

# MACKENZIE CANADIAN STRATEGIC FIXED INCOME ETF

(Formerly Mackenzie Core Plus Canadian Fixed Income ETF)

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## Annual Management Report of Fund Performance

For the Year Ended March 31, 2025

*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.*

### A NOTE ON FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

*This report may contain forward-looking statements that reflect our current expectations or forecasts of future events. Forward-looking statements include statements that are predictive in nature, depend upon or refer to future events or conditions, or include words such as "expects", "anticipates", "intends", "plans", "believes", "estimates", "preliminary", "typical" and other similar expressions. In addition, these statements may relate to future corporate actions, future financial performance of a fund or a security and their future investment strategies and prospects. Forward-looking statements are inherently subject to, among other things, risks, uncertainties and assumptions that could cause actual events, results, performance or prospects to differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by, these forward-looking statements. These risks, uncertainties and assumptions include, without limitation, general economic, political and market factors in North America and internationally, interest and foreign exchange rates, the volatility of global equity and capital markets, business competition, technological change, changes in government regulations, changes in securities laws and regulations, changes in tax laws, unexpected judicial or regulatory proceedings, catastrophic events, outbreaks of disease or pandemics (such as COVID-19), and the ability of Mackenzie to attract or retain key employees. The foregoing list of important risks, uncertainties and assumptions is not exhaustive. Please consider these and other factors carefully and do not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements.*

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## Management Discussion of Fund Performance

June 4, 2025

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, 2025 (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 primarily in investment grade Canadian government, corporate fixed income and/or asset-backed securities, in each case with maturities of more than one year, and may hold up to 30% 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- to medium-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 7.5% (after deducting fees and expenses). This compares with the FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index return of 7.7%. 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.

In response to weak economic data, the Bank of Canada reduced its policy rate seven times during the period to 2.75% from 5.00%. Canada's unemployment rate rose to 6.6%, highlighting labour market weakness. Economic uncertainty rose in the period amid heightened trade tensions and the likelihood that U.S. tariffs could slow economic activity and increase inflationary pressures in Canada.

The ETF performed in line with the index, with holdings in long government bond futures, used to manage duration (sensitivity to changes in interest rates), contributing to performance. Overweight exposure to corporate bonds, particularly in the energy sector, also contributed to performance.

Conversely, holdings in federal bonds and foreign government bonds detracted from performance.

Over the period, the portfolio management team increased the ETF's exposure to higher-quality federal bonds amid heightened volatility.

## Net Assets

The ETF's net assets increased by 49.4% during the period to \$812.3 million. This change was composed primarily of \$53.1 million in net income (including any interest and/or dividend income) from investment performance, after deducting fees and expenses, and an increase of \$215.6 million due to net unitholder activity (including sales, redemptions and cash distributions).

## Recent Developments

The portfolio management team believes that the Bank of Canada's policy rate cuts during the period were justified by weak economic data. In the team's view, higher tariffs and trade conflicts have increased the risk of a recession, adding to existing economic pressure from high levels of household debt. Because the team expects the Bank of Canada to ease monetary policy, the team favours short duration (lower sensitivity to changes in interest rates) investment grade corporate bonds in Canada.

As a result of unattractive valuations for high-yield assets and an uncertain market environment, the team favours sectors that are less sensitive to the economic cycle. The team has also reduced exposure to the sectors that are most likely to be affected by increasing tariffs. Because the team expects trade conflicts and weakening consumer confidence to contribute to risk-averse market sentiment, it continues to focus on higher-quality issuers of high-yield debt.

Effective May 29, 2025, the ETF was renamed Mackenzie Canadian Strategic Fixed Income ETF.

The following changes to the Mackenzie Funds' Independent Review Committee occurred:

- effective September 13, 2023, Saijal Patel was appointed;
- effective March 5, 2024, Atul Tiwari resigned; and
- effective April 30, 2024, the terms for Robert Hines and George Hucal expired, and Rebecca Cowdery was appointed.

## Related Party Transactions

### Management Fees

The management expense ratio ("MER") for the ETF during the year ended March 31, 2025, was similar to the MER for the year ended March 31, 2024. 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 0.40%.

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

Investment funds managed by Mackenzie and its affiliates may invest in the ETF in accordance with the investment objectives of those funds. At March 31, 2025, funds managed by Mackenzie owned 38.6% of the ETF's NAV, and funds managed by I.G. Investment Management, Ltd. owned 2.6% of the ETF's NAV. All related party transactions are based on the current market price. As a result of these investments, the ETF may be subject to large transaction risk as discussed in the Prospectus. Mackenzie manages this risk to reduce the possibility of any adverse effects on the ETF or on its investors, through such processes as settling transactions in kind, charging creation and/or redemption fees for transactions settling in cash, and establishing appropriate order cut-off times for transactions.

During the period, the ETF received \$0.04 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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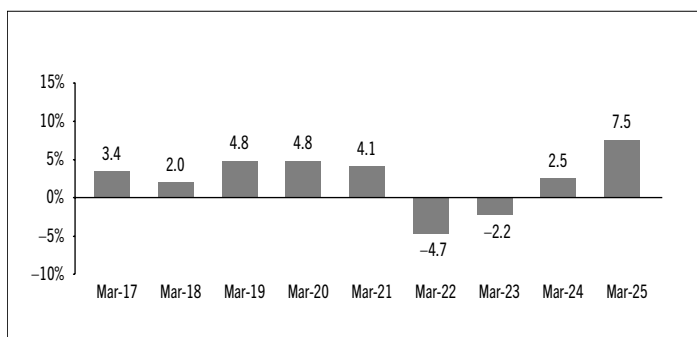
## Past Performance

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.

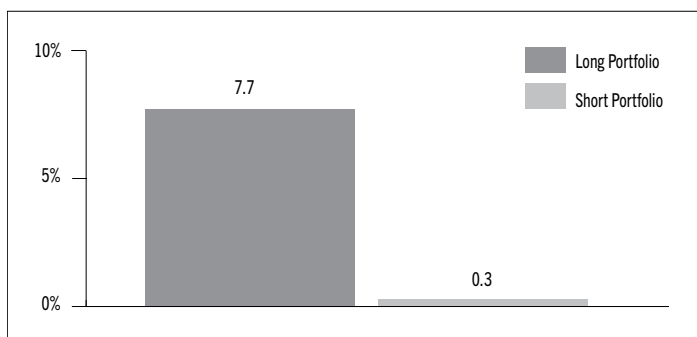
If you hold this ETF outside of a registered plan, income and capital gains distributions paid to you increase your income for tax purposes whether paid to you in cash or reinvested in additional units of the ETF. The amount of reinvested taxable distributions is added to the adjusted cost base of the 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 (April 19, 2016), as applicable, would have increased or decreased by the last day of the fiscal period presented.



The following bar chart presents the performance of the ETF's long and short portfolio positions for the period ended March 31, 2025, before deducting fees and expenses and before the effect of other assets (liabilities).



## 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, 2025. 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 Strategic Fixed Income ETF	7.5	2.5	1.3	n/a	2.4
FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index	7.7	2.5	0.9	n/a	1.9

*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.*

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## Summary of Investment Portfolio at March 31, 2025

PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Bonds	95.9
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Long bond futures*	2.3
Short bond futures*	–
Exchange-traded funds/notes	2.6
Other assets (liabilities)	1.0
Cash and cash equivalents	0.4
Equities	0.1
Purchased currency option**	–
Purchased swap option†	–
Written swap option†	–

REGIONAL ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Canada	85.5
United States	8.9
New Zealand	2.8
Other assets (liabilities)	1.0
United Kingdom	1.0
Cash and cash equivalents	0.4
France	0.2
Australia	0.1
Chile	0.1

SECTOR ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Corporate bonds	48.6
Federal bonds	20.5
Provincial bonds	18.8
Foreign government bonds	8.0
Exchange-traded funds/notes	2.6
Other assets (liabilities)	1.0
Cash and cash equivalents	0.4
Other	0.1

BONDS BY CREDIT RATING ††	% OF NAV
AAA	24.4
AA	19.3
A	12.4
BBB	24.8
Less than BBB	4.0
Unrated	8.7

\* Notional values represent 2.3% of NAV for long bond futures and –3.3% of NAV for short bond futures.

\*\* Notional values represent 0.2% of NAV for purchased currency options.

† Notional values represent 11.0% of NAV for purchased swap options and –12.9% of NAV for written swap options.

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

## TOP 25 LONG POSITIONS

Issuer/Underlying Fund	% OF NAV
Government of Canada 3.25% 12-01-2034	6.1
Government of Canada 2.75% 12-01-2055	5.3
Province of Ontario 3.60% 06-02-2035	3.1
Province of Quebec 4.40% 12-01-2055	3.0
United States Treasury 4.63% 02-15-2055	2.9
Government of Canada 3.25% 06-01-2035	2.5
Province of Ontario 4.60% 12-02-2055	1.9
Government of Canada 3.50% 09-01-2029	1.6
Mackenzie Canadian Aggregate Bond Index ETF	1.6
Government of New Zealand 3.50% 04-14-2033	1.5
TransCanada Trust F/R 05-18-2077 Callable 2027	1.4
Rogers Communications Inc. F/R 12-17-2081	1.3
Province of Quebec 4.45% 09-01-2034	1.3
Enbridge Inc. 5.37% 09-27-2077 Callable 2027	1.2
Province of Quebec 4.20% 12-01-2057	1.2
Government of Canada 3.00% 06-01-2034	1.0
Canada Housing Trust 2.25% 12-15-2025	0.9
Province of Ontario 4.15% 12-02-2054	0.8
Government of New Zealand 2.00% 04-15-2037	0.8
Province of Ontario 3.80% 12-02-2034	0.7
Province of Ontario 4.05% 02-02-2032	0.7
Brookfield Renewable Energy Partners ULC 3.63% 01-15-2027 Callable 2026	0.6
Province of Alberta 3.10% 06-01-2050	0.6
Province of Ontario 2.65% 12-02-2050	0.6
Vidéotron Ltd. 3.63% 06-15-2028	0.5

Top long positions as a percentage of total net asset value

43.1

## TOP 25 SHORT POSITIONS

Issuer	% OF NAV
Canadian 10-Year Bond Futures	–
Markit North American Investment Grade CDX Index Written Put Option @ \$77.50 Exp. 05-21-2025	–
Markit North American Investment Grade CDX Index Written Put Option @ \$100.00 Exp. 04-16-2025 A	–

Top short positions as a percentage of total net asset value

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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, 2025, 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: MKB)	Mar. 31 2025	Mar. 31 2024	Mar. 31 2023	Mar. 31 2022	Mar. 31 2021
<b>Net assets, beginning of period</b>	<b>18.84</b>	18.96	19.95	21.39	21.00
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	0.76	0.71	0.61	0.58	0.56
Total expenses	(0.05)	(0.06)	(0.06)	(0.08)	(0.09)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.12	(0.76)	(1.29)	(0.49)	0.49
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.60	0.58	0.34	(0.91)	(0.77)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations²</b>	<b>1.43</b>	0.47	(0.40)	(0.90)	0.19
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From net investment income (excluding Canadian dividends)	(0.67)	(0.59)	(0.49)	(0.47)	(0.40)
From Canadian dividends	–	–	–	–	–
From capital gains	–	–	–	–	(0.56)
Return of capital	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total annual distributions³</b>	<b>(0.67)</b>	(0.59)	(0.49)	(0.47)	(0.96)
<b>Net assets, end of period</b>	<b>19.55</b>	18.84	18.96	19.95	21.39

(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: MKB)	Mar. 31 2025	Mar. 31 2024	Mar. 31 2023	Mar. 31 2022	Mar. 31 2021
Total net asset value (\$000)¹	812,299	543,416	531,934	517,660	549,799
Units outstanding (000)¹	41,550	28,850	28,050	25,950	25,700
Management expense ratio (%)²	0.44	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)²	0.44	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45
Trading expense ratio (%)³	–	–	–	–	–
Trading expense ratio before reimbursements (%)³	–	–	–	–	–
Portfolio turnover rate (%)⁴	75.27	95.57	64.24	73.31	85.46
Net asset value per unit (\$)	19.55	18.84	18.96	19.95	21.39
Closing market price (\$)⁵	19.53	18.87	18.97	19.92	21.34

(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.