
Total revenue	0.21	0.34	0.37	0.40	0.33	0.27
Total expenses	(0.03)	(0.05)	(0.06)	(0.06)	(0.06)	(0.06
Net investment income (loss)	0.18	0.29	0.31	0.34	0.27	0.21
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.02	(0.24)	0.33	0.39	0.03	(0.02
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.09	(1.03)	(0.40)	0.81	0.21	(0.11)
Net gain (loss) on investment for the period	0.11	(1.27)	(0.07)	1.20	0.24	(0.13)
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	0.29	(0.98)	0.24	1.54	0.51	0.08
Distributions;						
From income (excluding dividends)	-	(0.30)	(0.34)	(0.27)	(0.25)	(0.24
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-	
From net investment income	-	(0.30)	(0.34)	(0.27)	(0.25)	(0.24)
From capital gains	-	-	(0.20)	(0.17)	-	
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total annual distributions <sup>3</sup>	-	(0.30)	(0.54)	(0.44)	(0.25)	(0.24)
Net assets, end of period <sup>4</sup>	\$9.66	\$9.36	\$10.58	\$10.85	\$9.85	\$9.58

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## **Ratios and Supplemental Data**

PERIOD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Total net asset value (000's) <sup>4</sup>	\$21,070	\$17,062	\$20,148	\$23,141	\$6,746	\$5,489
Number of units outstanding <sup>4</sup>	2,180,311	1,822,754	1,904,720	2,131,997	684,629	572,742
Management expense ratio <sup>5</sup>	0.55%	0.56%	0.55%	0.57%	0.57%	0.57%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	0.69%	0.67%	0.68%	0.76%	0.86%	0.90%
Trading expense ratio <sup>6</sup>	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>7</sup>	12.12%	56.20%	44.60%	67.48%	44.66%	42.12%
Net asset value per unit	\$9.66	\$9.36	\$10.58	\$10.85	\$9.85	\$9.58

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#### Management Fees

ATBIM receives management fees of 1.25% per annum for Series A and 0.5% per annum for Series F1. The management fees for Series A and Series F1 are calculated as a percentage of their net asset value as of the close of business on each business day. Management fees for Series O are payable directly to the Manager by Series O investors and not by the Pool.

For the period ended June 30, 2023, the Pool paid ATBIM management fees of \$49,291. The Pool's management fees were used by ATBIM to: pay costs for managing the investment portfolios; provide investment analysis and recommendations; make investment decisions; purchase and sell investments; and provide other services. There are no trailer fees associated with the Fund.

#### **Past Performance**

The performance information shown assumes all distributions made by the Pool were reinvested into additional units of the Pool. The performance information does not take into account sales, redemptions, distributions or other optional charges that would have reduced returns or performance. Past performance of the Pool does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.

# Year by Year Returns

The following information shows the Pool's performance for the six months ended June 30, 2023 and for each of the previous years shown. The bar charts illustrate how the Pool's performance has changed from period to period and also indicates in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of each financial period would have increased or decreased in value by the last day of each period.

-8.69%

2022

2023\*



2017

2018

2019

2020

2021

The inception date of Series A, O and F1 was September 22, 2016. \*For the period January 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023

-10.0%

-20.0%

## **Summary of Investment Pool**

As at June 30, 2023

ATBIS Fixed Income Pool	% Weight
Fixed Income	98.1%
Cash & Other	1.9%
Total	100.0%
ATBIS Fixed Income Pool	% Weight
Fixed Income	
Government Bonds	22.0%
Corporate Bonds	68.8%
Mortgage-Backed Securities	7.3%
Cash & Other	1.9%
Total	100.0%

Top 25 Holdings	% Weight
Cash and Cash Equivalent	7.0%
BMO Government Bond Index ETF	5.9%
Canadian Commercial Mortgage Origination Trust 6 1.00% Jun 01/2042	3.8%
Nestle Holdings, Inc. 2.19% Jan 26/29	2.5%
Canadian Commercial Mortgage Origination Trust 5 Series 2022-5 Cl. A 3.32% Nov 12/26	2.5%
Air Canada 4.63% Aug 15/29	2.2%
The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. 5.41% Apr 29/25	2.1%
Honda Canada Finance Inc. 3.44% May 23/25	2.0%
Manulife Financial Corporation 3.38% Jun 19/81	1.8%
Bank of America Corporation 5.88% Sep 15/27	1.8%
New York Life Global Funding 2.00% Apr 17/28	1.7%
Government of Canada Real Return Bond 4.25% Dec 01/26	1.7%
Government of Canada 1.00% Jun 01/27	1.6%
Great-West Lifeco Inc. 3.60% Dec 31/81	1.5%
Sun Life Financial Inc. 3.05% Sep 19/28	1.4%
The Toronto-Dominion Bank 5.42% Jun 08/27	1.3%
Metropolitan Life Global Funding I 1.95% Mar 20/28	1.3%
Suncor Energy Inc. 3.95% Mar 04/51	1.2%
The Toronto-Dominion Bank 4.48% Jan 18/28	1.2%
Manulife Financial Corporation 4.10% Mar 19/82	1.1%
Sun Life Financial Inc. 3.60% Jun 30/81	1.1%
TransCanada Pipelines Limited 7.53% May 15/67	1.1%
New York Life Global Funding 5.69% Jun 30/26	1.1%
General Electric Company 5.71% May 05/26	1.0%
Pacific Life Global Funding II 5.42% Feb 01/27	1.0%

Total Fund Net Asset Value \$294,851,336

The summary provides a snapshot of the investment portfolio by security type, industry and geographical location. The information is presented on a look-through basis for any investments in underlying funds.

The summary of investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions in the investment fund. The most recent annual or semi-annual reports are available at no cost by calling 1-855-386-2282, by e-mailing ATBFunds@atb.com or by visiting our website at atbim.atb.com. Prospectus and other information about underlying investment funds is available on the internet at www.sedar.com.

# **Caution Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

This report may include forward-looking statements about the Pool. These statements "Results from Operations" and "Recent Developments" may involve, but are not limited to, forward-looking statements about the Pool and may make references relating to strategy, risks, expected performance and condition. Forward-looking statements typically use words like "anticipate", "believe", "estimate", "expect", "intend", "may", "plan" or other similar expressions or future or conditional verbs such as "could", "should", "would" or "will."

By their very nature, forward-looking statements require numerous assumptions and are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties, both general and specific, concerning future performance, strategies or prospects and possible future Pool action. A number of factors could cause actual future results, conditions, actions or events to differ materially from the current expectations, estimates, intentions or projections about future general economic, political and other relevant market factors in North America and internationally including, but not limited to, interest rates, foreign exchange rates, equity and capital markets, business competition, technological changes, catastrophic events and the general business economy. Such factors assume no changes to applicable tax, other laws, government regulation or legislation.

The Pool cautions readers that the aforementioned list is not exhaustive. Anyone reading and relying on forward-looking statements should carefully consider these and other factors that could potentially have an adverse affect on the Pool's future results as there is a significant risk that forward-looking statements will not prove to be accurate.

The reader is reminded that the cautions listed above are not exhaustive. The Pool does not undertake to update any forward-looking statement contained in this report.

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