

## **Interim Management Report of Fund Performance**

*For the Six-Month Period Ended September 30, 2018*

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## Management Discussion of Fund Performance

November 13, 2018

This Management Discussion of Fund Performance presents the portfolio management team's view on the significant factors and developments during the period ended September 30, 2018, that have affected the ETF's performance and outlook. If the ETF was established during the period, "period" represents the period from inception to the end of the fiscal period. For information on the ETF's longer-term performance, as applicable, please refer to the *Past Performance* section of the report. In this report, "Mackenzie" refers 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.

### Results of Operations

#### Investment Performance

During the period, the ETF returned  $-0.3\%$  (after deducting fees and expenses). This compares with the FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index return of  $-0.4\%$ . All index returns are calculated on a total return basis in Canadian dollar terms. Investors cannot invest in the index without incurring fees, expenses and commissions, which are not reflected in the index returns.

The Canadian bond market fell over the period as yields increased in response to strong economic growth. The Bank of Canada raised its policy rate by 25 basis points to 1.50% in July as it continued to tighten its monetary policy. Given a strong economy and rising interest rates, yields of short- and mid-term bonds rose significantly relative to longer-term bond yields, flattening the Canadian yield curve. A generally strong global economy, low default rates and low issuance late in the period led to positive returns from high-yield bonds.

The ETF performed in line with the index. The ETF's duration positioning within provincial bonds and exposure to term loans contributed to performance. Conversely, duration positioning within corporate and federal bonds detracted from performance.

The ETF did not hedge its foreign currency exposure, which contributed to absolute performance primarily as the U.S. dollar appreciated relative to the Canadian dollar.

The ETF held put options on high-yield bonds to help manage the ETF's credit risk exposure, which detracted from performance. The ETF's short futures positions, used to manage duration, contributed to performance. Currency options, held tactically during the period, had no significant impact on performance.

Over the period, portfolio activity and market effect resulted in reduced exposure to Canada and the United States. At the sector level, exposure to federal and corporate bonds increased, while exposure to provincial bonds decreased.

### Net Assets

The ETF's NAV increased by 40.0% to \$73.3 million at September 30, 2018, from \$52.3 million at March 31, 2018. This change was composed primarily of \$0.2 million in net losses (after including dividend and interest income) from investment performance, after deducting fees and expenses, \$22.0 million in net sales, and \$0.8 million in cash distributions.

### Recent Developments

The portfolio management team believes that unless U.S. domestic market volatility and economic risks rise notably, U.S. policy is likely to continue to focus almost exclusively on the domestic agenda. This would involve another increase to the federal funds rate by December, pushing the rate toward the neutral level for this cycle, which has yet to be determined. Such an increase is likely to flatten the yield curve further. Now that a North American trade deal has been negotiated, the team believes the Bank of Canada will also raise its policy rate, although more slowly than the U.S. Federal Reserve due to its concerns about high levels of household debt.

### Related Party Transactions

The following arrangements result in fees paid by the ETF to Mackenzie or to companies affiliated with the ETF.

#### Management Fees

The annualized management expense ratio ("MER") for the ETF of 0.61% during the period ended September 30, 2018, was unchanged from the MER for the year ended March 31, 2018. The ETF paid management fees to Mackenzie at the annual rate of 0.55% in the period. On October 10, 2018, the management fee paid by the ETF to Mackenzie decreased to an 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 Mackenzie 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 invest in the ETF in accordance with the investment objectives of those funds. At September 30, 2018, funds managed by Mackenzie owned 7.9% of the ETF's NAV. All related party transactions are based on the current market price.

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.



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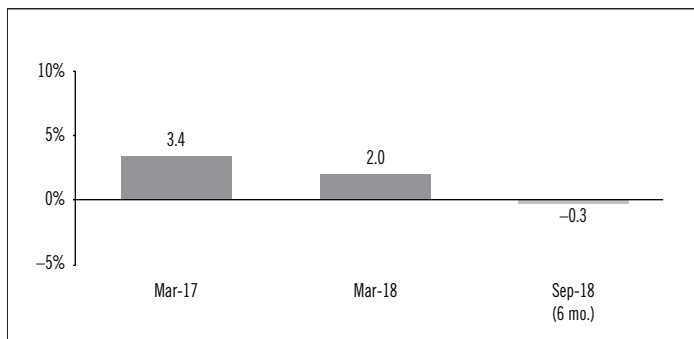
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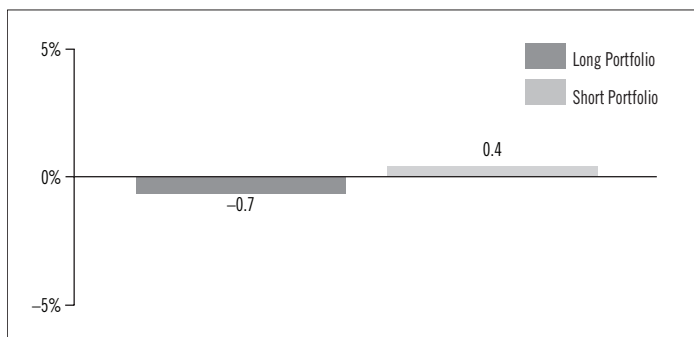
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## Past Performance

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 September 30, 2018, before deducting fees and expenses and before the effect of other assets (liabilities).



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## Summary of Investment Portfolio at September 30, 2018

<b>Portfolio Allocation</b>	<b>% of NAV</b>
Bonds	98.1
<i>Bonds</i>	97.9
<i>Short futures*</i>	0.2
<i>Purchased options**</i>	0.0
Cash and short-term investments	1.3
Exchange-traded funds/notes	1.1
Equities	0.2
Purchased currency options <sup>†</sup>	0.0
Written currency options <sup>†</sup>	(0.0)
Other assets (liabilities)	(0.7)

<b>Regional Allocation</b>	<b>% of NAV</b>
Canada	79.7
United States	15.7
Cash and short-term investments	1.3
United Kingdom	1.2
Belgium	0.8
Bermuda	0.7
Ireland	0.4
Australia	0.3
Brazil	0.2
Germany	0.2
Israel	0.1
France	0.1
Other assets (liabilities)	(0.7)

<b>Sector Allocation</b>	<b>% of NAV</b>
Corporate bonds	46.3
Federal bonds	24.2
Provincial bonds	18.2
Term loans	7.1
Foreign government bonds	2.1
Cash and short-term investments	1.3
Exchange-traded funds/notes	1.1
Other	0.2
Utilities	0.1
Energy	0.1
Other assets (liabilities)	(0.7)

<b>Bonds by Credit Rating<sup>††</sup></b>	<b>% of NAV</b>
AAA	27.2
AA	29.1
A	15.8
BBB	15.6
Less than BBB	9.7
Unrated	0.5

Less than 0.1% of the foreign currency was hedged at the end of the period.

## Top 25 Long Holdings

<b>Issuer/Underlying Fund</b>	<b>% of NAV</b>
Government of Canada 2.00% 06-01-2028	9.7
Canada Housing Trust No. 1 2.35% 06-15-2023	9.4
Province of Ontario 2.90% 06-02-2028	6.4
Government of Canada 2.75% 12-01-2048	4.1
Province of Ontario 2.90% 06-02-2049	4.1
Province of Quebec 2.75% 09-01-2028	2.3
Province of Quebec 3.50% 12-01-2048	1.8
National Bank of Canada 1.96% 06-30-2022	1.3
Cash and short-term investments	1.3
Royal Bank of Canada 2.95% 05-01-2023	1.3
United States Treasury 3.00% 02-15-2048	1.1
Mackenzie US Investment Grade Corporate Bond Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	1.1
Province of Alberta 3.05% 12-01-2048	1.0
The Bank of Nova Scotia 2.98% 04-17-2023	0.9
Bank of Montreal 2.27% 07-11-2022	0.8
OMERS Realty Corp. 3.24% 10-04-2027 Callable 2027	0.8
Province of Ontario 2.60% 09-08-2023	0.7
Enbridge Inc. F/R 04-12-2078 Callable 2028	0.7
The Toronto-Dominion Bank 1.91% 07-18-2023	0.7
The Fédération des Caisses Desjardins du Québec 2.39% 08-25-2022	0.6
Inter Pipeline Ltd. 2.73% 04-18-2024 Callable 2024	0.6
Reliance LP 3.84% 03-15-2025 Callable 2025	0.6
Capital Power Corp. 4.28% 09-18-2024 Callable 2024	0.6
Royal Bank of Canada 3.30% 09-26-2023	0.6
TransCanada Pipelines Ltd. 3.39% 03-15-2028 Callable 2027	0.6

**Top long positions as a percentage of total net asset value** **53.1**

## Top 25 Short Holdings

<b>Issuer</b>	<b>% of NAV</b>
U.S. Treasury Note 10-Year Futures*	0.2
Japan 10-Year Government Bond Futures*	0.0
Currency Written Call Option EUR/NOK 12-14-2018 Strike \$8.90 <sup>†</sup>	(0.0)

**Top short positions as a percentage of total net asset value** **0.2**

\* Notional principal values represent -19.9% of NAV for U.S. Treasury Note 10-Year Futures and -4.7% of NAV for Japan 10-Year Government Bond Futures.

\*\* Notional principal values represent 0.3% of NAV for purchased options.

† Notional principal values represent 10.0% of NAV for purchased currency options and -1.1% of NAV for written currency options.

†† Credit ratings and rating categories are based on ratings issued by a designated rating organization. This table includes only bonds directly held by the ETF.

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.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

The investments and percentages may have changed since September 30, 2018, 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

Series E (Ticker: MKB)	Sep. 30 2018	Mar. 31 2018	Mar. 31 2017
<b>Net assets, beginning of period</b>	20.12	20.20	20.00
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>			
Total revenue	0.32	0.62	0.56
Total expenses	(0.06)	(0.13)	(0.15)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.18)	(0.08)	0.15
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.14)	(0.14)	0.22
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations²</b>	<b>(0.06)</b>	0.27	0.78
<b>Distributions:</b>			
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	(0.26)	(0.47)	(0.90)
From dividends	—	—	—
From capital gains	—	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	—
<b>Total annual distributions³</b>	<b>(0.26)</b>	(0.47)	(0.90)
<b>Net assets, end of period</b>	<b>19.80</b>	20.12	20.20

(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 unaudited interim financial statements and 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 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

Series E (Ticker: MKB)	Sep. 30 2018	Mar. 31 2018	Mar. 31 2017
Total net asset value (\$000)¹	73,258	52,316	9,089
Units outstanding (000)¹	3,700	2,600	450
Management expense ratio (%)²	0.61	0.61	0.64
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)²	0.61	0.61	0.64
Trading expense ratio (%)³	0.00	0.00	0.00
Trading expense ratio before reimbursements (%)³	0.00	0.00	0.00
Portfolio turnover rate (%)⁴	65.60	99.31	n/a
Net asset value per unit (\$)	19.80	20.12	20.20
Closing market price (\$)⁵	19.81	20.17	20.21

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

(2) Management expense ratio 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. If the ETF was established in the period, the management expense ratio is annualized from the date of inception. Mackenzie 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 represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period. Mackenzie may reimburse the ETF for certain brokerage commissions and other transaction costs (including those payable to the custodian or its agents). Mackenzie 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 an 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 an 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.



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