



# **DAMI Corporate Bond Fund**

## MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

December 15, 2023

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*For the period ended December 15, 2023*

**Management Discussion of Fund Performance**

The management discussion of the fund performance for DAMI Corporate Bond Fund (the "Fund") represents the views of Durham Asset Management Inc ("DAMI" or the "Manager") of the significant factors and developments affecting the Fund's performance and outlook for the period ended December 15, 2023 (the "period").

**Investment Objective and Strategies**

The Fund's investment objective is to generate long-term positive returns exceeding the ICE BofA Canada Corporate Index (the "Benchmark"). The Fund's portfolio will primarily be comprised of Canadian and US securities. The Fund may invest up to 20% of its total NAV in securities with credit ratings below investment grade (BBB- or Baa3). However, the overall credit rating of the Fund's investment portfolio is expected to be investment grade.

DAMI will use multiple strategies to meet the fund's objectives. The manager will employ a "bottom-up" approach, focusing on security selection and then adjusting the portfolio to remain within the manager's duration or credit targets. The strategies generally fall into these categories: Outright Credit Trading strategies, Relative Value Credit Trading, Duration Neutral Portfolio Construction, and New issue participation. For more information about these strategies, refer to the Fund's simplified prospectus ("Prospectus").

**Risk**

The risks associated with an investment in the Fund are described in the prospectus. During the period that began December 16, 2022, and ended December 15, 2023, there have been no changes to the Fund that materially affected its risk level.

**Results of Operations**

The net asset value ("NAV") of the Fund increased from \$421,881 to \$812,758 from December 16, 2022 to December 15, 2023. The Fund had net sales of \$390,877 for the period.

For the period ended December 15, 2023, Series A, Series F, and Series I units of the Fund posted a gain of 4.5%, 4.4% and 4.7% respectively (loss of -8.2% and -4.1% for the period ended December 15, 2022 for Series A and Series F units respectively) while its benchmark, the ICE BofA Canada Corporate Index posted a gain of 5.332% over the same period (loss of 7.566% for the period ended December 15, 2022). Please refer to the "Past Performance" section for performance information of the other series. The performance of the Fund's Units differs from one another largely due to a varying level of expenses charged to each Series, as explained in the Management Fees section of the Prospectus.

The Fund is very active in terms of its positioning and adapts to market conditions in order to try and obtain the best risk-reward tradeoff for our unit holders. This is done through actively monitoring and participating in the fixed-income markets.

### **Recent Developments**

During the reporting period, the Fund did not undergo material changes, including but not limited to its investment objectives, risk rating, accounting policies, or composition of its Independent Review Committee.

During the reporting year, inflation trended lower, with a slight rise in the middle of the year that forced BoC to hike in two consecutive meetings. Since then, inflation has trended lower at a smaller pace. Although inflation is in BoC's expected range, it is not low enough for BoC to cut rates. The lower inflation resulted in lower yields. This resulted in positive returns from the fixed-income securities and correspondingly positive returns for the Fund. Although inflation has declined from the peak, it is not expected to reach normal levels soon.

The Bank of Canada hiked its overnight rate three times to 5.0% by the end of the year. The rate hikes significantly impacted short-term rates but did not impact much in the mid- or long-term, resulting in positive returns for fixed-income securities. The bank is currently on pause, but there is still a small possibility of a further rate hike to stabilize inflation.

Higher rates induce low economic activity, which increases the possibility of a recession. Job market unemployment and labour market conditions continue to weaken, creating some risks of recession. We expect a mild recession in the coming months. The Fund will be negatively impacted if we have a recession.

### **Related Party Transactions**

DAMI is the trustee, manager, and portfolio advisor of the Fund.

### **Management Fee**

The Investment Manager receives a monthly management fee for providing its service to the Fund. Service includes but is not limited to determining and implementing investment policies, practices, and strategies, ensuring daily operations and administration of the Fund.

The table below outlines the Fund's annual Management Fee rate. It also states the percentage of the total management fees that were used to pay trailer commissions. The remainder of the management fees were used to pay for investment management services. Durham has decided to cover the costs relating to the inception of the fund and other ongoing expenses (for a temporary period).

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Annual Fee	Series A	Series F	Series I
Management Fee (Annual Rate)	0.64%	0.39%	0.10%
Trailer Fee (as a % of Management Fees)	39.06%	-	-

## Fund Expenses

The Investment Manager will be responsible for the Fund's operating expenses, other than certain Fund costs (the "Fund Costs") described below, in exchange for the payment by the Fund of a fixed-rate administration fee of 0.25% per annum. Operating expenses are accrued daily based on the Fund's net asset value before daily management fee accrual.

The Fund Costs which are payable directly by the Fund are fees, costs and expenses associated with all taxes, brokerage commissions and fees (if applicable), borrowing and interest, security holder meeting fees, the operation of the independent review committee ("IRC) (including the costs of holding meetings, and fees and expenses of any advisers engaged by the IRC) or other advisory committees, compliance with any governmental and regulatory requirements.

The Fund did not rely on any approval, positive recommendation, or standing instruction from its IRC concerning any related party transactions.

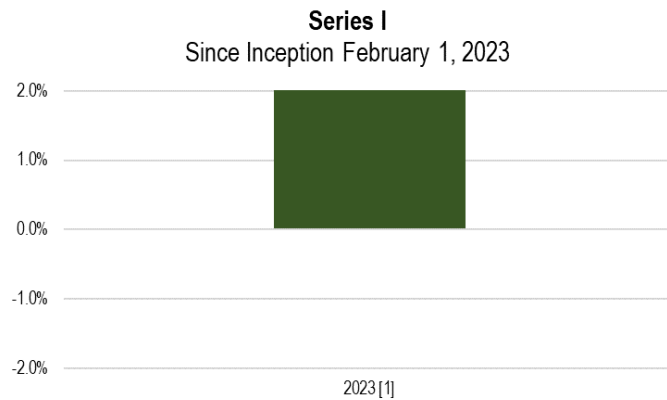
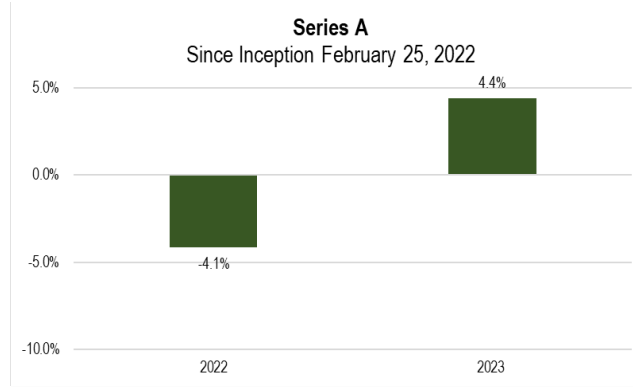
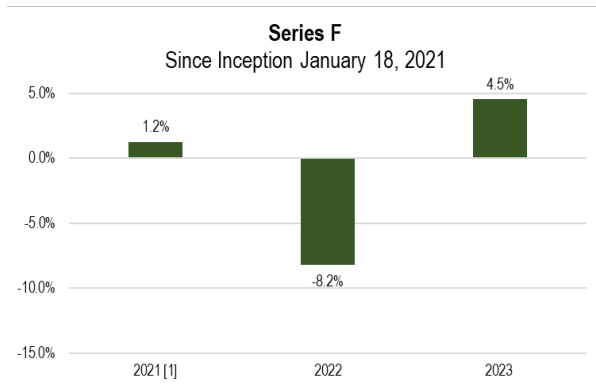
## Past Performance

The performance information shown below assumes that all distributions, if any, made by the Fund in the year shown were reinvested in additional units of the Fund. If you hold the Fund outside a registered plan, you will be taxed on distributions. Distributions of income the Fund earns and capital gains it realizes are taxable in the year received whether received in cash or reinvested in additional units. No adjustment for potential tax consequences to an investor has been made to the performance information.

The indicated rates of return are historical annual compounded total returns including changes in unit value and do not take into account sale, redemption, distribution or other optional charges, that, if applicable, would have reduced returns or performance. An investment in the Fund is not guaranteed. Its value changes frequently and how the Fund has performed in the past does not necessarily indicates how it will perform in the future.

### Year-By-Year Returns

The bar charts show the performance of each class of units for the financial period in percentage terms, indicating how much an investment made on the first day of the period would have grown or decreased by the last day of the period, unless otherwise indicated.



[1] Returns shown represent a partial year.

**Annual Compounded Returns**

The following table shows the annual compound total returns of the Fund and for its Benchmark for the period shown ended December 15, 2023. The Relative Performance returns show the performance of the Fund as compared to the benchmark since the commencement of the Fund. As the criteria for determining the constituents of the Fund and the Index differ, it is not expected that the Fund’s performance will mirror that of the Index. Further, the return of the Index is calculated without the deduction of management fees and fund expenses whereas the performance of the Fund is calculated after deducting such fees and expenses.

	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>Annualized Since Inception</b>
Series F	4.5%	-1.0%
Series A	4.4%	0.0%
Series I	N/A	4.7%
Benchmark	5.33%	-0.97%

Past performance information is not presented for Series I as the series had not been in continuous operation for one year.

## Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help readers understand the Fund's financial performance for the period indicated.

<b>Series A - Net Assets Per Unit</b>					
<b>For the period ended December 15, 2023 and the years ended December 15</b>	<b>Note</b>	<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>	
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	1, 2	\$	<b>9.59</b>	\$	<b>10.00</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units:</b>					
Investment income			0.41		0.33
Total expenses			(0.07)		(0.07)
Realized gains (losses) for the period			(0.06)		(0.01)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period			0.29		(0.73)
<b>Total increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units</b>	3	\$	<b>0.57</b>	\$	<b>(0.48)</b>
Accounting-related adjustments	2		(0.21)		0.07
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, end of period</b>	2	\$	<b>9.95</b>	\$	<b>9.59</b>

<b>Series A - Ratios &amp; Supplemental Data</b>					
<b>For the period ended December 15, 2023 and the years ended December 15</b>	<b>Note</b>	<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>	
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, end of period (\$)		\$	32,890	\$	12,257
Number of outstanding redeemable units			3,304		1,278
Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit (\$)		\$	9.95	\$	9.59
Management expense ratio (%)	4		0.73%		0.94%
Portfolio turnover rate (%)	5		49%		56%
Trading expense ratio (%)	6		n/a		n/a

<b>Series F - Net Assets Per Unit</b>							
<b>For the period ended December 15, 2023 and the years ended December 15</b>	<b>Note</b>	<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>		<b>2021</b>	
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	1, 2	\$	<b>8.68</b>	\$	<b>8.83</b>	\$	<b>10.00</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units:</b>							
Investment income			0.37		0.30		0.19
Total expenses			(0.06)		(0.06)		(1.35)
Realized gains (losses) for the period			(0.05)		(0.01)		(0.02)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period			0.27		(0.66)		0.01
<b>Total increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units</b>	3	\$	<b>0.53</b>	\$	<b>(0.43)</b>	\$	<b>(1.17)</b>
Accounting-related adjustments	2		0.16		0.28		-
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, end of period</b>	2	\$	<b>9.37</b>	\$	<b>8.68</b>	\$	<b>8.83</b>

<b>Series F - Ratios &amp; Supplemental Data</b>							
<b>For the period ended December 15, 2023 and the years ended December 15</b>	<b>Note</b>	<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>		<b>2021</b>	
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, end of period (\$)		\$	769,337	\$	409,624	\$	198,687
Number of outstanding redeemable units			82,102		47,185		22,500
Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit (\$)		\$	9.37	\$	8.68	\$	8.83
Management expense ratio (%)	4		0.70%		0.67%		0.61%
Portfolio turnover rate (%)	5		49%		n/a		n/a
Trading expense ratio (%)	6		n/a		n/a		n/a

<b>Series I - Net Assets Per Unit</b>		
<b>For the period ended December 15, 2023</b>	<b>Note</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	1, 2	<b>\$9.39</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units:</b>		
Investment income		0.41
Total expenses		(0.07)
Realized gains (losses) for the period		(0.06)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period		0.29
<b>Total increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units</b>	3	<b>\$ 0.57</b>
Accounting-related adjustments	2	(0.07)
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, end of period</b>	2	<b>\$ 9.89</b>

<b>Series I - Ratios &amp; Supplemental Data</b>		
<b>For the period ended December 15, 2023</b>	<b>Note</b>	<b>2023</b>
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, end of period (\$)		\$ 10,531
Number of outstanding redeemable units		1,065
Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit (\$)		\$ 9.89
Management expense ratio (%)	4	0.75%
Portfolio turnover rate (%)	5	49%
Trading expense ratio (%)	6	n/a

[1] For Series I, the information shown in the 2023 column is for the period beginning February 1, 2023 (the Series' commencement date). For Series A, the information shown in the 2022 column is for the period beginning February 25, 2022 (the Series' commencement date). For Series F, the information shown in the 2021 column is for the period beginning January 18, 2021 (the Fund's commencement date).

[2] The financial highlights are derived from the financial statements prepared in accordance with IFRS. IFRS allows net assets to be calculated based on the last traded market price for financial assets and financial liabilities where the last traded price falls within the day's bid-ask spread.

[3] Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The total increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the financial period.

[4] 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.



[5] The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio adviser manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all securities in its portfolio once in the course of the period. The higher a portfolio's turnover rate in a period, the greater the trading costs payable by the Fund in the period, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the period. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of the Fund.

[6] The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net assets during the period.

### DAMI Corporate Bond Fund

Summary of Investment Portfolio as at December 15, 2023

Sector Mix	% of Fund's Net Asset Value
Financial	39.8%
Energy	16.5%
Communication	10.6%
Infrastructure	10.0%
Industrial	5.7%
Real Estate	14.3%
Federal	1.9%
Other Assets Less Liabilities	1.2%
	100.0%

Geographic Mix	% of Fund's Net Asset Value
Canada	91.3%
United States of America	7.5%
	91.3%

### DAMI Corporate Bond Fund

Credit Ratings

Rating	% of Total Debt Securities Net Asset Value
AA	37.9%
BBB	60.0%
	100.0%

## DAMI Corporate Bond Fund

Top 25 Issuers

#	Issuer	% of Fund's Net Asset Value
1	RBC NVCC C28 FX-F/R 1FB33	5.5
2	WELLS FARGO C\$ 3.874% 21MY25	4.2
3	GTAA MTN 4.53% 2DC41	4.2
4	CHARTWELL RETIREMENT RESIDENCE SR -C DEB 6% 26	3.7
5	MFC S3 C27 7.117% FR19JN82	3.7
6	CIBC NVCC CB FX-FR 21JL30	3.5
7	TELUS S-CAA RD3.15% 19FB30	3.4
8	FIRST CAPITAL CB 3.447% 1MR28	3.4
9	GOLDMAN SACHS 2.013 02/28/29	3.3
10	ENBRIDGE GAS INC 5.46% 10/06/28	3.2
11	ALLIED-D RD 3.394% 15AG29	3.2
12	LOBLAW 6.05 06/09/2034	3.1
13	INTACT S1 C26 FX-FR31MR81	3.0
14	ONT POWER CB 2.947% 21FB51	3.0
15	ROGERS COMM 6.11% 25AG40	2.7
16	ROGERS COMM CB 5.8% 21SP30	2.6
17	FIRST WEST CREDIT C28 9.186% 9AG33	2.6
18	METRO SR-D RED 5.03% 1DC44	2.6
19	407 INTL INC CDS FR 2.84% 03/07/50	2.4
20	BMO NVCC-1 C25FX-FR26NV80	2.3
21	SMARTCTRS-X CB1.74% 16DC25	2.3
22	ONT PWR C32 4.922% 19JL32	2.3
23	TRANSCDA CB 4.33% 16SP47	2.2
24	BELL CDA CB 3.5% 30SP50	1.9
25	CANADA (GOVERNMENT) S/A 3.25% 1DC33	1.9

Total Net Asset Value: \$618,090

## **Forward-Looking Statements**

This Management Report of Fund Performance contains forward-looking information and statements relating, but not limited to, anticipated or prospective financial performance and results of operations of the Fund. Forward-looking information involves known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results, performance, or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking information. For this purpose, any statements that are contained herein that are not statements of historical fact may be deemed to be forward-looking information. Without limiting the foregoing, the words "believes", "anticipates", "plans", "intends", "will", "should", "expects", "projects", and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking information.

Although the Fund believes it has a reasonable basis for making the forecasts or projections included in this Management Report of Fund Performance, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking information. By its nature, the forward-looking information involves numerous assumptions, inherent risks and uncertainties, both general and specific, which contribute to the possibility that the predictions, forecasts and other forward-looking statements will not occur. These factors include, but are not limited to, those associated with the performance of the equity securities market, expectations about interest rates and factors incorporated by reference herein as risk factors.

The above list of important factors affecting forward-looking information is not exhaustive, and reference should be made to the other risks discussed in the Fund's filings with Canadian securities regulatory authorities. The forward-looking information is given as of the date of this Management Report of Fund Performance, and the Fund undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking information, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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