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# PICTON MAHONEY FORTIFIED EQUITY FUND

MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE (FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2024)

This semi-annual management report of fund performance contains financial highlights but does not contain the complete semi-annual financial statements for Picton Mahoney Fortified Equity Fund (the "Fund"). If you have not received a copy of the semi-annual financial statements with the management report of fund performance, you may obtain a copy of the semi-annual financial statements, at no cost, by calling 416-955-4108 or toll-free at 1-866-369-4108, by writing to us at Picton Mahoney Asset Management, 33 Yonge Street, Suite 320, Toronto ON M5E 1G4, or by visiting our website at [www.pictonmahoney.com](http://www.pictonmahoney.com) or SEDAR+ at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

Securityholders may also contact us using one of these methods to request a copy of the Fund's annual financial report, proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record or quarterly portfolio disclosure.

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGIES

The investment objective of the Picton Mahoney Fortified Equity Fund is to achieve long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in global equity securities while mitigating capital loss by engaging in hedging strategies for downside risk protection. Picton Mahoney Asset Management is the manager (the "Manager"), portfolio advisor (the "Portfolio Advisor") and the trustee (the "Trustee") of the Fund.

To achieve the investment objective, the Fund will seek to invest in a diversified portfolio of global equity securities of issuers of varying sizes of market capitalization. The Portfolio Advisor employs a momentum based investment strategy based on fundamental changes in the securities as identified by the Portfolio Advisor's proprietary fundamental and quantitative research and analysis. The Fund intends to maintain an equity market exposure below 100%, and may typically range from 60% to 90% based on the Portfolio Advisor's prevailing market outlook.

The Fund may also choose to: i) invest up to 100% of its portfolio in foreign securities; ii) engage in short selling in a manner which is consistent with the investment objectives of the Fund and as permitted by securities regulations; iii) engage in securities lending, repurchase and reverse repurchase transactions as permitted by securities regulations to seek to generate additional income; and iv) use derivative instruments, such as options, futures, forward contracts, swaps and exchange-traded notes, for both hedging and non-hedging strategies, in a manner which is consistent with the investment objectives of the Fund and as permitted by securities regulations, including to: 1) hedge against losses from changes in the prices of the Fund's investments and from exposure to foreign currencies; 2) implement option spreads by purchasing an option on a security and simultaneously selling an option on the same security with the same expiry date; 3) write covered call options on the securities that the Fund owns in order to seek to generate income from option premium; and 4) gain exposure to individual securities and markets instead of buying the securities directly.

The Fund has also obtained exemptive relief from Canadian securities regulatory authorities to invest in ETFs listed on a Canadian or United States stock exchange that seek to replicate the daily performance of a widely-quoted market index (i) in an inverse multiple of 100%, or (ii) by a multiple of up to 200% or an inverse multiple of up to 200% (in either case, a "Permitted ETF"). In each case: (a) the investment would be made by the Fund in accordance with its investment objective; (b) the Fund would not short sell securities of any Permitted ETF; (c) the aggregate investment by the Fund in

Permitted ETFs would not exceed 10% of the Fund's net asset value, taken at market value at the time of purchase; and (d) the Fund would not purchase securities of a Permitted ETF that tracks the inverse of its underlying index (a "Bear ETF") or short sell securities of any issuer if, immediately after such purchase or short sale, more than 20% of the net asset value of the Fund, taken at market value at the time of the transaction, would consist of, in aggregate, securities of Bear ETFs and all securities sold short by the Fund.

## RISK

There is no assurance that the Fund will be able to achieve its total return, capital preservation and distribution investment objectives. There is no assurance that the portfolio will earn any return and no assurances can be given as to the amount of distributions in future years and that the net asset value (the "NAV") of the Fund will appreciate or be preserved.

While risks are numerous, we believe the following are the most pertinent ones to be mindful of today:

1. **Equity Investment Risk** – Equity investments, such as stocks, carry several risks. A number of factors may cause the price of a stock to fall. These include specific developments relating to the company, stock market conditions where the company's securities trade and general economic, financial and political conditions in the countries where the company operates. Since a Fund's unit price is based on the value of its investments, an overall decline in the value of the stocks it holds will reduce the value of the Fund and, therefore, the value of your investment. However if the price of the stocks in the portfolio increases, your investment will be worth more. Equity funds generally tend to be more volatile than fixed income funds, and the value of their units can vary widely.
2. **Currency Risk** – The net asset value and unit price of a Fund's units is calculated in Canadian dollars. Most foreign investments are purchased in currencies other than the Canadian dollar. As a result, the value of foreign investments will be affected by the value of the Canadian dollar relative to the value of the foreign currency. If the Canadian dollar rises in value relative to the other currency but the value of the investment otherwise remains constant, the value of the investment in Canadian dollars will have fallen. Similarly, if the value of the Canadian dollar has fallen relative to the foreign currency, the value of the Fund's investment will have increased.
3. **Liquidity Risk** – Liquidity is a measure of how quickly an investment can be sold for cash at a fair market price. If a Fund cannot sell an investment quickly, it may lose money or make a lower profit, especially if it has to meet a large number of redemption requests. Substantial redemptions by Unitholders within a short period of time could require the Manager to arrange for the Fund's positions to be liquidated more rapidly than would otherwise be desirable, which could adversely affect the value of the remaining units of the Fund. In general, investments in smaller companies, smaller markets or certain sectors of the economy tend to be less liquid than other types of investments. The less liquid an investment, the more its value tends to fluctuate.

For further details relating to risks of investing in the Fund, please refer to the *Specific Investment Risks*, *Investment Risk Classification Methodology*, and *Who Should Invest in the Funds'* sections of the Simplified Prospectus.

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## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

For the period January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024, the net asset value of the Fund increased by approximately \$9.1 million from \$101.6 million to \$110.7 million. During the same period, performance on the Fund's portfolio increased its assets by \$17.5 million. The Fund also received \$6.4 million in proceeds, net redemptions of \$14.8 million, and paid distributions totaling \$0.0 million. For the period January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024, the Fund Class A units returned 16.83%, the Fund Class F units returned 16.79%, the Fund Class FT units returned 16.64%, the Fund Class T units returned 16.85%, and the Fund Class I units returned 18.35%. Class A, F, FT, T and I units all outperformed the reference index (the "Performance Fee Index"). The Performance Fee Index is comprised of 25% S&P/TSX Composite Total Return Index, 50% MSCI World Index, and 25% FTSE TMX Canada 30-Day T-Bill Index reported in Canadian dollars. The Performance Fee Index returned 10.28% over the same period.

The underlying strategy of the Picton Mahoney Fortified Equity Fund reflects investment in a basket of global equities, diversified by sector and market cap, that meet our core momentum factor and positive fundamental change criteria. Short positions are also diversified globally, with a concentration on special situations. The put options overlay has been invested primarily in equity index puts and put spreads, to match the regional exposures of the underlying portfolio.

For the six-month period ending June 30th, Picton Mahoney Fortified Equity Class F returned 16.79% compared to its benchmark (25% S&P/TSX Composite Index Total Return, 50% MSCI World Index Net Returns, 25% FTSE TXM Canada 30 Day T Bill Index) which returned 10.28%

For the six-month period ending June 30th, the portfolio was fully invested with a gross exposure of 97% of total assets. The net exposure of the portfolio (ex the impact of options) was 90% in June.

From a stock selection perspective, there was 5.15% of value enhancement with strength seen in Financials, Technology and Communication Services. Areas of weakness included Staples and Discretionary. Overweight positioning in Technology and Communication Services contributed to overall performance. Underweight positioning in Energy and Overweight positioning in Utilities detracted from overall performance.

## RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

As we enter the third quarter, equities continue to notch record highs. Part of the strength is no doubt attributable to persistent optimism about generative artificial intelligence ("AI"). However, growing belief in a soft U.S. economic landing seems to be the key driver for risk assets. And faith in a "Goldilocks" outcome seems to have strengthened recently: according to Bank of America/Merrill Lynch's June fund manager survey, 73% of respondents do not expect a recession in the next 12 months—the most in nearly two years, and up from 64% in May.

Ironically, as fear of an economic contraction has dissipated, we are seeing signs that the U.S. economy is beginning to falter. While excessive fiscal spending, easing financial conditions, and the emergence of a powerful AI spending cycle have helped contribute to keeping the economy stronger for longer, the lagged impacts of aggressive tightening of monetary policy

are starting to take hold. Leading indicators warn of rising risks, and the all-important U.S. labour market is showing signs of cracking.

The U.S. Federal Reserve (the "Fed") is now committing to sitting on the sidelines, opting to keep policy rates unchanged for the time being. In their public comments, Fed officials point to the need for even more favourable data points that confirm inflation has been tamed before rate cuts become appropriate. Some, according to the May 22 Federal Open Market Committee minutes, have even raised the possibility of further rate hikes, should inflation re-accelerate. All in all, it's reasonable to assume the U.S. central bank is wary of underestimating underlying inflationary forces—a mistake it already made when the global economy surged following the pandemic.

In our view, the Fed is faced with a real problem. Even though goods are in outright price deflation, core services inflation is uncomfortably high, and seemingly staying there. Unless this stubbornly high services inflation rolls over, we believe the central bank should be hesitant to cut rates. The longer the Fed doesn't ease policy, though, the greater the odds that a recession will develop. This is the Fed's sticky situation: it doesn't want to abandon the inflation fight too early, but neither does it want to commit a policy mistake by staying too tight for too long. It's a delicate balance.

We see risks in equity markets and other risky assets, particularly if weakening U.S. economic data cause investors to abandon the soft-landing narrative and start focusing on an impending recession instead. After all, valuations are high, positioning is stretched on the long side, and various signs of late-cycle speculation have returned to the market. Trading of penny stocks, for example, has surged, a classic sign of investor euphoria. Global liquidity, meanwhile, has not supported the recent run-up in equities, with the Bank of Japan's balance sheet starting to contract.

The looming U.S. presidential election presents yet another risk. A Trump win will likely raise the spectre of new tariffs aimed at China, which could materially raise U.S. inflation. But if Biden wins, some of his party's more left-leaning policies may start to imperil U.S. competitiveness. Regardless of who wins, the U.S. economy faces a significant post-election fiscal cliff: tax code changes enacted in 2017 are set to expire in 2025, which could result in tax hikes on the order of approximately USD 3.5 trillion over the next decade.

Outside of the U.S., economic problems are mounting. Europe is weak, Canada would be in recession were it not for massive population growth, and China continues to grapple with the fallout from its twin housing and demographic crises. As a result of differences in growth, inflation and monetary policy between the U.S. and the rest of the world, the greenback may strengthen in the second half of 2024. Historically, this has often been a recipe for an economic accident, particularly in emerging markets that have borrowed heavily in U.S. dollars.

Against this backdrop, we remain cautious about equities at current levels, sensing that better entry points are likely to present themselves in the months ahead. A deeper sell-off can't be ruled out if recessionary forces are felt.

For the Fortified Equity Fund, we maintain our disciplined focus on achieving long term capital appreciation by investing in global equities while mitigating capital loss by engaging in hedging strategies for downside risk protection.

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## RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Picton Mahoney Asset Management is the manager (the “Manager”), portfolio advisor (the “Portfolio Advisor”), and trustee (“the Trustee”) of the Fund. The Manager is an investment manager focused on equity and fixed income securities investments with approximately \$10.7 billion of assets under management as of June 30, 2024. As at June 30, 2024, the Manager holds 690 units of Class T and 710 units of Class O. For the period January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024, the Manager has absorbed \$20,992 of expenses.

### Management Fees

As a result of providing investment and management services, the Manager receives a management fee calculated and accrued daily based on the NAV of the class of units of the Fund, plus applicable taxes, payable on the last day of each calendar quarter. For the period January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024, the Fund incurred management fees of \$167,365. Management fees in respect of Class I and Class O units are direct fees negotiated with the investor, paid directly by the investor, and would not exceed the management fee payable on Class A units of the Fund. The Manager uses these management fees to pay for sales and trailing commissions to registered dealers on the distribution of the Fund’s shares, investment advice, as well as general administrative expenses relating to Picton Mahoney’s role as Manager. The following is a breakdown:

As a Percentage of Management Fees			
	Annual Rates	Dealer Compensation	General Administration and Investment Advice
Class A units	1.90%	52.83%	47.17%
Class F units	0.90%	-	100.00%
Class FT units	0.90%	-	100.00%
Class T units	1.90%	54.78%	45.22%

Out of the management fees that the Manager received from the Fund, the Manager paid trailer commissions of \$16,083 for the period January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024.

### Performance Fees

The Manager receives a performance fee in respect of each class of units of the Fund. The performance fee is equal to the daily NAV of the class of units of a Fund during the calendar quarter multiplied by 20% of the amount by which the total return of the class of units exceeds the total percentage increase or decrease in a reference index (the “Performance Fee Index”) since the end of the period for which the last performance fee was paid, plus applicable taxes. If at any time the total return of the class of units of a Fund is less than its Performance Fee Index, then no performance fee will be payable until the total return of the class of units of such Fund relative to its Performance Fee Index exceeds the amount of the deficiency calculated on a percentage basis. Investors in Class I units may negotiate a different performance fee than the one described herein or no performance fee at all. Any performance fee for Class I units will be paid directly to the Manager. The Manager reserves the right, in its discretion, to discontinue, decrease or waive the performance fee at any time. The Manager has waived the performance fee for the Class O units of the Fund until August 31, 2024. The Manager reserves the option of extending or discontinuing this waiver of the Class O unit performance fee after August 31, 2024. For the period January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024, the Fund incurred performance fees of \$257,714.

## Independent Review Committee

The Fund receives standing instructions (the “SI”) from the independent review committee (the “IRC”). The SI constitutes a written approval or recommendation from the IRC that permits the Manager to proceed with specific action(s) set out in the SI on an ongoing basis. The SI is designed to ensure that the Manager’s actions are carried out in accordance with the law, the instrument and the Manager’s policies and procedures in order to achieve a fair and reasonable result for the Fund. The SI outlines actions related to i) Fees and Expenses; ii) Trade Allocations; iii) Broker Selections; iv) Code of Ethics and Conduct; v) Portfolio Pricing Issues, amongst other things. The Manager must provide the IRC with a written report summarizing each instance where the Manager has relied on the SI. For the period January 1 to June 30, 2024, the IRC did not provide any recommendations to the Manager.

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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 periods as applicable.

Class A Units - Net Assets per Unit						
	June 30, 2024(\$)	Dec 31, 2023(\$)	Dec 31, 2022(\$)	Dec 31, 2021(\$)	Dec 31, 2020(\$)	Dec 31, 2019(\$)
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	15.59	13.89	15.86	14.16	12.10	10.54
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	0.17	0.28	0.24	0.22	0.20	0.20
Total expense	(0.28)	(0.40)	(0.39)	(0.53)	(0.36)	(0.30)
Realized gains (losses)	1.22	0.84	0.08	1.50	0.96	0.03
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.50	1.18	(1.86)	1.49	1.32	1.82
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>2.61</b>	<b>1.90</b>	<b>(1.93)</b>	<b>2.68</b>	<b>2.12</b>	<b>1.75</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From income	-	(0.20)	(0.15)	(0.09)	(0.19)	(0.12)
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	(0.02)	-	(0.85)	-	-
Return of capital	-	(0.00)	(0.00)	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(1)(2)</sup></b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(0.22)</b>	<b>(0.15)</b>	<b>(0.94)</b>	<b>(0.19)</b>	<b>(0.12)</b>
<b>Net Assets, end of period</b>	<b>18.21</b>	<b>15.59</b>	<b>13.89</b>	<b>15.86</b>	<b>14.16</b>	<b>12.10</b>

Class A Units - Ratios/Supplemental Data						
	June 30, 2024(\$)	Dec 31, 2023(\$)	Dec 31, 2022(\$)	Dec 31, 2021(\$)	Dec 31, 2020(\$)	Dec 31, 2019(\$)
Total Net Asset Value (\$000's) <sup>(3)</sup>	3,398	2,678	2,609	3,432	2,965	2,990
Number of units outstanding (000's) <sup>(3)</sup>	187	172	188	216	209	247
Management expense ratio <sup>(4)</sup>	2.79%	2.25%	2.27%	2.75%	2.34%	2.33%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	2.87%	2.28%	2.31%	2.78%	2.48%	2.40%
Trading expense ratio, excluding short dividend and interest expense <sup>(5)</sup>	0.33%	0.28%	0.37%	0.37%	0.36%	0.24%
Trading expense ratio, including short dividend and interest expense <sup>(5)</sup>	0.39%	0.34%	0.44%	0.48%	0.47%	0.45%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(6)</sup>	55.72%	89.29%	92.59%	105.04%	143.83%	119.80%
Net Asset Value per unit	18.21	15.59	13.89	15.86	14.16	12.10

Class F Units - Net Assets per Unit						
	June 30, 2024(\$)	Dec 31, 2023(\$)	Dec 31, 2022(\$)	Dec 31, 2021(\$)	Dec 31, 2020(\$)	Dec 31, 2019(\$)
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	16.83	14.83	16.74	14.78	12.66	10.92
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	0.18	0.30	0.26	0.25	0.21	0.20
Total expense	(0.31)	(0.25)	(0.22)	(0.34)	(0.33)	(0.15)
Realized gains (losses)	1.32	0.90	0.05	1.18	1.06	(0.07)
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.66	1.36	(1.65)	1.56	0.65	2.04
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>2.85</b>	<b>2.31</b>	<b>(1.56)</b>	<b>2.65</b>	<b>1.59</b>	<b>2.02</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From income	-	(0.22)	(0.18)	(0.11)	(0.17)	(0.11)
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	(0.02)	-	(0.98)	-	-
Return of capital	-	(0.00)	(0.00)	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(1)(2)</sup></b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(0.24)</b>	<b>(0.18)</b>	<b>(1.09)</b>	<b>(0.17)</b>	<b>(0.11)</b>
<b>Net Assets, end of period</b>	<b>19.65</b>	<b>16.83</b>	<b>14.83</b>	<b>16.74</b>	<b>14.78</b>	<b>12.66</b>

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Class F Units - Ratios/Supplemental Data						
	June 30, 2024(\$)	Dec 31, 2023(\$)	Dec 31, 2022(\$)	Dec 31, 2021(\$)	Dec 31, 2020(\$)	Dec 31, 2019(\$)
Total Net Asset Value (\$000's) <sup>(3)</sup>	28,231	24,817	29,055	27,084	5,334	7,064
Number of units outstanding (000's) <sup>(3)</sup>	1,436	1,475	1,959	1,618	361	558
Management expense ratio <sup>(4)</sup>	2.94%	1.13%	1.15%	1.46%	2.60%	1.24%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	2.97%	1.16%	1.18%	1.49%	2.67%	1.30%
Trading expense ratio, excluding short dividend and interest expense <sup>(5)</sup>	0.33%	0.28%	0.37%	0.37%	0.36%	0.24%
Trading expense ratio, including short dividend and interest expense <sup>(5)</sup>	0.39%	0.34%	0.44%	0.48%	0.47%	0.45%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(6)</sup>	55.72%	89.29%	92.59%	105.04%	143.83%	119.80%
Net Asset Value per unit	19.65	16.83	14.83	16.74	14.78	12.66

Class FT Units - Net Assets per Unit						
	June 30, 2024(\$)	Dec 31, 2023(\$)	Dec 31, 2022(\$)	Dec 31, 2021(\$)	Dec 31, 2020(\$)	Dec 31, 2019(\$)
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	11.40	10.38	12.28	11.58	10.29	9.29
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	0.12	0.21	0.18	0.18	0.16	0.19
Total expense	(0.21)	(0.18)	(0.14)	(0.38)	(0.27)	(0.07)
Realized gains (losses)	0.89	0.62	(0.01)	1.03	0.82	(0.25)
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.08	0.91	(1.52)	1.29	1.42	2.11
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>1.88</b>	<b>1.56</b>	<b>(1.49)</b>	<b>2.12</b>	<b>2.13</b>	<b>1.98</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From income	(0.29)	(0.52)	(0.59)	(0.71)	(0.67)	(0.47)
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-	(1.30)	-	-
Return of capital	-	(0.00)	(0.00)	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(1)(2)</sup></b>	<b>(0.29)</b>	<b>(0.52)</b>	<b>(0.59)</b>	<b>(2.01)</b>	<b>(0.67)</b>	<b>(0.47)</b>
<b>Net Assets, end of period</b>	<b>13.00</b>	<b>11.40</b>	<b>10.38</b>	<b>12.28</b>	<b>11.58</b>	<b>10.29</b>

Class FT Units - Ratios/Supplemental Data						
	June 30, 2024(\$)	Dec 31, 2023(\$)	Dec 31, 2022(\$)	Dec 31, 2021(\$)	Dec 31, 2020(\$)	Dec 31, 2019(\$)
Total Net Asset Value (\$000's) <sup>(3)</sup>	182	158	166	363	208	353
Number of units outstanding (000's) <sup>(3)</sup>	14	14	16	30	18	34
Management expense ratio <sup>(4)</sup>	2.94%	1.16%	1.16%	1.69%	2.60%	1.22%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	3.03%	1.19%	1.19%	1.92%	2.85%	1.22%
Trading expense ratio, excluding short dividend and interest expense <sup>(5)</sup>	0.33%	0.28%	0.37%	0.37%	0.36%	0.24%
Trading expense ratio, including short dividend and interest expense <sup>(5)</sup>	0.39%	0.34%	0.44%	0.48%	0.47%	0.45%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(6)</sup>	55.72%	89.29%	92.59%	105.04%	143.83%	119.80%
Net Asset Value per unit	13.00	11.40	10.38	12.28	11.58	10.29

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Class T Units - Net Assets per Unit						
	June 30, 2024(\$)	Dec 31, 2023(\$)	Dec 31, 2022(\$)	Dec 31, 2021(\$)	Dec 31, 2020(\$)	Dec 31, 2019(\$)
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	10.50	9.66	11.55	11.09	9.81	8.95
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	0.11	0.19	0.17	0.17	0.16	0.17
Total expense	(0.18)	(0.27)	(0.44)	(0.37)	(0.28)	(0.25)
Realized gains (losses)	0.82	0.57	0.44	0.67	0.75	0.03
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.00	0.82	(2.35)	1.34	1.35	1.53
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>1.75</b>	<b>1.31</b>	<b>(2.18)</b>	<b>1.81</b>	<b>1.98</b>	<b>1.48</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From income	(0.26)	(0.48)	(0.56)	(0.67)	(0.69)	(0.53)
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-	(1.11)	-	-
Return of capital	-	(0.00)	(0.00)	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(1)(2)</sup></b>	<b>(0.26)</b>	<b>(0.48)</b>	<b>(0.56)</b>	<b>(1.78)</b>	<b>(0.69)</b>	<b>(0.53)</b>
<b>Net Assets, end of period</b>	<b>11.99</b>	<b>10.50</b>	<b>9.66</b>	<b>11.55</b>	<b>11.09</b>	<b>9.81</b>

Class T Units - Ratios/Supplemental Data						
	June 30, 2024(\$)	Dec 31, 2023(\$)	Dec 31, 2022(\$)	Dec 31, 2021(\$)	Dec 31, 2020(\$)	Dec 31, 2019(\$)
Total Net Asset Value (\$000's) <sup>(3)</sup>	264	231	220	672	251	222
Number of units outstanding (000's) <sup>(3)</sup>	22	22	23	58	23	23
Management expense ratio <sup>(4)</sup>	2.79%	2.18%	2.19%	2.75%	2.34%	2.25%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	2.80%	2.21%	2.23%	2.77%	2.35%	2.30%
Trading expense ratio, excluding short dividend and interest expense <sup>(5)</sup>	0.33%	0.28%	0.37%	0.37%	0.36%	0.24%
Trading expense ratio, including short dividend and interest expense <sup>(5)</sup>	0.39%	0.34%	0.44%	0.48%	0.47%	0.45%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(6)</sup>	55.72%	89.29%	92.59%	105.04%	143.83%	119.80%
Net Asset Value per unit	11.99	10.50	9.66	11.55	11.09	9.81

Class I Units - Net Assets per Unit						
	June 30, 2024(\$)	Dec 31, 2023(\$)	Dec 31, 2022(\$)	Dec 31, 2021(\$)	Dec 31, 2020(\$)	Dec 31, 2019(\$)
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	18.89	16.50	18.42	15.90	13.27	11.32
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	0.20	0.33	0.28	0.26	0.21	0.22
Total expense	(0.07)	(0.11)	(0.14)	(0.12)	(0.11)	(0.09)
Realized gains (losses)	1.50	1.01	0.16	1.49	1.08	0.11
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.88	1.47	(2.05)	1.86	1.59	1.85
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>3.51</b>	<b>2.70</b>	<b>(1.75)</b>	<b>3.49</b>	<b>2.77</b>	<b>2.09</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From income	-	(0.23)	(0.17)	(0.12)	(0.20)	(0.14)
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	(0.02)	-	(1.08)	-	-
Return of capital	-	(0.00)	(0.00)	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(1)(2)</sup></b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(0.25)</b>	<b>(0.17)</b>	<b>(1.20)</b>	<b>(0.20)</b>	<b>(0.14)</b>
<b>Net Assets, end of period</b>	<b>22.36</b>	<b>18.89</b>	<b>16.50</b>	<b>18.42</b>	<b>15.90</b>	<b>13.27</b>

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Class I Units - Ratios/Supplemental Data						
	June 30, 2024(\$)	Dec 31, 2023(\$)	Dec 31, 2022(\$)	Dec 31, 2021(\$)	Dec 31, 2020(\$)	Dec 31, 2019(\$)
Total Net Asset Value (\$000's) <sup>(3)</sup>	78,182	73,696	78,193	89,450	52,564	50,499
Number of units outstanding (000's) <sup>(3)</sup>	3,497	3,901	4,740	4,856	3,306	3,805
Management expense ratio <sup>(4)</sup>	0.18%	0.18%	0.19%	0.21%	0.23%	0.21%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	0.21%	0.22%	0.22%	0.24%	0.30%	0.29%
Trading expense ratio, excluding short dividend and interest expense <sup>(5)</sup>	0.33%	0.28%	0.37%	0.37%	0.36%	0.24%
Trading expense ratio, including short dividend and interest expense <sup>(5)</sup>	0.39%	0.34%	0.44%	0.48%	0.47%	0.45%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(6)</sup>	55.72%	89.29%	92.59%	105.04%	143.83%	119.80%
Net Asset Value per unit	22.36	18.89	16.50	18.42	15.90	13.27

Class O Units - Net Assets per Unit		
	June 30, 2024(\$)	Dec 31, 2023(\$) <sup>(7)</sup>
<b>Net Assets, beginning of year</b>	10.31	10.00
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>		
Total revenue	0.13	0.05
Total expense	(0.04)	(0.02)
Realized gains (losses)	0.69	0.24
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.64	0.18
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>1.42</b>	<b>0.45</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>		
From income	-	(0.14)
From dividends	-	-
From capital gains	-	(0.01)
Return of capital	-	(0.00)
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(1)(2)</sup></b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(0.15)</b>
<b>Net Assets, end of year</b>	<b>12.19</b>	<b>10.31</b>

Class O Units - Ratios/Supplemental Data		
	June 30, 2024(\$)	Dec 31, 2023(\$) <sup>(7)</sup>
Total Net Asset Value (\$000's) <sup>(3)</sup>	399	7
Number of units outstanding (000's) <sup>(3)</sup>	33	1
Management expense ratio <sup>(4)</sup>	0.18%	0.18%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	0.21%	0.67%
Trading expense ratio, excluding short dividend and interest expense <sup>(5)</sup>	0.33%	0.28%
Trading expense ratio, including short dividend and interest expense <sup>(5)</sup>	0.39%	0.34%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(6)</sup>	55.72%	89.29%
Net Asset Value per unit	12.19	10.31

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

- (1) Net Assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the financial period.
- (2) Distributions were paid in cash, reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both.
- (3) This information is provided as at the periods shown.
- (4) The management expense ratio ("MER") is based on total expenses (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period. In the period the class is established, the MER is annualized. Effective August 20, 2019, the management fee was changed in respect of certain classes of the Fund. If the change to the management fee would have been in effect throughout 2019, the adjusted MER for each class of the Fund would be: Class A - 2.26%, Class F - 1.16%, Class FT - 1.12%, Class T - 2.26%.
- (5) The trading expense ratio ("TER") represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period. In the period the class is established, the TER is annualized. The TER is calculated at the fund level and applies to all classes of the Fund. The Fund's TER is shown both with and without the short dividend expense from equities and interest expense from fixed income securities.
- (6) The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio advisor manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the year. The higher a fund's portfolio turnover rate in a year, the greater the trading costs payable by the fund in the year, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a fund. Portfolio turnover rate is calculated based on the lesser of the cost of purchases or proceeds of sales divided by the average market value of the portfolio, excluding short-term investments.
- (7) Class O units were first issued on September 1, 2023.

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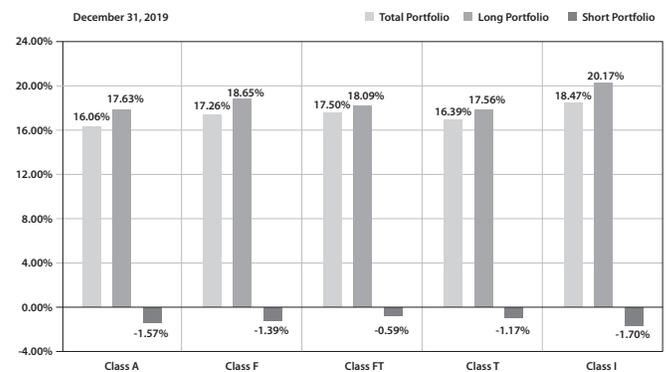
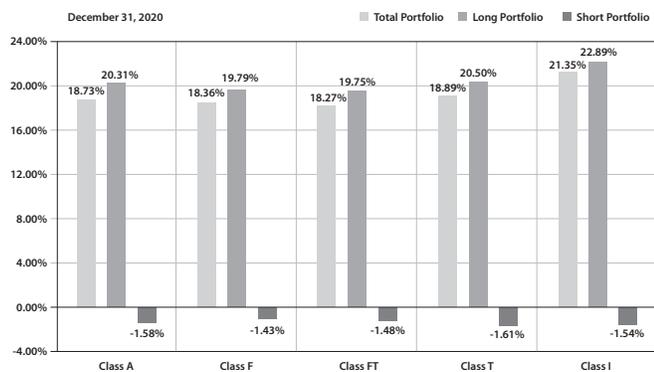
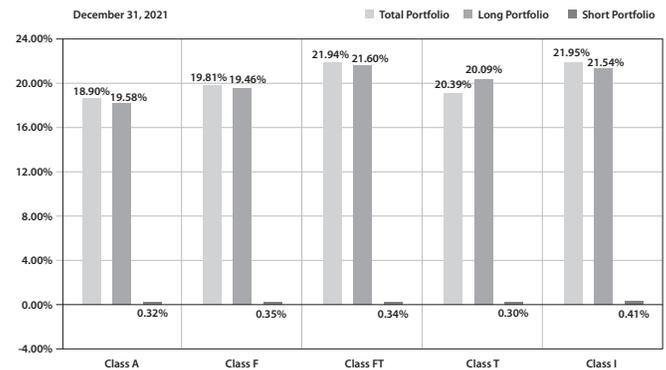
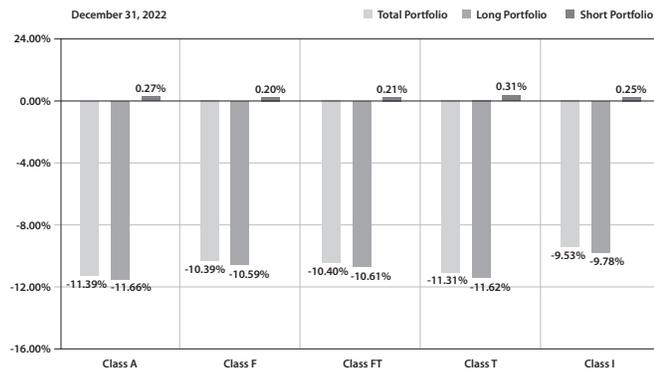
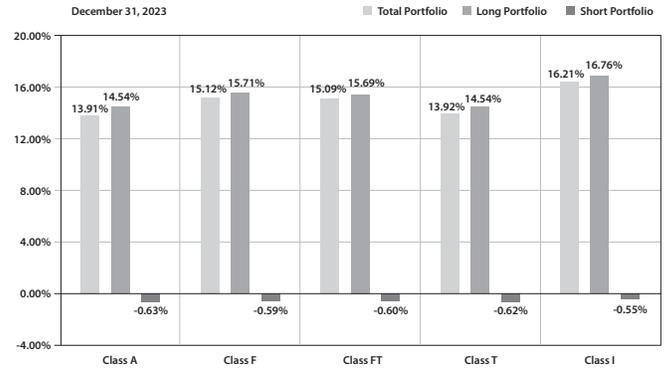
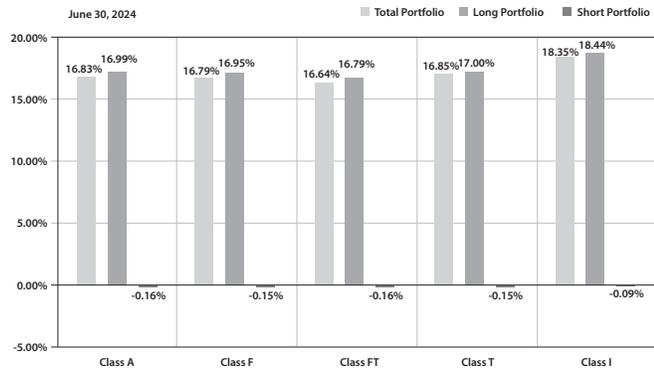
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## PAST PERFORMANCE

This section describes the Fund's performance over the past period since inception. The information shown assumes that any distributions made by the Fund were reinvested in additional units of the Fund. All rates of returns are calculated based on the NAV of the particular series of the Fund. Past returns of the Fund do not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.

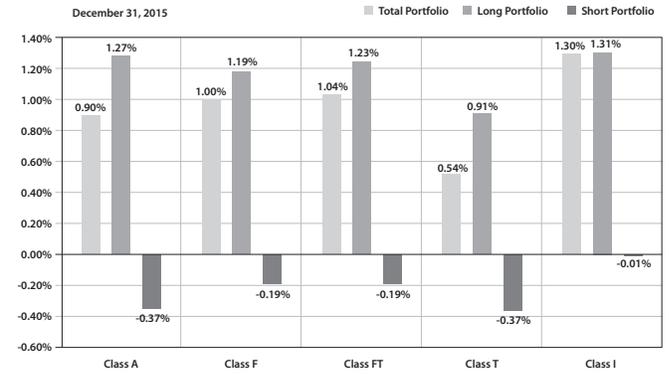
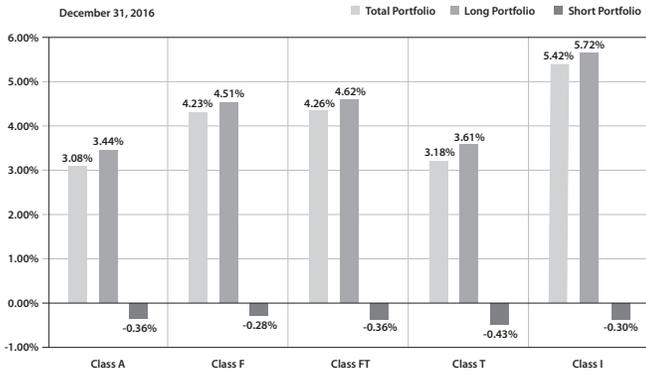
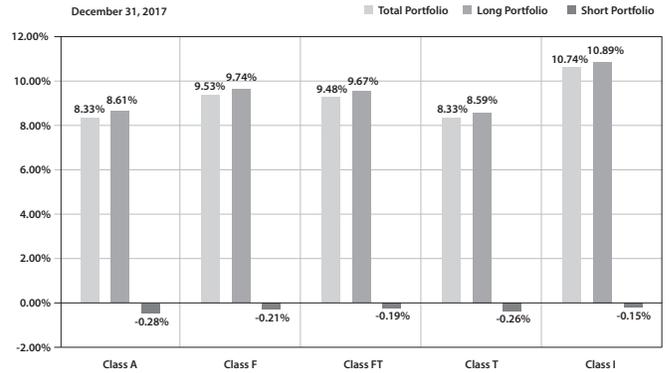
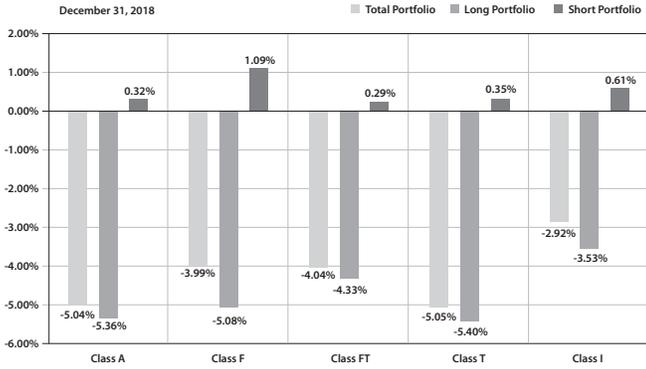
## Year-by-Year>Returns

The following chart indicates the annual performance of each series of the Fund each year from inception on October 29, 2015 to June 30, 2024. The chart shows, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of the period would have grown or decreased by the last day of the period.



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## SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO AS AT JUNE 30, 2024

Portfolio by Category		Top 25 Holdings	
	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)		Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
<b>LONG POSITIONS</b>		<b>LONG POSITIONS</b>	
<b>Canadian Equities</b>	<b>8.7%</b>	Cash	5.5%
Industrial	3.2%	United States Treasury Bill 5.288%, 2024-11-07	5.3%
Energy	2.0%	Microsoft Corp.	4.5%
Materials	1.3%	Apple Inc.	4.5%
Information Technology	1.1%	NVIDIA Corp.	4.3%
Financials	1.1%	Amazon.com Inc.	2.9%
		Eli Lilly & Co.	2.8%
<b>Global Equities</b>	<b>85.0%</b>	Alphabet Inc.	2.7%
United States	57.3%	Meta Platforms Inc.	1.5%
International	27.7%	Progressive Corp.	1.5%
		Mastercard Inc.	1.5%
<b>Global Debt</b>	<b>5.3%</b>	UnitedHealth Group Inc.	1.2%
Short-Term Notes	5.3%	Broadcom Inc.	1.1%
		Canadian Pacific Kansas City Ltd.	1.1%
<b>Derivatives</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	Eaton Corp. PLC	1.0%
<b>Total Long Positions</b>	<b>99.4%</b>	Wells Fargo & Co.	1.0%
		Danaher Corp.	1.0%
<b>SHORT POSITIONS</b>		Exxon Mobil Corp.	0.9%
<b>Canadian Equities</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group Inc.	0.8%
Information Technology	-0.2%	ARC Resources Ltd.	0.8%
		Hitachi Ltd.	0.8%
<b>Global Equities</b>	<b>-4.4%</b>	JPMorgan Chase & Co.	0.8%
United States Equities	-3.6%	OSB Group PLC	0.8%
International Equities	-0.5%	PPL Corp.	0.8%
International Index Equivalents	-0.3%	Mitsui Fudosan Co.	0.8%
		<b>Total Net Asset Value (\$000)</b>	<b>\$110,657</b>
<b>Derivatives</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>		
<b>Total Short Positions</b>	<b>-4.7%</b>		
<b>Cash</b>	<b>5.5%</b>		
<b>Other Liabilities (net)</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>		

The Summary of Investment Portfolio may change due to the ongoing portfolio transactions. A quarterly update is available on our website at [www.pictonmahoney.com](http://www.pictonmahoney.com).

### CAUTION REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This report may contain forward-looking statements about the Fund, its future performance, strategies and events. Forward-looking statements include words such as "anticipates," "believe," "could," "expect," "estimate," "may" or negative versions thereof and similar expressions. By their nature, forward-looking statements make assumptions on future events that are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties. There is significant risk that predictions on the Fund, future events and economic conditions will not prove to be accurate. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and actual results may differ materially from management projected expectations due to factors such as general market and economic conditions, interest rates and foreign currency fluctuations, changes to regulatory requirements and guidelines, changes in technology, effects of competition in the various business areas and unforeseen natural disasters and catastrophes. As a result of these factors, readers of this document are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these statements and before making any investment decisions should clearly consider these factors, among other factors. All opinions contained in the forward-looking statements are subject to change without notice and are provided in good faith, unless required by applicable law.





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