

# MACKENZIE CANADIAN SHORT TERM FIXED INCOME ETF

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

*For the Year Ended March 31, 2024*

*This Annual Management Report of Fund Performance contains financial highlights but does not contain the complete annual financial statements of the exchange-traded fund ("ETF"). You may obtain a copy of the annual financial statements, at no cost, by calling the toll-free number 1-800-387-0614, by writing to us at Mackenzie Financial Corporation, 180 Queen Street West, Toronto, Ontario M5V 3K1, by visiting our website at [www.mackenzieinvestments.com](http://www.mackenzieinvestments.com) or by visiting the SEDAR+ website at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).*

*Unitholders may also contact us using one of these methods to request a copy of the ETF's interim financial report, proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record or quarterly portfolio disclosure. For more information, please refer to the ETF's Prospectus and ETF Facts, which may also be obtained, at no cost, using any of the methods outlined above.*

*For the ETF's current net asset value per unit and for more recent information on general market events, please visit our website.*

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## Management Discussion of Fund Performance

June 4, 2024

This Management Discussion of Fund Performance presents the portfolio management team's view on the significant factors and developments that have affected the ETF's performance and outlook in the year ended March 31, 2024 (the "period"). If the ETF was established during the period, "period" represents the period since inception.

In this report, "Mackenzie" and "the Manager" refer to Mackenzie Financial Corporation, the manager of the ETF. In addition, net asset value ("NAV") refers to the value of the ETF as calculated for subscription and redemption purposes, on which the discussion of ETF performance is based.

Please read *A Note on Forward-Looking Statements* on the first page of this document.

### Investment Objective and Strategies

The ETF seeks a steady flow of income with an emphasis on capital preservation by investing mainly in fixed income securities issued in Canada by governments, government-related entities and corporations. It will generally invest in high-quality fixed income securities with relatively shorter terms to maturity and may hold up to 40% of its assets in foreign investments.

### Risk

The risks of the ETF remain as discussed in the ETF's Prospectus.

The ETF is suitable for short-term investors looking for a Canadian fixed income fund to hold as part of their portfolio, who can handle the volatility of bond markets and who have a low tolerance for risk.

### Results of Operations

#### Investment Performance

During the period, the ETF returned 4.7% (after deducting fees and expenses). This compares with a return of 2.1% for the ETF's broad-based index, the FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index, and a return of 3.5% for the ETF's narrow index, the FTSE Canada Short Term Bond Index. All index returns are calculated on a total return basis in Canadian dollar terms. Investors cannot invest in an index without incurring fees, expenses and commissions, which are not reflected in the index returns.

The Bank of Canada paused interest rate increases in the period, holding its policy rate at 5.00% after two 25-basis-point rises. Treasury yields reached peak levels and then fell in response to the policy shift. Wage growth moderated but remained around 5%. Inflation decreased significantly because of slower food price growth, and the Consumer Price Index ended the period near 3%. The Bank of Canada continued to express concerns about inflation but signalled the possibility of a policy rate cut later in 2024 backed by weaker economic data.

The ETF outperformed the broad-based index, with its shorter overall duration (lower sensitivity to interest rates) contributing to performance. The ETF's overweight exposure to corporate bonds also contributed to performance. Given the ETF's mandate, the return of the narrow index is a more meaningful comparison.

The ETF outperformed the narrow index, with overweight exposure to corporate bonds, particularly in the financial sector, contributing to performance. Underweight exposure to federal bonds also contributed to performance.

Over the period, the portfolio management team increased exposure to higher-yielding corporate bonds while decreasing exposure to federal bonds and deploying cash, in order to capture a capital gain opportunity.

### Net Assets

The ETF's net assets decreased by 51.2% during the period to \$12.5 million. This change was composed primarily of \$0.8 million in net income (including any interest and/or dividend income) from investment performance, after deducting fees and expenses, and a decrease of \$13.9 million due to net unitholder activity (including sales, redemptions and cash distributions).

### Recent Developments

The portfolio management team believes that while policy interest rates in Canada have peaked, the Bank of Canada's actions will be data dependent and the path for interest rates will be uneven. Given weakening economic indicators and restrictive financial conditions, which may lead to more accommodative monetary policy, the team favours duration in Canada. The team expects opportunities to increase the ETF's duration during selloffs when market pricing underestimates policy rate reductions.

### Related Party Transactions

#### Management Fees

The management expense ratio ("MER") for the ETF during the year ended March 31, 2024, was similar to the MER for the year ended March 31, 2023. Total expenses paid vary from period to period mainly as a result of changes in average assets in the ETF. The MERs are presented in the *Financial Highlights* section of this report. The ETF paid management fees to the Manager at the annual rate of 0.35%.

The management fee for the ETF is calculated and accrued daily as a percentage of its NAV. The ETF's management fees were used by the Manager to pay for the costs of managing the investment portfolio of the ETF, including providing investment analysis and recommendations, making investment decisions, making brokerage arrangements for the purchase and sale of the investment portfolio and providing other services, and to pay for all costs and expenses (other than certain specified fund costs as more fully described in the Prospectus) required to operate the ETF.

#### Other Related Party Transactions

During the period, the ETF received \$0.001 million in income distributions from investments in other ETFs managed by Mackenzie to offset fees paid within those ETFs. There is no assurance that these distributions will continue in the future.

The ETF did not rely on an approval, positive recommendation or standing instruction from the Mackenzie Funds' Independent Review Committee with respect to any related party transactions in the period.

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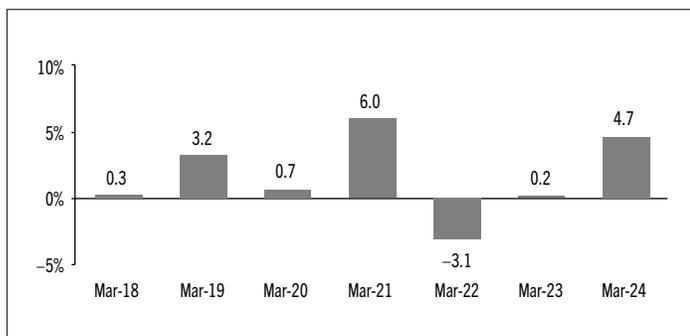
## Past Performance

The ETF's performance information assumes all distributions made by the ETF in the periods presented are reinvested in additional units of the ETF. The performance information does not take into account brokerage commissions or income taxes payable by any investor that would have reduced returns or performance. The past performance of the ETF is not necessarily an indication of how it will perform in the future.

If you hold this ETF outside of a registered plan, income and capital gains distributions paid to you increase your income for tax purposes whether paid to you in cash or reinvested in additional units of the ETF. The amount of reinvested taxable distributions is added to the adjusted cost base of the units that you own. This would decrease your capital gain or increase your capital loss when you later sell from the ETF, thereby ensuring that you are not taxed on this amount again. Please consult your tax advisor regarding your personal tax situation.

## Year-by-Year Returns

The following bar chart presents the performance of the ETF for each of the fiscal periods shown. The chart shows, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of each fiscal period, or on the ETF's inception date (November 22, 2017), as applicable, would have increased or decreased by the last day of the fiscal period presented.



## Annual Compound Returns

The following table compares the historical annual compound total returns for the ETF with the relevant index or indices shown below for each of the periods ended March 31, 2024. Investors cannot invest in an index without incurring fees, expenses and commissions, which are not reflected in these performance figures.

All index returns are calculated in Canadian dollars on a total return basis, meaning that all dividend payments, interest income accruals and interest payments are reinvested.

| Percentage Return:                             | 1 Yr | 3 Yr | 5 Yr | 10 Yr | Since Inception |
|--|------|------|------|-------|-----------------|
| Mackenzie Canadian Short Term Fixed Income ETF | 4.7  | 0.5  | 1.6  | n/a   | 1.8             |
| FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index*               | 2.1  | -1.5 | 0.3  | n/a   | 1.0             |
| FTSE Canada Short Term Bond Index              | 3.5  | 0.2  | 1.3  | n/a   | 1.6             |

\* Broad-based index

The FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index is a broad measure of Canadian bonds with terms to maturity of more than one year. It includes federal, provincial, municipal and corporate bonds rated "BBB" or higher.

The FTSE Canada Short Term Bond Index is an index of Canadian bonds with terms to maturity of one to five years and rated "BBB" or higher.

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## Summary of Investment Portfolio at March 31, 2024

| PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION        | % OF NAV |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Bonds                       | 102.6    |
| Bonds                       | 97.2     |
| Long bond futures*          | 5.4      |
| Exchange-traded funds/notes | 1.6      |
| Other assets (liabilities)  | 0.6      |
| Equities                    | 0.1      |
| Purchased swap options**    | –        |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | (4.9)    |

| REGIONAL ALLOCATION        | % OF NAV |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Canada                     | 95.4     |
| United States              | 7.3      |
| United Kingdom             | 0.7      |
| Other assets (liabilities) | 0.6      |
| Ireland                    | 0.3      |
| Australia                  | 0.3      |
| Luxembourg                 | 0.2      |
| Japan                      | 0.1      |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | (4.9)    |

| SECTOR ALLOCATION           | % OF NAV |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Corporate bonds             | 66.5     |
| Federal bonds               | 18.1     |
| Provincial bonds            | 16.1     |
| Exchange-traded funds/notes | 1.6      |
| Foreign government bonds    | 0.9      |
| Mortgage backed             | 0.8      |
| Other assets (liabilities)  | 0.6      |
| Term loans                  | 0.2      |
| Utilities                   | 0.1      |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | (4.9)    |

| BONDS BY CREDIT RATING† | % OF NAV |
|-------------------------|----------|
| AAA                     | 13.5     |
| AA                      | 6.5      |
| A                       | 38.1     |
| BBB                     | 26.3     |
| Less than BBB           | 2.0      |
| Unrated                 | 10.8     |

\* Notional values represent 5.4% of NAV for long bond futures.

\*\* Notional values represent 5.7% of NAV for purchased swap options.

† Credit ratings and rating categories are based on ratings issued by a designated rating organization.

## TOP 25 POSITIONS % OF NAV

| Issuer/Underlying Fund  | % OF NAV |
|---|----------|
| Government of Canada 3.25% 09-01-2028                           | 10.2     |
| Province of Ontario 2.40% 06-02-2026                            | 6.2      |
| Province of Ontario 3.60% 03-08-2028                            | 3.4      |
| Province of Ontario 3.40% 09-08-2028                            | 2.9      |
| Province of Quebec 2.75% 09-01-2028                             | 2.7      |
| National Bank of Canada F/R 08-18-2026 Callable 2025            | 2.4      |
| AltaLink LP 2.75% 05-29-2026 Callable                           | 2.2      |
| Rogers Communications Inc. 3.10% 04-15-2025                     | 2.0      |
| Bell Canada Inc. 3.60% 09-29-2027 Callable 2027                 | 1.8      |
| Fédération des Caisses Desjardins du Québec 4.41% 05-19-2027    | 1.8      |
| Government of Canada 4.25% 12-01-2026 Real Return               | 1.7      |
| Royal Bank of Canada F/R 02-01-2033                             | 1.7      |
| Apple Inc. 2.51% 08-19-2024 Callable 2024                       | 1.5      |
| Enbridge Inc. 5.37% 09-27-2077 Callable 2027                    | 1.4      |
| Hydro One Inc. 4.91% 01-27-2028                                 | 1.4      |
| Manulife Financial Corp. F/R 03-10-2033                         | 1.2      |
| Choice Properties Real Estate Investment Trust 2.85% 05-21-2027 | 1.1      |
| Mackenzie Canadian Short-Term Bond Index ETF                    | 1.1      |
| Gibson Energy Inc. 5.80% 07-12-2026                             | 1.1      |
| Bank of Montreal 4.54% 12-18-2028                               | 1.0      |
| TransCanada PipeLines Ltd. 5.42% 03-10-2026                     | 1.0      |
| United States Treasury 0.50% 04-15-2024 Inflation Indexed       | 0.9      |
| OMERS Finance Trust 1.55% 04-21-2027                            | 0.9      |
| North West Redwater Partnership Co. Ltd. 2.80% 06-01-2027       | 0.9      |
| The Toronto-Dominion Bank 4.48% 01-18-2028                      | 0.8      |

| Top long positions as a percentage of total net asset value | % OF NAV |
|---|----------|
|   | 53.3     |

The ETF held no short positions at the end of the period.

For the prospectus and other information about the underlying fund(s) held in the portfolio, visit [www.mackenzieinvestments.com](http://www.mackenzieinvestments.com) or [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

The investments and percentages may have changed since March 31, 2024, due to the ongoing portfolio transactions of the ETF. Quarterly updates of holdings are available within 60 days of the end of each quarter except for March 31, the ETF's fiscal year-end, when they are available within 90 days.

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## Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about the ETF and are intended to help you understand the ETF's financial performance for each of the fiscal periods presented below. In the period when the ETF was established, "period" represents the period from inception to the end of that fiscal period. The inception date can be found under *Past Performance*.

### THE ETF'S NET ASSETS PER SECURITY (\$)¹

| CAD Units (Ticker: MCSB)                                  | Mar. 31<br>2024 | Mar. 31<br>2023 | Mar. 31<br>2022 | Mar. 31<br>2021 | Mar. 31<br>2020 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Net assets, beginning of period</b>                    | <b>18.99</b>    | <b>19.43</b>    | <b>20.43</b>    | <b>19.77</b>    | <b>20.00</b>    |
| <b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>               |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Total revenue   | 0.72            | 0.56            | 0.47            | 0.50            | 0.60            |
| Total expenses  | (0.06)          | (0.06)          | (0.07)          | (0.08)          | (0.08)          |
| Realized gains (losses) for the period                    | (0.62)          | (0.85)          | (0.13)          | 0.22            | 0.14            |
| Unrealized gains (losses) for the period                  | 0.77            | 0.31            | (0.85)          | 0.46            | (0.38)          |
| <b>Total increase (decrease) from operations²</b>         | <b>0.81</b>     | <b>(0.04)</b>   | <b>(0.58)</b>   | <b>1.10</b>     | <b>0.28</b>     |
| <b>Distributions:</b>                                     |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| From net investment income (excluding Canadian dividends) | (0.63)          | (0.44)          | (0.38)          | (0.51)          | (0.42)          |
| From Canadian dividends                                   | -               | -               | -               | -               | -               |
| From capital gains  | -               | -               | (0.01)          | -               | -               |
| Return of capital   | -               | -               | -               | -               | -               |
| <b>Total annual distributions³</b>                        | <b>(0.63)</b>   | <b>(0.44)</b>   | <b>(0.39)</b>   | <b>(0.51)</b>   | <b>(0.42)</b>   |
| <b>Net assets, end of period</b>                          | <b>19.23</b>    | <b>18.99</b>    | <b>19.43</b>    | <b>20.43</b>    | <b>19.77</b>    |

(1) These calculations are prescribed by securities regulations and are not intended to be a reconciliation between opening and closing net assets per unit. This information is derived from the ETF's audited annual financial statements. The net assets per unit presented in the financial statements may differ from the net asset value per unit calculated for ETF pricing purposes. An explanation of these differences, if any, can be found in the *Notes to Financial Statements*.

(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 fiscal period.

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

## RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

| CAD Units (Ticker: MCSB)                                    | Mar. 31<br>2024 | Mar. 31<br>2023 | Mar. 31<br>2022 | Mar. 31<br>2021 | Mar. 31<br>2020 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Total net asset value (\$000)¹                              | 12,495          | 25,631          | 24,287          | 25,539          | 18,779          |
| Units outstanding (000)¹                                    | 650             | 1,350           | 1,250           | 1,250           | 950             |
| Management expense ratio (%)²                               | 0.39            | 0.40            | 0.39            | 0.39            | 0.39            |
| Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)² | 0.39            | 0.40            | 0.39            | 0.39            | 0.39            |
| Trading expense ratio (%)³                                  | -               | -               | -               | -               | -               |
| Trading expense ratio before reimbursements (%)³            | -               | -               | -               | -               | -               |
| Portfolio turnover rate (%)⁴                                | 111.54          | 75.83           | 99.29           | 128.78          | 212.50          |
| Net asset value per unit (\$)                               | 19.22           | 18.99           | 19.43           | 20.43           | 19.77           |
| Closing market price (\$)⁵                                  | 19.24           | 18.99           | 19.44           | 20.44           | 19.61           |

(1) This information is provided as at the end of the fiscal period shown.

(2) Management expense ratio ("MER") is based on total expenses, excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs, income taxes and withholding taxes, for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net assets during the period, except as noted. If the ETF was established in the period, the MER is annualized from the date of inception to the end of the period. Where the ETF directly invests in securities of another fund (including other ETFs), the MER presented for the ETF includes the portion of MERs of the other fund(s) attributable to this investment. Any income distributions received from ETFs managed by the Manager, with the intention of offsetting fees paid within those ETFs but which are not considered to be duplicative fees under regulatory requirements, are treated as waived expenses for MER purposes. The Manager may waive or absorb operating expenses at its discretion and stop waiving or absorbing such expenses at any time without notice.

(3) The trading expense ratio ("TER") represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net assets during the period. Where the ETF invests in securities of another fund (including other ETFs), the TER presented for the ETF includes the portion of TERs of the other fund(s) attributable to this investment. The Manager may reimburse the ETF for certain brokerage commissions and other transaction costs (including those payable to the custodian or its agents). The Manager may make these reimbursements at its discretion and stop these reimbursements at any time without notice.

(4) The ETF's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the ETF's portfolio advisor manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the ETF buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the period. The higher the ETF's portfolio turnover rate in a period, the greater the trading costs payable by the ETF 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 ETF. The portfolio turnover rate is not provided when the ETF is less than one year old.

(5) Closing market price, or the midpoint of the bid and ask prices in the absence of a closing market price, on the last trading day of the period as reported on the Toronto Stock Exchange.