



## **Ridgewood Canadian Investment Grade Bond Fund**

Annual Report 2024 and 2023

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## MESSAGE TO UNITHOLDERS 2024

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During the first quarter, the bond market experienced a negative return of 1.22% as investors were forced to continue to wait for interest rate cuts and digest the fact that markets had priced in too much easing resulting in a reset of market consensus. The top 2 performing sectors were Financial and Real Estate bonds with returns of 0.83% and 0.95%. Within Corporates, Corporate AAA/AA had the best performance at 0.50%. The Canadian stock market had a solid performance as the S&P/TSX returned 5.77% for the quarter.

In the second quarter, increased volatility resulted in negative returns for stocks, but bonds were able to fare much better as the Bank of Canada finally began cutting interest rates in their final meeting before the end of the second quarter. Further evidence of over stretched Canadian consumers led to the S&P/TSX returning -1.39%. A shift in monetary policy led to the bond markets returning 0.86% for the quarter. As the rate cut occurred at the beginning of June, the bond market rally was mostly captured for the month with a return of 1.13%. Corporate debt outperformed the benchmark with a return of 1.09%.

At the end of the third quarter, the effects of central bank easing policy resulted in favourable market conditions for both fixed income and equities. The S&P/TSX index returned 9.71%. Meanwhile, the bond markets returned 4.66%. Corporate debt continued to do well, especially the BBB segment outperforming the benchmark by 23 basis points.

The bond market had a muted fourth quarter. Amid a central bank easing cycle, the markets focus was squarely on the varying policies of the new Trump administration as certain policies would be helpful for economic growth while others would stall economic activity. The bond market returned -0.04% while Canadian equities rallied to a gain of 2.89%. Corporate debt continued its outperformance relative to the benchmark by 107 basis points.

The FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index returned 4.23% for 2024 while the Corporate Bond Index returned 6.97%. Within Corporate bonds, Corporate BBB returned 7.80%, primarily due to characteristics of the index, which is a shorter than average duration and higher in coupon. Corporate bonds will likely continue to outperform in 2025 as the economy slows and investors will extend out the risk spectrum. The yield curve has turned positive, but the slope is very flat as 30-year bonds yield 3.33% with 2-year bonds yielding 2.93%.

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## **Performance Management Report on Fund**

This Management Report on Fund Performance has been prepared in accordance with National Instrument 81-106 (Investment Fund Continuous Disclosure) and contains the financial highlights of Ridgewood Canadian Investment Grade Bond Fund (the “Fund”) for the year ended December 31, 2024. The annual audited financial statements of the Fund are also attached behind this report.

Copies of the Fund’s quarterly portfolio disclosure may be obtained by visiting our website at [www.ridgewoodcapital.ca](http://www.ridgewoodcapital.ca) or by calling-1-888-789-8957 toll free or by writing to the Fund at Investor Relations, 55 University Avenue, Suite 904, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2H7.

## **Investment Objectives and Strategies**

The Fund will seek to achieve the following investment objectives:

- to provide unitholders with monthly cash distributions, initially targeted to be 5.25% per annum on the original issue price of \$12.00 per unit; and
- to maximize total returns for unitholders while preserving capital in the long term.

The portfolio of securities of the Fund (the “Portfolio”) will be invested primarily in Investment Grade Bonds issued by Canadian issuers available to domiciled investors. Investment Grade Bonds means debt securities and term loans that are generally rated at or above BBB- from S&P, or Baa3 or higher from Moody’s Investor Services Inc., or a similar rating from a qualified rating agency. Currently, the Fund may invest up to 35% of the Portfolio in Investment Grade Bonds issued by non-Canadian issuers. As at June 30 and December 31 of each year (each a “Determination Date”), at least 90% of the Portfolio will be invested in securities denominated in Canadian dollars.

## **Risk**

The Fund invests primarily in liquid Canadian federal and provincial government securities, and those of Canadian corporations rated investment grade or better by the Dominion Bond Rating Service Limited or other recognized rating agencies. The Fund may also invest in comparable fixed income securities of foreign issuers. Investors should be aware that the primary risk associated with the Fund is interest rate risk. As interest rates rise, bond prices depreciate, and the income provided from the coupon may not cover the decline in the value of the bond.

## **Summary of Investment Portfolio**

The summary of the Fund’s investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund. A quarterly update will be available on our website at [www.ridgewoodcapital.ca](http://www.ridgewoodcapital.ca).

The following table shows a summary of the Fund’s investment portfolio as at December 31, 2024.

### **Asset Mix**

December 31, 2024

	% of Net Asset Value		% of Net Asset Value
Corporate Bonds	103.6	Mortgage-Backed Securities	29.9
US Corporate Bonds	4.0		

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## Top 25 Holdings

	Percentage of Net Asset value
1. Sagicor Financial Co. Ltd., 6.36%, 2029/06/20	5.7%
2. IA Financial Corp., 6.92%, 2084/09/30	5.1%
3. Transalta Corp., 7.30%, 2029/10/22	5.0%
4. Enbridge Inc., 8.50%, 2029/01/15	4.6%
5. Sagen MI Canada Inc., 4.95%, 2026/03/24	4.2%
6. Pembina Pipeline Corp, 4.80%, 2030/10/25	4.0%
7. Institutional Mortgage Securities Canada Inc., 2015-6 D, 3.96%, 2025/03/12	3.9%
8. Royal Bank, 6.70%, 2049/12/31	3.8%
9. Toronto Dominion Bank, 5.91%, 2085/01/31	3.7%
10. Transalta Corp., 6.90%, 2030/11/15	3.5%
11. Bank of Montreal, Variable Rate, Callable, 5.63%, 2082/05/26	3.3%
12. Bank of Montreal Perpetual, 7.06%, 2028/05/26	3.2%
13. Royal Bank, 7.50%, 2084/05/02	3.1%
14. Manulife Financial Corp., 3.38%, 2081/07/27	3.0%
15. Bank of Nova Scotia, 3.70%, 2026/07/27	3.0%
16. Ternet Holdings, 5.75%, 2040/12/17	3.0%
17. Trisura Group Ltd., 2.64%, 2026/06/11	2.9%
18. Bank of Montreal Perpetual, 7.37%, 2027/10/26	2.9%
19. Citigroup Inc., 5.37%, 2036/03/06	2.9%
20. Enbridge Inc., 5.32%, 2054/08/22	2.9%
21. Institutional Mortgage Securities Canada Inc., 2016-7 D, 3.84%, 2026/10/12	2.8%
22. Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, 7.15%, 2082/07/28	2.7%
23. First West Credit Union, 9.19%, 2033/08/09	2.6%
24. REALT 2016 -1 E, 3.69%, 2026/05/12	2.4%
25. REALT 24-RONA, 6.26%, 2029/12/12	2.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>86.5%</b>

## Results of Operations

For the year ended December 31, 2024, the net asset value of the Fund was \$14.02 compared to \$12.89 per unit on December 31, 2023.

In 2024 there were twelve distributions of \$0.0530 each. The Fund will determine and announce each quarter the distribution amounts for the following quarter, based upon the Manager's estimate of distributable cash flow for the quarter. The Fund may make additional distributions in any given year.

For the year ended December 31, 2024, the Fund had an annual compound return of 14.55% net of fees of 2.82% (including HST). The FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index had a return of 4.22%, with corporate bonds 6.97%. Real Estate and Corporate BBB bonds were the top performers returning 8.30% and 7.80% respectively. The portfolio was fully invested in corporate bonds with a higher weight in mid-term bonds.

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## 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 for the past five years. This information for the years ended December 31 is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements.

Information for the years ended December 31 is derived from the Fund's audited financial statements. The Net Assets per Unit table as at December 31 are from the Fund's audited financial statements. Calculations for the purposes of the MRFP are made using Net Asset Value. The Net Asset Value in the Ratio/Supplemental Data table is for fund pricing purposes. Both the Net Asset Value in the Net Assets per Unit table and the Ratio/Supplemental Data table are calculated using closing prices.

### The Fund's Net Assets per Unit

#### Class A

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
<b>Net assets value, beginning of year <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 12.89</b>	\$ 12.67	\$ 15.94	\$ 16.20	\$ 15.07
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	1.02	0.84	0.96	1.04	1.03
Total expenses	(0.38)	(0.28)	(0.22)	(0.19)	(0.20)
Realized gains (losses)	0.12	(0.57)	(1.11)	0.17	0.21
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.97	0.87	(2.18)	(0.42)	0.73
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>1.73</b>	0.86	(2.55)	0.60	1.77
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	(0.64)	(0.56)	(0.72)	(0.83)	(0.80)
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-
From net realized capital gains (losses)	-	-	-	(0.10)	(0.28)
From return of capital	-	(0.08)	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>(0.64)</b>	(0.64)	(0.72)	(0.93)	(1.08)
<b>Net assets value, end of year <sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 14.02</b>	\$ 12.89	\$ 12.67	\$ 15.94	\$ 16.20

(1) This information is derived from the Fund's audited financial statements as at December 31 of the year.

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

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

(4) The Financial Highlights are not intended to act as a continuity of the opening and closing net assets per unit.

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

#### Class A

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Net Asset Value (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 217,120	\$ 239,398	\$ 235,317	\$ 296,084	\$ 265,501
Number of units outstanding	15,490,171	18,575,820	18,575,820	18,575,820	16,390,022
Management expense ratio <sup>(3)</sup>	2.82%	2.22%	1.60%	1.17%	1.32%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>(4)</sup>	2.82%	2.22%	1.60%	1.17%	1.32%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(6)</sup>	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(5)</sup>	112.38%	103.29%	44.53%	84.79%	145.48%
Closing market price <sup>(7)</sup>	\$ -	\$ 13.45	\$ 14.90	\$ 17.19	\$ 17.00
Net asset value per unit, end of year	\$ 14.02	\$ 12.89	\$ 12.67	\$ 15.94	\$ 16.20

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- (1) *The information is provided for the year ended December 31*
- (2) *The inception date for Class A is December 18, 2009.*
- (3) *Management expense ratio is based on total expenses (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) for the stated year and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net assets during the year. Out of its management fees, the Manager pays for such services to the Fund as portfolio manager compensation, service fees and marketing. Management expense ratio is inclusive of performance fees.*
- (4) *The Manager, at its discretion, may waive and/or absorb a portion of the fees and/or expenses otherwise payable by the Fund. The waiving and/or absorption of such fees and/or expenses by the Manager may be terminated at any time, or continued indefinitely, at the discretion of the Manager.*
- (5) *The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Sub-Advisor trades the Fund's 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 the Fund's portfolio turnover rate in a year, the greater the trading costs payable by the Fund 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 Fund.*
- (6) *The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transactions costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the year.*
- (7) *Ridgewood received approval on March 22, 2024 from unitholders to convert the Investment Grade Bond Fund from a closed end fund to an alternative mutual fund, we will be using the daily NAV for pricing in the future and will continue to be allowed to use leverage in the fund.*

## **Management Fees**

Ridgewood Capital Asset Management Inc. (the "Manager") is entitled to an annual management fee payable out of the assets of the Fund. The maximum management fee is equal to 0.50% (plus applicable taxes) of the net asset value of the Fund. The management fee is calculated on a monthly basis as of the last valuation date of each month. Services received under the Declaration of Trust include managing or arranging for the management of the Fund's investment portfolio and providing or arranging for all required administrative services to the Fund.

## **Recent Developments**

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## **Past Performance**

The past performance of the Fund is set out below and indicates year-by-year returns, overall past performance and annual compound returns.

With respect to the charts displayed below, please note the following:

- the return or performance information does not take into account sales, redemptions, distributions or other optional charges or income taxes payable that would have reduced returns or performance; and
- how the Fund has performed in the past does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.

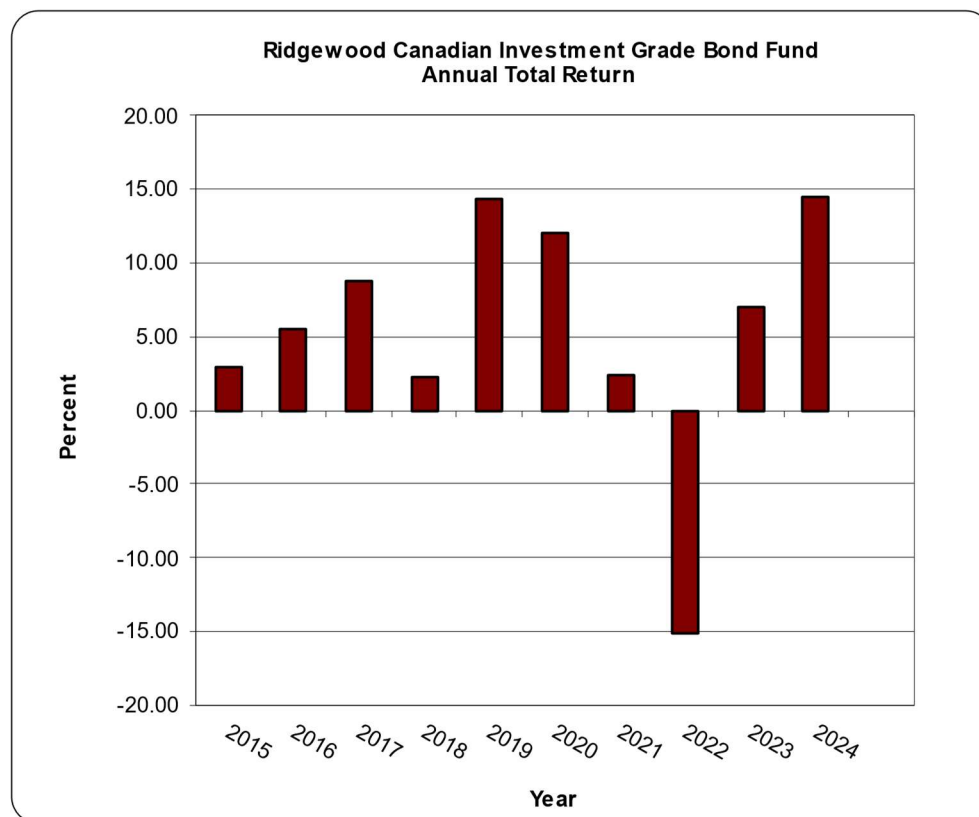
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## Year-By-Year Returns

The bar chart illustrates how the Fund's annual total return in each of the past ten years has varied. The chart also shows, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on January 1, of each year would have increased or decreased by the end of that fiscal year.

## Annual Total Return



## Annual Compound Returns

The following table shows the Fund's historical annual compound total return (net of expenses of 2.82%, including HST) for the periods ended December 31 as compared to the performance of the FTSE TMX Canada Universal Bond Index.

	One Year	Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years
Ridgewood Canadian Investment Grade Bond Fund	14.55%	1.31%	3.57%	5.11%
FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond *	4.22%	-0.61%	0.79%	1.97%

\* FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond (formerly, DEX Universe Bond Index) represents a broad selection of hundreds of Canadian corporate and government bonds including short-term, medium-term, and long-term issues.



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## **Related Party Transactions**

Ridgewood Capital Asset Management Inc. (“Ridgewood”) manages the Fund’s investment portfolio in a manner consistent with the investment objectives, strategy and criteria of the Fund pursuant to the declaration of trust of the Fund dated November 27, 2009, as amended and restated on December 17, 2009.

Ridgewood is the Manager and Trustee of the Fund pursuant to the Declaration of Trust dated, and, as such, is responsible for providing or arranging for required administrative services to the Fund.

## **Independent Review Committee**

National Instrument 81-107- Independent Review Committee for Investment Funds (“NI 81-107”) requires all publicly offered investment funds to establish an independent review committee (“IRC”) to whom the Manager must refer conflict of interest matters for review or approval. NI 81-107 also imposes obligations upon the Manager to establish written policies and procedures for dealing with conflict of interest matters, maintaining records in respect of these matters and providing assistance to the IRC in carrying out its functions.

The members of the IRC of the Fund are G. Tomlinson Gunn, Allen B. Clarke, and Marshall E. Nicholishen. Mr. Gunn serves as the Chair of the IRC.

We confirm the Fund did not rely on any approvals or recommendation of the IRC concerning related party transactions during the year.

## **Forward-Looking Statements**

This report may contain forward-looking statements about the Fund. 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 expressions. In addition, any statement that may be made concerning future performance, strategies or prospects, and possible future Fund actions, is also forward-looking. Forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and projections about future events and are inherently subject to, among other things, risks, uncertainties and assumptions about the Fund and economic factors.

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 any divergence between what is anticipated and what actually occurs, including, but not limited to, general economic, political and market factors, interest and foreign exchange rates, global equity and capital markets, business competition, technology change, changes in government regulations, unexpected judicial or regulatory proceedings, and catastrophic events.

The above-mentioned list of important factors is not exhaustive. You should consider these and other factors carefully before making any investment decisions and you should avoid placing undue reliance on forward-looking statements. While the Fund currently anticipates that subsequent events and developments may cause the Fund’s views to change, the Fund does not undertake to update any forward-looking statements.

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The financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with IFRS® Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”) and include certain amounts that are based on estimates and judgments. Management has ensured that the other financial information presented in this annual report is consistent with the financial statements. The significant accounting policies which management believes are appropriate for the Fund are described in Note 4 of the financial statements.

The Manager is also responsible for maintaining a system of internal controls designed to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded and that accounting systems provide timely, accurate and reliable financial information.



John H. Simpson  
Director  
Ridgewood Capital Asset Management Inc.



Paul W. Meyer  
Director  
Ridgewood Capital Asset Management Inc.

March 17, 2025

## Independent Auditor's Report

To the Unitholders of  
Ridgewood Canadian Investment Grade Bond Fund (the "Fund")

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Fund, which comprise the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the statements of comprehensive income, changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units and cash flows for the years then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information (collectively referred to as the "financial statements").

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as at December 31, 2024 and 2023, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB").

### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards ("Canadian GAAS"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises:

- Management Report of Fund Performance
- The information, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon, in the Annual Report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

We obtained the Management Report of Fund Performance and the Annual Report prior to the date of this auditor's report. If, based on the work we have performed on this other information, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact in this auditor's report. We have nothing to report in this regard.

### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the IASB, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian GAAS, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

The logo for Deloitte LLP, featuring the word "Deloitte" in a cursive script followed by "LLP" in a clean, sans-serif font.

Chartered Professional Accountants  
Licensed Public Accountants  
March 17, 2025

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## Statements of Financial Position

As at December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023

	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
	\$	\$
<b>Assets</b>		
Financial asset at fair value through profit or loss (cost 31-Dec-24 - \$291,919,021; 31-Dec-23 - \$299,102,913)	298,562,799	289,276,778
Cash	156,412	135,676
Receivable for investments sold	-	969,907
Accounts receivable relating to units issued	305,100	-
Accrued interest receivable	2,955,461	2,674,088
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>301,979,772</b>	<b>293,056,449</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Redemptions payable	45,000	-
Accrued expenses	417,358	514,600
Payable for investments purchased	-	1,914,245
Distribution payable	818,413	984,518
Loan payable (Note 10)	83,579,144	50,244,894
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>84,859,915</b>	<b>53,658,257</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units</b>	<b>217,119,857</b>	<b>239,398,192</b>
<b>Number of units outstanding, Class A (Note 5)</b>	<b>15,490,171</b>	<b>18,575,820</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit</b>	<b>14.02</b>	<b>12.89</b>

(see accompanying notes to annual financial statements)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Approved on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Manager:



John H. Simpson, CFA  
Managing Director



Paul W. Meyer, CFA  
Managing Director

## Ridgewood Canadian Investment Grade Bond Fund

### Statements of Comprehensive Income

For the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
	\$	\$
<b>Income</b>		
Interest for distribution purposes	17,291,090	15,681,153
<b>Other changes in fair value on financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss</b>		
Net realized gain (loss) on sale of investments	2,016,214	(10,555,076)
Net realized (loss) of foreign exchange on cash	(466)	-
Net realized gain on foreign exchange	23,836	-
Net change in unrealized appreciation of investments	16,469,969	15,931,764
<b>Total operating income</b>	<b>35,800,643</b>	<b>21,057,841</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees (Note 6)	1,239,315	1,290,240
Administration fees	272,216	292,991
Legal fees	41,811	34,882
Audit fees	11,223	27,764
Independent Review Committee fees	24,935	19,850
Transaction costs	68	-
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>1,589,568</b>	<b>1,665,727</b>
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>34,211,075</b>	<b>19,392,114</b>
<b>Finance cost</b>		
Interest and bank fees (Note 10)	4,810,314	3,497,151
<b>Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units</b>	<b>29,400,761</b>	<b>15,894,963</b>
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit, Class A (based on weighted average number of units outstanding during the year)		
(2024 - \$16,995.876; 2023 - 18,575.820)	1.73	0.86

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

## Ridgewood Canadian Investment Grade Bond Fund

### Statements of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units

For the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
	\$	\$
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units at beginning of year</b>	<b>239,398,192</b>	235,317,450
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	<b>29,400,761</b>	15,894,963
Distributions:		
From net investment income	<b>(10,695,015)</b>	(11,814,221)
From return of capital	<b>(40,260)</b>	-
	<b>18,665,486</b>	4,080,742
Redeemable unit transactions:		
Proceeds from the issuance of units of the investment fund	<b>6,216,529</b>	-
Aggregate amounts paid on redemption of units of the investment fund	<b>(47,160,350)</b>	-
	<b>(40,943,821)</b>	-
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units at end of year</b>	<b>217,119,857</b>	239,398,192

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

## Ridgewood Canadian Investment Grade Bond Fund

### Statements of Cash Flows

For the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
	\$	\$
<b>Cash (used in) provided by operating activities</b>		
Net increase in net assets attributable to holder of redeemable Units	29,400,761	15,894,963
Adjustments for:		
Net realized (gain) loss on sale of investments	(2,016,214)	10,555,076
Net change in unrealized appreciation of investments	(16,469,969)	(15,931,764)
Net loss on foreign exchange on cash	466	-
Purchase of investments	(361,216,455)	(335,041,163)
Proceeds from sale of investments	369,472,279	302,595,747
Increase in accrued interest receivable	(281,373)	(367,979)
(Decrease) Increase increase in accrued expenses	(97,242)	312,653
	<b>18,792,253</b>	<b>(21,982,467)</b>
<b>Cash flows from (used in) financing activities</b>		
Proceeds from the issuance of units of the investment fund	5,911,429	-
Aggregate amounts paid on redemption of units of the investment fund	(47,115,350)	-
Distributions paid to unitholders	(10,901,380)	(13,426,932)
Change in loan payable	33,334,250	35,529,734
	<b>(18,771,051)</b>	<b>22,102,802</b>
<b>Foreign exchange (loss) on cash</b>	<b>(466)</b>	
<b>Increase in cash during the year</b>	<b>21,202</b>	<b>120,335</b>
<b>Cash, beginning of year</b>	<b>135,676</b>	<b>15,341</b>
<b>Cash, end of year</b>	<b>156,412</b>	<b>135,676</b>
<b>Supplemental information on cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Interest received	17,009,717	15,313,174
Interest paid	5,414,203	3,281,634

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.



## Ridgewood Canadian Investment Grade Bond Fund

Schedule of Investments  
As at December 31, 2024

Par Value	Security	Cusip	Average Cost	Fair Value	% of net assets
	<b>Canadian Bonds</b>				
	<b>Corporate Bonds</b>		\$	\$	
2,000,000	407 International Inc., Callable, 4.54%, 2054/10/09*	35085ZCC8	1,998,040	1,998,762	
3,000,000	Allied Properties REIT, Callable, 5.53%, 2028/09/26*	019456AK8	3,000,000	3,048,966	
5,000,000	Allied Properties REIT, Series 'D', Callable, 3.39%, 2029/08/15*	019456AD4	4,521,500	4,634,127	
7,000,000	Bank of Montreal, Variable Rate, Callable, 5.63%, 2082/05/26	06388DA87	6,665,000	7,069,542	
6,500,000	Bank of Montreal, Variable Rate, Perpetual, 7.06%, 2028/04/26*	06388LHJ8	6,541,830	6,853,399	
6,000,000	Bank of Montreal, Variable Rate, Perpetual, 7.37%, 2049/12/31*	06388D4E1	6,000,000	6,346,740	
7,265,000	Bank of Nova Scotia, Series '1', Variable Rate, Callable, 3.70%, 2081/07/27	06415FRB0	7,144,887	6,524,041	
2,500,000	Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Series '57', Variable Rate, Perpetual, 7.34%, 2049/12/31	13607L2Q5	2,500,000	2,668,665	
5,612,000	Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Variable Rate, Callable, 7.15%, 2082/07/28*	13607H3D2	5,609,340	5,852,431	
4,000,000	Empire Life Insurance Co. (The), Series '1', Variable Rate, Callable, 3.63%, 2081/04/17	291839AF5	4,039,680	3,612,142	
6,000,000	Enbridge Inc., Callable, 5.32%, 2054/08/22*	29251ZCE5	6,004,500	6,228,308	
9,000,000	Enbridge Inc., Variable Rate, Convertible, Callable, 8.50%, 2084/01/15*	29250NB08	9,079,805	10,011,982	
4,000,000	Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd., Callable, 5.23%, 2054/11/23*	303901BS0	3,994,500	4,122,867	
5,000,000	First West Credit Union, Callable, 9.19%, 2033/08/09*	33749WAB2	5,000,000	5,647,872	
5,202,000	Great-West Lifeco Inc., Series '1', Variable Rate, Callable, 3.60%, 2081/12/31*	39138CAL0	4,964,170	4,667,907	
10,500,000	iA Financial Corp., Variable Rate, Callable, 6.92%, 2084/09/30	45075EA1F	10,515,000	11,015,976	
3,000,000	Intact Financial Corp., Variable Rate, Callable, 7.34%, 2083/06/30	45823TAM8	3,027,780	3,177,833	
4,000,000	Inter Pipeline Ltd., Callable, 4.64%, 2044/05/30*	45834ZAE9	3,417,060	3,575,690	
7,250,000	Manulife Financial Corp., Series '1', Variable Rate, Callable, 3.38%, 2081/06/19*	56501RAL0	6,768,996	6,623,543	
5,015,000	Manulife Financial Corp., Variable Rate, Callable, 4.10%, 2082/03/19*	56501RAM8	4,998,551	4,493,365	
3,000,000	National Bank of Canada, Series '1', Variable Rate, Callable, 4.30%, 2080/11/15*	63306AGL4	2,917,358	2,991,103	
5,000,000	National Bank of Canada, Variable Rate, Callable, 4.05%, 2081/08/15	63306AGP5	3,931,250	4,824,713	
2,000,000	National Bank of Canada, Variable Rate, Callable, 7.50%, 2082/11/16	63306AHJ8	2,014,620	2,118,534	
2,817,000	NFI Group Inc., Convertible, Callable, 5.00%, 2027/01/15	62910LAA0	2,480,099	2,678,967	
9,000,000	Pembina Pipeline Corp., Variable Rate, Callable, 4.80%, 2081/01/25*	706327AK9	8,829,383	8,642,399	
3,000,000	Royal Bank of Canada, Series '2', Variable Rate, Callable, 4.00%, 2081/02/24	780086SV7	2,673,191	2,975,800	
2,750,000	Royal Bank of Canada, Variable Rate, Callable, 3.65%, 2081/11/24	780086TQ7	2,066,900	2,472,056	
4,500,000	Royal Bank of Canada, Variable Rate, Callable, 7.50%, 2084/05/02	780082AR4	6,197,175	6,724,510	
8,000,000	Royal Bank of Canada, Variable Rate, Perpetual, 6.70%, 2049/12/31	7800866S8	8,000,000	8,352,704	
9,750,000	Sagen MI Canada Inc., Variable Rate, Callable, 4.95%, 2081/03/24*	786688AC5	9,627,980	9,031,949	
12,000,000	Sagicor Financial Co. Ltd., Callable, 6.36%, 2029/06/20*	G7773FAE9	12,000,000	12,389,589	
6,500,000	Teranet Holdings L.P., Callable, 5.75%, 2040/12/17*	880789AC6	6,311,085	6,445,488	
750,000	Toronto-Dominion Bank (The), Series '1', Variable Rate, Callable, 3.60%, 2081/10/31*	89117FM63	739,473	673,813	
4,500,000	Toronto-Dominion Bank (The), Series '27', Variable Rate, Perpetual, 5.75%, 2049/12/31	89117F4G1	4,451,870	4,497,975	
4,000,000	Toronto-Dominion Bank (The), Series '28', Variable Rate, Perpetual, 7.23%, 2049/12/31	89117GHH3	4,014,171	4,211,160	
8,000,000	Toronto-Dominion Bank (The), Variable Rate, Callable, 5.91%, 2085/01/31	89116CVK0	8,026,750	7,974,552	
4,500,000	Toronto-Dominion Bank (The), Variable Rate, Callable, 7.28%, 2082/10/31	89117GLM7	4,501,731	4,744,133	
7,100,000	TransAlta Corp., Step Coupon, 6.90%, 2030/11/15*	89347ZAE7	7,528,576	7,582,208	
10,159,000	TransAlta Corp., 7.30%, 2029/10/22*	89347ZAC1	11,055,015	10,922,094	
6,500,000	Trisura Group Ltd., Callable, 2.64%, 2026/06/11*	89679AAA8	6,500,000	6,409,085	
			219,657,266	224,837,990	103.55%
	<b>Mortgage-Backed Securities</b>				
2,422,000	Institutional Mortgage Securities Canada Inc., Class 'C', Series '16-7', Variable Rate, Callable, 3.60%, 2026/10/12	45779BDX4	2,332,690	2,337,230	
8,677,000	Institutional Mortgage Securities Canada Inc., Class 'D', Series '2015-6', Variable Rate, Callable, 3.96%, 2025/03/12	45779BDD8	8,104,143	8,576,347	
6,460,000	Institutional Mortgage Securities Canada Inc., Class 'D', Series '2016-7', Variable Rate, Callable, 3.84%, 2026/10/12	45779BDY2	5,681,760	6,180,282	
2,523,000	Institutional Mortgage Securities Canada Inc., Class 'E', Series '2016-7', Variable Rate, Callable, 3.84%, 2026/10/12	45779BDZ9	2,110,162	2,361,780	
4,925,000	Real Estate Asset Liquidity Trust, Class 'A', Series '24-RONA', Callable, 6.26%, 2029/12/12	75585RSM8	4,924,896	4,958,983	
1,375,000	Real Estate Asset Liquidity Trust, Class 'D1', Series '19-1', Variable Rate, Callable, 4.46%, 2054/06/12	75585RRD9	1,189,650	1,076,488	
716,000	Real Estate Asset Liquidity Trust, Class 'D1', Series '2018-1', Variable Rate, Restricted, Callable, 4.40%, 2028/05/12	75585RQK4	633,273	647,192	
5,513,000	Real Estate Asset Liquidity Trust, Class 'E', Series '2016-1', Variable Rate, Callable, 3.69%, 2026/05/12	75585RNJ0	4,642,375	5,262,159	
3,769,000	Real Estate Asset Liquidity Trust, Class 'E', Series '2016-2', Variable Rate, Callable, 3.87%, 2026/06/12	75585RNX9	3,194,928	3,574,897	
			62,365,962	64,954,755	29.92%
	<b>Total Canadian Bonds, Government Bonds and MBS</b>		282,023,228	289,792,745	133.47%
	<b>U.S. Bonds</b>				
	<b>Corporate Bonds</b>				
6,350,000	Citigroup Inc., 5.37%, 2036/03/06*	17296TDJ7	7,673,607	6,274,429	
2,500,000	Retained Vantage Data Centers Issuer LLC, Class 'A2B', Series '23-1A', Callable, 5.25%, 2048/09/15	76134KAG9	2,222,186	2,495,625	
	<b>Total U.S. Bonds</b>		9,895,793	8,770,054	4.04%
	<b>Transaction costs</b>		(55)		
	<b>Total Investment Portfolio</b>		291,918,966	298,562,799	137.51%
	<b>Cash and cash equivalents</b>			156,412	0.07%
	<b>Other assets less liabilities</b>			81,599,354	-37.58%
	<b>Total net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units</b>			217,119,857	100.00%

\* These securities are held as collateral with Scotiabank for the loan payable or margin account (Note 9)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

# Ridgewood Canadian Investment Grade Bond Fund

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### 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FUND

Ridgewood Canadian Investment Grade Bond Fund (the "Fund") is an alternative mutual fund (2023 - closed-end investment fund) established under the laws of the Province of Ontario pursuant to the Declaration of Trust dated November 27, 2009, as amended and restated. Ridgewood Capital Asset Management Inc. ("Ridgewood" or the "Manager") is the Manager and Trustee of the Fund. The Fund's principal office is 55 University Avenue, Suite 904, Toronto, Ontario M5J 2H7. The fiscal year end of the Fund is December 31.

Ridgewood is also the investment manager of the Fund. CIBC Mellon Trust Company is the custodian and registrar and AST is the transfer agent of the Fund, and, as such, they perform certain valuation and other services for the Fund. The Fund commenced operations on December 18, 2009. On September 24, 2019 unitholders approved the indefinite extension of the term of the Fund from December 31, 2019 onward. On March 20, 2024 unitholders approved the conversion of the Fund from a closed-end fund to an alternative mutual fund; as an alternative mutual fund, the daily Net Asset Value ("NAV") is used for pricing in the future and continues to be allowed to use leverage in the fund. The financial statements were authorized for issuance by Ridgewood Capital Asset Management Inc. on March 17, 2025.

### 1. INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE OF THE FUND

The investment objective of the Fund is to maximize total returns for unitholders while preserving capital in the long term. The portfolio of securities of the Fund (the "Portfolio") will be invested primarily in Investment grade bonds issued by Canadian issuers available to domiciled investors. Investment grade bonds means debt securities and term loans that are generally rated at or above BBB- from S&P, or Baa3 or higher from Moody's Investor Services Inc., or a similar rating from a qualified rating agency. Currently, the Fund may invest up to 25% of the Portfolio in investment grade bonds issued by non-Canadian issuers. As at June 30 of each year (each a "determination date"), at least 90% of the Portfolio will be invested in securities denominated in Canadian dollars.

### 3. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with IFRS® Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB").

### 4. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### *Financial instruments*

#### *Recently issued accounting pronouncements*

#### *Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements*

IFRS 18, Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements ("IFRS 18"), replaces IAS 1, Presentation of Financial Statements ("IAS 1"), carrying forward many of the requirements in IAS 1 unchanged and complementing them with new requirements, including specified categories and defined subtotals in the statement of profit or loss. IFRS 18 is required to be applied retrospectively for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2027, with earlier application permitted. The Fund is currently assessing the impact of adoption of this standard.

#### *Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments*

In May 2024, the IASB issued amendments to IFRS 9 Financial Instruments and IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures. The amendments relate to settling financial liabilities using an electronic payment system and assessing contractual cash flow characteristics of financial assets, including those with Environmental, Social, and Governance ("ESG")-linked features. The IASB also amended disclosure requirements relating to investments in equity instruments designated at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI") and added disclosure requirements for financial instruments with contingent features. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2026, with early adoption permitted. The Fund is assessing the impacts to the consolidated financial statements.

Financial instruments include financial assets and liabilities such as debt and equity securities, open-ended investment funds and derivatives, cash and other trade receivable and payables. All financial assets and liabilities are recognized in the Statement of Financial Position when the Fund becomes a party to the contractual requirements of the instrument. Financial instruments are derecognized when the right to receive cash flows from the instrument has expired or the Fund has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

#### a) Classification and Measurement

The investments are classified as at fair value through profit or loss. The Fund classifies its investments in debt and equity securities and open-ended investment funds based on its business model for managing those financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets.

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These financial assets are managed and their performance is evaluated on a fair value basis. The Fund also manages these financial assets with the objective of realizing cash flows through sales.

### *Financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost*

The financial assets and liabilities measured at amortized cost include loans payable, accrued interest receivable, cash, accrued expenses and distribution payable.

### *IFRS 9 Financial Instruments (“IFRS 9”)*

Financial assets carried at amortized cost are subjected to expected credit loss model (“ECL”), as required by IFRS 9. The Fund’s financial assets measured at amortized cost consist of trade receivables with no financing component and which have maturities of less than 12 months, as such, it has chosen to apply the simplified ECL approach, whereby any loss allowance is recognized based on the lifetime ECLs. Given the short-term nature of the trade receivables and high credit quality, these trade receivables are not considered impaired.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the Statement of Financial Position when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognized amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. In the normal course of business, the Fund enters into various master netting agreements or similar agreements that do not meet the criteria for offsetting in the Statement of Financial Position but still allow for the related amounts to be set off in certain circumstances, such as bankruptcy or termination of the contracts.

### **Capital Disclosures**

The Fund’s objectives, policies and processes for managing capital are described in Note 2. Information on the Fund’s capital structure is described in Note 5. The Fund does not have any externally imposed capital requirements.

### **Valuation of Investments**

Investments are recorded in the financial statements at their fair value which is determined as follows:

Bonds and Mortgage-Backed Securities are valued at the mean of bid/ask prices provided by recognized investment dealers.

Short-term notes and treasury bills are stated at amortized cost, which approximates fair value, are included in the Schedule of investments.

Cash is comprised of cash on deposit.

### **Investment Transactions and Income Recognition**

Investment transactions are recorded on trade date. Interest income from investments in bonds and short-term investments are accrued daily. Realized gains and losses from investment transactions are calculated on a weighted average cost basis.

### *Income Recognition*

Interest income for distribution purposes resulting from investments in bonds is recognized on an accrual basis based on the bond coupon rate.

### **Financial Instruments – Disclosures**

The Fund classifies fair value measurements within a hierarchy that prioritize the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurement) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurement). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows.

- Level 1 Inputs that reflect unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Investment Manager has the ability to access at the measurement date.
- Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices that is observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly, including inputs in markets that are not considered to be active.
- Level 3 Inputs that are unobservable. There is little if any market activity. Inputs into the determination of fair value require significant management judgment or estimation.

All fair value measurements above are recurring. The carrying values of cash, receivable for investments sold, interest receivable, payable for investments purchased, payable, distributions payable, accrued liabilities and the Fund’s obligation for net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units approximates their fair values due to their short-term nature. Fair values are classified as Level 1 when the related security or derivative is actively traded and a quoted price is available. If an instrument classified as Level 1 subsequently ceases to be actively traded, it is transferred out of Level 1. In such cases, instruments are reclassified into Level 2, unless the measurement of its fair value requires the use of significant unobservable inputs, in which case it is classified as Level 3.

- a) Bonds and short-term investments

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Bonds include primarily government, corporate bonds and mortgage-back securities. Short-term notes and treasury bills are stated at amortized cost plus accrued interest, which approximates fair market value. The inputs that are significant to valuation are generally observable and therefore the Fund's bonds and short-term investments have been classified as Level 2.

Please see Note 12 for these disclosures.

### Foreign currency

#### a) Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the annual financial statements of the Fund are measured in the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Fund operates (the "functional currency"). The annual financial statements of the Fund are presented in CAD which is the Fund's functional currency.

#### b) Foreign currency translation

Transactions in currencies other than the functional currency are recorded at the rates of exchange prevailing on the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at period end exchange rates of monetary items and non-monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in foreign currencies are recognized in profit or loss in the period in which they arise. Foreign exchange gains and losses on financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are recognized together with other changes in fair value.

### Critical accounting estimates and judgments

The preparation of financial statements requires management to use judgment in applying its accounting policies and to make estimates and assumptions about the future. The following discusses the most significant accounting judgments and estimates that the Fund has made in preparing the financial statements:

#### a) Fair value measurement of derivatives and securities not quoted in an active market

The Fund holds financial instruments that are not quoted in active markets. Fair values of such instruments are determined using valuation techniques and may be determined using reputable pricing sources (such as pricing agencies) or indicative prices from market makers. Broker quotes as obtained from the pricing sources may be indicative and not executable or binding.

The Fund considers observable data to be market data that is readily available, regularly distributed and updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by

independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market. Refer to Note 13 – Financial Instruments – Fair Value Disclosure for further information about the fair value measurement of the Fund's financial instruments.

#### b) Classification and measurement of investments and application of the fair value option

In classifying and measuring financial instruments held by the Fund, the Manager is required to make significant judgments about whether or not the business of the Fund is to manage its portfolio of investments and evaluate performance on a fair value basis and that the portfolio of investments is neither held to collect contractual cash flows nor held both to collect contractual cash flows and to sell financial assets. The most significant judgments made include assessing and determining the appropriate business model that enables the decision that the Fund's investments are classified as fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL").

## 5. REDEEMABLE UNITS

Each unitholder in the Fund acquires redeemable units, which represent an undivided interest in the net assets of the Fund. All redeemable units are of the same class with equal rights and privileges. Each redeemable unit is entitled to one vote at any meeting of unitholders and to equal participation in any distributions made by the Fund. Fractional units are not entitled to voting privileges. Each redeemable unit is redeemable at the option of the unitholder in accordance with the Trust Agreement. The units of the Fund are fully paid when issued.

Following are the redeemable unit transactions during the year:

December 31, 2024

	2024
Units outstanding	
Beginning of year	18,575,820
Redeemable units issued for cash	451,706
Redeemable units redeemed	(3,537,355)
Units outstanding, end of year	15,490,171

December 31, 2023

	2023
Units outstanding	
Beginning of year	18,575,820
Redeemable units issued for cash	-
Redeemable units redeemed	-
Units outstanding, end of year	18,575,820

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### 6. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Fund's investment activities are managed by Ridgewood.

#### *Management fees*

Under the terms of the management agreement dated November 27, 2009 as amended and restated on December 17, 2009, the Fund appointed the Manager to provide management services. The Manager receives a fee based on the Net Asset Value ("NAV") of the Fund's units, accrued daily and payable monthly out of the assets of the Fund. The maximum management fee is equal to 0.50% (excluding HST) of the net asset value of the Fund. Services received under the Declaration of Trust include managing or arranging for the management of the Fund's investment portfolio and providing or arranging for all required administrative services to the Fund. Total Management fees for the year ended December 31, 2024 amounted to \$1,239,315 (December 31, 2023 - \$1,290,240).

#### *Independent Review Committee fees*

The total remuneration paid to members of the Independent Review Committee during the year ended December 31, 2024 was \$24,935 (December 31, 2023- \$19,850).

### 7. MANAGEMENT FEES AND EXPENSES

Ridgewood is responsible for providing, or causing to be provided, management and administrative services and facilities to the Fund, and may delegate certain of its powers to third parties.

The Fund also pays for all expenses incurred in connection with its operations and administration, including, without limitation, mailing and printing expenses for periodic reports to unitholders and other unitholder communications including marketing and advertising expenses; fees payable to the Custodian, the registrar and transfer agent, the valuation Agent, prime broker and/or other parties engaged by the Fund for performing certain financial, record keeping, reporting and general administrative services are charged to the Fund; any reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Manager or its agents in connection with their ongoing obligations to the Fund; any additional fees payable to the Manager for performance of extraordinary services on behalf of the Fund; fees payable to the auditors and legal advisors; regulatory filing, stock exchange and licensing fees; any expenditures incurred upon the termination of the Fund; and fees payable to the members of the independent review committee of the Fund. Such expenses will also include expenses of any action, suit or other proceedings in which or in relation to which the Manager or

any other party is entitled to indemnity by the Fund. The Fund also is responsible for any taxes payable by the Fund or to which the Fund may be subject, interest expenses on borrowing, its costs of portfolio transactions and any extraordinary expenses which it may incur from time to time.

### 8. BROKERAGE COMMISSIONS

The Fund uses some of the commissions generated from transactions with the brokerage industry for goods and services used in the investment decision making process and order executions.

### 9. DISTRIBUTIONS

Net income and net realized capital gains of the Fund may be declared payable to unitholders of the Fund from time to time at the discretion of Ridgewood, provided that in each year sufficient net income and net realized capital gains will be made payable to unitholders so that the Fund will not be liable for income tax thereon, except to the extent that any tax payable on net realized capital gains retained by the Fund would be immediately refundable to it.

Net income and net realized capital gains payable to unitholders of the Fund will be automatically reinvested in additional units of the Fund as of the valuation date of payment unless the unitholder otherwise requests in writing.

### 10. LOAN PAYABLE INTEREST AND BANK FEES

The Fund has a margin account held at Scotiabank which requires collateral against loans (see Schedule of Investments). The Fund can borrow an amount up to 35% of the total assets of the Fund.

#### *Loan Payable*

As at December 31, 2024, the balance of the account was \$83,579,144 (December 31, 2023 - \$50,244,894). During the year, the maximum amount borrowed was \$130,006,930 (December 31, 2023- \$91,494,036) and the minimum amount borrowed was \$50,182,758 (December 31, 2023 - \$14,491,024).

#### *Interest and Bank Fees*

Total interest and bank fees on the account were \$4,810,314 for the year (December 31, 2023 - \$3,497,151). The account is charged interest based on CAOREPO Index plus 45 bps. If interest rates had increased/decreased by 100 basis points, interest expense would have changed by approximately \$936,201 (December 31, 2023 - \$657,147).

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### 11. INCOME TAXES

The Fund qualifies as a "mutual fund trust" under the Income Tax Act (Canada). The Fund uses the "capital gains refund mechanism" which allows a mutual fund trust to retain some capital gains without paying any tax thereon. As a result, the Fund may not distribute all of its net capital gains. The net income and net capital gains of the Fund that would otherwise be taxable in the Fund are either paid or payable to unitholders in each calendar year. Accordingly, no income tax is paid or payable by the Fund. Such income is taxable in the hands of the unitholders.

As at December 31, 2024 taxation year-end, the Fund had \$30,032,620 of capital losses (2023 – \$30,975,787) and no non-capital losses available for carryforward (2023 – \$Nil).

### 12. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND RISK MANAGEMENT

The Fund's financial instruments consist of bonds, asset-backed securities, liabilities for securities redeemed, cash and loan payable. As a result, the Fund is primarily exposed to interest rate risk and credit risk.

These risks and related risk management practices employed by the Fund are discussed below:

#### Interest Rate Risk

The Fund's interest-bearing financial assets expose it to risks associated with the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates on its financial position and cash flows. Since the loan payable is a short-term obligation the interest rate sensitivity is minimal.

The table summarizes the Fund's exposure to interest rate risks, categorized by the earlier of contractual re-pricing or maturity dates.

As at December 31, 2024:

	Less than 1 month	1-3 months	3 months -1 year
Loan payable	\$	\$	\$
Interest Rate Exposure	-	83,579,144	-

	Less than 1 year	1-3 years	3-5 years	More than 5 years
Investments	\$	\$	\$	\$
Interest Rate Exposure	8,576,347	42,552,565	51,564,465	195,869,422

	Non Interest bearing	Total
	\$	\$
Interest Rate Exposure	-	298,562,799

As at December 31, 2023:

	Less than 1 month	1-3 months	3 months -1 year
Loan payable	\$	\$	\$
Interest Rate Exposure	-	50,244,894	-

	Less than 1 year	1-3 years	3-5 years	More than 5 years
Investments	\$	\$	\$	\$
Interest Rate Exposure	23,628,649	56,360,147	629,651	208,658,330

	Non Interest bearing	Total
	\$	\$
Interest Rate Exposure	-	289,276,778

At December 31, 2024, should interest rates have decreased by 100 basis points with all other variables remaining constant, the increase in net assets for the year would amount to approximately \$ 3.7 million (December 31, 2023 - \$3.5 million), arising from the increase in market values of debt securities. Conversely, if interest rates had risen by 100 basis points, the decrease in net assets would amount to approximately \$ 3.7 million (December 31, 2023 - \$3.5 million).

#### Credit Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Fund to a concentration of a credit risk consist primarily of cash and investments. The Fund limits its exposure to credit loss by placing its cash with high quality government and financial institutions. To maximize the credit quality of its investments, the Fund's managers perform ongoing credit evaluations based upon factors surrounding the credit risk of customers, historical trends and other information. The Fund also measures credit risk and lifetime ECL related to the accrued interest receivables using historical analysis and forward looking information.

The Fund's main credit risk concentration is spread between A/A and BBB/Baa rated securities.

The Fund invests in financial assets, which have an investment grade as rated by well-known rating agency DBRS Morningstar.

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Portfolio by rating category December 31, 2024	
Rating	As a % of Net Assets
AAA/Aaa	2.28%
AA/Aa	13.21%
A/A	13.27%
BBB/Baa	108.75%
Below BBB	0.00%
Unrated	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>137.51%</b>

Portfolio by rating category December 31, 2023	
Rating	As a % of Net Assets
AAA/Aaa	0.00%
AA/Aa	7.56%
A/A	10.96%
BBB/Baa	102.32%
Below BBB	0.00%
Unrated	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>120.84%</b>

All transactions in listed securities are settled for upon delivery using approved brokers. The risk of default is considered minimal, as delivery of securities sold is only made once the broker has received payment. Payment is made on a purchase once the securities have been received by the broker. The trade will fail if either party fails to meet its obligations.

The rating category of certain financial assets previously reported as Below BBB and Unrated have been revised to reflect the actual rating of the securities.

### Currency Risk

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. The Fund holds securities that are denominated in currencies other than the Canadian dollar. It is therefore exposed to currency risk.

As at December 31, 2024, the Fund held \$6,804,019 (December 31, 2023 - Nil) of its assets in foreign securities. In practice, actual results may differ from this sensitivity analysis and the difference may be material. The table below indicates the currencies to which the Fund had significant exposure as at December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023.

December 31, 2024	Currency risk exposed holdings \$	As a % of Net assets (%)
U.S. Dollar	6,804,019	3.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,804,019</b>	<b>3.1%</b>

December 31, 2023	Currency risk exposed holdings \$	As a % of Net assets (%)
U.S. Dollar	-	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

### Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that a Fund will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with its daily cash redemption of units. Liquidity risk is managed by investing the majority of the Fund's assets in investments that are traded in an active market, and which can be readily disposed of. The tables below analyze the Fund's financial liabilities as at December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023.

As at December 31, 2024:

	1-3 months	> 3 months	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Accrued expenses	417,358	-	417,358
Payable for redeemable shares redeemed	45,000	-	45,000
Distribution payable	818,413	-	818,413
Loan payable	83,579,144	-	83,579,144
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>84,859,915</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>84,859,915</b>

As at December 31, 2023:

	1-3 months	> 3 months	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Accrued expenses	514,600	-	514,600
Payable for investments purchased	1,914,245	-	1,914,245
Distribution payable	984,518	-	984,518
Loan payable	50,244,894	-	50,244,894
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>53,658,257</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>53,658,257</b>

### Concentration risk

Concentration risk arises as a result of the concentration of exposures within the same category, whether it is geographical location, product type, industry sector or counterparty type. The following is a summary of the Fund's concentration risk as a percentage of net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units.

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Market segments	December 31, 2024
Canadian Corporate Bonds	103.55%
Mortgage-Backed Securities	29.92%
Foreign Corporate Bonds	4.04%
<b>Total</b>	<b>137.51%</b>

Market segments	December 31, 2023
Canadian Corporate Bonds	86.05%
Mortgage-Backed Securities	31.02%
Foreign Corporate Bonds	3.77%
<b>Total</b>	<b>120.84%</b>

### 13. Financial Instruments – Disclosures

#### *Fair Value Disclosure*

The Fund's financial assets and liabilities recorded at fair value have been categorized based upon a fair value hierarchy described in Note 4. The following fair value hierarchy table presents information about the Fund's assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023.

Financial Assets and Liabilities at fair value as of December 31, 2024				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Bonds	-	233,608,044	-	233,608,044
Mortgage-backed securities	-	64,954,755	-	64,954,755
Cash	156,412	-	-	156,412
<b>Total</b>	<b>156,412</b>	<b>298,562,799</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>298,719,211</b>

Financial Assets and Liabilities at fair value as of December 31, 2023				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Bonds	-	215,016,948	-	215,016,948
Mortgage-backed securities	-	74,259,830	-	74,259,830
Cash	135,676	-	-	135,676
<b>Total</b>	<b>135,676</b>	<b>289,276,778</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>289,412,454</b>

There were no significant transfers made between Levels 1 and 2 as a result of changes in the availability of quoted market prices or observable market inputs during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.

In addition, there were no investments or transactions classified in Level 3 for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.



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