# Interim Management Report of Fund Performance

# **AGF Emerging Markets Bond Fund**

March 31, 2021



# Management Discussion of Fund Performance

This management discussion of fund performance represents the portfolio management team's view of the significant factors and developments affecting the fund's performance and outlook.

#### **Results of Operations**

For the six months ended March 31, 2021, the Mutual Fund Units of AGF Emerging Markets Bond Fund (the "Fund") returned -2.9% (net of expenses) while the J.P. Morgan GBIEM Global Diversified Index and the Blended Benchmark both returned -3.4%. The Blended Benchmark is composed of 40% J.P. Morgan GBIEM Global Diversified Index/35% J.P. Morgan CEMBI Broad Diversified Index/25% J.P. Morgan EMBI Global Index. The performance of the other series of the Fund is substantially similar to that of the Mutual Fund Units, save for differences in expense structure. Refer to "Past Performance" section for performance information of such series.

The Fund out-performed the J.P. Morgan GBIEM Global Diversified Index and the Blended Benchmark due primarily to category allocation. The Fund maintained exposure to emerging markets corporate debt, which is included in the Blended Benchmark. Ongoing stimulus measures globally as well as economic reopening and vaccine rollouts reflected positively on corporate debt. Rate-sensitive government debt also benefited from these factors, but to a lesser extent, as corporate bonds were the best performing category for the reporting period. All categories recorded negative returns, however, as emerging markets debt was negatively impacted by global inflationary concerns and heightened geopolitical risks.

The Fund also hedged a portion of its U.S. dollar exposure, whereas the benchmarks do not. The U.S. dollar weakened by roughly 5.0% during the reporting period, which supported the Fund's relative returns. The Fund's exposure to cash also helped mitigate volatility, reaching as high as around 15.0% towards the end of the reporting period.

The Fund entered into foreign exchange forward contracts during the period under review. As of March 31, 2021, the Fund was long Canadian dollar and short U.S. dollar in order to hedge its currency exposure.

Certain series of the Fund, as applicable, make monthly distributions at a rate determined by AGF Investments Inc. ("AGFI") from time to time. If the aggregate amount of the monthly distributions made to a series in a year exceeds the portion of the net income and net realized capital gains allocated to such series, the excess will constitute a return of capital. The portfolio manager does not believe that the distributions made by the Fund had a meaningful impact on the Fund's ability to implement its investment strategy or to fulfill its investment objectives.

The Fund had net subscriptions of approximately \$77 million for the current period, as compared to net subscriptions of approximately \$188 million in the prior period. Rebalancing by an institutional program resulted in net subscriptions of approximately \$58 million in the Fund. The portfolio manager does not believe that subscription activity had a meaningful impact on the Fund's performance or the ability to implement its investment strategy.

Total before foreign withholding expenses taxes, commissions and other portfolio transaction costs vary period over period mainly as a result of changes in average Net Asset Values (see Explanatory Note (1) a)) and investor activity, such as number of investor accounts and transactions. The increase in management fees accounted for most of the increase in expenses during the period as compared to the previous period due to an increase in average Net Asset Values. Unitholder servicing and administrative fees also increased during the period as a result of the increased average Net Asset Values. Custodian fees increased due to an increase in market value of investment portfolio and interest expense decreased due to a decrease in overdraft positions throughout the period. The increases in registration fees and independent review committee fees were due to variances between the accrued amounts versus the actual expenses incurred in the previous period. All other expenses remained fairly consistent throughout the periods.

#### **Recent Developments**

The bond bull market enjoyed over the past four decades appears to have come to an end as yields have turned higher on the back of economic recovery, ongoing stimulus and related inflation concerns. The question now becomes whether this cyclical bond bear market experienced in recent months extends into a longer term secular bond bear market. The portfolio manager believes the groundwork is gradually being laid for a secular environment with rates unable to fall much further from current levels. While the arguments in favour of sub-zero rates are acknowledged, from a theoretical perspective, the portfolio manager believes paying investors to borrow money is not a sustainable longterm solution and case studies in economies where this strategy has been or is employed show little efficacy. Central bank policy is also a critical factor and today's posturing differs from past regimes. The U.S. Federal Reserve (the "Fed") has turned more tolerant of inflation risk while prioritizing output and employment. This could have ramifications for the future and, if the Fed succeeds, it could be a major contributing factor to a new secular bond bear

This is not to suggest that a shift to a secular bear market is imminent, as historically the transition to sustained higher rates takes place over months, if not years. The portfolio manager believes such a measured shift would make sense in this cycle as well. Debt levels are at a point where the global

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economy simply cannot accommodate a fast reset to much higher rates, and a low rate environment is likely to remain relative to history for some time. Other factors, such as demographics and tech-related disinflation, may also continue to keep a lid on yields.

The portfolio manager expects the trajectory of yields will be more contained in the second calendar quarter of 2021 relative to the first quarter, which may offer rate-sensitive bonds some reprieve. Still, the portfolio manager continues to favour alternative categories including high yield bonds, convertible bonds and preferred shares, which are believed to be better suited to withstand the challenges of a secular bond bear market.

In the portfolio manager's opinion, emerging markets debt may be further challenged. While the category offers higher yields relative to developed markets, emerging markets are more susceptible to inflationary pressures and heightened geopolitical risks. Local-denominated currency valuations are contingent on central bank activity and global reflation, and the portfolio manager's constructive outlook for the U.S. dollar could weigh negatively on external-denominated debt.

The recent international spread of COVID-19 has heightened certain risks associated with investing in the Fund, including liquidity risk. There are many factors that affect liquidity as well as the value of an investment. Those factors generally affect securities markets, including but not limited to general economic and political conditions, fluctuations in interest rates and factors unique to each issuer of the securities held by an investment fund, such as changes in management, strategic direction, achievement of strategic goals, mergers, acquisitions and divestitures, changes in distribution and dividend policies and other events. While the precise impact of the recent COVID-19 outbreak remains unknown, it has introduced uncertainty and volatility in global markets and economies. The duration of the COVID-19 outbreak and its impact cannot be determined with certainty, but it may adversely affect the performance of the Fund. The portfolio manager, however, does not believe any changes to the Fund over the period has affected the overall risk of the Fund.

#### **Related Party Transactions**

AGFI is the manager ("Manager") and trustee of the Fund. Pursuant to the management agreement between the Fund and AGFI, AGFI is responsible for the day-to-day business of the Fund. AGFI also acts as the investment (portfolio) manager, managing the investment portfolio of the Fund. Under the management agreement, the Fund (except for Series I, Series O, Series Q and Series W Units, if applicable) pays management fees, calculated based on the Net Asset Value of the respective series of the Fund. Management fees of approximately \$1,181,000 were incurred by the Fund during the six months ended March 31, 2021.

Certain operating expenses relating to registrar and transfer agency services are paid directly by AGFI and in exchange, a fixed rate administration fee is payable by the Mutual Fund Series, Series F, Series FV, Series I, Series T and Series V Units, as applicable, of the Fund. The administration fee is calculated based on the Net Asset Value of the respective series of the Fund at a fixed annual rate, as disclosed in the

current prospectus. Administration fees of approximately \$180,000 were incurred by the Fund during the six months ended March 31, 2021.

AGFI is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of AGF Management Limited.

#### Caution Regarding Forward-looking Statements

This report may contain forward-looking statements about the Fund, including its strategy, expected performance and condition. 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 action, is also a forward-looking statement. 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.

The forward-looking statements are by their nature based on numerous assumptions, which include, amongst other things, that (i) the Fund can attract and maintain investors and has sufficient capital under management to effect its investment strategies, (ii) the investment strategies will produce the results intended by the portfolio manager, and (iii) the markets will react and perform in a manner consistent with the investment strategies. Although the forward-looking statements contained herein are based upon what the portfolio manager believes to be reasonable assumptions, the portfolio manager cannot assure that actual results will be consistent with these forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance, and actual events and results could differ materially from those expressed or implied in any forwardlooking statements made by the Fund. Any number of important factors could contribute to these digressions, including, but not limited to, general economic, political and market factors in North America and internationally, interest and foreign exchange rates, global equity and capital markets, business competition, taxation, changes in government regulations, unexpected judicial or regulatory proceedings, technological changes, cybersecurity, the possible effects of war or terrorist activities, outbreaks of disease or illness that affect local, national or international economies (such as COVID-19), natural disasters and disruptions to public infrastructure, such as transportation, communications, power or water supply or other catastrophic events.

It should be stressed that the above-mentioned list of factors is not exhaustive. You are encouraged to consider these and other factors carefully before making any investment decisions and you are urged to avoid placing undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Further, you should be aware of the fact that the Fund has no specific intention of updating any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, prior to the release of the next Management Report of Fund Performance.

# **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 six months ended March 31, 2021 and the past five years as applicable.

### Mutual Fund Units - Net Assets per Unit(1)

For the periods ended	Mar 31, 2021 (\$)	Sept 30, 2020 (\$)	Sept 30, 2019 (\$)	Sept 30, 2018 (\$)	Sept 30, 2017 (\$)	Sept 30, 2016 (\$)
Net Assets, beginning of period <sup>(1)</sup>	9.70	9.77	9.50	9.99	10.32	10.19
Increase (decrease) from operation	s:					
Total revenue	0.21	0.45	0.55	0.51	0.54	0.59
Total expenses	(0.09)	(0.19)	(0.19)	(0.20)	(0.21)	(0.20)
Realized gains (losses)	0.03	0.19	(0.07)	(0.05)	0.09	(0.05)
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.44)	(0.40)	0.35	(0.38)	(0.43)	0.31
Total increase (decrease) from						
operations <sup>(2)</sup>	(0.29)	0.05	0.64	(0.12)	(0.01)	0.65
Distributions:						
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.12)	(0.23)	(0.35)	(0.32)	(0.29)	(0.32)
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	(0.03)	(0.09)	-	-	(0.04)	(0.20)
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total annual distributions <sup>(3)</sup> Net Assets, end of period <sup>(4)</sup>	(0.15) 9.27	(0.32) 9.70	(0.35) 9.77	(0.32) 9.50	(0.33) 9.99	(0.52) 10.32

### Mutual Fund Units - Ratios/Supplemental Data(1)

For the periods ended	Mar 31, 2021	Sept 30, 2020	Sept 30, 2019	Sept 30, 2018	Sept 30, 2017	Sept 30, 2016
Total Net Asset Value (\$000's)	194.485	193.564	9.605	10.920	15.232	19.287
Number of units outstanding (000's)	20.978	19.962	983	1.150	1.525	1,868
Management expense ratio <sup>(5)</sup>	1.87%	1.87%	1.91%	1.92%	1.92%	1.92%
Management expense ratio before waivers or						
absorptions <sup>(6)</sup>	1.91%	1.91%	2.03%	2.04%	2.03%	2.01%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(7)</sup>	0.00%	0.00%	_	_	0.00%	0.00%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(8)</sup>	15.66%	19.46%	58.92%	53.04%	62.35%	46.07%
Net Asset Value per unit	9.27	9.70	9.77	9.50	9.99	10.32

#### Series F Units - Net Assets per Unit(1)

For the periods ended	Mar 31, 2021 (\$)	Sept 30, 2020 (\$)	Sept 30, 2019 (\$)	Sept 30, 2018 (\$)	Sept 30, 2017 (\$)	Sept 30, 2016 (\$)
Net Assets, beginning of period <sup>(1)</sup>	9.80	9.82	9.55	10.04	10.36	10.23
Increase (decrease) from operation	s:					
Total revenue	0.21	0.48	0.56	0.51	0.54	0.51
Total expenses	(0.05)	(0.11)	(0.10)	(0.12)	(0.12)	(0.11)
Realized gains (losses)	0.01	0.18	(0.09)	0.05	0.09	0.04
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.44)	(0.28)	0.35	(0.29)	(0.46)	0.30
Total increase (decrease) from						
operations <sup>(2)</sup>	(0.27)	0.27	0.72	0.15	0.05	0.74
Distributions:						
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.15)	(0.26)	(0.44)	(0.40)	(0.36)	(0.43)
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	(0.02)	(0.10)	-	-	(0.04)	(0.20)
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total annual distributions <sup>(3)</sup> Net Assets, end of period <sup>(4)</sup>	(0.17) 9.38	(0.36) 9.80	(0.44) 9.82	(0.40) 9.55	(0.40) 10.04	(0.63) 10.36

# Series F Units - Ratios/Supplemental Data<sup>(1)</sup>

For the periods ended	Mar 31, 2021	Sept 30, 2020	Sept 30, 2019	Sept 30, 2018	Sept 30, 2017	Sept 30, 2016
Total Net Asset Value (\$000's)	1,103	942	1,298	1,554	6,036	5,942
Number of units outstanding (000's)	118	96	132	163	601	574
Management expense ratio <sup>(5)</sup>	1.03%	1.02%	1.03%	1.06%	1.06%	1.05%
Management expense ratio before waivers or						
absorptions <sup>(6)</sup>	1.70%	1.60%	1.56%	1.41%	1.35%	1.30%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(7)</sup>	0.00%	0.00%	_	_	0.00%	0.00%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(8)</sup>	15.66%	19.46%	58.92%	53.04%	62.35%	46.07%
Net Asset Value per unit	9.38	9.80	9.82	9.55	10.04	10.36

### Series I Units - Net Assets per Unit(1)

For the periods ended	Mar 31, 2021 (\$)	Sept 30, 2020 (\$)	Sept 30, 2019 (\$)	Sept 30, 2018 (\$)	Sept 30, 2017 (\$)	Sept 30, 2016 (\$)
Net Assets, beginning of period <sup>(1)</sup>	9.78	9.80	9.53	10.00*	_	_
Increase (decrease) from operations	5:					
Total revenue	0.21	0.48	0.56	0.37	-	-
Total expenses	(0.00)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)	-	-
Realized gains (losses)	0.04	0.18	(0.07)	(0.15)	-	-
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.50)	(0.24)	0.40	(0.41)	-	-
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup>	(0.25)	0.40	0.87	(0.21)	_	_
Distributions:						
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.19)	(0.32)	(0.53)	(0.36)	-	-
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	(0.03)	(0.13)	-	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total annual distributions <sup>(3)</sup>	(0.22)	(0.45)	(0.53)	(0.36)	-	-
Net Assets, end of period <sup>(4)</sup>	9.36	9.78	9.80	9.53	-	-

### Series I Units - Ratios/Supplemental Data<sup>(1)</sup>

For the periods ended	Mar 31, 2021	Sept 30, 2020	Sept 30, 2019	Sept 30, 2018	Sept 30, 2017	Sept 30, 2016
Total Net Asset Value (\$000's)	192,721	133,936	142,859	141,392	-	_
Number of units outstanding (000's)	20,580	13,697	14,573	14,837	-	-
Management expense ratio <sup>(5)</sup>	0.09%	0.11%	0.12%	0.09%	-	-
Management expense ratio before waivers or						
absorptions <sup>(6)</sup>	0.09%	0.11%	0.12%	0.09%	_	-
Trading expense ratio <sup>(7)</sup>	0.00%	0.00%	_	_	_	-
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(8)</sup>	15.66%	19.46%	58.92%	53.04%	_	-
Net Asset Value per unit	9.36	9.78	9.80	9.53	-	-

## Series Q Units - Net Assets per Unit(1)

For the periods ended	Mar 31, 2021 (\$)	Sept 30, 2020 (\$)	Sept 30, 2019 (\$)	Sept 30, 2018 (\$)	Sept 30, 2017 (\$)	Sept 30, 2016 (\$)
Net Assets, beginning of period <sup>(1)</sup>	9.71	9.73	9.46	9.95	10.26	10.15
Increase (decrease) from operation	s:					
Total revenue	0.21	0.47	0.56	0.51	0.54	0.56
Total expenses	(0.00)	(0.01)	(0.00)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.00)
Realized gains (losses)	0.03	0.17	(0.08)	(0.04)	0.12	(0.02)
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.46)	(0.20)	0.19	(0.30)	(0.34)	0.31
Total increase (decrease) from						
operations <sup>(2)</sup>	(0.22)	0.43	0.67	0.16	0.31	0.85
Distributions:						
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.19)	(0.33)	(0.53)	(0.51)	(0.44)	(0.54)
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	(0.03)	(0.13)	-	-	(0.05)	(0.20)
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total annual distributions <sup>(3)</sup> Net Assets, end of period <sup>(4)</sup>	(0.22) 9.30	(0.46) 9.71	(0.53) 9.73	(0.51) 9.46	(0.49) 9.95	(0.74) 10.26

<sup>\*</sup> represents initial Net Assets (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7) and (8) see Explanatory Notes

#### Series Q Units - Ratios/Supplemental Data<sup>(1)</sup>

For the periods ended	Mar 31, 2021	Sept 30, 2020	Sept 30, 2019	Sept 30, 2018	Sept 30, 2017	Sept 30, 2016
Total Net Asset Value (\$000's)	203	288	279	167	222	785
Number of units outstanding (000's)	22	30	29	18	22	77
Management expense ratio <sup>(5)</sup>	0.01%	0.01%	0.00%	-	-	-
Management expense ratio before waivers or						
absorptions <sup>(6)</sup>	1.27%	1.32%	1.83%	2.29%	1.09%	0.13%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(7)</sup>	0.00%	0.00%	_	_	0.00%	0.00%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(8)</sup>	15.66%	19.46%	58.92%	53.04%	62.35%	46.07%
Net Asset Value per unit	9.30	9.71	9.73	9.46	9.95	10.26

#### Series W Units - Net Assets per Unit(1)

For the periods ended	Mar 31, 2021 (\$)	Sept 30, 2020 (\$)	Sept 30, 2019 (\$)	Sept 30, 2018 (\$)	Sept 30, 2017 (\$)	Sept 30, 2016 (\$)
Net Assets, beginning of period <sup>(1)</sup>	9.93	9.92	9.58	10.00*	-	_
Increase (decrease) from operations	5:					
Total revenue	0.02	0.06	0.10	0.02	-	-
Total expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Realized gains (losses)	0.02	0.19	(0.08)	(0.23)	-	-
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.39)	(0.24)	0.32	(0.21)	-	-
Total increase (decrease) from						
operations <sup>(2)</sup>	(0.35)	0.01	0.34	(0.42)	-	-
Distributions:						
From income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total annual distributions <sup>(3)</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Assets, end of period <sup>(4)</sup>	9.58	9.93	9.92	9.58	-	-

#### Series W Units - Ratios/Supplemental Data<sup>(1)</sup>

For the periods ended	Mar 31, 2021	Sept 30, 2020	Sept 30, 2019	Sept 30, 2018	Sept 30, 2017	Sept 30, 2016
Total Net Asset Value (\$000's)	1	1	1	1	-	_
Number of units outstanding (000's)	1	1	1	1	-	-
Management expense ratio <sup>(5)</sup>	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-
Management expense ratio before waivers or						
absorptions <sup>(6)</sup>	35462.39%	35429.99%	35538.78%	89.53%	_	_
Trading expense ratio <sup>(7)</sup>	0.00%	0.00%	_	_	_	_
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(8)</sup>	15.66%	19.46%	58.92%	53.04%	_	_
Net Asset Value per unit	9.58	9.93	9.92	9.58	-	-

#### **Explanatory Notes**

- (1) a) This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements and unaudited interim financial statements. Under International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), investments that are traded in an active market are generally valued at closing price, which is determined to be within the bidask spread and most representative of fair value. As a result, there is no difference between the net assets per unit presented in the financial statements ("Net Assets") and the net asset value per unit calculated for fund pricing purposes ("Net Asset Value").
  - b) The following series of the Fund commenced operations on the following dates, which represents the date upon which securities of a series were first made available for purchase by investors.

Mutual Fund Units	November 2010
Series F Units	November 2010
Series I Units	January 2018
Series Q Units	December 2012
Series W Units	May 2018

- (2) 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.
- (3) Distributions were paid in cash/reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both. The computation of the distributions per unit does not take into account the management fee distributions (see note 5 below). The characterization of the distributions is based on management's estimate of the actual income for the year.
- (4) This is not a reconciliation of the beginning and ending Net Assets per unit.
- (5) The management expense ratio ("MER") of a particular series is calculated in accordance with National Instrument 81-106, based on all the expenses of the Fund (including Harmonized Sales Tax, Goods and Services Tax and interest, but excluding foreign withholding taxes, commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) and the Fund's proportionate share of the MER, if applicable, of the underlying funds and exchange traded funds ("ETFs") in which the Fund has invested, allocated to that series, expressed as an annualized percentage of average daily Net Asset Value of that series during the period. For new series launched, the MER is annualized from the date of the first external purchase.

AGFI may reduce the effective management fee payable by some unitholders by reducing the management fee it charges to the Fund and directing the Fund to make management fee distributions to these unitholders in amounts equal to the amounts of the management fee reduction. The MER does not take into account the reduction in management fees due to management fee distributions to unitholders.

- (6) AGFI waived certain fees or absorbed certain expenses otherwise payable by the Fund. The amount of expenses waived or absorbed is determined annually on a series by series basis at the discretion of AGFI and AGFI can terminate the waiver or absorption at any time.
- (7) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs, including the Fund's proportionate share of the commissions, if applicable, of the underlying funds and ETFs in which the Fund has invested, expressed as an annualized percentage of average daily Net Asset Value during the period.
- (8) The Fund's portfolio turnover rate ("PTR") indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio advisor manages its portfolio investments. A PTR 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 PTR 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

<sup>\*</sup> represents initial Net Assets (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7) and (8) see Explanatory Notes

capital gains in the year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a fund.

PTR is calculated based on the lesser of the cumulative cost of purchases or cumulative proceeds of sales divided by the average market value of the portfolio, excluding short-term investments.

# **Management Fees**

The Fund is managed by AGFI. As a result of providing investment and management services, AGFI receives a monthly management fee, based on the Net Asset Value of the respective series, calculated daily and payable monthly. Management fees in respect of Series I, Series O, Series Q and Series W Units, if applicable, are arranged directly between the Manager and investors and are not expenses of the Fund. AGFI uses these management fees to pay for sales and trailing commissions to registered dealers on the distribution of the Fund's units, investment advice, as well as for general administrative expenses such as overhead, salaries, rent, legal and accounting fees relating to AGFI's role as manager.

		As a percent	ercentage of management fees				
	Annual rates		General administration and investment advice				
Mutual Fund Units	1.50%	2.04%	97.96%				
Series F Units	0.90%	-	100.00%				

## Past Performance\*

The performance information shown assumes that all distributions made by the Fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional securities of the Fund. Note that the performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges that would have reduced returns or performance. How the Fund has performed in the past does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.

It is AGFI's policy to report rates of return for series in existence greater than one year. The performance start date for each series represents the date of the first purchase of such series, excluding seed money. Series W Units commenced operations in May 2018 with no external purchase to date.

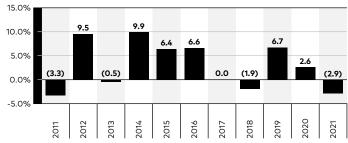
All rates of return are calculated based on the Net Asset Value.

#### Year-By-Year Returns

The following bar charts show the Fund's annual performance for each of the past 10 years to September 30, 2020 (interim performance for the six months ended March 31, 2021) as applicable, and illustrate how the Fund's performance has changed from year to year. The

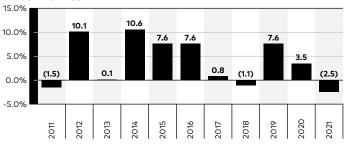
charts show, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of each financial period would have grown or decreased by the last day of each financial period.

#### **Mutual Fund Units**



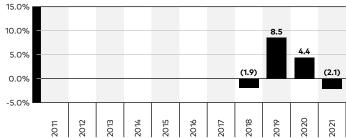
Performance for 2011 represents returns for the period from November 29, 2010 to September 30, 2011.

#### Series F Units



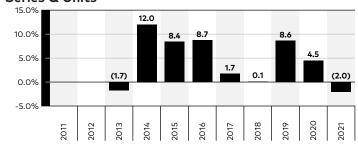
Performance for 2011 represents returns for the period from December 3, 2010 to September 30, 2011.

#### Series I Units



Performance for 2018 represents returns for the period from January 10, 2018 to September 30, 2018.

## Series Q Units



Performance for 2013 represents returns for the period from December 11, 2012 to September 30, 2013.

<sup>\*</sup> The indicated rates of return shown here are the historical returns including changes in security value and reinvestment of all distributions and do not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges by any securityholder that would have reduced returns or performance. Mutual funds are not guaranteed, their values change frequently and past performance may not be repeated.

# **Summary of Investment Portfolio** As at March 31, 2021

The major portfolio categories and top holdings (up to 25) of the Fund at the end of the period are indicated in the following tables. The Summary of Investment Portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund and the next quarterly update will be in the Quarterly Portfolio Disclosure as at June 30, 2021.

Portfolio by Country	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
Cash & Cash Equivalents	14.4
United States	10.6
Mexico	7.5
Brazil	6.1
China	6.0
Colombia	4.5
South Africa	4.0
United Kingdom	3.8
Poland	3.4
Chile	3.3
Russia	3.3
Peru	3.0
Turkey	2.5
United Arab Emirates	2.4
Malaysia	2.3
Indonesia	1.9
Czech Republic	1.9
Hungary	1.7
Canada	1.4
Thailand	1.4
Macau	1.3
Hong Kong	1.3
The Philippines	1.1
Israel	1.0
Luxembourg	1.0
Ukraine	0.9
Romania	0.8
Austria	0.8
Egypt	0.8
Singapore	0.5
El Salvador	0.5
Jamaica	0.5
Ghana	0.5
Ecuador	0.4
Argentina	0.4
Dominican Republic	0.3
Mongolia	0.3
Oman	0.3
Paraguay	0.2
Senegal	0.2
Panama	0.2
Sri Lanka	0.1
Ethiopia	0.1
Belize	0.1
Morocco	0.1
Foreign Exchange Forward Contracts	(0.0)

Portfolio by Sector	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
Emerging Markets Bonds	56.9
Cash & Cash Equivalents	14.4
Government Bonds	12.2
Supranational Bonds	5.7
High Yield Bonds	4.7
Corporate Bonds	4.3
ETFs – United States Equity	0.9
Foreign Exchange Forward Contracts	(0.0)

Portfolio by Asset Mix	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
International Fixed Income	72.7
Cash & Cash Equivalents	14.4
United States Fixed Income	9.7
Canadian Fixed Income	1.4
United States Equity	0.9
Foreign Exchange Forward Contracts	(0.0)

Portfolio by Credit Rating <sup>™</sup>	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
AAA	10.5
AA	0.7
A	29.1
BBB	17.9
BB	14.3
В	6.9
CCC	2.3
CC	0.1
C	0.1
Not Rated	16.3

Top Holdings	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
Cash & Cash Equivalents	14.4
U.S. Treasury**	6.6
Federal Republic of Brazil**	5.6
United Mexican States**	5.5
People's Republic of China**	4.5
Republic of South Africa**	4.0
European Bank for Reconstruction and Development**	3.8
Republic of Colombia**	3.5
Republic of Poland**	3.4
Russian Federation**	3.3
Government of Malaysia**	2.3
Republic of Chile**	2.2
Republic of Peru**	2.1
Republic of Indonesia**	1.9
Republic of Czech**	1.8
Republic of Hungary**	1.7
Kingdom of Thailand**	1.4
DP World Limited**	1.3
Wynn Macau Limited**	1.3
JPMorgan Chase Bank NA**	1.2
Turkcell lletisim Hizmetleri AS**	1.2
Inter-American Development Bank**	1.2
Petroleos Mexicanos**	1.1
Republic of the Philippines**	1.1
Abu Dhabi National Energy Company PJSC**	1.1
Total Net Asset Value (thousands of dollars)	\$ 388,513

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>††</sup> References made to credit ratings are obtained from Standard & Poor's and/or Dominion Bond Rating Service. Where one or more rating is obtained for a security, the lowest rating has been used.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Debt Instruments



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